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## Southend Chief retires

### Good Wishes

WHITEHALL, LONDON, S.W.1  
March, 1969

Dear Alderman Millard,

I should like to mark the inauguration of the new Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary by sending my best wishes for the future to all members of the Police Authority and all officers of the force.

I wish also to express my appreciation to all elected representatives, magistrates, and officials of the constituent authorities, for the work which they have undertaken in making arrangements for the amalgamation. Please also ask the Chief Constable to convey my thanks to all members of the force for their loyalty in creating the new organisation.

The series of amalgamations now nearly completed is the largest reorganisation of the police service for more than a century. It is bound to involve some pangs of regret for the traditions of the old separate forces, but we are looking ahead to the creation of a more efficient organisation, and there is no doubt that large units are essential to the difficult tasks which today confront the police.

I know that now this larger force is beginning its work everyone will seek to help it to become established and to build up its own traditions and proud record of service.

Yours sincerely

JIM CALLAGHAN

AFTER a long and distinguished career Henry James Devlin, Acting Chief Constable of Southend, retired on 31st March, the last day of separate identity for the force. He had commanded for over 4 years.

Mr. Devlin was first attested as a Constable in the Borough in June, 1930, but had a short break due to ill health later that year, rejoining in 1931. He was promoted Sergeant in 1942. In 1947 the Watch Committee commended him for his part in the arrest of Stanislaw Zborowski, wanted for murder, and early in 1948 Mr. Devlin achieved inspector rank.

After attending the 'B' course at the Police College in 1953 he was promoted to Chief Inspector in 1955 and Superintendent the following year. 1958 saw him back at the College on the 'C' course prior to his promotion in 1959 to the position of Deputy Chief Constable.

In 1965 Mr. Devlin took over the command of the Force at a time when leadership and personal example were all important. By reason of his own personality the new Chief Constable maintained that high state of efficiency for which the Southend-on-Sea Borough Constabulary had always been noted.

A keen player of games, Mr. Devlin wielded a delicate snooker cue and out of doors was a golfer. He always took a keen interest in the affairs of the sports club. His only son, Barry, carries on the family tradition being at present an Inspector at Southend.

Although a native of Newcastle Mr. Devlin will stay in Southend area. He has joined three golf clubs and intends to play often.

## BEGINNERS' LUCK FOR 19 P.C's

THE promotion exam to inspector in January was the first which constables have been allowed to sit.

Quick to take advantage, 19 constables qualified, 28 per cent of the 71 who sat. Without doubt this justifies the decision to allow them to sit.

Sergeants scored a 40 per cent pass, 41 getting through out of 102. Training department were pleased that 19 out of the 20 men selected to attend the pre-promotion course qualified.

Top marks were scored by Det. Sgt. Lionel Orchard of Grays with 318 out of a possible 375.



Chief Constable Henry Devlin whose retirement coincided with the disappearance of his force.

## Earley Bird

Jennifer Earley, a clerk in Records and Filing at Headquarters, is in the news as a contender for the title of Chelmsford Carnival Queen. Jennifer, 20, is a former police cadet at Chelmsford, and when she went on a month's attachment to Trueloves School at Ingatstone she met housemaster Julian Field, now a Constable at Chelmsford. Julian and Jennifer are engaged and hope to marry next year.

## The Big Parade



Sergeant Gostling of Western Division on parade.

TO MARK the disappearance of the separate Southend-on-Sea Borough Constabulary a parade was held on the last Saturday in March. This assured maximum effect as the route of march took the police contingents, normally engaged on controlling Saturday traffic, right through the town centre from Marine Parade to Police Headquarters.

And a brave sight they made, a rare one too in an age when the police do not often march about in large numbers, giving the townspeople a last chance to see their own police moving as a body through the Borough. Even if all the same men and women were still on duty on the same beats on April 1 it was not quite the same. The personal link had been severed.

Pictures centre pages.



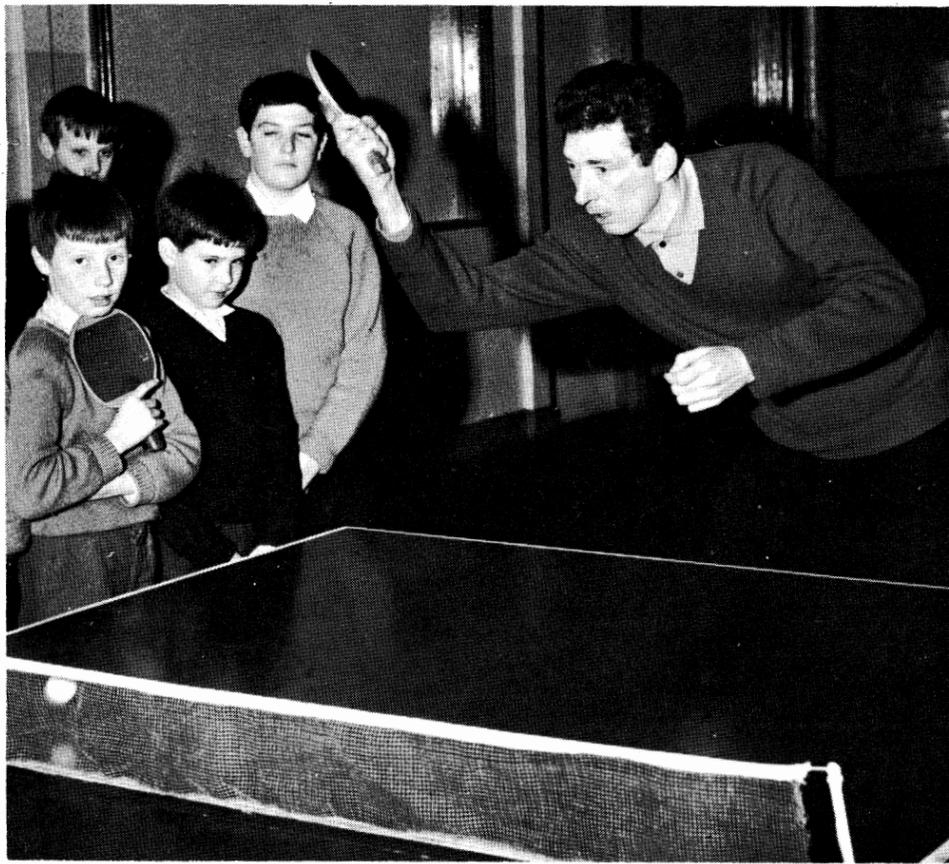
# Thank heaven for little girls . . . .

## or not so little, they all made the height standard

IT WAS Dollies Day at headquarters last month when nine young ladies presented themselves for selection as cadets. The selection board, headed by Mr. Alan Goodson, A.C.C.(A.), must have been bowled over too because they took the lot. So things will be looking up in divisions later this year. Left to right: Alison Grange, daughter of Sgt. Grange, Southend; Veronica Williams lives at Shenfield but will work at Chelmsford; Teresa Skinner, lives at Gidea Park will work at Grays; Janet Hopkins, Brentwood; Linda Chalkley, Harlow; Margaret Barrett, Chelmsford; Eileen Brocklebank, Basildon; Melanie Trollope, a Dunmow girl who will work at Chelmsford; and Linda Grimwade, Colchester.

First to sign on will be Miss Williams on May 5, the rest leave school in July.

### TROPHY FOR YOUTH CLUB FOUNDER



JOHN GRAHAM, Constable of Jaywick, has collected the "Milliard Trophy" for his work in connection with police-public relations and social service to the community.

John has been in the Clacton division since 1958 and for the last few years has lived at Jaywick, a holiday bungalow town almost deserted in winter. The sort of place the C.I.D. have nightmares about, plenty of petty crime, nothing worth much.

During the winter of 1967 John organised a play group for children of 7-11 years old in the local hall with the assistance of students from St. Osyth's teacher training college.

Last autumn it became apparent that there was

a need for something to be done for the older kids up to 15 years old. By scratching around a bit John managed to get the use of one of the seaside clubs for a nominal rent. Now his youth club has been opened to girls.

John Graham is not just an organiser, he plays a fair game of table tennis and swings the willow on the sward in summer.

#### Trophy

The trophy was donated by Alderman S. Woodfull Millard, Chairman of the Police Committee, for presentation to the officer who makes the greatest contribution to social service in the community or to police-public relations. This was the first time the award has been made



### BOOTS

What cadets get up to in their spare time is nobody's business, but Cadet Christine Johnson took part in the 18 Bridges Charity Walk in London. But, oh, those dreadful boots, definitely not made for walking.—Picture by "Essex Chronicle."



P.c. John Graham, T.w. Harry Morgan and P.c. Peter Wright, after receiving their trophies from the Lord Lieutenant of the County. T.w. Morgan's award was for assisting at an accident on Chelmsford By-Pass and P.c. Wright's for attempting to rescue an old lady from a blazing building at Rowhedge.

### Take care!

CRIME prevention branch at Colchester keen to bring their crusade against carelessness to the attention of the public hired a shop in the town and set up the display window as the scene of a break-in; desk drawers were turned out, chairs overturned, the typewriter on the floor, and papers strewn about. Above it all in large letters appeared the sign, "Are your premises secure?"

To their acute embarrassment, two nights later, the beat man found the front door of the shop

# The Chief on "House Decorations"

ONE of the things that most touches the families of police officers is the matter of decorations to police houses. It is of course most desirable that all police property should be maintained in a decent condition and individual occupants, if only from a sense of their own pride, clearly wish to keep their houses in good decorative condition. It is part of the responsibility of the Police Authority to see that the necessary attention to property is maintained.

Each year the houses are inspected by a representative of the County Architect, together with a police officer, and a programme of repair for the year is recommended to the Police Authority. In the light of national economic considerations, the Police Authority invariably have to cut the total cost of decorations that can be permitted by an amount which will bring the expenditure down to an acceptable figure for rate demand purposes. This exercise has just been completed for 1969/70.

The inspection of houses produced a repair and maintenance programme amounting to £79,400, but the Police Authority were only able to approve an expenditure of £63,000. In other words, £16,400 had to be cut from the allowance for decorating premises in one way or another.

Such an economy cannot be made without affecting every family occupying police premises and yet the only way to bring the figure down is to cut out some decorations that really ought to be done. The difficulty is to decide which decorations are to be deferred. This year, this had been done in consultation with the County Architect and a representative of the Guardian Board. Generally speaking those rooms and parts of the house which occupants would particularly wish to see in good decorative condition, e.g. the hall, stairs and landing, kitchen and large living-room, have been left in the programme. External painting too has been left in, since this is necessary to preserve the property. Bedrooms are perhaps the poor relation of the programme, and a large number of these have had to be cut from the proposals. All outside toilets have been deleted from the programme and only those offices at police houses which are in urgent need of decoration have been left in. This has the effect of reducing the cuts in respect of living accommodation. Even the wisdom of Solomon would not satisfy everyone in these circumstances, and no doubt many occupants will be disappointed. However, I have endeavoured to tackle the problem in an equitable way.

I hope that this will serve to explain to, if not satisfy, those occupants who are disappointed with the amount of decoration that will be done in the forthcoming year.

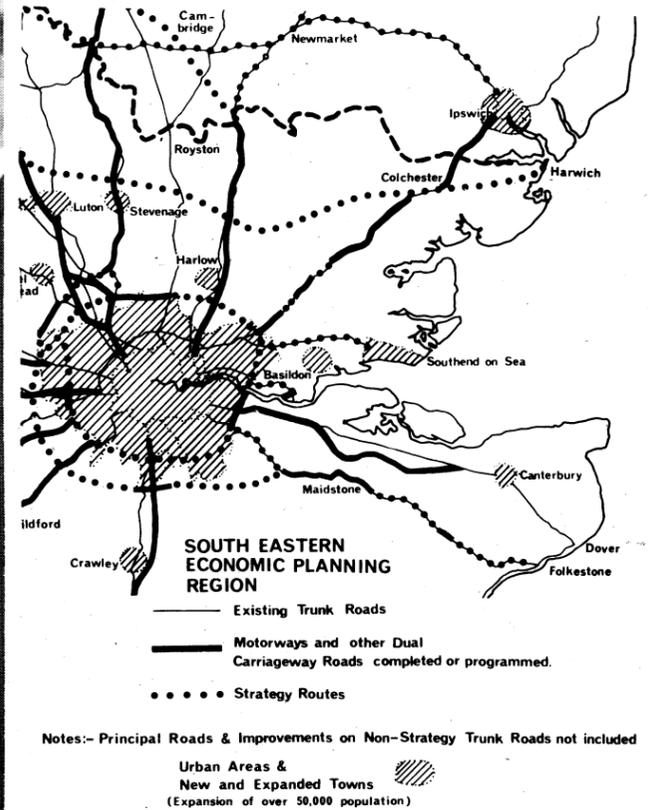
J. C. NIGHTINGALE  
Chief Constable.



## Royal Visit

Princess Alexandra, arriving at Harlow Heliport last month, meets civic dignitaries including Chief Superintendent W. Vickers.—Picture by "West Essex Gazette."

## Roads for the future



IN ANNOUNCING his new trunk road strategy the Minister of Transport, Mr. Richard Marsh, outlined in the pamphlet "Roads for the future — a new inter-urban plan," a proposed network of roads as a basis for discussion. That may sound fairly indefinite unlike the cost, likely to be around £2,250 millions over a period of 10 to 15 years starting in 1972, if the plan is adopted.

New strategy routes affecting Essex are shown on the attached plan. One is a proposed motorway connecting Harwich with the midlands. Others run from the north orbital road to Dartford tunnel with a branch to Southend along the line of the present A127, and along those parts of the A12 not already laid down as dual carriageway.

## OLDEST WIVES' CLUB

The Saffron Walden wives' club have asked us to point out that as they were formed in August, 1966, they are the oldest in the county, the club not the wives. We apologise for omitting to mention this last month.

further costs on the motoring public. Before taking such a step the Minister had to be satisfied that the cost would be justified by the number of accidents prevented. It was essential to know how many accidents involved skidding on both wet and dry roads.

Another interesting example is that of accidents to passengers boarding and alighting from buses improperly. A surprisingly large number of deaths happen this way and the way to cure this is to see that more buses are fitted with doors.

One of the more important exercises being undertaken at the moment is the study of accidents at junctions where 60% of casualties in towns happen. Analysis of the types of junction where most accidents happen is being made, roundabouts, crossroads, T and Y junctions, the kind of control and the extent to which parked cars can add to hazards at junctions are all being studied. This might indicate whether an increase in traffic lights or other signals would be justified or whether the present programme of painting "give way" markings should have priority.

### Lamp posts

Yet another cause of accidents, the extent of which it is intended to study, is street furniture, in particular lamp posts and telegraph poles. Once it is known how many accidents happen through vehicles hitting these objects it will be possible to decide the extent to which breakaway posts should be encouraged.

Another new entry in the books is information about where car passengers were sitting, and whether they were wearing seat belts. A lot of emphasis is placed nowadays on making the interior design of cars safer, but it all costs money. Suggestions are made

## A LAWFUL LAUGH ... by NALA



"HOW CAN YOU HAVE DONE 25 YEARS IN THE C.I.D. IF YOU ARE ONLY 22?"  
"OVERTIME MATE!"

## BIGGER AND BETTER T28

STATISTICS for their own sake or a necessary evil—the Ministry puts its case.

"From 1st January, 1969, police forces have been asked to report revised statistical data in relation to all personal injury accidents coming to their notice. This data is transferred from police accident report books or cards completed by reporting officers to a special Ministry of Transport form, known as "Stats 19" or, in some forces, to punched cards which are then forwarded to the Ministry. To implement the revised procedure it has been necessary to amend accident report books and cards and Stats 19." —note from circular letter from the Ministry.

It can hardly have escaped notice that the new accidents books call for even more information. But what do they do with it? The letter explains. The Ministry of Transport is very well aware that the gathering of statistical data and the completion of the Stats 19 is a big job for the police, well aware, too, that the new form is calling for yet more information about accidents. Some uses of the data collected are explained.

Road safety is a subject in which almost every driver has his pet theory of the cause of accidents. But road accidents are such a colossal problem that the only sensible way to tackle it is to sit down and work out where and when the accidents are happening, to whom and in what circumstances. No less than 41% of road deaths are pedestrians knocked down whereas only 2% happen on motorways; the latter, however, get all the headlines, the former almost none. The Ministry will never have the money to tackle every kind of accident so what must be done is to see that what cash is available is used where it will pay the biggest dividend.

By far the most important source of information is the Stats 19. The data is first collected by Ministry Headquarters, who make a routine analysis of the more important totals. After this all the data is passed to the Road Research Laboratory where it is stored on a computer where it is available both to the Ministry and the Lab.

The purpose of some of the entries on the Stats 19 is obvious, says the letter, but perhaps that of others is less so. For example, the Ministry has recently been studying possible ways of improving safety for pedestrians on crossings: it was essential to know how many were knocked down on the crossings, in the immediate vicinity, or having been masked by a parked vehicle. As a result of this study measures will soon be announced to improve the design of crossings and their immediate surroundings.

### Tyre Tread

In quite a different field the Minister recently made Regulations prescribing a minimum tread depth for tyres, imposing

that back seat passengers should also be required to wear belts and it is known that the risk of injury is roughly halved when they are worn. The data helps to decide these problems.

### Justified?

The letter eloquently justifies the statistics as being necessary to the accident prevention

studies. These studies in turn eventually produce more law. Is this a good thing? Or would it be better if the police were less heavily laden with data gathering duties so that they had more time free to enforce the laws we already have? Would this perhaps have a greater accident prevention effect than the expensive Ministry measures? Unfortunately this is another matter where everyone has his own pet theory.

# Farewell, Snowdrops

THE smart and distinctive white helmets appeared in public for the last time at the end of March as the Southend - on - Sea Borough Constabulary paraded through the town to say its farewells.

Martial music was provided by the band of the Hampshire Constabulary and all departments of the force were represented.

Before the parade, there

had been criticism in some quarters, complaining of likely traffic congestion on the particular route chosen, some grumbling about the expense of holding the parade at all. The Federation had expressed fears about the way the men might march, so many nowadays lack military experience. Would they be able to keep in step?

Such fears were ground-

less. Once on parade the lads, and the lasses, really put on a great show, marching with spirit and precision, to the obvious enjoyment and applause of spectators. There was one nasty moment when it was necessary to make an eyes left simultaneously with a right wheel, the difficulties of which may be lost on non-military types, but even this was

overcome by improvisation.

Before the parade, officers laughingly referred to it as "the funeral march." If it had really been a funeral procession and the road safety bus, bringing up the rear had borne the coffin, what could it have contained but the last remains of the parish pump, done to death by bureaucracy?



## PARADE PICS

## Looking Back



ABOVE LEFT: The Special Constabulary move away from the saluting base, the "eyes - left - right - wheel" point.

ABOVE: Inspector Ethel Tomkins leads the Borough's policewomen smartly up the High Street.

TOP RIGHT: Leading the band come the mounted section, from the left: Windsor ridden by P.c. Kimpton, Windsor with P.c. Gandeep up, and Misty carrying P.c. Monnikendan. Behind them

marches the band of the Hampshire Constabulary and in the background the long lines, snaking just a little, of white helmets.

RIGHT: Western Division, led by Inspector Turner.

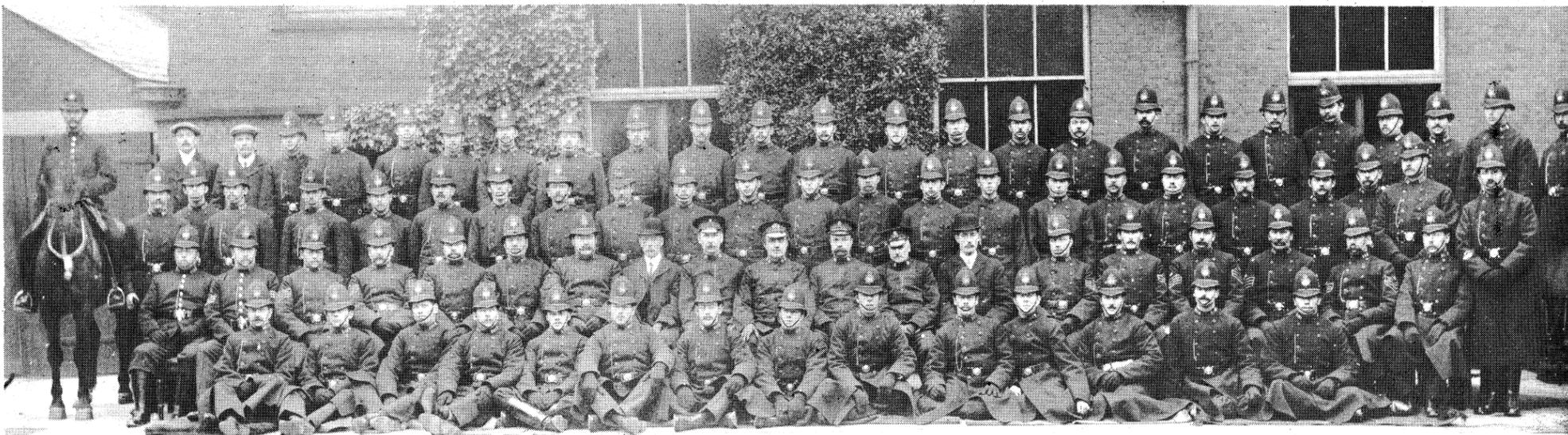
TAIL PIECE: "What a bore this all is. I just can't look." Police dog Hardy looks cheesed off with the whole thing.

Pictures by: Southend photographic branch.

LEFT: Pictured here is the Borough's first police parade. The new force paraded for inspection by His Worship the Mayor, Alderman Joseph Francis, at noon on 1st April, 1914.

BELOW: This picture was brought into "The Law" recently. It is thought to be of the Essex policemen who transferred to the Borough force in 1914. Certainly the building in the rear is the old headquarters in Alexandra Street. Can anyone identify the picture?

## DOG'S LIFE





# Stansted

IN MARCH the force co-operated with other services in an air crash operation at Stansted airport. The disaster was realistically simulated by setting fire to one plane for the benefit of the fire fighting units, while placing the "casualties" in another plane standing nearby.

A police incident post was set up near the scene (top picture) and Chief Superintendent W. Vickers took charge. From this post messages were relayed to the control room at headquarters.

The Fire Service were quickly on the scene (below) and very soon had the casualties out of the stricken aircraft on to the grass beside the runway (bottom left). Here the first difficulty was met as the ambulance service, unable

to muster a large enough fleet of ambulances quickly, could not cope with the rush. Consequently the Herts and Essex Hospital at Bishop's Stortford, receiving centre for casualties, never got some of the casualties at all.

The casualties came from the Harlow area and found it all quite good fun (bottom right) but as the night got cold so did they and rather fed up too with the hanging about. Mainly because of this the exercise was cut short.

Several lessons were learned, one being that exercises are not like the real thing. Police administrative arrangements connected with major incidents have also been slightly amended in the light of experience gained at Stansted.



# letters to the Editor

Dear Sir.—I have just finished reading the first issue of "The Law" and would like to let you know how much I enjoyed reading it.

To all those people who must have put in a lot of effort in producing the paper I say, "Thanks, congratulations and good wishes for the future."

As a retired police officer I feel this paper will be a very good means of helping us to keep in touch with the Force.

Yours sincerely,  
Arthur Pratt  
(Ex-P.c. 603, Brentwood)

## PLAYCARS

SIR.—I read with interest the notes on the Seaxes motor club including their coming events. I cannot for the life of me understand why grown men must play with motor cars. Surely a motor vehicle is a means of transport not a plaything.

How can road accidents possibly be reduced while cars are looked upon as a means of competition between the drivers? It is this attitude of mind that causes many accidents. While it exists the roads can never be safe, not even for the drivers themselves, and far less for anyone on foot.

To say that competition driving increases skill is to evade the issue. While cars are driven, at any time, in a spirit of competition danger to other people must be present. Every form of competition driving should be kept off public roads.

PEDESTRIAN  
(N/A supplied)

## PENSIONER

Dear sir.—The lack or rather the complete absence of news of the retired members has always surprised me. I joined the Force in 1938 and retired in 1965, therefore I have four years of being a member of the public. I now feel I would like to tell those about to retire and those who have retired, just what I have experienced, since becoming a Mr. instead of a rank and number.

First I think it would be right to tell you why I retired after 27 years instead of 30. I had had enough, that would be partly right, but chiefly because I saw a situation which I considered would suit me. The applicant was to be under 50 years of age. I applied, was interviewed with others and accepted as Clerk and Supervisor at an Approved School, there were 80 boys in the school. I was required to do 35 hours per week as a Clerk and at least 15 hours per week as a Supervisor. My first mistake was not to realise that "at least 15 hours" could mean up to 35 hours. In my first two weeks my hours amounted to 142 hours, over 70 hours per week. I managed to take the strain for four months, then decided I had really had enough. Whilst waiting for something suitable, I had a short stay with the Eastern Gas Board as Clerk and telephone operator.

## Clerk

My next experience was with the Eastern Electricity Generating Board as a Clerk. I was with them for eight months. I left because I had been offered a post of Forecourt Manager at a garage within five minutes walking distance of my home with a higher salary. I was to be given three months training. I did two days and was asked to "take over" my garage. I took it over and increased Sales, Service and Satisfaction. I was soon to learn what staff difficulties really meant. I called at the garage one

# PORTRAIT



Police College 'A' course in 1951 and then moved to Grays in 1953 as inspector. A six year spell there was followed by a similar period at Chelmsford as chief inspector but then promotion and appointments followed rapidly.

In 1965 he moved to Basildon as superintendent, second in command of the division, and later that year was appointed detective superintendent, taking over as deputy commander of the county C.I.D. The following year he was back at Grays as chief

superintendent. In May, 1968, he was appointed to his present position.

His main claim to fame on the sports field is cricket. Already a fast bowler for Hampstead Ramblers when he joined, he quickly gained a place in the force team, and held it for 30 years, the last 18 as captain.

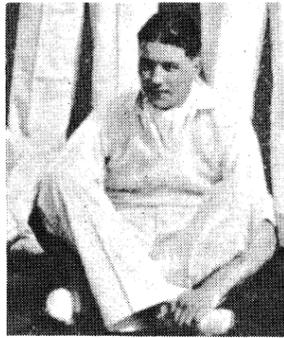
Mr. Waller comes of a scattered family, having a sister in New Zealand and a brother and sister in Australia. His daughter, Joy, lives in Windsor, but son Bruce who holds a

## THE A.C.C. (O)

CHARLES HOWARD WALLER joined the Force in 1934 as P.c. 546. Born at Hampstead, Mr. Waller was son of the head coachman to Lord Glendyne, a position his father held for 66 years. He had police connections with a grandfather and two uncles in the Metropolitan Police.

After service at Romford and Tilbury as a constable he became a detective constable at Clacton in 1941 and remained there until his promotion to uniform sergeant at Witham in 1946. He attended the

superintendent only to return to headquarters in 1967 to take command of the C.I.D. with the rank of detective chief



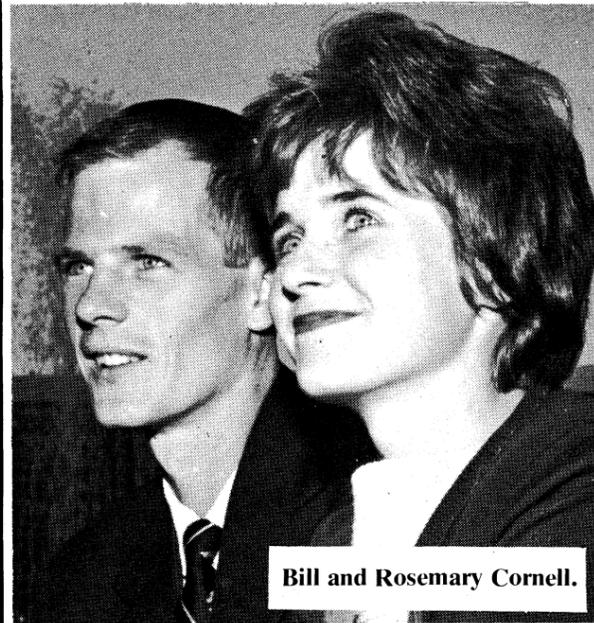
The young P.c. Waller pictured in the 1935 group photo of the force cricket team.

1st class engineer's ticket is afloat with the P. and O. Line. His other son, Anthony an ex-cadet, has just been promoted sergeant in the British South Africa Police at Bulawayo. Mrs. Waller has just returned from a visit there.

His main interest is criminology of which he has made a lengthy study.

Typical of Mr. Waller's involvement in active police work was the recent court account of his intervention in a fight in Chelmsford when a drunk was knocking a constable about. Mr. Waller is still a copper after 35 years.

## Bill Cornell



Bill and Rosemary Cornell.

NEWS has come from States-side of an ex-member of the force who has made a great success in what in this country is a rare career. Bill Cornell is now athletics coach at Murray State university.

Bill joined the force in 1959 and very quickly made his presence felt in the athletics world. He was then already English junior mile champion. The day he returned from training school he ran the 880 anchor leg in the No 5 District medley relay and carried the team to victory. The picture of this winning team shows he had three colleagues who are still with us. Standing beside Bill is John Barcham, kneeling is Terry Hill, the only one of the four no longer active in the sport, and holding the cup a rather overweight person who will be recognisable to some as the walking captain.

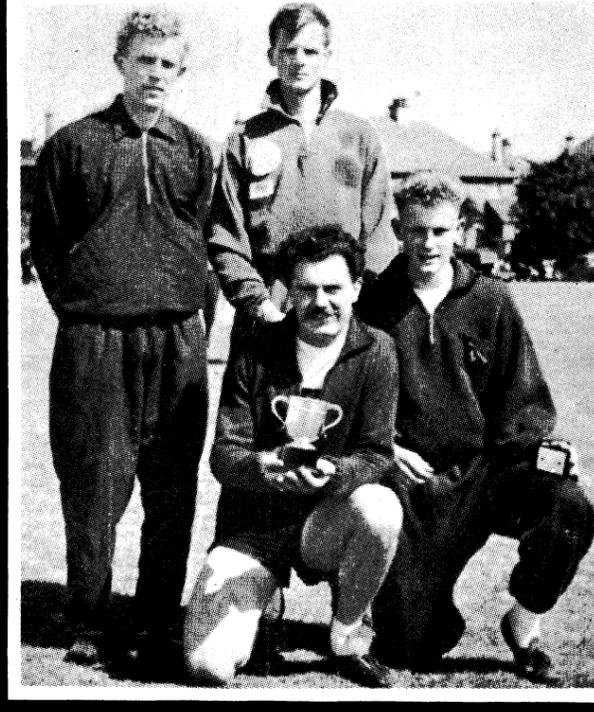
Another of our present athletes who has good cause to remember that race is Mike Blackwell then a member of the West Suffolk force. In winning for Essex Bill went to the front from very nearly last place. Up to that point Mike was in the lead for Suffolk with every chance of holding the cup they had won the previous year.

Bill Cornell went on to win the P.A.A. 880 yards championship that summer at Brighton in 1m. 55.2s., still a force best. Shortly afterwards he left the force.

Eventually he found himself in the University of Southern Illinois on an athletics scholarship and in 1965 he received his B.S. degree following this later with an M.S. While there Bill was runner-up in the N.C.A.A. mile in 4m. 0.5s. which was the fastest British mile that year and earned him a European Games place, and runner-up in the half mile the next year in 1m. 48.1s.

After his appointment to Murray he coached their cross-country team to a dark-horse victory in the O.V.C. cross-country championships. An athletics coach gets rather more adulation over there than in this country.

Informant on Bill's progress is father-in-law Ted Whiffen who works in headquarters fingerprint department. His daughter, Rosemary, is, of course, in the States with her husband.



Police Dependents Trust Dance

Eastuary Rooms, Southend-on-Sea, Friday, May 23

First-class dinner - Two top-line bands - Tombola

Cabaret  
Starring David Berglas

Tickets are priced at £3 each and a limited number are still available. Apply to P.s. Easley, Southend

## RUN DOWN

AFTER a breaker had been operating rather persistently in the Corringham area recently a householder came home one night and saw the lights go on in his house. He telephoned the police and the house was surrounded.

At this point matey ran for it but Chief Inspector Malcolm Purvis was having none of that and in a quarter-mile dash that would make many probationers look slow he felt the burglar's collar. Malcolm Purvis is a one-time rugby footballer who represented No. 1 District when he served in the North.

new position on the 25th May, 1967. I believe there are very few Police Officers that finally become Funeral Directors.

My final comments are that a Funeral Director is the nearest to being a Police Officer, meeting the public, being able to help, guide and advise.

Now my fellow sufferers, how about you?

Yours looking forward in anticipation,

Harry G. Griggs, ex-P.c. 594  
6 Croasdaile Road,  
Stansted.

Thanks for your adventure story, Mr. Griggs. You seem quite happy with the grave turn your civilian career has taken. Come on you pensioners, let's hear from you.—Ed.

Received from one Stanbury, a goodly fellow of Basildon.

That panoply of buildings, set midst greenery at Springfield, Houses now 'mongst charts and books, classes of instruction, and history beneath, The genesis of "The Law."

Not that institution immemorial, upon which hangs the very thread of our democracy. But a journal, a paper, call it what you may. In pangs of birth, perhaps, But here, no doubt, to stay.

A job indeed to edit, collate and publish far afield a paper. For us, about us, and written by the men and women, who, collectively Are known as "The Law."

The Editor, Wheatcroft's rival, pores with fevered brow o'er galley proofs and contributions Sent from far and wide throughout the County, and from that town, we hope, with which We're re-united after such a time.

A student of architecture, and of history, a man of words, and deeds as well; He now assembles and creates, and is the architect himself of that which states now, and in the future The history of our Force.

No sinecure this, his new position, and far, far cry from notes and prints Sent but twice a year from 'side the Thames. Now he has to rival forerunners, those with backing; "The Job" and "Patrol" are but two that come to mind.

No computer aids him in his task, as yet. A typewriter, pounded heavily, will suffice Until we make such progress as we shall, and later dictate direct, To see results in web offset.

And so to press, with hopes held high, that "The Law" will be upheld, And come to expectations. It depends in full on your support, Your notes, your comments, and your thoughts.

"MCCLXX"

## £1,000 p.a.

The explanation was that the job was worth a £1,000 a year to one with experience, but I had admitted that I had not any engineering knowledge. I simply said the job did not interest me at such a wage. The contract was amended not to a £1,000 a year but to one that I considered much more reasonable. So I left the garage on the 18th June, 1966, and started in engineering. I kept with the firm for a year, in which time I had cleared up the mess, organised the stock records, rendered First Aid more times than my 27 years in the Force and was just beginning to make my life a little easier. A serving member of the Force then tells me of a post which was crying out for a suitable person.

What was the post? He told me. I went home and thought about it. Again it would mean starting from scratch, no experience, except the experience I had had whilst in the Force and doing duty as Coroner's Officer. Told I could start within a week, I gave my notice in at the engineering firm. It was handed back to me. I was told it would not be accepted.

## Wages Up

My wage was being considered to be increased. I left my notice on the desk and started in my

## Champ Again



P.c. DEREK RULTEN, of the Colchester Traffic Department, won the Essex A.B.A. Middle-weight title in this year's county championships, held for the first time at Colchester, in the No. 1 Garrison Gymnasium, on March 29. This was Derek's sixth county title win, in a successful boxing career covering more than 12 years. His earlier championship victories have been at various weights and he previously held the middle-weight title in 1965.

At the end of his first year with the Colchester Boxing Club, Derek decided to retire from active competition and divert his enthusiasm for the sport to the administrative side. For the past two seasons he has been competition secretary to the club and the marked revival in its fortunes is very largely due to his painstaking and efficient match-making.

This season, however, the lure of the ring proved irresistible and Derek decided to have another crack at a county title. Months of dedicated and gruelling preparation, followed by two good wins against tough, experienced opponents—Eric Freeman of East Ham (Open Police Championship finalist four years running) and Graham Harrison, of Beccles (the current Suffolk Middleweight Champion)—set him up for his championship bid. The methodical manner in which he cleverly outpointed the immensely durable Graham Garrett, of Rochford, to take the title, left no doubt about his own lasting qualities; the old Rulten magic was plainly evident in a closely-fought bout that topped the bill for excitement and suspense.

Prior to his move to Colchester in 1966, Derek was stationed on Canvey Island, during which time he was a prominent member of the Canvey Boxing Club.

Between the wars, the old Colchester Borough Police Force boasted one of the crack amateur boxing teams in the country, with a first-class representative at every weight; today, however, Derek is the only police boxer in the town, although his successes have lately begun to attract his colleagues—as their presence at the county championships clearly showed!

### ESSEX POLICE CRICKET ELEVEN FIXTURES—1969

Sun., 11th May	Brightlingsea	Away, 2.30 p.m.
Sun., 18th May	Tendring	Away 2.30 p.m.
Sun., 25th May	Sudbury	Away, 2.30 p.m.
Sat., 31st May	Poslingford	Home, 2.30 p.m.
Sun., 1st June	Braintree	Away, 2.30 p.m.
Sun., 22nd June	Gestingthorpe	Home, 2.30 p.m.
Sat., 28th June	Poslingford	Away, 2.30 p.m.
Sun., 6th July	Crittall Witham	Away, 2.30 p.m.
Sun., 20th July	Gestingthorpe	Away, 2.30 p.m.
Sat., 26th July	Tendring Park	Away, 2.30 p.m.
Sun., 3rd Aug.	Clacton	Away, 11.30 a.m.
Sun., 10th Aug.	Crittall Witham	Home, 2.30 p.m.
Sat., 23rd Aug.	Stock	Away, 2.30 p.m.
Sat., 30th Aug.	Frinton	Away, 2.15 p.m.
Sun., 14th Sept.	Tendring Park	Away, 2 p.m.
Sun., 21st Sept.	Wethersfield	Away, 2 p.m.

Captain Barry Tarbun hopes that any members of the force who find themselves near these grounds will support the team. Brighter cricket is guaranteed.

## LIFESAVERS

ON TUESDAY, March 25, 1969, seven cadets of the Force were successful in gaining the Royal Life Saving Society's Award of Merit in an examination held at Chelmsford Swimming Pool.

This is a high standard of achievement and involves swimming a total distance of nearly 250 yards, and also towing a patient a further total distance of 200 yards. Just to make things a bit more difficult they have to do the first part of the award in normal clothing. The examination also includes practical artificial resuscitation, related physiology, and an assessment of a theoretical emergency situation.

This was the first award examination under the new syllabus taken in this area and all the cadets passed with "flying colours."

The cadets were: Cadet 12, Tony Ellis (Brentwood); Cadet 14, Doug Adams (H.Q.); Cadet 27, Peter Horsfall (H.Q.); Cadet 48, Roger Coleman (Clacton); Cadet 70, Derek Blois (Clacton); Cadet 71, Bob Everitt (Basildon); Cadet 77, Bob Bourne (Colchester).

## P.A.A. PISTOLS

FOR the first time the Force entered a team in the P.A.A. Standard Pistol League this season. Owing to a lack of suitable weapons the choice of team members was limited, but Ian Saines (Colchester), John Cottee (Horkesley) and Mick Brangham (H.Q.) were enrolled as the Essex team and placed in division six of the league. Ten rounds were shot with the creditable result of a second place in the table. May we hope that next year more will shoot so that the joint force can be well and truly represented. Anyone in a position to shoot .22 pistol should get in touch with the captain.

Final league table:

	F. P. Avg.
West Midlands	10 16 4087
Essex	10 12 3979
Leic. & Rut'd	10 8 2277
Lancs 'B'	10 4 1302
Sheff. & Roth.	10 0 609
Essex averages: I. Saines, 70.20; M. Brangham, 66.20; J. Cottee, 62.66.	
Round 10 result: M. Brangham, 145; I. Saines, 142; J. Cottee, 131.	

In tragic circumstances, well known sportsman Insp. Eric Gale was drowned in a Coventry swimming pool last Thursday. With colleagues from the Police Training Centre at Wrighton he was enjoying an off-duty swim and dived in to show his under water swimming prowess. During his second length he was seen to be in difficulties and although he was taken from the water could not be revived. Eric Gale was 33 and leaves a wife and two children.

## POLICE SLUMP FOOTBALL BY TOUCHLINER

POLICE, conceding several games, slipped badly down the Olympian League table last month. Although several teams are on equal points it will take better play and organisation to take them up the table.

In a dirty game in mid-month against Collier Row Police went down by 3-1. The game was so bad that it came to the ears of the different referee who took the return match the following week. Both teams got a solemn warning before the game.

Not that it did Police much good, they only had nine men there. Something wrong with the organisation? Are there no footballers in Southend? Despite this a good open game ensued which Collier Row took by 4-2.

FORCED to make last minute changes on March 22, when Griffiths was kept on duty to watch an unexploded bomb, Police really exploded into the form they are capable of and beat Writtle — second in the league — on their own ground.

Against a strong wind the lads could only hold Writtle in the first half, leaving the score sheet blank at half-time. In the 57th minute Hudson chased a through ball after good approach work by Jones and following a collision with the goalkeeper the ball ran loose to Farndell, who cracked home a good shot.

Writtle's leader equalised in the 80th minute, heading in a free-kick from the left wing. Police turned on the pressure and from the fourth

### SENIOR DIVISION TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Basildon	26	20	3	3	79	23	43
Writtle	25	13	4	8	47	34	30
Dunmow	25	13	4	8	58	55	30
Manor Ath.	21	11	6	4	51	26	28
Collier Row	24	10	8	6	50	36	28
Dorset P.	26	10	5	11	37	54	25
E.C.C.	27	8	8	11	42	55	24
Ongar Town	21	9	5	7	45	39	23
Bowers Utd.	22	10	3	9	45	53	23
B'ham Rrs.	24	10	2	12	36	43	22
B.S. Swifts	25	9	4	12	44	57	22
Essex Plice.	25	9	4	12	43	59	22
Billerica	25	8	5	12	42	47	21
B'ham Mths.	23	4	10	9	25	32	18
O.C's.	22	6	6	10	31	42	18
Crittalls	23	8	1	14	36	41	17
S'b'with	24	5	4	14	27	43	14

successive corner Bragg scored with a hard shot with four minutes left. Just before time Rhymes got the goal he deserved, scoring from close in after a great run by Jennings who cleverly flicked the ball when challenged.

Team: Wicks; Clark, Jones; Bragg, Wilkinson, Jenkins, Farndell Hudson, Jennings, Rhymes, Henry.

## April Walk about

IN APRIL the walking section scored a notable first in being the first, and only one so far, to integrate Southend and Essex men into one team. This might denote better organisation or greater determination to succeed.

On the first Saturday of the month the team were engaged at Battersea Park in a 20 kilometres open race. It was a rather disastrous day. In the first place duty or injury kept all but three of the team away and of those who went Mike Blackwell was disqualified, John Barcham had to retire with blisters and John Hedgethorpe was well below form with a time of 115 minutes.

The following Saturday, 12th, the team were again depleted and only four started the race. John Hedgethorpe on this occasion started at a smart pace and found himself to be in shattering form, passing through 10 miles in under 90 minutes and completing the 20 in 3hrs. 1min. 12secs. to lower the force record by over 7 minutes. Keith Mann, too, was going well and passed through the 10-mile point in a personal best for that distance of 106mins. 20secs. He went on to do the 20 in 3hrs. 34mins. 11secs.

As if caught by the general fever, Graham Furnival's 10-mile time was also a best, 92mins. 04secs., but he was obliged to give up after 13 miles feeling sick. Peter Cox was attacked by cramp early on and had to retire.

On April 19 the walkers had their first excursion as a combined team, five members of the old Southend force turning out for the Colchester to Ipswich race.

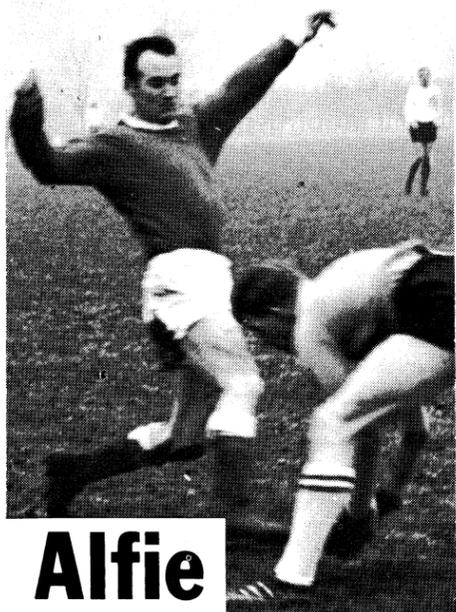
John Hedgethorpe was again in good form and went under 2½ hours for the first time in taking 11th place in 2hrs. 29mins. 27secs., fast enough to win first handicap prize. Graham Furnival came home some 10 minutes behind but his time was also good enough for a handicap prize, third. After a longish gap since the last prize won it was great to have two in one race. Graham's time took 13 minutes off his previous best for this race.

Another fastest ever was Geoff Lee's 2hrs. 44mins. 50secs. and Mike Blackwell's 2hrs. 52mins. 24secs. was a steady first effort over this course. Other Police times were Keith Mann 2.59.38, Peter Cox 3.02.32, G. Florence 3.14.23, T. Sylvester 3.24.08, C. Sleaf 3.36.05, W. Lewis 3.36.07, K. Treasure 3.39.09.

As a result of this race and the County 10 kilometres track championship on 16th, both league races, Police scored 108 and 187 points, the team score leapt to 756 and took them up to 4th place, one higher than they finished last year.

For the first time Geoff Lee joins John Hedgethorpe in the league individual top ten. John maintains his overall third place and Geoff slips in at tenth. Of the three league races still to go two are long ones, 20 and 28 miles so Policedistance specialists should hold their place.

## Everlasting



Alfie



Alf Henry has been a member of the force football team since 1958 and here he is still giving the opposition 'keeper a hard time. He was force 100 yards champion and has also been in the force cricket and cross-country teams.

The force team, pictured before an Olympian League game last month. Back row, left to right, Chris Farndell, Peter Hudson, Chas Clark, David Wilkinson, Tony Wicks, Dave Wilkins, Taff Jones; front, Alf Henry, Colin Jennings, Tony Bragg, John Rhymes, Richie Griffiths.—Pictures by Les Brand.

# SPORT Roundup

## Athletics

The force championships will be held at Melbourn Park, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m. on June 5. Events, men, 100, 220, 440, 880, mile, 2 miles walk, 3,000 metres steeplechase, mile medley relay, shot, discus, javelin, high and long jumps, women, 100, long jump, cadets, 100. Charington Cup to champion division.

## P.A.A. shooting

Essex 'A' lost to City of London in round 10 of div 3, national league, by only 3 points. Scores: Brangham 99, Stenson 98, Sanderson 96, Bredding 96, Scott 94, Gowers 94.

The 'B' team had a good win over Lancs 'C' team, scoring 558. Scores: Green 95, Carter 93, Starling 93, Clarke 93, Willis 92, Snow 92, Howard 86.

## Points

Police were awarded the points after Sawbridgeworth won 4-3 by means of 3 ineligible players last month. Away draw specialists British Mathews packed their penalty box to keep Police out but they could not score themselves and a goalless draw resulted. B.M. now have eight away draws to their credit.

## Combat Shoot

On April 13 18 members of the force attended a combat shoot at Wickham Market. After an exciting tie between the force, Suffolk and Mid-Anglia, it was decided that the best shot in each team should shoot the course again as a decider. John Green of Grays who had scored 65 in the main event did well to notch 64 in the shoot off but this was just 2 behind Mid-Anglia who won the trophy. Inspector John Sutton, force weapon training organiser, also had a good shoot, totalling 63 points. Other scores were: Shoulders 47, Brangham 44, Scott 52, Cottee 35, Saines 48, Jeffery 35, Watts 49, Chester 55, White 39, Kirley 50, Robinson 51, Light 13, Scott 48, Stenson 49. Teams from Staff, Colchester, Southend E and W and Clacton took part.

## Losses

Two sportsmen recently left the force whose ability will be sadly missed. P.c. Clive Crossman has resigned to join the police in Bermuda. Clive was force champ at cross-country, mile and steeplechase. Less far afield goes Inspector Lou Clark, promoted Chief Inspector on transfer to Somerset and Bath. Lou has been a regular member of soccer and cricket teams for force and division for several years.

## Round 11

Force 'B' won its National league, div 5, round 11 match by 10 points over York and N.E. Yorks, and are now in third position. Scores: Green 97, Starling 94, Clark 93, Snow 92, Howard 90, Carter 88, Frith 87, Willis 86.

The 'A' team (Div 3, round 11) lost heavily to Birmingham, 580-562. Scores: Brangham 99, Stenson 94, Sanderson 93, Clarkson 93, Wolton 92, Scott 91, Bredding 91.

## Netball

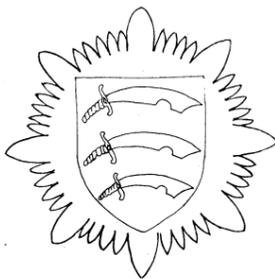
In a match arranged before amalgamation, Essex women police beat Southend women police by 24-19.

## Grays

After playing badly in the Southend Wednesday League charity cup final and losing 4-1, Grays division held on well to draw 2 each in the league cup final, through two good goals by lofty Mick Lewis.

## 20 MILES

Hitting great form just two weeks before the Barking to Southend, Graham Furnival put in a career best 20 miles in the Chelmsford to Southend on April 26, recording 3h. 7m. 59s. John Hedgethorpe was only 50s. in front in sixth place. Geoff Lee, 3h. 15m., was also in good form. Other times, M. Blackwell 3h. 30m., K. Mann 3h. 35m. 52s., P. Cox 3h. 52m., K. Sylvester 4h. 5s., K. Treasure 4h. 20m. 30s. Police scored 182 points and climbed to third league place.



SEAXES treasurer Derek Arbour is after money again, this year's subs are due. "No subs, no membership card, no discount," says Derek.

Coming events include Seaxes driving tests at Wethersfield on May 11 to which civilian clubs have been invited. All the usual team and individual classes will be included.

Looking ahead to their next tests, the Ford test track at Boreham has been booked and an interesting programme for all the family is promised.

The round London treasure hunt last month was won by Mick Brangham and family who found a good number of the 80 or so clues hidden near the Tower or London Wall.

## Rally Rules

MOTOR rallies will in future be authorised entirely by the R.A.C. under Regulations which came into force on 1st April. But, as usual, up goes the price as fees are increased.

The regulations are the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations, 1969.

Under these regulations, the Royal Automobile Club becomes the sole authorising body for all events now subject to

control including the smaller rallies now authorised by the police. This will eliminate double handling of applications and reduce delay in granting authorisation.

Because the existing fees have failed to meet the cost of the control system they have had to be increased but the amount of the increase has been kept to a minimum by the simplification in procedure. The scale is now £5 basic fee plus £3 for each 50 miles.

The new regulations incorporate amendments based on recommendations of the Motor Rallies Advisory Committee, set up under section 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1962, to advise on the control of rallies.

Other minor changes in the regulations include some simplification of the application form; a provision to make it clear that large rallies split into smaller events need authorisation; and a measure to improve safety by requiring rally competitors to take a rest period at least every 200 miles.

The new regulations come into force on 1st April 1969, but appropriate transitional arrangements have been included to cover the change-over to the new system.

# Federation News

**IT IS with regret that I record the death of P.c. 541 Anthony Edward Shephard, of Colchester, who was taken ill whilst on duty on Monday, 14th April, 1969, and died shortly afterwards in hospital. He was within two days of reaching his 32nd birthday and leaves a widow and three young children, the youngest just a few weeks old.**

**Tony was the son of Leo (Jack) Shephard, who retired from the Force in 1955 after serving 25 years, mostly in Motor Patrols and finishing at Brentwood.**

**The Chief Constable has authorised a collection throughout the Force for the benefit of Mrs. Shephard and I am sure that members will contribute generously.**

## INSURANCE

Many of us are rather lackadaisical about ensuring that our dependants are without immediate financial worry in the event of our demise, and the Police Federation has done everything possible to ensure that facilities are available to obtain sufficient insurance at the best possible terms. The Essex and Southend-on-Sea Constabulary Group Insurance Scheme has got off to a flying start with over 700 members from the old Essex Force joining the 400 former Southend members in the Scheme. The value of this Scheme will be seen from the fact that Mrs. Shephard will receive £1,300 from the Company after only one month's premiums have been paid.

The Police Federation Return of Premium Insurance Scheme has now been opened out to new members without medical examination and for existing members to be able to increase their cover to a total of £6,000 for a premium of £3 per month, most of which is returned to the member upon his retirement from the



Force. These increased benefits are open until 31st May, 1969, and any member wishing to take advantage of the concessions should contact either his local Federation representative or the Joint Branch Board Secretary at Police Headquarters.

## HOUSING

As will be seen in another part of this edition, a policy has been adopted in this Force whereby in cases where certain decorations have been cut from the annual programme, a system of priorities will operate. Although we greatly deplore the action of the Police Authorities in cutting the programme for financial reasons, we have been unable to effect any improvement, and I feel that the new system will, at least, create less distress to the wives of the occupiers of houses in poor decorative state.

In the field of house purchase we are pressing the Chief Constable to relax the present restrictions and have good reason to believe that there will be an improvement in the near future. We feel that some sort of priority should be given in the first instance to Officers with longer service and age qualifications where there are greater difficulties in obtaining a suitable mortgage because of their age. We hope that in the not too distant future every officer wishing to purchase his own property will be able to do so, and negotiations are being carried out on a National level to achieve this end.

Plans of two new type Police houses have been submitted to the Guardian Board for observations. These houses are designed to Home Office specification and pricing, and we hope that most of our suggestions to improve housing will be taken up. I hope to be able to publish the plans of the new houses in this newspaper when they have been finally approved.

# The Law Shop

**FOR SALE:** Girl's Elswick Hopper cycle, 26in. wheels, very good condition, suit girl 10-14. £12. P.c. Luke, Southend.

**FOR SALE:** 1965 Ford Corsair, 4 door, bench seat, column change, metalic altuda blue, 4 cylinder in line engine. £445 o.n.o. P.c. Smith, Dunmow

**STAMPS:** Forward all your used postage stamps to below address. Any country, type, age or amount welcome. Leave wide margin round stamp; torn or defaced stamps not acceptable. Include your name and address — postage refunded. This is a worthwhile cause. The Police Station, Great Horkelesley, Colchester, Essex.

## PRESENTATION

On Monday, 14th April, 1969, the Chief Constable presented to ex-P.c. "Taffy" Davies, the former Chairman of the Joint Branch Board, a Wedgwood Presentation Piece on behalf of all Federated ranks in the Force. This Plate, which is specially designed for the Police Federation, is only given in cases where a member has given outstanding service to the Federation. Taffy Davies can claim to have qualified by virtue of his almost unbroken representation on the Joint Branch Board since 1947. There are very few of the Pieces presented and we are proud that one of our members has received one.

## DRUGS

THE very next day after a lecture by Det. Insp. Derek Wyatt, in charge of the drug squad, to over 250 Specials from all over the County, information was received through Special Constable Brian Riddles, of Harlow, about a drug party at an address in Harlow.

A warrant was obtained and the place searched by drug squad and other officers who recovered a haul of cannabis, capsules and hash pipes. Further enquiries brought the pusher into custody, a university student resident at Harlow.

## TOWER

A WELL-KNOWN South Essex landmark will later this year be put to use as a police radio link when it is topped by an aerial in connection with the introduction of personal radio sets in the Benfleet area.

## MINI MADNESS

WHEN reported for speeding by the crew of a Traffic division Mini, defendant replied: "I'm sorry about that, I thought it was some other comedian in a Mini." What did he mean? Do all laughter-makers drive a small car or do ordinary people go funny when they get into one?

## GATEHOUSE

TO EASE the pressure on office accommodation at headquarters, the gatehouse is to be converted. This will cost over £1,000 and the money has been voted by the police committee for this use.

## LAST



Miss Pat Pledger recently joined the force after cadet service at Clacton. She has the distinction of being the last person to be sworn in to the Essex County Constabulary, on March 31, 1969, the day before amalgamation.

# Ex-Cadet weds P.C.



## COLCHESTER NEWS

**HULL—BEERE:** On March 1 at Brightlingsea Congregational Church, P.c. David Hull and Miss Mary Beere of Brightlingsea married. Mary was a police cadet until last year and now works in a newspaper office at Colchester. See photo — by Tony Nichols, Colchester.

**FIRMIN—FARTHING:** P.c. Bruce Firmin and Miss Penny Farthing, a typist at Colchester police station, married at West Mersea parish church, on March 22. Many will remember Bruce Firmin's father, ex-Sgt. Len, late of Harwich.

**BLOOM — SMETHURST:** On March 15, at St. John's Church, Colchester, P.c. Les Bloom and Miss Hazel Smethurst of Colchester were married.

**HEWITT:** To P.c. Michael Hewitt and wife Dorothy a daughter, Jennifer Gayle, on March 5.

**SHEPHEARD:** To P.c. Anthony Shephard and his wife Pamela, a daughter on March 13.

**We regret that after reporting this joyous occasion we must report the untimely death of Anthony Shephard, reported in detail in Federation notes.**