

New garage overlaps into Memorial Avenue

LAST year, under the headline "Memorial Avenue or Football" we drew attention to the threat to remove the trees planted after the last war in memory of members of the County Constabulary who were killed while serving with the Force or in the armed services.

On that occasion no further action was taken but now the building of the new garage and workshops has resulted in three of the trees being removed. There seems to have been no consultation on this matter, those interested in the trees being unaware that the garage was about to engulf three of them, while those responsible for planning the building apparently not knowing that the trees had any significance. The surveyor's drawings make it quite clear that the trees would have to come down.

The site foreman showed us the specification which lays down the work to be done on the site. Quite clearly it stated, "cut down three small flowering trees, grub out roots and clear away."

"But," said the foreman, "we didn't do that because we understood they were wanted. So we took two of them out and laid them on the bank. The other one broke off because the root was all rotten."

Later the trees disap-

Three trees removed

peared during one week-end

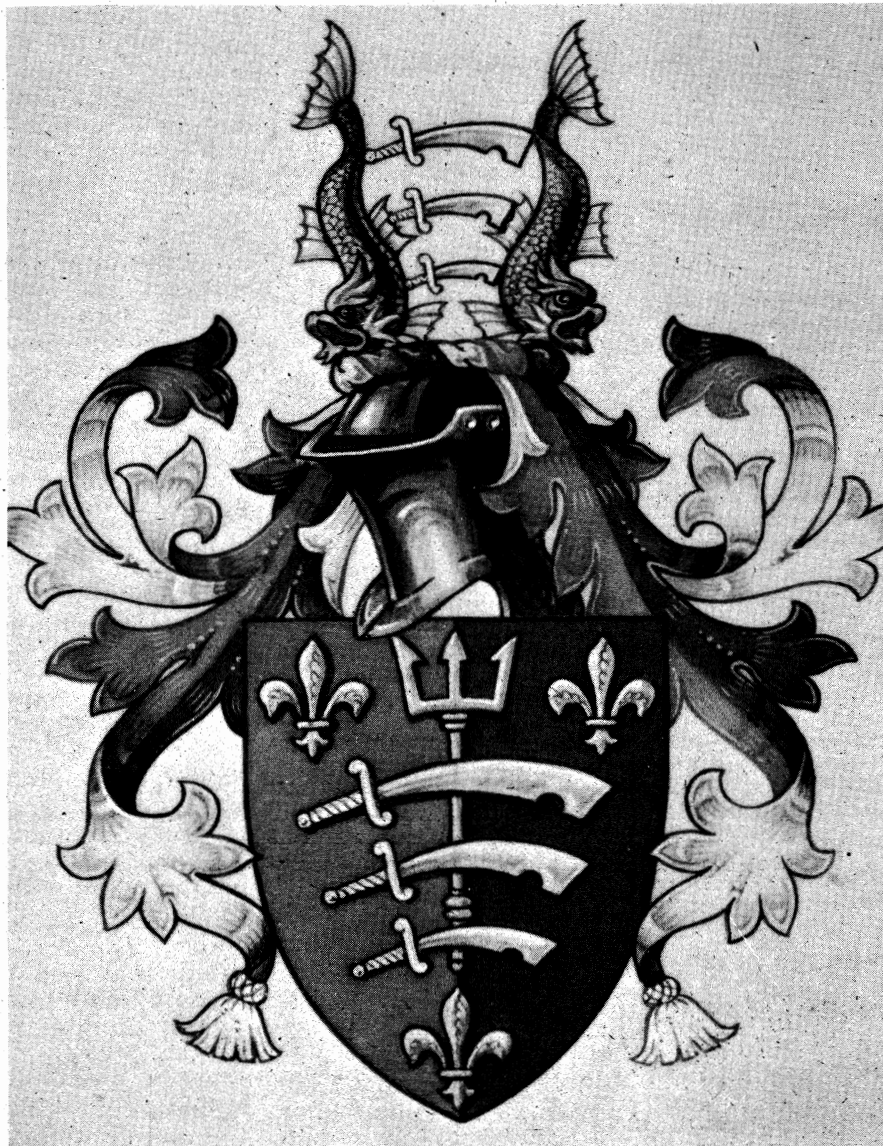
This brings the future of the trees once more into discussion. Now that the avenue is no longer complete, the argument for retaining any of it is much weakened. It has been suggested that perhaps the trees might be replaced later, or that a

plaque in a small ornamental garden be placed on another part of the field.

Because of their growth the branches are already interlacing and before long, alternate trees would have to come out if the rest were to remain healthy.



Joint Force Arms granted



Features from both badges included

ONE of the last acts necessary to fully merge the two components of the Joint Force was completed in July with the publication of the new Arms. Now the many other small details which have been held up, such as helmet badges, can be completed to give the Force a single identity.

The shield is red and blue with seaxes, trident and fleurs de lys silver. The seaxes derive from Essex, the fleurs de lys from Southend and the trident as well as denoting some of the Southend parishes, marks the long Essex coastline. Above, the seaxes are repeated with two blue dolphins deriving from the Borough. The crest wreath and mantling are white and blue, being appropriate police colours.

Serving Constable's untimely death

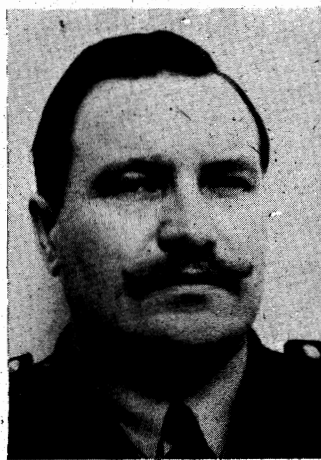
ONCE again we regret that we have to report the death of a serving comrade. P.c. Jessop, stationed at Laindon Traffic, became ill whilst at his home on July 12, he was taken to hospital but died within three hours.

Born at Hackney on November 8, 1929, he was appointed constable on October 25, 1956 and posted to Chelmsford following initial training.

Within a year he was moved to Harlow, until July 1959 when he took up duties at Rainham.

It was in May 1962 that he joined the Traffic Department at the newly-formed Laindon Sub-Division.

A keen road racing cyclist until recent years,



CHARLES WILLIAM JESSOP

especially whilst at Rainham, he will be remembered well by officers in that area, when on early morning training runs up the

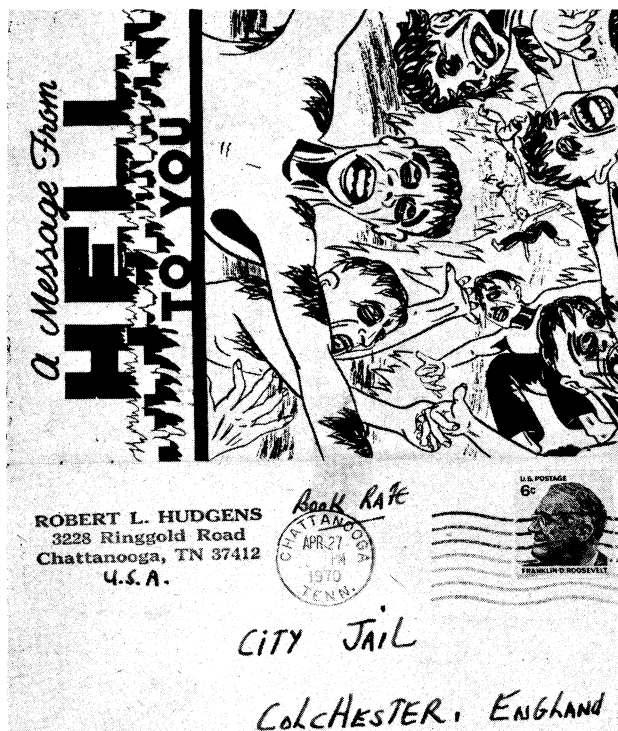
A13, his large ginger moustache made him easily recognisable from a considerable distance.

His colleagues in particular and all other members of the Force besides, send their deepest sympathy to his wife Irene, and only child Graham, who is coming up for 10 years of age.

Old timers

It is also sad to have to report the passing of a former Borough Sergeant, Arthur John Cole, who was 91 years old and had lived at Brighton in retirement. The death of ex-Inspector Thomas Arthur Rose, aged 69, is also reported. Mr. Rose, an ex-County man, lived in Chelmsford.

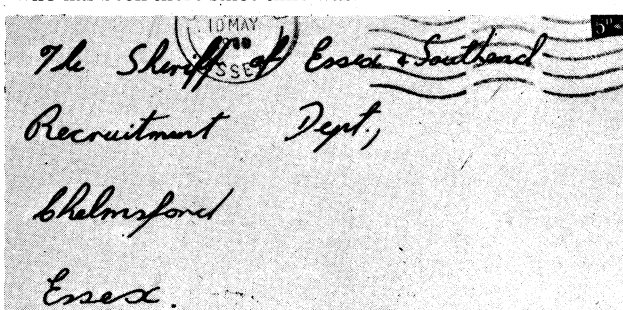
It's all in the post



Continuing the saga of what an Admin. Chief Inspector is likely to receive in his mail Mike Humberston has sent us the booklet pictured above. In the absence of a City Jail it was delivered to the police station — of course.

Inside its message was addressed to "Dear Unregenerate Soul" so the booklet went straight into the Chief Superintendent's tray.

And on the subject of odd things in the post one can only offer congratulations to the G.P.O. on the safe arrival at Police Headquarters of the envelope addressed to the Sheriff of Essex and Southend. Who, you may ask, is this Sheriff of the Recruitment Dept. It must be Joe Lambon who has been there since time was.



Among the many pieces of paper that have fallen, and alas still lie, like autumn leaves on the editorial desk recently have been some jewels of the English language. Take this, for example, from the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 — Part I, section 34 (1) (b) to be precise:

that any reference to a young person in Section 5 of this Act (except subsection 8) shall be construed as including a child, or including a young person, who has attained such age as may be so specified;

Is it to be wondered that our political masters succeed only in confusing everyone except the legal profession, from which they are mainly recruited, when they produce such verbal tangles.

The impossible

But a letter from a parish council to the Chief Constable clearly supports the assertion long made by the police that "the impossible we can do at once, miracles take a little longer."

My council recently asked the Essex C.C. Highways Dept. to move the 30 m.p.h. sign near the school to a point say 100 yards nearer to Braintree on the A131. In a reply the

To each and all the Constables of the County of Essex.

INFORMATION has this day been laid before me, the undersigned Justice of the Peace, by Probation Officer that you on the twenty second day of April, 1969 were convicted [by] before the [Magistrates' Court] [Court of Sessions] for the Petty Sessional Division of Harwich sitting at the Town Hall, Harwich for that you* did commit a breach of the peace

and by the said information it is further alleged that you did on the or about first day of May, 1970, fail to comply with the last mentioned requirement of the said order inasmuch as: you, being unemployed, did fail to apply for work at two places where work was likely to be available and which was known to you

YOU ARE THEREFORE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear on Tuesday the twenty third day of June, 1970, at the hour of 10.30 in the fore noon, before the

Paper gems

County Surveyor refuses to do so but adds "the Chief Constable has promised to give attention by his traffic patrols whenever possible."

The parish council's case is that as the sign is not more than five yards away from the school most cars are doing more than 30 m.p.h. when passing the school. In view of this my council would be grateful if your patrols would give the matter their attention rather more often than "whenever possible."

But saved until last is the prime piece of them all, a summons, duly signed by a J.P. which is addressed to "each and all of the Constables in the County of Essex." It goes on to allege that these scoundrels, having committed a breach of the peace and been placed on probation, were unemployed and "did fail to apply for work at two places where work was likely to be available."

Could it be that the informant in this disgraceful case has found the answer to the manpower problem?

Rummage sale kids help Orphans Fund



The children of P.C. 525 Squirrel of Harlow Traffic, Karen 7 years, and John 5 years, decided they would like to do something to help a Police charity.

They collected all their unwanted toys, comics, etc., and with their mother supplying ice cream and soft drinks invited the children from the neighbourhood to a rummage sale in their

back garden. On a lovely sunny Saturday morning, their sale was a great success and they made a total profit of £11/1/6d. which they promptly took down to Harlow Police Station and placed in the collecting box for the Orphans Fund.

This creditable performance was achieved by Karen and John completely on their own initiative.

Force footballer weds at Mersea



The wedding took place recently at West Mersea Methodist Church between David Wilkinson and Yvonne French, both members of the Force. The bride wore a white full-length satin dress with train and guipure lace bodice and a French silk full-length veil held in place by a white floral headdress. After a reception which was attended by 80 guests the couple left for a honeymoon touring Devon and Cornwall, the bride travelling in a navy and white dress and coat with navy and white accessories. The couple are now residing at West Mersea where David is stationed. Yvonne was stationed at Clacton prior to her marriage when she transferred to Colchester. Amongst the presents were a clock and table lamp from the policewomen, a set of saucepans, sherry glasses, magazine rack and bath rack from the Clacton Division and a tea trolley from the Colchester Police. David is a regular playing member of the Force and Division football team and the Divisional cricket side.

Modernisations considered

Before the Buildings and Sites Committee of the Police Authority on Monday last were proposals for the modernisation of police houses during the current financial year at a cost of £87,000.

The proposed programme includes the Inspector's house at Billericay, 52 and 54 Southend Road, Billericay, 161 and 163 Long Road, Canvey, and 11 houses in Kingston Crescent, Chelmsford (odd numbers 9-33) which will have garages, drives, etc., at a total cost of £230 each.

D.H.Q. at Rayleigh

Another proposal submitted to the committee was that the new divisional



Leigh Police Station, considered unsuitable for extension as the new divisional headquarters.

headquarters for the Southend Western division should be built at Rayleigh where the present police station site is large enough and where planning permission was obtained as long ago as 1965. The Borough Council is to be informed accordingly.

Two other possibilities for the new D.H.Q. existed. The first, the present Leigh Police Station, is unsuitable for extension and the second site, also at Leigh, has parking and access difficulties.

First 'home grown' graduates return to the force



The first two members of the Force to be selected to attend the University of Essex under the Force scheme have returned to duty after a three-year absence during which they have taken a degree course in Government.

On the left is Peter Joslin whose promotion to Superintendent Grade II was announced recently. Prior to his degree course he worked as Detective Inspector and sub-divisional Inspector in uniform. He now takes over Colchester sub-division.

Bill Gray, pictured right, becomes Chief Inspector, R and T. He spent a short time at Colchester before his course but was previously Inspector at Grays.



Quite a carry on

IMAGINE a peaceful drive on a warm, sunny, Saturday evening in June.

Imagine a young girl with long golden hair, dancing nude in the middle of a busy roundabout.

Wishful thinking? No, it really happened to several hundred lucky or unlucky, depending on their sex, people, on the A13 in Hadleigh on June 27.

The girl was 18 and had been wearing a long tunic blouse over trousers when she ran in front of a car on the roundabout.

Banging on the bonnet and screaming, she started to strip off her trousers before she was moved from the road by a couple of irate motorists.

An off-duty police officer and his wife just happened to be driving past at the time and, stopping in a convenient lay-by, the officer, who prefers to remain anonymous, ran across the road after the girl. She fled in the direction of Hadleigh nick, with the officer in hot pursuit.

Another passerby joined in the chase, stripping off his sweater to try and cover the girl.

The station staff at Hadleigh were more than somewhat surprised to see the strange trio who came up their path: breathless officer in civvies carrying girl with naked bottom-half followed by man with naked top-half.

A girl has been charged with an offence and will be appearing in court at a later date—dressed?

PORTRAIT

W.P.s JOAN HURLEY



By S. C. BAILEY

THE first Woman Police Constable of the old Essex Force, W/Ps. Joan Mary Hurley, of Harlow, retired on the 31st August. Joan joined the Force on the 15th December, 1941, as a Class 'B' Auxiliary Policewoman, performing office duties at Epping, her home town. She performed these duties throughout the war years until January, 1945, when she transferred to the Class 'A' Auxiliary, which entailed patrol and general police duties, following her training at Birmingham.

At the completion of training Joan was posted to Chelmsford. She was really thrown in at the deep end because on her very first day of duty there she was called upon to deal with a case of Infanticide, in which the body of the child had been wrapped up in paper and placed in the pantry of a house. However this unpleasant experience did not deter Joan and in November 1946 she attended the first post-war C.I.D. Course to be held at Wakefield.

Prejudice

Following her course at Wakefield, Joan was posted to Grays, where she spent five years, after which she moved up county to Braintree. Each time Joan was posted to a new Division she was the first Policewoman to arrive on the scene and she was called upon to form the department there, so she can really be called one of the pioneers of this Force. As is usual in these cases, Joan was met with a considerable prejudice from the male members of the Force, but with her typical determination she set about breaking this down in no uncertain manner. In one Division a certain Detective Inspector insisted that Joan was only to be employed as a typist, typical of the attitude of those days.

In 1957 Joan was promoted to Sergeant and moved to Harlow at the time of the opening of the

County's first Policewoman leaves the Force

new station there. Since that time she has been in charge of the Women Police in that Division and has been personally responsible for the training of well over 20 girls.

Joan has had to deal with many various tasks in her service. She tells me that the most unpleasant one was a few years ago in Harlow when a small child was found dead from starvation, with another child almost starved to death with

Chelmsford Chunter

by Pc Alan Plowman
(with apologies to Burrer Chat)

"Oi zee owd Percy been promoted. Quick, weren't it?"

"Ah. Had to cum it did. He one of they Masons."

"No. Owd Perc was a chippie afore he joined."

"Not they kind of Mason oi don't know. He a Masonic Mason, you know, the Lodge."

"Oi don't know."

"Well, it a sort of secret society for nobbs. Loike a posh Mafia if you loike. They have secret symbols and things."

"Loike what?"

"Well loike rolling they trosser leg up, baring they breast and a wearing of woite frilly aprons."

"Sounds kinky to oi."

"Ah. Oi often had me doubts about owd Perc."

"But what else they do, boy?"

"Well they meet in pubs and such and have some roight owd booze ups now and agin."

"Us do that don't us?"

"Oi know us do and us don't have to wear they frilly aprons to do it, do us? Any how they all take an

oath to help each other."

"How they do that then boy?"

"All sorts of ways oi think. For instance if owd Perc there stopped a motor car for speeding, the droiver, if he a Mason, moight make a sign at owd Perc."

"They often do that to oi!"

"No. Not that sign. It be a secret sign so that owd Perc know he a Mason. Then, afore you can say Boaz, a verbal caution."

"What if one of they guv'nors found out?"

"Most of they are Masons so it don't matter. All wrong oi think. Shouldn't be allowed. Oi think the Chief should... Just a minute. Owd Perc is a-calling me. What he want oi wonder?"

"You looking pleased with yourself. What he want then?"

"Oh, he want me to goo out with he tonight. Oi must goo now as oi want a bath afore I goo out."

"A bath? On a Toosday? What you want that for?"

"Ah, well, owd Perc he a-taking me somewhere special and oi got to make sure my knees be clean haven't oi. Cheerio boy."

it. The child had been dead two weeks.

Table tennis

Apart from her work, Joan has always been very active in other fields. At one time she was a keen table tennis player and several times represented the Force in P.A.A. National and District championships. She is always there to lend a helping hand with everything and whatever has to be organised in the social field Joan is there in the thick of it. She was Chairman of the Harlow Bar Committee and Divisional Representative of the very active Harlow

I.P.A. Branch, in which capacity she is well known both in this country and many other countries abroad.

Continuing to live in Harlow, Joan is taking up an appointment with the Essex Education Committee as an Education Welfare Officer in the Brentwood area. No doubt we shall see much of her in the future. I am sure everybody will join with me in wishing Joan a very happy retirement and all the very best for the future, together with our grateful thanks for everything she has done for us all whilst she was with us.

WOTSIT?

(Answer on page 8).



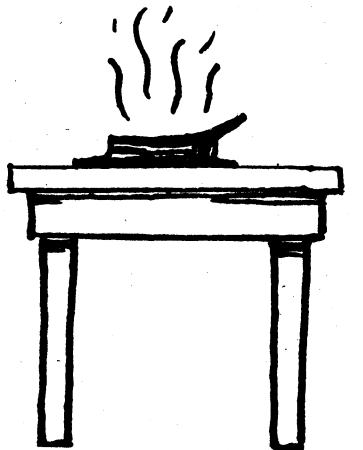
This month's wotsit was produced by Peter Bayley of the Cadet School.

The cat crept into the cap...

CONSTABLE Graham Ginn, of Southend, recently returned home after late turn and placed his uniform cap upside down on the kitchen table before going to bed. He was horrified the following morning to find that his large pet tom cat had used the cap as a toilet, an unusual thing for the normally clean animal to do. Cats being cats the smell from the attacked cap proved as much of a problem as the obscene staining and none of Graham's frantic scrubbing, soaking and dousing could entirely eliminate either.

Sheepishly, cap in hand, Graham presented himself at the stores and told his sad story. Never having heard such a

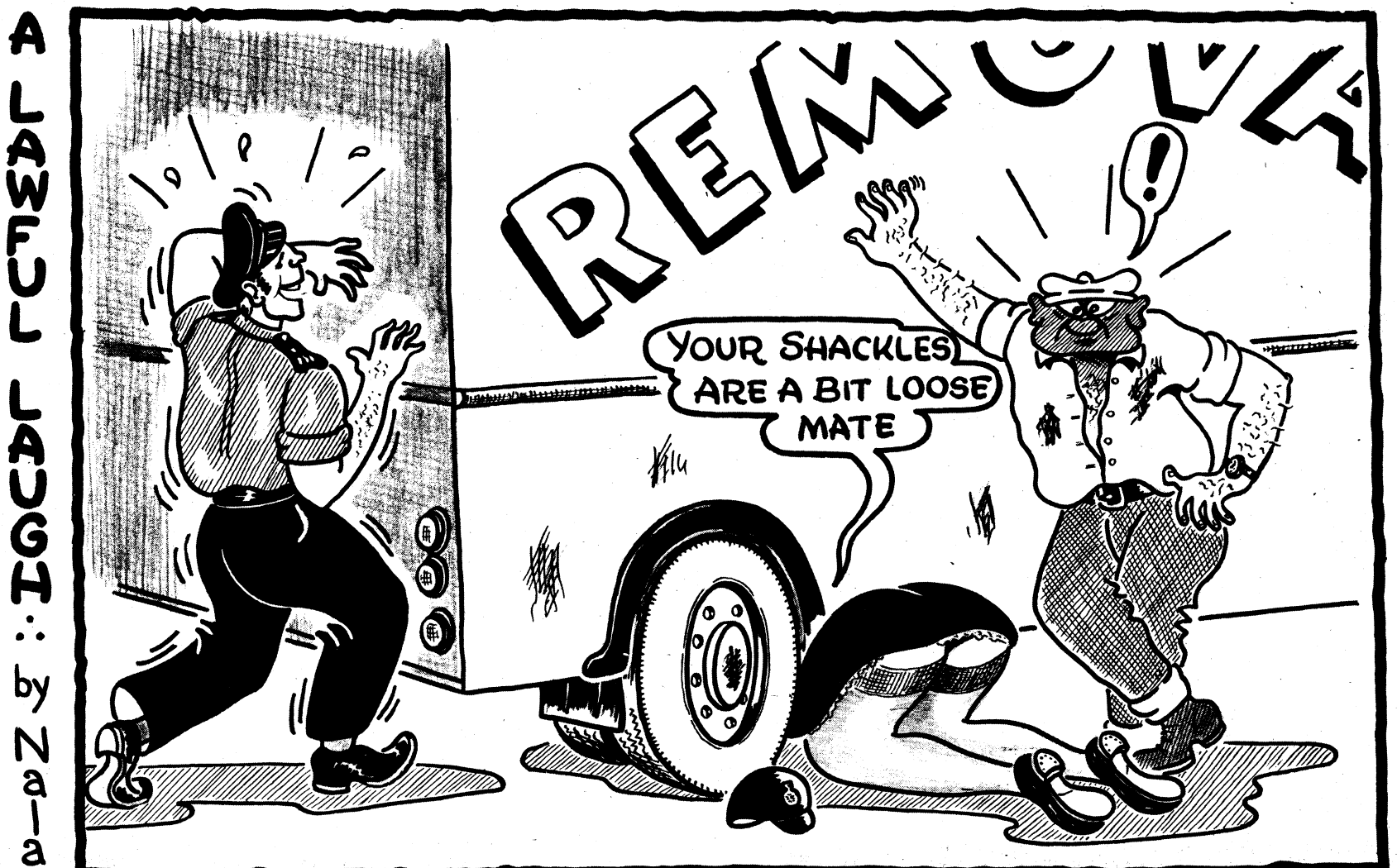
a new cap and at the same time gave him two new ties which he had earlier asked for.



Jubilantly Graham returned home with his spoils, and, before retiring for the night, placed the new cap upside down on the kitchen table with the new ties inside! During the night the big tom jumped on to the table, and...

Graham would be grateful for any suggestions on the best way of cleaning soiled caps and ties and is also prepared to accept the best offer for a large, "House trained" tom cat.

before, the storekeeper took pity on the lad and issued him with



WITH APOLOGIES TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE TOWN...

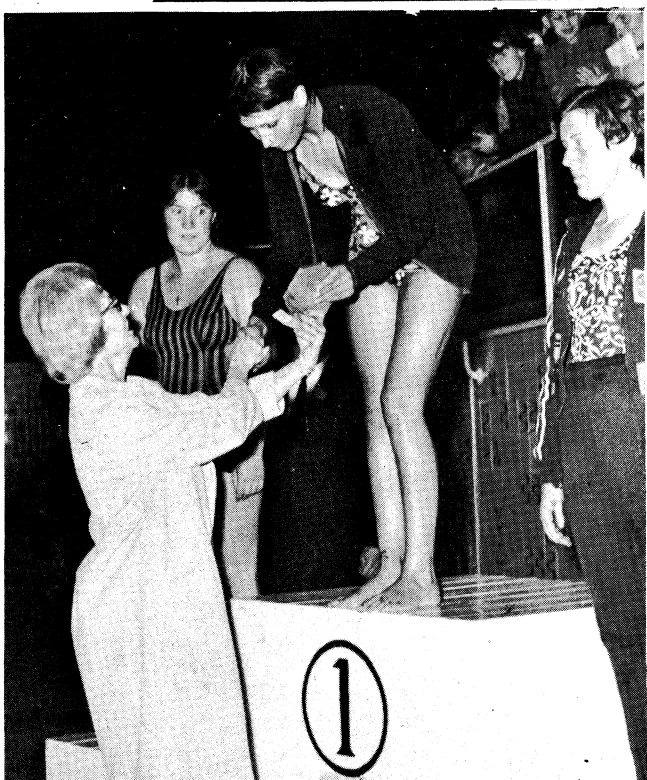
Cadets, at home to parents and Senior Officers, show their paces

P.A.A. Cadet
swim champ
with her
winner's plaque



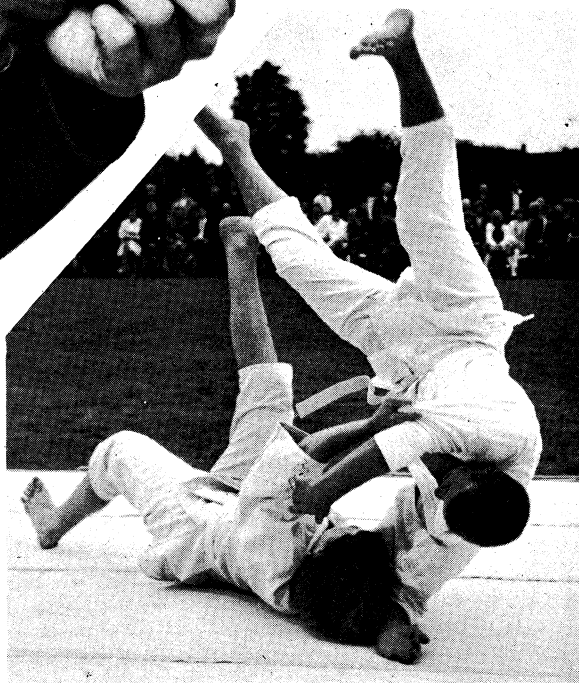
The girls' drill squad set out, aided and abetted by Inspector I. Fuller, their instructor, to show that they were as good as the boys. And they proved their point as they went through an 11-minute programme of continuity drill without words of command. Most of them had done any drill before this year and two began only a few weeks before the display.

—Picture by Essex Chronicle



ABOVE: In a display of judo, devised by Det. Sgt. Graham, Cadet Peg Barrett throws one of the boys in the display team.

—Picture by Essex Chronicle



BELOW: The Fitness Cup awarded to the cadet scoring highest in the all round tests of fitness receives the award from

the Chief Constable. Cadet Gary Egerton scored a maximum. He also holds two Force athletics records. BOTTOM: Mr. C. H. Waller, A.C.C., hands over the cup which he donated for the cadet contributing most to the photography section. The winner was Cadet Ed Cross whose pictures often appear in The Law.

—Pictures by Tony Cole



Girl cadet Terry Skinner shows off her winner's plaque after returning to the Cadet School from her victorious trip to the P.A.A. Swimming Championships at Cardiff, where she became national girl cadet champion in the 55 yards breast stroke race.

Covering the distance in 44.7sec., her performance is made even better by the fact that this is not her strongest event, Terry being mainly a front crawl swimmer. Eighteen this month, Terry will still be a cadet next summer

to defend her title. She is a member of Ilford S.C. where she is ladies captain.

Terry was on leave in Devon in the week when the championships took place and travelled up to Cardiff with her mother who has devoted a lot of time to her daughter's swimming in the past.

On September 19 Terry Skinner will be swimming in the Force Gala at Southend. Main picture by the Essex Chronicle; small picture, showing Miss Skinner on the winner's rostrum, by courtesy of Cardiff Police.



The assault course display was an all-action affair in which the cadets raced in each direction over the course—the result was a high balance walk from which Cadet Ed Cross was about to launch himself on the pulley. The course was under the guidance of P.C. Larry Piper, advanced instructor at the School.

—Picture by

showed off the younger peak of health and fit—many of us are overtaken by us in need of rest and the Convalescent Home facilities of which not many seem to be aware.

How much do you know about the Convalescent Home at Hove? Have you ever considered using it after a period of sickness? The Home is under used and as it costs nothing to go there, we must assume that this is because of ignorance among policemen of the facilities existing there.



PETER BAILEY, who works in the Information Room at Headquarters, slipped a disc earlier this year and was away from work for five weeks. His doctor recommended a fortnight at the Police Convalescent Home at Hove, so in mid-July with Stan Smith acting as chauffeur, Peter said goodbye to the kids and went off for two weeks peace and rest.



Well, here we are, and even this summer it is advisable to carry a mac.



Miss Samuels, the Lady Superintendent, who has been at the Home for nine-and-a-half years, interviews the new arrival. Please note the Home is on our mailing list.

The Police Convalescent Home in the sunny South

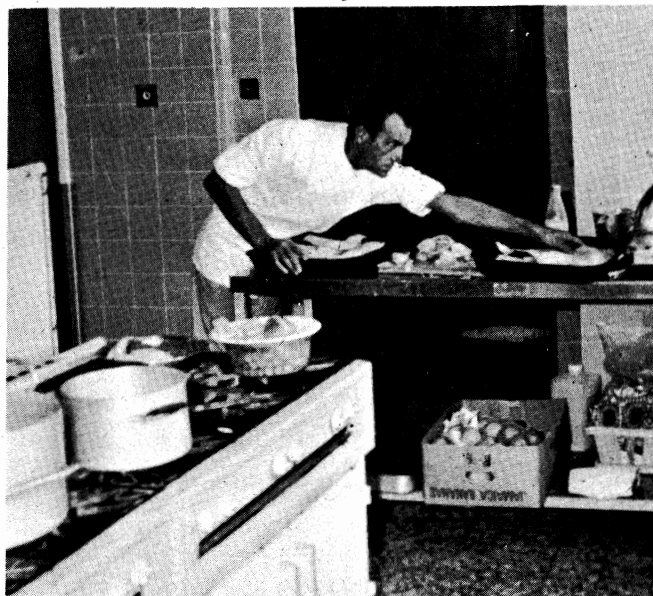
Pictures by Peter Reeve



Next call is at Sister Reynolds' domain where details of illnesses, diets and treatments are carefully noted, so that patients can be kept up to scratch during their stay. Peter looks apprehensive but it's really quite painless.



Of course, there is paper work to be done, even at Hove. But not by the patients, Miss Cooper, the Convalescent Home secretary, has everything under control.



And you needn't worry about that special diet or your likes and dislikes. The Chef, Mr. Morley, is equal to them all as he prepares lunch in his well-equipped kitchens.



Within the bounds of fairly simple and informal rules, the order is do as little as you like. Patients come here to relax and recuperate and the comfortable lounge certainly helps.



If you were not convinced already, this picture will surely show you the value of the Convalescent Home. In the foreground is Charlie Bentley, of Harlow Traffic, relaxing and getting a tan in the warm sun-

shine.

Full details can be obtained through Divisional Admin., Mr. Sorrell, Force Welfare Officer, H.Q. ext. 237 or Stan Smith, Federation Sec., H.Q. ext. 248.

EDIVIEWS

Brothers in Arms

Let us hope that the publication of the Arms of the Joint Force will somehow inspire all those who have up to now seemed intent on pulling in various directions to look upon the Force as one unit doing one job within one boundary.

The Convalescent Home

It is a matter of great regret to those connected with the Home that it is not used as fully by this Force as by some others. We hope that the publicity we have given this establishment will help to remedy this and encourage all those who are unlucky enough to fall ill to take advantage of the facilities offered.

More names for that launch

Dear Sir,

As Ongar Sub-Divisional representative for "The Law," I was recently given a suggestion for the name of the new launch, soon to be commissioned.

The suggestion was made to me by a man who was a member of the crew of the original "Vigilant," then P.C. 313 E. A. G. Cant, who retired a few years ago as P.S. 69 Cant and is now a civilian employee at Ongar Police Station.

Mr. Cant suggests that, on looking up the name of the original launch, "Vigilant," in the Oxford dictionary, two words follow it, one is the word "Alert," which is the name of our second launch. The other word is "Watchful," and this is the name which Mr. Cant suggests should be given to the new launch.

Not only is the name "Watchful" appropriate, but it also follows the names of the other launches in what would appear to be natural succession.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN C. ROSE
P.C. 717

Blackmore

Dear Sir,

The recent edition of the Law asked for suggestions for a name for the new Police Launch and this list is my offering: Trust, Eager, Watchdog, Diligent, Valiant, Watchful, Ready, Trustworthy, Keen, Guard, Guardian, Action, Nimble.

I. J. HUNTER
P.C. 882

DEAR SIR,

A name has come to mind for the firm's boat. I can just imagine it. Picture the situation if you can.

A dark and dirty night, a Force 9 gale, waves as high as Godfrey Winn's Grey Funnell Line convoys had up in the Arctic.

A call to H.Q. for marine assistance goes out to our new vessel. Uniformed figures rush out to brave the elements. The launch hurtles down the slipway, splashes into the water and as the spray clears, there it is in hand carved monastic letters in the blunt end for all the admiring world to say they saw it — "Bugsy J. Fogelmeyer."

D. S. HURRELL
Cons 91

●●Mr. Hurrell has had the last word on this subject.—Ed.

MORE SALES

ROGERS "Cadet III" Chassis Model Stereo Amplifier, 10 watts per channel; regularly amplified; new condition. Decca ARI pick-up arm on plinth complete with magnetic bias compensator. Ortophon "Hi-Jack" hydraulic cueing mechanism. The lot £30 or near offer. Apply, Mike Frost (D.C. 446), Colchester Police Station, Extension 35.

letters to the Editor

Ideas not encouraged

DEAR SIR,

I refer to your article on the Planning Group.

Could it be that the absolute silence for six months which follows any suggestion sent to the Planning Group has some discouraging effect on would-be contributors? Under the "Old Regime" one was at least sure that one's ideas had been filed in the W.P.B. but with this system it takes many months to be re-assured of this.

I am probably not unique in having suggested a system of financial reward for suggestions, which I did when the Force Order first appeared. It was then rejected in relation to "The present financial climate."

To speak in terms of £5 is to live in the happy distant past. In industry, where there is a distinct cost/efficiency bias, this sort of sum is given as an incentive to anyone whose suggestions are not suitable but

nevertheless are worthy. To arouse a reasonable interest it is necessary to present the possibility of at least a three-figure reward. The rewards must be payable in relation to merit of the suggestion and not as a single annual payment for the best idea, as in the latter system, the making of small suggestions is discouraged by lack of possible reward.

I look forward to the presentation of my £5 in due course — no formality please.

ROY E. BRACEY.

A past century recalled

Dear Sir,

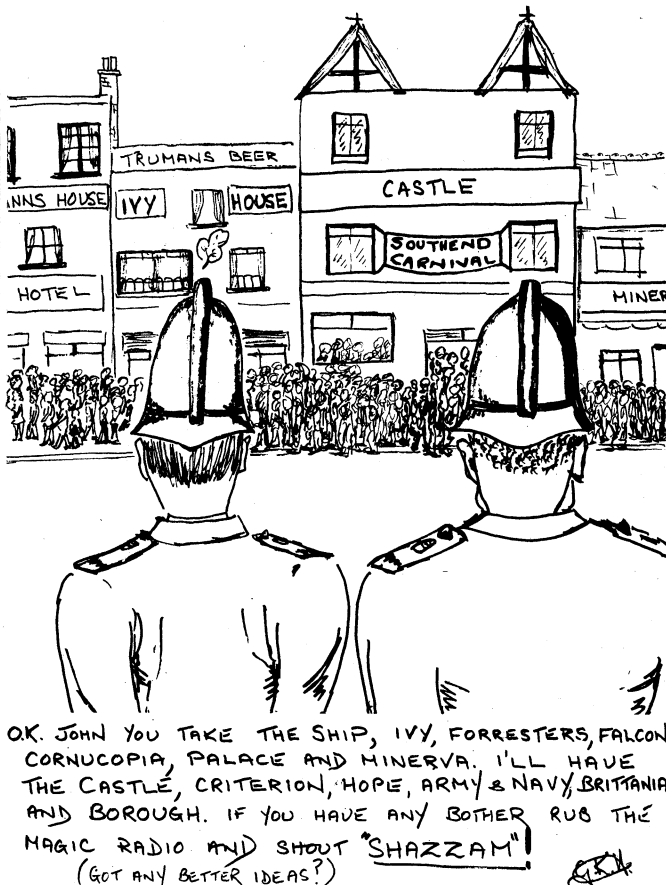
The letter under the heading "Memories" from ex-P.C. Waterman took me back 43 years to 1927. The phrase "Ted Filmer, a very good cricketer" made me look through some old cuttings from the local newspaper. I found one dated Summer 1927. It was a fixture between Essex County Police and Southend Police and P.C. Filmer was in the Essex team. The match was drawn, Essex scoring 213 and Southend 135 for 7 wickets. P.C. Filmer was mentioned again in 1930 when he opened for Chelmsford Police against Southend. On that occasion Chelmsford won by 12 runs. He was playing again in 1933 and 1934 when the matches went to Southend by 53 runs and to Essex the year after by two wickets.

Incidentally, in a game at Saffron Walden in 1928 against the local Police there was a P.C. Waterman in the team. Is this the writer of the letter? If so I am sure he will remember me as I made 103 not out that day.

Yours sincerely,

DONALD FLINT
Ex P.C. 120, Southend

A graphic plea for more men

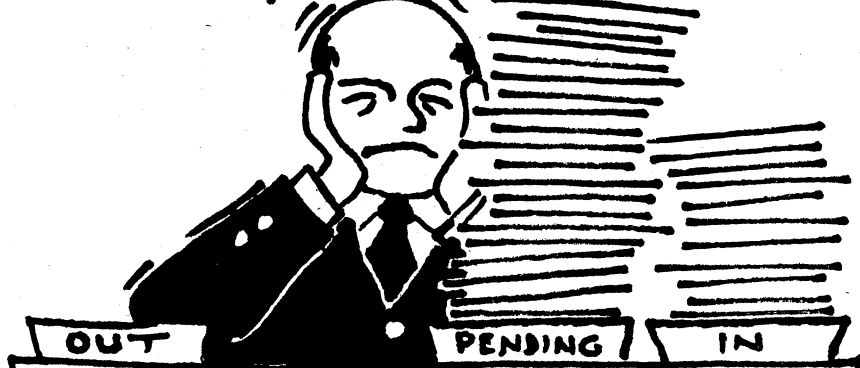


CYPRUS REUNION

The annual reunion of The Cyprus Police (UKU) Association will take place on Friday, 18 September, at Epperstone Manor, Nottingham. Tickets are 25/- each inclusive of buffet and wine and the function is an informal one. Any Officer seconded for duty in Cyprus whether a member of the Association or not is eligible to attend and any person wanting to attend should apply for a form to Mr. J. Whitehead, Combined Constabulary HQ, North Church Street, Nottingham. Completed forms must be returned not later than 14 September.

JOINT FORCE TYPES No 15

THE CHIEF SUPER.



DECISIONS, NOTHING BUT DECISIONS!
SHE'LL BE IN WITH THE TEA IN
A MINUTE AND I'LL HAVE TO DECIDE,
ONE LUMP OR TWO.

Warden's reply

Dear Sir,

I refer to the article "Wardens" which appeared in the "Edviews" column of The Law—July 1970. I regret that I find it necessary to make these comments, but I do so with the utmost respect.

It would appear that the writer has very little or no knowledge of the workings of the traffic wardens employed within the County Borough of Southend-on-Sea or of the circumstances surrounding their claim for enhanced payment for Sunday working. Had the agreement made by the Joint National Council been implemented, there would have been no need for wardens to withdraw their labour. The wardens commenced Sunday working on the first Sunday in May and only on two Sundays was their labour withdrawn.

The Traffic Wardens are classed as civilian employees, they have a grievance of long standing and had every right to strike. They have no wish to compare their strike with that of the Montreal Police and I am sure there are still murders in Montreal.

I would hesitate to suggest that Mr. Foy (not Joy) has never heard of pre-warden days, but nevertheless, let's be fair about this, of course the Police got by when the wardens withdrew their labour. Southend is a seaside town, there are numerous "No Waiting" orders and a variety of parking restrictions along six miles of seafront and adjoining streets. All these orders are enforced by a relatively small number of wardens who without any doubt do a good job.

Would one venture to say that the authorities invented these areas just to fill in the wardens' time?

The wardens in Southend have a close association with

the Police who will readily agree that the duties performed by the wardens on Sundays during the summer months are of great value in promoting the free flow of traffic.

No doubt serious thought will be given before the powers of the wardens are extended, but it should be realized that these additional powers are not being sought by the wardens and one can rest in the thought that if and when they come, each and every one will perform the duties to the best of his or her ability.

W. PURDY
Assistant Senior Traffic
Warden, Southend-on-Sea

At least he paid up

Included among the letters this month is one received by the Clerk to the Justices at Harlow in connection with the "instant justice" in operation there. Not all the public's wit is reserved for the police.

DEAR SIR,

I enclose cheque for £2.

May I at the same time express my sincere appreciation for the welcome I received upon my first visit to your delightful olde-worlde town in the form of the official communication received. I was incidentally, though no doubt it is of no interest to you, returning from my holidays and decided to leave the main road and visit Harlow for a meal, etc. Besides the money spent upon the meal, we also spent some £6 in other shops upon foodstuffs, etc. for the weekend to take home. This, I may say, is my first visit to Harlow, and I shall now ensure that it is also my last, and

needless to say, my friends also.

The site of the criminal act, I may say, was already occupied by three other cars when I parked mine, and I did not notice the prohibition sign. When I arrived I did notice the vast amount of traffic in the cul-de-sac — cars, lorries, buses, and all forms of transport were flashing by at speeds of 70-80 m.p.h. whilst on this busy Saturday afternoon, lorries were waiting to dispose of their loads to the back doors of the Woolworth building. Those who were responsible for making this a prohibited area for parking of private cars, etc. must have realised what a really dangerous, nay hazardous, place this is, and must be well content in the knowledge that they have saved countless lives and avoided great inconvenience to other road users by their action.

You are also to be congratulated upon the speed, efficiency and conscientious attitude of your wardens in this connection. There can be no doubt that you intend to put we criminals and blackguards, the motorists, in our proper place — no question of a warning, binding over to keep the peace, etc. I trust that you treat the other criminals, the vandals, thieves, etc. in Harlow with as little leniency as you show to the motorists. I trust, too, that the essential, regular and large source of income you derive from the motorist criminals will help towards the maintenance of the ancient castle, city walls and in particular the dungeons and prisons of Harlow, which, on the evidence, must be full to overflowing. I doubt, you know, whether the shopkeepers and tradespeople of your town are as anxious as you are to prosecute and hound the motorist visitors so quickly and thoroughly.

Please ensure that a receipt for this payment is forwarded by return.

SIGNATURE



"HAVE YOU NOTICED WE'RE GETTING A BETTER CLASS OF TRAFFIC CAR SINCE THE CHIEF'S HAD HIS RISE SANCTIONED!"

Angling

THE 1970 PAA National Freshwater Angling Championships will be held on the River Avon at Bristol on Wednesday, September 9, 1970. Further details not yet available. This Force may enter one team of four.

The 13th Annual Freshwater Fishing Match in aid of the Fire Services National Benevolent Fund organised by the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Fire Brigade will be held on the Adelaide Straight at Ely on Wednesday, September 9. Fishing from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Draw at 8 a.m. Entry fees £1 per team of four. Individuals 5s.

A friendly freshwater fishing competition will be held on Thursday, August 6, 1970, at Alesford Pits (venue of last year's Kingfisher Cup Competition). Fishing will be from 10.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. Draw 09.15 hrs. Entry fee 5s.

Good season for Colchester Badminton team



THE Colchester Divisional Badminton Section was reformed in January, 1963, by P.C. Dave Westrop and since then has gone from strength to strength.

When the Section was reformed the hall at Colchester Police Station was used two nights per week, one night for practice the other for matches.

At first only friendly matches were played against civilian and police teams but as the Section grew it was decided to enter the Colchester Badminton Federation. A men's team was entered and after about two years a mixed team was also entered.

About two years ago the county decided to convert the hall at the police station to offices. The badminton players were not to be put off, however, and with the help of the Sports Club a school hall was hired.

The section continued to flourish and has just completed a most successful season, playing 26 matches and winning 17 of them. The pinnacle of their success was the winning of Division 4 of the mixed doubles league.

The photograph shows some members of the winning mixed team during a celebration dinner: standing P.C. Paul Spurgeon; sitting, left to right: P.C. Peter Clark, P.C. Linda Grimwade, Mrs. Katherine Gilling, P.C. Nigel Grainger, P.C. Dave Westrop.

Great play BOWLS

in Force pairs championship



Supt. Edgar Horne, Force captain, congratulates pairs champions, P.s Len Stibbards and P.c Don Daldry.

In perfect bowling weather, the Force bowls section held their pairs championship at the

headquarters green on Wednesday, May 27.

The competition was away to a good first round and really fine bowling with D.Sgt. Langley and Insp. Newham (Harlow) needing an extra end to beat P.C. Birkin and Supt. Horne (Basildon). It was the same for D. Con Cass and Ch. Insp. Drage (Grays), who were all square with Ch. Insp. Shay-shutt and P.C. Lawrence at 21 ends; they went on to win the extra end. In the third match of this round P.C. Woolnough and P.Sgt. Murfitt (Clacton) lost a hard-fought match to the former national police pairs champions, P.Sgt. Uren and P.C. Cable (Southend West).

The next round saw another close game between Grays and Southend West; at the 20th end they were all square and the Grays pair won the last end on a measured shot.

Meanwhile, a hard-fought battle was taking place between Harlow and P.C. Daldry and P.Sgt Stibbards (Southend East). Although the Southend pair ran out winners by 15 shots the score did not reflect the true run of the game where every end was a close struggle.

The final was played on a free running green, the day which has been hot had now turned into a really fine May evening and at last those bulldozers which had roared in the background throughout the competition had closed down. From the start P.C. Daldry produced some sparkling bowls and stopped his woods with uncanny accuracy near the jack, this helped to establish a lead that the Southend pair did not let go and so ran out the winners. They will now go on to represent the Force in the regional finals at Southampton on July 7 and 8, 1970.

The Chief Constable was able to attend the final game, at the conclusion of which he presented the winning pair with the cup and individual trophies. Thanks also go to the bowls captain, Supt. Horne, for all the hard work and effort he put into making the day so successful.

Walkers take 4th league position

THE Essex League season ended on July 4, 1970, with the County Long Distance Championship walked from Gallows Corner to Southend along the old road through Brentwood, Billericay, Wickford and Rayleigh, a total of 28½ miles.

Only John Hedgethorpe represented the Force. As this was likely to be the last race over this course which is difficult to administer and dangerous to walk in face of today's drivers, most of the competitors were out for a good time. A heavy cold the week before slowed the police walker but he plodded on to achieve a first-class standard medal by the narrow margin of 11 seconds, clocking 4hrs. 49m. 49s., a personal best.

This performance was below that of the previous week when John's annual excursion to the north resulted in a best ever 8hrs. 45m. 7s. for the 51¼ miles from Manchester to Blackpool. Both races are warm-ups for the Leicester to Skegness "100" on August 1.

League Placings

For much of the season Keith Mann held the distinction of being top scorer for the Force and despite being overtaken remained in the "top ten" rankings throughout no mean feat in this League where the top four have all had international selections of one sort or another recently.

Coming into League competition with the season half gone our younger competitors have had to be content with lowly positions this year. Where a full season's racing will put them is a matter of wait and see and with the new season opening in September we shall not have long to wait.

League Table

1. Southend A.C.	1690
2. Ilford A.C.	1404
3. Basildon A.A.C.	1211
4. Essex Police	992

Ten teams scored.

Police placings

4th J. Hedgethorpe	301
7th K. Mann	230
18th M. Blackwell	169
41st G. Lee	76
42nd R. Hammond	60
49th P. Cox	38
51st J. Hastings	35
52nd B. Jaggs	32
59th D. Reeve	23
60th S. Nunn	22
62nd M. Groat	21

Sixty-nine walkers scored.

Athletes show well in P.A.A.

THE small team of seven athletes who represented the Force at this year's Police Championships brought back no trophies but clocked up some worthwhile performances.

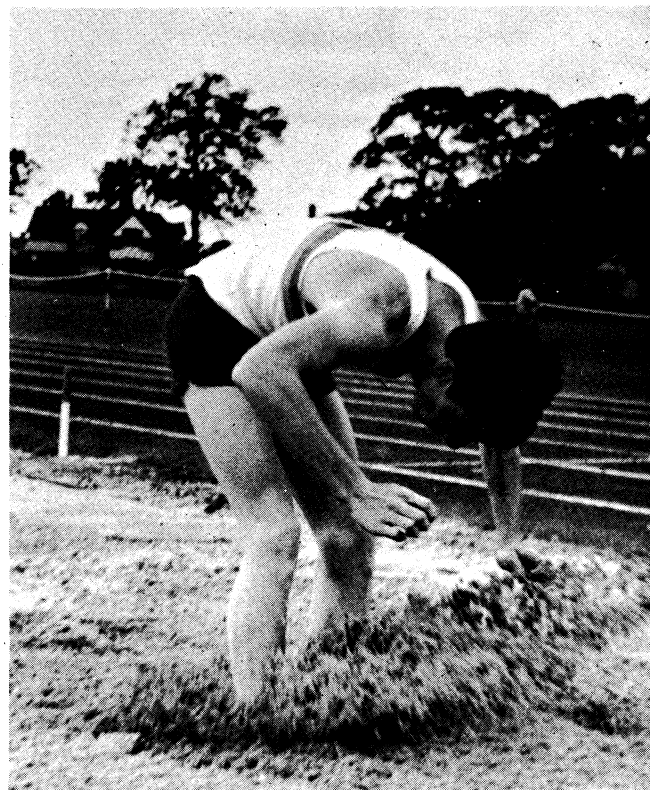
The event was held at the luxurious Lancashire Police Headquarters in the newly-finished stadium. The only factor to mar the day was the stiffish breeze blowing up the back straight. The sprinters and jumpers liked this as the home straight had a back wind but anyone who had to run right round was almost stopped dead when coming into the wind.

Mick Jackson's 11.2s and 23.1s sprint times were both season's bests. The former secured 2nd heat position and a place in the 100m final where he finished 6th in 11.5s. His 200m time gave him 3rd heat position, one away from a final place, and the fact that the 2nd man was given the same time indicates how close Mick was.

Record jump

Gary Egerton also had a good day with three personal best performances. Neither of his sprint times, 11.9s and 24.0s, obtained final places but show steady progress. He is now our No. 2 sprinter. In the long jump, however, he laid claim to No. 1 with a Force record 20ft. 3in., achieved after a no jump in the first round.

Least happy athlete was Bert Wallace, who ran into a throwers' nightmare of three javelin "no throws." The spear point must break the surface but the combination of hard ground and high wind kept the javelin flat and Bert disappointed. His best landed at about 165ft., which would have taken a first six placing.



Touchdown in good style for Gary Egerton to set a Force record of 20ft. 3in. for the long jump. Gary has had a good season and also holds the triple jump record. Still only 16, he has another whole summer as a junior next year.

Joe Brown experimentally increased his distance to 1500m but this didn't come off. At his more familiar 400m he finished 5th in his heat.

The 1500m heats were a let-down for Andy Down, who got involved in a funeral pace only to be edged out in the final rush for the tape. No doubt his exertions of the day before—reported below—had something to do with this but he entered the 5000m with great determination to set a Force best of 16m 24s in 8th position. He followed this at once with a 400m in the Training Centres relay and a 200m in the Force relay squad.

Mick Barlow had to wait all day for the doubtful pleasure of lining up beside Chris Carter who had earlier regained his 400-800 double crown, in the relay 800m leg. But he ran a competent leg, tucked in nicely at the back out of the

wind, until the bunch broke up at 600m. Mick Jackson took the baton in 5th place; Andy Down not surprisingly dropped a place and Gary Egerton held on well to clock 3m 55.4s, the second fastest ever by a Force team.

Results:

100m final: M. Jackson, 11.5s, 6th (heats 11.2s). Heats: G. Egerton, 11.9s. 200m Heats: M. Jackson, 23.1s, G. Egerton, 24.0s. 400m Heats: A. J. Brown, 59s. 1500 Heats: A. Down, 4m 25.2s. 5000m Final: A. Down, 16m 24s, 8th (Force record). 3000 walk final: J. Hedgethorpe, 14m 59s, 5th. 1600m relay final: Essex & Southend, 3m 55.4s, 6th. Long Jump final: G. Egerton, 20ft 3in (Force record).

Eynsham Hall sports

The annual sports at the Training Centre took place on 10 July, the day before the P.A.A. championships. This to some extent took the edge off Andy Down's performance the next day because he put in a great afternoon's running to take the Victor Ludorum prize with wins at 3 miles, mile and half-mile, his 3-mile time being a Force best of 15m 42.9s.

Other Essex winners were Doug Adams who took the mile walk in 7m 30s and double winner Bob Bourne who took the javelin with a throw of 132ft and the discus at 97ft 3in.

Last team match

THE opposition for the last team match of the season was provided by Chelmsford A.C. on July 22, a junior match of six events only.

Gary Egerton once again put in good running, taking second place in both sprints in 11.8secs. and 24.0secs., and winning the long jump, though

below form. Mick Barlow looked good in the 800 mtrs. but muscle strain forced him to give up.

Field even men G. Blois and S. Evans took second and third in shot and discus to bring the match score to 36-28 for Chelmsford.

In the open 1500 metres walk Ron Hammond got very close to seven minutes in taking second place and Jon Hastings also put in his best time.

Results

100 mtrs.: 1st, M. Jackson (guest), 11.5secs.; 3rd, G. Egerton, 11.8secs. (p.b.); 5th R. England, 12.6secs. 200 mtrs.: 2nd, M. Jackson (guest), 23.3secs.; 4th, G. Egerton, 24.0secs.; 7th, R. England, 25.4secs. (p.b.) 800 mtrs.: 2nd, M. Barlow, 2m. 10.4secs.; 3rd, R. Madden, 2m. 19.5secs. Long Jump: 1st, G. Egerton, 5.64 mtrs.; 4th, M. Barlow, 4.57 mtrs. Shot: 2nd, G. Blois, 34ft. 3in.; 3rd, S. Evans, 32ft. 7in.; 4th, J. Hastings, 30ft. 2½in. Discus: 2nd, S. Evans, 98ft. 5in.; 3rd, G. Blois, 71ft. 1in. 1500 mtrs. walk: 2nd, R. Hammond, 7min. 1.6secs. (Force rec.); 3rd, J. Hastings, 8min. 17.9secs. (p.b.).

CRICKET

THE last ball of the match decided the result of the Seven-a-Side Cricket Knockout Cup Final between the Rayleigh 'A' and Southend Divisions' team.

Rayleigh batted first and soon started scoring at a steady rate. Five runs came from the first over and the opening batsmen scored 25 from the next two overs. The first wicket to fall was in the fourth over, when Frebisher was out for 16. Rayleigh closed their innings at 53 for 1.

Fred Nichols (Canvey Island) and Dave Hudson (Leigh) opened for the Police and immediately set about the bowling, scoring 20 runs in the first two overs.



In the third, Hudson was out but Nichols continued scoring at a good rate until he was run out for a score of 34.

Wickets then began to fall quickly and the Police run-rate dropped considerably.

At the end of the fourth over they only required six runs to

win — the last coming off the last ball — and police won their first victory in this competition.

Picture, left to right: Roger Cullen, Barry Tarbun, Fred Nichols, Johnny Johnson, Supt. Jack Cricket, Dave Hudson, Derek Simmons. (Photo by News Review.)

SUE SPEAKS FOR THE OTHER HALF

Mainly for Wives

NOW, when the normal annual chaos over holiday dates is fresh in our minds, should be a good time to think seriously about the whole system. Holiday periods are a constant bone of contention—and have been for at least 10 years to my knowledge. (I understand that my husband now gets less leave than in the past, can this be true?)

When a holiday goes from after duty on a Friday until the following Saturday fortnight, it is impossible to book two week's holiday anywhere without wasting at least one day of the precious time. Other people's holidays go from one Friday night to the following Monday fortnight, in case you had forgotten!

If your husband is lucky enough to be on night shift on the Friday before his leave starts then the first Saturday will probably be mostly wasted too. He can't be expected to drive goodness knows how far without rest after a night's work.

When the leave list is put up, earlier and earlier each year it seems, so you have to have your wits about you to get any choice at all, there is always ill feeling and engineering about dates.

Of course everyone with children at school would prefer to have time off during the summer holidays; but equally obvious

is the fact that not everyone can be on leave at the same time.

I think I have suggested before that a points system based on various factors such as whether an officer is married or not, whether he has school age children, etc., etc., should be workable and fair.

The main advantage of it would be that everyone concerned could see that there would be some sense in the allocation of the coveted six weeks of the summer holidays.

Leave must be a major cause of discontent in the force. In worrying about big matters smaller ones can so easily be overlooked. Surely the situation could be improved with a little thought and time spent on working out a fair system of allocation.

One last point, with all the talk about more pay no-one seems to consider the possibility of more annual leave, or if they do, the wives don't hear about it.

Federation News

By Stan Smith

IT HAS been suggested that the tone of my remarks regarding the admittance of a Police Federation Representative to the Police Authority Meetings published in the July edition of this publication was somewhat churlish and detracted from the advance which had been made. I wish to make perfectly clear my personal attitude to this event, firstly by publicly thanking the members for taking this historic step in permitting the membership to attend so that they might know what is going on. There is no doubt that our authority is one of the most progressive in the country and we should not underestimate their pride in the Force.

What I wished to portray in last month's article was that this invitation to attend the meetings was not to be regarded as the Eighth Wonder of the World, in that we should be so grateful that we do not continue to press as hard as possible for the Federation to have more say in the policies of the authority. At present our views are presented by the Chief Constable, and although they have been delivered in a very proper and just manner, there must be differences of opinion between us and I would like to see our points put by one of our members. At this year's conference a motion asking for three members of the board to attend the authority meetings was passed, and another,



asking that they be permitted to attend as full members was also carried. This is the policy we should pursue, and I would hope that the difficulties preventing this step at the moment will be resolved.

On this page you will see an announcement advertising an Open Meeting. This meeting will coincide with our negotiations on pay being resolved one way or the other. Coaches will be provided for members who wish to attend and cheer or moan, as the case may be in the light of the result of the negotiations. Please inform your local rep. early so that transport can be booked.



The article on the Seaside Home on the centre pages was sparked off by the information

WOTSIT

The wotsit on page 1 is traffic lights, viewed from directly beneath — a dachshund's eye view, one might say.

The Law Shop

FOR HIRE: Large Continental frame tent and camping equipment; most dates vacant; £5 per week; also camping trailer. Ted Davidson, H.Q. Planning, extn. 352.

FOR SALE: Gas fire, nearly new, variable heat control, pearl grey, £20 o.n.o. Infrared wall heater, 1000 watt, suitable for bathroom or kitchen. Carpet, hall stairs and landing, orange, laid only 9 months ago, fits standard police house. Dray, 7 St. Margaret's Road, Chelmsford.

FOR SALE: Labrador puppies; yellow, from 15gns. Telephone Southend 65135 or Constable Bennett, Southend Control.

● More on page 6.

Misprint

We regret the misprint in Russ Thomas's article on pay last month. Where in paragraph 4 he writes, "A member joins on August 4, 1969," this should read 1965.

WHAT'S ON

19.9.70—Force swimming gala at Southend, starting at 7 p.m.

5.9.70 — National Police-women's life saving competition for the Allington Cup at Harlow.

or by the Benevolent Fund. This fund also allows each member attending the Home the sum of £3 as out of pocket expenses.

Some members may have seen in the National Press that questions are to be asked in Parliament concerning police pay. This is part of the campaign being launched to bring to notice the conditions in the Service at the time the negotiations are being conducted. There is no doubt that unless there is a substantial pay rise in the autumn the Service will continue to lose more members.

As a point of interest at the time of writing this article this Force has fewer men and women than on the day of amalgamation. How many, I wonder, are hanging on in the hope that this present Government will recognise the inevitable, that only by increasing the pay will men be willing to stay in a job they might like doing, but cannot afford to remain in. There are other factors, such as bad man management, but pay is the major problem.

Cadets snap up prizes

The Cadet School photography section made a clean sweep in the recent Education Committee photographic competition organised in connection with Conservation Year. The contest was county wide and open to members of youth organisations — the Cadet School is registered as a youth club — who could submit pictures on the subject of conservation of amenities in face of pollution or neglect.

Winner was Cadet Ed Cross, who submitted a series of six pictures showing nature polluted by rubbish. This just about made his week complete because he later stepped up to take the cup awarded by Mr. C. H. Waller, A.C.C., for the cadet making the greatest contribution to the photography section.

Runner-up was Cadet Mick Barlow, better

known as a runner than either a runner-up or a photographer. His set of two photographs, one of bushy foliage, the other of a dead hawthorn, was entitled "A matter of life and death." Third prize was won by Cadet Peter Bayley, who also produced this month's wotsit, whose two studies of Pitsea caught all the dreariness of that area.

Two of Ed Cross's studies are shown. And where, you may ask, does this disgraceful state of affairs exist, where is such unsightly rubbish allowed to deface nature? Well, you know that half-filled pit on the corner of St. Margaret's Road, the one the county contractor was filling in until someone pointed out that they hadn't got planning permission... Still, it will all be covered over as soon as the pit is filled.



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Nottinghamshire Combined Constabulary

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JOINT CENTRAL COMMITTEE

THE SPORTS CENTRE
University Park, Nottingham

Wednesday, 9th Sept., 1970

6.30 p.m.

DOORS OPEN

5.30 p.m.

Speakers will include -

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R. H. PAMPLIN, Secretary J.C.C.

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