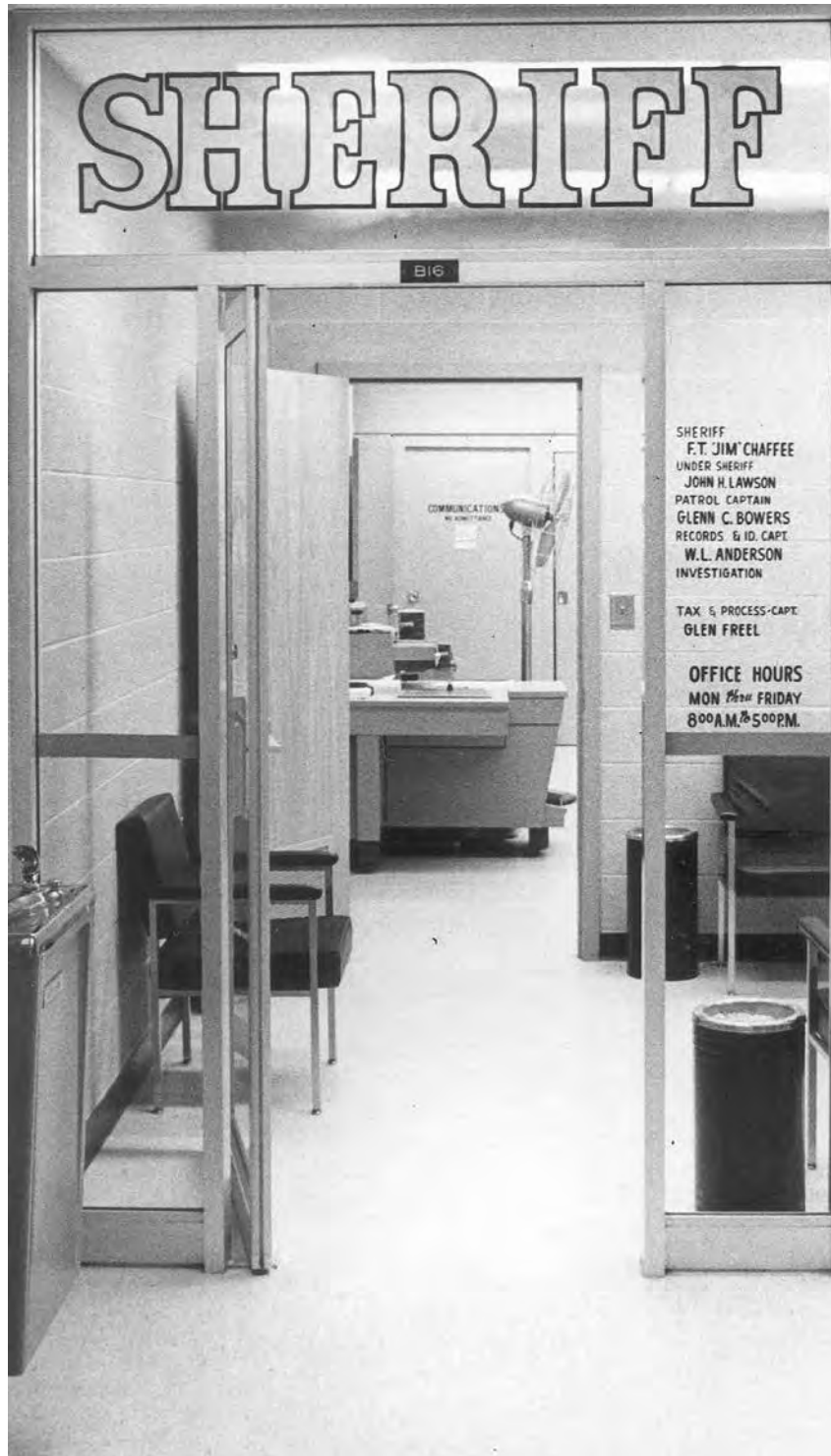


Through the Years

1855-2005



1965 Shawnee County Sheriff's Office
Entrance at the Courthouse - 200 East 7th
Topeka State Journal - Staff

Newspaper Articles

Photos

Deputy Roster

1850's

Atwood, M. W.	Deputy	1859	
Castleman, Benjamin	Sheriff	1856	1857
Curry, T. H.	Deputy	1859	
Disbrow, S. G.	Deputy	1859	
Horner, John	Sheriff	1855	1856
Maires, Thomas	Sheriff	1859	
Morse, William	Deputy	1859	
Thompson, S. P.	Deputy	1859	
Tyler, Jehial	Sheriff	1857	1858
Whitaker, James B.	Sheriff	1857	

1860's

Adams, Franklin	Deputy	1864	
Archer, Thomas	Jailor	1864	1874
Boyce, L. J.	Deputy	1860	1861
Billings, Tobias	Deputy	1863	
Carter, John	Jailor	1868	1869
Gray, L. M.	Deputy	1860	1861
Hale, Alonzo	Sheriff	1860	1863
Hickey, James	Undersheriff	1860	1863
	Deputy	1868	1869
	Deputy	1884	1885
Shields, Hiram	Deputy	1866	
Steele, Jim	Deputy	1866	1867
Whiting, Charles W.	Sheriff	1864	1867
	Deputy	1859	

February 11, 1860
THE TOPEKA TRIBUNE

Our Sheriff

Our Sheriff- A.H. Hale, Esq., the successor in the Sheriffality to T.W. Maires, Esq., some weeks ago selected Topeka for his "abiding city" and that of his family. He is a worthy citizen and an impartial officer, notwithstanding he owes his election to Republican votes. We wish he was in a party where his honesty would be

appreciated. His office is in the District Clerks room, his residence on Harrison Street.

January 7, 1863
KANSAS STATE RECORD

Sheriff Hale has purchased the Topeka House, and will open it on Monday next. He will make a popular landlord. Previous owner John Stewart. Topeka House located at 5th and Kansas.



1859 Alonzo H. Hale
First elected Shawnee County Sheriff
Photo - Kansas State Historical Society

June 10, 1863
KANSAS STATE RECORD

Candidates for County Offices

Madame Rumor has it that the following gentlemen are willing to serve the people of Shawnee County for two years, if they should be selected as candidates; and get a majority of votes next November, otherwise, they positively decline.

For Sheriff - A. H. Hale, J. A. Hickey, C. C. Whiting, John Billings

September 30, 1863
KANSAS STATE RECORD

Quite a flock of quails were flying around our streets this morning. Our sporting gentlemen brought down a good many of them. Deputy Sheriff Hickey, we believe was the most successful one.

SNSO Personality

JAMES A. HICKEY
Undersheriff 1860-1863
Deputy 1864-1885



Photo – Kansas State Historical Society

James A. Hickey was born in Ireland October 28, 1833. By 1845, the Potato Famine had become severe in Ireland and landowners were responsible for the care of their tenants. The landowners found that it cost them around \$50 per year to feed one tenant, but for about \$25 they could send a tenant on a 'coffin ship' for an uncertain arrival in America or Canada and be free of further expense. Hickey's father, Owen Hickey took James on a ship to America, leaving his wife, two sons and a daughter in Ireland, intending to send for them later. Owen Hickey died before the ship reached America, leaving the 12 year-old James penniless and alone among strangers in a strange land.

James Hickey was able to get employment for board and room with various farmers in New York and Vermont and was able to reach adulthood with an education from Brandon Seminary.

In 1854, the New England Emigrant Aid Society paid Hickey's expenses to Lawrence, Kansas to help make Kansas a state free of slavery, sponsored Hickey. Hickey arrived in Lawrence, Kansas Territory November 23, 1854 at the age of twenty-one, and joined with a small group who planned to found a new town on the Kansas River west of Lawrence. The group that Hickey joined became the founders of Topeka, Kansas.

James A. Hickey received a founder's share in the city of Topeka and lived in residences at 412 Woodlawn in Potwin Place and later in a house at 21st and Madison where he died June 2, 1913.

During Hickey's life in Topeka, he was employed at times as a carpenter, but spent most of his time as a deputy sheriff of Shawnee County, serving as Undersheriff under Alonzo H. Hale at the age of twenty-six. Hickey was a 3rd Lieutenant in the First Topeka Infantry and saw action in the Wakarusa War in defense of Lawrence in 1855. He was also a combatant when 2700 Missourians attacked Lawrence in September 1856. James A. Hickey served as deputy under several sheriffs.

August 2, 1866
THE TOPEKA WEEKLY LEADER

Broke Jail

"Twas a calm still night, and the moon shone bright" – 27th of July – and the calaboose door swang on its hinges; and Charles Gillison, who had been sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, stepped out into the bright moonlight, and probably needing exercise, commenced putting one foot before another as fast as he could make the muscles play. Mr. Archer and another gentleman who had the prisoner in charge seeing the performance, they went at it too, and the last we seen of the trio they were doing their purtiest on a race headed toward the timber on the Shunganuga. Archer drew a revolver and shot twice, but it is presumed that neither shot took effect. Gillison's horse was grazing on the east side of the Shunganunga, and it is supposed that he got on the horses back and moved speedily – somewhere.

Deputy Sheriff Hiram Shields, got out posters describing the prisoner and offered a hundred dollar reward for his arrest. Deputy Sheriff Shields also telegraphed to several points and put the officers on the look out.

Mr. Shields makes a good officer.

SNSO Personality

THOMAS ARCHER

Deputy 1864-1874

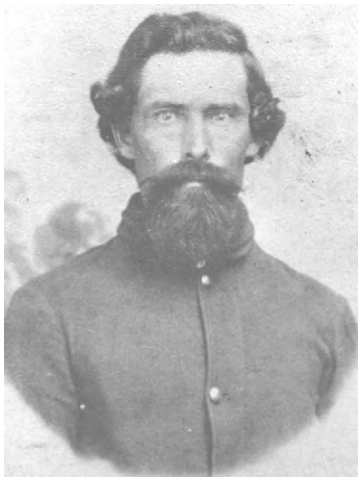


Photo – Kansas State Historical Society

Thomas Archer was born July 18, 1833 near Louisville, Kentucky. Archer's parents moved to Missouri in 1834. When he was 17 years of age, Thomas Archer moved to Pittsfield, Illinois where he stayed three years before moving back to Missouri.

In 1857, Thomas Archer arrived in Topeka, Kansas where he found employment in a brickyard. During the late 1850's John Brown, the abolitionist, was operating his 'underground railway' moving slaves to freedom in the north. Topeka was a 'station' of the operation with safe houses in North and South Topeka. Thomas Archer became involved in the underground railway and sometimes a companion to John Brown. Thomas Archer was with John Brown when Brown made his last trip through Kansas.

On August 3, 1861, Thomas Archer was with John Brown in the 'Battle of the Spurs' near

Holton. The battle received its name because participants used their spurs to run from one another than they used their guns in combat. Just a few days after The Battle of the Spurs, Thomas Archer joined the Fifth Kansas Volunteer Cavalry on August 8, 1861. Archer was wounded in the shoulder, losing the use of his right arm October 25, 1863 in the Battle of Pine Bluff, but remained in the Union Army until discharged August 11, 1864. Archer returned to Topeka and became a Deputy with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department during the administration of Sheriff C. C. Whiting.

The 'TOPEKA TRIBUNE' reported on August 3, 1866 that a prisoner guarded by Thomas Archer had escaped custody. At the time, if a prisoner could afford it, the prisoner could rent a room and hire a deputy to guard him rather than spend the time in jail. Charles Gillison took advantage of this plan and rented a room on the second floor of a building with the only access down an outside stairway. Thomas Archer's post was on the landing just outside the rented room. Charles Gillison suddenly came out the door, pushed past Archer, ran down the stairs and headed towards the outskirts of Topeka. He was never seen again, despite Thomas Archer's pursuit. The newspaper poked fun at Archer by reporting: *"His guard was in a reclining posture on the stairway – the prisoner is a young, active and strong man and wholly unencumbered, while Mr. Archer was encumbered by a heavy revolver, heavy boots on his feet and a lame arm."*

Thomas Archer ran for Sheriff of Shawnee County in 1873, but lost the election. He died in Kansas City, Missouri in 1913.

August 16, 1866 TOPEKA WEEKLY LEADER

Sheriff C.C. Whiting and wife, returned one day last week, from the land of overcoats, to the more genial clime of Kansas. The Sheriff has been visiting at his old home – away down in Maine – taking slight recreation from the heavy business of his office. In his absence, Deputy Hiram Shields done the business of the office to the satisfaction of all parties.

1870's

Dawson,	Jailor	1874	
Disbrow, Edward	Jailor	1878	1879
Disbrow, Willis D.	Sheriff	1878	1881
	Undersheriff	1884	1890
	Deputy	1870	1873
	Jailor	1892	1894
Gilpatrick, W. C.	Deputy	1874	
Holmes, J. T.	Deputy	1870	
Jackson, J. W.	Deputy	1871	
Lindsey, H. C.	Undersheriff	1872	1873
	Deputy	1870	1871
McCall, J. A.	Undersheriff	1878	1879
	Deputy	1880	1881
Miller, Fred N.	Deputy	1876	1877
		1882	1883
Orcutt, Jacob	Jailor	1874	1877
		1882	
Pennick,	Jailor	1879	
Skinner, Oscar C.	Jailor	1877	
Thomas, Chester Jr.	Sheriff	1870	1873
		1884	1885
Wade, Spencer	Sheriff	1874	1877
	Undersheriff	1870	1873

January 12, 1870 KANSAS STATE RECORD

Appointments

The new Sheriff, C. Thomas, Jr., will appoint Henry Lindsey as his Undersheriff. He will be a good one. Hank is well known, energetic, wide awake, and will make an active, thorough officer. He was a soldier during the war, and since then has fought Indians in the Kansas Battalion. Besides, he is one of the young men of the county, and the Sheriff being also of that stripe, very properly appointed him.

William Disbrow, of Auburn, will be jailor. He is a steady respectable farmer, and one who served through nearly the whole war, and came out of it crippled. It is a proper and fit

appointment, and one prominently fit to be made.

January 12, 1870 KANSAS STATE RECORD

Col. C. C. Whiting had a policy to the amount of \$5,000 in the Washington Life.

We shall miss friend Hickey from the Courthouse next week. He has been a faithful, honest officer, and will come back to the walks of private life honored by all.

Sheriff Bodwell is closing up his business as Sheriff of Shawnee County. No one can deny but that he has put the county to but little expense. He goes out on his own account (refusing to run again) with clean hands. We have no better citizen or honest man in the county.

May 4, 1870 KANSAS STATE RECORD

The Jail

A brief call at the county jail yesterday, impressed our reporter that that institution, though not desirable as a residence, is still as comfortable as could be expected. The cells and the bedding looked clean, and the seventeen prisoners at present in confinement, expressed themselves satisfied with their treatment. Two of the men have spent nine months in the jail awaiting for some final action in their case. Wallace, the mail robber, is the best dressed and most elegant man in the lot, and appeared indifferent as to his condition and fate. It is no more than just that prisoners whose guilt has not been established, and who are merely being detained for trial, should be treated as well as possible, consistent with their safe keeping. This we think is Sheriff Thomas' policy.

December 7, 1870 KANSAS STATE RECORD

Since June, Sheriff Thomas has had under his charge in the county jail sixty-five prisoners, of these there were committed for murder, 7; burglary, 4; grand larceny, 18; petit larceny, 2; desertion, 1; gambling, 2; attempting to pass counterfeit money, 1; assault, 2; disturbing the

peace, 3; passing counterfeit money, 1; driving Texas cattle, 1; selling liquor to Indians, 4; threatening to do violence, 1; threatening to kill, 1; misappropriating Government property, 3; obtaining money under false pretenses, 1; shooting animals, 2.

**July 26, 1877
THE TOPEKA COMMONWEALTH**

**Owensby Opts Outhouse
An Attempt to Break Jail!**

While Mr. Skinner, the jailor, was getting breakfast for his boarders, at the Gordon House, Friday morning, one of them, Jeff Owensby, attempted to break jail. He realized the difficulty in trying to get through a small hole if he had eaten breakfast, so undertook it before it arrived. His cell is on the north side of the jail, and the stove pipe goes through the partition between that and Mr. Skinner's room.

With the assistance of some of the others, he got through this, and took the keys of the vault from the nail. Opening this door, he went in and dropped down through the seats, and expected to climb up to the one above, and so effect his escape.

When Skinner returned he missed him, and looked for him there. He was found under the floor, and had to be dragged out. This filthy mode of exit has become very popular, it would seem. Probably it was the intention of the boy to find all the keys in Skinner's room, and let the rest out too. In the rush out, some or all could effect an escape. Fortunately, Mr. Skinner carries the keys needed in his pocket.

**May 16, 1878
THE TOPEKA COMMONWEALTH**

JAIL TO BE WHITEWASHED

The basement or jail part of the courthouse is to receive a heavy coat of white wash, and one which will effectually conceal all old hiding places for tools to aid in the escape of prisoners. There are many cracks, which unless they are filled, may serve as receptacles for various implements, having often been used for such purpose. After the contemplated

repairs have been completed, it will be easy to discover any new attempts at concealment of such tools. The white-washing is also necessary as a preventative against any disease which may become prevalent.

**November 7, 1878
THE TOPEKA DAILY COMMONWEALTH**

**DEPUTY IS MATCH-MAKER
WILLIAM HUGHEY ARRESTED AT OPERA
HOUSE
MARRIED AND GONE THE SAME DAY**

Deputy Sheriff McCall on Thursday arrested one William Hughey, on a complaint made by Mary Reedy, in which she charges him with being the father of her child if it is born alive. The arrest was made in the Opera House during the performance of the minstrels. He married the girl yesterday morning and left her and the city.



1878-79 Undersheriff J. A. McCall
Photo – Kansas State Historical Society

**May 8, 1879
THE TOPEKA COMMONWEALTH**

WOOL PULLING AT JAIL

Nathan Williams, who is in jail for fighting in the hall of the Court House, and B. F. Sweeney, who shot at Old Man Grant, near the bridge, some months ago, had a regular rough and tumble, wool-jerking, eye-banging hoo-doo in the jail yesterday.

Sweeney was pretty badly bunged up before the other prisoners separated the belligerents.

Deputy Sheriff McCall appeared on the scene at this time and the affair ended. Williams is at the present writing “cock of the walk”.

May 29, 1879
THE TOPEKA COMMONWEALTH

SHERIFF SEIZES SAWS!

Sheriff Disbrow found three saws made of case knives in the ward from which the prisoners made an unsuccessful attempt to break jail Friday night. One of the prisoners says that an outsider handed them in but would not tell who did it.

1880's

Bush, Horace E.	Sheriff	1882	1883
Curtis, Robert M.	Jailor	1882	1886
Fuller, Andrew M.	Sheriff	1886	1889
Gill, William H.	Jailor	1886	1891
Hughes, Jacob M.	Deputy	1880	1882
Kuykendall, Alfred	Deputy	1886	1894
	Jailor	1896	1897

June 1, 1880
THE COMMONWEALTH

JAIL JINGLES

A row between two Prisoners in the County Jail that may prove serious to one of the parties.

Sunday morning, while Jailer Hughes was at breakfast, a row occurred between Ware, who was convicted of horse-stealing at this term or court, and who is awaiting sentencing, and a man by the name of Ryan, who is in on a charge of petite larceny. It seems that preparations were being made for the usual Sunday morning scrub, and Ware had placed a chair in Ryan’s cell to aid in cleaning the main room. Ryan gruffly ordered him to take it out again, when Wade, who did not know that Ryan was angry—there being no apparent cause for it – stepped up to him and raised his hat from his head, remarking: “I guess it won’t

hurt where it is; you are not in a hurry are you?”, and turned away.

When his back was turned, Ryan grasped the chair and struck Ware across the head with it, knocking him down, and securing the advantage, proceeded to pound and pommel him with the chair until it was broken to pieces.

Ware was attacked by cramps Sunday night and was spitting blood in considerable quantities, showing that he received internal injuries which may prove serious, but it is thought, not fatal.

Feature Story

**THE NOTORIOUS COOK BROTHERS
 ATTACKED IN THEIR LAIR**

By J. D. Mauck

The Topeka Daily Capital reported on November 29, 1882 that Sheriff Bush and his deputies were involved in a shootout with a gang of criminals in a wood-frame residence on the SW corner of 10th and Clay Streets.

The Cook brothers, Nick, Dick, and John, were living as boarders in the residence owned by a Mrs. Susan Officer at 75 Tenth Avenue West with their two sisters, Joanna and Lizzie and their eighty-three-year-old grandmother. A 14 year-old brother, James, was also a part of the family at that address.

The adult Cook brothers were in Topeka posing as ‘Bible agents’ and were apparently friendly and respected in the community. Their sister Lizzie was enrolled at Washburn University and was doing well as a student.

Despite the respectable appearance and conduct of the family during the several months they had been in Topeka, the family was on the run from the law.

The Cook brothers had been stealing entire herds hogs, horses, and cattle in northern Illinois and in Iowa. On one occasion, in Waverly, Iowa, the brothers went to a stockyard

and drove out nine hogs worth \$850, then loaded the hogs on a railroad stock car and shipped them to a Chicago packinghouse.

Records show that when law enforcement officers challenged the Cook brothers, they opened fire on the officers and escaped, sometimes stealing horses as they fled. On the rare occasions that the Cook brothers were arrested, they broke jail, sometimes in handcuffs. They were regarded by law enforcement as very dangerous.

The Cook brothers had eluded capture for several months and during that time, their whereabouts were unknown, but Detective Shattuck of the Waverly, Iowa Police Department was looking for them. Finally, Detective Shattuck learned that the Cook brothers were living in Topeka, Kansas and he contacted Sheriff Horace Bush and made arrangements to meet with Sheriff Bush in Topeka.

Detective Shattuck arrived in Topeka under the name Frank Smith and began to plan the capture of the Cook brothers with Sheriff Bush. After a week of planning, on November 28, 1882, just after 3 a.m., the Sheriff was ready for the assault on the house containing the notorious Cook brothers.

Sheriff Bush chose only four men for the arresting team. Chosen for the assignment was Deputy Sheriff Fred N. Miller, Jailor Robert M. Curtis, former City Marshal James Dustan and Jacob D. Orcutt.

Sheriff Bush placed J. D. Orcutt on the south side of the house, Deputy Sheriff Miller on the east and Jailor Curtis on the south side of the house. Sheriff Bush and Dustan went to the front door of the house and knocked. A woman's voice immediately asked "What's wanted?" leading the officers to suspect they had been seen in their approach. Sheriff Bush replied, "I want to see Mr. Cook." A dim lamp that had been burning in the house was immediately extinguished as gunfire opened up from inside of the house. Sheriff Bush and Dustan under a fusillade of gunshots, one of which wounded Sheriff Bush in the right ankle.

A general melee of a gun battle erupted with the Cook brothers running from window to

window to shoot at the officers while the officers returned fire into the house. Deputy Sheriff Miller received a flesh wound to his hip, but kept up his part in the battle.

After over one hundred rounds had been fired in the battle, one of the officers observed that the Cook brothers had jumped from a window and were running westbound on 10th Street. The officers, including those wounded started off in pursuit, but were unable to catch up with the fleeing Cooks. One of the brothers seemed to be wounded, but all three made the escape. Later, it was learned that three horses were stolen from the pasture of Rev. J. D. Knox to complete the escape.

The officers returned to the house and arrested Lizzie Cook, Joanna Cook, and a Mrs. Jackson. Mrs. Jackson turned out to be merely a boarder at the residence and unconnected to the Cooks. The sisters were later cleared of having any part in the gun battle because of lack of evidence.

Reporters from the Topeka Capital examined the house after the gun battle and observed that many of the officer's shots may have missed the entire house because few bullet holes were visible. Many of the shots fired by the Cook brothers went into the fence surrounding the yard, splintering some of the pickets.

It was feared at first that Sheriff Horace Bush would lose his right foot because of the wound to it. Later, however, Sheriff Bush was able to do his duty as fit and able as before. Deputy Sheriff Miller was out and about the day after the shooting, but suffered a relapse because of his activity and was disabled for a short time.

Sheriff Horace Bush received a telegram from Moberly, Missouri on December 4, 1882 that the Cook brothers had been found at that location. Officers had killed William Cook, who went by 'Nick' in Topeka, and Charles, who went by 'Dick' in Topeka, was fatally wounded and was expected to die. John Cook was in custody and Sheriff Bush was invited to 'come and get him'. As it turned out, the state of Iowa had a prior claim on John Cook and Sheriff Bush had to wait his turn.

September 1882
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

District Court

The cases of the State of Kansas vs. John Kingston, George Jones and A. M. Kidney were call before Judge Morton. Plead guilty of gambling and were fined \$25 and costs each, and sentenced to one day in the county jail.

In the above cases an order was made that the "bee hive," "Hazard," "ketch 'em quick," and other gambling devices gobbled by Sheriff Bush, Deputy Sheriff Miller, Jailor Carter and Officer Dustan in Boutell's saloon be burned.

October 3, 1883
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Board of County Commissioners

The following business was transacted: A. A. Disney was appointed bridge commissioner for bridge near George Washington Berry's on Lynn Creek. J. M. Wilkerson, commissioner for bridge over Indian Creek.

August 30th 1885
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Happy Republicans - Sheriff

The chairman at 2:15 o'clock stated that nominations were in order for sheriff.

C. P. Bolmar nominated J. N. Stewart, of Silver Lake, who he said came as the farmer's candidate.

George W. Veale nominated John F. Carter, who he said was favorably known by everybody in the county; he had ever been loyal to the party, and he was in every way capable of filling the office. No man who voted for him would ever regret having cast that vote; if nominated, he would be elected.

Samuel Dolman, of North Topeka, seconded the nomination of John Carter.

A delegate from Monmouth nominated Mr. John Grice.

Mr. J. S. Ensminger, in very eloquent words, nominated Captain A. M. Fuller, whose name he said was at owner in itself; in the war he had gained many victories; as a citizen he had gained honor; he would lead the republican party to victory and unite conflicting elements.

W. H. Kilpatrick seconded Mr. Fuller's nomination.

A vote was then taken, which resulted as follows:

A. M. Fuller 92, John F. Carter 31, John Grice 7, J. N. Stewart 14

The chairman declared Mr. Fuller elected and George W. Veale moved that the nomination be made unanimous.

Captain Fuller then came forward amid great cheering and said he came before the gentlemen to sincerely thank them for the distinguished honor they had conferred upon him by giving him this nomination. He thought he would be elected this fall, and he would perform the duties of sheriff faithfully, honestly and to the best of his ability.



1886 Shawnee County Jail & Sheriff's Residence. Andrew Fuller is believed to be the first Sheriff to live in the residence.

Photo - Kansas State Historical Society

1890's

Beach, Frank	Deputy	1898	
Burdge, David N.	Sheriff	1894	1895
	Undersheriff	1890	1893
Burdge, John S.	Jailor	1894	1895
Cook, Porter S.	Sheriff	1898	1902
Finley,	Deputy		
Hanna, Joseph	Deputy	1898	
Helms,	Deputy	1898	
Johnson, John	Deputy	1892	
Jones, Daniel	Deputy	1893	1895
Jones, John	Jailor	1896	
Kerr, Sam	Deputy	1896	1897
Kepley, Robert B.	Sheriff	1896	1897
Lawson, Carl	Jailor	1898	1906
Leech, Frank W.	Jailor	1896	1897
McGregor, A.	Jailor	1890	1893
McKnight, W.	Jailor	1897	
Miller,	Deputy	1898	
Montgomery, George	Jailor	1892	
Owens, Tom	Jailor	1894	1895
Pasker, S. W.	Deputy	1898	1902
Sheehan, Lawrence	Jailor	1896	1897
Stewart, William E.	Deputy	1898	1902
Taylor,			
Watson, Clint	Jailor	1894	1895
Wilkerson, John M.	Sheriff	1890	1893
	Sheriff	1907	1909
Wilkerson, Thomas	Undersheriff	1894	1895
	Deputy	1890	1893
Williams, William H.	Undersheriff	1898	1902

January 14, 1890
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

The Old and the New

Yesterday the newly elected officials of Shawnee County took the oath of office and assumed the duties and responsibilities of official life.

The new Sheriff, John M. Wilkerson, who succeeds Captain A. M. Fuller, retains two of Mr. Fuller's trusted deputies, W. D. Disbrow as chief and A. Kuykendall. J. A. Hickey retires to give place to the sheriff's brother, Thomas Wilkerson. William Gid will remain in charge of the county jail for a time at least. Mr. Disbrow will remain as under-

sheriff for a few weeks when he will be succeeded by D. N. Burdge, the retiring county clerk.

July 5th 1893
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Deputy Sheriffs Burdge, Wilkerson and Montgomery were summoned by telegraph to Silver Lake Monday afternoon to arrest some men who had gotten into a fight and resisted the local authorities who attempted to arrest them. Two of the parties were arrested that night and the others gave themselves up next morning.



Shawnee County Courthouse built in 1895
Post Card published by Zercher (early 1920's)

January 14, 1896
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Kepley Goes In

Many Callers to See How he Bears His New Honors

Sheriff Burdge retired yesterday from the office which he has occupied for the past two years and made way for R. B. Kepley. Mr. Kepley took possession and without any noticeable commotion the substitution of the officials was accomplished.

There was not much to do. At the office proper all of the interior decorations are the property of the county and there was nothing to remove. About 9 o'clock Mr. Kepley quietly made his appearance at the office and accepted the charge of county belongings which are entrusted to the sheriff giving to Mr. Burdge a receipt in full. The latter then retired, leaving his successor in full possession.

The office was lively all day. The former force necessarily, spent more or less time there and the friends of the new administration called to observe the manner in which the sheriff carries the new official dignity.

Sheriff Burdge's retirement temporarily throws several men out of the employment, though there are all well equipped for securing new places. None of them feel that they have permanently dropped out of politics and some if not all may hereafter be occupants of quarters in the new court house. Despite their recent defeat at the polls they are confident that something better may be hoped for in the future and are therefore far from despondent.

The outgoing force or that which worked under Sheriff Burdge consisted of Tom Wilkerson, undersheriff; Dan Jones, deputy; John Burdge, jailor; Clint Watson, superintendent of the stone pile, and Tom Owens, turnkey. The men who will fill the same places under sheriff Kepley are: Bert Lucas, under sheriff; Frank Leech, deputy; Larry Sheehan, jailor; A. Kuykendall superintendent of rock pile, and John Jones, turnkey. In addition to these the new force will be increased by Sam Kerr, who will remain in the office and perform the duties of clerk.

Jim Hickey held a rather similar position under Mr. Burdge during the last few weeks of his term, but was not permanently connected with the force.

January 31, 1896
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Chief Wilkerson's Plan

He Would Make a Jail Out of the Court House

Chief Wilkerson has a plan for the city to get control of the old courthouse and turn it into a city jail. He says the building is much better adapted for a jail than the present prison, and that it is large enough to provide adequate quarters for the women prisoners-something much needed.

It is not probable, however, that the city council and the police commissioners will approve the plan. It would cost much money, and the city's finances are low. The courthouse would make an especially convenient jail for Smoky Row patrons.

January 11, 1898
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL
New County Officers

The Formal Transfer Took Place Yesterday

Porter S. Cook yesterday at noon became sheriff of Shawnee County, succeeding Robert B. Kepley.....

Sheriff Cook's appointees were all on hands for business yesterday morning, although the official change did not take place till noon.....

At the county jail, Frank Leach, who handled the job during Kepley's administration, did the honors for the new incumbents, and spent the day showing them how to manage the inmates of the institution. Carl Lawson, Frank Beach and S. W. Pasker are now hold places which were the property of Frank Leach, W. McKnight, and A. Kuykendall. All the new jail officers are exercising the greatest care for the first few days. They are using the most careful vigilance to prevent any advantage being taken of their lack of familiarity with the work.

April 7, 1898
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

DAY OF SORROW FOR JOINTISTS

**RAID SILENTLY PLANNED AND FEARLESSLY
EXECUTED**

Three raids, three wagon loads of liquor, and six of the biggest jointists under \$300 bond each, are the net results of two hours' fast work yesterday afternoon by six of Sheriff Cook's deputies.

Mum was the word. No 'tip' was given to the three victims. The work was well planned and fearlessly executed by the deputy sheriffs. Liquor in large quantities was taken from Lon Townsend, Harry Croft, and Walt Richards and all three were arrested.

Sheriff Cook swore to the complaints under the nuisance law, Judge Hazen issued the search and seizure warrants, and County Attorney Jetmore issued the warrants for arrest. It was a concerted action on the part of county officials to bring down the law upon the joint keepers. It has greatly disconcerted the plans of the police, who have practically guaranteed protection to the jointists in return for liberal cash contributions to the city funds.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the three raids were made simultaneously. Deputy Sheriff Williams and Jailer Lawson raided Walt Richards' place at 113 E. 7th Street. Deputy Sheriffs Helms and Miller attended to Lon Townsend at 116 Kansas Avenue and Deputy Sheriffs Beech and Parker did the work at Harry Croft's place at 410 Kansas Avenue.

1900's

Betts, G. W.	Undersheriff	1903	1904
Bundy, Mitchell	Jailer	1907	1909
	Jailer	1912	1916
	Deputy	1924	1928
Dusenberry, George	Deputy	1909	
Hayes, Samuel	Deputy	1907	
Lucas, Albertus T.	Sheriff	1903	1906
	Undersheriff	1896	1897
Lucas, John E.	Undersheriff	1905	
Monroe, Henry	Deputy	1907	1912
Ostrand, John	Deputy	1903	1906
Ward, George	Deputy	1907	1909

April 4, 1903

THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

The Offers Were Low

All Bids on Old Court House Were Rejected by Commissioners

The county commissioners yesterday rejected all bids which they had received for the purchase of the old court house as none of them were considered large enough. There were but three bids received and two of these were for the building alone. One offered \$400 and the other \$525.27. The only bid for the entire property was \$6,525. As the property was appraised at over \$8,000 the commissioners did not think the need justified the sacrifice of property at such a low figure. It is possible that it will be offered for sale at some other time. The commissioners were somewhat disappointed that more interest was not taken in the sale of the old court house as they consider it a valuable property, situation as it is at the junction of the street railway lines leading to the three depots.

April 4, 1903

THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Sheriff Lucas is Fixing up the Old County Jail

Sheriff Bert Lucas is making a commendable effort to repair the county jail building. The building was erected seventeen years ago and has since had but little repairing done on it. The huge slabs of rock which form the sidewalk have been raised, the trees trimmed, form cornices repainted, slate roof patched and the parkings planted with grass seed.

June 3, 1903

THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Aid Is Asked For All The Flood Sufferers In Kansas

...To Protect North Topeka

Sheriff Lucas reported that he had obtained authority from the county commissioners to swear in all the mounted men he could use to protect North Topeka. Oakland he had patrolled by men on horseback, two in the daytime and five at night. He had also engaged thirty five men to go to North Topeka on horseback as soon as practicable for the protection of property. "I think," said the sheriff, "that we will be able to protect the interests of property holders on the North Side. We have experienced men at the head of our force. At present martial law is not necessary. The instruction to our men is to shoot."

This last remark was greeted by murmurs of approval and some handclapping.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon was called on to speak for the religious bodies and stated that he had received offers of aid and if authorized to do so could undoubtedly secure contributions.

February 9, 1905

THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Jail Sidewalk Only Clean one in Town

It may be noticed that the only sidewalk in the city which was absolutely clean yesterday was that which is on the side and front of the county jail. This sidewalk was cleaned by the "trusty" at the jail. It might be well to send several people to jail so that they would learn the work of the "trusty."

August 13, 1907

THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Preferred County Jail to Living with Sister-In-Law

Alleging that she would rather be in jail than live with her brother and sister in law, Stella Holt, one of the patients from the State Hospital who was recently released from the county jail, yesterday returned and asked Jailer Bayless to lock her once more in the hospital ward.

"Do you really want to get back inside?" asked Bayless wonderingly.

"Yes, I do," was the reply. "I thought that this was the worst place on earth but I'd a great deal rather be in there than live with my sister in law."

Miss Holt was at the State Hospital for some time and grew better rapidly. Recently she was transferred to the county jail to make room for more violent patients. She was kept in the county jail until Sheriff Wilkerson hunted up her brother who lives on Branner street and informed him that his sister was in jail rather than the hospital. Holt then took his sister home.

After being locked up again last night the woman said that she was left at home to look after the children and that Mrs. Holt encouraged them to disobey her. Trouble resulted and beside being threatened with violence, Miss Holt says that her sister in law ordered her out of the house.

"I'd rather go to the poor farm," said the woman yesterday, "if it was so that I could. But I will stay here in jail all my life before I would go back and live with them.

Miss Holt talks rationally and seems perfectly sane, although it is said that she has "spells."

August 23, 1907
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Bergen Has Been a Model Prisoner

After serving eight months in jail Ward Bergen, who was convicted of stealing 75 cents worth of brass from the Santa Fe Railroad Company, was yesterday taken to the Reformatory. He is declared by Jailers Bundy and Bayless to be the most model prisoner confined in the jail since they have been in charge. Jailer Bundy sent a letter to the superintendent of the Reformatory, recommending that Bergen be allowed whatever liberties they could give him.

"He never had a complaint to make," said Bundy, "always did what he was told, made no trouble and took his medicine. He would have been a trusty if we could have made one out of him. As he had been sentenced this was impossible."

County Attorney Schenck promised some time ago that Bergen would not stay a year at the Reform school and it is reported that an effort will be made to secure his discharge or parole at once as he has been sufficiently punished.

January 8, 1909
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

SHORT STORIES OF TOPEKA HAPPENINGS

Sheriff John M. Wilkerson's force was pretty well scattered all day yesterday, Deputy George Ward spent the day at Silver Lake, serving subpoenas in the Cooper Criminal assault case; Deputy Henry Monroe spent the day in Little Russia on a similar mission in connection with the John Degand assault case, while the Sheriff himself went out in the country to make a levy on some farm property.

July 15, 1909
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Ward and Wilkerson Will Not Be Retained

Both of them will act as deputies only temporarily.

Stories to the effect that John Wilkerson, ex-sheriff of Shawnee County and Deputy George Ward, would be retained by Sheriff Norton as deputies have been circulated. Both men have been sworn in as special deputies but Norton says he does not expect to keep either.

Wilkerson will continue to occupy the sheriff's house adjoining the county jail for the time being. Norton stated last night, however, that the arrangements were only temporary. Pressure is being brought to bear by County Attorney Schenck and citizens of Topeka to have the entire office force under Wilkerson discharged and a thorough renovation of the force made.

Norton is undecided yet over Henry Monroe, Wilkerson's colored deputy. Charles Lytle, ex-deputy sheriff, is being backed by a strong delectation of colored people and if Monroe is let out, Lytle will be sleeved for the place.

"The appointment of Wilkerson and Ward as deputies is only temporary," Sheriff Norton said last night. "There is still some of the old business left over from Wilkerson's administration which the two of them are competent to handle. Neither of them, however, are to be retained permanently."

July 23, 1909
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

SHORT STORIES OF TOPEKA HAPPENINGS

A boy was born yesterday morning to Mr. And Mrs. J. M. Wilkerson in the Sheriffs residence at the county jail.

1910's

Anderson, Otto	Deputy	1910	1911
Bayless, Henry M.	Undersheriff	1910	1912
	Jailer	1909	
Carver, Edward	Deputy	1913	
Holman, Joseph J.	Deputy	1913	1916
Judkins, Bennett	Deputy	1910	1911
Kiene, Llewellyn	Sheriff	1913	1916
Larimer, G. W.	Undersheriff	1920	
	Deputy	1918	1919
Larimer, High	Sheriff	1917	1920
	Undersheriff	1913	1916
Lytle, Charles	Deputy	1909	1912
Norton, Johathan	Sheriff	1909	1912
	Undersheriff	1907	1909
Norton, Ralph	Deputy	1911	1912
Ransom, Edgar	Deputy	1913	
Ross, Josiah	Undersheriff	1912	1913

September 30, 1910 **THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Took a Shot At Balloon "Topeka"

The balloon "Topeka" was fired upon by some person with a shot gun while making its altitude test on Wednesday evening. The balloon with it's four occupants, E. S. Cole, R. Emmerson, C. C. Higgins and Frank Mitchell started from the city Wednesday afternoon in a northwesterly direction and when between Topeka and Silver Lake where the landing was made, shots were fired at the balloon. It was stated by the occupants of the balloon that they believed the shots were fired from a Winchester rifle by some person under cover at a point half way between Topeka and Silver Lake.

The balloonists reported the incident to Sheriff Norton, who yesterday sent Deputies Hal Norton and Ben Judkins to the place from which the shots were fired in an attempt to locate the person who committed the deed. No clues have as yet been found.

January 10, 1911 **THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Otto Anderson Goes Out

He Will No Longer Be a Deputy Sheriff

The present force of active deputies in Sheriff Jonathan D. Norton's office will be continued with the exception of Otto Anderson, who resigned a few days ago to go to the bedside of his sick brother,

Gus Anderson, in Denver, Colo., Colonel Norton announced yesterday that for the present at least no one will be appointed in Anderson's place.

Henry M. Bayless was re-appointed undersheriff and jailer. Bennett Judkins, R. H. Norton and Henry I. Monroe were re-appointed deputies. Colonel Norton thinks this force is sufficient to handle the work, it being the same size as has been kept by former sheriffs.

January 11, 1911 **THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Sheriff Raided Freight Depot

Officers Found \$200 Worth of Beer- Ed Hossfeld
Arrested as Owner of Shipment

In one of the biggest raids since the early days when County Attorney John J. Schenck first began closing the local joints, deputy sheriffs secured beer valued at nearly \$200 last night from the Rock Island freight depot, and arrested Ed Hossfeld on thirty-six counts, thirty-five sales counts and a nuisance. The penalty in case of conviction on all counts would be a jail sentence of thirty-six months and a fine of \$3,000 as the minimum.

The arrest and raid was made by Deputy Sheriffs Bennett Judkins, Hal Norton and Otto Anderson, and the information that led to the raid was obtained by Judkins and Anderson. The information upon which the raid was made was filed late yesterday afternoon, and the raid occurred about 6:30 o'clock. Hossfeld gave bond in the sum of \$500 and was released pending the trial of the case.

The "booze" secured was in the shape of thirty-five cases of beer, each containing two dozen bottles, seven barrels of quart bottles and a ten-gallon keg. The cases are valued at \$3.75 each, this item alone amounting to \$130.25. The seven barrels at \$8.50 each were valued at \$59.50, and the keg was valued at \$8.75, a total of \$198.50.

Hossfeld is alleged to be the agent for the Peter Schoenhofen Brewing Company, of Kansas City. According to the officers his plan was to have beer shipped here consigned to fictitious person, there having been nearly a score of names on the beer confiscated. After the arrival of the wet goods here Hossfeld is alleged to have scratched the names on the cases, substituting street addresses, and then the beer was delivered by an express wagon to the address given.

When Hossfeld was found he was working hard checking over shipments. The joke on Hossfeld, the officers say, was that he spent the whole afternoon checking over a big shipment, most of which was confiscated, and he was checking and arranging the shipment at the very time the officers were preparing the papers to raid him. He is charged with handling beer by wholesale, selling it from the local depot by the case and barrel. It is believed that he had done no retail work but he is alleged to have been handling the biggest agency in Kansas.

January 8, 1913
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

She Wanted Jail Doors Thrown Open

A general pardon for all the prisoners in the county jail was asked yesterday. It came from a three and a half year old girl, however, and was not granted.

Sheriff-elect L.L. Kiene a few days ago moved his family into the residence part of the county jail. Little Martha, his three and a half year old daughter, wished to explore the rooms adjoining her new home and asked her father to act as guide.

The little girl was led along the corridors of the steel barred cells that are holding thirty-four men and women in confinement. The prisoners peered out at the little visitor. She saw they were helpless behind the bars and in pity for them appealed to her father for their release.

"Daddy, let these men out," she demanded.

The sheriff-elect tried to explain that it would not be best to give the prisoners freedom, but little Martha could not see it that way, and insisted that the doors be opened until she was led from the cells.

"You're a bad daddy." She told her father as they ended their visit to the prisoners.

January 10, 1913
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Kiene Announces His Appointments

Sheriff-elect L.L. Kiene yesterday completed his force of deputies. In addition to Hugh Larimer, office deputy, and E.B. Ransom, night jailer, which were announced in the Capital ten days ago, he announced the appointment yesterday of Edward Carver as chief field deputy. Mitchell Bundy, jailer, re-appointed, and J.J. Holman, turnkey. Mr. Carver is a farmer who has lived in Topeka township for twenty years. Bundy has been jailer under Sheriff Jonathan Norton, and has a good

record as a member of the police and sheriff's forces for a good many years. Holman is well known colored-an. He is a teamster in the employ of Gillette and Nicholson, and lives in North Topeka.

May 18, 1913
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

County Has Motor Car

First Machine Shawnee Ever Owned Purchased by Commissioners

Hereafter when the county commissioners wish to view a road or examine the condition of a bridge that may be several miles from the city they will drive out in a seven passenger car owned by the county. The car, a 1911 model Rambler, was purchased yesterday by the commissioners from Roller & Craig, of the "666" garage. It is the first one owned by the county.

The commissioners are called every week to make trips to different parts of the county. In the past they have had to hire a team or auto and this has made a drain that has amounted to hundreds of dollars each year on the county's funds. The commissioners decided at their meeting last Friday that the more economical course to follow would be to buy a car.

The county machine cost \$1,000 and will be kept either in the basement of the court house or a garage nearby. It will be used strictly for the official business of the officials.



1913 Dean Rogers Washburn College football player and team Captain. In 1932 Rogers was elected the 26th Sheriff of Shawnee County

Photo provided by Jerry Rogers

September 8, 1913
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Sheriff Kiene Had to Rescue Umpire

**Crowd Chased Anderson After Poor Decisions
Yesterday**

Dashing under the grandstand to his dressing quarters Umpire Anderson escaped the crowd of frenzied fans at the close of the Sioux City Kaw game yesterday afternoon at League park. The presence of Sheriff L. L. Kiene and two deputies, Hugh Larimer and Michael Bundy, is probably all that saved Anderson from being injured. Pop bottles and cushions were hurled at the arbitrator when he left the park. In the mixup several persons were hit and one man arrested.

Just as Anderson darted under the grandstand one of the fans hit him in the back. Hugh Larimer grabbed this fellow but he got away in the press of the crowd after Merl Morthland interfered with the officer. Larimer then took Morthland, who will be tried Wednesday for interfering with an officer. Morthland was released on bond.

The trouble started over Anderson's apparently bad decisions in the sixth and ninth innings which resulted in the banishment of Manager Gear Cochran and McLarry and the fining of each of \$10. The umpire said last night after the game that he would ask President Tip O'Neill to fine Gear for grabbing his arm and Cochran for throwing his mask over the grandstand.

"If I were the president I would fine Gear \$100 and Cochran \$50," said Anderson. "The decisions I made were not even close. I was right in all three of them."

The last time Anderson umpired in Topeka several weeks ago he made what was said to have been one of the poorest decisions ever witnessed at the local park.

January 8, 1917
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

**Attempted Jail Break is Foiled by Bundy
County Jailer Finds Blackjack Hid in Cell
John Hill, charged with Highway Robbery,
Planned Attack on Officers**

Belief that John Hill, awaiting trial in the county jail for highway robbery, had planned a jail delivery yesterday, was the conclusion of Mitchell Bundy, the jailer, after he had removed an improvised "black jack" from the man's cell besides a caseknife filed down to a keen edge.

Bundy made the investigation after he had been "tipped off" by one of the other prisoners.



Jailer Mitchell Bundy
"The Peace Officer"
(Kansas State Historical Society)

"I want to look thru your cell," Bundy told the man. "I'm sort of curious to see what you have been making."

Bundy made a careful search. Under the mattress was the blackjack constructed out of a piece of chain tied up neatly in a sock. The knife was also found in another part of the mattress to knock me down, seize the key to the jail room and get out," Bundy said last night. "There may have been others in the scheme, but so far I haven't discovered who they are."

Hill was arrested and charged with attempting to hold up J.W. Joliff, an employee of the Santa Fe shops, the night of December 12 near Third and Madison streets. Joliff shouted and scared his assailant away. Hill was caught in a Fourth street rooming house.

July 29, 1918
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Break up a Crap Game

**Officers Corral Seven
and Release One Who "Squeals"**

More than a dozen young fellows, some white and some colored, were gathered about a blanket spread on the ground in a pasture near the Topeka cemetery late yesterday afternoon busily engaged in a crap game when a couple of deputy sheriffs arrived on the scene. The men scattered so fast and in so many directions that the deputies could not get them all, but seven were secured and brought to the county jail, where six who were held gave the names of C. W. Smith, E. Bell, S. R. Olney, Walter Brown, W. M. Aldrey, Grant Reed. One of the number brought in was released when he gave the names of several of the men said to

have been engaged in the game, but who escaped by running at the appearance of the officers. Several of the men who escaped probably will be arrested today, Sheriff Larimer said last night.

No money was secured in the raid on the crap game, but the officers got a varied assortment of dice, which, with the blanket, were taken to the county jail. All the men arrested protested their innocence, but were locked up to await bond for their appearance in court.

The officers who participated in the raid were. Hugh Larimer, Sheriff; J. J. Holman, Deputy Sheriff; William P. Ford and Kirk K. Pinkston, City patrolmen.

1920's

Bayless, Montie H.	Deputy	1923	1925
Carlson, Oscar	Sheriff	1925	1928
	Undersheriff	1921	1924
	Deputy	1920	
Dehart, Frank	Jailer	1922	
Garrod, Margaret	Matron	1920	
Garrod, P. O.	Jailer	1920	
Guile, Benjamin F.	Jailer	1928	1933
Hixon, Charles	Deputy	1920	1926
Horning, Wayne	Sheriff	1929	1932
	Undersheriff	1925	1928
	Deputy	1924	
Howe, Joe	Jailer	1928	1933
Lamberson, H.	Deputy	1921	
Martin, Samuel	Deputy	1925	1932
Mays, Edwin	Deputy	1925	1936
Miler, H. Burl	Deputy	1924	1928
Miler, Robert	Sheriff	1921	1924
	Undersheriff	1917	1920
	Jailer	1927	1928
Orner, Ira	Deputy	1925	1928
Orner, Mary	Matron	1925	1932
Pendelton, Robert	Deputy	1921	
Perkins, Oscar	Deputy	1921	1924
Probasco, Everett	Undersheriff	1929	1932
	Deputy	1925	1928
Taylor, H.	Jailer	1921	
Wilson, Frank	Deputy	1925	1928

January 11, 1921 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Courthouse Officers Show Same Old Faces

Sheriff Robert Miler appoints two New Deputies and a Jailer Others Retain Forces

.....The only exception is in the Sheriffs Office where a new jailer and two new deputies were inducted. Sheriff Miler, undersheriff for four years, succeeded Hugh Larimer. He appointed Oscar Perkins and Robert Pendleton deputies and H. Taylor as night jailer. These three are the only new men in the office. Oscar Carlson, former deputy sheriff was appointed undersheriff and C. W. Hixon succeeds P. O. Garrod as day jailer.

January 16, 1921 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Crimes Fewer But Worse

Percentage of Sentences to Penitentiary and Reformatory Increases

Crimes committed in Shawnee county have decreased in number, but are increasing ever year in severity despite the crime wave. This is brought out in the county jail records for the past four years. Tho the total number of arrests last year were more than 300 less than the number arrested four years ago, the number sentenced to the Hutchison reformatory and to the Kansas penitentiary after being convicted of felonies has been greater than in any one of the three years previous.

During the year 1917 there were 734 prisoners booked at the county jail. This was the greatest number booked in the past four years. A total of 587 were booked in 1918. Twenty-eight were sentenced to Lansing in 1919.

The number sent to Hutchinson last year was almost as much as the total number sent during the three years previous. Twenty-four were sent last year, ten in 1919; six in 1918 and twelve in 1917.

Approximately 50 percent of the total number of convicts sentenced during the past year were convicted of grand larceny, according to Oscar Carlson, undersheriff.

**January 7, 1923
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Shawnee Commissioners Arrange Road Patrols

Legislation to permit counties to employ additional deputy sheriffs to patrol highways where public safety makes it necessary will be asked of the new legislature by the Shawnee county representatives.

A. A. Rodgers, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Shawnee country, announced yesterday it was necessary to ask the legislature for permission to patrol the highways in the county where public safety was menaced by automobile speeders.

The county commissioners have gone over the project thoroly with Sheriff Robert Miler and at the meeting of the commission yesterday the legislative measure was discussed with the sheriff.



1923 A "still" found in Shawnee County by Sheriff Robert Miler. "The Peace Officer" (Kansas State Historical Society)

**January 13, 1925
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

**NEW PROBATE JUDGE SPENDS
FIRST HALF DAY IN OFFICE
WAITING FOR COUPLE TO WED**

There was no special demonstration at the Courthouse yesterday when the new county officers went into office. The majority took the oath of office and went to work.

Oscar Carlson, new sheriff, found a surprise awaiting him shortly after he became Sheriff. His force of deputies presented him with a gold star, with the points set in rubies. He was not obliged to show his star to tell anyone he was under arrest, however.

**February 5, 1925
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Loses to the Sheriff

Manhattan Man races Burl Miler and Gets Arrested

The sporting blood of W.R. Wilson, Manhattan, apparently got the better of him late Tuesday afternoon on the Victory Highway east of Silver Lake. But he picked the wrong man to race with, according to Burl Miler, Deputy Sheriff.

Miler was returning from Silver Lake where he had served some papers. He sounded his horn and started to pass Wilson. Wilson's car shot down the road. Miler followed but never passed him. Miler saw his speedometer go up to 40, then 50 and then reach the 58 mile point before he dropped out of the race.

A mile further down the road Wilson showed up and allowed Miler to over take him.

"You have picked the wrong fellow to race with this time," Miler told him. "Drive on down to the Sheriff's Office and let this be a lesson to you."

Wilson followed instructions and put up a cash bond of \$37.50 pending his trial in the Court of Topeka next Tuesday.

**July 3, 1925
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Sheriff A Busy Man

**Just 438 Prisoners in County Jail Since
January 12**

The Shawnee County Jail has housed a total of 468 prisoners since Oscar Carlson became Sheriff in January. Some were serving time when the new Sheriff took the oath of office. Some are still there. Others have begun to serve time since. There are still others who were arrested by the Marshal's Office of the Court of Topeka or a representative of the Sheriff's Office who were booked and released on bond. There also were 32 government prisoners.

The number of prisoners who have seen the inside of the jail is an increase of 80 over the last six months of 1924, Carlson said. There have been 347 arrests made this year on various charges. Thirty-seven of this number have been women. There have been 23 insane patients.

**July 14, 1925
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Cop Has A Hard Day

**Montie Bayless Presents Worn Disposition
as Proof**

Montie Bayless, county motorcycle officer, was nursing a well matured peeve last night.

It was a hard day- not on his physique but on his disposition. To start off with, Montie was investigating an accident on the East Sixth avenue road yesterday morning, when James S. Prichard drove his motor car thru the crowd gathered at the scene of the accident at a lively clip. Montie hauled him in, and arrested him on a charge of speeding.

Then Montie, with Burl Miler, was called out on a wild goose- or rather a mad squirrel- chase. Some excited residents near Fifth and Tyler streets thought a hungry squirrel that was chasing everyone in the neighborhood was mad. They were right- it was mad because it didn't have anything to eat and couldn't find anyone to feed it. It subsided after the sheriff's force captured it and fed it.

A wild race after a speeder climaxed the day. Bayless chased G. Sickinger, who was driving a roadster, for more than two miles on the Red Line highway before he overhauled the driver at the Red Line's intersection with the East Sixth road.

"It wasn't so bad rambling along at 60 miles an hour after that guy-but man, the dust was awful." Bayless growled, as he wiped his face, where streams of perspiration were plowing white streaks in the thick layer of dust.

**July 17, 1925
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Bootleggers Must Get New Wholesale Source

Sheriff Captures Big Plant 7 miles from Topeka

**Plant Confiscated Was Capable of Turning out
35 Gallons of Hootch in a Day**

Topeka retail bootleggers are facing a shortage of stock today as a result of the activities of Oscar Carlson, sheriff, who last night declared he had dissolved the biggest wholesale bootleg whisky plant captured by him since he took office.

Jack O'Keefe, 1926 Buchanan street, is under arrest and under guard at his home today, pending his recovery from an illness so he can appear in court answering felony charges resulting from information secured by Sheriff Carlson in yesterday's raid. Fred and Delbert Corbett, who live seven miles southwest of the city, are out on \$500 bonds each. They will face charges of possession of liquor, manufacturing and selling.

The plant seized was of 35 gallon per day capacity, according to Sheriff Carlson. The sheriff's information is that the complete plant is owned by O'Keefe. It has been operating on the Corbett farm for the last ten days according to the sheriff's information.

The Corbett brothers were not found with the plant, but in a field nearby plowing corn instead of distilling it. The outfit, which was portable in every respect, was found in a ravine housed under tents. The moonshiners had dammed a nearby stream and were equipped with a gasoline motor and pump to get water to the scene of operations for making mash and cooling the worm.

In addition to the still, the sheriff's force seized 50 gallons of whisky, 10 barrels of mash and a large quantity of empty containers.

The felony charge will be placed against O'Keefe because of previous convictions. He was arrested four years ago having in his possession at that time three stills.

**November 11, 1928
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

**Prisoners Slug Jailer, One Makes His Escape
Sheriff Captures the Other in a Hurry**

**Men held for auto theft knock B.F. Guile on the
head when he comes into the corridor.**

After slugging B. F. Guild, day jailer, Edward Lane 26, and John Meredith 34, alleged motor car thieves made a break for liberty at the county jail late yesterday afternoon. Meredith was apprehended a few minutes later but Lane still was at large at a late hour last night.

The attack occurred in the corridor outside the cage where the two prisoners had been confined. Guile had turned them into the corridor to clean it and had returned to put them back into the cage when the attack occurred.

Take His Keys and Gun

Guile was knocked down by a blow on the head. After taking his keys and gun, the men unlocked the outer door of the cage, left the jail thru the back door, climbed the jail fence and ran north down an alley.

A moment afterward when Oscar Carlson, Sheriff, who had been attending a funeral, stopped his car in front of the jail. Paul Sims, trusty, told him what had happened. Carlson drove north on Van Buren to third where he saw the two men enter the alley between Jackson and Kansas Ave. Meredith was captured while trying to enter the back door of a building near third and Kansas.

Officers Surround Hotel

Lane ran south thru the alley where Burl Miler, Police Officer, reported he saw him enter the Throop Hotel. Officers surrounded the building but a search failed to find him.

Lane and Meredith were arrested in Lawrence in September with a motorcar stolen from Topeka. Meredith gave his name as Kansas City, Missouri. Lane is on parole from the Colorado State Penitentiary. Guile was not badly injured.

Wrong Man Beaten Up

When some officers from the Boys Industrial School last night saw a man they thought answered to the description of Edward Lane, who escaped from the county jail yesterday afternoon, they stopped their car, covered him with a gun and invited him to get in.

But the man thought otherwise. He started to run and then put up a fight when officers tried to arrest him. They beat him into submission only to find they had the wrong man. For the man they had beaten up was Harry Hothschild, employee of the Security Benefit Association Home, who was walking home from the barber shop. He was brought to the county jail and treated by Dr. F.E. McCord, county health officer, before being taken home.

Hothschild accepted his beating as a mistake on the part of the officers and admitted he had been partly responsible for it. He said he did not know they were officers when they covered him with a gun and flashed a light in his face.

SNSO Personality

EVERETT T. PROBASCO

Undersheriff 1929-1932

Deputy 1925-1928



**“The Peace Officer”
(Kansas State Historical Society)**

Everett T. Probasco was born September 18, 1901 in Silverdale, Cowley County, Kansas to George M. and Birdie Harris Probasco. Everett’s father, George Probasco was a Detective for the Topeka Police Department. Jeff Probasco, Everett’s grandson, served for a time as a deputy for the Shawnee County Sheriff’s Department.

Everett Probasco’s career with the Shawnee County Sheriff’s Department began in 1925 when he became a motorcycle patrolman in Sheriff Oscar Carlson’s administration. At the time, motorcycle patrolmen were called ‘Highway Patrol’ officers. Probasco is mentioned in a newspaper article when he arrested a man for driving 45 miles per hour on a county highway.

Traffic was not the only concern in law enforcement for Everett Probasco, however, and he received recognition for arresting cattle thieves and liquor smugglers as well as for breaking up a ring of motorcar thieves. This recognition earned Probasco appointment as Undersheriff when Sheriff Wayne Horning took office as Sheriff in 1929. Probasco continued to be active in making successful arrests and resigned as Undersheriff to make his own run for Sheriff of Shawnee County in 1932. Everett T. Probasco was unsuccessful in the election and left law enforcement for other interests. Probasco died at age 36 on March 5, 1938 and is buried at Memorial Park Cemetery in Topeka.

1930's

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Court House Notes and Police Gossip

County officers Saturday night further interrupted the efforts of Ted Richardson to disregard Amendment eighteen. Theodore has been having a difficult time of late. Two charges of liquor law violation are pending against him in district court and an injunction caused him to close up his Moonlight Garden near Seaman high school, north of North Topeka. Last week he moved to a bend in the road a quarter of a mile east of Wakarusa and hung up a sign that read "Snyder's corner". Saturday night the sheriff, the county attorney, the undersheriff and Frank Winkler, deputy sheriff visited Mr. Richardson's new place. They entered suddenly, Undersheriff Probasco leaped over the counter as Theodore emptied a pitcher into a handy drain pipe. There was not time enough to empty two bottles that the undersheriff said contained liquor. The alleged liquor was confiscated. Theodore was arrested on a charge of liquor law violation and later released on bond for \$2,000.

November 10, 1932
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

SHAWNEE COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF DYNASTY FINALLY BROKEN UP

Regardless of the outcome of the elections of Sheriff of Shawnee County the consecutive string of Undersheriffs who afterward became Sheriff was bound to be broken up.

Dean Rogers, Republican, who finally won out, is the first outsider without at least four years of experience in the office who has been able to win a Sheriff's race in Shawnee County in 20 years. The last one was the late L.L. Kiene, who quit newspaper work to become Sheriff. Kiene was the husband of Mrs. Martha Kiene, who was elected register of deeds Tuesday.

Kiene's administration started the long succession of Sheriff's and Undersheriffs. He appointed Hugh Larimer Undersheriff. Larimer won four years afterward in a close three cornered race and appointed Robert Miler his Undersheriff. Miler was elected Sheriff after Larimer had served the customary two terms and appointed Oscar Carlson as his Undersheriff. Miler served his two terms and Carlson followed him. Wayne Horning, present Sheriff, served as Undersheriff to Carlson.

But this year, there was not Undersheriff to run. Everett Probasco, Horning's Undersheriff resigned

Anderson, Paul	Deputy	1933	1937
Beard, Jack	Deputy	1937	1940
Bradshaw, A. W.	Deputy	1932	
Boast, Roy	Sheriff	1937	1940
	Deputy	1957	1958
Challis, A. P.	Deputy	1932	
	Jailer	1947	1948
Davidson Benjamin	Jailer	1933	
Harrison, John	Jailer	1933	1936
Higdon, Oscar	Deputy	1931	1932
Higdon, Gustav M.	Deputy	1931	
Howey, Lucille	Deputy	1932	
Hows, Joe	Jailer	1932	
Kreipe, Gerald	Undersheriff	1943	
	Undersheriff	1952	1954
	Deputy	1937	1942
	Deputy	1958	1960
Marshall, Elmer	Deputy	1933	1936
Meyer, Fred N.	Deputy	1932	
Oakes, Melvin	Deputy	1933	1936
Payton, William	Jailer	1937	1940
Powell, Tom C.	Deputy	1932	
Richetti, Kelly	Undersheriff	1939	1940
Rogers, Dean	Sheriff	1933	1936
	Deputy	1941	
Winkler, Frank	Deputy	1930	



1932 Dean Rogers talking with a reporter Paul Morgan during the campaign for Sheriff.
 Photo provided by Shirley (Rogers) Rausch

last September and no successor was appointed. Probasco and Sam Martin, oldest deputy, were candidates at the primaries and Rogers defeated them. That left the race without a representative of Horning's administration in it.

January 10, 1933
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

HORNING POURS

**SHERIFF CLEANS OUT BOOZE VAULT
BEFORE RETIRING FROM OFFICE**

The last official act of Sheriff Wayne Horning and his deputies was to clean out the booze vault in the basement of the Courthouse. It had been some time since the vault was cleaned out and Sheriff Horning, Fred Meyer and Tom Powell, deputies, did a good job of it.

More than 400 gallons of alcohol, whisky, wine, and home brew that had accumulated as the result of raids were poured into the sewer. Holes were punched in the bottoms of several stills so they would be unfit for use in making liquor. Three truckloads of empty bottles and stills were taken to a junkyard.

November 5, 1936
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

**Shawnee County Democrats Elect Sheriff for
First Time in Forty-One Years.**

There were upsets galore when Shawnee County, ordinarily the largest Republican county in Kansas went Democratic for many offices but the voters really made history by electing the first Democratic Sheriff in forty-one years.

Records at the County Clerks Office shows that the last Democrat to become Sheriff was R. B. "Bob" Kepley, who was elected in 1895. He proved to be a one termer. He was defeated for re-election two years later by Porter S. Cook, altho Kepley was given the support of three parties. The official count showed that he received 4,161 votes from the Democrats, 423 from the Populists and 178 from the Free Silver party, Cook received 4,888 votes.

After the vote had been re-counted, Kepley declared he had been "counted out" by the election boards, contending 264 votes for him had been ruled out. He hired lawyers and filed a protest. A month afterward the judges ruled Cook had won the election by 105 votes, Kepley accepted his defeat in good grace, he also announced he was thru with politics.

From then until Tuesday when Roy Boast defeated Paul Anderson the Republican nominee, the office was held by the Republican party. The Sheriff's hardest fight was at the primaries, and a huge Republican majority could be counted upon to snow under the democratic nominee at the general election.

But Tuesday, the voters were up in arms and Republicans and Democrats suffered alike. While they were electing two Democrats to the legislature and three new Democratic county officials they kicked out two Democratic office holders who were seeking second terms.

January 9, 1937
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Old Sheriff Makes Room for the New

Sheriff Dean Rogers yesterday decided not to wait until Monday before he started moving. He had a part of his furniture moved to 212 Elmwood Ave but will continue to live in the Sheriff's Quarters until Monday.

He expects to have all his belongings out of the Sheriff's Quarters Monday so Roy Boast, new Sheriff, can move in.



Sheriff Dean Rogers Badge
Provided by Jerry Rogers

January 7, 1937
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Hornbeck Will Become Shawnee Undersheriff

**Topeka Superintendent of Parks
Named by Roy Boast**

**Appointment Will Be Effective February 1
New Officer is Veteran of the World War**

George W. Hornbeck, superintendent of the Topeka parks under Harry C. Snyder, park commissioner for four years, will assume the position of

undersheriff of Shawnee County February 1. His appointment has been rumored several days and was officially announced last night by Roy Boast, sheriff elect.

Hornbeck, a World War veteran has made his home in Topeka since he left the service and has a large number of friends here. Boast announced that Hornbeck has shown his ability to handle men and he believes has all the qualification to make an efficient undersheriff.

During the last four years, Hornbeck supervised all the improvements made at Gage park and other parks under the relief setups. For more than a year more than 600 relief workers were working under him.

Before becoming associated with the city park department, he followed the painter's trade in Topeka. He is a member of the Painter's union No. 96, the I. O. O. F. and Eagles lodges and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He served in Battery D. 128th field artillery of the Thirty-fifth division during the World War.

Boast announced the names of the rest of his force some time ago.

January 11, 1937
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Quits Sheriff's Office to be Horsetrader

Sam Martin, county jailer, will sever his connections with the Sheriff's Office to return to his first love- the business of buying and selling horses and mules.

Despite the motor age, there still is a living to be made in dealing in horses and mules, he declared. Martin is planning a trip to Western Kansas or Southern Nebraska to buy up some stock. They are greatly in demand at this time of year and Martin expects to dispose of every thing he buys without any trouble.

January 17, 1937
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Topeka Tinklings
By Chas R. Sessions

Roy Boast, new Sheriff, appears to be a wise guy. When he went to wallpaper store to select the paper for the Sheriff's Quarters, he took his wife along. He let her select the paper she wanted. That is diplomacy to say the least.



1938 Sheriff Roy Boast (seated), Left to right- Deputy Wm. Frey, Undersheriff George Hornbeck, Deputy Jerry Kreipe, and Deputy Elburn Beal Photo – Jean (Beal) Fitzgibbons

October 16, 1938
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Roy Boast, Democrat, seeking second term as Sheriff on Record

Sheriff Roy A. Boast, Democrat, is asking for re-election for a second term on his records as a popular and efficient sheriff. He has given close attention to his office and has rendered twenty-four hour service to the county and suburban districts. The Sheriff Office does a large volume of business, hardly around two and one-half million dollars in sales and delinquent taxes, as well as serving thousands of legal instruments. This necessitates a businessman to direct its affairs. Sheriff Boast has reduces the expenses at the County jail about forty percent as shown in the records in the county clerks office. He gives courteous and prompt service to all who have business in his office.

Roy Boast comes from a pioneer family of Shawnee County. He has spent twenty-five years as a business manager on Kansas Avenue, has been active in civic affairs, and a member of the Topeka Planning Board the past twelve years. He is an active member of the Kiwanis Club, The North Topeka Merchants Association, and the North Topeka Baptist Church. He is also a member of the Elks and is a Shriner.

April 23, 1939
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Hornbeck Back in Sheriff's Office

George Hornbeck returned to work yesterday as a deputy in the office of Sheriff Roy A Boast.

Hornbeck has been undersheriff under Boast for more than two years, but resigned February 15 to make the race for commissioner of parks, for which he was defeated, altho he piled up a large vote.

After Hornbeck resigned, Kelly Richetti was named undersheriff, a position he will hold.

**December 19, 1939
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Along Justice Row

Charges of possession and transportation, and maintenance of a liquor nuisance were filed by Paul Harvey, County Attorney, yesterday against John Craig, of Topeka, who was arrested by Sheriff Roy Boast and his deputies Saturday night. Confiscation proceedings also were started against Craig's 1927 Chevrolet car.

**December 20, 1939
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Along Justice Row

Ted Thompson, 19, and Walter Hamlin, 17, were arrested yesterday by Bill Frey and Jack Beard, deputy sheriffs, on a charge of stealing a kitchen sink from a house on the George Huyett farm three miles northeast of Berryton. Both admitted taking the sink and selling it to a junk dealer, officers said. A state warrant was issued charging them with breaking into the house and stealing the sink.

**December 24, 1939
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Officers Watching Holiday Drinking

Won't Hesitate to Lock Up Intoxicated

If you drive, don't drink; if you drink, don't drive.

That motto, always a sound piece of advice, becomes a triple edged warning during the holiday season. City, county and state officials have issued a warning that there will be no moratorium on the enforcement of drunken driving laws over the holiday weekend.

Sheriff Roy Boast yesterday declared:

"My men and the Highway Patrol will be looking for patrons who come out of the roadhouses drunk, and we won't hesitate to arrest intoxicated drivers. All our cars will be in full duty patrolling the roads around these night spots."

The same promise of rigid enforcement of liquor laws within the city was made by Chief of Police C. D. McKnaught.

"The general public, as well as the drivers themselves, must be protected from accidents caused by drunken drivers," McKnaught said.

**December 24, 1939
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Arrests 100 Bootleggers in Three Years

Boast Estimates He Has Taken \$20,000 Worth of Liquor

When Roy Boast became sheriff he estimated that he and his force of deputies would arrest 100 bootleggers during his four years of office. Altho he was the first Democrat to be elected sheriff in this county in forty years, he was looking forward to a second term. His goal, roughly estimated at the time, has been reached in his first three years of office and he still has a year left of his second term.

Some of the largest as well as the smaller violators have been caught in raids and have served time in the county jail. He and his deputies declared they have dealt at least one severe blow to every known big bootlegger in this county.

102 Cases

Records show that 102 liquor cases have been made in which one or more arrests have been made. Twenty-nine liquor cars have been confiscated and a total of 12,019 pints of hard liquor confiscated.

These are actual totals, not estimates. Whenever a successful raid is made, a typewritten record is made giving the name of the person arrested, the place where the raid was made and the amount of evidence found. Records of all the arrests have been carefully preserved.

Boast estimates that the retail value of the liquor alone would have brought more than \$20,000 at bootleg prices. They ranged in quality to the cheapest brand of whisky which usually is sold for \$1.50 a pint (Topeka prices) to imported Scotch that brings \$4.50 to \$5 for a short quart. Whisky gin and alcohol represented the bulk of the liquor confiscated but now and then officer seized wine, rum and sloe gin in package lots.

Largest Amount

The largest amount seized during Boast's administrations was last January when seventy-

five cases of assorted liquors were brought to the liquor vault in the basement of the courthouse. Allowing twenty-four bottles to the case it made a total of 1,800 bottles in the layout. The owner of the liquor, a big bootlegger, was arrested and afterward severed time.

Thirty-two cases have been made so far this year, slightly less than last year. But Boast said he and his deputies have been concentrating upon the big bootleggers that represented the source of supply in Topeka.

1940's

Bahner, Harvey	Deputy	1944	1951
	Undersheriff	1967	1969
Beal, Elburn M.	Sheriff	1943	1946
	Deputy	1933	1942
Boos, Leo	Deputy	1941	1950
Bradbury, Charles	Deputy	1941	1950
Coates, William	Sheriff	1947	1950
	Undersheriff	1951	1952
Coffman, Earl	Deputy	1947	1950
Cotton, Jule	Deputy	1941	1946
Fager, Alfred	Deputy	1942	1943
	Deputy	1954	1959
French, Charles	Deputy	1941	1955
Frey, William	Sheriff	1941	1943
	Deputy	1931	1940
	Deputy	1946	
Gillespie, Charles	Deputy	1947	1948
	Deputy	1943	
Gordon, Al	Deputy	1947	1948
Herman, Ellis	Deputy	1943	1946
Johnson, Charles	Jailer	1947	1948
Martin, Pearl	Matron	1941	1948
Newton, A. C.	Jailer	1941	
Smyth, Danford	Deputy	1941	

December 13, 1940 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Frey Names Hornbeck as his Under Sheriff

George Hornbeck, Undersheriff, and Deputy under Sheriff Roy Boast, will be Undersheriff when William Frey becomes Sheriff in January, it was announced yesterday. Hornbeck has been a member of the Sheriff's Force four years. Other members of Frey's force are Elburn Beal, Gerald

Kreipe, Leo Boos, Miss Julia Cotton, Charles Bradbury, Danford, Smyth, Charles French and Dean Rogers. Mrs. Pearl Martin, widow of the late Sam Martin, will be Matron of the County jail. A. C. Newton will return as jailer.

December 15, 1940 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Topeka Tinklings

Sheriff-elect Frey deserves a fine compliment for taking Dean Rogers into his official family. Dean was one of the best Sheriff's Shawnee County ever had. We are for him strong.

January 12th, 1941 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

No Sissies Wanted

Sheriff's Job is Often Hard

"My office has been asked to do many unusual jobs since I have been Sheriff, but the three outstanding that come to my mind were to take a cow from a well, pull a woman from the river, and to operate a circus for three days," Sheriff Roy Boast said yesterday.

It was early in Sheriff Boast's career as a Sheriff that he was asked to take over the circus. Someone has been badly beaten in a fight and a \$5,000 damage suit against the circus was brought. Garnishment proceedings were brought to grab all the cash in sight. Before the circus left town, the Sheriff's Deputies obtained \$250 and the attorneys had a note for \$300. Sheriff Boast was directed to keep two deputies with the circus as long as it was in Kansas.

It showed in Wichita, Hutchinson and Concordia before it moved in to Nebraska. When more money failed to come, the Sheriff at Concordia was directed to serve another garnishment on the box office. It netted him a dime, penny and a few sales tax tokens. It developed that the circus was playing safe by emptying the till almost as soon as money was put into it. As soon as the money went into a circus man's pocket, it could not be touched. The two deputies enjoyed three days of circus life and returned to active duty.

Now the Cow

The plight of the cow in the well attracted sympathies of animal lovers thruout the country. The heifer fell into a dry well west of Topeka and

for four months her owner was the only person who knew about her. The well was wide enough for the heifer to stand on all four feet, but she could not straighten out her neck.

The owner, unable to liberate her single-handed, watered and fed her for three months. Once, when it was too cold for her in the house, he told officers he descended into the well and slept with the cow.

Later, a human society representative made a complaint to the Sheriff and accompanied officers to the well. The next day they hired a motorcar repairman to remove the heifer with a wrecker.

Changed her mind

When the woman leaped from the Melan Bridge into the Kaw River, someone had to get wet to rescue her. As it was in the wintertime, Sheriff Boast did not appreciate the job. The woman changed her mind when she landed in the cold water and was sitting on a submerged sand bar, hoping someone would rescue her.

Sheriff Boast and his deputies were called to the scene. He was about to place a rope into the water when a soldier from Fort Riley volunteered to go down after her. They lowered him to the water where he took hold of the woman. Then they pulled both out of the water with the rope.

April 10, 1941 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

ALONG JUSTICE ROW

Police and Courthouse

Replacements of all padlocks in the Shawnee County Jail has been started by Sheriff Bill Frey since the escape of Robert Hill, colored prisoner, last Friday night. The old locks on the cell doors are huge, require large keys, and can be opened by other instruments Frey said.

January 14, 1943 The Topeka Daily Capital

Investigates When Husband Takes Out Marriage License

When she saw the announcement of a marriage license in a Kansas City newspaper in which her husband was the bridegroom, Mrs. William Ernest Hern decided it was high time she was doing some

investigating. She went to the county attorney's office and asked that something be done.

As the result, her husband was arrested yesterday morning by George Hornbeck, undersheriff, and Elburn Beal, deputy, on a charge of having one more wife than the law permits. Hern admitted that he was married Monday at Independence, Mo., to Marjorie Lee Herdman, nineteen-year-old Edwardsville girl, officers said. Hern left his wife in Topeka about two months ago while he went to Kansas City seeking work. He met wife No. 2 about two weeks afterward.

October 24, 1943 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Elburn Beal New Shawnee Sheriff

Sheriff Bill Frey, Shawnee County's only sheriff who did not serve his entire term to which he was elected, tendered his resignation yesterday morning to Gov. Andrew Schoeppel and Elburn Beal, deputy, immediately was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

Frey is entering the Seabees as a boatswain. He left town during fair week and took his preliminary examination and signed up the necessary papers at Leavenworth and Kansas City. Then he returned home to await a call. He responded to the call Wednesday night and finally was sworn in Friday. He returned home yesterday morning on a furlough to wind up his business affairs. He will report for service October 29.

Beal, his successor, appointed upon Frey's recommendation, was the oldest deputy in his office in point of service. He became sheriff. He served in that capacity four years under Rogers, four years under Roy Boast and almost three years under Sheriff Frey.

Governor Schoeppel said he acted promptly on Frey's recommendation after making a careful investigation of Beal's record. P. G. Reilly, record clerk in the office of Frank Ryan, secretary of state, gave Beal his commission a few minutes after the appointment was announced.



TWELVE YEARS' EXPERIENCE
**ELBURN M.
 BEAL**
 FOR
SHERIFF
 REPUBLICAN
 Sheriff Since October 23, 1943,
 Appointed by Governor Schoeppel
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1944 Campaign item used by Elburn M. Beal during the general election.

Provided by his daughter Jean (Beal) Fitzgibbons



Elburn Beal received decorative badge from "his deputy friends"

Provided by Jean (Beal) Fitzgibbons

**November 3, 1943
 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Courthouse and Police

Sheriff Elburn M. Beal had a serious manpower shortage on his hands yesterday. There were almost as many deputies on the sick list as there were on duty. Charles Gillespie is in Christ's Hospital revering from an appendicitis operation. Al Fager went home sick and may be off a week. Leo Boos was off with a touch of the flu.

**November 2, 1946
 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

POSSIBILITIES FOR NEW COUNTY JAIL WITHOUT BOND ISSUE

12 A Day Average

Sheriff Elb Beal said the County had averaged 12 prisoners a day during the past few months and that only one prisoner was confined at the county jail at the present time.

.....the present jail is considered unfit because of the wooden stairways which would make it impossible to remove prisoners from the upper floor of the jail in case of a downstairs fire. There are cracks in the walls, and rain water comes thru the soft-brick walls of the 60-year-old jail "like a sieve".

**November 8, 1946
 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

ED A. KIENE WILL BE COATES' UNDERSHERIFF

William P. Coates, Sheriff elect, announced Thursday appointment of Ed A. Kiene, clerk at the police station for last six years, as his Undersheriff. Kiene is a nephew of the late L. L. Kiene, former Sheriff of Shawnee County.

Kiene is a lifelong resident of this county, served overseas with Battery A, 130 Field Artillery of the 35th Division during World War I and two sons were in World War II. His father, Guy Kiene, operated a store at Valencia years ago and later Kiene and his father were in the grocery business in the College Hill District.

Coates indicated that he will not complete his force for several weeks.

**January 10, 1947
 THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Sheriff Must Find Home as Jail Closed

Custom of Providing Residence Ends With Moving of E. M. Beal

Sheriff Elburn M. Beal may be the last sheriff to occupy the sheriff's quarters in the old county jail. William P. Coates his successor who takes office Monday, probably will be asked to provide his own living quarters elsewhere.

Altho sheriff's have lived in special quarters in the jail building since the jail was built 60 years ago, the county commissioners pointed out that there is no provision in the state statutes that would

compel Shawnee County to provide quarters for the sheriff. It simply has been a custom, they said.

Plan Abandonment

As the matter stands now, preliminary plans have been made to abandon the old jail and house the county prisoners in the city jail. No contract with the city has been signed but the city and county commissioners have discussed the matter several times. The old jail has been condemned. Judge Paul Heinz recently declared after an inspection trip that it was not fit for human occupancy. A contract is expected to be drawn up and signed by the city and county commissioners soon.

Sheriff Beal and his family vacated the sheriff's quarters Thursday. They moved to their old home at 215 Elmwood.

Housing Wrinkles

A few wrinkles will have to be ironed out before the county prisoners are moved into the city jail. Sheriff's have regarded a county jail matron as a necessity especially when they are called upon to take an insane woman into custody. The city jail already has a matron and there is not room to provide living quarters for both. The county matron's salary is inadequate for her to provide her own living quarters. A question of retaining night and day jailers also will be a rather knotty one.

One of the commissioners pointed out last night the sheriff's increased expenses in providing his own quarters can be remedied by a salary hike in the proposed fees and salary bill to be introduced during the session of the coming legislature.

January 14, 1947
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

SHAWNEE SHUFFLES OFFICES OFFICERS WITHOUT MUCH ADO

William P. Coates, new Sheriff, spent a busy afternoon issuing commissions. The old commissions issued to various night watchman, guards, special agents, etc. had expired and it was up to them to obtain new commissions from the Sheriff before they had a right to carry a gun in line of duty.

The new Sheriff's Force includes E. A. Kiene, Undersheriff, Charles Gillespie, Al Gordon, Charles Bradbury, Harvey Bahner, Charles French, Earl Coffman, Pearl Martin Matron, A. P. Challis night jailer, and Charles Johnson day jailer.

.....Ellis Herman, deputy sheriff during Sheriff Elburn M. Beals administration, moved next door to become deputy marshal of the Court of Topeka.

January 21, 1947
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Slot Machine Backfires with \$100 Court Fine

Henry Turner of Rossville was fined \$100 and costs Monday morning in the Court of Topeka on a charge of operating a slot machine. He then was paroled upon the payment of \$50 and costs. Sheriff William P. Coates and his deputies seized the slot machine Saturday night.



1948 Deputy Harvey Bahner & Pat Harvey
Photo - Kansas State Historical Society

1950's

January 4, 1951
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Asher, Andrew	Deputy	1953	1955
Berwert, Bill	Deputy	1954	
Brown, Jerome	Sheriff	1957	1960
	Undersheriff	1970	
	Deputy	1968	1969
Brickley, Paul	Deputy	1956	
Buckner, Leonard	Jailer	1958	1960
Burkhart, Pauline	Deputy	1957	1961
Burman, Harry	Deputy	1954	
	Jailer	1955	1960
Busey, Merle	Deputy	1955	1956
Coffman, Charles	Deputy	1955	1956
Coffman, Earl	Deputy	1950	
Collier, Joseph	Jailer	1957	1960
Coulter, Harvey	Deputy	1957	1960
		1967	1970
Cuevas, Raul	Deputy	1957	1958
Cummings, Martin	Deputy	1957	1958
Cummings, George	Jailer	1953	1956
Dawson, Buddy	Deputy	1954	
Dodson, Eddie	Deputy	1957	1960
Doss, Marion t.	Deputy	1951	1954
Duncan, William	Deputy	1957	1958
Engler, Allen	Sheriff	1955	1956
Engrstrom, Pearl	Deputy	1951	1983
Griffin, William	Deputy	1955	1956
Hall, James	Deputy	1955	1956
Haney, Arch	Deputy	1951	1954
		1958	1960
Hargis, Robert	Jailer	1955	
Henry, Marion A.	Deputy	1957	
Hooper, Charles	Deputy	1955	1964
Hornbeck, George	Undersheriff	1957	1960
	Undersheriff	1940	1943
	Deputy	1937	1939
Hunt, George	Jailer	1955	
Jenkins, William Jr.	Deputy	1957	1958
Johnson, Stanton	Deputy	1953	1964
		1947	
Jones, Wilson	Deputy	1957	1960

Sheriff Elect Ed. A. Kiene announced Wednesday that he will appoint William P. Coates, present Sheriff and former Topeka Policeman, Undersheriff, when the new administration begins January 8, 1951.

Coates has been Sheriff since January 1947 and was on the police force for 13 years prior to that. He served in the Air Force during WWII, returning as a Captain.

Kiene also announced that John W. Snyder will be appointed tax collector to replace Deputy Charles French. French will become process server, replacing Earl Coffman, who has resigned to go into private business.



1953 Office Deputies Pearl (Lydic) Engstrom & Pauline Paige in front of Sheriff's residence and Jail at 5th & Van Buren

August 2, 1952
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Tecumseh Man to Undersheriff Post

Jerry T. Kreipe, Tecumseh, Friday was appointed Undersheriff of Shawnee County by Sheriff Ed Kiene.

He will succeed William Coates, former Sheriff, who resigned as Undersheriff several weeks ago.

Kreipe, who began work in the Sheriff's Office 15 years ago Friday, has served in office continuously since then with the exception of two years following World War II.

He served as Undersheriff for three years, from 1944 thru 1946, under Sheriff Elburn Beal, now register of deeds.

Kiene said Kreipe is acquainted with the work handled by the Sheriff's Office, particularly that

dealing with the serving of process papers and restraining orders.

Kreipe, a native of Shawnee County, attended county grade schools and high school at St. Marys. He is married and has on son, Paul, who lives Wichita.



January 1954 Sheriff Ed Kiene inspects plaster that fell from the ceiling at the County Jail.
Topeka Daily Capital - Staff

**August 5, 1954
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Deputies to Rejoin Sheriff's Force

Shawnee County Sheriff Ed Kiene said Wednesday he has agreed to let his Undersheriff and two deputies, all three of whom were Republican candidates for sheriff in Tuesday's primary, come back to work today.

Undersheriff Gerald Kreipe won the GOP nomination. Deputy Charles French put up a strong race, and deputy Stanton Johnson ran fourth in the four-way contest.

Kiene took all three off the pay roll the day following the June 22 filing deadline for candidates.

The sheriff's action Wednesday amazed several county officials, since one of the three candidates did much of his campaigning by running down the administration of the sheriff's office. Kiene was not a candidate for re-election.



1954 Merle Busey talking to Sheriff Deputies in patrol car. Photo provided by Merle Busey

**January 10, 1955
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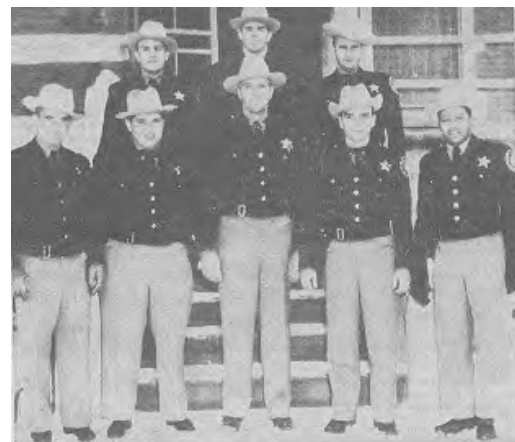
Eight on Sheriff's Force to Remain

Eight members of the old sheriff's force will remain on the staff when Allen Engler assumes his duties as sheriff today, it was announced Sunday night.

Charles French, who was been a deputy under four sheriffs, will have charge of the paper work and the collection of delinquent taxes. Both are among the most important functions of the sheriff's office. French will have two new men to assist him, Charles Hooper and Elmer McNish.

Pearl Lydic, office deputy under Sheriff Ed Kiene, will be retained on her old job. Other deputies who have been reappointed are: Stanton Johnson, Andrew Asher, Don Becker and Jay Ruby. Harry Burman and George Cummings will remain as jailers.

New men who will join the force under Sheriff Engler are Frank Wilcox, under-sheriff; William Griffin. Merle Busey, Wesley Smith, and AL Fager, deputies: George Hunt, jailer, and Robert Hargis, relief jailer.



1955 Sheriff's Office personnel standing on south steps of County Jail, 5th & Van Buren.
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New Sheriff Asks for Larger Staff

Shawnee County's new sheriff, Allen Engler, of Pauline, Monday asked County Commissioners to support his recommendation that the sheriff's force be enlarged.

Engler said that it is his opinion that the sheriff's force needs to have at least six more men and two more cars if the county is to get the protection and service it needs.

He asked the support of commissioners when county officials get together with Shawnee legislators to discuss local proposals that will be submitted to the new Legislature.

The sheriff's budget, as is the case with most county offices, is set by the Legislature.

The budget is now \$54,000 for salaries plus about \$4,500 contributed last year by Topeka Township, commissioners said. It was raised two years ago from \$39,000.

"It is my contention," Engler said, "that Shawnee County has outgrown the sheriff's protection as is furnished by statute for a county of its present size and under present conditions."

He later added that the Shawnee force is far below the average strength of other Kansas counties. Sedgwick County has twice as many men and three times more money although it does not have a lot more people living outside the City of Wichita.

Engler now has a force of 17, including the undersheriff, office deputy, and jailers.

Commissioners said they will study the proposal and notify Engler of their conclusions.



1955 New Equipment-Shawnee County Sheriff's patrol cars are wearing a new look now, both inside and out. Each of the patrol cars are being equipped with a riot gun, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, traffic flares, lights, tow chains, handcuffs, shovel, blanket for accident victims, and a steel measuring tape. Underheriff Vernon Robinson, above left, said the cars will be equipped to meet any kind of an emergency. Between Robinson and Patrolman Jack Asher, right, is seen the new emblem the patrol cars will wear which says, "Shawnee County Sheriff". Photo - Daily Capital Staff



**1955 Sheriff Allen Engler
Topeka State Journal photo**



**1955 Sheriff Engler & deputies. Deputy Merle Busey (front row, 2nd from left).
Photo - Merle Busey**

**People Like to Tell Stories About Officials
Ex-Rancher Learns**

**Public Office Fun, but Tedious Too,
Sheriff Finds After First 6 Months**

By Don Flynn

What's it like for a political greenhorn to step into public office?

That question was put to Shawnee County's Sheriff of six months, Allen Engler, who is the first to admit he was green as grass when he stepped into office.

Engler says he likes the job more and more as time goes by. Tho the raw-boned ex-rancher laughs it off, he's had his share of battles since taking over January 10th.

One of his first moves was to take measures to "run the jail as a jail should be run." That included restricting traffic in and out of the jail by unauthorized persons, and more careful scrutiny of arrangements concerning attorneys and bondsmen, he said.

In that direction, he erected a wire cage at the jail door, and moved bonding blanks into his office. That ruffled some feathers.

Finally Engler barred one attorney from the jail, which caused more fur to fly.

"It stopped attorneys from soliciting business around the jail," he said, "which is against the ethics of the Topeka Bar Association.

"But I guess some feet got stepped on, and sometimes that leads to unfavorable publicity."

The new Sheriff won an increase for his budget with the backing of county commissioners that will enable him to hire three new deputies and an additional office worker- "we were understaffed," he said.

Also part of the new look is a handsome set of uniforms.

"Deputies got the first training they had received." Engler says, under a week's instruction by the State Highway Patrol.

Engler separated traffic from other law enforcement, and named Merle Busey to a post he created to handle it- deputy sergeant of traffic. The

sheriff's cars now have trouble lights, fire extinguishers and first-aid kits, and deputies hold Red Cross first aid cards.

The 45-year old Democrat won out over four Republicans and another Democrat to be the first Democrat in 16 years to hold the office of sheriff.

Engler, who formerly operated the Mulvane ranch at Rossville, and the 4-E Ranch in Shawnee County, reflects that "a good part of the law is good, common horse sense. When you think it out, good sense usually follows the law pretty much".

"There's quite an element of people how must have their problems taken care of for them," he said, "and that's most of our business."

Engler cast a wary eye on some of the county's night spots, and "ran them into line."

"I have the backing of the county commissioners to revoke the license of any club that doesn't operate as it should," he said.

Engler says he spends nine out of ten nights in his office getting home for meals about once a week. It takes about 12 hours each day on the job.

While collecting \$56,000 in back taxes, Engler let the public know he meant business by towing in one errant taxpayers car. And he suggested television sets would be next.

When you ask the Sheriff about the slams he gets, as do all office holders, everywhere he isn't too concerned.

"Sometimes it's hard to tell who your friends are," he says. "I've met a lot of people since coming into office. If you want to know how I stand, ask these people."

Like all men who hold office, and especially the Sheriff's Office, Engler has been the target of a lot of stories.

Engler has heard some of them, and once got the name of a man who was supposed to be spreading one rumor.

Engler asked the man to drop into his office and confronted him with the report.

The flustered gossip was taken back, and had to admit there was no basis for it that he knew.

"That sort of thing you have to expect from some people," he says. "I didn't file charges or anything."

There has been a variety of rumors about him, the Sheriff concedes, but he notes nobody has offered to prove any of them yet.

How does it feel to be a Democrat in the midst of a wilderness of Republicans? The Sheriff doesn't comment on that either, except to say it must have taken a few Republican votes to get him in office.

All things considered, tho, Engler says he likes his job, and enjoys it more everyday. There are the drawbacks of anyone in public life, but on the other hand he says he's met and come in contact with many people he might not have met otherwise.

They say when you toss your hat into the political ring, you pitch your sensitive feelings out the window. Engler apparently has developed some of that rawhide needed to sluff off some of the barbs of offices.

And like all good politicians, he won't comment on whether he will run again next time.

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Three Retained on Sheriff's Staff

Three persons on the present sheriff's force will be retained by Jerome Brown when he takes office Monday. They are; Mrs. Pearl Engstrom, radio dispatcher; Anthony Leal, who handles civil papers, and Charles A. Hooper, deputy.

Announcement of the appointments of George Hornbeck as undersheriff, and J. R. "Jap" Wilson as captain in charge of the uniformed men, was made some time ago. Other appointments announced by Brown included: J. H. Niel, process server, Roy Boast Sr., tax collector, and William A. Jenkins Jr., Harvey J. Coulter, Clarence H. Wangerin, Jay G. Ruby, Wilson M. Jones. Marion A. Henry, Alfred W. Fager, Martin J. Cummings and Eddie W. Dodson, all deputies. Harry Burman, and Charles Williams were named as jailers.

Beryl Young, present jail cook, will be retained.

Brown said most of his appointees have had previous experience on the sheriff's force. Brown also announced that he expects to move into the sheriff's quarters of the jail as soon as minor repairs are made. The quarters have not been occupied for the past two years, but the new sheriff indicated that he wants to be available in the event of emergency.

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Expert Burglars Rob Topeka Firm

Safe burglars broke into the office of the Wilcox Trailer Park and Sales Co., 1946 North Topeka early Sunday and escaped with about \$1,000 in checks and currency and a string of beads.

Clarence Wangerin, deputy sheriff, who made the investigation, said the burglars apparently were experts who knew how to get into safes. They knocked off the combination and punched the lock.

Kauffman, Charles	Deputy	1956	
Kiene, Edwin A.	Sheriff	1951	1954
	Undersheriff	1947	1950
Lacey, Ray	Deputy	1955	1956
Landis, Lowell	Deputy	1956	
Leal, Anthony	Deputy	1953	1957
Lehnherr, Virgil	Deputy	1950	1952
Linder, Elmer	Deputy	1958	1959
Lowry, Jim	Deputy	1954	
McClanahan, James	Deputy	1955	1956
McNish, Elmer	Deputy	1955	1956
Mercer, Don	Deputy	1958	
Morse, William	Deputy	1959	
Neill, James	Deputy	1957	1962
Ruby, Jay	Deputy	1953	1957
Smith, Wesley	Deputy	1955	
Snyder, John W.	Deputy	1951	
Stephen, William Jr.	Deputy	1957	1959
Turner, Marion	Jailer	1954	
Urban, Alvin	Deputy	1952	
Wangerin, Clarence	Deputy	1957	1960
Wilcox, Frank	Undersheriff	1955	1956
Williams, Charles	Jailer	1957	
Wilson, Jasper	Deputy	1957	1964
Yager, J. Max	Deputy	1957	1958
Zirkle, Georgia	Deputy	1957	1958



1958 Sheriff Jerome Brown (far right) and other Sheriff's Office personnel.
Photo – Kansas State Historical Society

**December 27, 1957
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Sheriff, Chief Urge Unifying County, City Law Agencies

By Dave Hudson

A combined city-county law enforcement agency was recommended by Police Chief S. R. Purdue and Shawnee County Sheriff Jerome Brown Friday.

With a meeting of the new county courthouse planning committee about two weeks away when it is expected the architect will be given the go-ahead signal—both Purdue and Brown said they believe it would be wise to formulate a city-county law enforcement agency “in the very immediate future.”

Both said Friday it should be done soon so courthouse planning could include physical adjustments for such a department.

Eventual combination of city-county government has been called “inevitable” by Mayor Schnellbacher. Brown and Purdue call it “the answer” to many law enforcement problems.

Said Mayor Schnellbacher Friday, It is just a matter of time before the people will demand such a move as a means of lowering operating costs of government.

Biggest consideration, both Purdue and Brown pointed out, would be a savings of thousands of

dollars in operating cost. At present, Purdue said, it is necessary to operate “two of almost everything” in city and county police work.

“For example,” Purdue said, “the biggest saving would be in the combination of jails. Now we maintain two which are less than 100 feet apart and employ two cooks, extra guards, etc. Even now, the city jail is at its peak capacity.”

Brown said the county jail is “bulging,” and space for county prisoners would be needed anyway within a very few years.

Another financial hurdle accomplished thru consolidation would be the combination of patrol cars and one working garage. Separate maintenance costs eat up many taxpayer dollars, Purdue said.

Brown said his department has a difficult time adequately covering all districts in far-flung Shawnee County. He said he has had to accomplish this with a few more than two dozen men. “I firmly believe,” Brown said, “that more thoro, efficient coverage to the citizens would result from a combination.”

Both men agreed that a combined records department would increase efficiency more than 100 per cent. Purdue and Brown said it is now necessary to refer to each others records many times in the course of one simple investigation.

City and county boundaries have always been a problem. In some parts of the heavily populated areas of Topeka, the county line is down the middle of a busy street.

Expensive costs in operating two radio and communications sections would be eliminated with one radio department.

Whenever the county deals with juvenile delinquents, it must refer them to the city's youth bureau which many times work's with the youngster's family in rehabilitating him. Both departments frown on this half-and-half jurisdiction.

The handling of female prisoners is a constant bother for county officials who must take women to the city jail for imprisonment. There are no facilities in the county jail for housing women. This is another argument for a combined jail, they say.

Brown pointed out that under the present set-up of an elected sheriff once every two years, employees can never be sure of their jobs. Training a man to

any degree seems a waste of the county's money since the next sheriff could dismiss the employee at a moment's notice.

Both Purdue and Brown said they believed an appointment-type head over on consolidated department would be most workable and less likely to become involved in political entanglements.

A Civil Service plan such as presently employed by the police department would help insure officers were of a high quality.

Purdue pointed up the police department's success in training officers thru its own police academy, a facility which the sheriff's department would find impractical due to a small number of employees.

Possible friction between the sheriff's department and the police department would also be lessened, both men agreed.

"It is no secret," Purdue said, "that in the past the police department and the sheriff's office have not worked together harmoniously. At present, we are fortunate that we are able to work together amiably. But I have seen times when there were plenty of hot tempers and hard feelings in both offices, much to the detriment of good law enforcement."

In cost reductions, both officers pointed out the "cheaper by the dozen" concept could be employed in every facet of police work from buying food to bullets.

Paper work under one unified report system would help immeasurably, they add. Differing reports used at present sometimes make it difficult for departments to coordinate efforts in crime detection and investigative work, they said. Already, the sheriff's office must rely on the city's crime laboratory and identification system bureau. They do not have the advantage of the newest scientific aids in their own department.

Brown and Purdue said these were only a few of the problems they encounter daily which consolidation could help solve.

Both men advised that such planning should be done "as soon as practical," Both intimated it would be foolish to erect a courthouse which in a few years would be out moded by a city-county consolidation which could just as well have been done before it was built.

But New System Could Be worked Out, Says Official

A merger of the duties of Shawnee County Sheriff Jerome Brown and Police Chief S. R. Purdue in one office would require an act of the Legislature, the revisor of statutes office said Friday.

Both the sheriff and police chief have agreed that such a combination would be workable and a good thing.

Since many of the duties of the police chief are covered by city ordinances, these would have to be changed, Fred Gulick, assistant revisor, said.

He said the sheriff's office is set up by law so any change in it would require change in state statutes.

Gulick said the sheriff has so many civil duties along with his law enforcement functions, it might be hard to combine all of them with police chief's powers into one office.

The sheriff serves papers in civil suits, collects delinquent taxes and has many other duties not directly connected with arresting criminals, Gulick pointed out.

He said he thought the solution might be to have these civil functions taken over by some other county officer and combine only the law enforcement activities of the two offices.

The sheriff is charged with maintaining the county jail and with feeding prisoners, he pointed out.

Gulick said any state law authorizing such a change would have to be general law. It might be limited to cities and counties of certain population so that it would apply only to Topeka and this county, however.



1959 Sgt. Wilson Jones inspects damage to light box in bullpen area at County Jail
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Merger Would Require Act of Legislature

1960's

Amerine, Ronald	Deputy	1967	1970
Anderson, Dean	Deputy	1961	
Anderson, Wilbur	Deputy	1965	1966
Baird, Fred	Deputy	1966	
Barnes, Robert	Deputy	1963	1965
Becker, Donald	Undersheriff	1963	1964
	Deputy	1961	1962
		1954	1956
Blankenship, Leonard	Deputy	1964	1965
Bonfield, Ralph	Deputy	1964	
Bonjour, Harold	Deputy	1967	1968
Bonjour, Lester	Deputy	1967	1970
Bowers, Glenn	Deputy	1963	1966
Brandenburg, Lee	Deputy	1966	
Breault, Mickey	Deputy	1967	1968
Brunton, Margaret	Deputy	1963	
Buman	Deputy	1963	
Bunce, Frank	Deputy	1966	
Butts, Keith	Deputy	1965	
Campbell, Repps	Undersheriff	1961	1962
Carpenter, Eben	Deputy	1967	1970
Chaffee, F.T. "Jim"	Sheriff	1965	1966
	Sheriff	1971	1980
	Undersheriff	1964	
Combs, Charles	Jailer	1967	1969
Conner, Clyde	Deputy	1960	1961
Cox, William	Deputy	1967	1970
Dashiells, Roy	Deputy	1961	1964
Davis, Adam Jr.	Deputy	1969	
Davis, Ralph	Deputy	1965	1966
Debusk, Ken	Deputy	1967	1971
Denton, Richard	Deputy	1969	1994
Edwards, Marlin	Deputy	1965	
Falley, Lewis	Sheriff	1964	
Filkins, James Jr.	Deputy	1961	
Freel, Glen	Deputy	1966	
George, Bob	Deputy	1967	1969
Good, Lawrence	Deputy	1961	
		1964	1965
		1973	1989
Harold, William	Deputy	1967	1970
Harris, Williard	Deputy	1967	1970
Hathaway, Dave	Deputy	1963	



**1960 Capt. Harvey Coulter check light box.
Scene of thwarted jail break attempt**
Topeka Daily Capital - Staff

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Robinson Names Staff for Office

Vernon Robinson, who becomes Shawnee County Sheriff at noon on Monday, announced appointments to his office staff Saturday.

Robinson said Repps H. Campbell has been named as Undersheriff while J. R. Wilson will be patrol captain. Investigator will be Donald Becker.

Other appointees and their positions are: Jim Neal, Charlie Hooper, process servers; Stan Johnson, process server and warrants; Pauline Burkhart, switchboard operator and clerk; Joan Gardner, personal secretary; Mary Baldock, in charge of delinquent taxes; Daniel M. Murell, Otto Vaughn, Claude L. Lee, dispatchers and in charge of jail; Duane Warner, Dean L. Anderson, Harold L. Martin, Ralph E. Smith, Ralph H. Davis, James L. Filkins, Clyde E. Conner, Lawrence E. Good, patrolman.

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Sheriff Deputies To Take Training

Sheriff Vernon Robinson, who took office Monday, said he has made plans for training of his deputies to fulfill one of his campaign promises.

Robinson said six of his eight patrolmen will attend recruit officers training classes given by the police department. The 6-week class is expected to start within the next few weeks and will include recruit police officers.

Robinson, before being elected in November, promised his deputies would receive formal police training.

SNSO Personality

ROBERT 'BOB' INMAN

Deputy 1961-1989



Photo by Dwayne Juedes

Bob Inman was born in Fresno, California in 1935 and lived in Stockton, California until the family moved to Burlingame, Kansas in 1948. Inman attended a one-room grade school, Sharon Grade School, in a rural Burlingame area. Inman graduated from Burlingame High School in 1953 and later attended the University of Oklahoma and Washburn University.

Bob Inman married Paula Kieffer in 1965 and has three children, Allan Inman, Debbra Inman Parks, and Rodney Inman.

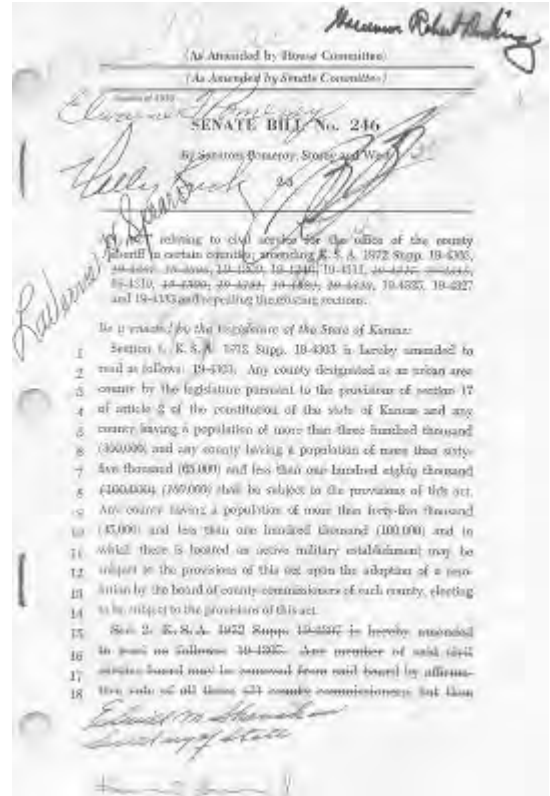
Inman served in the Army Reserves from 1954 to 1960 in the 733rd Transportation Unit and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Major Bob Inman began his career with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in 1961. He has served under five Sheriffs: Vernon Robinson, Lewis Falley, Emil Stawitz, F. T. "Jim" Chaffee, and Ed Ritchie. Inman ran for Sheriff in 1992 in the Republican primary, but was defeated for the nomination by Dave Meneley.

Bob Inman served as Undersheriff 1971-72 for Sheriff Chaffee and again as Undersheriff 1981-1984 for Sheriff Ritchie.

In 1971, Bob Inman began the campaign to obtain Civil Service status for the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department. Most of the Sheriff's Department staff contributed funds to the effort so that the Shawnee County delegation to the

legislature and the Shawnee County Commissioners could be entertained and lobbied at the NCO club at Forbes Air Force Base. The Civil Service proposal was fashioned after the Johnson County Civil Service program and was passed during the 1972 legislative session. Shawnee County Civil Service took effect July 1, 1972. The Shawnee County Sheriff's Department numbered only 33 employees, including the Sheriff and jail personnel in 1972.



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COUNTY PRISONERS INITIATE SHERIFF

Prisoners in the county jail "initiated" new Sheriff Vernon Robinson late Monday.

They started a fire in a trashcan in the upper bullpen and plugged drains in shower stalls and washbasins to flood both bull pens.

Robinson said he talked to the prisoners and warned them he "would not tolerate anymore such instances"

**May 3, 1963
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Courthouse Offer Cold-Shouldered

The 68-year-old Shawnee County courthouse, unwanted by local charities, apparently will be torn

down when the new courthouse at 7th and Quincy is finished, Darold Main, chairman, county commissioners, said Thursday.

A month ago Main proposed to about 20 charities they use the old building for offices, lease-free, when the building is vacated.

Main said, "The response was not sufficient to warrant any further consideration of these institutions using the old courthouse."



1963 Deputy Buman in patrol car
Topeka State Journal – Staff



1963 Undersheriff Don Becker inspects saw blades found in the Shawnee County Jail.
Topeka State Journal – Staff

Hayes, Floyd	Deputy	1967	1970
Hayes, Joe	Deputy	1965	1969
Hendrix, Kenneth	Deputy	1961	1964
		1971	
Holt, Bill	Deputy	1969	1970
Hunston, Ed	Deputy	1966	
Inman, Bob	Undersheriff	1971	1972
	Undersheriff	1981	1984
	Deputy	1961	1968
		1973	1980
		1985	1989
Jackson, Jerry	Deputy	1966	
Johnson, Stanley	Deputy	1961	1964
Kelly, Tony	Deputy	1961	1963
Lawson, John	Undersheriff	1965	1966
	Deputy	1964	
Lee, Claude	Deputy	1961	
Lines, Robert	Deputy	1965	
Loveland, Larry	Deputy	1964	1966
Luenberger, Eddie	Deputy	1967	1970
Mairs, Russell	Deputy	1966	1973
Mardock, Don	Deputy	1966	
Martin, Harold	Deputy	1961	1965
Maxfield, Marvin	Deputy	1969	
Mechler, Wallace	Deputy	1965	1989
Merideth, Wayne	Deputy	1961	
Metzger, Harold	Deputy	1969	
Mize, Ted	Deputy	1966	
Morrell,	Deputy	1961	
Mueller, William	Deputy	1966	1968
Murell, Daniel M.	Deputy	1961	
Nudson, Richard	Deputy	1963	1965
Ortega, Juan	Deputy	1963	1966
Owensby, Gary	Deputy	1967	1968
Paige, Walter	Deputy	1966	1970
Parsons, Hazel	Matron	1969	1970
Pierce, Ken	Deputy	1968	1969
		1971	2005
Pilary, Ed	Deputy	1966	
Ping, Bob	Deputy	1965	
Radford, Rich	Deputy	1965	
Rayls, Don	Deputy	1965	
Reese, Ralph	Deputy	1969	
Reynolds, Dave	Deputy	1965	

**May 21, 1963
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

County Moves to Auction Jail Site

Shawnee County commissioners Monday authorized S. F. Fleeker, county counselor, to start legal proceedings necessary to place the county jail site on the auction block. The City of Topeka may buy it.

The jail building is 77 years old, nine years older than the courthouse. Proceeds will be used to help defray the cost of the \$4 ½ million new courthouse and jail being erected at 7th and Quincy.

Fleeker said bids might be opened as soon as mid-July. The property consists of three 25-foot lots each 150 feet deep.

The three story masonry building, housing the jail and sheriff's offices, would need to be razed. One unofficial estimate on the razing cost was \$4,000.

Several years ago the value of the property was estimated at \$25,000 in a report by the City Planning Commission.

Fleeker said he would file an application today in Shawnee County District Court asking for the appointment of Virg Ellis, Lee W. Council and Glen F. Davis as commissioners to appraise the property.

Following their appraisal, the public is given 30 days in which to protest the appraisal, Fleeker said.

Next, the court, if there are no protests, confirms the figure and the site cannot be sold for less than 75 percent of that amount, the counselor said.

The last step would be the 30 days notice to bidders and opening of bids.

Fleeker said the county is not bound to accept the highest offer but the one it accepts must be 75 percent of the appraised figure.

Police Chief Dana Hummer has expressed interest in the site for expanding the police department, which is across the alley east from the jail.

Mayor Hal W. Gerlach said in a telephone conversation Monday he is "certain" the city would be interested in getting the property.

"As of now, we probably would use it for parking," he said.

Fleeker said sale of the building would be contingent upon the site becoming available when the new jail is ready for occupancy. This is expected to be in June of next year.



1963 Shawnee County Jail "poor condition"
Topeka State Journal - Staff

**June 9, 1964
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Bars Found Cut At County Jail

Several bars in the bullpen at the Shawnee County jail were found Monday to be severed or partially severed, Undersheriff F. T. (Jim) Chaffee said.

One of the flat bars had been completely cut when the damage was discovered Monday night. Another bar was cut halfway and another was started, Chaffee said.

“Only one thing they can use- and that’s a hacksaw.” Chaffee said. “But we didn’t find any hacksaw.”

Chaffee said the last escape from the jail was made by this method a few months ago. There were prisoners in the bullpen when the severed bars were discovered.



1964 Chevy – SNSO Patrol Car
Topeka Daily Capital - Staff



1964 Deputy Lee Sipes
Topeka Daily Capital - Staff



**1964 Deputy Harold Martin &
Deputy Charles Hooper**

June 12, 1964
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Saw Blades Found in Jail

A package of hacksaw blades was found Thursday after a four hour search through the upper bullpen of Shawnee County Jail- the latest of many incidents detailing the need for a maximum security jail, said Undersheriff F. T. (Jim) Chaffee.

The blades were discovered jammed into a rusted opening in the wall of one of the cells in the bullpen. Chaffee said six deputies searched the area for four hours.

The search was initiated after bars in one of the cells were found severed Monday-but no hacksaw blades were found.

Although a prisoner is searched three or four times before he reaches his cell, the condition of the old

jail would allow a prisoner to be passed tools from the outside.

Once in his cell, a prisoner can hide almost any size object in the large holes rusted away in the walls, or in the cracked air vents, or along the hard to see ridges above the cells.

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**To Boost Prisoner Morale-Paint, TV Brighten
Jail**



Captive Audience - A television set perched inelegantly atop a garbage can in the newly painted bullpen in Shawnee County jail, is furnishing entertainment for prisoners Monday night for the first time. Prisoners pulled their mattresses off their bunks, for more comfortable watching. The set belongs to one of the prisoners. Topeka State Journal – Perry Riddle

Although the bullpen at the Shawnee County Jail still is basically “prison provincial,” some remodeling touches over the weekend by county prisoners have brightened it up.

A fresh coat of light gray paint has covered the “black and dreary” walls of the bullpen- a long corridor with cells along the sides.

At the end of the bullpen sits a garbage can on top of which sits something never before allowed in the pen - a television set.

Acting Sheriff F. T. (Jim) Chaffee initiated the paint job, and allowed the television to be brought from the home of one of the prisoners.

The paint was needed, Chaffee said, because of the condition of the jail. He also said he found prisoners had been using the same blankets for “at least three months.”

The television was allowed in the pen as a special privilege, Chaffee said.

“They had been without privileges too long,” Chaffee said. “It got to the place where there just weren’t any more privileges to take away.”

“If they want to raise hell,” sheriff’s investigator Don Becker said, they ask, “What can you do to me? You’ve already taken away all my privileges.”

Chaffee said he talked to both bullpens, upper and lower and the lower “was the most receptive.” The prisoners scrubbed the pen and did the painting themselves.

Eight gallons of paint were used. Chaffee cleared the purchase through the County Purchasing Agent.

“The paint has really brightened the place up,” Chaffee said. “It was so black and dreary in there it would ruin their eyes to read.”

Chaffee said he is not worried about the conduct of the prisoners concerning the television. “There’s too many men in there who will want to keep it. They won’t let the other cause it to be taken away,” Chaffee said.

The physician who treats prisoners several times a month at the jail said the television probably will reduce the “acute anxieties” of most of the men.

“These boys sit for 24 hours a day looking at the walls,” the physician said, “some of them are physically ill, but almost everyone is nervous. All they can do is look at the wall and say, “I’ve got

asthma, I’m in prison. I’ve got asthma, I’m in prison.”

“Maybe the television will make them feel like somebody’s on their side,” he said.

This arrangement is a trial, Chaffee said. “If it doesn’t work we can always yank the television out.”

While showing a reporter through the jail Monday night, Chaffee asked the prisoners in the upper bullpen if they were willing to scrub and paint.

They willingly agreed, and even suggested what in their experience are the stronger cleaning agents.

But how will they decide what channel to watch?



Jan 1965 New department uniforms are being worn by Sharon Niernberger, Keith Butts (standing) and Ken Hendrix implemented by Sheriff F. T. “Jim” Chaffee
Topeka Daily Capital - Staff

January 12, 1965
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Chaffee Staff Uniforms New

Wearing new charcoal uniforms with white crash helmets, 13 patrolmen- the largest number of patrolling deputies ever employed by the Shawnee County Sheriff’s office- went to work Monday, Sheriff F. T. (Jim) Chaffee said a few hours after he was installed in office.

Within 30 minutes after Chaffee was sworn into office, two patrol cars were checked out Chaffee said. Six to eight patrolmen were scheduled to be on duty Monday night.

Chaffee explained that he is able to put more men on the county roads by cutting down personnel in the warrants and tax departments.

“We can now draw on our patrolmen to these other departments when they’re needed.” Chaffee said. It is this flexibility that will be a key in his administration, he said.

The new uniforms-charcoal with gray stripes, cuffs, and pocket flaps, dark ties with a white crash helmet- are part of Chaffee’s modernization program for the sheriff’s office he said.

Even the women in the office now wear the uniforms, he said.

“We’ve had nothing to do since Nov 2 except plan what we were going to do with the sheriff’s office,” Chaffee said. “Now we’re going to do it.”



1965 Sgt Leonard Blankenship at “new jail” in the Courthouse 200 East 7th Topeka Daily Capital - Staff



March 1965 First group of Shawnee County Jail prisoners being moved from old jail (5th & Van Buren) to new jail in the Courthouse at (200 E. 7th). Sgt. Ken Hendrix supervises the event. Topeka Daily Capital - Staff



1965 Deputy Marlin Edwards in Sheriff Communications Center. Topeka State Journal - Staff

**April 21, 1965
TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Juvenile Officer Hired by Sheriff

A former Newton policeman now attending Washburn University has been hired as the first juvenile officer for the Shawnee County Sheriff’s Department, Sheriff F. T. (Jim) Chaffee said Tuesday night.

Robert Kendall Myers, 27, 1800 Burnett road, began work for the department Tuesday

Unique Post

Chaffee said he believes Myers will be the first juvenile officer employed by the Sheriff’s Department in the history of the county, and hold a unique appointment in the state.

Myers will be an investigator, preparing cases against juveniles for submission to the Shawnee County Juvenile Court for disposition, Chaffee said.

Myers will act much in the same manner as officers of the Topeka Police Juvenile Bureau do, Chaffee said.

Held Law Posts

“We had been talking about this program a long time,” Chaffee said, “and now I think we’ve found the right man.”

Myers, who will graduate from Washburn this spring, plans to attend Washburn Law School.

He was a Newton policeman 2 ½ years, a Harvey County Sheriff's Deputy for 2 ½ years, and an unsuccessful candidate for Sheriff.

While attending Washburn Myers has been working with disturbed teenagers at the Menninger Foundation.

Myers is a graduate of a University of Kansas School of Police Science, and a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Prisons Court for Jail Management.

Myers, six feet tall and 275 pounds, is the son of Dr. Robert W. Myers, chief surgeon at Bethel Clinic in Newton.

Active in Boy Scouts and boys' summer camps, Myers said he has always been interested in working with youths, and minored in psychology at Washburn.

Myers said he will make use of the 165 persons, holders of special deputy commissions, who constitute a reserve sheriff's deputy force.

A meeting of special deputies to acquaint them with the new juvenile department and possible duties, was held Monday night, Chaffee said.



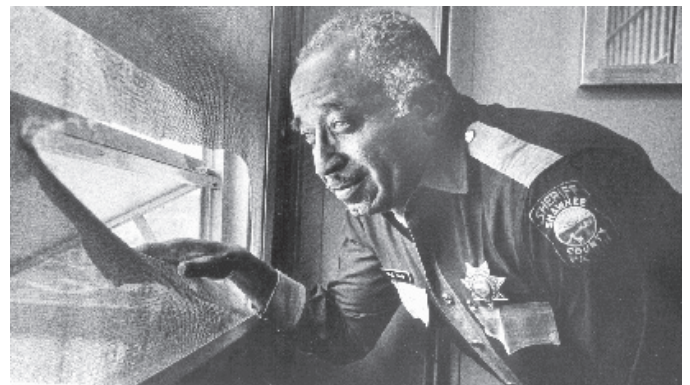
Robert Kendall Myers



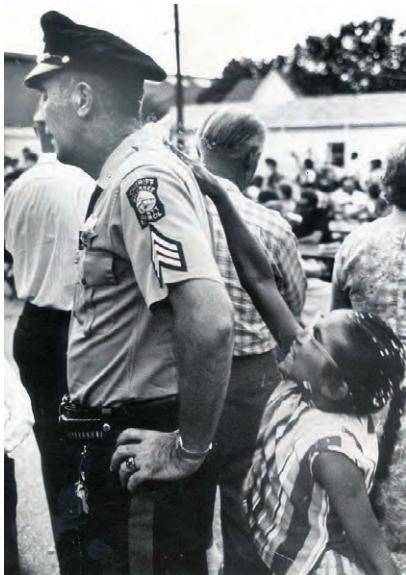
May 1966 Old County Jail being demolished.
Topeka State Journal – Jack Kenward



1966 Sheriff Chaffee's bloodhound "Big John" tracking a recent jail escapee
Topeka State Journal – Staff



1966 Deputy Willard Harris examined the escape route of two jail inmates
Topeka State Journal – Rod Harris



1966 Sgt Wallace Mechler at Mexican Fiesta
Topeka Daily Capital - Staff

January 10, 1967
THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

New and Re-elected County Officials Assume Positions

Emil Stawitz, Sheriff, said "I'm pleased with the way things have gone so far. It's been a smooth transition and we've had good cooperation."

Stawitz said his department "had a car on the road 33 minutes after we walked in the door."

Stawitz has retained 12 deputies from former Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee's staff.

Harvey Bahner has been named Undersheriff with Harvey Coulter, Lester Bonjour and Larry Good appointed sergeants in the new force. Stawitz has eliminated the position of heads of departments with rank of captain.



1967 Sgt. Ron Amerine in patrol car equipped with "radar speed-checking device"
Topeka Daily Capital - Jack Kenward

Robinson, Charles	Deputy	1967	1968
Robinson, Vernon	Sheriff	1961	1964
	Undersheriff	1969	1970
	Undersheriff	1955	1956
Sands, Harley	Deputy	1967	1987
Sauve, John	Deputy	1965	1967
Shutt, Steve	Deputy	1964	
Sides, Jerry	Deputy	1966	
Sipes, Lee Jr.	Deputy	1963	1966
Smith, Ralph	Deputy	1961	1964
Stawitz, Emil	Sheriff	1967	1970
Suitt, Michael	Deputy	1969	
Tate, Shelby	Deputy	1969	1970
Teeselink, Guy "Scott"	Deputy	1969	1970
Tillman, Al	Deputy	1965	
Umscheid, Clyde	Deputy	1967	1970
Vaughn, Otto	Deputy	1961	
Vincent, Dale	Deputy	1969	1970
Waggoner, Paul	Jailer	1966	
Warner, H. Duane	Deputy	1961	1964
White, Robert	Deputy	1966	1969
White, Harold	Deputy	1965	1970
Williams, Mike	Deputy	1965	1973
Woodman, Bobb	Deputy	1966	
Woodward, John	Deputy	1961	



1969 The Ramirez Brothers - (left to Right) Cecil, Ed, Chuck, and Gilbert
SNSO Reserves Deputies

1970's

Alford, Thomas	Jailer	1972	1974
Ambruzzino, John D.	Deputy	1978	1979
Andrews, Gene	Undersheriff	1975	1976
Atha, Allen II	Deputy	1977	1981
Bacon, Karren	Deputy	1975	1976
Baer, Larry	Deputy	1975	1998
Ballard, Jeffrey	Deputy	1975	
Baird, Marsha	Deputy	1977	2005
Barber, John	Deputy	1979	Active
Bartley, Marcie	Deputy	1975	
Bayens, Gerald	Jailer	1979	1981
Bayer, Patty	Jailer	1979	
Beasley, William	Deputy	1975	1977
Behrens, Robert	Jailer	1976	
Bentley, David Jr.	Deputy	1979	2003
Berens, Anthony	Jailer	1979	1980
Bishop, Thomas	Jailer	1976	
Bixby, Vern	Deputy	1972	1974
Blankenship, Mike	Deputy	1971	1983
Blaske, Kenneth	Jailer	1979	1980
Bloss, Charles	Deputy	1974	1997
Brown, Zane	Jailer	1970	
Brumbaugh, Darold	Deputy	1972	1976
Bryant, Dan	Deputy	1973	2001
Bryant, Melvin	Deputy	1975	
Bryant, Robert	Deputy	1971	2003
Buch, Kenneth	Deputy	1973	
Burghart, John	Deputy	1972	1997
Burkett, Marilyn	Deputy	1979	1994
Busey, Al	Deputy	1970	1971
Butts, Kenneth	Deputy	1973	1985
Byers, Timothy	Deputy	1977	1999
Campfire, Melvin	Deputy	1977	1984
Canfield, Kip	Deputy	1971	1980
Carlson, Marcy	Deputy	1977	1987
Carpenter, James	Deputy	1970	
Carter, Wayman	Deputy	1977	1988
Clayter, Michael	Deputy	1978	1979
Coffee, Ilene	Matron	1975	1981
Colyer, John	Deputy	1979	1981
Cooper, Lloyd	Deputy	1978	1990
Cosby, Ron Jr.	Jailer	1977	



1970 Deputy Scott Teeselink discussing safety issues. Topeka Capital Journal – Staff



1970 SNSO Jailer checks private cells
Topeka Capital Journal - Staff

SNSO Personality

WANDA DEHART MCKAY

Deputy / Clerk 1971-2001



Wanda McKay served the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office over a 30-year span under Sheriffs Jim Chaffee, Ed Ritchie, Dave Meneley and Richard Barta. During most of that time, Wanda was office manager and secretary to the Sheriff, placing her in the center of all business conducted by the Sheriff's Office.

During that time, Wanda was a sworn deputy part of the time and was also a Reserve Deputy with her husband, Phillip McKay. Wanda's son, Phil McKay is a career officer with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, making county service a family endeavor.

Wanda McKay worked as a clerk in collecting delinquent property taxes and in scheduling Sheriff's auctions and then became Sheriff Chaffee's office manager and personal secretary. When Sheriff Ed Ritchie took office in 1981, Wanda served as Ritchie's office manager and personal secretary for another 12 years.

Later, Wanda worked as a clerk in the Warrants Division before she retired in 2001. A life-long resident of North Topeka, and dedicated public servant, Wanda passed away October 2, 2003.



1971 Deputy Judy Howbert wearing new SNSO uniform. Topeka State Journal – Staff



1971 SNSO Dispatch Center. Seated. Deputies Richard McEntire, Richard Denton, and Mike Hamblin. Photo - Dwayne Juedes



1972 Jailer Earl West inspects catwalk at county jail in Shawnee County Courthouse Topeka State Journal – Staff



1972 Deputy Farrell Fouts serving a paper.
Topeka State Journal – George Olson

March 26, 1972
THE TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL

22 Graduate to Sheriff's Reserve Here

The first graduating class of reserve officers of the Shawnee county Sheriff's Department was warned Saturday of the sometimes dangerous task they would be involved in – 125 America police officers were killed in 1971.

Sgt. Ken Pierce, training officer, said the only answers to terrorist killings were increased public sympathy for the peace officer's role in society and better training for policemen.

Quick Decisions

"Police must make decisions in split seconds that the courts will argue over for years. Better training means that police officers will have expertise in all phases of law enforcement and be better able to protect themselves in all situations," Pierce noted.

Sheriff Jim Chaffee charged the 22 new graduates with keeping a proper public image.

"It's not right if you arrest a man on Saturday night for drunkenness if you were drunk on Friday night," he said.

Three officers received plaques for their outstanding performance during the 12-week course involving more than 60 hours of classroom and practical applications.

They were Kenneth Owensby, Phillip Shoyer, and Karl Cozad.

Graduates Named

Other graduates were: Scott Allen, Darold Brumbaugh, G. D. Cook, Tom Deatrick, Fred Downey, Eugene Harrison, Glen Hause, William Kasting, Mike Lindeman, E. R. Mallory, Ronald May, Charles Peck, J. C. Shively, Paul Sommer, Richard Starkey, George Teplansky, Mark Wanamaker, Dale Williams and Jack Young.

Chaffee strongly hinted that he may be a candidate for Sheriff again in 1972.



Sheriff's Office Civil Process & Fugitive Bureau personnel. Photo – Dwayne Juedes



Deputy Clerk Grace Artzer – Warrants Photo – Dwayne Juedes



Capt Bob Inman & U.S. Kendall Myers

Crady, Larry	Deputy	1975	2000
Crane, Kermit	Deputy	1977	Active
Dalrymple, Warren	Deputy	1974	1975
Dauner, Alana	Deputy	1975	
Dearing, Tim	Deputy	1976	1984
Denton, David	Deputy	1977	1987
Dixon, Larry	Deputy	1977	1986
Downey, Fred	Deputy	1977	1986
Downey, James	Deputy	1976	1981
Dragoo, Ronald	Deputy	1977	1978
Duerfeldt, Mary	Deputy	1972	1973
Dykes, Jeff	Deputy	1977	1981
Esberger, Edward II	Deputy	1975	1983
Fallier, Bob	Deputy	1972	
Federgreen, Gerald	Deputy	1975	1983
Fernkopf, Joan	Deputy	1970	
Ferrick, Deanna	Deputy	1979	
Fisher, Paul	Deputy	1970	1998
Fitzgibbons, Shirley	Deputy	1972	1997
Fleer,	Deputy	1970	1971
Flickenger, Brenda	Deputy	1979	1981
Fliney, Clarence	Jailer	1974	1981
Forster, Judith	Deputy	1971	1999
Fouts, Farrell	Deputy	1971	1993
Frost, Gerald	Animal Cont	1977	1984
Garrison, George "Ed"	Deputy	1970	1979
Gatewood, Richard	Jailer	1970	
Goldsmith, Mike	Deputy	1974	1976
Gomez, John	Jailer	1970	1971
Gonzales, Dennis	Deputy	1978	1979
Hamblin, Michael	Deputy	1971	1997
Harold, William	Jailer	1973	1976
Hayes, Chet	Deputy	1971	1972
Hernandez, Phillip	Jailer	1972	1974
Hindman, Earl	Deputy	1974	1981
Hladky, Rickey	Deputy	1977	Active
Hojnacki, Mark	Deputy	1977	1981
Holcomb, Craig	Deputy	1976	1985
Holladay, Scott	Deputy	1977	Active
Honn, James	Deputy	1978	2000
Howard, Shirley	Deputy	1974	
Hudson, William	Deputy	1977	1998
Hughes, William	Deputy	1975	

January 13, 1972
PICTORIAL TIMES

Chet Hayes Named Outstanding Officer

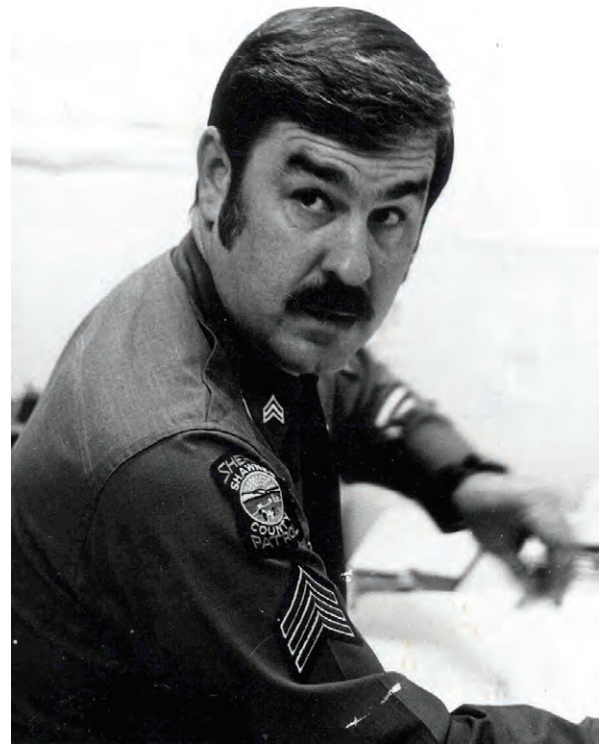
A 25-year-old Sheriff's Detective, Sgt. Chet Hayes, was named the Outstanding Young Officer of the year at a meeting of the Topeka Jaycees last night.

Hayes came to the Sheriff's Department last year from the Hays Police Department, where he worked with fingerprint detection and narcotics.

Nominations for the honor were sent in by Topeka citizens, and final selections were made by the Topeka Jaycees, who have co-sponsored the competition for three years with local banks. This year the event was co-sponsored with the Topeka State Bank.

First runner-up for the award was Dennis Wilkins of the Topeka Police Department, and second runner-up was Bob Miller of the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department.

Finalist were: Richard McEntire and Kenny Pierce, Sheriff's Department; and Arthur Gonzales, Lloyd Howe and Keith Hendrix, Police Department.



Sergeant Bob Miller

SNSO Personality

MICHAEL RAMIREZ

Deputy 1971-1997

&

LARRY BAER

Deputy 1975-1998



When Mike Ramirez and Larry Baer found themselves in the same Marine unit in Vietnam in 1968, they didn't know they had common roots. Ramirez was born in 1948 and raised in Lawrence, Kansas, but he told fellow Marines that he was from Kansas City because most wouldn't know where Lawrence was. Ramirez had married Anita, a Topeka girl, in 1967 before joining the Marines and was writing a letter home to Topeka when Baer saw the address and discovered a fellow Topekan in Ramirez. Larry Baer was born in Topeka in 1943 and graduated from Topeka High School. The two quickly became friends and shared in adventures neither will tell on the other, even to this day.



**1968 China Beach
DaNang South Vietnam**

**Larry Baer (standing at
left) and Mike Ramirez
(right)**

On one occasion, Mike Ramirez, while serving as a dispatcher for their unit, made an assignment that accidentally took Baer and others in a two-ton truck over a road that contained a landmine. Baer

was thrown from the truck, injuring his back and causing a physical problem that remains with him. Baer went into the hospital, recovered and continued to serve his tour in Vietnam. Ramirez's tour of duty was soon over and he returned to Topeka in 1970. Baer returned a few months later after receiving his discharge from the Marine Corps.

Mike Ramirez accepted employment with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in 1971, while Baer waited until 1975 to join Ramirez there. Ramirez, with four years service by the time Baer came to work, served as training officer in Patrol for Baer. Later, Ramirez was promoted to Detectives. Later still, Larry Baer who was a Corporal in Patrol, transferred into Detectives and Mike Ramirez was once again Larry Baer's training officer. The two worked side by side in Detectives until they retired. Both men say that the association that they have shared for over 40 years has been based upon the mutual trust between them that began in Vietnam.

Larry Baer has two sons, Scott and Bret, and two grandchildren. Mike Ramirez has a son, Michael Jr., and a daughter, Elena and two grandchildren. Elena is following her father into law enforcement as an officer with Topeka School District 501.



**1973 Sheriff Chaffee (right) & Sgt. Bob Miller
inspect "new device"
Topeka Daily Capital – Staff**

Ickard, Dewey	Deputy	1971	1973
Jackson, Bob	Undersheriff	1973	1975
James, Christopher	Jailer	1977	1978
Johnson, Buford	Deputy	1979	Active
Johnson, Harold	Jailer	1977	
Johnson, James	Jailer	1976	1977
Karasek, James	Jailer	1975	
Kern, John	Deputy	1974	1997
		1968	1969
Kilian, William	Deputy	1977	1999
Klunis, Mike	Deputy	1971	
Knauff, Johnetta	Deputy	1975	
Krasney, Joe	Deputy	1971	1980
		1963	
Lane, Rex	Deputy	1977	1979
Lee, James Jr.	Deputy	1977	1978
Lee, Richard	Deputy	1976	1994
Leeper, Paul	Deputy	1977	1979
Lewis, Billy	Deputy	1975	1988
Linch, Kenneth	Deputy	1973	1981
Lockett, Timothy	Deputy	1974	
Long, Oren Jr.	Deputy	1977	1994
Lovelace, Roger	Deputy	1974	1998
Lowrey, Ron	Deputy	1970	1978
Mallory, E. R.	Deputy	1971	1976
Martin, Scott	Deputy	1976	1977
Mauck, J. D.	Deputy	1979	1999
McClain, Roy	Jailer	1978	1981
McElroy, John III	Deputy	1976	1982
McEntire, Richard	Deputy	1970	1996
McGuire, Patrick	Deputy	1979	Active
McKenzie, Herb	Jailer	1973	1974
McKiney, Marc	Deputy	1975	1976
McQuade, Jim	Deputy	1971	
Meagher, Gary	Deputy	1974	1981
Mechler, Wallacell E.	Deputy	1979	1990
Mergen, Richard	Deputy	1979	Active
Merkel, Tom	Deputy	1977	1981
Metz, Jack	Deputy	1977	2001
Miller, Robert N.	Deputy	1971	1998
Myers, David	Deputy	1970	
Myers, Robert K	Deputy	1973	1990
		1965	
Nason, Marion	Deputy	1971	1973



1973 Reserve Deputy Sheriff Grant Cushinberry talking to a group of children



1974 Sheriff's Office Legal Advisor Joe Zima (right) provides input to Undersheriff Bob Jackson during budget hearing with BCC.
Topeka State Journal – Carl Davaz



**June 1976
TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

Reserve Leader New Undersheriff

Shawnee County Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee today named Edward C. Smith, formerly in charge of the Topeka Police Department reserve force, as undersheriff.

Smith, 1032 Winfield, is owner of E. M. Smith Plumbing Co., 1017 Oakland.

Smith succeeds Gene Andrews, who resigned June 29 to campaign for the Democratic nomination for election to the Board of Shawnee County Commissioners from the 2nd District.

Chaffee said Smith, 42, was hired because of his law enforcement experience. Smith was a member of the police reserve for 17 years, the last seven as commander. Smith was a major in the reserve unit for the last four years and will have the equivalent rank as undersheriff.

Smith took a leave of absence from the reserves on July 14.

Smith said he averaged 100 hours a month on the reserve force during the last six to eight months.

Smith will receive a salary of \$15,000.

Smith has been both a Democrat and a Republican, but said he now is an independent. He ran as a Republican against Chaffee in 1972 and lost.

Smith was selected from among eight applications, one of whom was a woman, Chaffee said.



**1975 Sheriff Chaffee and Major Inman (left), Sgt. Paul Fisher (seated at desk in background) with Deputy Larry Baer preparing a report.
Topeka Daily Capital - Staff**



**1975 Deputy Mike Hamblin (left) and Deputy Ted Rake inspecting new lighting system and a revamped 1969 Plymouth
Topeka Daily Capital - Jim Richardson**



Shirley Fitzgibbons - 1st female detective



Undersheriff Ed Smith



1977 Jail Book-in personnel



1977 Patrol Division



1977 Jail Court Security personnel



1977 Process Division



1977 Jail Personnel



1977 Warrant Division



1977 Office Staff Personnel

SNSO Personality

RONALD D. PALMER

Deputy 1978-1982



SNSO K-9 Unit



Officer of the Year Lin Standiferd (middle) with runner-up Dan Rhyne (left) and Dan Bryant

1978

THE TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL

Sheriff Selects Lin Standiferd Officer of Year

Sheriff's Patrolman Lin C. Standiferd, 28, was selected Friday by Shawnee County Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee as officer of the year for 1977. Chaffee also announced overall crime was down by 3 percent in 1977.

Standiferd, a six-year member of the department, was cited because of his increase in arrests for crimes that are considered felonies.

Chaffee said based on a system where stars are awarded for crime-in-progress arrests, Standiferd had eight stars since the program started last April. Runners up were Patrolman Dan Rhyne and Sgt. Dan Bryant, with six stars each.

Chaffee said, "You can drive around the county and hardly ever find anything to do if you want to. We tried to tie the award to activity to deter crime and I think we did pretty well."

He said more felony arrests have been made this year and attributed that increase to the incentive program.



Deputy Ronald Douglas Palmer was born September 10, 1945 at Kansas City, Missouri. He was raised in Topeka and graduated from Topeka High School. Ron Palmer joined the U. S. Navy in 1963 and served on destroyers. Palmer was a member of the U.S. Navy Golden Gloves.

Upon discharge from the Navy, Ronald Palmer worked for the Santa Fe Railway, Montgomery Wards, American Sentry Security Co. and the Youth Center at Topeka before becoming a Deputy with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in 1978.

Deputy Palmer served in the Patrol Division and on his off duty hours was a member of the Auburn Police Department.

On May 31, 1982, Deputy Ron Palmer finished his patrol shift and joined his wife, Janet, who was a Shawnee County Sheriff's Department Reserve Officer as she started her shift patrolling the Lake Sherwood area. At about 11:30 p.m., Deputy Palmer and his wife were parked at SW 33rd and Urish Road where they were observing traffic. Janet Palmer reported that Ron was sitting quietly in the patrol car when he coughed, took a deep breath, and collapsed. The Mission Township Fire Department was only two blocks away and paramedics from that location responded to Janet Palmer's call for help. Efforts to resuscitate Deputy Palmer were unsuccessful. Deputy Ronald D. Palmer was pronounced dead at 12:12 a.m. April 1, 1982. The cause of death was later ruled to be heart failure. Palmer's death was not ruled as occurring on duty because he was not being paid at the time, although he was performing law enforcement duties in full uniform.

Ronald D. Palmer was survived by his wife, Janet, their two sons, Robb and Christopher Palmer, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Palmer, and a brother, Philip Palmer, all of Topeka.



SANSO Deputies in attendance at Deputy Ronald Palmer funeral – Grave Site

**December 21, 1978
The Topeka Daily Capital**

Old Jail Cell Door Given to Museum

A jail cell door fabricated about 1868 by the Perine Iron Works of Topeka has been donated to the Kansas State Historical Society, Stanley D. Sohl, museum director, said Wednesday.

The door was part of Shawnee County's second courthouse. The county's first courthouse was erected at Tecumseh in 1856.

George W. Champney of Champney Wrecking Co., donated the door and some other materials from the old Norva Hotel at 4th and Kansas Avenue, which his company wrecked in 1977. The Shawnee County Courthouse was built on that site in 1868, and the building was remodeled to house the Reid Hotel, later the Norva Hotel.

J. H. Perine, 125 Elmwood, remembers that his grandfather, Aaron B. Perine, made the door. The Perine Iron Works, established in 1857, was the only iron fabricator in Topeka until 1882.

Sohl said the large, heavy door will probably be used in a law enforcement exhibit in the society's new museum archeology building which is in the planning stages. For now, it is in the storage areas of the Memorial Building, which the museum director said is "bulging at the seams."

Shawnee County's second courthouse was built in 1867-1868 at a cost of \$60,000-\$70,000. Constructed of red brick with stone trim, it had

three stories and a basement and was considered one of the finest building in Kansas at the time. The jail was in the basement with the sheriff in charge. According to historical society records, John Wilkerson was county sheriff.

In 1886, the jail was moved to 5th and Van Buren, where the city police garage is now located. Nine years later the county's third courthouse which people said "would stand as long as the pyramids" was dedicated at 5th and Van Buren.

Moved again in 1965, the jail and county offices are now at the present courthouse ant 7th and Quincy.

The red brick building at 4th and Kansas for many years served as a hotel where guests enjoyed the historical background of the structure. Even with the extensive remodeling there were features that served as reminders of the building's former uses. In the basement, used in later years for kitchen and laundry purposes, there were hand-sized holes in the wall of the passageway through which food was given to prisoners.



Deputy Tom Merkel unlocking holding cell door at County Jail in Courthouse



**The Sheriff's Office 1st Legal Advisor Joe Zima.
Position established in August 1973**

SNSO Personality

BUFORD JOHNSON

Deputy 1979-Present



Buford Johnson was born in rural Pratt, Kansas in 1956. Johnson was raised on a farm and played football in high school.

Sgt. Johnson represents the beginning of a new wave of employees in the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department. Before Civil Service began for Shawnee County, deputies were chosen by an incoming Sheriff with no anticipation of a lasting job. The tenure of deputies was dependent almost entirely upon the length of service of the Sheriff. Even after Civil Service made a career possible, most deputies applied for employment merely to become employed. Little or no thought was given to an entire career in law enforcement.

Buford Johnson was one of the first employees to determine at an early age that he wanted a law enforcement career. Johnson enrolled at Pratt Community College and after two years there, transferred to Washburn University where he majored in Criminal Justice while working as a part-time deputy for the Pratt County Sheriff. After graduating from Washburn University, Johnson began his employment with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in January 1979 to complete his plan for a career. Since the late 1990's, nearly all new applicants for employment as deputies have prepared themselves for a law enforcement career.

Sgt. Johnson began his service with Shawnee County as a deputy in the Shawnee County Jail and then was transferred to a new Traffic Division. When the Traffic Division was combined with Patrol in a new Uniformed Services Division, Johnson continued to work in a Patrol car, where he continues to serve.

Noland, Ken	Deputy	1973	1975
Owensby, Gerald	Deputy	1976	1982
Owensby, Kenneth	Deputy	1972	1999
Palmer, Ronald	Deputy	1978	1982
Petrel, Jerry	Deputy	1974	1998
Piva, Tony	Deputy	1973	1976
Probasco, Jeff	Deputy	1979	1982
Rafferty, Michael	Deputy	1978	Active
Rake, Ted	Deputy	1972	1997
Ralls, Cecilia	Deputy	1974	1977
Ramirez, Gilbert	Deputy	1970	
Ramirez, Michael	Deputy	1971	1998
Rhyne, Thomas D.	Deputy	1977	1998
Richmond, Vern	Deputy	1971	1975
Rouse, Larry	Deputy	1972	1973
Sanchez, Dennis	Deputy	1974	
Sargent, Tom	Deputy	1971	1996
Schmid, Ray	Deputy	1973	1976
Simpson, Vern	Deputy	1972	
Smith, Edward	Undersheriff	1976	1980
Smith, Lawrence	Deputy	1971	1973
Stallbaumer, Larry	Deputy	1977	Active
Standiferd, Lin	Deputy	1984	1985
		1973	1981
Sterling, John	Deputy	1974	1975
Swafford, Robert	Deputy	1976	
Swallow, Mike	Deputy	1973	
Sweet, Michael	Deputy	1971	1998
Tatrn, Joseph	Deputy	1978	
Thompson, Gaylon	Deputy	1979	2004
Thrall, Dan	Animal Cont	1977	
Tibbits, Rodney	Deputy	1979	1995
Tomlinson, Bruce	Deputy	1976	1982
Trimble, Darrel	Deputy	1976	
Turnbow, Jack	Deputy	1972	1973
Unger, Kathleen	Deputy	1974	1978
Vasquez, Modesto	Jailer	1970	1972
Waggoner, Larry	Deputy	1975	1977
Walker, Bobby Joe	Jailer	1977	1979
Wallace, Stephen	Deputy	1970	
Wanamaker, Mark	Deputy	1974	1999
Ward, Arthur	Jailer	1973	1982

Sgt. Johnson was promoted to Sergeant in November of 1994 and serves as an instructor in Tire Spike and Lidar (radar). Johnson has been an instructor in the use of the intoxilizer for drunk drivers. Johnson has served as a member of the Tactical Squad 1980-1991. Johnson has been Chairman of the Capital Area Case Squad in the last three decades after becoming a member in 1984. Off-duty, Buford Johnson serves as Volunteer Fire Captain for the Mission Township Fire Department where he has served as a volunteer since 1979. Johnson is an agency pilot, a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, and is a life member of the Law Enforcement Association of America.



1978 Sgt. Tim Dearing making arrest and being assisted by his K-9 partner.



1978 Lt. Ron Lowrey (left) and Sgt Billy Lewis received instruction on use of alcohol breath analyzing machine.

Topeka Daily Capital – Jim Richardson



**1978 SNSO Reserve Officers.
Captain Bill Hepp (first row, 4th from left)
Bob Valyer (first row 2nd from right)**



Deputy Wayman "TC" Carter seated in SNSO patrol car.



Captain Bob Inman (left) with Deputy Clarence "Tiny" Fliney



SNSO SWAT Team Members

**September 4, 1976
TOPEKA DAILY CAPITAL**

**Police Officer Writes Deputy Sheriff Ticket
For Illegal Parking**

The zone in front of the First Nation Bank at 534 Kansas Ave, is marked “no parking-passenger unloading zone.”

Nevertheless, pedestrians were startled about 11 a.m. Thursday to see Sgt. Marion Chase of the Topeka Police Department placed a parking ticket on a Shawnee County Sheriff’s unit parking in the zone.

The deputy driving the car, Charles Bloss Jr., had parked there briefly while he served process papers in the bank, officials said.

Chase, according to his superiors, has been trying to “clean up” flagrant disregard for the “no parking zone” and slapped the ticket on the sheriff’s car just as if it were anyone else’s.

Today, legal advisers for both departments were scratching their heads and searching law books to determine if a sheriff’s deputy in the process of serving process papers is on official police business and exempt for “not parking” laws.

Undersheriff Ed Smith said Bloss had been asked to write out a full report of the incident and take the ticket to the Topeka Police Department’s legal adviser.

“If it is found that we’re in the wrong, then we’ll pay it,” said Smith. The fine for the violation is \$5, an employee in the Municipal Court Clerk’s office said. Smith said the Sheriff’s Department serves an average of 3,000 process papers monthly and it is difficult for deputies to always to be able to find convenient legal parking spaces.

Assist. Police Chief Floyd Ginder, on whose desk the ticket rested today, said he is looking into the matter, but commented there is a parking garage in the bank.



Deputy Charles Bloss

Warrington, Richard	Deputy	1971	1996
Watson, Charles	Jailer	1974	1976
Weed, Albert	Deputy	1976	1986
West, Earl	Deputy	1972	
West, Pam	Deputy	1974	1979
White, Courtney	Deputy	1975	
White, Ronald	Deputy	1975	
Wilcox, Robert	Deputy	1979	1994
Wilkes, Peggy	Deputy	1974	1975
Willett, Charles	Deputy	1971	1975
Williams, Arthur Jr.	Deputy	1975	
Williams, Doug	Deputy	1974	1977
Wilson, James	Deputy	1975	
Wilson, John	Jailer	1978	
Wilson, Randal	Deputy	1976	
Wilson, Ron	Animal Cont	1977	
Winter, Robert	Jailer	1976	1981
Wood, Larry	Deputy	1979	1986
Workman, William	Deputy	1974	1995
Wynn, Lewis	Jailer	1973	1974
Young, Jack	Deputy	1977	
Zweifel, David Scott	Deputy	1978	1984



1979 Deputy Craig Holcomb

1980's

Abbott, Beverly	Jailer	1980	
Atteberry, Ricky	Deputy	1980	1988
Bailey, Lawrence	Jailer	1980	
Baker, Scott	Deputy	1980	Active
Berry, Russell	Deputy	1984	Active
Blume, Phil	Deputy	1989	Active
Brunker, Joe	Deputy	1981	1982
Bueltel, Deb	Deputy	1988	1989
Burket, David	Deputy	1989	Active
Busey, Debra	Deputy	1981	
Busey, Earl	Deputy	1980	2000
Casper, Robert	Deputy	1985	1997
Carter, Charles Jr.	Deputy	1988	1989
Christie, Donald	Deputy	1981	Active
Cochran, Gregory	Deputy	1985	1989
Cohee, Robert	Deputy	1985	2002
Colhouer, Brent	Deputy	1985	
Collie, Dale	Undersheriff	1985	1991
Collins, Edward	Deputy	1981	
Cunningham, Brenda	Jailer	1980	1981
Edwards, John	Deputy	1987	
Fisher, Kenneth	Deputy	1980	1995
Geer, Michael	Deputy	1986	1995
Good, John Frank	Deputy	1984	2000
Gowan, David	Deputy	1985	Active
Grassi, Richard	Deputy	1983	2004
Hanna, Charles	Deputy	1980	
Holthaus, Charles	Deputy	1983	Active
Hoobler, Shane	Deputy	1989	Active
Hummer, Randall	Deputy	1985	
Iarossi, Joe	Deputy	1984	
Jackson, Douglas	Deputy	1981	
Jaramillo, Dan	Deputy	1980	Active
Jenks, Dan	Deputy	1986	Active
Lines, Dawn	Deputy	1981	2000
Lutz, Martha	Deputy	1980	Active
McDaniel, Larry	Deputy	1989	
McCall, Bridget	Jailer	1981	1981
McClain, Gary	Jailer	1980	
McDermott, Paul	Deputy	1986	1996
McKay, Phillip	Deputy	1985	Active



1980 Ken Linch promoted to Captain by Sheriff Chaffee (left) and Undersheriff Ed Smith



1981 Pearl Engstrom receives 30 years of service plaque from Sheriff Ed Ritchie.



Deputy Bob Wilcox & Sgt Dick Warrington with Crime Scene van at the old "Signal 80" on the Shawnee County Fairgrounds

SNSO Personality

CECILIA CRAIG

Clerk 1983-Present



Cecilia Craig, Records Office Manager, was born to Pete and Amelia Andes May 19, 1952. Cecilia attended Holy Name Grade School and graduated from Hayden High School before attending Topeka Technical College.

Cecilia married Don Craig in February 1972 and is currently divorced. Cecilia is the mother of three sons, Todd and Ted Craig, twins, and Don Craig, Jr. Two of Cecilia's sons are employed in law enforcement. Ted Craig is a Detective in the Osage County Sheriff's Department and Don Craig, Jr. is a school resource officer with Osage County. Todd Craig is Assistant Manager of O'Bryhims Thriftway. All three sons are married and Cecilia enjoys a close relationship with all three daughters-in-law.

In 1983, Cecilia began her employment with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department as a receptionist. Cecilia has worked in Process and Accounting before transferring to the Records Division in 1993. Cecilia was promoted to Records Division Office Assistant III and assumed the duties of Office Manager for the Records Division.

In the 1980's, Cecilia Craig was a Reserve Deputy and assisted in administrative functions, scheduling and newsletters. Cecilia served as Reserve coordinator for events like Railroad Days and also served as the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department Cadet Advisor in the early 1990's.

Cecilia says, "Working here at the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office has given me a lot. I have made a lot of new friends and have had experiences that has allowed me to grow and mature".



Sheriff Ritchie with Reserve Deputy personnel



1981 Sgt. Richard Warrington collects evidence



1981 Several deputies receive commission



1985 SNSO Softball Team Photo. Village Inn Restaurant sponsored Sheriff team 1982-87

SNSO Personality

RUSSELL BERRY

1984-Present



Russ Berry was born in El Dorado, Kansas in 1961, but was raised in Forsyth, Missouri. Deputy Berry graduated from Forsyth High School in 1979 where he participated in baseball, basketball, cross-country and track all four years.

Russ Berry received a scholarship in baseball at the University of Missouri and played on the freshman team during the 1980 season. Berry also competed with the rodeo team at the University of Missouri in the bareback horse riding events.

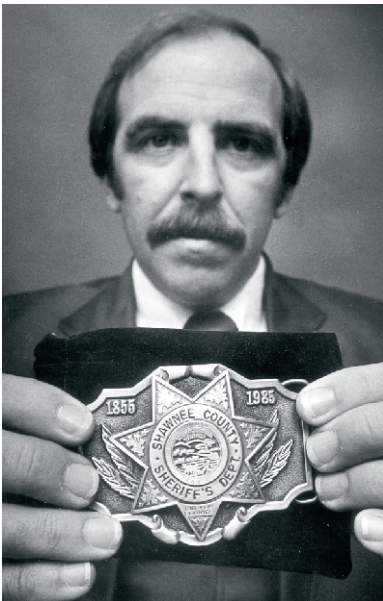
After attending the University of Missouri, Deputy Berry returned to the Forsyth, Missouri area and worked as a fishing guide at Bull Shoals and Lake Taneycomo.

Russ Berry married Margaret Shupe in 1984 and they have two sons, Garrett and Evan.

Deputy Berry began his career with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department on February 6, 1984. Russ Berry worked in Patrol, Process, Warrants and Courthouse Security before he was selected as a School Resource Officer in 2000 to serve at Shawnee Heights High School. Deputy Berry continues to serve in that capacity.

Deputy Russ Berry was named "Officer of the Year" in 1986 by the Insurance Women of Topeka and in 1995 received another Officer of the Year award from the American Legion. Deputy Berry was nominated for the American Legion award by Undersheriff Bill Dickerson.

McKnight, Tracy	Deputy	1988	Active
Metcalfe, Edward	Deputy	1985	1986
Mills, Rick Jr.	Jailer	1980	1981
Morgan, Jackie	Deputy	1988	Active
Murphy, Stanley	Deputy	1980	1984
Oblander, Tim	Deputy	1984	1999
Randall, Kerry	Deputy	1984	1993
Reynolds, Chris	Deputy	1986	1996
Reser, William	Deputy	1986	1999
Ritchie, Edwin	Sheriff	1981	1992
Ritchie, Jeff	Deputy	1984	1985
Royer, Lance	Deputy	1988	Active
Schmelzle, George	Deputy	1981	1986
Smith, Kenneth	Deputy	1980	1998
Stanley, Jerry	Deputy	1986	1989
Stubbs, Gregory	Deputy	1987	1998
Swift, Edward	Deputy	1984	Active
Swisher, Mark	Animal Cont	1982	
Tew, James	Deputy	1984	1985
Vaughn, George	Deputy	1984	1988



1985 Detective Larry Crady designed Belt Buckle to celebrate SNSO 130th Anniversary. 500 serialized Belt Buckles produced
Topeka Capital Journal – Thad Allton



**August 6, 1985
TOPEKA CAPITAL JOURNAL**



**1985 Reserves. Captain Alvin Moran
(front row, far right) along side
his brother Allen Moran**

County Deputy Named Legion's Lawman of Year

A Shawnee County Sheriff's Department deputy will represent Kansas in the American Legion's honor society national lawman of the year contest.

Scott Baker, a five-year patrolman with the department was honored Monday night by the Santa Fe Voyture, a legion honor society that dates to 1919, said Charles Marney, grand Americanis directeur. His name was submitted by the Sheriff's Department along with a Kansas City police officer.

Baker's nomination was based on his actions that prevented a Topeka man from committing suicide. The deputy was making his regular patrols east of Topeka just before midnight May 13 when he noticed a pickup truck backed into the driveway of the Lake King Rod Co., 3530 E. 21st. Suspecting a burglary, Baker called for backup units.

When he approached the vehicle, the engine was running and he noticed a man lying on the seat. A vacuum cleaner hose was running from the tail pipe into the passenger side of the vehicle.

Baker broke into the vehicle and removed the man, who was semiconscious. Officers in the backup unit administered oxygen.

Undersheriff Dale Collie said Monday that the award was based on Baker's actions that night as well as an overall job performance.

Marney said Baker's name and work history will be submitted with about 50 others from across the country to the national competition scheduled for September. This is the first year Kansas has participated in the event. Baker was presented with a plaque Monday night at the awards ceremony.



1987 Sgt. Dan Rhyne



**1987 Deputy Harley Sands (Uniform) 1st Deputy
to Retire at SNSO under Civil Service**



Corporal Lloyd Cooper organizing "papers"

SNSO Personality

JACK B. MORGAN

Deputy 1988-Present



Sgt. Jack Morgan was born September 24, 1965 at the Forbes Field Air Force Base Hospital, the son of Jack L. Morgan and Cherry I. Morgan. Morgan's father was stationed at Forbes AFB at the time and had met Jack's mother while stationed there. The Morgan's moved to South Point, Ohio before returning to Topeka in 1975 and to Maple Hill, Kansas in 1978.

Jack Morgan graduated from Wabaunsee High School in 1983 and joined the Kansas Air National Guard in 1984. Morgan received training in the Security Police Academy after basic training and then assumed his duties at Forbes Field as a USAF Security Police Officer. Jack Morgan was discharged from the Air National Guard as SSgt E-5 in 1991.

Sgt. Jack Morgan's career began with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office in January 1988 and received his basic law enforcement training at the Topeka Police Academy. Morgan served in the Patrol Division and was a K-9 officer from 1994 to 1999. In 1999, Morgan was appointed Defensive Tactics Instructor, and was appointed Firearms Instructor in 2001. He was a member of the SWAT team from 1994 to 2001.

Sgt. Morgan was promoted to Corporal in 1996 and to Detective in 1999. In 2003, Jack Morgan was assigned as Training Coordinator before being promoted to Sergeant in 2005. Sgt. Morgan is a certified instructor in several law enforcement firearms and tactical fields.

Jack Morgan married Susan A. (Lotridge) Morgan in 1987. Jack and Susan have three children, Jacquelyn M. Morgan, age 16, Michael D. Morgan, age 15, and Jay B. Morgan, age 2. Sgt. Morgan's brother-in-law, Deputy Daniel Lotridge, has been

employed with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office since 1999.



Sheriff Ritchie celebrates 1988 Primary win with Office Manager Wanda McKay



**1988 Sgt Richard Warrington & Deputy Don Christie during search warrant
Topeka Capital Journal – Thad Allton**



Cpl Tim Byers, Deputy Earl Busey and Undersheriff Dale Collie waiting in line to sign commission.

July 6, 1989
The Topeka Capital-Journal

Police Report

A crow attacked a Shawnee County sheriff's deputy and cadet Sunday afternoon, forcing them to retreat to their car and call for assistance, before the deputy killed the belligerent bird with his nightstick.

Detective Sgt. Farrell Fouts said the guard bird attacked Deputy Lance Royer and Cadet Leonard Gilbert about 5:25 p.m. Sunday as they were checking on a pickup truck that was stopped with its engine running near K-4 and Calhoun Bluffs Road.

The two men got out, went the driver's side of the pickup and found that the driver was asleep and slumped toward the passenger's side, Fouts said.

Ass Royer and Gilbert walked to the pickup's passenger's side door, they reported, a crow swooped down at Gilbert and landed on the roof of the pickup cab.

Fouts said the bird then "swooped down a couple of times" on Royer and Gilbert before they retreated to their car and radioed for help. Reserve Lt. Allen Moran responded.

When Moran arrived, Fouts said, Royer and Gilbert had lost track of where the bird was.

But as the three were outside the pickup, Fouts said, Gilbert heard Moran yell "Bird!" Gilbert reported that he turned around and ducked just in time as the vicious vertebrate flew over him and landed on the back of the truck.

Fouts said the crow then swooped with its mouth open at Gilbert, who hit the bird with his nightstick, killing it.

The officers then awoke the driver and asked him if anyone was with him.

"He stated, "Only me and my bird" Fouts said.

Fouts said the man told him the crow belonged to him and was his watch bird.



1989 Swearing in ceremony at Courthouse.
Topeka Capital Journal - Staff



Captain Ken Pierce & Lt. Fouts arrive at search warrant location. Topeka Capital Journal – Staff



1989 Captain Larry Good (front row, center) during retirement photo with Sheriff EdRitchie & Sheriff's Office Staff

1990's

Askew, Scott	Deputy	1997	Active
Baker, Nessa	Deputy	1992	1997
Brede, David	Deputy	1997	Active
Bronaugh, Thomas	Deputy	1995	Active
Brown, John	Deputy	1999	2001
Burghart, John A.	Deputy	1997	Active
Butell, Brett	Deputy	1995	Active
Cantlon, Scott	Deputy	1998	1999
Carlat, Dustin	Deputy	1995	Active
Child, Robert Jr.	Deputy	1994	Active
Crownover, Bryan	Deputy	1990	1994
Dale, Andrew	Deputy	1996	Active
Dickerson, William	Undersheriff	1993	1995
Eakes, Terry	Deputy	1999	
Evans, Stephen	Deputy	1995	Active
Fehr, Douglas	Deputy	1997	Active
Ferris, Helen	Deputy	1997	2000
Garcia, Gabe	Deputy	1995	2001
Garner, James	Deputy	1997	Active
Gilchrist, Scott	Deputy	1994	Active
Good, Todd	Deputy	1994	Active
Harris, Chad	Deputy	1997	1998
Harris, Shane	Deputy	1998	2004
Hawks, Glenn III	Deputy	1999	Active
Hernandez, David	Deputy	1995	1998
Higdon, Philip	Deputy	1997	Active
Huball, John	Deputy	1994	Active
Huffmier, William	Undersheriff	1995	2000
Huske, Jamie	Deputy	1994	2004
Johnson, Darrin	Deputy	1990	Active
Kampsen, Tim	Deputy	1999	Active
Keys, Chris	Deputy	1994	Active
Kisler, Allen	Deputy	1993	2001
Kleppin, Chad	Deputy	1992	1997
Kolbek, Michael	Deputy	1994	Active
Lauderback, Ernest	Deputy	1994	Active
Leone, Samuel III	Deputy	1994	Active
Lewis, Kenton	Deputy	1997	Active
Long, Wallace	Deputy	1994	2001
Lotridge, Daniel	Deputy	1999	Active



1991 Deputy Scott Baker (left) and Deputy Don Christie. Topeka Capital Journal – Tom Murray

July 21, 1992

The Topeka Capital-Journal

Police Reports

Broken car windows lead to arrests in car burglaries – A Topeka teenager arrested early Saturday left all kinds of incriminating evidence in his wake.

He was bleeding all over the cars he admitted to burglarizing, said Detective Larry Baer of the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department.

Baer said two boys, ages 16 and 17, broke into seven cars between 1:30 and 4 a.m. Saturday in the Peck Addition near S. E. 29th and Croco Road.

One of them cut his hand on glass in the first car burglarized, and he continued to bleed all over the inside of the other cars.

Baer said the arrests happened when Sgt. Dan Rhyne checked a suspicious car at 4:10 a.m. in the parking lot of Shawnee Heights Elementary School, 2410 S.E. Burton.

Rhyne found two girls asleep in the back of the car.

Meanwhile, Deputy Bryan Crownover was on his way to help Rhyne check the suspicious car when he found windows broken on several cars in the area.

Sergeant Rick Hladky also responded to the area and as he was driving, he spotted two youths hiding between some houses.

Hladky and Crownover then confronted the two youth who ran. One was arrested immediately. The other was chased, tackled and arrested.

They were taken back to the car where the two girls were found sleeping. Deputies asked one of the girls for identification and she said it was in the trunk, Baer said. When deputies opened the trunk they found car stereos, speakers, woofers, equalizers and amplifiers, among other things. Nearly \$3,000 worth of property was stolen, Baer said.

The girls in the car apparently weren't aware of the burglaries. The burglars used rocks and bricks to break into the cars.



Cpl. Larry Stallbaumer & "Chad" the chicken.
Topeka Capital Journal - Staff



1992 SNSO Firearms Range opened
Topeka Daily Capital - Staff

August 20, 1992
The Topeka Capital-Journal

Sheriff Marks Opening of Firing Range with a Bang

By Tim Hrenchir

A new firing range for Shawnee county sheriff's Department deputies and county corrections workers opened Wednesday with a bang – lots of them.

The smell of gunpowder and the sharp reports of rifles and handguns filled the air after a brief ceremony to mark the opening of the range at the former county landfill on S. W. 21st just west of Hodges road.

"Under us lays a lot of tin cans and whiskey bottles," Sheriff Ed Ritchie told numerous county officials who were on hand for the range's dedication.

Ritchie said the range, which can accommodate 15 shooters at a time, would be used by sheriff's deputies, sheriff's reserve officers and county corrections workers.

The sheriff gave credit for helping with the project to several local businesses, as well as Capt. Dan Bryant, Sgt. Larry Crady and Cpls Dave Reser and Larry Stallbaumer.

Those four sheriff's department officers, Ritchie said, "were out in the chiggers every day working on this."

Negotiations to build the range started about eight months ago, and actual construction began three months ago, according to Bryant.

He said the range cost the county about \$6,000. It would have cost \$25,000 to \$30,00, however, without the help of local businesses and the Shawnee County Public Works Department, Bryant said.

"It was just a lot of free work that came to our aid," Bryant said.

The range has a gravel base and is about 50 yards long, Bryant said, but most of the practice firing would be done from 3 to 7 yards because that is the distance from which law officers are most often called upon to fire.

A large berm made of fresh dirt has been built on the range's north, south and east sides.

At the west end of the range is a building, formerly a garage, that initially had been set for demolition, Bryant said.

The only thing demolished at Wednesday's opening were the range's targets, which were blasted by gunfire.

The program included a demonstration of automatic weapons fire.

Also seen with a smoking gun was County Commissioner Winnie Kingman, who fired several shots into her target as onlookers joked about the wisdom of giving a gun to county commissioner.

SNSO Personality

STEVEN LUTTJOHANN

Deputy 1993-Present



SNSO Communication Center



Steven Luttjohann was born in Topeka in 1965, the son of Steven Sr., and Mary Jo Luttjohann. Luttjohann graduated from Topeka West High School in 1983 and received an Associate of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Washburn University in 1990.

Sgt. Luttjohann served in the United States Marine Corps in marine aviation units in Memphis, TN, Tustin, CA and at Futenima, Okinawa, Japan. Luttjohann was discharged as a sergeant.

Steven Luttjohann is married to Jeanne Luttjohann who is employed as an RN at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka. Steven and Jeanne have 4 children, Nicole, age 13, Devin, age 11, Alexa, age 7, and Gweneth, age 4.

Sgt. Luttjohann started his career with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in 1993. Luttjohann was first assigned to the Uniformed Services Patrol Division before moving to Warrants and then Process, where he was promoted to Corporal. Steven Luttjohann was promoted to Sergeant in Patrol in 2005 where he works the third shift. Luttjohann has a brother, Matt Luttjohann, who worked for the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department from 1998 to 2004, also serving in Patrol.

Sgt. Luttjohann is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #3 and served as Chief Union Steward from 2000 to 2004.



**Patrol Briefing at Sheriff's Sub Station
21st & Topeka Blvd.**



**Sgt. Richard Denton on retirement day with
Sheriff Dave Meneley & Staff**

SNSO Personality

BRAD METZ

1994-Present



Sgt. Brad Metz was born in Topeka in 1971, the son of Det.(Ret.) Jack and Portia Metz. Brad grew up in Topeka in the Potwin area and graduated from Topeka High School in 1990. Sgt. Metz graduated from Washburn University in 1994 with a BS in Criminal Justice and an Associates degree in Sociology. Metz is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

Brad Metz became a member of the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department Cadets program in 1986 and remained in that program until he joined the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department Reserve program in 1993.

Sgt. Metz became a full-time sworn deputy in August 1994 and began his service in the Patrol Division. Metz was promoted to Corporal in 2000 and was also appointed to supervise the K9 unit. Sgt. Metz was promoted to Sergeant in Patrol in 2003.

Sgt. Metz is a K9 trainer in the areas of explosives, narcotics, and patrol procedures. Metz was certified in 2004 as Judge in the German police dog system in evaluating Patrol procedures, narcotic detection, and explosive detection.

Brad Metz married Tiffany Boyles in 2001 and they have two children, Katie and Parker.

Sgt. Metz is the son of retired Detective Jack Metz who served in the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department from 1977 to 2002. Brad Metz worked some important cases in narcotics and large drug seizures with his father before his father retired.

Luttjohann, Matt	Deputy	1998	2004
Luttjohann, Steven	Deputy	1993	Active
Mackey, Jackie	Deputy	1990	1995
Mahan, Errin	Deputy	1999	Active
Margle, Christopher	Deputy	1999	Active
Marr, Darrin	Deputy	1999	Active
McCaffrey, Timothy	Deputy	1991	Active
Meneley, David R.	Sheriff	1993	2000
Metz, Brad	Deputy	1994	Active
Mulford, Michael	Deputy	1990	Active
Mummey, James	Deputy	1994	Active
Nelson, Edward	Deputy	1996	Active
O'Shea, Michael	Deputy	1990	1999
Oliver, Keith	Deputy	1998	Active
Ostenson, John	Deputy	1994	Active
Reaser, Dennis	Deputy	1992	1997
Reynolds, Akim	Deputy	1996	Active
Rice, Kiley	Deputy	1999	Active
Ritchie, David	Deputy	1990	1994
Roberts, Anthony	Deputy	1998	1999
Salehar, George	Deputy	1990	Active
Scheideman, Kyle	Deputy	1990	1994
Schrock, John II	Deputy	1994	2001
Seymour, David	Deputy	1998	Active
Simecka, Gerald II	Deputy	1992	Active
Simon, Alan	Deputy	1997	Active
Sparkman, J. D.	Deputy	1990	1997
Swift, Robert	Deputy	1999	2000
Trammel, Tracey	Deputy	1997	Active
Vaughn, Patrick	Deputy	1990	1995
Vaughn, William	Deputy	1990	Active
Wagers, Curtis	Deputy	1990	2003
Ward, James Jr.	Deputy	1999	Active
Westgate, Richard	Deputy	1998	Active
Winkelman, Thad	Deputy	1998	Active
Wright, Michael	Deputy	1999	Active



Lieutenant Bill Hudson

SNSO Personality

ANDREW R. DALE

Deputy 1996-Present



**1996 Crime Scene personnel (left to right)
Sgt. Richard Warrington, Deputy J. D.
Sparkman and Deputy Ken Smith**



1997 Accounting & Community Services



1997 Clerical Staff



1997 Communications

Corporal Andrew R. Dale and his twin brother were born in Buffalo, OK in 1970. The Dale family lived in Protection, Kansas where Andrew was raised on a farm and graduated from Protection High School in 1988. Dale attended the Seward County Community College where he graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice. Corporal Dale then enrolled at Washburn University and graduated in 1993 with a BA in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology.

Andrew Dale married Deborah Lee Hostetter in 1997. The couple has one son, Noah William Dale who was born in Topeka in March of 2000.

Andrew Dale is the first in his family to follow a career in law enforcement, but his maternal grandfather served as Sheriff of Stanton County during the Great Depression. His paternal grandfather served as a deputy sheriff during the same period.

Corporal Andrew Dale began his career with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in January 1996 in the Patrol Division where he continues to serve. Dale became a K-9 officer in April 1997 and is currently working with his second K-9 partner, Pico. Dale began serving as a SWAT team member in September 1998 and since has become a Counter-Sniper after attending the U.S. Army Military Police Marksman/Observer School. In November 2003, Dale was selected to be the Assistant SWAT Team Commander and attended the National Tactical Officer's Association course on SWAT Supervision and Command Decision Making. In November 2004, Andrew Dale was promoted to Corporal and is currently serving as a supervisor on First Shift Patrol.

SNSO Personality

PHILIP HIGDON

Deputy 1997-Present



Philip Higdon was born July 12, 1963 to Paul and Alice Higdon in Hutchinson, Kansas. Sgt. Higdon grew up in Wichita and from an early age wanted to grow up to be a police officer and to work in Narcotics.

Higdon graduated from Wichita Northwest High School in 1981 and enrolled in Hutchinson Community College, graduating with an Associate of Arts degree in 1983. Philip Higdon then enrolled at Wichita State University, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in 1985. Sgt. Higdon was on the Dean's Honor Roll at Hutchinson Community College.

Phillip Higdon's first experience in law enforcement was at the Hutchinson Police Department in 1986 where Higdon received a life saving award for giving CPR to a man that had stopped breathing.

Professional Law Enforcement, Inc. hired Higdon in 1990 where he worked long-term undercover assignments in Kansas, New York, Ohio, and Kentucky.

In 1992, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department employed Higdon as a patrolman. Philip Higdon moved to the Osage County Sheriff's Department in 1994 and by 1996 was assigned to the Flint Hills Drug Task Force. The Task Force included officers from Shawnee County, Wabaunsee County and Osage County.

Sgt. Higdon began his career with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in 1997 and was assigned to Narcotics. During his service with Shawnee County in Narcotics, Higdon received Honorable Mention Top Cop of Kansas in 2003 and was a member of a DEA Task Force in 2004. Philip Higdon was promoted to Sergeant in Criminal Investigations in 2004, where he continues to serve.



1997 Criminal Investigation Division



1997 Uniform Patrol Division



1997 Services Division



1997 MP 5 Certification class at SNSO Range.



Records Clerk Natala Taylor and Judy Lober serve refreshments during retirement event.



**September 11, 1998
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at LEC**

**September 12, 1998
The Topeka Capital-Journal**

**Public Tours Sheriff's Department offices at
Open House**

By David L. Teska

The Shawnee County Sheriff's Department celebrated its move into the law Enforcement Center at 320 S. Kansas Ave. by throwing the doors open to the public Friday.

The open house lasted from 1 to 6 p.m. and allowed anyone a chance to glimpse the new facility the department moved into June 29.

Deputies led small groups on guided tours through the two-story, 35,000-squar-foot building and touched on all areas of the department such as narcotics, patrol, detective, criminal intelligence, M-squad, process and records.

Deputies wore special badges authorized by Sheriff Dave Meneley to commemorate the move. Then center of each badge depicts the entrance of the

new department. The badges will be good for a year, Meneley said, and then deputies can buy them as keepsakes.

Meneley presented each member of the Shawnee County Commission with a plaque decorated with one of the commemorative badges.

Meneley said he expected about 1,000 people to tour the department during the five-hour open house.

"We'll be able to tell by the cookie count," he joked.

Anyone could also take a unique tour inside the Shawnee County Coroner's new facility at the LEC.

County coroner Dr. Erik Mitchell was available to take guests through the facility, which officially opens Monday. The coroner's office had been conducting autopsies at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center.

Mitchell, who also performs autopsies for Douglas, Lyon and Chase counties, said the morgue will expand into a regional facility capable of servicing other counties.

The coroner's office does autopsies on a case-by-case basis for Wyandotte, Jefferson, Jackson, Pottawatomie and Leavenworth counties.

The Shawnee County Sheriff's Department, Topeka Police Department, Shawnee County Coroner and consolidated Emergency Communications Center share the LEC. The police department has occupied the LEC since December 1995. Construction on the Sheriff's Department began in November 1996 and cost and estimated \$3.1 million.



Sheriff Dave Meneley (left) with former Sheriff F. T. "Jim" Chaffee, and former Sheriff Ed Ritchie, (right) during "Open House" at the LEC



**SNSO Firearms Range Instructors (left to right)
Sgt. Dan Rhyne, Sgt. Richard Grassi,
Cpl. Rob Child and Sgt. Mike Rafferty.**



**1999 SNSO SWAT Team. Sgt. Scott Baker,
team leader (front row) and team commander,
Captain Rick Hladky (uniform)**



SWAT personnel at "drug raid" briefing



1999 Uniform Patrol Officers.



**Hills Pet Foods of Topeka provided "trading
cards" for all SNSO K9 personnel.**



1999 SNSO Warrants Division personnel.



1999 Sheriff's Office Receptionist Judy Lober and Sgt. Pat McGuire.



1999 Detectives (left to right) Jack Morgan, Rich Mergen, Scott Askew and John Ostenson



1999 Sergeant J.D. Mauck (far right) during Retirement ceremony. All five men in picture were former Reserves with Topeka Police Dept.



Captain Rick Hladky (left) congratulates Lieutenant Jim Honn on retirement day.



1999 Civilian Process Servers with Sgt. Marsha Baird (Uniform)

2000's

Acree, Caleb	Deputy	2000	Active
Adams, Andrew	Deputy	2000	Active
Anderson, Adam	Deputy	2004	Active
Barta, Richard	Sheriff	2000	Active
Bond, Jerod	Deputy	2001	2004
Bowen, Harry IV	Deputy	2000	Active
Boyles, Justin	Deputy	2000	Active
Breci, Daniel	Undersheriff	2000	2001
Burns, Donald	Undersheriff	2001	Active
Burkhart, Stephen	Deputy	2003	2004
Caviness, John	Deputy	2000	2001
Clemmons, Bryan	Deputy	2000	Active
Flott, Brian	Deputy	2002	Active
Flott, Jennifer	Deputy	2000	Active
Frey, Eric	Deputy	2000	Active
Graham, Gerald	Deputy	2000	Active
Hawks, Roy	Deputy	2001	Active
Johnson, Mitchell	Deputy	2005	Active
Johnston, Matthew	Deputy	2004	Active
Jones, Brad	Deputy	2000	Active
Jordan, Kelly	Deputy	2002	Active
Jordan, Carey	Deputy	2004	Active
Kasl, Kevin	Deputy	2000	Active
Kunze, Robert	Deputy	2000	Active
Lang, Kyle	Deputy	2002	2003
Lauderback, Harold	Deputy	2001	Active
Loomis, Kayla	Deputy	2001	2002
Lopez, Daniel	Deputy	2000	Active
Lowe, Emily	Deputy	2005	Active
Martinez, Dereck	Deputy	2005	Active
McHatton, John	Deputy	2000	Active
Mills, Jason	Deputy	2004	Active
Myers, Ryan	Deputy	2000	Active
Peterson, John Jr.	Deputy	2000	Active
Pfannenstiel, Reanne	Deputy	2005	Active
Pipkin, Nick	Deputy	2002	Active
Previty, Ashley	Deputy	2003	Active
Rhodd, Brian	Deputy	2000	Active
Rivera, Aaron	Deputy	2004	Active
Schadegg, Michael	Deputy	2003	Active
Schiefelbein, Jessica	Deputy	2005	
Stallbaumer, Todd	Deputy	2000	Active



2000 County Clerk Cindy Beck (left), Marcia Barta, and Richard Barta, who was sworn in as the 40th Sheriff of Shawnee County.



2000 Sheriff Barta is congratulated by Chief Dean Forster, Topeka Police Department, during the swearing in ceremony.



Sheriff Barta & Senior Staff

SNSO Personality

HARRY BOWEN IV

Deputy 2000-Present



Deputy Harry Bowen was born in Topeka in 1968. He graduated from Topeka West High School in 1986, and Washburn University in 1994 with a BA in Exercise Physiology. Bowen is currently working towards a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice at Washburn University.

Harry Bowen married his wife, Shelby in October 1995. Their son, Jace was born in 1997 and now is in the third grade.

Deputy Bowen has three brothers, Justin, Jose, and Leo. Bowen's sister Carmen died in February 2005 while she was providing health care assistance in Afghanistan. Harry Bowen's grandfather, Harry Bowen Jr. was a well-known physician in Topeka for many years.

Deputy Bowen became employed in the Shawnee County Department of Corrections in 1998, leaving that position to work for the Lawrence Police Department in January 2000. Harry Bowen began his employment with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in September 2000 in the Patrol Division. Bowen is serving as a SWAT team member, range instructor and defensive tactics instructor. He has worked in Narcotics and is currently working in the Warrants Division.



2001 Civil Process personnel



2001 Criminal Investigation Division



2001 Uniform Patrol Division



2001 Clerical Staff



2001 Courthouse Security



**2001 Sheriff Barta and Staff Officers.
Chaplain John Hanson (front row, 2nd from left)**



2001 Community Services & School Resource Officers



Dare Officer - Deputy Shane Harris



2001 Warrants personnel

Steinlage, Aaron	Deputy	2002	Active
St. Clair, Caitlin	Deputy	2005	Active
Thompson, Erin	Deputy	2001	Active
Underwood, Jared	Deputy	2004	Active
Valenzuela, Mario	Deputy	2002	2003
Vest, Justin	Deputy	2002	Active
Wanamaker, Scott	Deputy	2002	Active
Weissbeck, Taylor	Deputy	2005	
Williams, Gary	Deputy	2000	2004
Wright, Desiree	Deputy	2001	Active



2001 Mechanics

2001 Personnel photos by H. Bryant



2002 Sheriff Barta (left) and Chief of Police Ed Klumpp during Battered Womens Task Force Week Without Violence Event



SNSO SWAT Team

SNSO Personality

JUSTIN VEST

Deputy 2002-Present



Deputy Justin Vest was born in Topeka in 1978, the son of Don and Aileen Vest. Vest graduated from Topeka High School in 1997 where he participated in wrestling. Justin Vest was a medal winner in Class 6A wrestling his junior and senior years and won a scholarship at Missouri Valley College for wrestling. After one year, Vest transferred to Washburn University where he graduated in 2002 with a BA in Criminal Justice. Justin Vest is now working towards a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice.

Justin Vest married his wife Trisha in November 2004. His father, Don Vest has been employed at Washburn University for nearly 35 years and is currently the Director at the Center for Learning and Student Success. Justin Vest's mother teaches in an elementary school.

Deputy Vest was Assistant Wrestling Coach at Seaman High School in 1998 and 1999. He is currently a volunteer coach of summer Freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling since 1998. Some of his coaching is at the Sunflower Gold Kids Club.

Deputy Vest began his career with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in May 2002. Vest was class President of the 170th Basic Class in Law Enforcement at Hutchinson, Kansas. Upon returning to duty from basic training, Justin Vest was assigned to the Patrol Division where he has been assigned as a Field Training Officer. Vest also serves as a Firing Range Instructor.



2002 Corporal Brett Butell



SNSO SWAT Team



SNSO SWAT Team Vehicle



SWAT Training

SNSO Personality

CAREY JORDAN

Deputy 2004-Present



Carey Jordan was born in Topeka in 1976, and graduated from Washburn Rural High School in 1994. Carey took dance lessons and gymnastics as a child and was on the dance team in high school.

Deputy Jordan began planning her law enforcement career at Washburn University, where she received a degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Sociology in 2000.

Carey married Kelly Jordan January 8, 2000. Carey and Kelly have a daughter, Brooklyn Mae Jordan, who was born in October 2002.

Carey Jordan's first job in law enforcement was with the Kansas Highway Patrol Capitol Police, beginning in 1998, where she served in Patrol and was a training officer. Carey also taught self-defense for women and performed background investigations for the Capitol Police.

Carey Jordan began her career with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department April 5, 2004 in the Uniformed Services Division. In becoming a deputy, Carey joined her husband, Deputy Kelly Jordan in his career. Kelly Jordan began his employment with the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department in 2002. In September 2004, Carey transferred to Community Services and became a DARE officer.



2004 Firearms Range Instructors

March 2, 2004

THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

Sheriff's office seeking historical items

The Shawnee County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in locating historical items for a 150th anniversary project.

Sheriff Richard Barta today said the sheriff's office is gathering information for a book that will explore the history of the office. Current and former deputies, as well as volunteers, are working to find historical items, such as badges, patches, uniforms, equipment and old photographs.

Barta said the contents of the book likely will include a biography of each sheriff, a roster of several deputies, election results and other related pictures and stories. The book is expected to be available to the public in the summer of 2005.

The sheriff's office also has planned an open house for August 2005, which will be open to the public.

Anyone with historical items related to the sheriff's office is asked to contact Deputy Martha Lutz at 368-2217 or martha.lutz@co.shawnee.ks.us, or Detective Rich Mergen at 368-2234 or richard.mergen@co.shawnee.ks.us.



Michael George, General Counsel for Sheriff Barta and the Sheriff's Office

commemorative sesquicentennial badge that current and retired deputies can wear in 2005.

“We have a proud tradition of over 150 years of serving the people of Shawnee County,” Barta said during a ceremony at the office’s headquarters at the Law Enforcement Center, 320 S. Kansas Ave.

The badge merges the modern star-shaped badge with the frontier-era round badge to create a design of a star within a circle. Barta said 175 limited-edition badges were created for officers who ordered them at a cost of \$46.

Spokeswoman Martha Lutz said the office also commissioned commemorative badges in 1998 when the office moved into its headquarters at the Law Enforcement Center from the basement of the county courthouse.

Barta said Sgt. Rich Mergen, the office’s unofficial historian for the past 20 years, was writing a history of the sheriff’s office that would profile each of the sheriffs and outline changes in the office. The still untitled book will be for sale in the fall, Mergen said.

Mergen asks any citizens with stories about the history of the sheriff’s office to contact him at 368-2200.

Also commemorating the anniversary are: A sheriff’s office coin to be available for purchase in late summer. An annual banquet honoring retiring officers that is to highlight the office’s history.



Deputy Tracey Trammel (left) and Deputy Brian Rhodd standing in front of 2,871 lbs of Marijuana seized during a “highway interdiction”. The May 2004 seizure was the 2nd largest ever recorded in the State of Kansas.

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New Sheriff’s Badge Marks 150 Years

By Erin Adamson

The sheriff’s badge holds a mythical spot in the history of the Old West.

The stoic faces of the county’s earliest sheriffs stare out from portraits hanging in the Shawnee County sheriff’s Office foyer, matching the Hollywood image of battle-worn men trying to maintain law and order on the rough frontier.

To honor those early sheriffs and all peace officers who have followed during the county’s 150 years, Sheriff Dick Barta on Monday unveiled a



2005 Detective Dan Jaramillo displays his medals won at the Police & Fire World Games in Quebec