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Colour me Pop



THIS GIRL SHOULD GO FAR—when it comes to keeping the glasses charged you have to move in the right circles. And with the Chief Constable on one side and the former Chief on the other, Cadet Linda Hickman seems to be doing just that.

The occasion was the Senior Officers' garden party at Headquarters last month. Pictured from the left: Mr. C. H. Waller, A.C.C., Major General J. B. Dye, G.O.C. Eastern District, Mrs. Dye, Sir Jonathan Peel, Cadet Hickman, and the Chief Constable.

Picture by Essex Chronicle



by Bob Needham, Colchester Dog Section

RECENTLY, most of the Dog Vans in the force have taken on a new appearance and have been given glossy white roofs.

The purpose of this distinctive marking is to provide a heat reflecting shield to minimise the effect of direct sunlight on the interior temperature of the vans. The use of this method has given a reduction in roof surface temperature of about eight degrees F. with an obvious improvement in the environment for the police dogs.

Not to be outdone by this, the Vauxhall Ventora patrol vehicle attached to the Colchester Traffic Sub-division has had its roof covered entirely with a bright red fluorescent plastic material. The reasons for this are quite apparent at the scene of a road accident or in

the thick of Bank Holiday traffic.

However, is there a more serious undertone to the nature of these roof colourings? "Spedworth International" who are Europe's largest promoters of the stock car racing game, have a system of coloured roof markings to grade the ability of a driver. There are four groups: white, yellow, blue and red, and a driver is allocated a roof top colour from these groups according to his assessment.

Woe for dog handlers, official classification of white rooftops — "Novice Driver." Joy for Traffic Division, official classification of red rooftops "Star Driver." Pride of place must certainly go to the lucky man who from time to time gets into the major incident vehicle with its black and white chequered roof, this grading is reserved for "Area Champion."

Dependants Trust Cocktail Party brings in the cash

On September 18 the latest effort by this Force on behalf of the Police Dependants' Trust will take place in the Cadet School at Headquarters.

It will take the form of a cocktail party to which over 1,000 invitations have been sent out. Many of these have resulted in donations being sent with apologies and some of these have been very generous.

The Chief Constable writes:

It looks as if the party on September 18 in the Cadet School for the Police Dependants' Trust is going to be a very great success.

At the time of writing, three weeks before the party, tickets for 420 people have been purchased and in addition donations amounting to £1,200 have been received.

The Lord Lieutenant has promised to come along and so has the High Sheriff, and Lord Stonham, the founder of the Police Dependants' Trust Fund is going to be there to receive a cheque.

We hope that by the time the party is over the proceeds of the tombola and the raffle, for which tickets are now being sold, we shall have getting on for £3,000.

The tombola has been put in the capable hands of Chief Supt. W. Vickers who has the Midas touch.

Also concerned in the organisation is Chief Supt. J. Challis and the Cadet Corps is likely to find itself heavily involved. The Force Band will provide a musical background to the proceedings.

The party looks like being one of our best ever money raisers.

Constable dies after short illness

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Constable Edward Dipple, of Leigh Police Station. Ted, who was 44, had been ill for less than three weeks when he died in Southend General Hospital.

After war service in the

Royal Navy, spent mainly on minesweepers, Ted joined the Southend Constabulary in 1953 and during his service performed duty at all the borough stations. At the start of the unit beat scheme he became an area constable at Eastwood and was so employed until the time of his death except for periods spent on station and acting sergeant duties.

Perhaps the best thing that can now be said about Ted is that he had no enemies but many many friends something that not many of us could say about ourselves.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Joyce, his widow, and his two young daughters during this sad time.

PENSIONERS

Two octegenarian pensioners died recently, both ex-sergeants in the Force. The first was ex-P.s. Harry Samuel Warnes, who died on July 29, at the age of 84. On August 10, ex-P.s. Percy Albert Browne died aged 81 years.



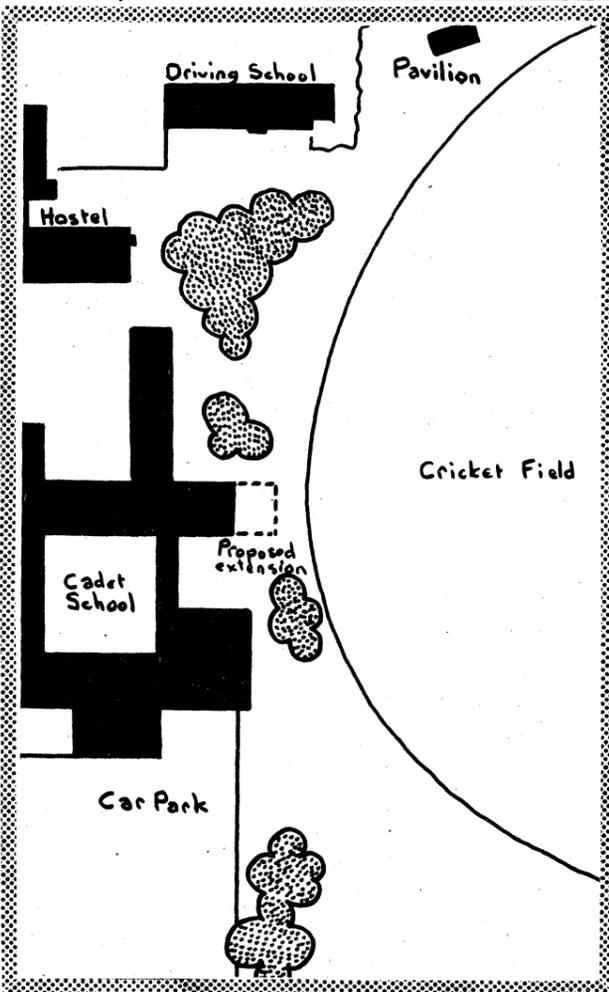
IPA for Greece

Tuesday, 22nd September, is "G" Day for the members of the Essex & Southend-on-Sea branch of the I.P.A., the day that thirty members from the Force pack their bags and depart for the visit to Greece.

The visit, organised by Sergeant Craig Bailey of Harlow, is so much in demand that there are now eight-three members in the party from various Branches throughout England, from Devon and Cornwall to Lancashire. They will fly from Luton to Milan, Italy, in a chartered aircraft, then travel by coach, touring through Yugoslavia and Greece to their destination at Kinetta Beach on the South Coast near Athens, where they will spend a week at an hotel on the beach. Whilst there they will go sightseeing in Athens, by day and night and will make contact with the I.P.A. members there.

At the end of their stay at Kinetta they will board a ship and cruise through the Greek islands and cross the Aegean Sea to Brindisi, Italy. From there they will drive up Italy to Milan, from where they will fly back to England.

The party will be away for fifteen days. This is the first British I.P.A. party to visit Greece.



New Memorial planned for sports field

IT APPEARS that plans were laid some years ago for the removal of the Avenue of Remembrance from the ground it occupies at present and the planting of groups of trees as a replacement between the Cadet School and the cricket field.

After our article last month revealed that the erection of the new garage complex had brought about the removal of three of the trees, two things happened.

The first was a letter, published on page 6, in which Ch. Supt. J. Bailey gives the present whereabouts of two of the trees.

The second was the acquisition by The Law of a plan drawn as long ago as 1965 and entitled "Replacement of Avenue of Remembrance." The essentials are reproduced above.

This shows clumps of trees sited between the school and the cricket field. These will be associated with a plaque showing the names of all those members of the old Essex Force killed in the last war.

This plan will certainly enhance the sports field by breaking up the stark lines of the Cadet School, and being planted for the most part on the sloping edge of the field should not again be threatened by building development, nor by the extension of sports pitches.

CID promotions swell HQ staff

DETECTIVE Chief Superintendent John Bailey, head of C.I.D. since his arrival from the Metropolitan Police two years ago, has been appointed an Assistant Chief Constable of Liverpool and Bootle.

Mr. Bailey, who is 45, will start at a salary of £3,720, rising to £4,140, which is at present under review. He and Mrs. Bailey formerly lived at Kingston-on-Thames.

Taking over as departmental head will be Det. Supt. Len White, who despite his advanced status will continue to be known as "Chalkie" out of earshot if not in his presence. All Mr. White's service has been with this Force and he is a keen follower of the fortunes of the football team, of which he is chairman.

He has been second in command of C.I.D. since 1969.

Relinquishing his short-lived grasp on the office of Superintendent Complaints, and who doesn't these days, George Harris resumes his mufti on



The new man in complaints, Frank Shepherd.

becoming C.I.D. second in command. Mr. Harris was previously at H.Q. as Det. Chief Inspector and was D.I. at Brentwood at the time of the Mafia murder case.

Moving from Southend to HQ on promotion to Det. Supt., Bill Brown joins the growing number



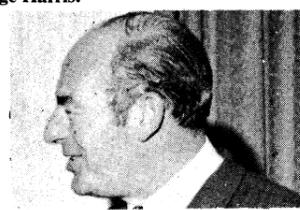
Enjoying a celebration drink, from the left, Len White, John Bailey and George Harris.

of senior C.I.D. officers in the top corridor.

Chief Inspector Frank Shepherd leaves his fairly short-lived niche at Basildon to move up to H.Q. as



The man with itchy feet, Bill Gray.

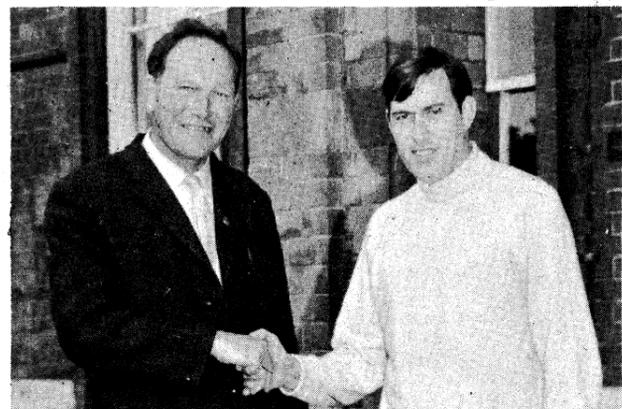


Bill Brown, a newcomer to Headquarters.

Superintendent Complaints. He was previously in Admin. at H.Q.

Of even shorter duration, the sojourn of Chief Inspector Bill Gray in the Training Department comes to an end as he moves on to Basildon. At the time of going to press his successor has not been announced. All we can advise when he gets there is, "Don't unpack."

Reunited by Games after 21 years



AFTER exactly 21 years to the day they were reunited, H.Q. Dog Handler Sgt. Danny Hare met his brother John who had left the family home in Hornchurch at the age of 16 to seek his fortune in Australia.

Now a married man with three children and working as assistant manager in a Melbourne bank, John returned to the U.K. with his Australian wife, Adrienne, in his capacity as manager/trainer to the Australian Boxing Team at the recent Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh.

Much credit is due to his efforts in helping two of his team to Bronze medals. Apart from work back home, due to an over indulgence in quantities of food taken on the long flight from Australia, several of his team were well over their respective weights. The problem was overcome by John taking his men on long and punishing runs in and around Edinburgh; his own active boxing days over, John had the slight advantage of a borrowed pedal cycle!

In his younger days, he was Australian lightweight champion for five years — no mean feat in a country where the indigenous kangaroo itself is not averse to a punch-up!

At present, through hard work and untiring interest, he is Secretary to the Victoria State Boxing Association.

John stayed in his homeland for nearly a month in all, but due to the time-absorbing job in hand, could afford to spare only a few brief days with his relatives.

It is hoped that he will again be reunited with his family at the time of the 1972 Olympic Games in Munich — as soon as relevant dates are known, Danny will be slapping in a leave application to ensure a seat in the front row.

In fact, John could have trained and managed the Aussie team at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico but chose the Commonwealth Games instead, because of family ties.

As with other people who left the U.K. many years ago for less densely populated countries, John's main source of amazement on return was the volume of traffic — neither he nor his wife could get used to it during their stay.

Danny, who is confident he would have picked his brother out from a crowd, hopes to have an extended holiday in Australia when he retires in a few years' time. He hopes to meet other close friends who have emigrated and friends he has made through his great interest as a philatelist.

Our picture was taken by Jim Allen when John paid a short visit to H.Q. a couple of days after the Games finished.

This stamp show could be somewhere different to take the kids

Contributed by Ken Adams

STAMP collectors from all over the world will be visiting Britain's greatest-ever International Stamp Exhibition, "Philympia 1970" in the Empire Hall, Olympia, from September 18th to 26th.

The organisers hope to attract 100,000 foreign visitors to the exhibition.

The Queen has consented to give her patronage to Philympia and also to display selected items from her unique collection of British Commonwealth stamps.

Over 100 pages from the royal collection will fill eight frames in the "Court of Honour" sited on the ground floor. Other exhibits in this section will be from famous collections, including that of Prince Rainier of Monaco and eminent international jurors who will be judging the competitive sections.

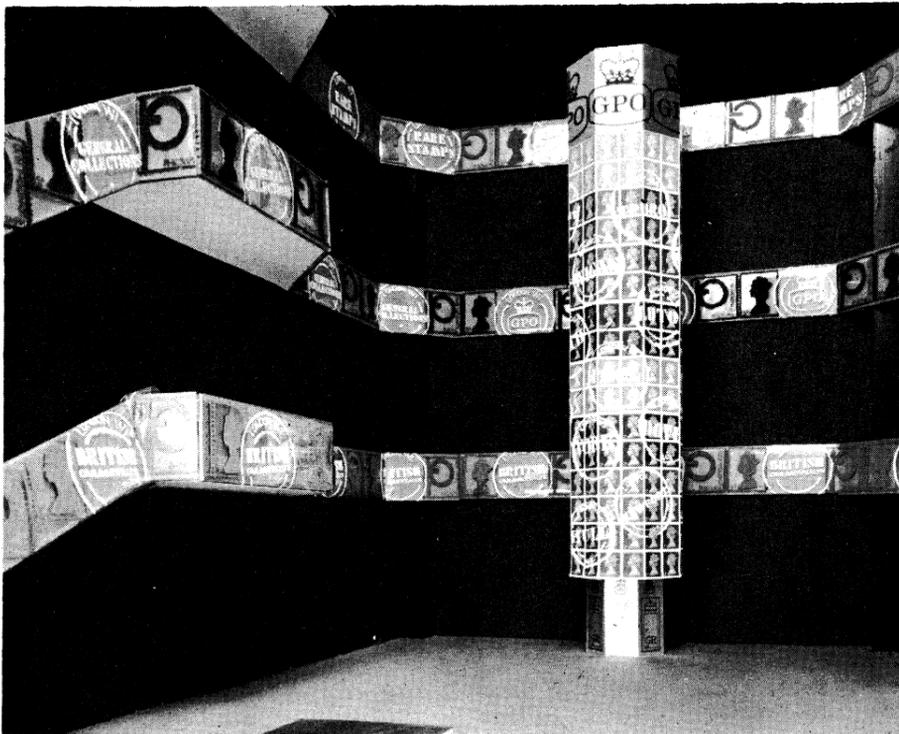
Material never displayed before will be shown by the British Museum and the Royal Philatelic Society.

The exhibition coincides with the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Philatelic Society, which is one of the joint organisers with the British Philatelic Association and the Philatelic Traders' Association. It is expected to cost well over £100,000.

British Commonwealth exhibits will be the theme on the first floor and here the many other attractions will include large areas devoted to the Crown Agents and Overseas Post Offices as well as an exhibition of stamp printing.

The second floor will be dominated by the Post Office who have reserved 20,000 square feet for the biggest display they have ever provided at any exhibition. Their theme will be based on the "Penny Black" and items connected with its design.

The strong support the Post Office is giving to Philympia is signified by an issue of special stamps to mark the choice of Britain as the host nation for the exhibition. This is the only time that British stamps have been issued for a stamp exhibition.



Three official souvenir envelopes are available for use with the new stamps and the Post Office stand will be fully staffed to give a "first day cover" service. For the first time in the history of the Post Office, multi-coloured post marks will be used. Eight different coloured cancellations, one for each day the exhibition is open.

In addition, the Post Office has already issued one million copies of a new stamp booklet with a specially designed Philympia cover and advertising by exhibition stand holders.

The competitive sections will be displayed in about 3,600 specially designed frames and great care will be given to the arrangement, grouping, and general lighting of the exhibits. Particular attention will be given to prevent the sun fading the stamps, as this could cause thousands of pounds worth of damage.

There have been applications for over 7,000 frames and because of this it has been decided to re-

strict pre-adhesive material — postal markings and covers before the introduction of the adhesive postage stamp in 1840 — to a maximum of 25 per cent of any one exhibit.

To attract representation from the widest possible field, no more than 10 frames will be allocated to any one exhibit.

A number of prominent world-famous philatelists, including Sir John Wilson (Great Britain), Dr. S. Ichida (Japan), Mr. L. G. H. M. Bulbring (South Africa), and Mr. J. R. W. Purves (Australia), are to serve on the international jury to judge the top class exhibits.

Permission has been granted for the use of the London Coat of Arms on the medals, awards and some of the trophies. There are to be five Philympia Grand Awards and about a dozen Special Awards, all ranking higher than gold medals.

Over a thousand Americans have chartered special

aircraft to visit Philympia and the Swiss are running a mini bus service, free of charge, to and from the exhibition from the Swiss Centre in Leicester Square.

The organisation of Philympia does not end with the planning of the exhibition: 11 sub-committees are dealing with many other aspects, including catering, tours, accommodation, banqueting, security and the formation of a club for stamp collectors from home and overseas.

General Manager of the Exhibition is Mr. A. L. Michael, managing director of Stanley Gibbons, and Mrs. Kay Goodman is full-time secretary.

A suite of offices has been taken at Walter House, just off The Strand, where the chairman of the executive committee, Mr. Ronald A. G. Lee, one of the greatest authorities on stamps in the world, heads a team of 60 men and women planning to assure the success of the exhibition.

You'll get 5d an hour — in disguise

THE Secretary of State has approved agreements relating to certain allowances by which from July 1 in some circumstances owner-occupiers may have certain expenses paid from official funds when they are required to move house.

But before celebrating this break-through read the small print. First of all the Chief Officer must certify that the removal is in the interests of efficiency or due to the exigencies of duty. If that is the case legal fees and charges, including any fee payable for the transfer or redemption of a mortgage and any estate agent's fee, including an auctioneer's fee, necessarily incurred in the sale of the house may be reimbursed.

In addition where it is necessary to buy another house the legal fees and charges may be reimbursed together with the cost of a survey arranged for the purpose of a mortgage.

Transfers between forces

But where the removal is the result of a voluntary transfer between forces, the expenses

will be paid only if the receiving force authority so decides.

In exceptional circumstances this new rule can apply to policemen moving from a county house into private accommodation.

Other alterations to be made by the new Regulations will be to rates of supplementary rent allowance, to rent allowance payable to unmarried members of crime squads, to temporary duty allowance, qualifications, and to plain clothes allowances which now stand at £57 p.a. (Supts.), £54 (Insp.), £48 (Sgts.), and £45 (P.c.s) Hourly rates will be 6d. (Insp.), 5½ (Sgt.), and 5d. (P.c.).

To answer the inevitable question, you need more money for clothes as you advance in rank, because you get fatter.

Police marksman bags doomed swans

SUNDAY morning is not a time when you would expect the Admin. Sergeant to be on duty and certainly not to be acting as a marksman with a .22 rifle. But that is just what happened to P.s. Alan Frost at Colchester recently.

The local R.S.P.C.A. Inspector had been called to Hythe Quay where several swans were smothered by red lead paint. Inspector Baker knew that the swans would die a lingering and painful death but could not catch them to destroy them.

So it was suggested that Sgt. Frost should attend with a Sports Club rifle and ammunition. When he arrived at the Quay

Alan Frost saw three swans covered with paint and using the skill developed with the Force small bore team he shot the swans dead.

The inevitable crowd were kept out of harms way by other policemen. No doubt they left afterwards convinced that this sort of thing is all part of the job a policeman is trained to do.

ONE OF OUR "BACK ROOM BOYS"

TO MANY of us serving in the Force, the name of William Charles Rowe will probably mean very little: this is in no way meant in a derogatory sense as the very nature of his work and responsibilities brings him in contact with very few of our number.

Mr. Rowe is Principal Administrative Officer in the Fire, Civil Defence and Police Section of the Essex County Council Clerk's Department; and probably knows as much as anyone about the day to day administration of our Force.

Equally important in view of long term policies and events of years gone by that still affect our every day lives, his unbroken service in Police administration, apart from the war years, goes back some 38 years. It is no wonder that frequent contact is made with Mr. Rowe, by the few officers who have the pleasure of meeting him in the course of their day's work, to pick his brains on difficult matters and seek his advice on prickly ones.

A native of Chelmsford born on July 24, 1913, Mr. Rowe gained a place at the King Edward VI Grammar School, leaving at 17½ years to enter local Government.

However, as an added

PORTRAIT



Mr. William Charles Rowe

Principal Administrative officer

string to his bow when he applied for a position, he took a course in shorthand and typing and soon found himself in the Essex County Council Clerk's Department as a Junior.

It was some two years later that he took an active part in police administration matters, though still in the Clerk's Department.

In those days his duties apart from the then Standing Joint Committee work, also embraced the Local Government Committee and Wild Birds Protection Committee.

An interesting fact, not widely known today, is that the Essex County Council had a London office at Essex House, Finsbury Square, in pre-war days. Apart from certain administrative functions taking place, some Committees also sat there—including a number of Sub-Committees of the then Essex Standing Joint Committee.

However with the advent of war some well aimed bombs brought Essex House to its knees and ended an era of part local rule from without.

November 1940 found Mr. Rowe in the unlikely garb of bell bottom trousers and tiddly bow, as an Ordinary Seaman RNVR undergoing basic training at HMS Raleigh, Tor Point.

Battleship

Having become versed in the jargon peculiar to seafaring men and able to discern the sharp from the blunt end of a ship, he was posted to HMS Royal Sovereign, a battleship of dubious age and even more dubious turn of speed, which was laying at Halifax.

Unenviable trips followed on the North Atlantic run escorting vital cargo ships, at a time when Karl Donitz's wolf packs were relishing their early sub-aqua freedom while administering lethal doses to all that appeared in their periscopes.

Saw Washington

Welcome respite in the form of a refit in the States led to pleasant weekend shore leaves where the friendly natives went out of their way to invite home members of the ship's crew and, in addition to some sunbathing

Police Chief nearly nicked

IT WAS 11.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th July, 1970. P.s. 89 Chilvers and P.c. 517 Harris were on duty in Docks Approach Road, Tilbury, when they saw an obvious foreigner riding a small pedal cycle towards them and the Dock gates—this was a must for a routine check, especially when we saw that there was no back light.

The cyclist was stopped, and turned out to be a large cheerful, smiling type, who immediately got off the cycle and said "Tourist—Ankara," the name of a passenger ship at that time on the Landing Stage, Tilbury. An attempt was made to point out the dangers to this most cheerful person of the habit of riding along British roads without back lights. The only reply, "Tourist—Ankara."

Finally the policemen managed to get the message across (or they think they did) for suddenly the man said "Director—Police." Thinking he was asking the police for directions back to his ship they pointed along the road towards the "Ankara." Wrong again for our large smiling tourist then pulled out his wallet and produced his Warrant Card—yes, you are right, they had been trying to knock off the Director of Police for Istanbul, a Mr. Nihat Kafkas, for no back light.

No offence taken (or disclosed) and the following day experiences were swapped on board the "Ankara" over a Turkish style Shish Kabab and a glass or two of a very potent drink called Raki.

The officers concerned are now looking forward to the next tour of nights and pedal cycles approaching the docks.

on the beaches, the opportunity presented itself of seeing the sights of Washington.

With true British aplomb, the aged battle wagon again crossed the Atlantic—this time for a tropical refit, before setting sail for Ceylon.

By 1942 Mr. Rowe had progressed to King Alfred's Officer Training College receiving his commission as a Sub-Lieutenant.

Time followed in combined operations with landing craft for the D-Day build up, including 12 months' care and maintenance of the D-Day Landing Craft.

Having attended a C.O.'s Course he took command first of an L.C.T. and then an L.C.L., for part of the time spending fruitless hours on anti-submarine depth charge patrols, his craft being unsuitable to detect such an elusive enemy and incapable of effective attack even if found.

It was during a subsequent trip to the Far East that war in Europe finished, his release coming through whilst in India.

Back to Civvy Street

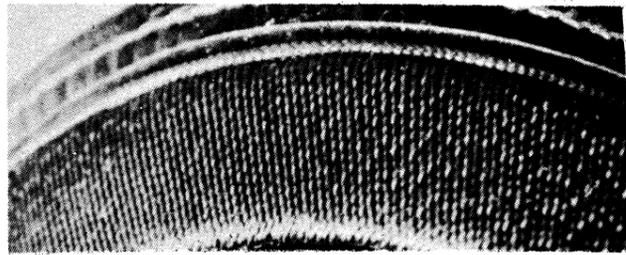
Having enjoyed the relative tranquility of cruising back to the U.K. on a troop ship, he was released in April 1946 and soon began picking up the threads in the Clerk's Department.

Since the war Mr. Rowe has progressed through the various administration grades to attain his current position, obviously accruing more responsibility en route.

One of the busiest periods he recalls was prior to and just after amalgamation when a thousand and one details had to be worked out—many of them would not even occur to us as being relevant to such a tie-up.

The bulk of his work is the preparation and supervision of agendas and minutes for Meetings of the Joint Police Authority and its three Committees—Administration of

Wotsit



Our picture puzzle for this month was also produced by a member of the Cadet School photographic group, Ed Cross. Once again it is an unusual view of something most of us see every day. Solution on page 8.

Bikes too big for new style Bobbies

Another problem as the result of amalgamation has arisen at Southend Police Station.

The official pedal cycles used to patrol some beats have been discovered to be too large for the latest additions to the division.

These cycles were purchased by the borough police authority catering for officers of an average height of 6 feet (this average would have been higher except for the fact that Con Vic Martin and Insp Tommy Rodgers tended to drag it down a little).

Some of the new officers complain that they are unable to mount these monster machines, let alone ride them.

If any person has any suggestion to offer on how to resolve this problem could they forward these to Bill Gostling at Southend who, unless another solution is forthcoming, has the task of fitting wooden blocks on the offending machines' pedals, a method which although not elegant has proved effective on Vic Martin's own machine at least.

Footnote

We once knew a man whose cycle, among other things, was too large and whose custom it was to mount while the tyres were deflated and get his wife to pump them up before he moved off.—Editor.

Police, Buildings and Sites and Finance and General Purposes.

Each Committee also has a Committee Clerk who, like Mr. Rowe, is most approachable and helpful at all times. Administration of Police is tended by Mr. R. A. Davis (ex-P/Sgt Bob Davis—Crime Prevention), Buildings and Sites by Miss M. R. Gwynne-Jones and Finance and General Purposes by Mr. F. E. Squires. The Fire, Civil Defence and Police section is generally under the supervision of Mr. W. Davies, an Assistant Solicitor, who provides top level advice on police matters, particularly those having legal implications.

Mr. Rowe's pleasure hours throughout the years have partly been taken up by table tennis, cricket and tennis. He recalls many an enjoyable game against Police sides and on occasions some years ago played table tennis for the Springfield 'B' team.

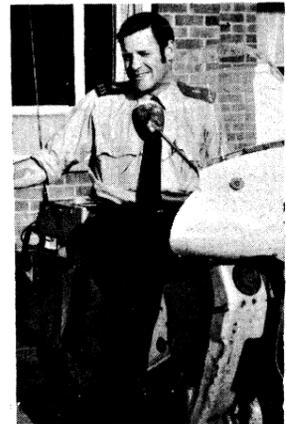
Our thanks

Through these columns we would like to thank all the members of the Fire, Civil Defence and Police Branch (even if they have got their priorities wrong in naming their section), both mentioned and otherwise for their help and guidance through the years; should they be able to wave our banner effectively in the right quarters on such mundane matters as pay and allowances our thanks will be even more vociferous!

Back to Aussie

P.c. 1335 Mick Wilkins said farewell to these shores on Thursday 13th August, 1970, when he, his wife Barbara, and his two sons Kevin and Michael, flew to the winters of Australia.

To those that knew him, Mick will be missed. He was a great mimic and certainly a character. He states that his reasons for going back to Australia (he came from there 3½ years ago) are many, but finance and



freedom for his children have a great deal to do with it, apart from the fact that his boomerang throwing is getting a little rusty.

Mick had served at Harwich and lately at Leaden Roding, where the locals took to his habit of bouncing along the road and climbing the nearest gum tree at the first sign of trouble.

It should be known that Mick was "seen off" in the true Essex style, and at the end of the evening he was prostrate with . . . (Grief).

A last word from the man himself. He wishes to thank all those people who took their night duty to answer his advertisement where he offered his training weights for sale in a recent issue of "The Law." He is considering an airmail delivery of them personally, as he passes one of our coastal resorts, hoping to stamp out a certain species of "Trog."

If anyone wishes to send him a written fond farewell, his address may be obtained from P.c. John Emmerick at Leaden Roding Police Office.

Lo! The machine age is with us - come what may

By 1253 & 1091

ONCE upon a time, long ago, there lived in a village in Essex, two guardians of the Peace. Whenever they had to communicate with persons outside their village it was their way to sit at a machine called a typewriter to put on paper their reports. Once written they were taken to the city astride the fiery steed, called Noddy, and deposited there to be sent out far and wide. Then one day there came to the village a message that they were to go post haste to the city where they would be instructed in the use of a marvellous machine which recorded the voice. And they would no longer have to sit at the typewriter as their voices would be carried to a lady at the city who would type their reports for them. And great was the wonder of their friends in the city at the time that was saved by the wondrous voice machine.

As soon as they reached home, one sat down and talked far into the night into the machine, dictating many things and the next day he leapt upon Noddy, his steed, and sped into the city to find the lady. Alas, when he arrived he was told the lady was sick and that he would have to return to his typewriting machine and write the reports himself. And he returned to the village downcast. The months went by and with the memory of this in his mind he returned more often to his typewriter for he said unto himself: "If I have written the reports it does not matter if the lady is not there or is too busy for they can be sent anyway."

Later in the year, he was visited by an important official from the city who enquired why the wondrous machine was dusty and when told he took the machine away and great was the rejoicing in the village. For it should be known that for the use of their typewriting machines, the two guardians each received the sum of twenty silver shillings each and every quarter and many were the luxuries that could be bought for this vast sum every month, for was it not at least one and sixpence per week.

Alas within a few days the voice machine was returned to the village with instructions that full use must be made of it, and, great calamity, that the typewriter allowance was to be withdrawn.

It was without avail that the guardians pleaded that it took them as long to speak into the voice machine as it did to type, without avail that they pointed out it was a 20-mile trip to the city to take the voice recording and then a further 20 miles to sign the reports, without avail that they pointed out that food for Noddy was expensive and that he was getting old. All was to no avail.

That is why, when visitors to the County of Essex perceive the guardians passing to and throw between the city and the village, they are heard to remark to their trusty steed: "Never mind, Noddy, the King is saving 20 silver shillings every quarter."

Canine College at Sandon gets staff and students

Back to

Office and hostel block



IN A truly delightful setting at Woodhill Road, Sandon, the H.Q. Dog Section has recently been handed over by the builders.

The Section has five basic components which integrate admirably in their open setting.

There are four pairs of semi-detached houses for staff, with adequate room for more.

The office block contains a large classroom for training lectures, briefings, etc., and hostel accommodation for four persons when attending residential courses, apart from the office space itself.

Isolation quarters

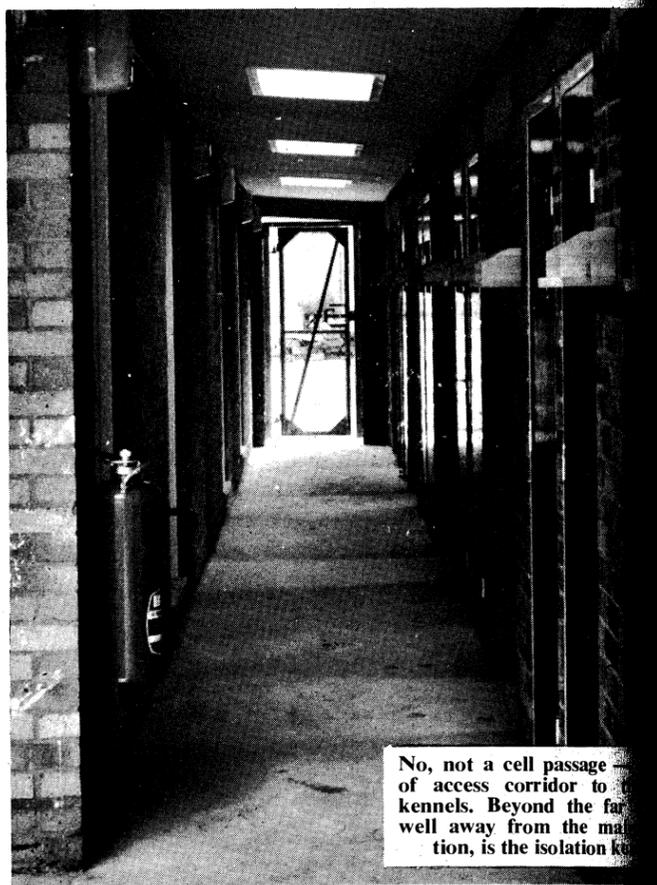
The kennel section comprises a battery of 12 brick kennels, each with a separate run; food preparation room with walk-in fridge; showers (not for the dogs); drying room; straw and biscuit store and tool shed. A further isolation kennel and run is placed some 30 yards from the main kennel block for sick animals.

The garage block has sufficient space for three operational vehicles besides the eight for private use of personnel. Finally, the training space is made up of some 3½ acres of grassland. The whole of the kennel and training areas are thoughtfully enclosed within a six foot chain link fence. Landscaping is at present underway and will obviously further enhance the amenities.

The lucky handlers in residence, although some of their wives are a little concerned at the somewhat isolated spot, are Chief Insp. Iain Clark, Sgt. Danny Hare and Constables Alan



First in, Jason, leading Sgt. Danny Hare into his kennel run to bed him down for the night.



No, not a cell passage — of access corridor to kennels. Beyond the far well away from the main, is the isolation kennel.



Shane, who is handled by P.c. Bob Giles, looks pleased with himself in his new home.

Gilfillan, Bob Jackman, Bob (Bats) Giles, all fully trained in doggy habits and newcomers, Ray Little, Peter Frost and Colin Ball.

Mrs. Marie Carter, from Great Baddow, has been engaged as the clerk/typist.

Search for a name

The naming of the access road from Woodhill Road caused both speculation and consternation, with suggestions ranging from "Barking Creek" through "Hare's Leap" to "Clark's Park" and "Nightingale Square"; fortunately the Clerk to Sandon Parish Council came to the rescue with some intimate local



School

TAKE YOUR PARTNERS FOR THE TELEPRINTER TANGO



Oldest part of Headquarters

houses first provincial T.P. school

"I THOUGHT it was bad enough learning to drill by numbers but learning to type by music is . . . ridiculous," was a comment overheard from one of the first officers to attend the newly opened Teleprinter School at HQ a few weeks ago.

This view, shared initially by several other students on the course in its early stages was soon changed to that of appreciation as their typing ability grew in the ensuing days.

Following the re-organisation of Divisions upon amalgamation, the force teleprinter network was extended down to Sub-Divisional level.

This was obviously an expensive undertaking and in order to enable the best possible use to be made of it there was an urgent need to train operators in speed and accuracy. The biggest problem came from Sub-Divisional level where normally there is not a permanent front office staff versed in the art of using teleprinters.

The second need for efficient staff to be readily available will be seen when the National Police Computer becomes operational, probably late 1971: when greater use than ever will be made of the Telex system, bearing in mind that time costs money.

Outside the Metropolitan Police area, there was no other teleprinter operator's school in the country geared specifically to the needs of policemen.

The school is situated in what used to be the gymnasium in the old O & T block at HQ and caused some dismay in ousting the Force Museum due to critical lack of office space. It comprises basically 12 teleprinters with differing switch gear as is found in the various stations throughout the county, thus trainee operators may use an identical set-up to that which appertains at their home base.

Whilst the first two courses each catered for 12 officers from our own Force, it is anticipated that in future courses will comprise half "home grown" and half "foreign" officers.

The instructional staff is made up of Pc's Colin Reid and John Wheatland who take credit for devising a teaching system which is crossed between Pitman's and that of the Army. So successful is it, in fact, that so far all but two of the students have exceeded the 20 words per minute aim of the course.

In order to maintain a regular speed, most of the typing is learned to music.

In the early stages music comprises staccato cords at regular intervals of approximately one second. Complaints were received from adjoining office staff in the early days that their work output had been reduced considerably due to the fact that they too were keeping in time with the music. However, as a course continues so does the pace of the music giving rise to further complaints that nearby office staff were being run off their feet and doing at least two days work in one! This dreadful state of affairs has now been overcome by providing each student on the course with a set of earphones so that only they may hear the offending music. To assist Messrs. Reid and Wheatland in their instructional duties, a Miss Jean Ball has also joined the staff.

Built in 1903 as part of the, then, new police H.Q., this building was the old training school. The gymnasium was on the ground floor and was divided in later years to become part store part museum. Now it is back in the training business as the teleprinter school, the upper room being occupied by "Housing" whose work speed is influenced by the music.

knowledge — henceforth the dog section will be known as "Garrettlands."

No official opening has been arranged but the new establishment is on the schedule for the forthcoming visit of Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary this month. We feel that he cannot fail to be impressed by this latest addition to the facilities possessed by this Force.



Instructors Colin Reid, on the left, and John Wheatland.



Eyes down for a full house. The music plays and the words appear — all in strict tempo, of course.



A view of the houses where the handlers will live. Typical police front gardens will make the newcomers feel at home.

EDITIONS

STUCK FAST

Two things happened last month to make us think that all is well in the Force and that as far as policemen are concerned at any rate the amalgamation is a reality and we are getting down to working, and more important thinking, as one unit.

The first was the annual long-distance swimming race for many years a regular part of the Southend sporting scene. Although the race was thrown open to the whole Force in 1969 only one entry was received from beyond the Borough. Perhaps County men felt it was too soon to venture into the "enemy" camp. But refusing to be rebuffed the Southend sports clubs again invited the Force to compete in 1970 and were swamped by over 50 entries of whom over 30 from all over Essex actually took to the water.

Despite the cost, because every swimmer to finish gets an award, they talk of having an even bigger event next year.

The second sign was the arrangement by the Southend combined sports club for a cup which had been in their possession for some years to be diverted to the Cadet Corps as a Cadet of the Year Cup to be awarded annually to the best all-round cadet. Not only that but from their own funds they have donated a replica for the winner to keep.

Such generosity and concern for the future of the Force is most pleasant to see, as are these signs that we are now all one Force.

PROMOTION

The information that 50 constables have been recommended for promotion will be most welcome to the lucky ones and the unlucky applicants will at least have the advantage of knowing that promotion is out till next year. The new system is a great advance on the past when one could only hope.

PAY

Stan Smith remains more optimistic than does this column on the outcome of the current pay talks but our negotiators have gained no less unlikely an ally than Michael X who is reported as saying that policemen's pay should be doubled.

But wait, the sting is in the tail. He went on to say that only by this means could today's problems be solved and described the police as a rowdy bunch of illiterate un-educated constables. But as he also labelled the British people generally as Nazis his views need not worry us too much, though perhaps it might be better to win our pay award without his help.



Trees may survive

Sir,
Your leading article on the fate of Memorial Avenue (August 1970) prompts me to write and tell you the rest of the story.

Two of the trees were not cut down and grubbed out because arrangements were made to try to save them by planting them in front of Stable Lodge.

This move had to be carried out when the trees were in full bloom and although they were put in the ground as soon as possible and well watered during the dry early summer I fear my labour (my wife says "our labour") has been in vain.

However, it is just possible that the new tenant of Stable Lodge will have a pleasant surprise next spring. I hope so!

J. BAILEY
Det. Ch. Superintendent
Stable Lodge,
By Newcourt Road,
Springfield,
Chelmsford.

Annual leave no problem

Dear Sir, Yet again the subject of annual leave is mentioned in your columns (Mainly for Wives, August, 1970). I don't know whether or not I have been lucky but in the whole of my service — nearly 13 years — I have never had any trouble in choosing my leave periods. Though most of my service has been spent at small stations I did have two years at a large Divisional Station and even there while a lot of things left a lot to be desired the business of annual leave appeared to be dealt with to everyone's mutual satisfaction.

I have never known anyone on night shift prior to commencing a period of leave who was not able to either take time off or at least find a colleague who would change duties. At the other end of the holiday this can work as well. I would agree that it is time that something was done so that the summer fortnight's holiday went from Saturday to Sunday week. Obviously this presents difficulty as regards leaving sufficient manpower to cover each weekend during the summer months. A possible solution would be to cancel the normal weekend rest days due to those not on annual leave — time off in lieu to be taken during the week when conditions allow.

As regards leave being a major cause of discontent in the force I have found that those who are discontented on this subject are always moaning about something or other.
G. W. Darby, P.c. 499
Ongar, 15.8.70

House buying in the good old days

Dear Sir,
As an old Essex pensioner, having retired in 1946, I was interested to read "Buying a House" by B. A. Jenkinson in The Law.
I wonder what the present

day police officer would think of my experience in "buying a house." When I was posted to Walton-on-the-Naze from Great Warley the house I took over was disgusting: outside lavatory, the yard at the rear would just allow a pram (I then had young children), the coals had been kept under the staircase in the kitchen where we lived. There was no garden whatever.

However, we had to make the best of it.

As the years went on, just before the 2nd World War, I noticed a nice semi-detached house in the same street which was up for sale, price £850. It had a bathroom and toilet, three bedrooms, front and rear gardens. An ideal house for a police officer.

I approached the owner who I knew personally and asked if he would let it to the police. He informed me that his solicitors had written to the Essex County Council some time previous with a view to selling it to the Council as he knew the conditions I, my wife and children were living in. However, the Council replied that they were not interested in buying a property for police purposes as they were already paying 10/- per week rent for the house I was resident in.

However, I was able to persuade the owner to let it to the police at a rent of £1 a week. After all the formalities I moved in. A real home.

As time went on I could see my way to purchase this house. The owner wanted money as he was getting on in years and only had his old age pension. The price was still £850. I decided to buy. I notified my Superintendent at Clacton-on-Sea of my intention and that I was prepared to carry on letting the house to the E.C.C. at the same rent.

There were no objections at the time. I received rents due to me as the previous owner had done. Some time later, I had 25 years' service in and I had a very good staff, pensionable, job offered me at a foundry at Walton; no night duty, finished at 6 p.m. daily, weekends off, three weeks summer holiday and a good wage far in excess of my police pay. I put in to retire.

I had a note from the late John Crockford who was then Acting C.C. It stated: "If you persist in the purchase of your house over the heads of the Police Authorities application will be made to purchase same under the Rent Restrictions Act."

I replied that the house had been offered to the E.C.C. and they were not interested. I took

JOINT FORCE TYPES NO 16

THE POLICE DOG



STILL A GREAT TRACKER, SIR, BUT HE'S GETTING A BIT SHORT SIGHTED.

Summer tournament



The Police of Essex Golf Society enjoyed a hot clear day for their summer tournament, held at Boyce Hill Golf Club, South Benfleet, last month. With 30 competitors the competition was quite the best the Society has run since amalgamation brought the two keen sections together. Seen above holding the cup is the champion, D.C. Don Canham, of Southend Eastern, and beside him runner-up D.C. Alan Grace, also of Southend Eastern. The administration men stand behind; John Clarke, of Halstead, Society Hon. Sec. in the centre, and his assistant, Ron Irwin on the left.

The Essex and Southend Police Magazine

At 1/- real value for money

THE magazine, published this month, has one of the most attractive covers ever, a colour photo of a dog and handler among the crocuses in Castle Park, Colchester.

The material inside is varied and interesting and well worth the shilling which is all you have to pay.

Support this Force institution which only Force interest can keep alive.

Angler 2nd in Region

Fishing in the Force 'A' team at Oxford last month Tony Parker took second place with a catch of 1lb. 9oz. only one ounce behind the winner.

His catch included a one pound perch and several smaller fish many of which were below the weight limit.

Thirteen teams from all over the Region took part and the force finished fourth. As well as Tony Parker the team included Dave Blackiston, Alan Vale, Gordon Hughes-Whiffing, Ken Bailey and Ray Creer.

On September 9, a four-man team will contest the PAA event at Bristol.

Bowlers reach final

The Force Bowls Section reached the final of the S.E. Region Triples Competition when they had a narrow win over Hertfordshire at the Essex County Bowling Club, West-cliff.

Despite poor weather conditions the green bowled well and there were a number of close ends.

Apart from a six scored by Hertfordshire, threes were the highest scoring ends.

The Club were grateful for the facilities afforded them by the Essex County Bowling Club both in this game and the previous one with Bedfordshire and Luton.

The Bowls Section are also appealing to anyone who has an unwanted alarm clock. Please send it to Sergeant E. Hitchcock at Chelmsford Division for use on match days.

and Culham three wickets for 10 runs.

Southend had little difficulty in reaching 19 for one wicket, Smith being top scorer of the match with 13 not out.

The winners now play Southend East or Staff in the final (date to be arranged).

Colchester's 7 ducks

Colchester Div team were well beaten by Southend West in the semi-final of the Divisional cricket cup played on September 24 at Colchester.

Colchester batting first never looked like scoring runs against the Wests opening attack of Johnson and Culham, and after 50 minutes batting were all out for 18 runs. Seven batsmen collected ducks, Johnson taking seven wickets for eight runs

PENSIONERS

Do you get your Law ?

Is your copy of The Law delivered late or not at all? Perhaps you are not on the list. The local constable is a busy man and duty must come first.

The solution may be to send us 5s. which will put you on the mailing list for the next 12 months. Cheques or P.O.s should be made payable to "The Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary"—you try getting all that into the space available on a cheque or postal order.

SPORT

WALKERS AIM HIGH

PUBLISHED this month is the Walking Section's league and friendly fixture list for the coming year. The aim this year will be to put out a full scoring list in every league race, no easy task over a full season but essential to keep the section in the running for their first league win.

The Section will also contest the junior league, for which a list of six races has been made up, although because some of these are for young walkers our juniors can race in only four events.

- 12. 9.70 Woodford Open 5 and Essex league race (1)
- 19. 9.70 Enfield Open 20 Kilos.
- 26. 9.70 Highgate one hour races, Essex league race (2) Hendon 1 p.m.
- 3.10.70 Leicester Open 7 miles.
- 17.10.70 National R.W.A. Youths & Junior Road Walk (Steyning).
- 31.10.70 Highgate Open 7 and Essex league race (3)
- 7.11.70 Met. Police & Civil Service & Stock Exchange 7 miles.
- 14.11.70 Enfield Open 10 miles
- 21.11.70 Southend Open (provisional).
- 28.11.70 Belgrave Open 7 miles.
- 12.12.70 Cambridge Open 7 miles.
- 19.12.70 Ilford 5 & Ilford Youths & Junior 3 miles. Essex league race (4).
- 9. 1.71 Met. Police Open 7 & Essex league race (5).
- 16. 1.71 Essex Beagles Open Youths & Junior (provisional).
- 23. 1.71 Belgrave & Met. Police 10 miles.
- 31. 1.71 Basildon Inter-Club 10 & Essex league race (6), Boys 3,000-metres league.
- 6. 2.71 Garnet Cup 10 miles.
- 20. 2.71 Surrey W.C. Wallace Cup 20 kilos.
- 27. 2.71 Essex County 10 miles champ. Essex league race (7).
- 6. 3.71 Met. W.C. R.W.A. Southern 6 miles. Battersea Park.
- 13. 3.71 Surrey W.C. Keston Cup. 14 miles.
- 17. 3.71 P.A.A. Championships (provisional).
- 20. 3.71 Inter County & R.W.A. National 10 miles. Midlands.
- 27. 3.71 London Vidarians. Open 15 miles (provisional).
- 3. 4.71 Met. W.C. Open 20 kilos, Junior 6 miles.
- 7. 4.71 Police & R.A.F. & Civil Service. 10 miles.
- 14. 4.71 Essex County A.A. 10,000 metres & Essex league (8).
- 17. 4.71 Essex League 20 kilos. Chelmsford. League race (9).
- 24. 4.71 Essex County 20-mile Champs. Chelmsford-Southend & league race (10).
- 1. 5.71 London Vidarians Open Youths & Junior.
- 22. 5.71 Leicester Mercury 20 miles.
- 5. 6.71 Essex C.A.A.A. 3,000 metres & Essex league (11)
- 6. 6.71 Essex C.A.A.A. Junior & Youths 2,000 metres.
- 8. 6.71 Lambeth Open 5 miles.
- 12. 6.71 R.W.A. National 20 miles. North.
- 19. 6.71 Corsica Cup. Boys, Youths, Junior Walk.
- 25. 6.71 Surrey W.C. 100-mile Open.
- 3. 7.71 Essex Long Distance Race. Essex League (12).
- 17. 7.71 R.W.A. 50 kilos. Midlands.
- 24. 7.71 Victoria Park. R.W.A. Southern 20 kilos. R.W.A. Boys, Youths, Junior races. Victoria Park.

RUGGER MEN HAVE FULL FIXTURE LIST

By D. Byrne

WEDNESDAY, 7th October, 1970, sees yet another landmark in the brief history of the Joint Constabulary. On that day, at 3 p.m., the first fully representative rugby XV of the Force will play at Priory Park, Southend-on-Sea, against 'J' Division, Metropolitan Police.

Over the years, attempts have been made in the former Essex County Police to form a team but unfortunately not enough support has ever been forthcoming, although players from this Force have been selected to play for the former 5 District from time to time. Names that immediately come to mind are George and Hugh Harris, who have played regularly for the District. The former Southend Borough Police rugby team has been in existence since 1954 with varying degrees of success, and if one might look on the gloomy side, the writer can recall playing when the worst defeat was inflicted, 73-3, but I cannot now remember the team who were responsible for this gigantic score. Sergeant Colin Edkins, who had the privilege of captaining the team during its last season, also represented 5 District on several occasions.

Following the amalgamation the Southend Divisions decided to continue the team but interest waned, and eventually during last season players began to volunteer their services from other Divisions, to save the fixtures being cancelled. Among the players who played a considerable part in the revival of the team's fortunes were Ken Foster (Witham), Ian Sparks (Chelmsford) and Alan Farr and Ken Ashby (Grays). Space prevents mention of all the players who contributed towards the completion of the season's fixtures, but it must be added that due to the efforts of all the team, no fixtures were cancelled through our fault.

Good fixtures

Thoughts of the new season now loom ahead. An attractive fixture list has been arranged for the coming season with several new fixtures against stronger teams, and it is hoped that the team will justify the confidence felt in arranging these fixtures. The season will culminate in a three-day tour to Leicester and Grimsby with matches against Police teams there.

At the present time there is a nucleus of 25 playing members and at first sight this would seem adequate but, of course, court and other Police commitments take priority, consequently more players are needed. Lack of experience or match practice need be no deterrent and any person who would like to play is invited to contact the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible so that some idea of the strength or weaknesses of the team can be gauged. All the matches are played on a Wednesday and the home matches are played on the pitch of Southend R.F.C., Priory Park, Southend-on-Sea. This is a first-class pitch with good amenities.

The Hon. Secretary is Sergeant D. Byrne, Juvenile Liaison Officer, Southend West, Div. H.Q., Southend. Telephone 41212, Extn. 226.

- Oct. 7 'J' Div. Met. Pol. H
- 14 Barking Coll. Tech. A
- 21 Herts. Police H
- 28 Gargoyles A
- Nov. 4 8 Inf. Wksp. REME A
- 11 'K' Div. Met. Pol. H
- 18 Mil. Hosp., Colchester H
- 25 Beds. & Lt. Police H
- Dec. 2 19 Inf. Bde. HQ A
- 9 Herts. Police A
- 16 P. & E.E. S'byness A
- 30 'N' Div. Met. Pol. H
- Jan. 6 'N' Div. Met. Pol. H
- 13 'K' Div. Met. Pol. A
- 20 HMS Ganges H
- 27 Barking C.T. H
- Feb. 3 Mil. Hosp., Colchester A
- 10 P. & E.E. S'byness H
- 17 Gargoyles H
- 24 19 Inf. Bde HQ H
- Mar. 4 Leics. & Rut. Police H
- 10 'J' Div. Met. Pol. A
- 17 Beds. & Lt. Pol. A
- 24 8 Inf. Wksp. REME H
- 31 Leics. & Rut. Pol. Tour
- Apr. 1 Lincs Police Tour

Fixtures Special

BRIGHTER PROSPECTS IN CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE THIS WINTER

AFTER its most successful opening season last winter, the S.E. Police League is once again likely to attract good fields and sharp competition. Herts. will be keen to hold on to their title though their strength, mainly cadet talent, must wane unless their runners can be kept going after they enter the Force.

Sussex will be eager to unseat last year's champions. They were only 12 points behind on the full season and could do it. City of London, too, are likely to be strong.

Stronger

The Force should show better this year than last winter.

ter's sixth place. Cadet runners like Mick Barlow, Richard Madden, Graham Blois and John Pickford, our top scorers last year, are 12 months older and reinforced by Andy Adams and, we hope, Colin Adams, the whole outfit should move up the field.

FIXTURES

- Sep. 30 Cadets v. Police Chelmsford Cadet Championships
- Oct. 7 League Race 1, Maidstone.
- Nov. 4 League Race 2, Hatfield.
- Dec. 2 League Race 3, Windsor.
- Jan. 6 Region Champs, Chelmsford.
- Jan. 20 Force Championships, Chelmsford. Cadet Championships.
- Feb. 3 League Race 5, Brighton.
- Feb. 17 S.E. v. Northern League, Chelmsford (Provisional).
- Mar. 3 League Race 6, City.
- March. 17 P.A.A. Champs. (Prov.).

Fitness the key to soccer success

PRE-SEASON training began some weeks ago, and with most of the old firm and some new faces, the Force soccer team are hoping for a better start to the season than they had last year when early points were hard to come by. This was partly due to difficulty in getting players on to the field and this should be overcome this year.

If the good form shown towards the end of last season can be carried over into 1970-71, Police should finish much higher up the table. That early run of home fixtures might help.

FIXTURES

- September 9 Basildon H
- 12 Collier Row A
- 16 Brentwood H
- 19 Crittalls H
- 26 Duntmow H
- October 3 E.C.C. H
- 10 Sawbridgeworth H
- 17 Burnham R. H
- 31 Burnham R. A
- November 7 Ongar H
- 14 Basildon A
- 21 Billericay A
- 28 Bowers H
- December 5 O.C.s A
- 12 E.C.C. A
- 19 E.C.C. H
- January 2 A.E.I. H
- 9 Chadwell Heath A
- 16 British Matthews H
- 23 A.E.I. A
- 30 Collier Row H
- February 6 Brentwood A
- 13 Bishop's Stortford H
- 20 Dunmow A
- 27 Writtle H
- March 6 Sawbridgeworth A
- 13 Chadwell Heath H
- 20 Ongar A
- 27 Billericay H
- April 9 O.C.s H
- 17 Crittalls A
- 24 Writtle A

BOWLS 'A'

Preliminary Round: Staff 19, Harlow 11. First Round: Colchester beat Grays; Basildon 17, Southend West 20; Chelmsford beat Clacton. Semi Final: Southend West 34, Chelmsford 6.

BOWLS 'B'

Preliminary Round: Staff unable to raise a team conceded match to Harlow. First Round: Basildon 10, Colchester 19; Southend East beat Harlow. Semi Final: Grays 27, Colchester 13.

TENNIS

First Round: Basildon, unable to raise team, conceded match to Clacton; Colchester 5, Grays 0.

CRICKET

First Round: Southend West 56-4, Harlow 52; Southend East 107-3 (21 overs), Basildon 105-7 (34 overs).

SHOOTING

Force scores in the P.A.A. I.S.U. Pistol Championships last month were: J. Stenison 230, I. Saines 208, M. Brangham 187, J. Sutton 177, L. Williams 175, A. Gowers 166, I. Hunter 141.

Third in fast 100

LAST year John Hedgethorpe won the 100 miles championship in 18 hours 48 minutes; this year he covered the distance 36 minutes faster and could only finish third. The race was a belt from start to finish with the first three giving nothing away. By racing each other they pushed themselves no less than 65 minutes ahead of the fourth man.

From the start it was clear that this was a needle match as three of the team from the Rouen 24-hour race, Karl Abolins, Paddy Dowling and Hedgethorpe set off in front with others hanging on. Abolins soon shook off the others but D. Pook (Hinckley) went with him only to drop back after 30 miles. At this stage Hedgethorpe took over second spot but was then overtaken by Jan Vos (Netherlands) moving very fast. A bad patch prevented the police walker from chasing him at this stage and the halfway mark was reached by Abolins in 8hrs. 45mins., Vos in 8hrs. 52mins. and Hedgethorpe in 8hrs. 59mins.

During the second half all three powered on, none in sight of the others, but still keeping up the pace. Another bad patch slowed Hedgethorpe near Boston (75 miles) but then he got going again and actually made up a few minutes on his rivals over the closing stages.

Abolins, as at Rouen, was the winner in the fast time of 17hrs. 46mins. 37secs. Dutchman Jan Vos, who last year overtook John Hedgethorpe in much the same fashion but blew up shortly after, put in his best ever 100, clocking 18hrs. 1min. 40secs., and John's time was also his best at 18hrs. 12min. 12sec.

Former Barking to Southend performers may remember Ivor Percival, ex-Lancs Police, who now walks for Leyland Motors. Doing his first 100 for 14 years Ivor took fifth place in 19hrs. 24 mins.

For the statistically-minded the Force captain has now achieved the second fastest 100 by a British walker for three consecutive years; at 19hrs. 1min., 18hrs. 48mins., and 18hrs. 12mins., they are getting faster and as next year's 100 will be over a ten-lap course in Surrey John hopes to break 18 hours. In training and racing so far this year he has covered 1,463 miles; at an average of 6 m.p.h. this has taken 244 hours or just over 10 days.

The subject must not be left without reference to the chap who made this time possible. Keith Mann gave up his role of competitor for this day as he didn't fancy the distance and took over as attendant. It was Keith who dragged John through the bad patches which most centuries suffer — but Keith suffered, too. When the two came to compare notes and feet — after the race, Keith had a blister on his foot twice the size of anything the walker had, and twice as sore, too.

Team win friendlies but lose P.A.A. zone final

MATCHES played recently by the Force team are summarised below. The team never got going against Thames Valley in the zone final and the bowling averages took a knock. But the team has had the best of the friendly matches and even the drawn ones have almost come our way.

Force v. Thames Valley — P.A.A. Zone Final played at High Wycombe on 7th July.

Batting first, Barry Tarbun having lost the toss for the first time this year, Thames Valley ran up a mammoth 218-9. The Force replied with a modest 99 all out. The afternoon in the field proved too much of a handicap, as this day was the hottest of the year at Wycombe.

Thames Valley 218-9: Milner 50, Bailey 65, Baker 30; Johnson 4-38, Culham 2-76, Grainger 2-67.

Force 99: Enoch 43, Croot 16; Sugg 5-31, Shaw 2-37, Fowler 2-20.

Force v. Rota C.C. at Headquarters 12 July.

A new fixture against this North London side for whom the Force were too strong and got the best of the draw.

Force 160-6 dec.: Tarbun 42, Culham 35, Grainger 30; Marshall 3-53.

Rota 74-6: Dixon 25, Browse 21; Culham 3-25, Grainger 2-23.

Force v. Gestingthorpe — played away on 19th July.

Another draw, although very close at the end with the Force just falling short of the runs required, and this with a weak team.

Gestingthorpe 119-6 dec.: J. Elsdon 42, K. Elsdon 25; Culham 3-49, Nicholls 2-21.

Force 116-6: Rogers 40, Ellis 20.

Force v. Rayne C.C. played at Rayne on 26th July.

Although shot out for a low total the team struck back and some aggressive bowling by Johnson enabled them to win comfortably.

Force 95: Grainger 35 n.o., Stuart 26; Hurdudge 5-33, Allen 4-33.

Rayne 67: Hurdudge 51; Johnson 6-27, Tarbun 2-17, Grainger 2-19.

Force v. Clacton C.C. played at Clacton on 2nd August.

This must be the best win by the Force team so far this season, fielding a squad lacking the experience of Tarbun, Stuart and Enoch, 213 was reached for six wickets before the declaration. Croot and Nichols at last found form with the bat.

Force 213-6 dec.: Croot 69, Nicholls 63, Benning 25; Barrell 2-25, Dunwell 2-36.

Clacton 156: Hunter 49, Martin 25; Tricker 4-22, Culham 3-53, Johnson 2-41.

Force v. Crittall, Witham, played at Headquarters on 9th August.

Batting first and getting away once again to a very slow start the team only just got above the 100 mark before being all out just before tea. Start once again batted well. But due to excellent bowling by Culham the visitors were dismissed for only 49.

Force 126: Stuart 35, Croot 25, Hudson 24; Baldwin 4-20, Sutton 4-36.

Crittall 49: Jones 16; Culham 6-22, Johnson 2-15, Hicks 1-4.

CRICKET

SUE SPEAKS FOR THE OTHER HALF

Mainly for Wives

POSSIBLY the most important things which should be considered in the specifications for new police houses are the essential pieces of equipment, such as baths and sinks, which must be used by one family after another. And yet policy seems to be that the cheapest item available be used as standard equipment for new police houses; baths and toilets which would be rejected by private builders are accepted without question it seems.

Surely it would be better to install the best and most streamlined models available to facilitate easy cleaning and maintenance.

This is not so much from the point of view of lightening the housewife's chores, but rather it would mean that fittings such as sink, bath and most important, toilets, can be maintained in the condition in which they are found.

It is just about impossible to keep the present equipment in mint condition but no one likes to pass on to the next tenant a less than immaculate sink or toilet.

The answer lies in providing better quality equipment from the start and then there would be no excuse, or need for, ill-feeling or unpleasantness in at least that direction.

Cookers are another big problem. Mine has no less than eighty-eight (that's right — 88) right angles on the top alone and I'm sure there must be many more of this type in police houses all over the county. It is not old either. Is

it too much to hope that in future police houses might be equipped with cookers incorporating self-cleaning ovens?

I know these cookers cost a few more pounds, but surely it is false economy in this situation, where things must be used by several different families, to install anything other than the best equipment available.

When will they realise that more often than not it is dissatisfied wives which lead to dissatisfied policemen?

We can endorse the bit about the bath tub having recently taken over a new one in a "modernised" house. Wedging our 74 inches into a tub whose outside measurement is 66 inches provides opportunities for all sorts of interesting acrobatics, which usually end up with the water splashing out on to the floor. Can the fitting of these modern mini-baths herald another reduction in police height standards? Editor.

DIALOGUE

Discussing the activities of the working party on Welfare Funds



EVENING Tom! Pint?

Yes thanks; Best Bitter please. Working late tonight? Just been to a meeting of the Welfare Funds Working Party, as a matter of fact. Cheers!

Welfare Funds Working Party—what's that?

Well, we're not too happy about all these various bits and pieces deducted from our salaries or about these special collections we get throughout the Force, and we are not at all sure that the Force Benevolent Fund is able to do all that it should.

Now that's a point, what does it do? Lots of us pay, but we don't see much result.

Well, you're not supposed to! Publishing all the grants they make would defeat the object of it being confidential, and many a deserving chap (or woman) would be reluctant to ask for help. Bad enough to need help, even worse to suffer the indignity of having your private business made public!

I see your point, of course, but how do we know that the deserving cases get the money?

Firstly, you elect your own Divisional delegate to sit on the Committee that makes the grants. So if you trust him, you don't have to worry further on that point. Secondly, I know that there are yarns about non-deserving people getting cash grants. Most of these stories are far-fetched, and in any event, the Committee adopt the attitude that it's better to give something to a doubtful case, rather than risk the chance of not helping some poor bloke who hasn't expressed himself very well and made a "good case." Divisional Committees of the Fund try to present a case as fairly as possible, and they don't often have the wool pulled over their eyes. Indeed, in many cases they would like to help more, but the money isn't there to give. That's another of our problems!

In what sort of cases would you like to be able to help more? Nobody is in real need nowadays, there's insurance etc. and if a bloke is twit enough not to make provision for his wife in an emergency that's his look out!

Right up to a point. A man is a fool not to have a reasonable amount of insurance, he's a fool to take on more liabilities than he can afford. But that's only part of the story! Sometimes a man can't get insurance cover. He may be faced with a lot of expense—through illness, death, sometimes even things like fire and flood: you can't insure against everything. But the Fund doesn't only look after the serving member, it looks after the pensioners and widows too. Supposing you left your wife a widow and the house needed repainting? Or your child was ill in hospital

miles from home and you spent out pounds and pounds on train fares? Or your daughter was a spastic and outlived you and your wife?

Alright, I take your point! My bank balance could cover one crisis but I can see that I'd be in a tight spot if I were faced with too many emergencies at the same time. So what are you thinking of doing about it? We already pay out lots of little sums to various funds. Don't add another!

No, what we are thinking about is having one all-embracing deduction from salary which would be allocated in varying amounts to the funds. This would basically provide more for the Benevolent Fund. We have got another problem to solve anyway, in connection with the Convalescent Police Seaside Home.

been seen around the Force. Our commiserations must go to those who have not been successful this year, because the competition has been very keen and there can be very little difference between many of those who made it and those who have just fallen "below the line" which had to be drawn at the number of vacancies available.

Most of us, I suppose, fall within a very large group of officers who are about equal in ability and it must have been a very difficult task for the persons responsible for the final choice. For some who have failed this time, it will be a spur to greater effort and to others, especially those getting on in service it may well have a deadening effect for a little while. Those who are dedicated to the job and who have the right spirit, will still continue to do the job to the best of

their ability and hope for better things next time.

From this first critical look at the new system, most, I feel, will consider that at least justice appears to have been done in that everyone had a crack at the whip to show himself and to state his case. Only time will tell whether this system is better than the old one, but I am sure that it still needs to be worked on until we can get it as near perfect as possible.

The new scheme proved to be a mammoth one and having estimated the time the whole operation would take, the Chief Constable must be congratulated on taking on this new system which was designed to be as fair as possible to all. It is not perfect, but then, no promotion system ever will be thought to be so by everyone, and we must go forward improving it all the time.

The Law Shop

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WHAT'S ON

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

Not that as well! That's another fund I pay into.

I expect you do, but as I say we are not getting enough from the Penny-a-week fund to pay our share of the upkeep. We don't use it much, perhaps we are lucky that we don't need to. The Home is a darned good idea, and hundreds every year are helped on the road to recovery by a holiday there. Having fought so hard for it, we mustn't let it go now.

So how would this, what did you call it, this umbrella fund, work?

What we are thinking of, is this. At the beginning of the year we would decide which funds needed help. For example—and this is only an example—we might say

To meet Benevolent Fund needs we want 2 new pence per week per head.

We have always helped the Gurney Fund. To provide what we did last year, we will want another 2p per week.

We would like to give the Police Dependents Trust 1p per week.

Then there are other charities, St. Dunstan's, the Police Orphan's Fund who may be in particular need. Perhaps another 1p weekly.

So what we would say to members of the Force is "allow us to deduct 6p a week, or its equivalent on a monthly basis, from your salary, which will probably be allocated to the various charities roughly according to the forecast given in advance." I say roughly because one of the beauties of the idea is that the allocations can be changed, if the Divisional delegates so decide, to meet the needs of a particular cause if it gets into dire straits.

Quite honestly Bert, that's about the only advantage the whole idea seems to have! I can't see what it does that the present system doesn't do. At the present time I can make up my own mind whether I want to give my hard-earned coppers to a particular fund, under your system I wouldn't have much choice. Why not leave it alone? You say the Benevolent Fund wants more money to extend its work—can't it just ask for it?

It's not as simple as that Tom. I wouldn't mind betting that half the chaps don't really know what they are paying towards, and those that do pay, tend to pay for the lot! I'll bet you do! And when the Benevolent Fund wants more, it has to get every contributor to sign, the Truck Acts, you know, authorising the County Treasurer to alter the deductions from his salary. The work involved is tremendous. We also think that because there are lots of bits of paper to be signed at present, some chaps can't be bothered to sign any of them. Did you know for example, that about 20 per cent of the Force do not contribute to the Benevolent Fund, or the Seaside Home?

Yes, one of my watch hadn't even heard about it.

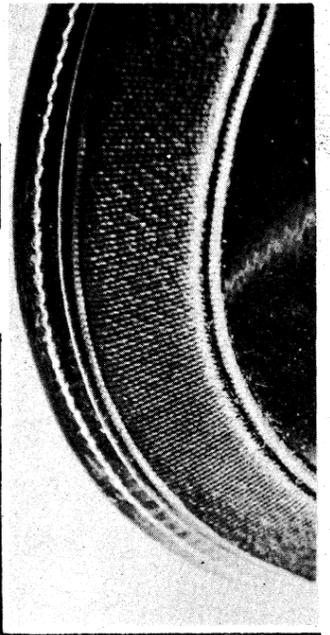
We would hope to get 100 per cent support. After all, everybody can benefit, whether he pays or not. I am not suggesting that all of the 20 per cent are parasites, riding on the backs of the good-natured blokes who never need help themselves.

Some of them are!

Maybe, but you find these in all walks of life! But I think that a good many of the non-subscribers haven't really given it a thought, or they have never been asked. If we can get the authorities to bless the scheme—we shall have to have legal advice, of course—and can give it enough publicity,

Wotitwos

Seen in slightly more detail is this month's wotsit, the peak of an inspector's cap.



and get people to have confidence in it, we can do a lot more than we are doing at the moment. We shall also know what all those weird figures mean on our pay slips. So far as I am concerned, the whole thing will be worthwhile if it overcomes this horrible business of special collections. Isn't it bad enough for a woman to lose her husband without having the humility of a collection for her—a collection which relies on whether we got out of bed the wrong side or have any change in our pockets and which worst of all, perhaps, takes a dickens of a long time! Wouldn't it be better for a man to know that if something happened to him, his Benevolent Fund would make sure that his widow didn't want and that she would get money into her purse quickly? By supporting it himself, he would have earned for her, a moral right to help—instant help!

You surprise me, Tom, I didn't know that you felt as strongly about things as all that. I must admit I had never really given the matter much thought.

That's just the trouble. We don't give the matter much thought. We are always confident that "it won't happen to us." But it does, you know! Blokes do die in harness! They do have troubles! Their wives do become widows! Orphans do want clothes: do want to go on school trips with the other kids! Can we really sit back and say "Oh yes, Bill, he's dead (or ill or something) . . . so what? We are alright, thanks."

I give in! Yes, it seems a better idea than all these unrelated systems we've got at the moment. When do I sign?

Oh, there's lots to do yet before the scheme can get off the ground. And of course, we must test the reaction of the members of the Force. Its object will be defeated unless all the people who contribute to funds now, are fully prepared to pay the global fund instead. Furthermore, we must try to get everyone to play a part. The more that pay, the less we need ask each to bear. The more we can get the more we can help! And you would be surprised how much help is needed. Yes, I'll have another, and then I must get on my way home. I've decided I haven't really got enough life insurance, and the chap is coming to see me tonight.

Yes, I'm going to see Stan Smith, the Federation bloke, about the Group Insurance scheme. My boy is only nine and if something happened to me now I don't know how my missus would cope.

With apologies to Burrer Chat, Chelmsford Chunter, and other conversation pieces recently featured and in full recognition that Tom can partly prevent anything happening to him by not having that other pint.

Federation News

By Stan Smith

IT WOULD be inappropriate if I did not start with some comments upon the current pay negotiations, but unfortunately I, nor anyone else apart from those actually taking part in the discussions, can supply no more information than that which has already been published.

You will appreciate that our agreement expired on August 31 and any negotiations have to take into account current trends of earnings and the cost of living applicable at that date. The official figures are not published by the Ministry responsible until late September and this is one of the reasons why the discussions on pay have been deferred until September 29. It is possible that no settlement will be reached even at that meeting as the yearly official figures of wage rates and actual earnings will not be available until mid-October. As the figures will undoubtedly be on our side it will probably serve us better to wait until then. Looking into my crystal ball, I would imagine that the initial offer from the Official Side will be far below the amount we consider to be reasonable, and we have been assured by the Joint Central Committee that they will not accept any offer which is considered to be below our just dues. If this pattern develops, it may take some weeks or even months before a settlement is finally agreed upon, so do not bolster your hopes for a nice fat pay cheque at Christmas this year. There can be no doubt that to accept an offer which is well below that which the present Willink formula produces will result in the Service once again starting a new period, well behind other professions and trades, with no hope of catching up. We have a good case for a significant increase at the present time and it should be obvious to the Government that only a substantial increase in wages will halt the flow of experienced officers from the Service and at the same time attract sufficient well qualified recruits into those Forces which are well below strength.

Another significant fact is that in the past 12 months no less than 13 members of this Force transferred to the Metropolitan Police in order to receive higher remuneration for doing the same job. Many others are waiting their turn



to be interviewed. This is one unassailable argument for the grant of undermanning allowance to members of this Force.

Now that the results of the new Promotion Board system have been seen, we can assess the effectiveness of the scheme as a whole. It will not be possible to draw any firm conclusions as to its success until all the promotions have taken place as there will be no list of successful candidates published. By the time this article is printed, notices will have been sent to every individual officer who attended the final Boards indicating that they have either been selected for promotion or that they have not.

The total number of promotions to be made within the next 12 months have been calculated on a basis of the number of vacancies within the present establishment which the Chief Constable desires to fill in the coming year, together with the resultant vacancies these promotions will make, with an additional forecast of the number of officers above Constable who will either retire on pension or leave the Force for other reasons.

In effect this means that of the 212 Constables who attended the initial Divisional Departmental Boards, 50 have been notified of their suitability for promotion and up-gradings in the coming year will normally be made from constables in this category.

Of 65 sergeants who attended Promotions Boards, 20 have been similarly notified.

When it is considered that in the past two years the rate of promotions to Sergeant have been 36 and 35 respectively, it will be seen that this year is an outstanding one and there will be many smiling faces to