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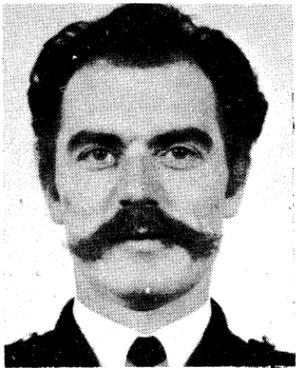
The Newspaper of the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary

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TUESDAY IS TOGETHER DAY

The Editor



EDITOR of "The Law," for the first edition at least, is Chief Inspector John Hedge-thorne of R.T. and P. department at headquarters.

He joined the Force in 1955 and has since served in Colchester, Clacton, Romford (now Met 'K'), Eynsham Hall, Brentwood, Basildon, Grays and headquarters alternating between training, uniform and detective work.

Probably better known through sport than work he has been force athletics captain since 1957. In addition to competing regularly in race walking events he takes a full part in the administration of athletics in police and civilian circles being Essex A.A.A. walking secretary, a member of the Essex A.A.A. executive committee, a member of the Southern R.W.A. executive committee, and secretary of the newly-formed south eastern police cross country league.

A native of Essex, John was born at Elmstead and attended Colchester Royal Grammar School and later Colchester School of Art. He served as a regular N.C.O. in the Royal Army Educational Corps before joining the Force.

TODAY, APRIL 1st, 1969, is Amalgamation Day when the forces of Southend-on-Sea and Essex combine. Today is also Publication Day, when the first edition of "The Law" comes out. Finally, today is All Fools' Day, an occasion upon which further comment might be dangerous. The first two events have been deliberately made to coincide in the hope that the new organisation will have a means of spreading news both inside and outside the Force.

MERGER SAGA ENDS HAPPILY

THE HISTORY of the amalgamation scheme between the Essex and Southend-on-Sea forces has almost become a saga. It has dragged on for several years during which the uncertainty can have done police morale little good.

It will be no new experience for the borough to be policed by the county force. Not until 1914 was a separate force created. In that year the increasing size of Southend-on-Sea made a borough force possible. Everything in the seaside gardens was rosy until 1962. Then the Royal Commission on the police produced its final report.

Its recommendations included a fateful paragraph, the first nail in the coffin of the small forces up and down the country. They recommended: "Police forces numbering less than 200 suffer considerable handicaps and the retention of forces under 350 in strength is justifiable only in special circumstances. The optimum size of a police force is at least 500." The writing was on the wall.

Then came the Police Act, 1964. Section 21 (2) read: "If it appears to the Secretary of State that it is expedient in the interests of efficiency that an amalgamation scheme should be made for any two or more police areas . . . the Secretary of State may . . . make such amalgamation scheme as he considers expedient."

Following up on this came some strong arm stuff from the then Home Secretary, Mr. Roy Jenkins, who issued his list of amalgamations. This included Essex and Southend-on-Sea.

OBJECTIONS

Objections by the County Borough led to the appointment of Mr. Edgar Stewart Fay, Q.C., in May, 1967, to hold a local inquiry into their grievances.

The Inquiry was held at County Hall, Chelmsford, in September, 1967, when evidence was given by Mr. T. B. Hill, M.I.C.E., Borough Engineer, Surveyor and Town Planning Officer, on the Borough's peculiar traffic problems.

Mr. L. A. W. Jones, Borough Publicity Officer, gave evidence on the problem of summer visitors.

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Percy Moss as he was upon his retirement as the inspector of Leigh section in 1946.



THIS NEWSPAPER is intended to provide an informal means of communication between all members of the Force and its friends so that everybody can be made aware of what is going on, particularly in the unofficial, social and domestic pursuits which take up as much of our lives as do official duties.

We are now a very large Force in a County of varied features. The industry of the South, the leafy glades of the North and the enticing coastal boundaries produce problems and concerns as different as the officers who make up the Force. But nevertheless this blend embodies one unit with one corporate identity.

The reorganisation which has been pressed upon us will of course produce problems, both personal and official. I hope, however, that we shall all very quickly settle down to our new responsibilities and, together, raise a modern and progressive Force of which we can justly be proud.

J. C. NIGHTINGALE
Chief Constable.

PAY DAY

ALMOST with disbelief one read the advice note for the March pay cheque. At last the pay increase had been included. Payable from last September there was some back pay to come but not all that much. Finance office assure us that when the second instalment becomes due in September this year there will be no delay and all ranks should get the money at once.

Cadets

The pay agreement for cadets announced last month gives a general increase of 4 per cent with effect from September 1, 1968. But when will this be paid. Finance office have seen no orders on the subject. Here we go again?

Rent allowance

Rent allowance in Southend has gone up to £6 per week effective from September last. The new rate will apply to Essex after amalgamation.

It happened in reverse

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Years

Ago

ON APRIL 1, 1914, the Southend-on-Sea Borough Constabulary came into being and this is a short, enough time ago for "The Law" to have the advantages of first hand reminiscences of that time.

On page two appears the order by which Captain Showers, Chief Constable of Essex, transferred one inspector, four sergeants, and 68 constables from Essex to the borough force. As is usual in these cases today promotions followed. Inspector Ellis was promoted to Chief Inspector, all

the sergeants were made inspectors and eight of the constables were also stepped up.

In the third column appears P.c. 435 Moss who had volunteered to transfer into the borough. P.c. Moss had joined the Essex County Constabulary in 1913 at the age of 23 after service in the Grenadier Guards. He was stationed at Southminster, then headquarters of the Dengie division. Men from all over Essex were given the opportunity of transfer-

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Auditions

The Staff Muscial Society's next show will be the **Desert Song**

Auditions will be in the Assembly Hall, H.Q., at 7.30 p.m. on

14th April, 1969

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ring into the new force and indeed there was an immediate advantage in doing so because county pay was 22s. 10d. weekly for constables, while the new force would pay 26s.

Percy Moss's tales of those times are fascinating, especially when one thinks how recent it all is and how bad police conditions were. Constables had two days off per calendar month and when they attended the monthly pay parade at divisional headquarters on the first Monday of the month every man had to name the day on which he intended to be absent from his village. He could only go away on one of his two days off.

Percy used to cycle to Colchester on his day off to see his mother, but if the great day dawned wet and he could not go that was just too bad and he had to wait another month. "Still, we enjoyed it," said Percy, smiling.

ing, "We were lucky to have a job."

Ex-Insp. Percy William Moss lives at Westcliff now in retirement. Asked what he thought of this amalgamation coming off he replied, "About time it did. But they don't tell us pensioners much about it."



Transferred from Essex as a sergeant in 1914, Mr. G. R. Crockford rose to command the Force in 1935.

He recalled how he lived in single men's quarters at Westcliff in 1914 and was paid 27s. a week, having one increment over the basic rate due to his one year's

service. All day duties were split, early turn would be 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with late turn filling in the gaps. "We did a straight eight hours at night though," he added, "but it was eight hours on the street and we took something in our pocket to eat."

WAR

In 1914 Mr. Moss was in the Grenadier Guards, called up with the Reserve and he went through the war with two longish spells in France. In all that he was only wounded once. In 1919 he returned to the Force. Did he see anything of the police strike? "We didn't have a strike down here. I remember we had to go to a fight on the Marine Parade and they said they thought we was all on strike."

He transferred to C.I.D. in 1924 and in 1930 was made detective sergeant at Westcliff where he stayed until July, 1936, when he was made inspector in charge of the Leigh section where he remained until his retirement in 1946.

Since then he has had a



Police uniform in 1914 was much the same as now except for the choker collar and leather belt.

Warden Harry Wins the Cup

PROMPT and efficient action by a Chelmsford Traffic Warden at the scene of a serious road accident on the By-Pass has earned him the Betts Trophy for 1969.

The cup goes to Harry Morgan, Traffic Warden 7. The trophy was presented last year by Mrs. Edith M. Betts of Coventry in memory of Henry O. Betts who served through World War I with the Coldstream Guards and was later a Prison Officer at Winsom Green and Stafford for 28 years. Mrs. Betts' son is Traffic Warden 28 Betts of Chelmsford.

Mrs. Betts has written, "I would like to congratulate Warden Morgan on his splendid achievement, using his first aid knowledge and showing his ability to deal quickly with the situation."



Traffic Warden 7 Harry Morgan.

The citation reads: "About 1.40 p.m. on Saturday, 29th June, 1968, Traffic warden No. 7 Morgan was on duty in Badow Road, Chelmsford, when he saw that traffic on the by-pass, travelling towards Colchester was coming to a stop in the vicinity of the Army & Navy roundabout. He at once went to the roundabout, by which time all traffic was stationary and asked a cyclist the cause of the hold up and learned that an accident had occurred on the bridge about 600 yards on the Colchester side of the junction.

"Traffic Warden Morgan ran the distance to the scene of the accident where he found five casualties lying in various positions in the road. He rendered first aid to several of the victims and continued to assist them until three ambulances arrived on the scene and he then assisted in loading the stretchers.

"After the injured persons had been removed to hospital, Traffic Warden Morgan ensured the security of

various items of personal property belonging to the injured persons, which had been left at the scene.

"He then assisted in the control of traffic until he could be released to take up his normal duties.

"Traffic Warden Morgan displayed great initiative throughout the entire incident, made good use of his first aid training and in his assistance to the police acted in a most meritorious manner."

Before joining the wardens five years ago Harry Morgan was a bricklayer. He lives at Stock with his wife and two daughters.

R.H.S. AWARDS

THREE Chelmsford officers have been awarded resuscitation certificates by the Royal Humane Society following an incident last October.

P.c. Malcolm Kohler was called to a house where a man was unconscious from an overdose of tablets. The man was cold and there was no sign of life, but the constable started mouth to mouth resuscitation and heart massage after sending a radio message for help.

P.s. Peter Rison and P.c. Martin Reed arrived and assisted in the attempt to revive the man who eventually began to show signs of life. He was put into an ambulance and given oxygen but twice on the way to hospital breathing failed and artificial respiration had to be resumed. On his arrival at the hospital the man was breathing and was allowed home the next day.

The society has announced the award but no date for the presentation of the certificates has yet been fixed.

security job at the dog stadium and worked part-time at a bank, but his favourite occupation is his garden. Until recently he cultivated two allotment gardens and in 1966 won the cup presented by the borough for the best-kept allotment.

This month Percy Moss will be 79, but he looks far less. It must be that bracing Southend air: he was right to transfer.

To be gummed in General Order Book.

ESSEX POLICE.

HEADQUARTERS, CHELMSFORD.

20th February, 1914.

SOUTHEND COUNTY BOROUGH POLICE FORCE.

G.O. 687.—As from the 1st April, 1914, the undermentioned Officers will be transferred to the County Borough Police and will thereupon cease to be members of the County Force:—

Insp. Ellis	P.C. 244 Peake	P.C. 401 Sorrell
P.S. 12 Baker	" 245 Cole	" 415 Mynott
" 17 Carr	" 248 Cole	" 417 Gray
" 62 Clarke	" 251 Mallett	" 423 Brechnley
" 66 Crockford	" 263 Goddard	" 432 Crossadell
P.C. 103 Cady	" 266 Asker	" 435 Moss
" 110 Bailey	" 291 Barrs	" 459 Wiffen
" 128 Bradfield	" 292 Link	" 466 Spicer
" 129 Grayland	" 329 Windebank	" 470 Eves
" 134 Cook	" 340 Layzell	" 472 Collop
" 152 Taylor	" 344 Everitt	" 475 Every
" 162 Josino	" 345 Bacham	" 476 Simmons
" 165 Hopwood	" 351 Chinery	" 481 Stent
" 176 Crook	" 353 Burgess	" 485 Bloyce
" 179 Beisham	" 355 Franklyn	" 487 Harris
" 180 Merrells	" 359 Chapman	" 491 Howard
" 189 Goby	" 360 Bryans	" 500 Morrell
" 191 Groom	" 361 Bieher	" 509 Lowe
" 208 Ayles	" 362 Bush	" 515 Bryant
" 210 Precious	" 363 Guiver	" 524 Newsham
" 218 Reeve	" 377 Thorogood	" 527 Franklyn
" 228 Weavers	" 379 Christie	" 532 Domoney
" 227 Smith	" 383 Aylward	" 533 Wilson
" 235 Drage	" 387 Attridge	
" 238 Harris	" 390 Bacon	

The following promotions will be made by the Borough Police Authority, to take effect from 1st April, 1914:

Insp. Ellis to Chief Inspector	P.C. 110 Bailey to Sergeant	P.C. 351 Chinery to Sergeant
P.S. 12 Baker to Inspector	" 134 Cook " "	" 417 Gray " "
" 17 Carr " "	" 335 Drage " "	" 459 Wilson " "
" 62 Clarke " "	" 245 Cole " "	
" 66 Crockford " "	" 344 Everitt " "	

The following articles of Uniform Clothing and Appointments will be taken over by the Borough, together with the 1914 new issue. The cast Great Coats and Helmets, and the Leggings will be returned to the Headquarter's Store:—

Description of Article.	Year of Issue.	Description of Article.
1 Great Coat	1912	2 Capes
1 Tunic	1911	2 Belts
1 Tunic	1913	1 Pair of Handkerchiefs
1 Serge Jacket	1912	Truncheon
1 Pair of Trousers (Dress)	1913	Whistle and Chain
1 Pair of Trousers (Undress)	1913	Lamp
1 Cloth Helmet	1913	" Pad
1 Serge Helmet	1912	Cape Strap

E. M. SHOWERS, Capt.,
Chief Constable.

Looking back



Captain McHardy was the first Chief Constable of Essex and therefore of Southend as in 1840 he was in charge of both. Being on the Royal Navy list he was later promoted to Admiral which must have caused some rivalry at the expense of Essex constables. He may well be described as the first of the few: Essex has had only six Chief Constables in the 129 years since 1840.



Henry Maurice Kerslake, then 36 years of age, was appointed Chief Constable of Southend in December, 1913, and spent from then until April 1, next year, preparing for the day when the separate force would take the street. He had served for 14 years in other police forces. At noon on April 1, 1914, Mr. Kerslake paraded his new Southend-on-Sea Constabulary for the first time.

Amalgamation

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The principal witness for Southend-on-Sea was Alderman Norman Clarke, Chairman of the Watch Committee, who summed up their fears by stating: "What I ask is that Southend be efficiently policed with adequate men and equipment. It is so policed at the moment and all reason and logic suggests that this scheme is going to bring about a deterioration."

He also feared the loss of the special expertise in dealing with Southend problems built up by Southend officers over the years.

But this fear was answered by Mr. J. A. McKay, Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary, who stated: "The last thing the Chief Constable of a combined force would want to do would be to transfer from that area all the officers who know all about conditions there."

Summing up Mr. Fay concluded: "Southend's main contention may broadly be summarised as asserting (1) that the County Borough force is highly efficient, and (2) that police efficiency in Southend would be diminished by amalgamation. The first of these propositions is in my view established . . . and if one considers not Southend alone but the whole area of the combined force, then I have no doubt that amalgamation would improve overall police efficiency . . ."

"I accordingly report that there is nothing in Southend's objections which ought to prevent the making of the amalgamation scheme by the Secretary of State."

This report was laid before Parliament in January, 1968, by which time it was too late

to consider merging on 1st April, that year. After some further manoeuvring against the link-up the final date was set as 1st April, 1969.

Committee

On 10th December, 1968, the combined police authority met for the first time. It consists of 12 county councillors, and six magistrates from Essex and four borough councillors and two magistrates from Southend-on-Sea.

At this meeting Alderman S. Woodfall Millard was elected Chairman with Alderman Norman Clarke as vice-chairman. The following appointments were also made: Clerk, Mr. L. G. Lewis, M.B.E.; Treasurer, Mr. J. R. Green, B.Comm.; Chief Constable J. C. Nightingale, B.E.M., B.A.; Deputy Chief Constable, Mr. K. F. Alston.

The meeting also approved manpower (see centre pages) subject to Home Office approval.

The last word on merging

POSITIVELY the last word on amalgamation is provided by a couple of quotes from last November's promotion exams. One candidate wrote " . . . that the amalgamation is carried out with as little fuss as possible." If only . . . another wrote, "No police force should be left if possible a smaller force than before the amalgamation." So that is what all the trouble has been about!

NEW CODE OUT

"A POCKET LIFE-SAVER" is the description given to the new Highway Code by Mr. Richard Marsh, Minister of Transport.

The minister said the code was the biggest selling book in this country after the Bible. "But circulation alone is not enough. Too many people regard the Highway Code simply as an L-test hurdle. But it ought to be a way of life. Too many drivers once they have passed their test never look at the code again. And how many non-motorists, particularly children, ever read it?"

Mr. Marsh was speaking at a London Press conference held to launch the code.

The new code, the first issued for 10 years, costs 1/3 and is a bigger, glossier version with 51 pages. The text is clear as are the illustrations, model streets thronged by Dinky cars.

Mr. Marsh stressed that this is a code for all highway users, not just motorists. "This is a highway code. Not a motorist code. Or a cyclist's code. Or a pedestrian's code. But a guide for every single one of us."

The price of 1/3 represents a rise of 150 per cent over the sixpenny booklet previously on sale. Spread over 10 years this is 15 per cent per annum, a sharp increase. Ironically the arrow on the front cover points downwards.

It is argued that the new code is an entirely different publication from the old one and that the prices cannot be compared. But whatever the merits of this, one thing is certain, the code is no longer a leaflet, it has become a book.



It's not much like Carnaby Street down in the clothing store where Len Gilbert hands out the gear. But they don't look too miserable at the prospect of putting the helmet on. Left to right: Chris Palmer, Rick Watson and Ray Waterman.

New Inspector for Driving School

JAMES CRAWFORD HOGARTH has a problem, apart from having just moved from Northumberland to Headquarters Driving School that is. While he is always known as Jim at work his family name is Crawford, the name used by his wife Margaret and all the family. It can lead to misunderstandings and knowing, who'se-this-chap-Crawford sort of sideways looks.

Jim, aged 31, has just moved from Morpeth to Chelmsford to take up the newly-created position of inspector driving school. He comes on promotion. He joined the Northumberland Constabulary in 1958 and after uniform duty on beat and motor patrol and on driving instruction, was promoted to sergeant in September, 1966.



Inspector J. C. Hogarth.

Asked what it was like to move from the far north, he replied at once, "Terrible! A long haul, 297 miles I think it was."

His wife Margaret, a Newcastle girl, agreed. "It wasn't so bad for us, but with a toddler it's awful." The toddler in question is 17-month-old Alistair. A Scottish name? Well, Jim Hogarth is Glaswegian by birth.

MARATHON

County-bound coppers who groan about removals should think of the Hogarths timetable.

Monday, 10 a.m., van arrives one hour late (Essex men will know about that bit anyway); 1.40 p.m., on the road; 8.30 p.m., arrive in Chelmsford for hotel bed and breakfast.

Tuesday, 9 a.m., arrive at freezing house, wait until furniture arrives at 10.30 a.m. 2.30 p.m., van drives away.

Over 30 hours. "The trouble is that moving so far you can't get anything in before," said Jim. Neither should anything be left behind. How many times has one nipped back for that forgotten item.

The Hogarths are the third family to move into a terrace of eight new part centrally heated houses at Broomfield. How did they find the most recent standard design Essex police house? Jim got in quickly. "The small garden is ideal," he said; and Margaret added: "It's a lovely house, more compact than the one we had. We were lucky with the curtains, some were an exact fit."

Both think they will like living in the South. Margaret admitted that she had "never set foot in London," though she has driven through.

In Northumberland, Jim was secretary of the police motor club. Seaxes take note an expert has come among you. He is an R.A.C. appointed time-keeper and has been closely connected with rally organisation for years.

And yet the only trophy in the house belongs to Margaret—won on a hill climb.

HAIL

TWO Marconi Viking transistorised loud hailers are now available for general use of all officers in the county. These are hand held and have a range of about 300 yards over open country and are useful for dealing with any type of emergency where the general public are involved and where a vehicle with P.A. cannot be used. The loud hailers are held at Headquarters Information Room and are available at any time. Requests for them should be made to the duty officer at I.R.

STAFF A.G.M.

AT THE Staff Division Sports Club general meeting in early March, Sgt. Terry Dempsey took over as secretary. Since the departure to another force of Chief Insp. George Cronin last year Terry had been performing the duties in an "acting capacity." R.T.P. colleague Ken Adams takes over as assistant.

At the suggestion of the treasurer the rules of the club were amended to close the financial year at the end of September each year to ease auditing problems.

After a long and at times acrimonious discussion it was decided to form a golf section, and P.C. Barry Walker was elected captain.

HARLOW RECRUITS SWORN IN

FIRST fruits of the Harlow recruiting drive, brainchild of live-wire Chief Superintendent Willis Vickers, were harvested on March 6 when the first three men to be signed up during the week-long campaign were sworn in at Shire Hall.

The campaign lasted a full week with a session each evening from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. and all day on the Saturday. All departments of the division were represented either by a full display stand or by a member of the staff attending to talk to potential recruits. Wives were encouraged to attend and were shown round a newly completed police house in the New Town.

The whole campaign was preceded by a publicity drive with newspaper, cinema and direct approach, leaflet through the door advertising.

Those who signed application forms during the week were invited to return to the police station on the Sunday to sit the entrance examination. Inevitably many fell down at this stage, as few as 30 per cent passing.

The three successful candidates got their helmets on March 6 and joined the training centre on the following Monday. Oldest of them is Rick Watson, 27 years old, married with one child. An ex-electronics test engineer, his main trouble was to convince his wife that joining the police was a good move. After attending the recruiting exhibition Mrs. Watson needed time to think it over, but not too long. Next evening Rick was back to sign on.

Leaving the shelter of the Civil Service, Chris Palmer, aged 19 years, deserts the inland revenue game for the law, and another 19-year-old Ray Waterman, from Sawbridgeworth, is engaged and looking towards a county house in the future. Ray was a furniture removal porter, a skill he will be able to practise during his police service.

A SUCCESS?

Measuring the success of campaigns of this sort is difficult. A great deal of police time is spent preparing and actually running the show. If the yield in recruits is small the value is inevitably questioned.

But Mr. Vickers has no doubts. "I think it was most successful," he said. "I am satisfied that we achieved what we set out to achieve. This was proved by the number of application forms completed. The only pity was that so many were turned down educationally because of the high standard we impose."

But the last word will no doubt come from Home Office, whose recruiting ceiling makes recruiting drives a waste of time.

HOWLERS

Promotion examinees made these comments on candidates for the force: "Must be able to read and right"; "Must have two eyes"; "He must satisfy the Chief Constable as to his illegitimacy"; "Must have good health, good eyesight, good tact and good luck."

Grays wives

WIVES of policemen in the Grays division have formed a wives' club following the lead of the Basildon and Harlow ladies.

They have set about fund raising for the Police Dependents' Trust with a jumble sale at Ockendon as a starter.

Well, well

IT (the M40) passes through hilly country which is susceptible to "swilley holes" — gravel underlay on chalk which can suddenly subside — a well-known local phenomena. "Swilley holes" are difficult to detect and some did appear while the motorway was being built. Regular inspections of this stretch of motorway will be made in case other "swilley holes" manifest themselves — quotation from recent Ministry of Transport press release.

Rather stimulating to be bombing along in the fast lane just about the time a "swilley hole" manifests itself — whatever that might mean.

H.Q. Too?

A CIRCULAR has gone out to wives of headquarters policemen suggesting the formation of a wives' club. But who put the box in the general office bearing a note, "Please tear off your wives' slips and put them in here?" It was too much for the wags and various additions appeared in no time.

River rescue inquest

Coroner commends police

"I SINCERELY trust your bravery will be recognised by the proper authority. Your colleague deserves to be praised for his efforts which although not successful were equally courageous."

With those words Mr. Guy Jermain, the Southend Coroner, praised the efforts of Sgt. Derek Simmonds and P.C. Ian Turner, of Rayleigh, who plunged into the freezing waters of the River Crouch in February to try to help two boys trapped by the rising water. One boy was saved by Sgt. Simmonds, who stripped to his underwear, swam out to the boy and remained in the water for half an hour waiting for a helicopter to pick them up.

P.C. Turner made a vain attempt to rescue the second boy, Noel Holliday, but the cold cramped his muscles and only saved himself by scrambling on to a bank. The coroner was speaking at the inquest after a verdict of death by misadventure had been reached.

Mr. Jermain went on to say of the police of this country that they were "Not only upholders and maintainers of the law, but they are also expected to act with initiative, resource and enterprise in all kinds of situations regardless of whether or not they are proper matters for them as policemen."

"I think we, as members of the public, would do very well to remember that the man who irritates us by booking us for parking or ticking us off for speeding might be a man who tomorrow is performing some feat of heroism beyond his duty but which we expect of him simply because he wears the uniform of a policeman."



Chief Supt. N. Wood

1 Ch Supt, 2 Supts, 5 Ch Insp, 9 Inspectors, 36 Sergeants, 166 Constables, 1 Woman Inspector, 2 W/Sergeants, 11 W/Constables; total 233; plus 17 traffic wardens and 44 other civilians.

G — Harlow



Chief Supt. W. Vickers

1 Ch Supt, 1 Supt, 7 Ch Insp, 7 Inspectors, 44 Sergeants, 175 Constables, 2 Women Sergeants, 10 W/Constables; total 247; plus 7 traffic wardens and 41 other civilians.

B — Basildon



Chief Supt. D. More

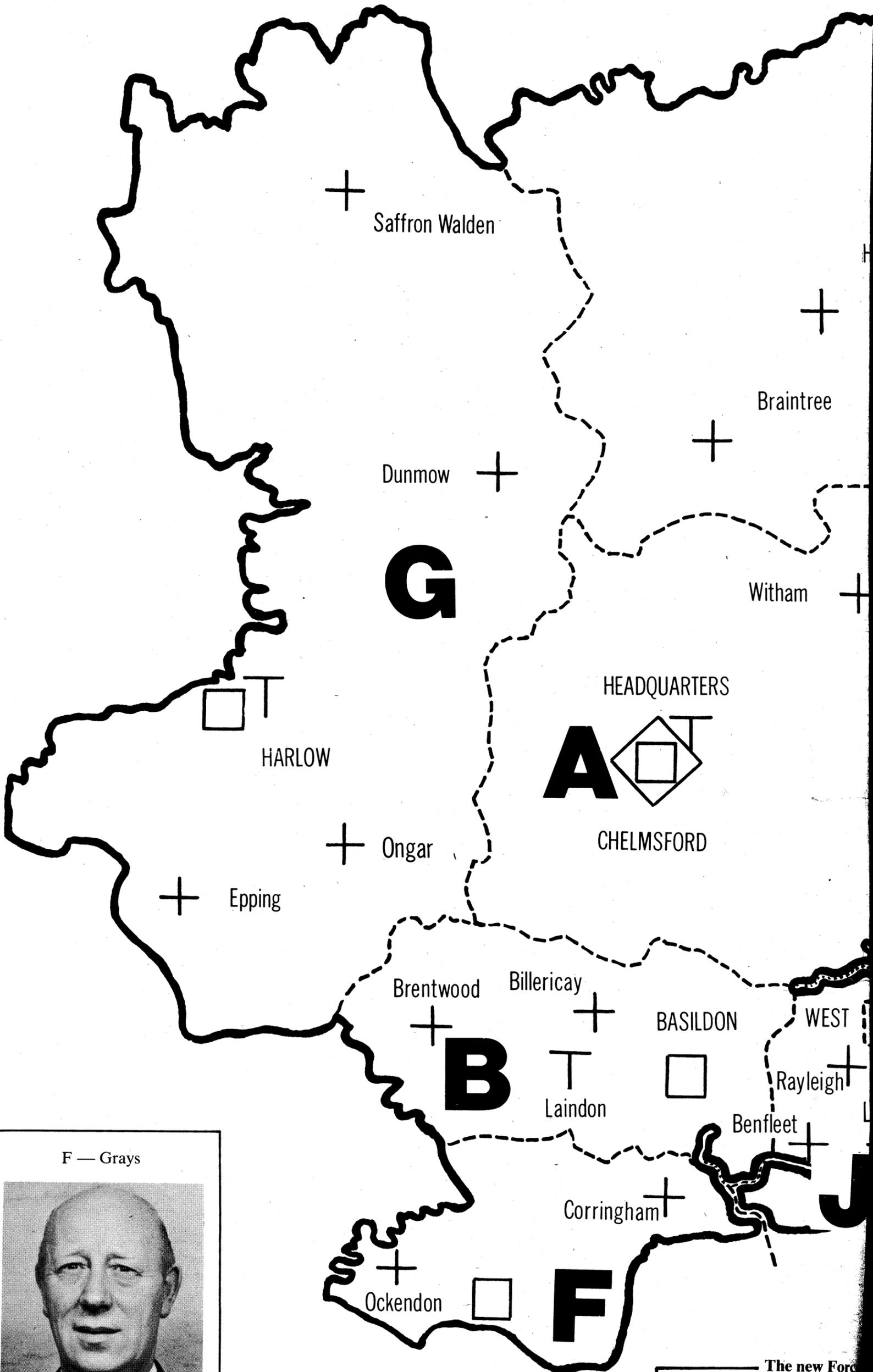
1 Ch Supt, 1 Supt, 5 Ch Insp, 10 Inspectors, 37 Sergeants, 161 Constables; 2 Women Sergeants, 6 W/Constables; total 226; plus 8 traffic wardens and 55 other civilians.

F — Grays



Chief Supt. W. Petherick

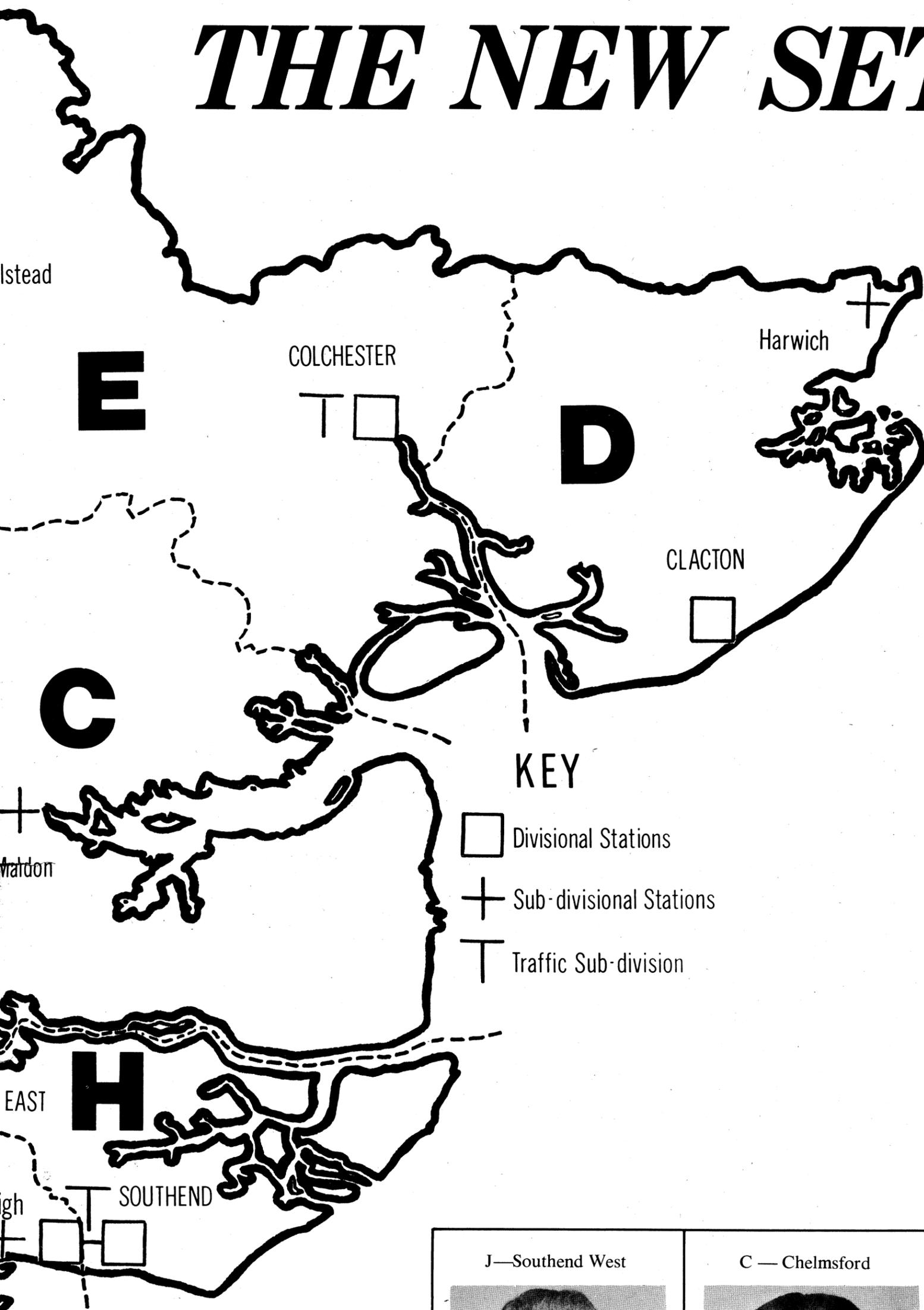
1 Ch Supt, 2 Supts, 5 Ch Insp, 7 Inspectors, 31 Sergeants, 134 Constables, 1 Woman Sergeant, 7 W/Constables; total 188; plus 5 traffic wardens and 44 other civilians.



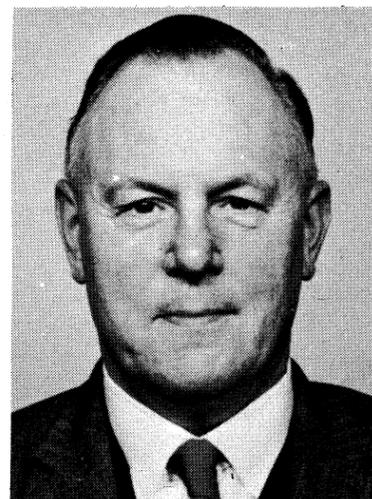
The new Force

1 Chief Constable, 12 Chief Constables, 120 Superintendents, 5 Inspectors, 365 Sergeants, 1 Woman Superintendent, 2 Women Inspectors, 65 Women Sergeants

THE NEW SET-UP



D — Clacton



Chief Supt. W. Docker

1 Ch Supt, 1 Supt, 5 Ch Insp, 4 Inspectors, 28 Sergeants, 112 Constables, 1 Woman Sergeant, 2 W/Constables; total 154 plus 4 traffic wardens and 27 other civilians.

H — Southend East



Chief Supt. J. Devlin

1 Ch Supt, 2 Supts, 4 Ch Insp, 8 Inspectors, 34 Sergeants, 183 Constables, 1 Woman Inspector, 2 W/Sergeants, 13 W/Constables; total 248; plus 27 traffic wardens and 49 other civilians.

J—Southend West



Chief Supt. F. Bonfield

1 Ch Supt, 1 Supt, 5 Ch Insp, 5 Inspectors, 33 Sergeants, 150 Constables, 1 Woman Sergeant, 7 W/Constables; total 203; plus 10 traffic wardens and 25 other civilians.

C — Chelmsford



Chief Supt. W. Partis

1 Ch Supt, 2 Supts, 6 Ch Insp, 7 Inspectors, 35 Sergeants, 162 Constables, 1 Woman Ch Insp, 1 W/Sergeant, 6 W/Constables; total 221; plus 14 traffic wardens and 36 other civilians.

A — Traffic



Chief Supt. D. Murray

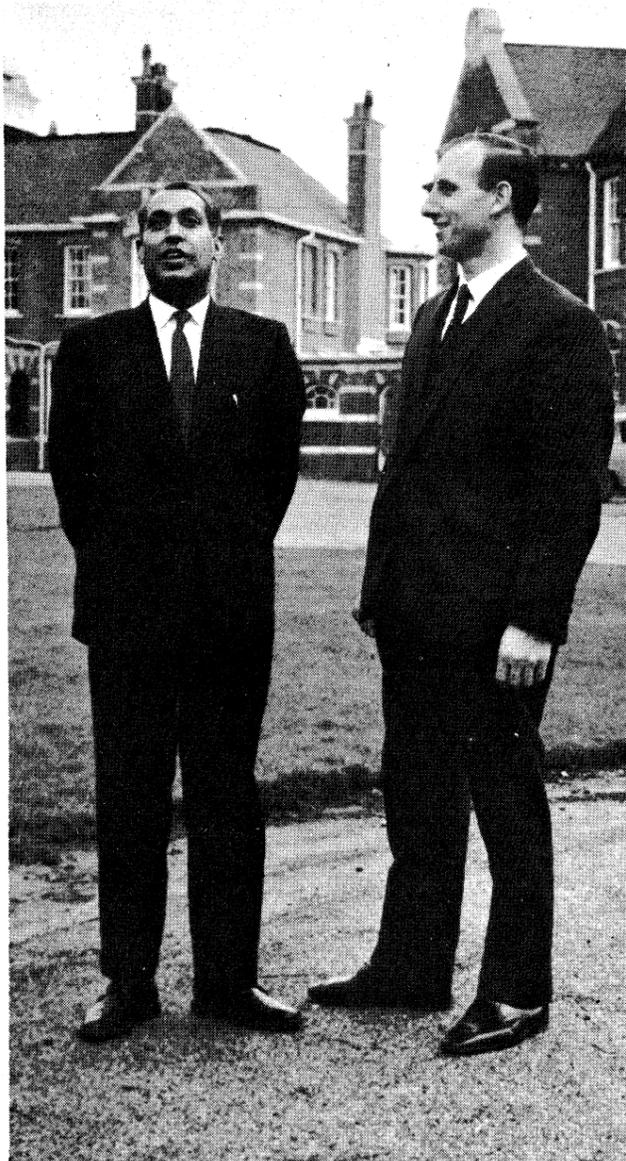
1 Ch Supt, 2 Supts, 8 Chief Insp, 16 Inspectors, 60 Sergeants, 311 Constables; total 398; plus 81 civilians.

Establishment

Deputy or Assistant Chief Superintendents, Chief Inspectors, 90 S, 1,685 Constables; 1, 1 Woman Chief Inspector, 12 Women Constables; total 2,316.

INDIAN INSTRUCTOR

AT H.Q.



Indian Superintendent K. P. Tiwari admiring the headquarters facade with Inspector John Sutton, of R.T. and P.

RECENTLY attached to the Force for a fortnight to study crime investigation and detection techniques Superintendent Kashi Prasad Tiwari found his stay very interesting, although he would have like more time to have been devoted to examining our methods of instructing these matters.

This is because Superintendent Tiwari is Assistant Director at the National Police Academy, Mt. Abu, India. He is constantly in search of better methods of instruction. Prior to his attachment to the Force he attended the Hendon detective course.

Joining the Indian Police Service as a Deputy Superintendent in 1947, Superintendent Tiwari served as an operational policeman in both uniform and plain clothes branches before turning to instructional work in 1964. He explained that in India there is direct entry into the police as a deputy superintendent.

Before leaving headquarters, Superintendent Tiwari discussed our training methods with R.T. and P. officers.

WILSON TROPHY TO ROWHEDGE

THE WILSON TROPHY awarded every year to the Constable performing the most meritorious act has gone to P.c. Peter Wright, of Rowhedge. P.c. Wright joined the force in 1953 and has been stationed at Rowhedge for the past 11 years. He has one son in the job, a cadet at Colchester, and another still at school.

The citation reads as follows:

On 13th June, 1968, a fire occurred in a ground-floor flat at No. 9 Church Hill, Rowhedge, occupied by Mrs. Louisa Augusta Grant, a widow aged 81 years, who lived alone and was permanently incapacitated by rheumatoid arthritis. The flat was part of a semi-detached house and Mrs. Grant used the front room as her bedroom.

About 10 a.m. on this day a home help, employed by the Essex County Council, visited the house and on opening the back door found the flat full of smoke. She tried to gain access but was forced back by thick black smoke, and called for assistance.

A neighbour telephoned for the fire brigade, while the home help ran to the nearby surgery of Dr. Sanderson, Mrs. Grant's doctor. Dr. Sanderson was at the time speaking on the telephone to P.c. 924 Wright, of Rowhedge, and he informed the constable of the fire. Dr. Sanderson immediately went to the house and found P.c. Wright already in attendance. P.c. Wright found that the heat in the bedroom was intense, and due to the thick black smoke it was impossible to remain in the room for more than a few seconds without breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

Despite these conditions P.c. Wright and the doctor

dived blindly into the room on several occasions and, finally, P.c. Wright succeeded in locating the bed and pulled it towards the door, only to find that Mrs. Grant was not in it.

The fire brigade attended shortly afterwards and, with the aid of breathing apparatus, were able to extinguish the fire and recover the charred remains of Mrs. Grant's body which was in the centre of the floor near an overturned oil heater.

At a subsequent inquest H.M. coroner expressed his appreciation of the actions of P.c. Wright.



A look behind the evidence

Knocker comes out of (and into) the blue

EXCHANGING one blue uniform for another Knocker White joined the Force on 6th March. If he appeared a little longer in the tooth than his fellow recruits it was hardly surprising because Knocker has just taken his pension from the Royal Navy after 23 years. Chief Diver Robert White of H.M.S. Nurton, a minehunter, is 40 years old and married with three children aged 14, 12 and eight.

His family live at Gosport but he does not contemplate a move to Essex just yet. "No good shifting till I see if I like the police force or I'll be a gypsy again," he said, referring to the unsettled life of service married quarters.

In his naval service he has been all over the world but was most recently stationed in Scotland. "Diving is cold work up there." Knocker White joins other ex-naval diving types already in the force, not least his old mate Phil China, the diving sergeant. Will he like the police force? Wait and see he thinks.



Just like the old Nurton. Well, nearly. Accompanied by P.c. Mick Dray, a police diver, Knocker has a look round the diving store before being sworn in.



CONSIDERATION and evaluation of evidence in court is an important part of the office of Justice of the Peace. After a request was made by three lady magistrates a conducted tour of H.Q. was arranged to demonstrate the work that goes into the preparation of evidence presented to the courts. Said Mrs. Galbraith after hearing the scenes of crime experts, "I never realised policemen had to have such patience."

Detective Inspector Jeffery explains what goes into producing the fingerprint evidence presented to the court. Left to right are Mrs. L. F. Pitts-Tucker, of Danbury; Mrs. J. E. Franklin, of Great Leighs; and Mrs. J. M. Galbraith, of Chelmsford. All are members of the Chelmsford Bench.

Ford comes to Laindon

FORD have begun building high performance Cortinas tailor made for police patrol work. Initial work will begin on GT models with Lotus following later.

The new police Cortina GT, with 1600 cc bowl-in-piston crossflow engine, and twinchoke carburettor, starts life as a four-door model with radial ply tyres for good road holding. Built in will be calibrated speedometers, observer's light, reversing lights, wing mirrors and heavy duty suspension.

When Ford were producing their publicity for the new car where should they go for pictures of Cortinas in service but to Laindon traffic garage where Hotel Tango 10 was put through its paces by A/Sgt. John Burroughs and P.c. Gordon Hunnab.



ATHLETICS

FOOTBALL BY TOUCHLINER

WEATHER SPOILS CHAMPIONSHIPS

BOTH CROSS-COUNTRY and walking championships were affected by the weather. After the course had been flooded the runners had to contend with a lot of mud and the walkers in their turn were drenched and frozen by a savage hailstorm during their last lap.

Highlight of the cross-country season has been the return to good form of Clive Crossman coinciding with his return to Harlow Division. In January he ran a strong race to finish seventh in the regional contest at Brighton and later that month held his Force title on the Chelmsford course.

The two-lap Chelmsford circuit has proved something of a killer this year. Much of it is over soft mud or tussocks of tough grass and over the open ground even a gentle head wind feels like a gale. Frequent inundations by the Chelmer add to the muddy state of the ground. This is a real country course.

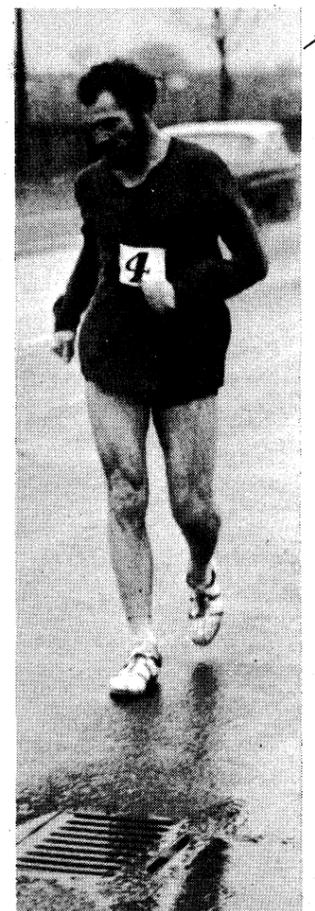
Basildon Win

The championship was won by Basildon even without Mike Blackwell, knocked out by recurring achilles tendon trouble. Colin Adams, making a rare appearance, led them in followed by walker Geoff Lee in fourth place, Dave Henderson eighth and another walker, Graham Furnival, 10th.

This was enough to out-score Harlow whose other runners, Green and McConkey, brought their score to 25 against Basildon's 35 (back scoring). Six divisions took part, Brentwood and Clacton sharing third place with 13 points, Grays 12 and Staff seven.

Second place in the individual race went to Bob Kebell of Wickford who has shown consistent improvement through the season, normally placing third for the team behind Crossman and Dave Letch.

This strong running Cadet, now at training school after joining the Force last month, was on a course and missed the race. At Brighton he took a good 17th place and will be an asset to the team next year.



Drenched but delighted John Hedgethorne wins the Force championship.



Clive Crossman crosses the line to win the Force cross country championship.

Force 10

The walking championship, 10 miles over the Chelmsford course, began in bright sunshine on 6th February but ended in a bitter hailstorm. Even so times were good and Charlie Fogg, the Barking to Southend champ, gave a fine exhibition to clock 80 minutes dead.

In the match against Met Police held in conjunction with the championship race the Force took the expected beating but John Hedgethorne had a great tussle with three Met walkers before having to give them best on the last lap. John took fifth place in the match to hold his Force title in 86m. 09s., his best time for a year.

The expected challenge from Geoff Lee did not come off. After a good autumn season Geoff has gone a little stale and his times are suffering. But he came through to take seventh place in 90m. 12s. to clinch runner-up spot.

In third place together were Graham Furnival and Mike Blackwell making sure of the team title for Basildon, 30 points. Harlow were again second with 14, and Grays and Staff both scored 11.

When the scores for the two races were added together Basildon, 65, and Harlow, 39, took the top two places with Grays just snatching third with 23.

Other scores were, fourth, Staff, 18; fifth equal, Clacton and Brentwood, 13.

20K best

IN ARCTIC conditions on February 15, John Hedgethorne lowered the Force 20-kilometres walk record to 110m. 06s. to take seventh place in a good class field. In the same race Geoff Lee took 17th place in 119m. 22s. and Graham Furnival 25th place in 125m. 52s. Forty walkers started.

SPORT

MID-ANGLIA TROUNCED

ON 24th FEBRUARY at Headquarters, Essex played Mid-Anglia in the quarter-final of the Beds. & Luton Challenge Cup. Essex were soon on the attack and opened the scoring in the fourth minute when BRAGG headed home a floating free-kick by HUDSON.

Play swung from end to end and in the 20th minute Mid-Anglia equalised with a good swerving shot from their inside-left from about 25 yards. This roused Essex who went close to scoring on several occasions, but it was not until the 38th minute that they regained the lead through WILKINS who headed home another well placed free-kick by HUDSON. Only brilliant work by the visiting goalkeeper prevented further scoring before half-time.

In the second half Essex showed their superiority by scoring goals through RHYMES, T. JONES and GRIFFITHS (a penalty in the 88th minute).

Team: Wicks, C. Clark, T. Jones, Hudson, Wilkinson, Wilkins, Henry, Jennings, Bragg, Rhymes, Griffiths. Sub, Farndell.



Spot the ball? It was more like that other game with the pointed ball at times. The visitors goalkeeper is challenged by Tony Bragg and John Rhymes (No. 8).

Too little bull

CADETS BEATEN

THE cadets entertained the City of London cadets at headquarters field on March 4, and the match started in ideal weather conditions, although the ground was soft.

Both teams had their fair share of the ball in the first half, but the City, making better use of their chances, netted three times before the turn round.

During the second spell Essex settled down better and moved the ball about well. A good solo run by Hussey from near the half-way line brought the first goal.

City soon answered with their fourth but shortly afterwards Kent took a long shot and from 30 yards lobbed the ball over the keeper's head. Amid some further good play City got two more to put the issue beyond doubt. But in the closing minutes a penalty was awarded to Essex which Letch easily converted to make the final score 6-3.

THE FORCE came within two points of winning the District short range team championship last month. But were the selectors at fault? With one member of the 'B' team scoring three points more than one 'A' team man it certainly looked like it. These things can happen in the best ordered team and it was just hard luck.

Despite a great 197 scored by Mick Brangham, the team captain, the team total fell just two points short of Hertfordshire's 777 pts., with City of London 'A' team a further three points behind Essex, scoring 772.

The 'B' team took a good fifth place, top scorer being George Breeding of Grays with 193. Seven teams took part.

Full Essex scores were: 'A' team: Brangham, 197; Scott, 195; Stenson, 193; Sanderson, 190. 'B' team: Breeding, 193; Green, 192; Starling, 191; Gowers, 184.

Seven goal Bob inspires Grays

GRAYS Division are having a great season. In the Southend Wednesday League they lie in second place only one point behind the leaders. Thanks to keeper Jim Stranger they have conceded only 17 goals, a better record than any of their rivals.

In addition, marksmen Bob Stewart and Bill Airey have been right on the ball and the team's tally is now over 80. Bob scored no less than seven in one match.

Grays' cup progress has been just as good. They have won through to the Southend Wednesday League Cup final, to the Challenge Cup final and have got into the semi-final of the Collinge Cup competition within the force.



Keith Wilkins rises to meet the ball squarely and head in number two for Essex.

Essex stick in the mud

IN THE MUD of Writtle E.C.C. staff ground Essex Cup hopes were dashed on 12th March as two goals in four minutes spell by Norfolk pushed them out of the competition. A last minute switch to the Writtle pitch, their bogey ground, was a disadvantage to the home team, but their own poor finishing added to their discomfit as they lost 2-1.

Play was even in the early stages, both sides having difficulty in mastering the muddy conditions. In the 17th minute Norfolk's centre forward left two defenders floundering and scored with a great shot, and four minutes later they scored again when the left-half joined the attack and netted after being left unmarked.

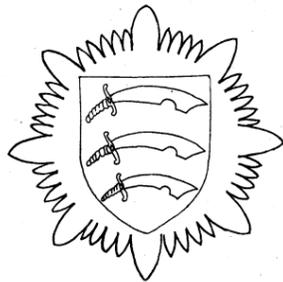
This spurred Essex on to greater efforts and with better finishing they could have equalised before half-time.

The second half found Essex in a more aggressive mood and but for three brilliant saves by the visiting goalkeeper John Rhymes might have had a hat-trick. Now play was marred by some unnecessary late tackles by Norfolk players. Referee Dawes lost control of the game and allowed too many fouls to go unpunished.

Despite great pressure Essex failed to score until the dying seconds of the game when a Griffiths penalty was slotted home after Tony Bragg had been fouled in the box.

So ended Essex medal hopes for this season, but Norfolk took their chances so good luck to them in the final. The Essex team was unchanged from that which won the game against Mid-Anglia.

SEAXES A.G.M.



COMPETITION SECRETARY Jack Anchor had a good old moan off at the Seaxes A.G.M. on March 4. "I can't go on like this," he said, complaining about the lack of help in organising club activities.

Stung by his words the meeting agreed to increase the size of the General Purposes Committee by adding another eight names. At a committee meeting afterwards the General Purposes Committee divided itself into groups to deal with forthcoming events.

Since the club took over its own finances eight months ago a healthy condition has been built up. Treasurer Derek Arbour reported assets of £152 and was re-elected to office for another year.

Des Biggs takes over as chairman having filled a gap in that position for much of the past year and another vacant position is filled by Inspector Lou Godwin, who becomes general secretary.

COMING EVENTS

F.B.P.M.C. "Tally Ho" Rally: Saturday/Sunday, April 12/13.

Chelmsford Motor Club Driving Tests: Sunday, April 13.

Seaxes Sunday Treasure Hunt: Sunday, April 27.

Seaxes Driving Tests (Wethersfield): Sunday, May 11.

ATHLETICS

MELBOURNE PARK, CHELMSFORD
4th June, Force Championships
19th June, Regional Championships

NOTE THESE DATES NOW

PORTRAIT

THE D.C.C.



EACH issue of "The Law" will contain a picture and autobiographical details of a senior officer as a means of introducing members of the two parts of the new force to each other.

PERHAPS it is fitting that the Deputy Chief Constable should be one of the longest serving members of the Force. In 1934 an Essex lad called Kenneth Alston became Police Constable 107 and attended the recruits course at Police Headquarters, Chelmsford. He was afterwards posted to Clacton and then H.Q. as a Constable and became a Sergeant in 1941.

His service continued at Billericay where he was a Sergeant in 1947. In 1948 he was promoted to Inspector and moved to Romford, serving later on at Harwich. He became Chief Inspector at Clacton in 1953 and also held that rank at Romford. In 1957 it was back to Clacton as Superintendent in charge of the division. From 1959 to 1963 he was in command at Colchester and in 1962 became Chief Superintendent at Romford. Promoted to Assistant Chief Constable in 1965, he stepped up to Deputy in 1968.

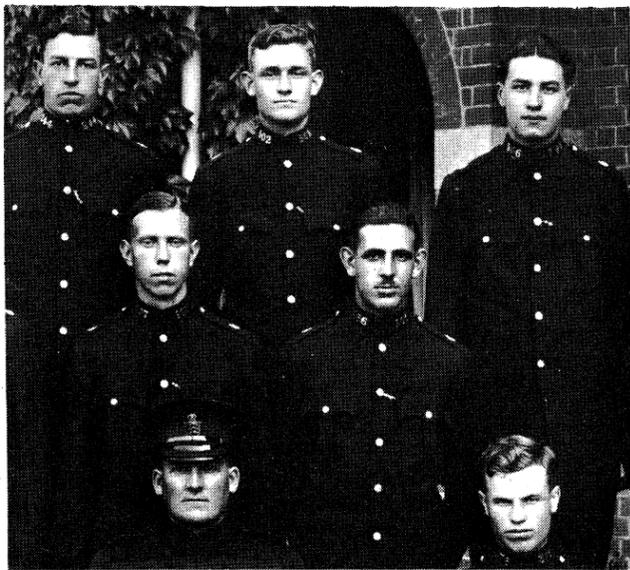
Mr. Alston attended the first 'A' course at the Police College in 1948 and was later the first 'A' course student to go back on a 'B' course. He attended the 'C' course in 1961.

Another "first" was achieved when he took command of the initial Eastern Region Police Mobile Column in 1960. In 1963-4 Mr. Alston was a member of No. 5 District O & M team which made studies and gave advice to forces on organisation and methods.

Mr. Alston was in command of the Romford Division at the difficult time leading up to the handover of that area to the Metropolitan Police in April, 1965, and was concerned in a great deal of liaison work with Metro in connection with that.

Earlier in his service he was an Inspectors' Federation representative. He played cricket and football in his younger days and is still a keen follower of force sport. It is interesting to note that on his initial course Mr. Alston had as a colleague P.c. 546 Waller, now A.C.C.(O) and of whom more in a later edition, and the two were in lodgings together during the course.

Mr. and Mrs. Alston have two daughters, one married, the other at university, and a son at grammar school.



Centre left, P.c. 107 Alston, later D.C.C.; top right, P.c. 546 Waller, later A.C.C. (O); bottom left, Inspector G. Sutton, later D.C.C.

SPORT Roundup

Badminton

Essex beat City of London on 14th March by 5 to 4 due mainly to the Page-Brown pairing who won all their matches.

Snow tons

Brentwood rifle team have taken 2nd place in the 4th division of the Southend and District Rifle League in the season just ended. P.s. Snow has received a special medal awarded in recognition of scoring six possibles out of ten cards shot.

Beaten at last

John Barcham is not only a long distance walker but is also a long distance table tennis player. After going 55 games without defeat in the Thurrock League this season he met his match recently and lost—one game.

Olympian defeat

Against Sawbridgeworth in the Olympian League the Force should never have lost but conceded three good goals in the first half. Despite a good recovery through second half goals by Rhymes, Griffiths and Bragg, the team lost 4-3.

Billiards

Derek Hughes provided Clacton's only win against Braintree in a 5 x 150 up match. Scores: Hughes beat Williams 150-114; Long lost to Gorham 101-150; Morgan lost to Booth 49-150; Clark lost to White 123-150; Kermath lost to Smith 103-150. Clacton names first.

Walden win

Saffron Walden beat Chelmsford 4-1 in a soccer league match on 4th March through goals by Rose (2) and Griffiths (2).

Force shooting

Essex won the Pistol League match against Leics. and Rutland in March by 431-241. Scores: Brangham 148, Saines 147, Cottee 136. In the P.A.A. National League (Div. 3, round 9) the 'A' team lost to Manchester & Salford by only four points and hold fifth position in the league table. Scores: Brangham 99, Clarkson 98, Stenson 95, Gowers 95, Sanderson 94, Scott 94, Breeding 93, Wolton 93; total 575.

The 'B' team also lost against Hull (Div. 5, round 9) by the larger margin of 13 points. They are sixth in the league. Scores: Clark 95, Snow 94, Carter 93, Starling 93, Howard 91, Green 90, Willis 89, Frith Ncr.

Federation News

IN FUTURE EDITIONS, with more space, national and local Federation matters not covered by minutes of Branch Board meetings, or the magazine "Police" will be published.

Now that amalgamation has finally arrived it is to be hoped that the better conditions now effective in both forces will be operative in the new force and negotiations will be carried out on these lines.

The present B.B. representatives will continue to act for their members until after elections in June. Any Federation matter should be forwarded to them until the new Boards are elected. Any urgent matters may be referred to Sgt. Smith, J.B.B. Sec., H.Q., Chelmsford (Tel. ext 248). If there is no reply at the Federation office please leave a message with the H.Q. switchboard.

Negotiations will be conducted after the merger by the Guardian Board made up of the secretary and chairman of each separate Board together with a policewoman member from each force. This Board is already active and has dealt with all negotiations affecting the new force.

Group Insurance

Nearly 700 Essex officers have elected to join the scheme, which was begun by Southend and now includes Essex personnel. The benefits are unbeatable and people who are at risk daily both on and off duty can feel more secure for just 2/- per week. Application forms can be obtained from divisional reps or the J.B.B. secretary.

Undermanning Allowance

The Police Authority has again rejected our request to make a claim for an allowance for this force, mainly on the grounds of economy and the fact that recruitment is restricted. The Police Federation Joint Central Committee is now taking up the cudgels on our behalf to request the Home Office to intervene.

STONHAM FUND

New Town Stakes



Basildon Draw winner, 66-year-old Jim Barron, of Rayleigh, is a retired Covent Garden Market porter. Jim has never had a holiday and has never been abroad. The prize, a holiday for two in Majorca.—Photo by Southend and District News Review.

Basildon set themselves a target of £1,000 for the Stonham Fund. Delighted at exceeding this handsomely they arranged for an insert in "Police Review" asking, "Is this a record?" Stung by this Harlow came back at once with the news that they have raised rather more than this with two dances still to come.

Great stuff by the new town divisions.

The main event in the Basildon calendar was a Charity Ball held at Benfleet and it was there that the draw for the lottery was made. First prize was a holiday in Majorca and it went to a 66-year-old retired market porter, Jim

Barron of Rayleigh. Jim has never had a holiday in his life and has never been abroad so the prize went to the right man. He will be off to Majorca with his wife on 15th September.

Chief Superintendent D. Moore, accompanied by Det. Insps. Eric Smith and Terry Malone, members of the organising committee, later handed Jim Barron his prize. Later in the summer Basildon will hold a barn dance but where will they find a barn in a new town?

Variety Show

Meanwhile at Harlow there had been great activity directed mainly towards a midnight variety show at the Odeon cinema.

With a top class bill the show was a sell out. Comper was Jon Pertwee and other acts included Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen, Margo Henderson, the Harmony Grass, Johnny Laycock, dancers Eddie Limbo and Pat, folk singing by Jan and Gordon and John Mann on the Hammond organ.

During the interval auctions of an autographed football, and saddle, signed by leading jockeys, raised more money. Harlow also have events to come with dances at Epping and Ongar in the near future.

So with Basildon raising £1,350 and Harlow £1,750 and more to come, Essex is likely to make a real contribution to the finances of this worthwhile fund.



Nicked! And by the Specials, too. Kenny Ball and Jon Pertwee clapped in irons by Harlow Special Constables Kite and Riddles—appropriate names when you come to think about it.—Photo by Harlow Citizen.

The Law Shop

WANTED: Two kitchen chairs or stools, any condition. Veronica Migliorini, Grays.

FOR SALE: 1961 Mobylette moped, £5. Veronica Migliorini, Grays.

FIVE berth caravan on holiday site at Jaywick with all amenities available for hire. Reasonable rates. Contact Pc. Street, Traffic Dept., Southend.

WANTED: Girl's cycle to suit ten-year-old. Sgt. Page, R and T Dept., H.Q.

Not many this month, but keep them coming in and help us to help you.

Badge

PETER COX of Clacton gained his Road Walking Association six miles in the hour badge at Battersea Park on 1st March, when he covered the lap course in 59m. 09s. A great performance in only his third race.

Basketball

AT THE Garrison Gymnasium, on February 27, the Force were beaten 41-22 by the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment after taking too long to settle down in the first half.

Team: Brotherton, Gernon, Coulthrust, Ellis, Carter, Whent, Bishop.