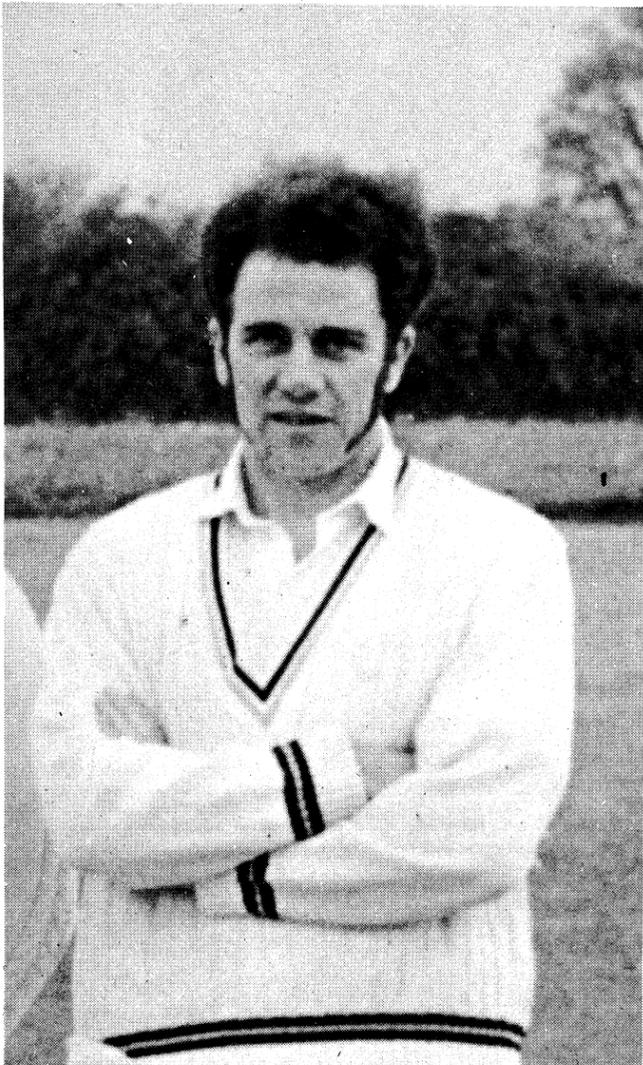


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# TWO TON BROWN



Bruce Brown, whose shaggy locks and gangling form must strike fear into the opposition, is having his best season ever, and recently knocked up his first hundred.

PLAYING for High Roding against Dunmow II a fortnight ago Bruce Brown, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford, residential beat man, rattled up the first century of his career in scoring 101 out of his side's 207 for 7 declared. Swinging the bat freely, Bruce played shots to all parts of the ground.

Then, not satisfied with giving the opposition a hard time in the field he had them in knots with his bowling eventually taking a career best 9 wickets. And don't think that the opposition were mere rabbits. They scored 130 and 54 of them came off Bruce's bowling. Of the nine, four were bowled, four caught and one leg before.

And don't run away with the idea that this was a sudden flash of inspiration on his part. His previous best bowling performance was 8 for 34 and with a top score of 86 with the bat he was not far short of a century before.

This brought Bruce's total of wickets for the season to over 140, but 98 of these had been taken for High Roding. So when he took the field against the President's XI on 24th August the atmosphere was tense as he strove to raise his tally to 100 for the season. And with two victims in the bag he just topped the ton.

Quite a week's cricket with his first century and his 100 wickets in the season for High Roding. Bruce will play cricket any time he can get off duty for anyone who cares to ask him. On 22nd August he turned out for St. James's, Waltham Abbey and rattled up a handy 80 not out. He also plays for Chelmsford divisional team and fills in for Headquarters if they are short.

While he just about eats, sleeps and breathes cricket in the summer, this is not his only sport because he is a very useful badminton player and represents the Force at this game.

# B.E.M. FOR ESSEX SERGEANT

## Queen's Commendation for Constable

THE award of the British Empire Medal to Police Sergeant Derek Simmons, who is stationed at Rayleigh, was recently announced. This recognition comes after Derek's gallant rescue from drowning of a young boy, trapped by the rising tide in the River Crouch last February.

Also honoured is Constable Ian Turner, who also took part in the rescue. To him comes a Queen's Commendation for Brave Conduct.

The boys had gone to a sandbank in the river with a man who struggled ashore to raise the alarm when the tide trapped the group. The Police were informed and Sergeant Simmons and Constable Turner went to the scene at once.

The Sergeant stripped to his underwear and plunged into the water which was freezing cold. He swam out to one of the boys and held him above the water to wait for assistance.

Meanwhile Constable Turner had also plunged into the water and swam towards the boys but the cold cramped his muscles and he only saved himself by scrambling on to a bank.

Eventually a helicopter arrived and Sergeant Simmons and the boy were fished out of the river. He had by then been standing with the water up to his neck



P.s. Derek Simmons, B.E.M.

for half an hour.

The second boy was swept away and lost his life. At the inquest Mr. Guy Jermain, the Southend Coroner, praised the efforts of the Officers, saying: "I sincerely trust your bravery will be recognised."

The Coroner 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 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 the 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."

To this glowing tribute to the police in general have now been added the awards to the two individual policemen concerned, awards thoroughly deserved.



P.c. Ian Turner

## POLICE FEDERATION

### Open Meeting

To be held at 6.30 p.m. on Thursday, 11th September, 1969, at the Kursaal Ballroom,

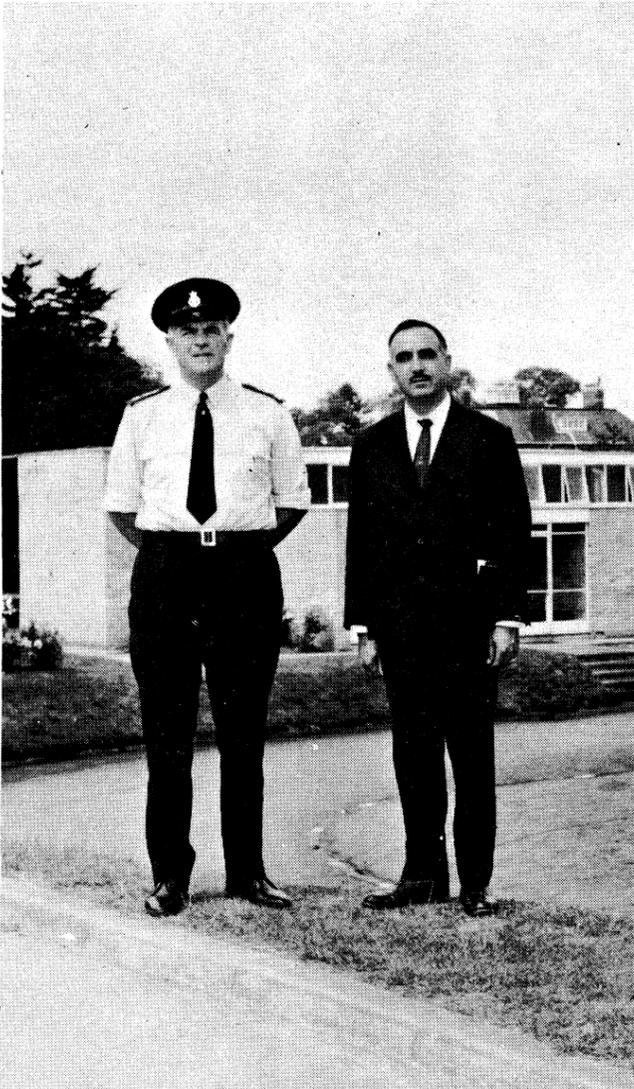
### SOUTHEND

It will cost you nothing, even transport will be laid on, and will be YOUR chance to hear the experts talking about YOUR future, or to air YOUR own views.

Apathy will get you nowhere!

**This is your chance**

# FROM CYPRUS



Sergeant "Charlie" Damaskinos from Cyprus, pictured with Sergeant Jock Paul beside the headquarters skid pan. "Worse than a stray donkey" was Charlie's opinion of some British motorists.

SERGEANT CHARALAMBOS DAMASKINOS of the Cyprus Police Force recently completed a six weeks driving course at the Force driving School. Charlie, as he was quickly dubbed, is 46 years old, a Greek Cypriot who joined the 2,000 strong Force in 1942. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1954, and was attached to the Traffic Department where he was engaged on driving school duties.

Sergeant Damaskinos lives with his wife, son and one daughter in Nicosia. His elder daughter is studying English Literature at Salonica University. He has a great love for his family and church.

Traffic conditions in this country were at first frightening to him, and he took some time to accept mass entry into roundabouts, for similar behaviour in his own country would probably result in immediate arrest. Having completed his first drive in London traffic and asked for his impression, he was speechless, but managed to gesticulate with his hands as if to indicate that he had been descended upon from all angles and from a great height.

Apparently a big problem to the Cypriot motorist is the stray donkey just around the bend, but Charlie considered some British drivers to be even worse.

He obviously enjoyed his stay in this country, being very diligent in his work, and sociable during his off duty periods. He was a very likeable chap who was quickly accepted by students and instructors alike.

He was extremely fortunate with the weather, but was never seen without a jacket. When the staff were sweating it out in 85 degrees in the shade, Charlie remarked that it was ideal spring weather!

Charlie hopes to pay us a return visit with his family next year.

# TO BERMUDA



John Copas left these shores and Traffic Division earlier this year to make his mark in Bermuda. He is getting on well and as the picture shows, his knees are becoming quite brown already.

## ALAN LEVEY T.V. PERSONALITY



Alan Levey interviews a housewife for the Anglia TV show, "About Anglia". Picture by courtesy of Essex Chronicle.

### Canvey extension

MEETING at the end of July, the Buildings and Sites Committee of the Police Authority agreed to the conversion of a house adjoining Canvey Police Station into office accommodation. This will be subject to planning permission, approval under the Building Regulations, and approval of H.M. Inspectorate of Factories.

The cost of converting the house, 165 Long Road, Canvey, is estimated at £2,225, including the provision of heating, replacement of wiring and of hot and cold water services, complete floor coverings, and an extension at the rear to provide toilets.

Plans have been prepared showing, on the ground floor, interview and parade rooms, locker and drying room and stationery store. Upstairs there will be offices for the detective sergeant, C.I.D. general, and a typist. This work has been estimated for in the current financial year.

### CREDIT WHERE DUE

Det. Insp. Roy Breaks has asked us to point out that last month's article on the Essex Scenes of Crime Camera gave less credit for the invention than was due to Det. Con. Eric Watson.

"He was the man who did all the work," said Mr. Breaks, "and I wouldn't want to take any real credit at all."

### FLORENCE GETS NIGHTINGALE BUT NO LAMP

In a recent enquiry at Southend into a case of theft after a complaint by a Mrs. Nightingale, it was found that the person responsible was a Mr. Nightingale. The officer in the case was P.C. Florence but while it is a pity to spoil a good coincidence the article stolen was not a lamp.

### PENSIONERS:

#### Do you get your "Law"?

If your copy comes late or even not at all it is not always the local beat man's fault, he's a busy man.

We have just instituted a system of posting "The Law" to pensioners but we have to ask you to pay 5/- postage for the year in advance. Send a cheque or P.O. to The Editor, P.O. Box No. 2, Police Headquarters, Chelmsford, to get your paper right on time every month.

Five bob is not so much if it keeps you right in touch.

AS THEIR part of the Force recruiting drive Chelmsford division last month took over a shop in busy Duke Street and mounted a week-long exhibition. And there was no passive sitting back to await customers, they went right out on to the pavement to thrust the police into the public eye.

And with 5,346 visitors, 27 firm enquiries, and a peak viewing time spot on Anglia T.V., the Chelmsford week must be counted a huge success.

#### Recruits

Master-mind behind the organisation was Inspector Geoff Markham assisted

by Sergeant Bill Watts. Their firm enquiries consisted of 14 adults, nine cadets, three traffic wardens and one civilian.

Crime prevention Sergeant Alan Levey was the main T.V. personality. Alan conducted interviews in the street outside the shop, stopping housewives to ask if they had locked up their houses before

leaving. A police car then went round to check. Most of the houses were pretty secure but some open fanlights could have been dangerous.

Assisting Alan Levey were P.c. John Dobson, who also carried out some interviews, and car crew P.c.s Martin Reid and John Stonehouse.

# DRUGS: Everybody's problem

By Det. Con. Terry Hill  
of the Drug Squad

A WELL-KNOWN Detective Inspector who recently moved from the Drug Scene at Headquarters, always used to say: "If we say that we have no drug problem we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." How right these words are. That Inspector, Derek Wyatt, has now moved to Colchester, a place I know very well, and as far as drugs are concerned a place I dread going to.

In our office they call me the "University Liaison Officer," purely and simply because no one else wants the job. It's time we got to the truth about our University, there has been an awful lot of publicity this year as a result of drug cases. One witness described the situation at Essex University as "a place where most people take drugs."

I wouldn't go along with this, although I must admit that this particular witness was actually living at the University and obviously had first hand knowledge of the situation there. I haven't noticed any of our "Student Policemen" appearing as "junkies" although I must admit that at one time I was very worried about one. There were a number of forged prescriptions circulating in Colchester and Ipswich, and after a few initial enquiries I was told that the person I wanted was a man named "Joslin." The only person I knew of at the University with a name like that was, of course, our own Chief Inspector Joslin, so I thought my information was astray. It turned out that my spelling let me down and the name was Joscelyne.

There are drugs at Essex University, make no mistake about that. But is there any University in the country that can honestly claim not to have a drug problem?

## Killer drug

The most frightening thing about the circumstances of the last big affair, concerning drugs at the University was that students were "fixing" themselves with dexedrine. This is a dangerous practice as dexedrine tablets are normally insoluble, and if this substance is injected it could cause an air embolism. This could result in death.

Apart from a couple of instances where girls have "flown" from the tower windows, tablets, the odd case of cannabis, and a case of theft from the dispensary at the University, things have not been too bad.

I was told that the police had quite a good name at Essex University, and I half accepted this until my very last visit there when I went with other members of the section. As we left the fire hoses were started and we just managed to avoid getting soaked. My opinion has changed now and I think that to keep a fair distance is a wise thing.

I am convinced, though, that the majority of students want to study and it is only the minority that choose to take drugs. I think we can safely blame a lot of this on to the "dossers" and "layabouts" that are allowed into the towers. On one occasion when I visited one of the towers there were three "dossers" to every two students. If this sort of situation is allowed to continue is there any wonder why discipline goes by the board?

So much for the situation at the seat of learning.

How about the situation elsewhere? The problem is forever increasing, more addicts come to notice and more deaths result. Why is it then that kids dabble in this self-destructive pastime?

The answer, unfortunately, lies in the fact that if there weren't pleasant aspects about drug taking, no one would do it, or at least not for very long. One sees so much of it going on that one gets sick of it, but this social problem is not going to get better without first getting worse.

My last experience with drugs is about the best example to give, to show the evils behind L.S.D. Early one morning a young man of 21 was seen in Chelmsford by a Sergeant and Constable, acting very peculiar. He was jumping out in front of cars and was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of drugs, which in fact he was. His clothes were soaking wet and he was in a terrible state. When asked his name he said: "Jesus Christ."

When asked where he had been he replied that he had just walked across the river. This young man was under the influence of L.S.D. and was on what is commonly called a "trip."

I was called to assist in this case and again when asked who he was the young man replied: "Jesus." Eventually, after searching his room and finding a large quantity of other drugs, our friend was bailed to re-appear at the Police Station

pending forensic examination of all the exhibits.

That man never answered his bail because three weeks later he was dragged out of the river Cam—dead. One is left to draw one's own conclusions about how he got there, but I can't help feeling that this young man thought he was Jesus Christ and instead of walking in shallow water as before, this time stepped into 16 feet.

Cannabis appears to be the most popular drug in this county, and having seen the before and after effects of this drug, I can't agree with the view that we should consider lowering the penalties for offences connected with cannabis.

## Ate cannabis

One particular "junkie" friend we met liked cannabis so much that he took to eating it. I'm glad to say that as yet my wife hasn't presented me with "pot pie," although on many occasions I have been to cafes and restaurants where they have made a "hash" of things. We can go on all day making funnies out of situations like this, but I think we would feel much different if the problem landed on our own doorstep! It's our problem and it's here to stay.

## GOING TO LEEDS

Taking his place at Leeds University next term will be David Biggs, son of Des Biggs, headquarters garage boss, to read for a B.Sc. with honours in textile chemistry. David, who already holds 9 'O' levels, has just received his 'A' level results with passes in Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

David attended Chelmsford Technical High School where he was captain of the 1st XV and had trials for Essex and Eastern Counties.

A LAWFUL LAUGH ... .. by Nala



"I SHOULD HAVE A WORD WITH HARDY AMIES MATE!"

## More cash for home painters plea turned down

At the meeting of the Building and Sites Committee in late July a request from the Federation that the allowance under the Moeity Scheme, under which tenants decorate houses themselves, be increased from half the contract price to two thirds, was rejected.

The Federation consider that this will enable better materials to be used and will also encourage more tenants to take advantage of the scheme. They also asked that where the tenant considers himself capable, he should be allowed to decorate the hall, staircase and landing.

In reply the County Architect stated that there appeared to be no case for increasing the allowance at present as half of the contract price more than covers the cost of materials which accounts for about one-fifth of the contract price.

He also stated that tenants were prohibited from redecorating stair-

raised if the work was done.

The Committee agreed to accept the offer and Baxi Bermuda heating will be installed in due course.

## Modernisation at La Plata

The County Architect also reported that the Chief Constable had asked that modernisation of six houses in La Plata Grove, Brentwood, might go ahead this financial year.

The works proposed include refitting of kitchens, provision of toilets downstairs, new baths, airing cupboards and a built-in wardrobe in each bedroom, complete new hot and cold water systems, central heating, and a garage. The total cost per house is estimated at £2,240.

The committee agreed that subject to any planning permission that might be needed, the work should be carried out.

## Heating

At this meeting the County Architect reported that an offer had been received from Harlow Corporation to instal central heating units in three houses rented by the police, these are 68 and 74 Mark Hall Moors, and 71 Fesants Croft. Rents would be



Pictured at the recent Senior Officers' cocktail party, held at Headquarters, are, from the left, Sir Leonard Crosland, Chairman of Ford Motor

Company, Lady Crosland, The Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Mrs. Nightingale and the Chief Constable. Picture by Essex Chronicle.

# The new County House plans

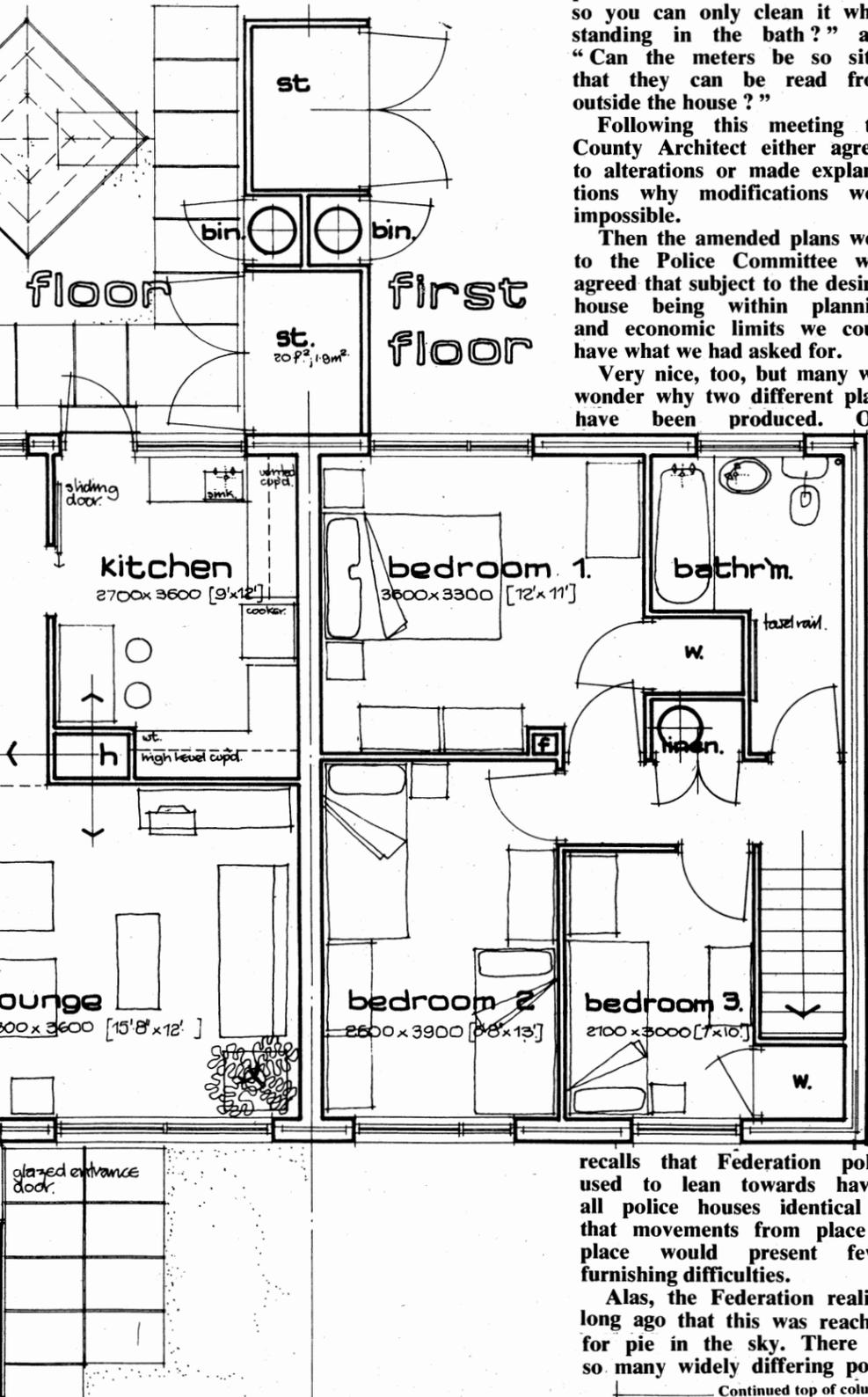
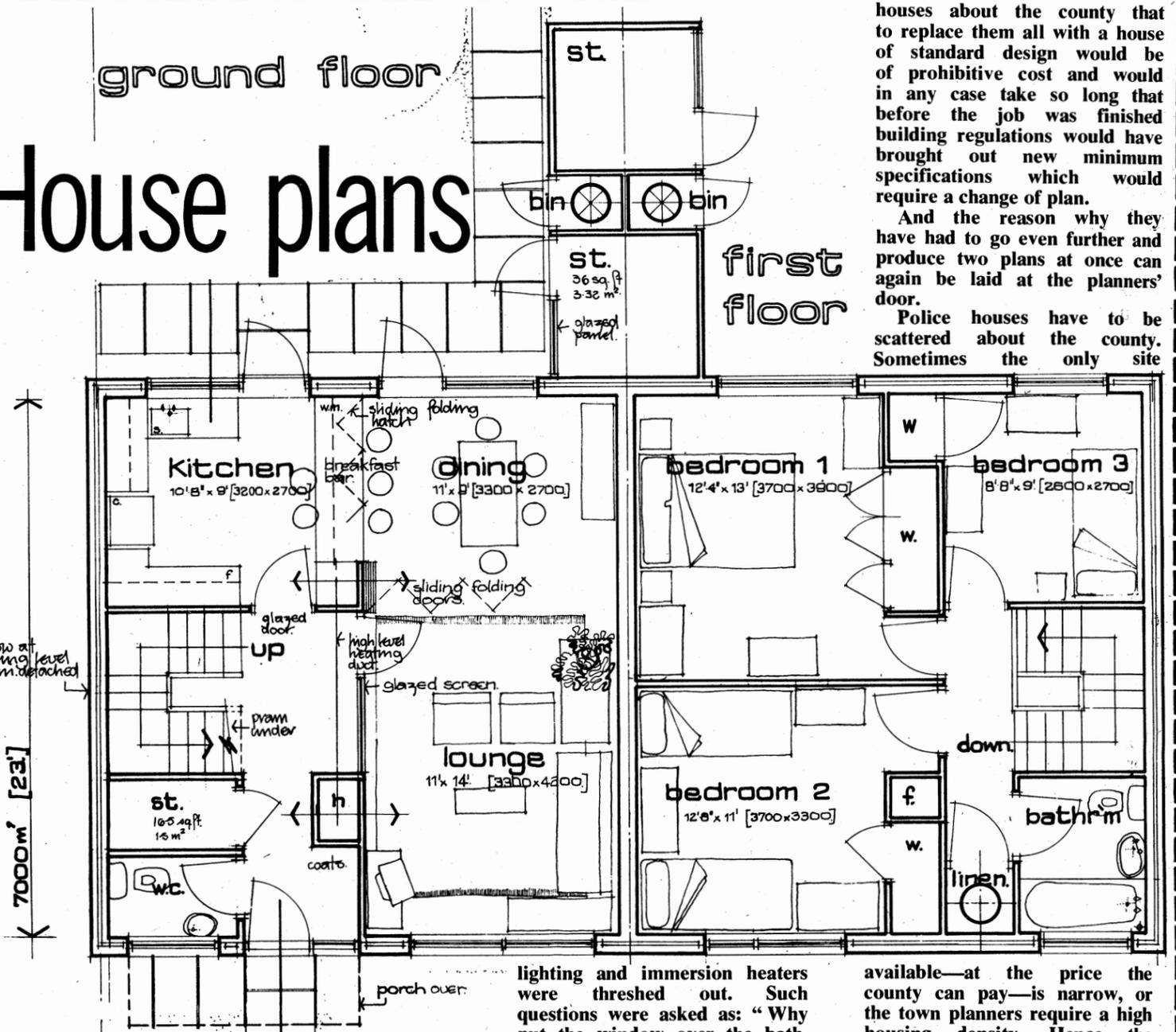
THESE new plans are the result of several months of hard bargaining. As a result they probably represent a considerable advance on previous county houses.

Early this year the County Architect came up with new plans for police houses. This followed the Parker-Morris report, commissioned by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, which lays down minimum standards in housing.

After the County Architect had informed the Chief Constable that the plans were drawn up, the Federation put various suggestions to the County Architect which were incorporated into the plans. Then followed a meeting in April between representatives of the Force and of the County Architect's Department. The Deputy Chief Constable, Assistant Chief Constable (A), and Planning Officer represented the Force while P.S. Stan Smith was there to air Federation views. For the County Architect Mr. Jeffries and Mr. Saville attended, the latter being largely responsible for the plans.

Next came a meeting of the Federation Housing Committee a few days later which Mr. Saville and Mr. Brown of the County Heating Engineers Department also attended.

Here the plans were really taken apart and such subjects as sliding doors for fitted wardrobes, pram spaces, positioning of inside toilets, stair



lighting and immersion heaters were threshed out. Such questions were asked: "Why put the window over the bath, so you can only clean it when standing in the bath?" and "Can the meters be so sited that they can be read from outside the house?"

Following this meeting the County Architect either agreed to alterations or made explanations why modifications were impossible.

Then the amended plans went to the Police Committee who agreed that subject to the desired house being within planning and economic limits we could have what we had asked for.

Very nice, too, but many will wonder why two different plans have been produced. One

houses about the county that to replace them all with a house of standard design would be of prohibitive cost and would in any case take so long that before the job was finished building regulations would have brought out new minimum specifications which would require a change of plan.

And the reason why they have had to go even further and produce two plans at once can again be laid at the planners' door.

Police houses have to be scattered about the county. Sometimes the only site

available—at the price the county can pay—is narrow, or the town planners require a high housing density. Hence the bottom house is narrow, to fit a narrow site. But some sites are shallow so the top house is wider and not so deep. Their area is the same. In case the planners have decreed terrace housing in a particular area, both of the houses can be built either as semis or in a terrace.

Featured in both houses are fitted wardrobes, with sliding doors to save space; pram spaces near the front door; wooden window frames to keep out draughts; two toilets; plenty of kitchen cupboards, including a "cool cupboard" in place of a pantry; soundproofing between houses; loft insulation; windows over bedroom doors to light landings in the terraced version; meters that can be read from outside; central heating.

Mr. Brown, of the County Heating Engineers Department, explained that the houses would have a very economic oil-fired heating unit which was largely trouble-free and would give a heat of 65 degrees in living and dining-rooms, and 55 degrees elsewhere.

The cost, he estimates, for a full year would be about 27/- per week. Not bad, because by comparison gas costs 35/- and solid fuel 30/- per week. And there are no ugly radiators, it is all hot air, something most policemen are used to.

The new houses have 2 sq. ft. more floor space than the present ones, and the narrower house at any rate has a most useful sized kitchen at 12ft. x 9ft. The upper plan contains a breakfast bar between the kitchen and diner. Lounges are of a good size, 11ft. x 14ft., and 12ft. x 15ft. 8in., and both houses have two large bedrooms although the third is rather small in each case. But with fitted wardrobes this is not too serious.

It all adds up to a pretty good house, all we need now is to have a few built so that all the sub-standard houses can be got rid of—or are we never satisfied?

recalls that Federation policy used to lean towards having all police houses identical so that movements from place to place would present fewer furnishing difficulties.

Alas, the Federation realised long ago that this was reaching for pie in the sky. There are so many widely differing police

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# Thetford is so restful —even for adventure training

**DRAWINGS BY  
Margaret Hayward  
Ex Cadet, now Wpc.**

**By MIKE DRAY**

MIKE DRAY is a man of many parts. As physical training instructor to the cadets he travels throughout England and Wales in connection with adventure training courses. Of necessity these courses take place in remote locations where observation of nature is easy.

One of the places visited frequently by Mike and the cadets is Thetford where the large tracts of forest and heath land are ideal for adventure training purposes. Now he shows that these courses need not simply be a matter of rising at dawn, cold dips, long marches and campfire stew.

ABOUT 60 miles to the North-West of Chelmsford, a two hour drive by car, lies the town of Thetford which is surrounded by one of the largest forest areas in England. Here one can drive 20 miles along pleasantly undulating roads banked either side by wide grass verges and tall stately rows of waving pines. The more energetic can enjoy a pleasant walk along the "meadows" that criss-cross the whole area.

Once you leave the main roads you are soon lost in a maze of greenery, these are the haunts of wildlife which abounds within the forest. Early in the morning herds of deer, Red, or occasionally Fallow, can be seen making their way and from the rivers and ponds to drink. The Red squirrel still inhabits this area in very large numbers and his large bushy tail is often seen amongst the tree-tops.

The bird-life of the area is both considerable and varied. The Cross-bill with its bright plumage and its long crossed beak is a common sight in these parts. Pheasants are everywhere and even the lesser known Golden Pheasant is frequently to be seen within the Forest. Along the rivers and over the open heathlands, Kestrels and Sparrow-Hawks can be seen hovering on the wing and dropping swiftly and silently on unsuspecting prey.

Several rivers run through the area, the main one being the Little Ouse which flows westwards to join the Great Ouse and the Great Ouse before flowing into the sea at The Wash. It is fairly shallow and fast flowing river with numerous banks and gravel banks, whose waters are stocked with Roach, bream and large Pike which can be seen in the deeper waters. Large amounts of floating water weed grow in profusion and cover the surface in a mass of white flowers in the late summer.

The river is also the meeting-place for large numbers of Swans and ducks, the most common being the Mallard though several other species are also to be found. Other residents, the Heron, are often seen standing

like a grey statue amongst the reeds or flapping heavily away across the pines.

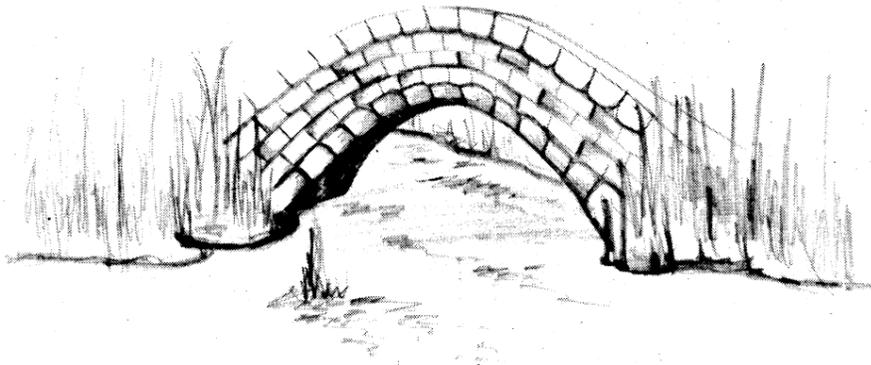
### Canal disused

At the turn of the century the river was also a thriving canal with numerous horse drawn barges plying upstream as far as Thetford. However, with the advance of the railway which followed a similar course the canal gradually fell into disuse and all that is left to remind one of former glory is the occasional remains of brickwork in the banks where once lock gates used to be.

The Forest itself is very young, and man made for the most part. The majority of planting took place between 1920 and 1930, and it now covers 47,000 acres, of which 88% are coniferous trees, mainly Scots or Corsican Pines. As it takes a pine tree approxi-

mately 70 years to reach maturity you will see that most of the trees are between half to two-thirds grown and in fact the whole forest continues to grow (upwards) at a surprising rate of 400 tons (green weight) per day.

The administration of such a large area, which includes not only planting, cutting and cultivation, but also the preservation and control of wildlife, is vast and complex and is centred in the Forestry Commission offices at Santon Downham which although it is only a small village within the Forest might well be called the "Capital of the Forest" as it is from here that all the workings in that vast area are controlled. Here also is situated the Fire Control Centre and the major fire fighting appliances.



A picturesque brick built bridge along the Little Ouse between Santon and Two Mile Bottom. Built when the river was in regular use by canal

barges, it spans a side creek and was crossed by the horses which pulled the canal boats up river. Drawn by Margaret Hayward.

### Fire danger

A forest fire is still a very great danger although since the last big forest fire in 1946, in which 243 acres were destroyed in one afternoon, a great number of improvements have been made in the field of fire prevention within the forest. Throughout the forest one continually comes across fire beaters and water tanks and in addition every 29th and 30th row of trees has now been felled in the more mature areas and it is now possible to get a tractor or Land-Rover with a trailer pump to within 40 to 50 yards of almost any point within the Forest.

For speedy reference all major tracks are numbered and signposted and the whole complex is overlooked by three huge lookout towers placed at strategic points to allow cross bearings to be taken on the source of a suspected fire. On sighting smoke the look-out immediately takes a bearing and estimates the distance. He then telephones the information to Fire Control centre who plot the bearing on a large wall chart. With the aid of cross bearings from other towers they can quickly pin-point the site of the fire and send appliances to deal with it.

### Forest capital

The town of Thetford itself is well worth a visit, it is a very ancient town and is often referred to as "The Capital of East Anglia". It was the home of the "Iceni" and it was from here that Boadicea rode forth against the might of Rome to burn Colchester.

There is a castle in the town which is of the "Motte and Bailey" type but is somewhat unusual in the fact that it has two outer defence walls instead of the normal one. The main centre mound is well

preserved and is approximately 100ft. high, and is believed to date back to the Early British period. It seems fairly certain that there was a castle in Thetford well before the Roman Invasion.

Also within the town one can see the remains of a very large monastery originally built in 1109 by one of the Knights of William the Conqueror it rose to fame but was in the main destroyed during the reformation and only the outline and the remains of a few towers now stand. It is interesting to note that numerous older houses in the area are built of stones taken from the monastery.



Cadets on a forest trek.

There are numerous other places of ancient and historic interest in the area details of which it is not practical to enter into here, however, one further place which is well worth a mention is Grimes Graves, which is set within the Forest about 5 miles to the North-West of Thetford.

### Stone Age relics

Grimes Graves is an ideal spot for a picnic as it is a large area of open heathland surrounded on all sides by the forest. The whole site is dotted with several shallow depressions which are the remains of

pits dug by Neolithic man in his search for flints about 4,000 years ago. Two of the larger pits have been renovated by the Ministry of Works and are open to inspection by the public at a small charge. The entrance is via an iron ladder which goes down about 30ft. into the centre of the pit from where several small shafts radiate off. Some of these shafts extend quite a way in but one has to lay flat and crawl in order to explore these fully. The curator's hut has a large collection of flints and various Stone Age implements such as deer antler picks on display, all of which were found on the site.

A recent innovation to the Forest is the setting up of Forest Walks and one starts at Santon Downham which is close by Grimes Graves.

At the start of the walk you buy a Guide Book (6d.) and then follow the signposted and numbered route. At each numbered post you refer to the guide book which gives details of some interesting feature in the vicinity, such as a tree or plant or to some historical association or feature. The whole route takes about one hour to one and a half hours to

complete and there are numerous benches on the route for the weary to rest upon. It is a most interesting route as well as being a very pleasant walk.

### The future

At the present time there are plans afoot to turn Thetford Forest into a National Forest Park in order that its natural charm and beauty may be further preserved and that these may be enjoyed by the people.

It is in our interest to see that places like Thetford become oases of calm and tranquility amidst an ever expanding growth of industrialization and housing.



The greater part of Thetford Forest is made up of half grown Scots Pines, an example of which is shown here, drawn by Margaret Hayward, one of the cadets to attend an adventure course in that area. Margaret recently entered the Force and is now at Training School.



Canoeing is one of the strenuous physical activities undertaken by cadets who attend adventure training courses. Mike Dray, fourth from left, is seen getting his charges launched. The Little Ouse is an ideal waterway for this type of training.

# EDIVIIEWS

## Wardens

WHY be a policeman with all the inconveniences of shift and Sunday work, removals from place to place, and the chance of a cuff round the ear when one can be a traffic warden earning more money for less hours?

The news that wardens in London are to have their own career structure with pay of up to £2,000 is the latest body blow to the police. The remark that this will release policemen of the ranks of sergeant and inspector hitherto used for supervising wardens is a painfully transparent sop, and poor economics anyway.

How soon will some wisecrack remark upon the dearth of university graduates presenting themselves for selection as traffic wardens? How soon will they require such appointments as "Complaints Controller," "Administration Sub-Controllers," "Senior Warden Instructors" and all the other luxuries now enjoyed by the police.

Is it not typical of the times in which we live that because of the shortage of policemen a secondary organisation has to be created to help with some of the more mundane tasks but that when the secondary body itself has manpower problems it is given a career structure with pay higher than the policemen it was created to replace.

Without entering into the entirely separate controversy about whether wardens' duties should be extended, one might ask why sticking tickets on cars and seeing pedestrians across the road should warrant higher pay than all the duties and responsibilities a constable has to undertake. The answer is simple. The secondary body, once created, managed to proliferate until it gained a position of indispensability far more apparent than real. And in this apparently vital position traffic wardens have one right that the policeman has not, the right to withdraw their labour.

## Open Meeting

It is impossible not to repeat too often the importance of giving the Southend Open Meeting of the Federation the most solid support possible. Everyone who thinks the Federation do a great job should be there to say so. Equally, everyone who thinks they are a self-seeking shower should also come along and say so.

Apathy is the one thing the Federation cannot stand: opposition they thrive upon. A glance at the back page will show two recent achievements; an increase in subsistence allowances and the payment of removal expenses on quitting a county house on retirement. This cash is not given away, it has to be wrung out of the grasp of those who quite properly watch out for the ratepayers' interests.

So we add our weight to the call for support. Attend the meeting, whatever your views.

# PORTRAIT

## The Police Committee Chairman

IN POLICE eyes Alderman Sidney Woodfull Millard crowned a long and distinguished career in public service this year when he became the first Chairman of the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Police Authority. But if that is all you know about Alderman Millard you know very little.

Member of innumerable committees, commissioned in both World Wars, world wide traveller, athlete, connoisseur of the arts—one could go on.

Educated privately and at London University (Kings), the Alderman's early working life was spent as Private Secretary to men in public life.

When World War I broke out he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers and served in France, Italy and the Mediterranean as Staff Captain. In 1939 he was back in the Royal Engineers, this time rising to the rank of Major as a Senior R.T.O. and Deputy Assistant Director of Transportation. He was at Dunkirk.

### To Russia

Between the wars he travelled extensively to America and Asia, being associated with Fleming in his Russian travels and crossing Siberia three times on the Trans-Siberian Railway, a two-week journey in those days.

His 400-year-old house at Great Baddow is well stocked with mementoes of these journeys, Indian metal work, Burmese and Japanese carvings, and photographs. His gallery includes a Whistler and a Constable.



Alderman Millard with his portrait executed by the Polish painter Kwarta, depicting him as Chairman of Essex County Council. —Photo: Essex Chronicle

After his demobilisation in 1945 he served on Chertsey Urban District Council for three years before moving to Essex and gaining election to Essex County Council in 1949.

From that year he has become increasingly involved in the life of the County. He has been a member of several committees and Chairman of Police, General Purposes, Hospital Management Committees. In 1959 he was elected a County Alderman and was Essex County Council Chairman from 1965 to 1968.

Outside the council his appointments include Governor, King Edward VI Grammar School; Chairman of Governors, Broomfield County Secondary School; Member of Council of Governors, Essex University. He is a Fellow of the Royal

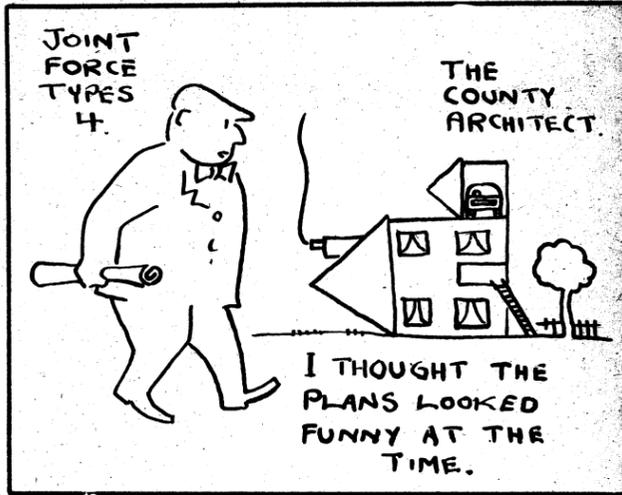
Geographical Society, Freeman of the City of London by patrimony and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farmers—he was once a fruit farmer at Broomfield.

His presentations to Royalty go back to 1943 when he met the then Queen Elizabeth and he will, of course, next month meet Her Royal Highness Princess Ann.

The name Woodfull comes from his mother's maiden name and what follower of cricket will not recognise the connection with the famous Australian opener of years ago. The Alderman is the last survivor of the family. In his own youth he was a sprinter and was an olympic trialist in 1908, but "No one ever believes that nowadays," he complains ruefully.

The first Mrs. Millard died in 1946 and some years later her best friend, Aileen Ridley, of the well known Essex family, became the second Mrs. Millard. The Alderman has a daughter and three grandsons.

Alderman Millard is a good friend of the police and one feels that the future welfare of the Force could not be in the hands of a better Chairman.



## More civilians requested

Meeting at the end of July the Administration of Police Committee recommended that subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, the authorised establishment of civilian staff be increased after 1 April, 1970, by 30 clerical staff, 4 mechanics, 6 manual workers, and 18 traffic wardens.

Approval of this proposal will bring the total civilian establishment to 698.

## SPECIAL BOOTS

After the Secretary of State approved revised rates of boot allowance for Special Constables, the Administration of Police Committee recommended that the new rates be implemented as from 7 July, 1969.

Special Constables performing four or more hours of duty per week will be paid 2s. per week boot allowance, and those performing duty regularly but for an average of less hours than four per week will be paid 1s.

## ANNUAL BALL

Basildon Division invite you to have a ball on Friday, 12th December

## MID NIGHT SHOW

at the Odeon Theatre, Chelmsford

on Saturday, 11th October, 1969

## CAST

Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen

Joe (Mr Piano) Henderson

Kim Cordell

Lenny the Lion with Terry Hall

Gil & Terry (singers with guitars)

The Road Stars (the original buskers)

Cyril Fletcher Compere

John Mann at the Hammond Organ

## TICKETS

21/-, 17/6, 15/-, 12/6 From Odeon, or R & T, H.Q. (Ext 220)



From Down Under

Dear Sir,

I thank you for the letter re notice of General Meeting of the Essex County Constabulary of the above Society dated the 13th February, 1969. I am an old member since 1911 and still take a great interest in the Society which has my blessings.

I am 82 years of age and

getting a bit shaky for letter writing but still manage to get down to the sea front which is about 50 yards from where I live. I read in the paper of the bad blizzard that you had just after Christmas and bad flooding. We could do with some of that water here. We have not had any rain for months, and the drought looks like continuing. Thousands of sheep and cattle lying in the fields dead from starvation and no water.

This State is tropical and we get terrific heat practically all the year round. Being an old boy now I put in a lot of time in the garden—of course, in the shade. On the agenda I saw quite a number of familiar names of whom I have pleasant memories. Please give them all my kind wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. E. Bacon.

This letter was written from Friday Street, Shorncliffe, Queensland, Australia, to the Friendly Society. We publish it to bring Mr. Bacon's good wishes to anyone who served with him. Good luck Mr. Bacon. We thought we had a drought and it hadn't rained

## Bowls

Dear Sir,

The Essex and Southend J.C. bowls tour has been arranged from Saturday, 2nd May, to Saturday, 9th May, 1970, with H.Q. at The Langham Hotel at Eastbourne.

Seven games will be played and three will be arranged for the ladies. Five have already been confirmed.

The party will travel by coach which starts at Clacton and travels along the A12 to Brentwood, then to Grays and Dartford Tunnel picking up en route. So far we have 18 males booked and 14 females and there are several more interested. If you want a good week, bowls and fun, why not join us. We can assure you of a jolly good time—why not start paying now in instalments? Whether you are a regular or retired officer makes no difference. For any further details contact Supt. Horne at Basildon or me at 55 High Street, Saffron Walden. Reg Vinéy.

That looked like a letter at first but now I think it should have

## Force Band

Dear Sir,

Please accept the enclosed donation to the Police Band Fund from my brother and myself, in memory of our father the late Ex-P.C. W. J. Brand. He served 26 years in the force and passed away nearly six years ago at the age of 84. We both enjoy hearing the band play whenever possible and wish it every success. We would like to make this donation (£1) every year from now.

Yours faithfully,

Ella and Arthur Brand.

We keep telling you the band is good. Now perhaps you will believe us. Thanks very much on behalf of the band.—Ed.

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Dear Sir,

## Essex Show

As one of the persons originally responsible for arranging the Essex Show exhibit for a good many years I still have a great interest and this summer, like several previous ones, I

visit the Show in general and the Police exhibit in particular. What a great improvement in presentation as against a few years ago. I felt it was an excellent effort and would like to congratulate the organisers. I would have like to see more members of the public in the exhibit to take advantage of it — and what it proclaimed for the Police Service.

### Essex and Southend Friendly Society

The mention of this Society in August "The Law" was, I felt, misleading and not presented to the best advantage to the Society. As a Trustee I feel I should point out that two payments can be, and are being, made when the member's wife predeceases him. Your article states that only one payment is made. This is only so when the member predeceases his wife. Membership of the Society is well worth 6d. per week.

Yours sincerely,

S. EDWARDS (Ex. Det. Ch. Insp.)

Thank you on behalf of the Essex Show organisers, Mr. Edwards. And thanks also for setting the record straight on the Friendly Society — potential

# SPORT

## Southend sea swim



P.C. Peter Yorke-Wade receives the Recher cup from Ch. Supt. J. D. Devlin.

THE annual long distance swim was started about 15 years ago in the Southend Borough Constabulary and consists of a race in the sea from the Westcliff jetty to the "Lady Saville" which is a vessel used as club headquarters by the Essex Yacht Club. The overall distance is about one and a third miles.

The race is started on the flooding tide (to make it a bit easier) and also to coincide with opening time in the bar on the "Lady Saville" by the time the swimmers have changed.

The Essex Yacht Club extend every facility to the police for this event including hot showers, sandwiches and light refreshment.

This year the race was thrown open to members of the 'old' Essex County Police, but only one entry was received—P.c. 616 Lee from Benfleet. There were 12 starters all of whom finished the course and qualified for a plaque. The winner was P.C. 222 Yorke-Wade of the Traffic Division, Southend, with a time of 35 minutes, who, in addition to the plaque, won the "Recher" cup, presented by the late Special Inspector Recher of Southend.

Afterwards the cup was presented by Chief Superintendent J. Daniel Devlin who also expressed to members of the Essex Yacht Club our appreciation for their hospitality.

The photographs are by Det. Sgt. Peter Dosey who has won the race a few times in the past but was unable to compete this year owing to an injury.

Although the race was limited to members of 'H' and 'J' Divisions this year it is probable that it will



P.c. Les Johns, second swimmer to reach the steps of "Lady Saville" which was the finishing line.

be opened to the entire Force next year and we look forward to bigger and better entries!

### FULL RACE RESULT

1. P.C. Yorke-Wade .. 35.00
2. P.C. Johns .. 36.23
3. P.C. Holyoak .. 36.37 (1st, 1968)
4. P.C. Giles .. 38.55
5. P.C. Wright .. 39.15
6. P.C. Lee .. 39.40
7. P.C. Banwell .. 40.00
8. D.C. Barker .. 42.20
9. P.C. Tucker .. 42.45
10. P.C. Sains .. 43.25
11. P.C. Briggs .. 43.45
12. P.C. Randall .. 44.45

### CRICKET

An interesting situation developed in a July cricket match between Colchester and Southend West when Colchester, batting first, totalled 113 for 9 wickets at the end of their permitted 2 hours.

Southend batted steadily and runs came along, but wickets were falling also and the last one went down with their score at 113.

That floored everyone but after consultation with the MatchandCompetitionSecretary at Headquarters, Colchester were declared the winners by one wicket.

## H.Q. take tennis cup

IN A tense and hard-fought final H.Q. pulled back from the very brink of defeat to wrest the tennis cup from Clacton's grasp after five years. In a nail-biter of a last set John Virgo had to take five games on the trot after Phil Weall, playing with great verve and athleticism, took Clacton to the edge of their sixth consecutive victory.

The final was played by agreement at Frinton Lawn Tennis Club where the facilities are excellent. Clacton got into the final by a 4-1 semi-final victory over Chelmsford while H.Q. beat Colchester 5-0, so a close final was foreseen.

First on court were the doubles and one singles match and in the first result to be declared Phil Weall, the Clacton skipper, devastated Gerry Tuthill 6-1, 6-3, to put the holders one up.

And when the doubles pairs came off Clacton were further ahead through a three-set win by John Cottam and Derek Blois, the latter particularly playing very steadily. The H.Q. pair, John Page and John Hedge-thorne never really got on terms and lost 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Two up and three to play, things looked good for Clacton but then Dennis Murr-fitt was on the receiving end of some stick from John Virgo and although he fought back well in the second set, he lost 6-0, 7-5. Dennis then played his second match against Gerry Tuthill.

Gerry took the first set 6-2 and although a Murr-fitt fight back levelled the second at three all, the H.Q. man won by 6-3 to square the final at two matches all.

By this time the two captains were already locked in combat and when John Virgo took the first set 6-2 the cup looked to be Springfield-bound.

But Phil Weall thought otherwise and playing some great tennis, his stream of lobs and passing shots matched only by his voluble self-criticism, he carried the second set 6-3 and ran away to a 5-2 lead in the third.

With his own service to come he seemed poised on the edge of a captain's win. But he had done a lot of running to take that lead and was clearly whacked, and John Virgo sensing this began to fight back.

### BALANCED

So the final was dead level, two matches all, two sets all, five games all, and it even went to 15-all in the next vital game. But John had got his confidence back and two more games were all he needed to win a memorable final.

Both players were flaked out, but particularly poor Phil Weall, with whom one had to sympathise. Like marathon man Jim Peters, he had fought his way to within sight of the finish only to run out of steam in the home straight.

But now someone has taken the cup away from Clacton one feels that they will play harder than ever next year to get it back.

### Summer walkabout

The past month has been a quiet one for the walking section with only one long race, the 38 miles Hastings to Brighton. A team of three contested this event, John Hedge-thorne being the first home in 12th place in 6h. 43m. 20s. Geoff Lee, 7h. 52m. 56s., occupied 28th place and Peter Cox, 31st place in 8h. 10m.

All times were slow due to the very hot conditions encountered during the first half of the race. Starting as it does at 11 a.m., the hottest part of the day has to be endured. About 3 p.m. things cooled down but by then the damage was done. The next long race will be the London to Brighton on September 6 and the following week the new season's league programme opens up with a five-miler at Woodford.

The walkers hope to do at least as well as last year when they gained a good third place beating, among others, Basildon A.C. who have two senior and two junior internationals among their ranks.

Final team positions for 1968-9 were:

	points
1. Essex Beagles .....	1485
2. Ilford A.C. ....	1314
3. Essex Police .....	1108
4. Basildon A.A.C. ....	970
5. Southend A.C. ....	867
6. Woodford Green A.C. ....	705
7. Leagate Harriers .....	272
8. Thurrock Harriers .....	181
9. Walthamstow A.C. ....	147
10. Newham A.C. ....	128

### SWIMMING GALA

The Force swimming gala will be held at Basildon this year on Saturday, 18th October.



The competitors pose before the start of the race.

## FORCE SOCCER by Touchliner

THE Force football team opened the season with a friendly match versus B.P. (Harlow) on 23rd August. This was an opportunity to "blood" some new players who generally gave a good account of themselves. We opened strongly and kept up constant pressure on the visitors' goal. Poor finishing and some good goalkeeping kept us to a 1-0 lead at half-time.

The second half was a different story and goals came at regular intervals, the final score being 6-0. Scorers were Rhymes (3), Jennings, Cannon and Griffiths.

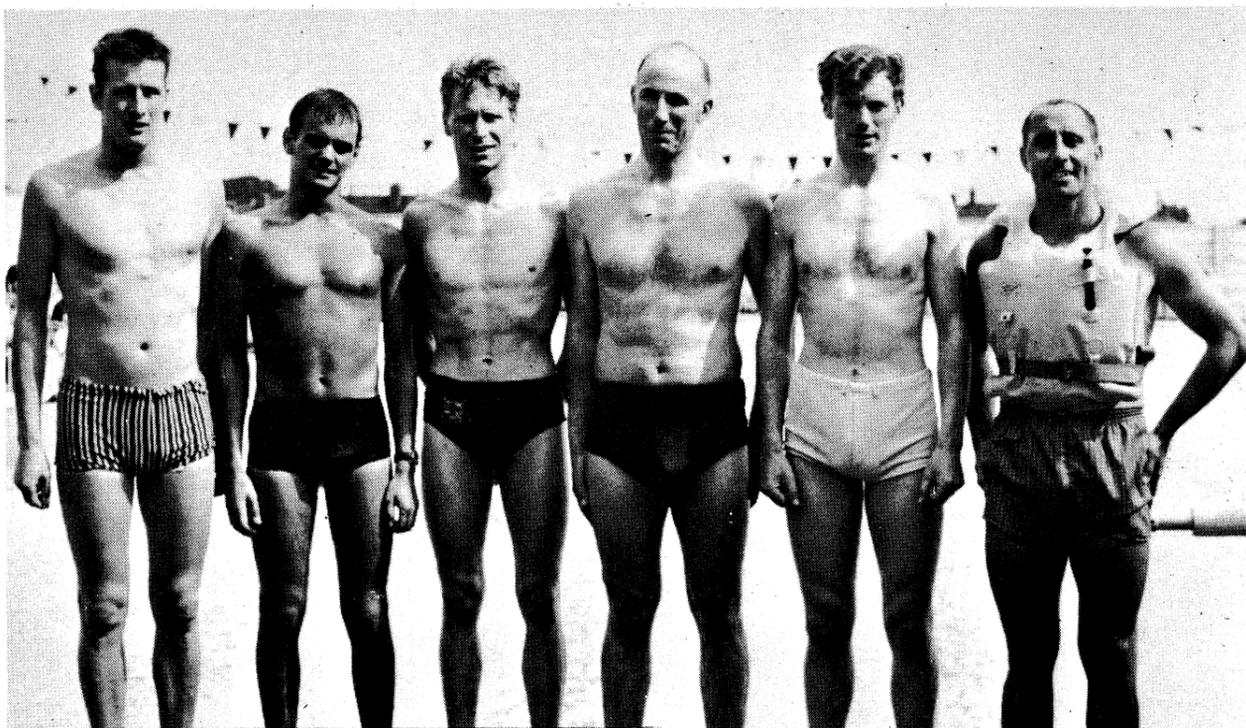
### OLYMPIAN LEAGUE

Our league programme started on August 27 at Burnham-on-Crouch versus The Ramblers and what a start it was! Rhymes scored in the second minute and again after 20 minutes.

The Ramblers were hard pressed for most of the first half and, when they did look like scoring, shot high or wide. Half-time 0-2. The lack of fitness of our boys was very evident in the second half which they spent mainly on the defensive. Ramblers scored two goals to share the points. A fair result.

### PENALTIES

One of Ramblers' goals was a penalty, imposed when Taffy Jones handled



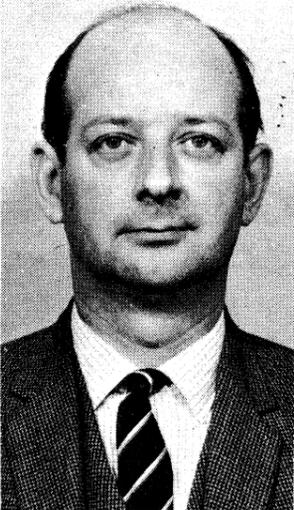
The Force life saving team pictured after giving a demonstration at the Shell pool, Corringham. From the left they are Dick Parker, Bob Perry, Roger Burrows, Eric Scott, captain, Colin Adams, and Mike Dray who does not, as you might suppose, need the water wings to keep afloat. Mike had been giving a demonstration of safety in handling a canoe, and wearing one of those things is the first step to safety.

# Promotions Federation News

## New rubber heels

FROM a general reshuffle, mainly involving head-quarters personnel, several promotions have resulted.

Moving back to head-quarters but in a very different capacity is Det Ch Insp Alf Mitchell who takes over as Superintendent II (Complaints). His sojourn at Grays has lasted about 15 months and before that he was at Brentwood in C.I.D.



Leaving the Complaints office, Superintendent Bob Palmer M.M. moves to Traffic Division as Supt I, second in command. His stay in the Complaints office has been short, a mere five months since his return from the Police College.



Previous traffic second in command, Superintendent Harry Smith, moves up to take command on the retirement of Chief Superintendent Don Murray. Mr Smith commanded Braintree division until it disappeared on April 1st and he then moved to Traffic division.



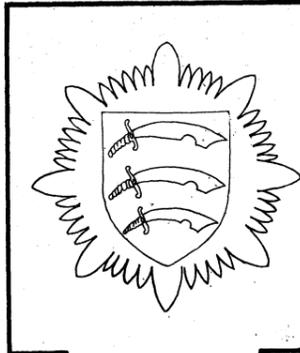
Detective Inspector Eric Smith, C.I.D., second in command at Basildon, moves to Grays to take over as Det Ch Inspector. Eric Smith previously served at Clacton and Saffron Walden.



Filling a new post, that of Staff Officer to the newly appointed Assistant Chief Constable (P and I)—we will tell you what that means next month—Superintendent John Challis gains promotion to Chief Superintendent. He has occupied the position of Force Training Officer since 1968 when he was 2 i.c. at Basildon.

## FEDERATION OPEN MEETING

THE most important event for the federated members of this force in 1969 will be the open meeting at the Kursaal Ballroom, Southend, which will commence at 6.30 p.m. on September 11. We do not often have the joint central committee on stage before us ready to answer questions on national policy, so for all you moaners and those genuinely interested in the conditions under which we serve, here is your chance to see the "faceless wonders" as some members call them, who negotiate on our behalf, and to hear what they have to say on such important matters as pensions; traffic wardens; pay; undermanning allowance; housing, etc. All these matters should be of great concern to you, and the joint branch board confidently expects that there will be a record turn-out. There should be well over 100 members from other forces at the meeting from such far flung places as Lancashire, Wales, Yorkshire and Wiltshire, as well as those forces on our doorstep.



### Seaxes Auto Club

THE open driving tests of the Seaxes Auto Club were held at the R.A.F. Station at Debden on Sunday, 10th August, 1969.

The tests, which had an accent on driver ability, proved a great success. Amid ideal surroundings the 31 competitors from Seaxes, Metropolitan Police, Witham Car Club, Marconi Car Club, Chelmsford Car Club and F.B.P.M.C., put up some excellent displays of driving technique and all round car handling. The best Seaxes entrant was Bernard Beesley with Bob Cordery a close second.

The awards were presented by Mr. C. H. Waller, the Assistant Chief Constable, who, seeing this event for the first time, remarked on the excellent manner in which the tests were carried out and the high standard of driving displayed.

### Award winners

The awards were as follows:  
Overall winner: I. Gibson (Marconi), 312.6.  
Class I: M. G. Mutimer (C.M.C.), 322.4; runner-up, B. Beesley (Seaxes), 322.2.

As this will be the first time that the amalgamated force will be together under one roof, it has been decided that some social event should be incorporated into the evening. The meeting starts at 6.30 p.m. sharp, and after short speeches from the chairman of the Joint Branch Board, the Mayor of Southend and the Chief Constable, the main part of the meeting will begin with members of the Joint Central Committee speaking on various subjects of interest. The meeting will be then thrown open for questions from members, and from past experience it is expected that this will be a very lively part of the evening. The meeting will end at 9 p.m. and after a few minutes to allow members to get their beer in, the cabaret will start, and this will last about an hour or so. One of the acts will be a belly dancer—just to

Class II: I. Gibson (Marconi), 312.6; runner-up, Mrs. R. Ascott (Witham), 329.4.  
Class III: J. Swindells (Marconi), 347.4; runner-up, D. Ryley (Marconi), 359.4.  
Class IV: M. Donnelly (F.B.P.M.C.), 342.4; runner-up, B. Cordery (Seaxes), 371.2.  
Class V: D. Everett (C.M.C.), 317.8; runner-up, D. Field (C.M.C.), 357.8.  
Ladies: Mrs. R. Ascott (Witham), 329.4.  
Teams: 1. C.M.C., 1001; 2. Marconi, 1019.4; 3. Seaxes, 1111.2; 4. Witham, 1215.6.

## Future events

Metropolitan Police Motor Club Crows Foot Rally to be held on 20th/21st September, 1969, at Heston, Middlesex. Entries to and all details from Mrs. Valerie Grieve, 17 Punch Croft, New Ash Green, Dartford, Kent.

Invicta Rally—run by Kent Sub-Centre of F.B.P.M.C.—on 27th September, 1969, at Norton, Kent. Entries to and all details from Mike Ducker, 56 Lower Road, Maidstone, Kent.

cool you off a bit after the meeting.

Remember too, that those of you who will be travelling by other means, that the Southend illuminations will be on, so if the wife will not let you go on your own, let her and the kids wander along the front until you pick her up after the show. Divisional representatives have authority to hire coaches to take members to the meeting and the cost will be borne by the federation funds—so, apart from your beer money, it will cost you nothing to go. The Chief Constable has asked superintendents to make arrangements to permit as many members as possible to attend, so make enquiries right away.

### FRIENDLY SOCIETY

I must apologise for an error in my article last month concerning the payment of benefits from the Friendly Society. I said that there was only one payment made. This, of course, is not the case. If the wife of the member predeceases him, he will receive benefit, and upon his death, his next of kin will receive benefit also. I hope that this explanation will put many members' minds at rest.



### FORCE REFERENDUM

I regret that the referendum on force collections has been delayed. Enquiries were made of the county treasurer to

## The Law Shop

Wanted. Treadle fret machine for disabled person. If anyone knows of such a machine, please get in touch with the editor.

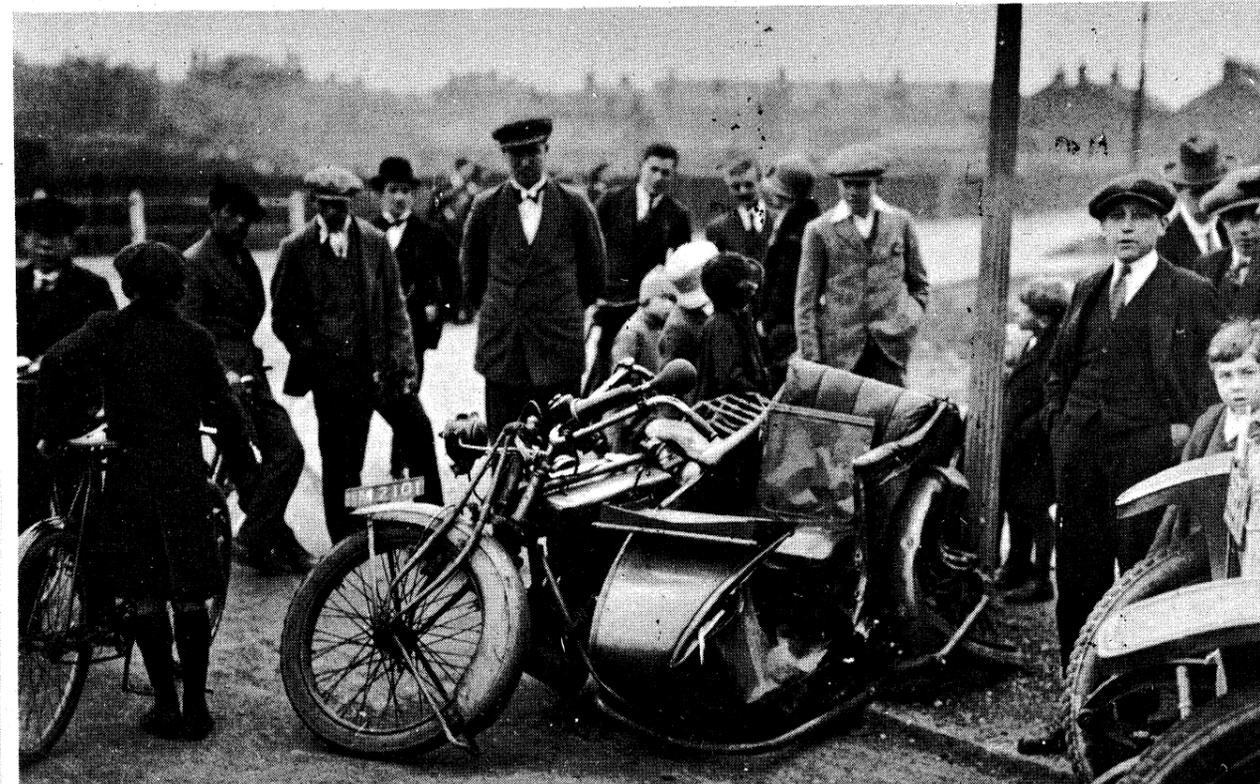
FOR SALE: "Compact" 8 projector, excellent condition, £18 or near offer. P.S. Robinson, Corringham.

FOR SALE: Movie camera, "Kopit 8" automatic, £18 or near offer. P.S. Robinson, Corringham.

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 Horkesley, Colchester, Essex.

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



Just in case you young fellers think you know all about road accidents and the old 'uns have got no idea we print this picture of the great New Road Motor Cycle Crash. Students of the history of costume will note that it was long, long ago, before police and public were plagued with such trivia as road traffic acts, when men were men and motor cycles were death traps, when lamp posts on the Southend Road were...

make sure that the levy could be stopped from pay, and it was found that there are certain difficulties. As soon as these are sorted out, the referendum will be circularised to members.

### PAY

The second instalment of three per cent will be included in the September pay cheques, and this extra few bob will have to keep the wife happy until after the next pay negotiations in September, 1970, when we hope to fare better than we did last time. We should also be hearing something about specialist allowances and differentials at the end of the year.



### BRITISH WEEK IN VIENNA

The Executive Committee of the Joint Branch Board were invited by the Chief Constable to nominate four constables from the force, from whom two would be selected to join Sergeant Wright, of Harlow, in the party of police officers who are to attend the British Trade Week Exhibition in Vienna later this year. In an effort to be strictly fair, the committee decided that two members should be from the former Southend Force and two from the former Essex Force, with the suggestion that in the final selection one former Essex and one former Southend member should go. It was further decided that as some divisions had sent members to Denmark recently on a similar exhibition that the members selected from Essex should be from other divisions this time. The end result was that P.c. 851 Carter, of Tollesbury, and P.c. 1001 Fairhead, of Grays, were put forward from Essex and P.c. 138 Harvey, of Southend East, and P.c. 99 Beale, of Southend West, were put forward on behalf of former Southend members. The Chief Constable has chosen P.c.s Fairhead and Beale to attend with the other two officers as reserves. You will note that to show our impartiality, none of the officers selected are members of either of the branch boards.

### REMOVAL ON RETIREMENT

Regulations will shortly be made providing for the cost of removal to be paid by the police authority to an officer who retires while occupying a county house and who removes to an address within the force district. When he removes to an address outside the police district then costs up to £25 will be reimbursed. Similar arrangements will apply to widows of officers who die while serving.



### INCREASE IN SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

Regulations will shortly be made to provide for an increase of 25 per cent in refreshment, subsistence and lodging allowances.

### FORTY-HOUR WEEK

The Chief Constable has intimated that provided recruitment continues to improve as the present signs indicate, then the force will work a 42-hour week as from April 1, 1970. This means that the one overtime day in a 28-day period will be retained, with the present rest day rota system being retained with the seven days being taken off as rest days. A decision on whether the recruitment situation justifies this will be taken early in the new year.