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## Real aircraft crash complicates mock rail disaster



JUST when police action was going nicely in the mock rail disaster staged at Braintree on Sunday, November 15, news came of an air crash at Ingatestone. Traffic man Rod Curtis, on his way to the Braintree exercise and diverted to Ingatestone, came back on the radio: "That's piling it on a bit." No, he was told, this one is real.

So he hurried to Ingatestone—not by the most direct route we are assured—and was met by the

sight pictured below. Rod can be seen among the trees on the right. Plane crash picture by Essex Chronicle. Happily both pilot and passenger survived. Pictures of police operations on page two by Andy Fenton.

## Now he's just an old fluffy pet



Now performing the arduous duty of family pet, 10-year-old Sabre lives with Len Terry at Orsett. Sabre and Len trained at the Metro Dog School in 1962 and were later stationed at Clacton and then Grays. Sabre's last duty before his retirement earlier this year was on Southend sea front for

the Bank Holiday bootlace eating festivities.

Sabre was involved in over 100 arrests and was commended in 1965 by Chelmsford Magistrates for his assistance in breaking up a near riot. Now he's just a pet and Len Terry took part in this year's trials with his new dog Jago.



## Pay talks again postponed

WHEN the meeting on police pay takes place today (30th) the reply by the Official Side ought to make good reading. Twice they have asked for a postponement in order to prepare their answer to the claim submitted by the Staff Side for pay increases of approximately 35 per cent.

Meanwhile back at the Nick coppers try to be philosophical about it even poetical at times as this contribution from Colchester C.I.D. shows — or is there an undertone of cynicism there?

### COPPERS' LAMENT

My old man's a dustman he earns much more than me,  
Working until five o'clock while I work on till three.  
He's just had a pay rise which gives him thirty quid,  
We have asked for thirty five but ten per cent they've bid.  
So if you think a dustman is worth much more than me,  
I will work from nine to five and he can work till three.

### SOUTHEND POLICE DIVISIONS JOINT RECREATION CLUB

THE Holiday Fund for 1971 will commence on January 15. Application forms have been forwarded to every D.H.Q. and these should be completed and returned to the Secretary, Police Station, Southend-on-Sea, by not later than Friday, December 18, 1970. All existing participants must complete a new application form for 1971.

Subscriptions can be 10s. or a multiple of 10s. per month and are deducted from salaries at source. The amount of the subscription cannot be altered during the year.

Three-fourths of a member's yearly entitlement may be drawn out, on application, between April 1 and September 30. The remaining one-fourth will be paid in December, without application.

Withdrawal cheques may be encashed at any branch of the London Trustee Savings Bank within the combined force area.

## Police Dependants' Trust

by the  
Chief Constable

I AM sure every member of the Force will be glad to hear that the Cocktail Party at Headquarters and the raffle run by the Harlow Division succeeded in raising, together, £3,047 for the Police Dependants' Trust. This is a very fair return and greater than we had expected originally. A lot of people put in a great deal of hard work and I would like to thank everybody who helped to make such a success of the occasion.

I think perhaps this is a good time to say something about the Fund in general. Those of you who were serving at the time will remember that after three Metropolitan Police Officers were shot at Shepherd's Bush in 1966 a Trust Fund was started by Lord Stonham, who was then at the Home Office. The principal donation was made by an anonymous donor and was of £100,000. Other members of the public and Police Officers responded and soon the Fund reached nearly £300,000.

In the first months after the establishment of the Trust Fund some 2,000 claims were made on it and it was soon apparent that the income from the Fund as it then stood would not be sufficient to meet the demands upon it. Early in 1968 an appeal was made by Lord Stonham to enable the Fund to reach £1,000,000. The public and the Service have responded well but, because of the demands on the Fund, it is



necessary to apply part of the money received as donations to current expenditure on grants. In 1969 the income to the Fund from investments was £22,540 1s. 2d., and all sources was £155,191 7s. 2d. Of this £58,574 was applied to grants; less than £3,000 to administration and expenses in connection with the various appeals; £3,000 to the organisation of one particular event which was, in fact, matched by an anonymous donation to

cover precisely that amount; leaving a surplus of £90,571 8s. 2d. to build up the Fund, which at the end of 1969 stood at £448,969 15s. 3d.

As far as this Force is concerned, in 1967 former members of the Force or their dependants who were eligible for grants received £400, in 1968 those eligible received £900 and in 1969, £1,165. This is, per head of establishment, slightly above the national average.

This Force has raised over £19,000 including £2,724 raised by the Southend Appeals Committee. At present 72 per cent of the members of the Force are making a monthly donation of 1s. 1d. and I hope this will continue.

The present overall expenditure of the Fund by way of grants is more than can be met out of the income of the Trust Fund. I am assured by Lord Stonham that this Force has made far more than an average contribution to the Fund and while some Forces have done less, others have done more. I hope that everyone in the Force and those outside it who are aware of our needs will continue to support the Fund.

# Daisy gets a scroll from the tea set



On October 2 Mrs. Daisy Thompson retired after "doing" Tilbury Police Station for 21 years. Daisy, 74 years young, was presented with a wall clock by Chief Inspector John Drage to mark "her remarkable record of loyal service." She would always be remembered, he went on, for the cheerful way she carried out her work, by the many officers who

have served at Tilbury during the last 21 years. In addition to the clock a scroll had been prepared for presentation to Daisy from the "Tea Cup and Broomhandle Unlimited & Co" an organisation to which everyone at the Nick, police and civilian, seemed to belong if the names inscribed on the scroll are any guide.

Verses on a theme inspired by H.Q. driving school or Ode to Bernie.

By Dave Metcalf

Three weeks, they said, for you. A Noddy course at H.Q. The delights of a bike You surely will like, It's all the same if you don't.

There's Keith, Tony and me, Plus brave Bernie. When it snowed, We read the Highway Code, Knew it by heart.

At last out we went, Into danger sent. Follow me, he said Down country lanes he lead. Quiet they are, but mucky.

Too shallow in the bend, Gear changes offend. Sloppy signals, Bernie palls. Heart to heart talks.

What happened back there? What bend, what lorry, where? It's the fog on me goggles, Me nose runs, eyes boggle. How much longer.

M.O.T. passed, We're all aghast. It's only half way, Another week to slay. I'm off home tonight.

It's ended alright, With not too much fright. For Keith, Tony and me. Our dust you'll not see. Bernie's still there.

## Do you know your law?

1. If a Constable suspects a person to be in possession of a Section 1 firearm, he can demand the production of a certificate. If such a person fails to produce the certificate, or allow it to be read, or fails to prove that he is exempt, the Constable may:

- Seize the firearm.
- Demand the person's name and address only.
- Seize the firearm and demand the person's name and address.
- Arrest him.
- Convey him to a police station.

2. A notice of intended prosecution is not required for an offence of failing to observe:

- Traffic light signals.
- No entry signs.
- Continuous double white lines.
- School crossing patrol signs.
- Give way signs.

LAST month's question on "going equipped for stealing" has caused some confusion. Because the answer given showed that this is not an "arrestable offence" some people seem to have jumped to the conclusion that it is a crime for which there is no power of arrest. These are two different things; an "arrestable offence" is one carrying five years or more imprisonment; the power of arrest for "going equipped" is provided by the Theft Act.

These are catch questions. You have to read them carefully. If you read them carelessly you will confuse yourselves — but then, that is true of everything else we read.

We are most gratified to learn, through many phone calls, how many people read this column.

### He must be joking

Recently delivered to a police house in Chelmsford an official envelope bore "OHMS" and the wrong address. The code was right but the street was wrong and the letter had gone to the wrong street because presumably postmen don't read the code anyway.

Various notes, of the "try here, try there," variety were written on the envelope which eventually led it to the right letter box.

With trembling fingers the recipient opened it up to find a letter from no less a person than the Head Postmaster asking for 5/- to continue redirecting mail for the next 12 months. He must be joking!

## BAND CONCERT

ON THURSDAY, 8th October, 1970, on the dot of 8 p.m., the T.A.V.R. Centre at Eastwood Road, Leigh-on-Sea, was filled with the sound of the opening fanfare and National Anthem. Seated in the hall were approximately 60 members of the Essex Police Band and the Grange Band of Harwich.

The programme consisted of massed band items and commenced with a good rousing start when Mr. R. W. Wringe, Bandmaster of the Grange Band, conducted the bands in a Paso Doble entitled "Amparito Rocco." This was followed by marches, selections, a suite and music from the shows. The conducting of these items was shared by both Mr. Wringe and Mr. W. Mann, Bandmaster of the Essex Police Band.

Mr. S. Swanwick, A.R.C.M., the newly-appointed Musical Director of the Essex Police Band, took the rostrum on one occasion in each half of the programme and conducted the massed bands in the Overture Lustspiel and the 1st Movement of Schubert's Unfinished Symphony. His comments, both serious and humorous, regarding the later item, were well received and appreciated by an excellent audience.

The solo items of the evening were, in the first half, from the Grange Band trombone soloist, Mr. Irwin Searle, with his very fine rendering of "The Firefly." In the second half the Essex Police Band's euphonium soloist, Mr. Harold Hull, excelled himself with his rendering of "My Old Kentucky Home."

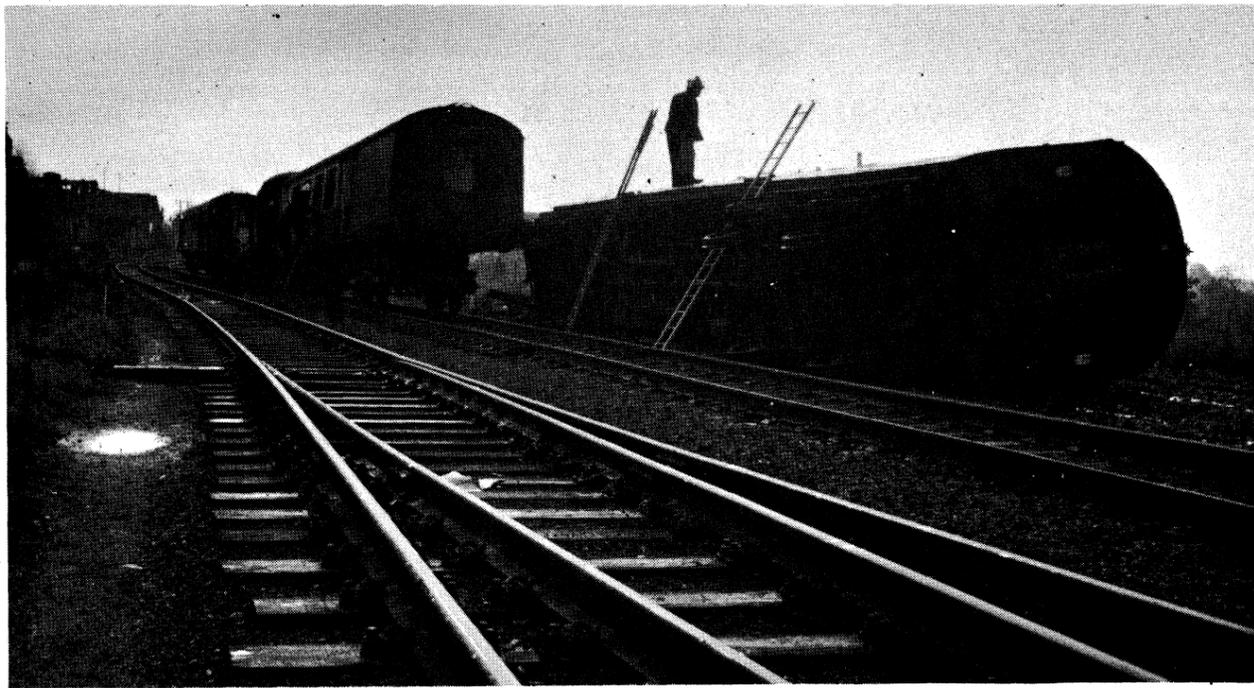
Excellent singing was provided by the Suffolk Police Male Voice Choir, who were conducted by their Musical Director, Mr. Colin Edgar. They thrilled the audience with fine singing of numbers from show music, negro spirituals, excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan and also traditional music.

The concert was brought to a moving conclusion with both the bands and choir uniting for verses of the hymn Now The Day Is Over with instrumental accompaniment from both bands and strains of The Last Post by the Grange Band cornet soloist, played on the balcony.

The evening's proceedings were in the very capable hands of compere Alan Woods. His comments between items were appreciated by a very attentive audience and showed signs of extensive research into the programme.

Appreciation must also be expressed to Chief Insp. John Clark, of the Laindon Traffic Garage, for the first-class arrangements for the evening.

## BRAINTREE RAILCRASH EXERCISE



ON SUNDAY, November 15, a railway crash was set up in Braintree sidings and at 10.00 a.m. the alarm was raised and emergency services, among them the police, swung into action. The general

scene, above, shows early action before the arrival of main rescue parties. But not all the action takes place on the rails. At H.Q. the casualty bureau, manned by policewomen and cadets, gets into gear with Sgt. Jo Collins assisting. Below, right, the general scene

in the casualty station at Braintree with police and welfare services coping with the casualties, provided by youth organisations in the area. The verdict, many valuable lessons were learned.



# PORTRAIT

THIS column goes outside the Force again this month to look at one of the boys of the old brigade. And who better than a chap who won his fame as far back as 1916 in the remote Essex village of Wigborough.

## Zeppelin Smith (Ex P. s. Charles Smith)

VARIOUS papers and magazines, among them the Essex and Southend Police Magazine, have dealt with the incident of the crashed Zeppelin, L.33, which came down at Wigborough in September, 1916, and the part played by Constable Smith who arrested the crew.

The trouble is that none of these publications seemed to get the story right, so Charlie Smith has now written down the story as far as it concerned him.

We called to see him at the bungalow in Ongar which was built for him ready to move into on his retirement in 1932. We remarked that he had certainly had his money's worth out of the pension fund in 38 years. "Yes" replied he with a rueful laugh, "but they haven't paid me for all the overtime yet."

He went on to tell of his duties in Harwich where he was a sergeant in World War I, when he would come off night duty at 6 a.m. and be called out for an air raid at 7 a.m. And even later in his service as the Sergeant at Warley he would often



How to be an octogenarian without really trying. Ex-P.s. Smith relaxes with a book in his favourite arm chair.

work all day on his own manor only to be called in to cover Brentwood through the night.

Charles Smith was born in 1882 at Broxted and lived in one of an old pair of farm cottages where the rent was £4 per annum—for the two. The pair recently changed hands at £7,000.

I WAS P.c. 354 Smith stationed at Peldon, near Mersea, referred to in Force Order 130 dated 24th September, 1916, and was on duty in the village at 1.20 a.m. on that date when the L.33 was fired by the crew. The explosion was terrific. The Zeppelin was

behind a wood from my line of vision. I went to the Post Office and telephoned an address in London according to instructions received from H.Q.

I was awaiting my call to H.Q. when I marched Police Sergeant Edwards, accompanied by the Commander of the Zeppelin. Sergeant Edwards was stationed at Hatfield Broad Oak in this County, and at the time was on leave at his wife's home situated about a quarter of a mile west from where the L.33 landed. The crew passed this cottage about 25 yards from the road. Sergeant Edwards said to me "This is the Commander of the Zeppelin which has come to ground, Smithy."

I said, "What are you going to do with them Sergeant, you know what our instructions are, to take charge of them and hand them over to the Military Authorities."

The Commander then said, "Can I use the telephone, Constable?"

I said, "Who are you Sir?" He replied, "I am the commander of that Zeppelin."

I said, "You certainly won't use this telephone." No reference was made at the time to who he wished to telephone to, neither were any notes made by me at the time. I said to the commander, "My instructions are to take charge of you and hand you over to the Military Authorities, are you prepared to come with me?"

He replied, "I'll come with you Constable." I said to him, "Where are your crew?" He replied, "Outside."

I said, "Are you sure all of them?"

He replied, "Yes." I went outside the Post Office and called out "All Special Constables that are here form a circle round this crew. I will take the lead." Sergeant Edwards said, "I will follow behind, Smithy."



A conducted tour of Charlie Smith's neat front garden where every plant was produced from seed on the premises. The editor's form is included in this picture to reassure the cynics that we really do go out and about for these stories and don't just make it all up.

A special constable was in front with me but I cannot recall his name. I marched this crew on towards Mersea, and met an Officer in charge of a company of soldiers. I stopped and asked if he would take charge of the prisoners.

He replied, "No constable, I am going on to the wreck. You will meet Colonel Obey on Mersea Strood."

I went to the Strood where I met Colonel Obey. I said to him, "Are you taking charge of these German prisoners from the Zeppelin?" He said, "How many are there Constable?"

I said, "I don't know, Sir, with your permission I will count them for my own information." I did this and told him twenty-two.

He replied, "Have you searched them Constable?" I said, "No, I am afraid that is a tall order for one man to search twenty-two, I'm not armed." I turned to the special

He presented himself at H.Q. in 1907 as a candidate for the Force having taken a day off from Elsenham Hall where he had worked as a gardener for 10 years. By now he was married—unusual for a recruit in those days.

He got the job and started at once, in due course finding himself stationed at Southend, then as now happily nestling in the bosom of the county.

There he stayed until 1914 when Southend declared U.D.I. and Constable Smith removed to Peldon. He remained there two years until visited by the Zeppelin which was instrumental in his promotion and removal to Harwich.

### Everything comes to those who wait

Three years of Harwich in wartime was enough and in 1919 Charlie Smith moved on to the rural peace of Kelvedon. Not so peaceful for Charlie though because one dark night a speeding car ran into the back of his bike, putting him on the sick list for 3 months, "I've got the scar on my head now" he said, "but I bided my time and got him later for no lights."

Following his accident, in 1923, he spent five years at Halstead then moving on to Warley, a garrison town then with the Depot of the Essex Regiment on the hill. "Heaven to hell" is his description of this move.

While there he had another accident, a motor cycle crash this time on the newly built Southend arterial—only one lane from Plough Corner onwards in those days but still carrying 3,000 vehicles an hour at the weekend.

In 1932 after bouts of flu and bronchitis the doctor advised him to retire on a reduced pension. "He told me I wouldn't regret it," Charlie told us and you can see he was right. A more spritely 88-year-old would be hard to find.

## What really happened that night in 1916

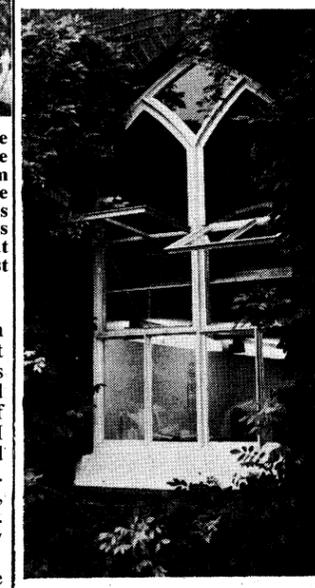
AS A follow up to last month's feature on building works around the county we show what happened to Colchester's assembly hall and parade room where in the good old days we used to line up to be detailed off to cover three beats each—we seemed to be short of men even then, or to sit down to sweat it out on promotion exams.

## Tall men duck at Colchester

At Colchester the large hall at the rear of the Station had to be divided up to provide more office space. But not only vertically, horizontally as well. This has meant that anyone very tall would knock his head in the upper room if he did not carefully avoid the beams, but as everyone knows tall men don't join the police. Cadet Alison Grange is 5ft. 6in. tall and can reach the beam easily.



But the ventilation system really takes the biscuit as the new floor comes half way up the transom windows so that in hot weather either the upper chamber must be like an oven or all the papers in the offices below are blown about. Still, soon Colchester will have a nice new Station, a glass palace—but with no creeper on the wall.



constable who was with me and said, "Where is Sergeant Edwards?"

He replied, "He left you when we left the Post Office." So neither Special Constable Nicholls or Sergeant Edwards accompanied me as previously reported in the past.

During the Sunday morning the Chief Constable, Captain Unett, visited me at Little Wigborough. He said, "Now, tell me about this affair this morning." I told him as stated

## The ghost by Epping Nick

By S. M. Leverett.

BESIDE Epping Police Station is the old 17th century coaching inn, the Cock, now incorporated into the Epping Forest Motel. Over the past 100 years it has been regularly used as an hotel by travellers to and from London en route from East Anglia and the East Coast.

Whether the reader believes in ghosts or not the following should not be dismissed lightly for, as will be seen, the witnesses are independent and responsible people.

Before the Motel extension was built the parts of the old inn which are now staff quarters were reserved for guests. There is one room situated at the far end of this old part, which is adjacent to the Police Station building, and many guests have refused to sleep there because of the apparent lack of heating in the room and because of the disturbance by rats.

Nowadays all the old part of the building is set aside for staff. At Christmas time last year, the resident house-keeper was awakened by the sound of tapping on her bedroom window, which faces out on to the High Street, the main London to Newmarket road. She thought this was caused by the branches of trees in front of the building but when she looked in the morning she saw that they had been pruned some time previously. A couple of days later she was awakened again by the same sound. She ventured out into the corridor of the old inn and was surprised to see one of a pair of heavy wooden doors swinging to as if someone had just passed through. She assumed this to be the night porter but when she opened these doors she saw what she thought, in the yellow street-lighting, was tobacco smoke drifting away down the corridor. The night porter was found to be cleaning out the main lounge at that time.

### Tapping

When interviewed, the night porter said that he has also heard tapping sounds outside the Motel and upon investigation has found nothing. Once at 1 a.m. he and the head barman, himself a sensible man, were passing from the saloon bar to the main reception area, having to pass under the old inn, and they saw a pair of doors swing open of their own accord (there was no wind that night of any strength), and as this happened both felt a definite chill in the air, even though, on this occasion, it was late spring.

Finally, a Spanish member of the staff had come down from his room from the old part of the inn in the past screaming and complaining of "shapes," "noises" and doors opening.

Perhaps this is why various occupants of the cells in Epping Station have complained of the very cold conditions of the place, even though it is mid-summer. These cells are right next to the old part of the inn. Matter for thought?

Enquiries show that at the turn of the century, a chamber maid was murdered in this old part of the inn — just coincidence or what . . . ?

above. I told him that the Colonel had asked me if I had searched them and that I told him that I thought it was rather a tall order for one man.

He said, "I should think not indeed. You did perfectly right. I am very pleased with you and shall do all I can for you." I thanked him very much.

Later that day Supt. Cowell showed me Force Order 130 dated 24.9.1916. That was a surprise.

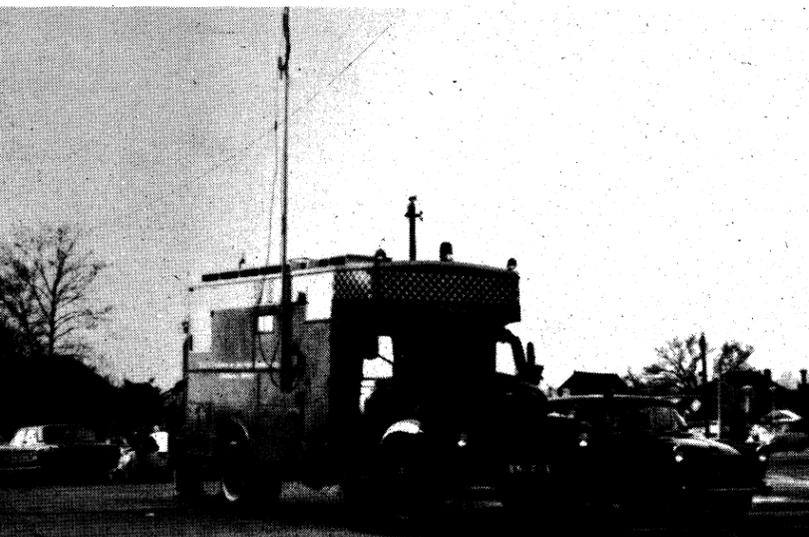
## Wotsit

Viewed from an unusual angle this month's Wotsit is once again the work of Peter Bayley of the Cadet School.





The pride of the driving school fleet, the new 2.8 XJ6 Automatic Jaguar, capable of 100 m.p.h., which it rarely gets the chance to do. Do not believe stories about instructors with prayer mats in front of it each morning.



The major incident vehicle based at H.Q. and under the control of the Superintendent, Communications, looks rather like a circus traction engine with its diced square top, masts, blue lights front and rear and generally ponderous appearance. It is pictured here in action recently at Braintree.



The Mini Cooper S of which we have seven attached to Traffic Division of a most odd appearance not unlike a travelling lighthouse, with its coloured stripes, roof lamps, large occupants, stock of equipment and blue lamp of which it is laughingly said that if you switch on the revolving flashing light on a wet road the car will go round.



The shape of things to come? The Range Rover out on trial.

# The men behind the

DURING November our fleet grew to three vessels when the Force took delivery of the launch "Watchful." The new boat is pictured below and its specifications are listed. We take this opportunity of featuring the other "fleet," whose only time afloat comes with a bit of aquaplaning on the skid pan, the traffic fleet. The Force now has 483 vehicles authorised, plus one 4-wheel-drive experimental vehicle on trial, minus a small number not yet delivered.



Chief Inspector Cliff Hicks in charge of the driving school. Chief Superintendent Smith, T...

# Watchful



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Left: "Alert" can be operational from August, 1967, based on the water. It is 20ft long and can do 15 knots.

Right: "Vigilant" on launch has been in the Force for 10 years now. It is on Tilbury Stage and patrolling the Thames.

Under the category of miscellaneous, the Force has 18 vehicles. One is the built-to-order cadet school bus, used for running cadets about to and from college and on sporting or educational trips. It has an operational commitment to seaside disturbances and disaster emergencies also. The bus will seat 26, with a certain amount of room for equipment.

# Behind



Mr. C. H. Waller, ACC(O)

# motor fleet



Sergeant Des Biggs in charge of HQ Garage and Workshop.

Of these 74 are pandas of various sorts, 53 general duty vehicles, 37 area cars or incident vehicles, 46 driving school vehicles, 88 beat motor cycles, and 71 C.I.D. vehicles. Traffic Division have 80 vehicles plus the experimental car, there are 16 personnel carriers, mainly transits, and 18 vehicles falling into the miscellaneous category. This page is too small to picture every type of vehicle used by the Force and only a selection is shown. The Cortina GT cars are to be phased out to be replaced by the Victor 3.3 police car, in due course.



And in case you wonder what happens when any of the other 483 vehicles breaks down, we picture the recovery section vehicle on its launching pad all

ready to go. The long wheelbase land rover with low trailer can bring in most of the vehicle fleet, only the biggest, like the bus, need other means of recovery.

# s launched



The T.S.V. Watchful, handed over to the Force this month by the builders, David Cheverton (Design) Ltd., of Cowes, is 27ft. long with a 9ft. beam. The vessel has a glassfibre heavy duty hull and is propelled by two Perkins diesels of 62 h.p. giving a maximum speed of 16 knots. One of the advantages of this boat is its great manoeuvrability, being able to turn almost in its own length at high speed.



On the left the BMW 250 cc beat patrol motor cycle, now out of production. The traffic

patrol bikes, Triumph 650 cc, on the right, are soon to be replaced by Nortons.

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A welcome sight on a cold and frosty morning, and they all seem to be cold and frosty where outside operations are concerned, is the canteen, also miscellaneous and based at H.Q. The main problem is actually getting it on to the road at short notice, but once there, the hot tea is like manna from heaven.



Sergeant Ken Blight, cap-



No apologies for printing what you might term this "transport country style" for a second time—it appeared in

slightly smartened up cycle belonging to an unfortunate who had lost his permit. And with those dread words we

## EDIVIEWS

During the current month, election of Federation representatives for the next 12 months will take place. Nominations have closed. Where candidates have been returned unopposed it is to be hoped that this is a sign of good service on their part rather than apathy on the part of the electors.

But where there is to be an election let all the electors concerned at least give the winner the confidence of being put in by a majority of the electorate.

We recall a ballot a little time ago in a division close on 400 strong, where the constables' rep. was returned by seven votes to five. Only seven took the trouble to vote against the man they did not want, while the rest perhaps sat in the canteen, muttering into their tea that the Federation never did anything anyway.

Only a strong Federation can get things done. And they do get things done — quietly and without the fuss attending their periodic visits to the pay-talk tilting yard. Police Review dated November 13, carried an article entitled "All correct, Sergeant." It wasn't about the Federation and beat no drum for it but listed many of its achievements over the years. It made good reading.



## Food for thought

Dear Sir,

Owen Davies' letter in the November edition of "The Law" and the Editor's comments provide much food for thought. Surely the choice of travelling to and from work in uniform should be a personal matter. As for this counting as duty time what about the practice at many stations of expecting an officer to parade for duty fifteen minutes before he is due to commence work?

It pays to advertise or so we are led to believe. What better advertisement can the service have than an officer, whether he/she be a probationer or one of the higher ranks, going about in full uniform?

Somehow I don't think the pay rise he is big or little will make any great change to our manpower shortage. Like many other professions it is the conditions of work that are the real cause of the discontent.

G. W. DARBY  
P.c. 499

Like having to travel to and fro in uniform as an advertise-

ment, for instance. But we are basically in agreement, Mr. Darby, and pleased to have given food for thought.—Ed.

## Caught

Dear Sir,

With reference to the article "Do you know your law?" in the November issue of the "Law."

You certainly had officers at this station guessing about question 1—Going equipped for stealing is an arrestable offence—True or false? (Obviously a catch question.)

Although your answer is correct, one is left with the impression that there is no power of arrest for this offence.

Section 25 (4) Theft Act 1968 gives a specific Power of Arrest.

In your next issue perhaps you would consider moving up your headings so as to read "HOWLERS."

Yours faithfully,

D. L. CONNER, DC 471  
M. W. GRAINGER, PS 280

Of course it was a "catch question" and who was caught? Those who don't know their law, perhaps. If these same people have been left with the impression you mention, it is probably for the same reason. But you have quoted "chapter and verse" so now they know.—Editor.

## Don't lose heart

Dear Sir,

It's been a funny sort of day. When I got up this morning and saw the daily paper there, on the front page, was a large photograph of a police officer who had suffered severe facial injuries and, it was stated at one time was in danger of

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OFFICER.



losing one eye. These injuries were inflicted by a youth who had assaulted the officer and been sent to Borstal.

Later in the day I took a youth across to court who had been arrested on warrant for failing to pay £39 to a shopkeeper for a Compensation Order which the court had made when the youth appeared on charges of assault, shop-breaking, and wilful damage.

So there we stood in the dock; I thought the photo, which I knew was in the other papers might have reached their Worships. The youth, I might add, had the usual uniform of 15-inch long hair and jeans. The Clerk of the Court put the reason for his arrest to him, and then the magistrate calls our dear little delinquent "Sir."

Like I said, it's been a funny sort of day.

D. S. HURRELL  
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## Injustice

THIS letter, addressed to the "Clerk to the Injustices" was received at Clacton Police Station as a result of their new fixed penalty scheme.

DEAR ADOLF SIR,

It was with great pleasure and excitement that I opened with trembling fingers your beautiful little parcel, with such a sweetly worded message: It was so considerate; you should not have.

I was so overcome by emotion after your little gesture that I feel compelled to make a small but I hope worthwhile, donation to the "persecute and victimise the motorist, and boost traffic warden 58's wages fund."

I shall be very hurt if you refuse. Please find enclosed the polythene bag with which you enclosed your season's greetings

to me. I hope, in fact, I know you will have little difficulty in putting the bag to further use to perpetuate your charming little free gift organisation through some other unsuspecting, tax battered, motorist.

I must close now but once again I thank you and in particular traffic warden 58 for your immense generosity and goodwill. I remain the Government's obedient, and main source of revenue.

Yours (thank God you're not mine),  
for as long as I'm one of Britain's car owners.

SIGNATURE  
At least it wasn't the gas chamber.

P.S. Look out for traffic wardens in West Avenue, Clacton.

P.P.S. Look out for Clacton. P.P.P.S. Just look out for traffic wardens.

Merry Christmas your Worship.

# SPORT

It is pleasant now that the weather is cold and wet to cast the mind back to those warm, wet days of the cricket season, with this account by Denys Flint of the divisional cricket final, an all-Southend affair.

## CRICKET FINAL AN ALL-SOUTHEND AFFAIR THIS YEAR

THE final of the Divisional Cup was played at Chalkwell Park, Westcliff, on Thursday, 17th September, between Southend 'H' and 'J' Divisions the members of which normally play together in the Joint Divisions Recreation Club teams, so strength and weakness were known in advance.

A week of rain prior to the game left the pitch soggy but sunshine and breeze in the morning allowed a prompt start.

A sad note was struck at the start by the players standing in silence for a minute in memory of Mr. Patrick "Pop" Gibson whose funeral had taken place the previous day after his sudden death the previous week. "Pop" had supported both the cricket and football sections regularly through good and bad times for many years and his presence will be missed by all. His widow attended the match.

Roger Culham captaining 'J' won the toss and elected to bat. Dennis Smith and Dave Hudson made a slow start against the bowling of Bill Saunders (capt., 'H') and John Croot. After putting on 22 Dave was well caught by John off the bowling of Alan Newton brought on by Bill Saunders to replace himself. Roger joined Dennis and they took the score to 38 whereupon John Croot caught and bowled Dennis for 22. Fred Nicholls joined Roger and they pushed the score along to 79 before Roger (26) was well caught at deep mid-wicket by Brian Pallant off the bowling of Brian Arnell brought on as a "shock" bowler. The tactics succeeded! Unfortunately for 'H' in the meantime they had lost the services of Ken Ross their opening bat who in trying to catch a hard drive by Roger dislocated

a finger. Len Wright (17) joined the contest and despite the departure of Fred Nicholls (24) to a fine catch again by John Croot off Bill Saunders the score was taken to 118 for five wickets in two hours batting with the able assistance of John Johnson and Peter Rouse.

The limitations of the 'H' bowling were exposed and it was obvious that they could not remove the 'J' batsmen before they reached a reasonable total. John Croot with two wickets for 36 runs, three catches (one off his own bowling) and some lively, keen fielding, contributed most towards keeping the runs down to a degree. It was, however, not an impossible task for the 'H' batsmen, as on paper their batting line-up, even taking into account the absence of Ken Ross was fairly formidable.

## Quick wicket

'H' started with John Croot, Peter Donovan and high hopes! After only 12 runs were on the board Peter mistimed and gave

John Johnson a return catch. After he had struggled to get started for 10 minutes Denys Flint was clean bowled by John. Brian Arnell battled along and was just getting going when he was dismissed by a fine catch by Len Wright off Roger Culham, and Ted Tearrell went to the same bowler shortly after with another fine catch, this time by Dennis Smith. Dave Mead joined John who was still batting sensibly trying to hold his team together and for a while the heavens smiled on 'H'. Dave and John took the score to 65 whereupon John fell to a splendid catch by Len Wright off Roger.

## Tail collapses

Only one run later Dave went to a catch by Roger off John Johnson and the tail quickly folded for 'H' to be all out for 71. Roger and John showed why they are the main-

## J beat H by 47 runs

stay of the Force Team attack taking 3 for 36 and 6 for 24 respectively.

The cup was presented to worthy winners by Mr. Alston (DCC) and with remarkable promptitude Chief Supt. Jack Crickitt filled it to slake the victors' thirsts. Many senior officers of both divisions attended.

## Combined team's good summer

Footnotes to the season: the combined H/J team played 30 games, won 19, drew 6, lost 5, scored 3,022 runs for 205 wickets. Opponents scored 2,257 runs for 206 wickets. The club again won the Premier Division of the Southend & District Evening League, losing only one game of 14 played, and also won a 7-a-side competition at Rayleigh. Individual club trophies were won by John Croot, batting; John Johnson, bowling; and Roger Culham, best all-rounder.

## Athletes' good season

WITH new records and new events, last season was our most successful for some years. Not only the peaks of performance but the general standard went up. Jointly winning the Regional championship gave us a great boost too and next years promises to be even better.

Best marks of the season together with force records are shown below in the events in which we compete on track and field.

Event	Mark	Athlete	Date	Place
100 M	Rec 10.0s (yds)	M. Flynn	9.7.64	Colchester
	B.S. 11.2s	M. Jackson	11.7.70	Preston
200 M	Rec 22.9s	M. Jackson	29.8.68	Norwich
	B.S. 23.3s	M. Jackson	22.7.70	Chelmsford
400 M	Rec 53.9s (yds)	C. Adams	23.8.67	Norwich
	B.S. 54.7s	G. Egerton	10.6.70	Brighton
800 M	Rec 1m 55.6s (yds)	W. Cornell	18.7.59	Brighton
	B.S. 2m 0.8s	A. Down	16.5.70	Hornchurch
1500 M	4m 10.1s	A. Down	16.5.70	Hornchurch
	10m 27s	M. Barlow	7.5.70	Hornchurch
3000 M	Rec 11m 6s	G. Fuller	18.7.64	Southend
	B.S. 11m 53.8s	R. Hammond	27.5.70	Chelmsford
5000 M	16m 24s	A. Down	11.7.70	Preston
	Rec 3m 50s (mile)	J. Hedgethorpe	22.7.61	Manchester
1600 M RLY		A. Armstrong		
		A. Garrard		
400 M RLY	B.S. 3m 55.4s	H. Goodway	11.7.70	Preston
		M. Barlow		
400 M RLY	Rec 46.5s	M. Jackson	23.8.67	Norwich
		A. Down		
400 M RLY	B.S. 48.5s	J. Brown	10.6.70	Brighton
		T. Simmonds		
Long Jump	20ft. 3in.	C. Hance	11.7.70	Preston
	41ft. 7in.	G. Egerton	10.6.70	Brighton
Triple Jump	Rec 5ft. 7½in.	A. Armstrong	8.6.67	Chelmsford
	B.S. 5ft. 0½in.	D. Taplin	27.5.70	Chelmsford
High Jump	8ft. 3in.	M. Barlow	10.6.70	Brighton
	Rec 36ft. 11½in.	J. Sutton	8.7.65	Colchester
Pole Vault	B.S. 35ft. 4½in.	A. Wallace	27.5.70	Chelmsford
	Rec 105ft. 5½in.	J. Wyllie	5.6.69	Chelmsford
Shot Putt	B.S. 104ft. 2½in.	A. Wallace	10.6.70	Brighton
	Rec 183ft. 3in.	A. Wallace	28.4.68	Grays
Discus	B.S. 180ft. 9in.	A. Wallace	10.6.70	Brighton
	7m 1.6s	R. Hammond	22.7.70	Chelmsford
Javelin	14m 35.2s	J. Hedgethorpe	10.6.70	Brighton

## WOMEN

100 M	Rec 12.4s	M. Cast	6.6.68	Chelmsford
	B.S. 15.8s	L. Grimwade	10.6.70	Brighton
200 M	32.7s	L. Grimwade	27.5.70	Chelmsford
	59.8s	L. Grimwade	10.6.70	Brighton
400 M RLY		P. Mace		
		M. Kidd		
Long Jump	Rec 16ft. 0in.	T. Skinner	6.6.68	Chelmsford
	B.S. 12ft. 10½in.	M. Cast	27.5.70	Chelmsford
High Jump	4ft. 0½in.	G. Dockrell	27.5.70	Chelmsford
	23ft. 10in.	M. Trollope	27.5.70	Chelmsford
Shot Javelin	55ft. 0in.	P. Cole	27.5.70	Chelmsford
		P. Mace	27.5.70	Chelmsford

# Big Ron Walking beats the clock -and the coach

WALKING smoothly, big Ron Hammond eased away from John Hedgethorpe over the last half mile to record his first win over the team captain and coach—and he had the additional satisfaction of covering 7 miles in the hour for the first time.

No excuses from John, rarely beaten by a colleague. He went flat out all the way to beat the hour himself for the first time in two years but hadn't enough left for the finish.

The scene was the high-class inter-club race combined with the Civil Service championships over the Metropolitan Police Imber Court course on November 7. Our team was crushed by powerful opposition but Keith Mann and Mike Blackwell both had a useful work-out and newcomers Brian Jones and Tim Mildinhal looked good though they went too slowly over the first half.

## Walking League

By good teamwork in the Basildon 15 Kilometre the Force scored a good second place with 140 points well ahead of Basildon (112) and Ilford (104) with only Southend (175) in front.

Against a blustery wind the distance, about 9½ miles, proved rather long for this part of the season, particularly for new boys M. Eldred and D. Hawkins whose times were creditable in the conditions.

This puts the third of the season race more firmly in third place, scores being as follows: Southend 482, Ilford 389, Police 325, Basildon 295, Woodford 265, Beagles 176, Newham 146, Thurrock 61, Leagate 49.

John Hedgethorpe advances to sixth place overall with other team members' scores standing as follows: J. Hastings 49, R. Hammond 49, K. Mann 45, M. Blackwell 41, J. Weatherly 38, M. Puttick 19, M. Eldred 16, D. Hawkins 15.

## Record six

On 11th November a team of 15 walkers, mainly cadets, lined up for a 6 mile race against Met Police, Cadets and the G.P.O.

Hammond and Hedgethorpe set about things at a furious pace with the younger walker always in front to slash over two minutes off the force record. John, despite walking two minutes faster than ever before, could not match Ron's speed over the last lap.

As an accompaniment 11 of the cadets were having a go at winning their six miles in the hour badges, a feat which everyone achieved, some in their first race, and handsomely too, as the result shows.

## Faster still

AT ENFIELD on 14th November in a downpour, big Ron really clicked to follow up his six-mile record of 3 days before with a Force 7 miles best,

## Walking

# Penalty puts paid to P.A.A. run

Essex & Southend 0 : Kent 1

IN THE Quarter Final of the P.A.A. National Challenge Cup, Kent proved to be a much fitter and direct side and narrowly beat this Force by the odd goal on November 24. It was ironical in some respects that the deciding goal was a penalty. The outstanding player of the match was without a doubt the young Bob Scott, a 16-year-old Cadet who made some brilliant saves and many times dived at the feet of the advancing forwards, making them shoot wide. Without a doubt this boy has a healthy future in football.

The first 25 minutes was a pretty even affair, the ball going from end to end. Just before half time CANNON scored what looked to be a perfectly good goal the referee awarding same but then changing his mind when he saw the Kent linesman with his flag up. This was unfortunate as the Kent linesman admitted after the match that he did not really know what he flagged for.

Not to be outdone by this, two minutes before half time LEWIS cracked in a 25-yard shot which hit the under side of the bar and instead of

## Soccer

unlucky themselves not to score on several occasions. Ten minutes into the second half our lads were perhaps unlucky too, losing Charlie CLARK with a damaged ankle. Wilkins ably substituted and without any reflection at all on this player it was he who gave away the penalty having no option but to elbow the ball away.

The Essex forward line seemed lethargic, Tony BRAGG never getting into the game, John CANNON unable to penetrate, Peter



Ron Hammond who has set Force records at 5, 6 and 7 miles during the past two months, pictured on the Battersea Park circuit, the scene of his 49m. 04s. six miles in early November.

sneaking past John Hedgethorpe's 1966 mark. His latest time, 57mins. 15secs., leaves one wondering just how fast he will go this year.

This bodes well for the whole team. Inspired by such success, others are following. Brian Jones' 64mins. 25sec. and Mike Eldred's 64.50sec. were worthwhile marks for 16-year-olds. Despite being without seniors M. Blackwell and K. Mann the scoring 4 were still inside 65 minutes, one of our best efforts for some time.

## RESULTS

15 Kilos: Basildon, 31.10.70: 11th, J. Hedgethorpe, 80m. 56s.; 14th R. Hammond, 82m. 16s.; 17th, K. Mann, 88m. 35s.; 20th, M. Blackwell, 91m. 14s.; J. Weatherly, 92m. 33s.; 23rd, J. Hastings, 93m. 30s.; 25th, M. Eldred, 95m. 34s.; 26th, D. Hawkins, 95m. 47s. Thirty completed.

Seven miles: Imber Court, 7.11.70: 26th, R. Hammond, 59m. 38s.; 28th, J. Hedgethorpe, 59m. 45th, K. Mann, 64m. 16s.; 56th, M. Blackwell, 66m. 06s.; 79th, B. Jones and T. Mildinhal, 71m. 38s. Ninety-one finished.

Six miles, Battersea Park, 11.11.70: 4th, R. Hammond, 49m. 04s. (Force record); 6th, J. Hedgethorpe, 49m. 38s.; 16th, K. Mann, 53m. 32s.; 22nd, M. Eldred, 55m. 30s.; 23rd, B. Jones, 55m. 47s.; 24th, T. Mildinhal, 56m. 16s.; 25th, L. Britt, 56m. 27s.; 26th,



Man of the match, goalkeeper Bob Scott goes for a high corner and gathers the ball. Up in support leaps Mick Lewis, right, whose long range effort in the first half almost put the Force one up.

rebounding into the goal came out, another let off for Kent. In the second half however Kent were

HUDSON having to spend a lot of time helping out the defence and Johnny RHYMES lacking service on the wing.

The penalty came 20 minutes from time and after that in spite of heavy pressure on the Kent goal we never really looked like scoring and the visitors deservedly left Essex assured of a place in the area final. We wish them luck. The penalty was con-

Friday the thirteenth ran true to form for the Form 'B' team who had to take a thrashing from Kent at the Cadet School.

The team, policemen bolstered up by two of the cadet team, never got going, never mastered the bigger, faster opposition and failed to score until the last three minutes when two goals made the result a little more respectable.

Kent started nervously, missing their first half-dozen shots but settled down to lead 7-0 and 12-0 after two quarters. The two cadets who were substituted on at this stage were both playing out of position and made little impact, and the Force shooters were disturbed by the new blocking rule which enforces a quick shot at goal.

In the last quarter some good play came from both sides and the two Force shooters got one each.

Due to the luck of the draw the cadet team playing as Force 'A' went out to Metro last month. For reports of their recent matches see Cadet Gazette, page eight.

## CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

# 8th place for Barlow

Though without Andy Down their number one, "unavoidably" detained on a probation lecture, the team got stuck in so effectively at Welwyn on 4th November that their overall score dropped only slightly.

This was due partly to the inclusion in the team of Larry Britt a first year cadet who ran himself out to finish 14th. Indeed, 100 yards from home he was 10th but the effort, over the last mile had been too much and up the steep finishing hill he had to give way. This plucky effort was only outshone by Mick Barlow's 8th place.

The course, shorter than usual at 4 miles was in Mick's favour and in his usual compact, stylish manner he was in the top dozen all the way to record his highest position yet.

The Force was represented by an all-cadet team and the lads acquitted themselves well against adult opposition, Surrey being the only Force not present. The middle of the team, on this occasion was a little below form, each man finishing a little further back than at Maidstone in October so Kent just pipped them for 4th place by 2 points.

But this was good enough to retain 4th place overall though Kent are not far behind. The race was started by Herts A.C.C. Mr. L. Sample, previously Force Training Officer at Chelmsford.

## Race result

Teams: Sussex 300, City of London 262, Herts 239, Kent 208, Essex-Southend 206, Thames Valley 169, Hants 87, Beds-Luton 63.

Individuals: 8th M. Barlow 22m 49s; 14th L. Britt 23m 33s; 25th T. Jeffs 24m 15s; 36th P. Norman 24m 58s; 37th R. Madden 25m 02s; 40th C. Whiting 25m 26s; 45th J. Weatherley 25m 43s; 50th I. Schofield 26m 25s; 65 finished.

## Long hair doesn't slow up students

THE H.Q. courses were the scene of furious activity on November 25 when both walking and running contests were held, the courses running partly parallel. In the run, 5½

minutes was won by winger CRUTTENDEN and the referee, Mr. Selwyn WHEELER, a Chelmsford man, handled the match well.

The Force however have been more successful in the Southern Counties Cup. On November 10 they went to Sussex and thrashed the opposition seven goals to one, to reach the Quarter Final in that competition — BRAGG and RHYMES scored two each, CANNON and CLARK one each and there was one own goal.

The next round is another away trip against a Metropolitan Divisional side and we can expect a hard game but I see no reason why we should not reach the final of this competition this year.

In the Olympian League we have found it hard going this month meeting the top two teams and losing narrowly to both Chadwell Heath and Billericay. The first round of the Beds. and Luton Challenge Cup is due to be played at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, December 8, and all supporters would be welcome when we entertain 'G' Division, Metropolitan.



Race winner Randall, Thames Valley.

muddy miles, the Essex University team showed that whatever they had been up to the previous day in opposition to the Fire Service they had not over-tired themselves for their encounter with the Police as they packed eight runners into the first 13 home.

Individual honours went to Randall, the Thames Valley policeman who was backed by only one colleague, Tony Collins, who was fifth. The team race therefore came down to an eight-to-score three cornered contest with the Force and Hertfordshire fighting out the minor placings.

A sound performance from Andy Down secured third place but we had to wait for Mick Barlow in 11th position for our second scorer though he was quickly followed by Richard Madden and Chris Whiting both running well. Good packing further back put us just ahead of the Herts team to take second team position.

## Result

Teams: Essex University 65, Essex/Southend Police 134, Herts Police 153.

Individual first six and Force places: 1, Randall, Thames Valley, 33m. 42s.; 2, Tebbett, University, 34m. 30s.; 3, A. Down E/S, 35m. 22s.; 4, Tunnell, University, 36m. 57s.; 5, Collins, Thames Valley, 37m. 3s.; 6, Machin, Herts, 37m. 16s.; 11, M. Barlow, E/S, 38m. 45s.; 14, R. Madden, 40m. 13s.; 15, R. Whiting, 40m. 21s.; 19, T. Jeffs, 41m. 2s.; 22, L. Britt, 43m. 08s.; 24, D. Grimshaw, 42m. 08s.; 26, G. Blois, 42m. 46s.; 28, I. Schofield, 43m. 34s.; 29, P. Norman, 43m. 58s.; 30, G. Egerton, 44m. 11s.; 33, J. Weeks, 46m. 12s.; 34, C. Govus, 50m. 30s.; 36, A. Parsons; 36 ran.

## Rugby

THIS month only two matches have been played, the remainder being cancelled—late in one case—by the opposition. The two games which went on were not happy experiences for the team.

On October 28 at Chigwell South-West Essex Tech overwhelmed the Police by 34-3, Cadet Bob Neal touching down our lone try. No excuses, the opposition was too strong on the day.

Against Metro 'K' Div on November 11 we led at half-time by 9-5 but Cox and Gibbs suffered injuries which let 'K' off the hook and they won 19-9.

Experienced players are still needed in all departments but particularly among the backs where a fly-half is the main requirement. Dave Byrne at Southend will welcome any enquiries.

## Coming Home Fixtures

December  
8 Soccer—Force v. Sixth Div.  
16 Rugby—Cadets v. Herts.  
January  
6 Cross Country—Regional championships.

# Kent win netball too



The Kent shooter goes high to beat Peg Barrett for the ball. Other Force players are Heather Fraser (second left) and Cheryl Ryan (extreme right).

# SUE SPEAKS FOR THE OTHER HALF

## Mainly for Wives

I HAVE a terrible "thing" about not throwing away any article that could conceivably be useful sometime in the future.

In fact, I am a squirrel, there is no other word for it.

I will hoard anything and everything, often, like the creatures in Beatrice Potter's story, completely forgetting where I have put my store of this or that.

Large envelopes, brown paper, pieces of thin cardboard, tokens for "offers" of which I never seem to collect enough before the closing date. The pride of this collection was a big padded envelope for sending fragile things through the post. Well that had endless possibilities — until my five-year-old decided to unpick it "to see what makes it fat and soft." But I suppose that was as good a use for it as any.

Newspapers are a big problem. We are copious readers and the newspapers soon begin to flow out of their box all over the larder floor.

Our butcher usually has a notice in his shop requesting old papers so when I can stand it no longer I clear the whole lot out and take them to him. Then his notice disappears for about a month — perhaps he doesn't want to encourage me too much!

String is useful but I don't seem to find it often. When I do I laboriously untie all the knots and roll it up neatly. The thin sort is for tying up awkward joints of meat or bunches of flowers. The children use the thick, hairy kind; I'm not sure what they do with it . . .

I keep all the empty jam jars, too. The screw top kind are fine for keeping leftovers in the fridge (that's something else I can't bear to throw away and the others are invaluable when the jam making season arrives. Indeed all my female relations know they can rely on me to supply jars for their preserves.

There is a stack of magazines from which I intend to clip recipes. Then there is an untidy heap of cut-out recipes waiting to be stuck into a book.

I have dozens of packets of photographs, too — mostly recording totally unremembered events and totally unrecognisable people.

Off-cuts of material from dressmaking and oddments of wool are also saved.

But these are frequently in demand for dolls clothes or making soft toys. Half the children in the neighbourhood know where to come on a wet Saturday afternoon when they want to make something of this kind.

Hardly a week passes when I don't find a screw on the floor. It is a complete mystery as to where they come from, a search of household equipment rarely gives the answer.

So the screws mount up in an empty cream carton on the kitchen window sill.

Now, empty cream cartons . . . The list is just endless. It includes things the children bring home from school: everything from the first scribbled "letter" to accomplished clay ashtrays.

And pebbles from the beach or river bank. We found a stone-age arrow head by the river once when searching for interesting things.

The motto could be "if it's clean and doesn't move or smell, we'll keep it."

All this collecting has to stop somewhere, of course, or we would have to move out to the shed; but in the shed there is — well, never mind.

This is probably one reason why I actually like living in a police house. I have to be firm when we get our marching orders, and all my collections are consigned to the bonfire with hardly a qualm. After all I can always start again at the next place.

# Federation News

By Stan Smith

THIS edition of "The Law" is published on the very day that our negotiators are meeting the Official Side to discuss the burning question of pay, so you must look to the national press for up to date comment. I do not intend to speculate upon the outcome of the talks, but I must reiterate the warning that the position may not be solved at an early date and we may have either to wait for some months before talking ends in an agreed settlement or some other stronger action, short of withdrawal of labour, may have to be taken.

Nothing short of a substantial increase in pay can alleviate the present chronic shortage of police officers in this Force, but even if this is forthcoming we must not stop there; for the other most compelling reason for men and women leaving the Service is because of the petty restrictions, born out of quasi-military leadership in Victorian times which have been perpetuated by a succession of senior officers in various Forces who have not learned to move with the times. To give credit where it is due, conditions in this Force have moved slightly faster than in a lot of others, and the continual shortage of manpower has probably prevented other improvements taking place, but many of the niggles which are being resented could be softened by explanation and an understanding of the situation. Senior and intermediate officers please note!



Senior and intermediate officers please note!

Where an election is necessary, ballot papers have been sent out for members to record their choice of colleague to represent them for the coming year. You have had your chance to nominate the person you consider most suitable, and it is now up to you to return the person you think will do a better job. Please don't be apathetic—it takes very little effort to put a cross on the piece of paper provided and it is all free!



After deciding in July that members of the Undermanning Sub-Committee of the Police Council should meet officers of the local Police Authority to discuss the question of the payment of the allowance to members of this Force, I hear that such a meeting is likely to take place in the near future — and about time!

Why has it taken six months for this meeting to take place? It may be that there is a valid reason—if there is, why couldn't we have been told? This is a perfect example of the things which get up our nose.

It is interesting to note that the difference in pay between a Constable with seven years service in this Force and his Metropolitan counterpart (including rent allowance) is about £6 a week. Admittedly the Met. man has to work an extra rest day, but many in this Force would welcome the chance of the extra overtime. It is small wonder that many officers in this Force are transferring.

Another fact which surprised me is that this Force is one of only five in the country who, in the past 12 months, failed to make any increase in their strength. Nearly all the other Forces are a long distance from here, so what is wrong with this particular Force? It is no good looking for a snap answer from the "head shrinker" who surveyed this Force some time ago — his report is not due out for a long time yet and one wonders if by the time it is received, conditions will not have altered so much as to render it useless.

May I please make a strong plea for members to support the idea of the new plan for welfare funds. Many have taken the attitude that they should not be dictated to over where

23-4, Policewomen 25-3, and Rainsford School 22-8. Team: P. Cole, M. Barrett, (shooters) D. Lewis, A. Grange, D. Wilson, J. Ayres, P. Mace, J. Trollope.

### Rugby

Their first encounter as a full team began well against Chelmsford Technical High School on 4th November, when cadets led by 3-0 at half-time. Slack play after the interval turned this into a 5-3 defeat. The backs never got moving and the forwards were too content to hang about the loose instead of getting stuck in.

### Football

On the 11th November the Cadet football team played Suffolk Cadets and were defeated 5-1, their first loss this season. The defence minus Egerton was unstable and consequently the Suffolk cadets found the openings they needed to give them a convincing win. Cadets only goal was scored by J. Hastings.

On the 20th November under torrential rain, the cadets met North Essex Tech. With the return of Egerton the defence was restored to full strength. The strikers played good consistent flowing football, totalling 12 goals in all. The goalscorers were: Hastings (5), Madden (2), Blois (1), Webb (1), Hirst (1), Egerton (1), Weatherley (1). Hastings is clearly the most improved player in the team.

### Basketball

Cadets went down heavily on November 16 to a Basildon team called Hobbe's Leviathan who put up a monster score of 88 while cadets scored 46. Much of the damage was done by the H.L. captain, Phil Walker, who scored 58 points. In the first quarter cadets held the opposition to 16-14, but could not afterwards contain them and were 43-20 behind at half-time. In a free-scoring final quarter 47 points were scored.

Cadet team with scores: R. Scott (24), A. Parsons (2), R. Hammond (2), N. Hirst (6), J. Hastings (4), E. Cross (2), G. Egerton (4).

We are pleased to report that the Chief Constable returned to duty on 16th November, having on no less an occasion than Friday 13th, felt well enough to risk a 'flu jab. The Law offers congratulations on a swift recovery.

The object pictured below was not the cause of Mr. Nightingale's hospitalisation but was dug up from his garden, a potato of remarkable complexity!



# SNIPS

## Billiards

Basildon gave game to Southend West (preliminary round) who now meet Grays in 1st round proper of the Billiards K.O. Competition.

## Soccer

Colchester moved towards their second successive final when, on 16th November, they overwhelmed Southend West by 7-1 in the inter-divisional knock out cup.

## Tennis

The finalists in the inter-divisional tennis competition spent so long trying to out manoeuvre each other off court—neither could field a full team on a date the other would agree to—that the weather closed in and the final must now be played next April. Finalists are Chelmsford and Colchester.

their money should be spent. This view is appreciated but in order that all the Police charities be supported in the best possible way, we consider that the new system is a must. It is essential that a substantial fund for immediate payments to widows on bereavement be built up as rapidly as possible and once things have got under way it will be possible for an assessment to be made to determine whether a reduction in subscriptions can be recommended. Remember that you will be able to elect your committee which will determine where the money goes, and I promise that I will do all that I can to see that your views are aired. Please—fill in those forms and return them as soon as possible. If you have mislaid yours, please ask your Admin for another.

In two of the most recent cases of accidents involving officers of this Force it has been found that they were not covered by the Force Group Insurance Scheme. These days one never knows who will be next to wake up in a hospital bed, and although we may be covered for death—how about a long lay-off from duty, with no overtime money coming in? The 8/8d. a month deducted from pay does at least insure you against loss of your A.R.D.s. Those of you who are not in the scheme are urged to have second thoughts and join. I will send you forms on request.

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## Wotitwos

The Wotsit was a close-up of cobble stones set around the flagstaff at the Cadet School.

## Know your law answers

Question 1 — (c)  
Question 2 — (d)

# Cadet Gazette

WITH the lowering of the age of majority to 18, young people, cadets no less than anyone else, have all sorts of rights—and obligations it should be added—upon reaching that age. It is to be hoped that this alone has not brought about the engagements reported in the caption to the picture below. All aver their belief in long engagements which is a sound sentiment at this stage of a police career.



Sporting engagements: From the right Mick Barlow and Theresa Skinner, champions respectively at pole vault (S.E. Region) and swimming (P.A.A.) and Pat Cole and Ian Debbage, members of cadet teams at netball and rugby.

The junior course recently camped at Danbury for the weekend when one of the after dark "cops and robbers" exercises led to some of them being confronted by a shotgun—not loaded as it happened, but it shows that some householders are prepared to do something about the crime wave.

Rehearsals and all the other preparations for the Christmas show for parents and senior officers are well under way. The prevailing view at the moment seems to be that it will be all right on the night.

### Table Tennis

By dint of consistent play cadets have hoisted themselves to the top of the youth league although some of the opposition has been rather half hearted. J. Weatherley has played in every match and supported by J. Hastings, N. Donkin and G. Blois only one match has been lost: YMCA 'A' beaten 10-0, Moulsham 'B' beaten 10-0, Moulsham 'A' beaten 9-1, Westlands 'A' won 6-4.

### Walking

Cadet exploits as part of the Force team are reported on page seven but special mention is due to the 11 walkers, some beginners, who won their six-miles-in-the-hour badges on 11th November. On 21st November the cadet team took second team medals in the Surrey W.C. open race at Croydon, a good effort in face

of opposition with international experience.

On November 25, Herts and Metro cadets were entertained over five miles at Chelmsford. Ron Hammond made no bones about the individual result, winning by 2½ minutes but behind him Met A and B teams picked well to win the race at six to score. Mick Eldred and Brian Jones walked well to take seventh and ninth places. Teams: Met 'A' 39; Met 'B' 72; Cadets 'A' 86; Herts 171; Cadets 'B' 185.

### Results

Croydon Open 3¼ miles: 21.11.70. R. Hammond, 30m 58s, 13th; M. Eldred, 33m 58s, 20th; B. Jones, 34m 12s, 21st; J. Shanahan, 36m 2s, 25th; D. Hawkins, 36m 4s, 26th; T. Mildinhall, 36m 30s, 28th; J. Hastings, 36m 37s, 29th. 36 started.

Chelmsford, 5 miles on 25.11.70. R. Hammond, 46m 58s (Force record), 1st; M. Eldred, 44m 36s, 7th; B. Jones, 44m 42s, 9th; T. Cole, 46m 32s, 22nd; T. Mildinhall, 46m 39s, 23rd; J. Hastings, 46m 40s, 24th; J. Shanahan, 46m 58s, 26th; D. Hawkins, 47m 5s, 28th; D. Reeve, 47m 55s, 30th; M. Grout, 48, 54s, 32nd; A. Biddle, 50m 22s, 34th; L. Weavers, 50m 22s, 35th; R. Feilding, 53m 55s, 36th; D. McGittigan, 53m 55s, 37th; 39 started.

### Netball

Four matches yielding 92 goals for and only 35 against is the girls' excellent contribution to this month's survey. Their best effort came against the unbeaten Fryerns (Basildon) Comprehensive School where they trailed 7-12 at half-time before squaring at 15-all and eventually getting their noses in front by 22-20. Other wins have been: Broomfield School