

Retirement...

... appointment

With this issue The Law enters its third year as does the Joint Force. To celebrate this we have produced the page heading we would have had in the first place given the co-operation of the College of Heralds. But these things take time. And as we enter the Year of Our Law 3, the editorial staff wish all our readers good fortune.



Mr. Kenneth Alston



Mr. Alan Goodson

It was announced during the last month that the Deputy Chief Constable, Mr. Kenneth Alston, is to retire in September. The Joint Police Authority, acting most decisively, approved a recommendation that the new Deputy Chief would be Mr. Alan Goodson, at present Assistant Chief Constable (Administration). Mr. Alston

joined the Force in 1934 and before being appointed an Assistant Chief Constable commanded successively the Clacton, Colchester and Romford Divisions. Mr. Goodson, originally a member of the Metropolitan Police, was Chief Constable of Pembroke before his appointment as Assistant Chief Constable in this Force.

North Carolina police

attached to the Force

ON A three weeks attachment to the Force to observe British police procedure are Sgt. John Turner and Patrolman Isaac Spillman, from the city of Winston — Salem, North Carolina, U.S.A. Their guide and mentor for the trip is Sgt. Phil China.

After several days based at H.Q. and living in the Cadet School, the two Americans went on to an attachment to the Colchester Division.

John Turner, a tough-looking Oklahoman with 24 years' service, is married with three daughters. After service in Traffic and Detective divisions he became a Sector Sergeant about three years ago where he is in charge of the "up-town" squad of traffic motor cycles. Motor cycle men may (or may not) care to note that they ride Harley-Davidson 74 1200's, developing 66 h.p.

Isaac Spillman, a native of Winston-Salem, married with a son and daughter, has seven years' service. He has worked in Traffic, Public Relations and Uniform Division where he drives a "one-man" car. As an ex-cadet he has

found the Cadet School an interesting place. Sgt. Turner commented: "I know I should be observing all aspects but I've had to drag myself away from this place." He found the cadet training programme most impressive and has filmed some activities.

Cadet service in Winston-Salem, a City Force 300 strong, entails work in departments similar to our own pre-1969 arrangements.

After a day at New Scotland Yard, Patrolman Spillman was surprised at the modernity of it all. "We never saw anyone

They think our Cadet scheme is wonderful

with a curly pipe, cape and deerstalker," quipped Sgt. Turner, who added that he had been greatly impressed by their communications system.

During their time at H.Q. they took time off to record an interview with Roger Parker for the hospitals broadcasting service and gave showings of their colour film of "race-riots" which shook their city in 1967.

Entitled "It can't happen here," the film gives much food for thought, particularly for us in the country who have no National Guard to call upon if things get out of hand.

John Turner's earliest impression was the sense of dedication British policemen have. He could never imagine before coming how an unarmed police force could function but having now seen the situation — and the men — he is beginning to understand.

"You just don't have the same problems," he told us, and we replied: "Thank goodness for that!"

Coppers on the Campus

A 10-DAY Easter course for 21 senior police officers is being arranged by Essex University's sociology department.

The main aim is to make available background information and ideas about society and its problems.

A university spokesman said, "Last year the police found that this contact with students gave them a general understanding of student attitudes and problems, and conversely, students found that the police were very different from some of the stereotyped views of them."

They read, they ran, they won



Orienteering, it must be pointed out for the sake of the uninformed, has nothing to do with the mystic East, though if the bones are a little old and the map reading rather rusty the whole business can be a bit of a mystery. No, orienteering is a combination of map reading and cross-country running; you work out where

you've got to go, how to get there, and then go! In Hockley Woods last month the four cadets pictured above won the County Youth Service event against opposition from all over Essex. They are, from the left, Larry Britt, Bob Neale, David Halsey and Andrew Barnes.— Picture by Essex Chronicle.

In and out

AN EX-SECURITY officer joined the Force and went off to Eynsham Hall where after only one week he resigned. When asked why he said that he had not realised that he had to learn law and definitions.

Gang mowers

Recently an applicant to transfer to this Force from one over the Welsh border wrote asking if he might be allocated a house with a garage. "In view of the fact," he wrote, "that I have three children, each with a bicycle, a lawn mower and the usual gardening implements."

I.P.A. raise cash

Colchester Section I.P.A. held a dinner dance at Copdock House Hotel on 11 February, which was highly successful and on Wednesday 10 March at the Colchester Youth House a cheque for £247.19 was presented to Alderman Mrs. Blaxill.

P.s. R. BROWNING, of Hertfordshire Constabulary, is trying to form an association of ex-members of the Field Gun Crews who have represented the Fleet Air Arm at the Royal Tournament. He writes:—

CALLING EX-FLEET AIR ARM FIELD GUNNERS

If you are an ex-Fleet Air Arm Field Gunner how about joining the newly-formed association and re-newing old friendships and supporting the crew at the tournament. You are always assured of a welcome at Earls Court if you make yourself known. The annual re-union is at Lee-on-Solent and this year is on May 21. Please write for further information to:—

R. Browning,
492 Whippendel Road,
Watford,
WD 17QJ

If you know of anybody outside your Force who could be eligible please pass this information on to them. All letters will be answered with a news-sheet and membership application.



Patrolman Isaac Spillman, left, and Sergeant John Turner, right, briefed by Supt. Peter Joslin on the layout of the town. —Picture by Colchester Evening Gazette.

New Diving van even has a kitchen sink!

YOU remember that stolen van which was bought by the Police Authority a few months back? Well, the "ugly duckling" has turned into a swan in the form of a new purpose-built Diving Section vehicle.

Sergeant Phil China had much to do with layout of the vehicle and as he knows his diving business — and likes his comfort — the van is equipped with all the crew needs to make their job if not easy then at least a little less spartan than in the past.

Our top picture shows a general view of the vehicle with two gas bottles sticking out of a hatch like torpedoes. This is for easy access from outside — more are stowed inside the van. Inside there are lockers near the door at the back for stowing the gear that gets wet and the floor of this part of the van is galvanised.

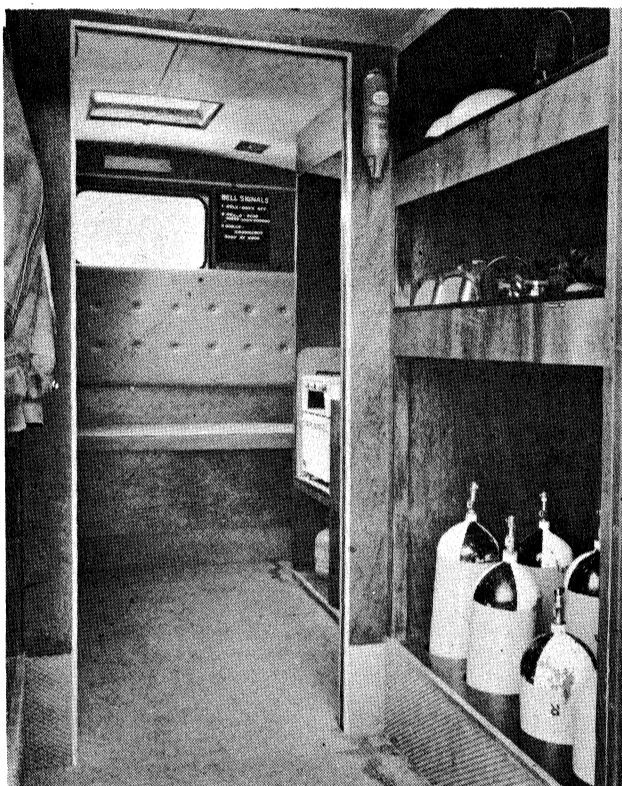
For'ard of this area (one must use the right terms) is a door set in a bulkhead beyond



which are the crew's personal lockers, other stowage lockers, a sink, cooker and working surface, and seats for five persons.

Phil China's comment: "At last we've got the proper equipment for the job. But it's too late for me I'm off in the summer." Phil takes up other work later this year.

Pictured below left is the hanging locker for ropes and oilskins, and next to it, below centre, are shelves divided into compartments to take the various items of equipment the section uses. Below right is a general view of the interior of the vehicle showing the gas bottle stowage, and galley area in the background.



Joint Authority meet

SAVOURY AFTER LUNCH

ON March 15, the Joint Police Authority went down to Southend for the first time and were entertained to a generous lunch in traditional civic style by the Mayor. The Authority meeting was held in the afternoon and the business included the following items.

Civilian Nickers!

There will be another 84 civilians recruited to the Force in the next 12 months, including 12 summons and warrant officers, who will arrest on warrant in some cases. No excuse for paperbound policemen now.

More oil for your lamp!

The 6d. a week lamp allowance, part of our Force heritage since 1943, has been given a 100 per cent boost to 1s. a week — if the Home Secretary agrees. We know these are difficult financial times — but really!

Three Flower Children?

A Sergeant and two Constables will be going to a British Week in San Francisco in October. The Chief, with a Federation representative, will be picking the lucky lads.

Displaced Bobbies

An O & M team have investigated the Administration Branch — and no doubt in the process turned out a few skeletons from their cupboards. And when the new ideas are introduced in the next few months, all the bobbies in the Branch will be turned out too, replaced by civilians. All except one that is! The A.C.C. (Admin) has managed to justify his place. Mmm! Typewriters and personal shorthand writers will disappear too — with a centralised typing service in their place.

Make do and man!

About £6,000 will be spent on the Headquarters Canteen with new facilities, a re-arranged dining-room and £700 worth of new furniture. The top half of the Colchester Station Assembly Hall will be converted into offices and something done about those draughty windows, at a cost of £2,350. Grays control room gets a facelift with a new counter and enquiries hatch.

Sub-standard?

The police houses in Fernlea Road, Harwich, were to be knocked down, unsuitable for occupation by police officers. It would not be possible to rebuild for about five years and so they are to be let — snapped up by the Harwich Borough Council — who think they are jolly good houses!

Bet Me?

The next five year building programme includes a start on the extensions to Harlow Divisional Headquarters in 1971-72, a new office block and canteen at Force Headquarters in 1972-73 and new Headquarters at Rayleigh for Southend Western Division, Harlow Traffic Sub-Division, Tilbury Sub-Division and an M11 motorway post in 1973-74. But these things seem to change with the wind and we wouldn't risk our shirt on anything beyond about 1973.

Castles for Everyone

The new housing policy, spelt out by the Chief at the Federation meeting at Chelmsford last month, has been given the O.K. and will lead to many more owning their own houses. Many police houses will be disposed of, and they will be offered for sale to policemen first under arrangements yet to worked out. But the Old Pals Act will not apply. The going price will be based on current market values fixed by the County and District Valuers and each officer will have to make his own private arrangements for finance. The Chief can also let officers who are living in police rented houses take them over when they retire. In all housing matters, the Joint Branch Board will go hand-in-hand with the Chief, in full consultation as in the past.

Who pays the piper?

The cost of the Force is shared between Essex County Council and Southend County Borough Council. In 1969-70 it was Essex 83.1 per cent to Southend's 16.9 per cent. The equivalent amounts in the one year before amalgamation would have been 80.2 per cent and 19.8 per cent. It is predicted that by 1972 it will be 86.3 per cent and 13.7 per cent. In three years the cost to Essex ratepayers will have gone up 55 per cent — to Southend ratepayers seven per cent.

Wives Club

By Gill Fairhead

On February 15 we had a visit from Mrs. Price, of Grays, who showed a selection of colour photos taken by her husband during their trip round the world. There were some fascinating pictures from the christening of a baby on board the cruise ship to a street scene in Panama with all the local villains in slouch hats and black ties.

On March 1 we held a "members own" evening at Corringham Police Station where members brought their own photos taken on holidays or at other times, some quite hilarious.

On March 12 two of our members were lucky enough to be invited to the Inter-Club meeting of the Inner Wheel Club of Grays. This was a very "hatty" do and was supported by ladies' clubs from as far away as Rochester and Norfolk. The afternoon was made more enjoyable by a talk on fashion hints, most of which were rather comic but strictly feminine.

On March 15 at our film evening we saw three films: "Tartans of Scotland" speaks for itself; the second, "The Cigarette Case" told the story from uncured leaf to finished fag. Even a confirmed smoker like myself had second thoughts after seeing some of the processes to which the poor cigarette is subjected, but they didn't last for long. The third film was about the s.s. Winston Churchill, the schooner specially built for adventure cruises, a sea-going outward bound in fact. This ship now



THE SNOWDROP KID

One night a certain Sergeant was making out the duty roster when he happened to take particular notice of the date. "Oh blast!" he thought. "February 23rd. It's my wedding anniversary tomorrow and I've forgotten all about it. It's too late to get a card or present for the wife now."

He could not think what to do but suddenly he had a brilliant idea. Out he went and checked and double checked all the property on his beat, hoping to find a newsagent's shop insecure so he could call the key holder out and then buy a card from him as he finished making sure all was in order. The buildings on his beat had never been checked so thoroughly but luck was against him. All the premises were very secure.

He was really lost now. His wife would be very upset that he had forgotten their anniversary. As he got home another idea struck him. There was the garden full of snowdrops. He decided to pick a small bunch for his wife and having done so, he took them indoors, arranged them in a vase and placed them on the table beside his wife's bed.

She woke up at this moment and through sleep-filled eyes peered at the vase of snowdrops and at her husband as he said cheerfully: "Happy anniversary."

"What do you mean," she said, "It isn't until next month."

goes out with girl crews, no doubt a step forward for female liberation.

It was decided at our last

meeting that a donation of £10 from last year's profits should be sent to the Police Dependants' Trust. I would be

grateful for suggestions for either new speakers, or any activity in which the whole club can share.

PORTRAIT

Sergeant Edgar Easlea

New Force Sports Sec.

THE Newly appointed Force Sports Secretary, Ed Easlea, joined the Southend-on-Sea Borough Constabulary on 27 May, 1946, having served previously in the Parachute Regiment during the war.

He started his career on the beat at Southend, forming part of the "sea front squad" — a necessary aspect of policing the sea front in those days.

During 1953 he was transferred to the Traffic Department where he served until he was transferred to the CID in 1959.

As a detective he was an excellent thief catcher and on occasions he combined this activity with his own welfare service giving assistance to those whose husbands were spending a short vacation at certain Home Office Hostels.

He was promoted to Sergeant in 1961 when he returned to uniform patrol work at Southend.

His connections with Sports and Social Committees commenced with his membership of the Entertainments Committee of the Southend-on-Sea Constabulary Recreation Club in 1958. He also sat on other committees but it was on the Entertainments Committee (and later in 1957 the Executive Committee) where he developed and proved his undoubted flare for organising big social events such as Police dances.

National events

He also actively assisted in the arrangements for the various PAA National Championships which were held at Southend (wrestling and judo, athletics, badminton and bowls).

From 1952 until 1964 he served on the constables' and sergeants' branch boards both as secretary and chairman.

During 1967, Edgar was appointed Force Welfare Officer and Secretary of the Recreation Club of the Borough Police Force. On amalgamation he reorganised the Recreation Club, forming two Sports Clubs, one for each of H & J Divisions where there is now a total club membership of 504.

This re-organisation resulted in Edgar having to negotiate (regretfully as he always says) the sale



Sergeant Easlea pictured at the start of last year's long distance swim at Southend.

Sports Ground which belonged to the old Recreation Club — the only one of its kind in the built-up area of the Borough. The proceeds of this sale are now in trust to be used for the benefit of the members of the H & J Divisional Sports Clubs.

In respect of his present appointment he states he will be pleased to assist anyone, anywhere within the Force in respect of any sporting activity. He feels that any sporting activities within the service should be successfully organised.

One particular sporting activity with which Edgar has been concerned is the Barking to Southend walk which is requiring more and more organisation at the "Southend end." Edgar has acted as "whipper-in" on a number of races and by cunning low criminal brutality, he actually got some of the Southend entrants to complete the course.

Timing slips

Edgar's career has had its ups and downs, commended on six occasions for good work, and one of its downs occurred when he was dragged along the road by the Mayoral Rolls during a Royal Visit and hurled flat on his face at the feet of the Queen Mother. This was caused because the band struck up the National Anthem which had been a pre-arranged signal for the Mayoral Rolls to move off. Owing to a slip up in timing this went slightly wrong.

Edgar's composure was admired by the Lord Lieutenant of the County who has remarked on the incident twice. He was impressed by the Sergeant's quick return to the perpendicular for the re-



So that's how you do it! Jackie White, typist in the Headquarters Road Safety office is soon to be married. When she arrived for work one morning last month she found her desk decorated overall to celebrate.

Picture by Peter Reeve.

Do you know your law?

- Which of the following would be classed as an alien?
 - A citizen of Canada.
 - A citizen of America.
 - A citizen of Republic of Ireland.
 - A citizen of Pakistan.
- With certain exceptions it is an offence to sell tobacco or cigarette papers to a person apparently under the age of
 - 12 years
 - 13 years
 - 14 years
 - 16 years
 - 17 years
- Judges Rules were formulated by
 - No act of Parliament
 - Criminal Law Act 1967
 - Criminal Justice Act 1968
 - Theft Act 1968
 - Criminal Justice Act 1948

Combination

The Force Band combined with the Suffolk police choir at Bury St. Edmunds on March 20 to perform "Voice 'n' brass" at West Suffolk College of Further Education.

The concert was promoted by Suffolk branch of the I.P.A. in aid of their "Friendship Week" next month when they will entertain Scandinavian policemen and their wives.

Fortunately he only had a back view of Edgar, who was mouthing unprintable remarks at the Mayor's chauffeur.

Sergeant Easlea reminds all members of the Force that there is an excellent club room and bar at Southend Police Station to which all are welcome.

In conclusion, having seen how effectively Sergeant Easlea has carried out his previous duties in the welfare and social field and having spoken to sick and injured officers who have benefitted from his visits and advice there is no doubt that the Force has the services of an experienced and competent

Decorated

Emigrated



DEMONSTRATING that nothing remains constant for long, came the departure last month of Ron Papps, who worked at Headquarters since 1961, first as a policeman and later as a civilian in the housing office, later known as "property management."

Ron and his family have emigrated to New Zealand where his brother is already living. On his last day, civilian and police colleagues

gathered to wish him farewell and on their behalf Mr. A. Goodson handed over a gift to which all had subscribed. In reply, Ron said that he would think of all his friends working away in England — it was pouring outside — while he spent six weeks sunbathing on the boat, pausing only to send a postcard with the pen he had been given.

Picture by Ed Cross.

He just dropped in

By John Rose

IT'S HAPPENING all the time, and the job gets dealt with without any bother, routine really. Broken manhole covers in pavements are what I'm talking about and routine that is except for some of the chaps at Ongar.

Down at Kelvedon Hatch a member of the public reported that a manhole cover had been broken and had fallen from the hole, so the beat Pc from Stanford Rivers went and had a look at it. It was certainly dangerous, and as it was getting dark he found an old "Road Works" sign to put over it he then put a cone

tripping over the board, although it was flat on the surface of the pavement.

On his return to Ongar he left a note for the early turn to pick up the cones when it got light, they wouldn't be needed as people could walk safely over the flat sign covering the hole. He wanted the cones picked up before some of the local yobs nicked them or dogs used them as lamp posts.

The early turn Pc at Ongar, who shall remain anonymous, all 6ft. 7in. and 19 stones of him, went down and collected the cones, then, being tidy minded, for a change, he thought that this piece of board on the pavement looked most untidy. He picked it up, and... yes, you guessed right, stepped forward and fell straight down the hole it was covering. (Luckily not hurting himself.)

Later the same day his sergeant was overhead to mutter: "Where did they dig him up

Rescued after she just dropped in, too

In the news at Colchester with his own version of the knight-errant dams-in-distress bit is P.c. Bob Cook.

When 27-year-old civil servant Diane Gottle locked herself out of doors she tried to mount the fire escape and go in over the roof. Instead of climbing through the skylight she fell through.

Her yell, as she hung on by her fingertips, brought the police round after a 999 call and Bob Cook broke in and grabbed the woman by her wrists just in time. He held on until a turn-table ladder arrived to bring her down to earth. Good work because the skylight was over the



Maldon

This is your Nick goes to Maldon Sub-Division this month. Maldon could be called the Maritime Sub because it has 75 miles of coastline with every creek and bay packed with all kinds of craft, long boats and short boats and boats with no draught. And with an area of 126 square miles it is one of the biggest Subs in the county. On the left is pictured Maldon Nick on its imposing corner site; on the right the famous view of Maldon from the promenade showing the moored Essex barges by the Hythe Quay.



Pictures by Peter Reeve

This is your Nick . . .

There is an olde worlde air about the town and why not because it is steeped in history, having been granted its charter as a borough in 1171, a year when now more important places were fishing villages on the fringe of the Essex forest. In 991 it was important enough to suffer a Viking raid all of its own when Bryhtnoth, Ealdorman of Essex, whose statue adorns the parish church, fought the raiders under Olaf Tryggvason, and was killed.



Pictured above in his office Chief Inspector Don Harmer, himself a boat-owner, has been in charge of the Sub for five years. On the blotter, we noted enviously, one piece of paper. Where had all the paper gone? Not far! Quite a bit of it was on typist Pauline Hughe's desk.



P.C. Walker McClure, "Our Man" at Maldon, is one of many parts being in charge of the Sub's courts office, a member of the Force frogman team, and treasurer to the Force and Sub-Regional I.P.A.

As you might expect in a Sub such as Maldon the members are themselves boat owners, the Sub-divisional Sports Club having bought a 24-foot Scandinavian cutter from the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club. Members co-operate in its upkeep and can use it to take their families out. The boat is called the "Association" and in case you don't know what happened to the original battleship of that name, suffice it to say that it was the flagship of Sir Cloudisley Shovell which ran on to the Scillies in 1707 and sank with all hands. We must report that history was repeated but that was through rainwater and no-one was lost. Maldon Sub hope that their Admiral will not emulate Sir Cloudisley.



Attached to the wheel and P.C. pictured assisting.



Above left, P.s. Tony Tomlinson and P.c. Peter Clark march out of the front door to give the High Street the once over while round at the back the "one-man maintenance team" Philip Wiltshire operates among the buckets and detergent to keep the Nick in trim, a job he has done since January.

The Sub takes in all the country between the Blackwater and the Crouch as far inland as Langford on the northern side and Stow Maries on the southern. In the old days much of this was the Southminster Division but this town can only boast a section station now. The main problem of getting about in this part of the county is the roads which twist and turn in the most confusing manner and make a trip to Bradwell an expedition.

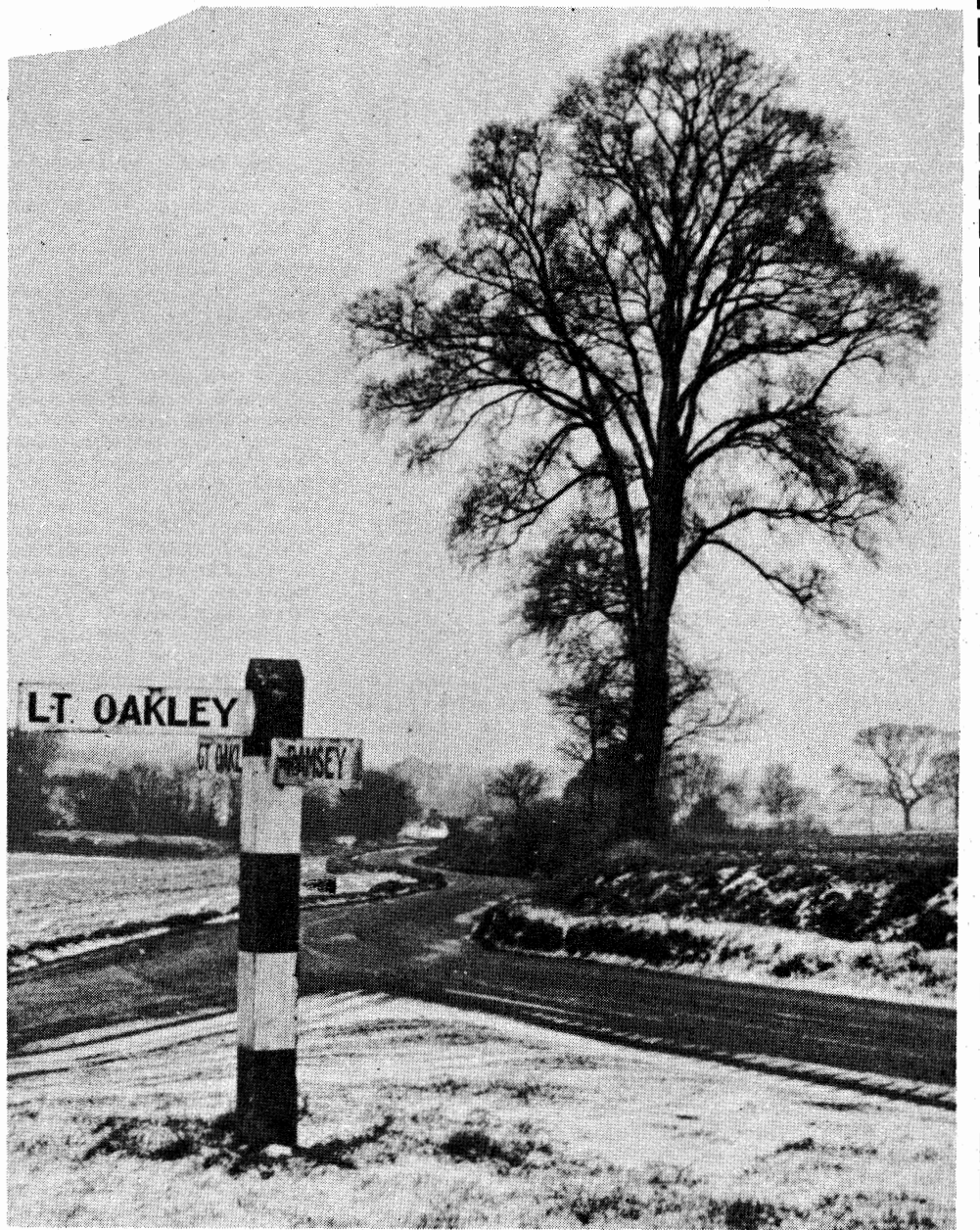


On the left Traffic Warden Sid Bam usual sort of obstruction. Sid lives a warden four years. Above, P.c. discusses church thefts with Don Harmer.

OFF-BEAT ESSEX



Maritime Sub are two launches, though crewing them is difficult as the new launch "Watchful" with Sgt. Ken Blight at the helm. Below is the "Alert" a fishing boat with a mine. Photo by Ken Stubbings. Below is the "Alert" a fishing boat with a mine. Picture by Blackwater Studios.



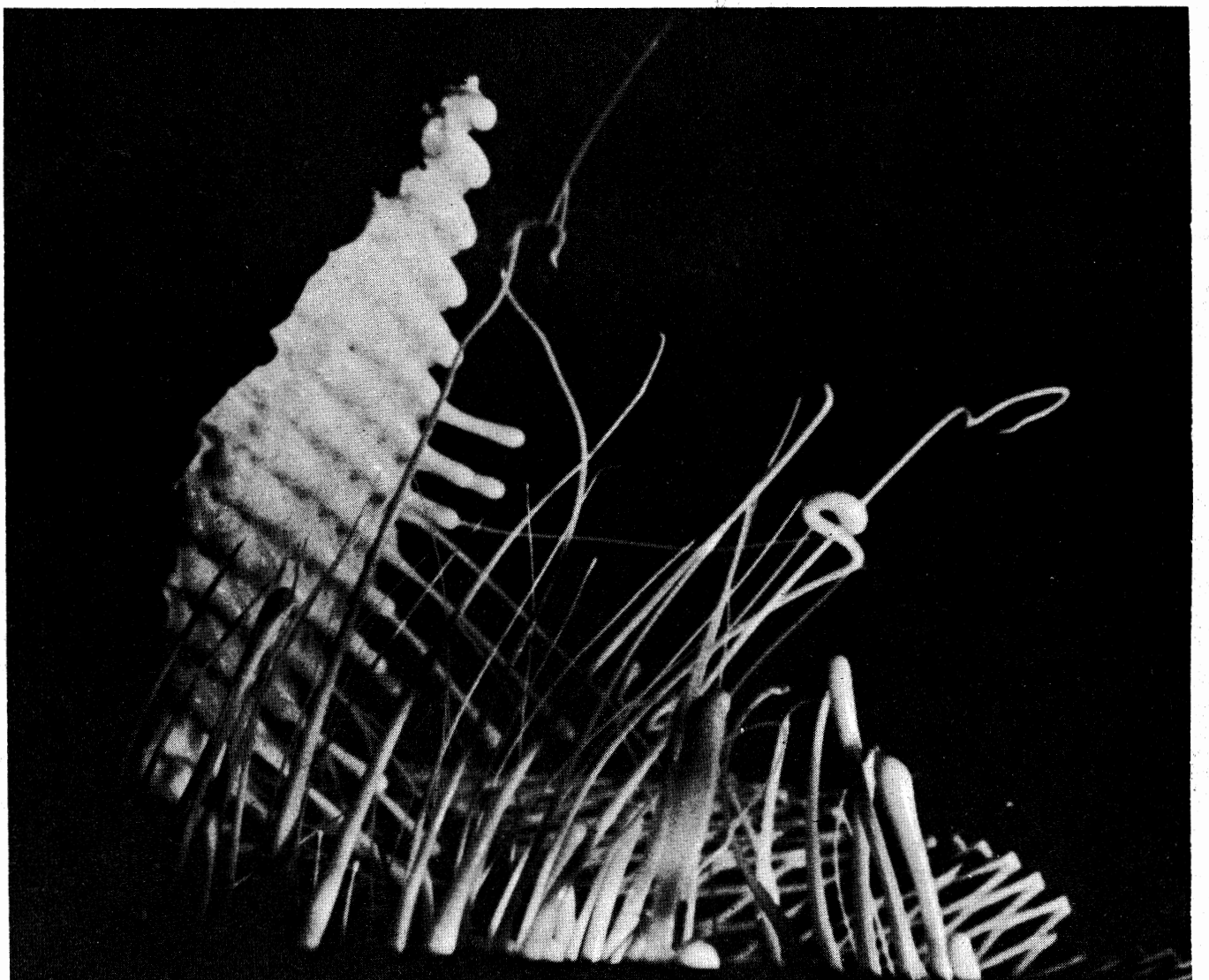
This month's scene is so typical of Essex as to make the signpost a superfluity though it will enable those with a close knowledge of the county to pinpoint the spot. The flat fields, hedgeless nowadays but still watched over by giant elms. The most homely feature of David Grimshaw's picture to us East Saxons is that zigzag lane—there are few long lanes in Essex.



keeps his eye on an unsteady bridge and has been the steward of Latchingdon Smith, the Sub has a

The brickwork at the back of the station bears the inscription "Chief struck here. Beware. Mind the wall."

Safety begins at home



Though the picture resembles a prehistoric prawn proceeding through a primeval swamp, the headline may give a clue. The stalagmites—and a lot of smoke as it fell on to the element. In picture—by Peter Bayley—is upside down. It is a melted plastic an organisation which pays so much attention to safety on the

EDIVIEWS

TRY as we might, we can think of no burning topic to which this column might be devoted, except that as another All Fools' Day passes to note that the Joint Force — and this newspaper — enters its third year. Perhaps it is symbolic that this should be marked by the new badge appearing for the first time on the front page, though it is quite likely that many will never notice.

Still divided

It is a pity that the two component parts cannot be as united as the badge. One would have thought that to site the new divisional headquarters at Rayleigh on land already owned by the Joint Police Authority would have been the only decision that could be taken in the ratepayers' interest and yet civic pride caused this decision to be opposed.

Discipline

Letters which have appeared on this page have aired this subject with some vehemence. We are delighted to hear from Mrs. Darby but must correct the point in her first paragraph about the Force making up its mind what form discipline is going to take. It is the Chief Constable who is the discipline authority and who must decide on discipline arrangements. The thought of such things being decided democratically is frightening. But Mrs. Darby also asks why people get so cross about discipline. It is mostly because we all mean something different when we use the word and do not care to understand the other chap's point of view.

Paper

Returning to our theme of unnecessary paper work we pick, quite unfairly no doubt, on a masterpiece which recently floated into the editorial office. Entitled "Magistrates' Courts" under the reference Div. Memo No. 1, the order went to 14 paragraphs. The best of these was No. 13 which ran, "This memorandum cancels divisional memorandum No. 1." And just to be sure that this gaffe came to general notice, paragraph 14 required that every officer should read the memo and sign a minute sheet. Another piece of paper!

Adverts

While offering felicitations to Mr. Goodson on his appointment, best wishes to Mr. Alston for a happy retirement, and congratulations to the Authority for the speed of their decision, we feel

Letters to the Editor

Shattered by success

Dear Sir,
I have heard of how the news of passing a police promotion examination affects some officers in peculiar ways, but I must relate the story of the successful sergeant at Clacton.

The particular sergeant had telephoned a local builder to send a plumber to repair the toilet in the Chief Superintendent's lavatory.

Later that day the sergeant heard through the "grapevine" that he had passed the inspectors examination.

Shortly after hearing the glad news the front office clerk telephoned the sergeant to inform him that the plumber had arrived at the public counter. In the meantime, a Greek alien had also arrived at the public counter. The sergeant duly presented himself and took the "plumber" to the Chief Superintendent's lavatory and pointed to the toilet and said: "There it is mate, get on with it."

The alien with a horrified expression on his face said: "No, no, me not want toilet, me want passport."

On hearing the story I sent the rather dazed sergeant home.

Yours faithfully,
P. WEALL
Chief Inspector

Discipline

Dear Sir,
Although not a member of the Force I am a reader of "The Law" and would like to comment briefly on Mr. Crowhurst's letter. (Why was he so cross?) The point my husband was trying to make was that the Force should make up its mind what form its discipline was going to take and act upon it. At present Authority seems a little confused!

As an outsider, Mr. Crowhurst's last paragraph raises a matter always puzzling to me. Why is there such ill will between some CID and uniform men and "beat" and "office" men? Mr. Crowhurst must realise that no one joins the Force to do office work — perhaps he'll learn tact as he gets older! My husband is only too thankful to find a job he can do as efficiently as anyone else within the Force. It can't be as cosy as all that, though, you should just hear the moans when "poor old George" has to desert his post. All jobs have good and bad points, you just stick to your job if the good points outweigh the bad for you and your health permits.

C. M. Darby (Mrs.)
52 Costead Manor Road,
Brentwood, Essex.

The Super used to work the traffic

Dear Sir,
I have not the pleasure of the acquaintance of P.c 1330 C. Davison (Letters, March, 1971), but from his collar number 1 assume he was born a little too late.

Had he been serving in the Brentwood Division about 11

Cadet Gazette

This month has been one of successes in sports which are not quite run of the mill, orienteering and judo. In the former four cadets became county champions of a sort when they won the County Youth Service competition in Hockley Woods. Later in the month four cadets — two boys, two girls — took gold or bronze awards in the county judo championships.

Life is not all success, however, as two young men studying photography for their Duke of Edinburgh gold award discovered. Having gone to a local industrial establishment to record industrial processes they took a lot of highly technical snaps, only to discover in the dark room that there was no film in the camera. Back to the drawing board, you can't win 'em all.

Treble Chance

On March 3 Cadets took on Hendon cadets at three sports, walking, running and basketball, in a mini-Olympics which was very closely contested.

In the run of just over three miles, L. Britt was a clear winner, though good packing gave Metro the team race by 38-41. T. Jeffs, 5th, P. Norman 7th, R. Madden, 8th, A. Barnes 9th and D. Grimshaw 11th completed the scoring.

The walk, 4 1/4 miles, was almost a demonstration for R. Hammond though he was pressed early on by the leading Metro walker. His winning time lopped three minutes off the course record. M. Eldred walked a lonely race being third throughout but B. Jones, 5th, had a fine tussle before losing to a tremendous — and dodgy — burst of speed 200 yards from the end. J. Shanahan, 10th, T. Tole 12th, and J. Hastings 14th, completed the scoring another narrow defeat by 36-45.

After tea the basketball team seemed to begin very warily, as did the opposition, and it was only just before half-time that a narrow lead of 14-12 was achieved. After the interval the first five clicked and scoring improved to a winning score of 33-24, a good effort considering several of the team had run or walked in the afternoon.

A 2-1 defeat at Hendon is no disgrace, particularly as the losing scores were so close.

Repeat treatment

On March 24 the process was repeated against Herts. Cadets when rugby, walking and basketball contests took place. The walkers, being more experienced made no mistakes, Hammond and Eldred finished together in the lead, and a team win of 28-55 resulted. Times in walking column.

The rugby team alas, suffered misfortune right from the start when, already much lighter than their opponents, the pack lost Larry Pipe, one of the heavies, after only three minutes. He is to be in hospital for several weeks with a smashed ankle — much sympathy. So the team went down 24-0.

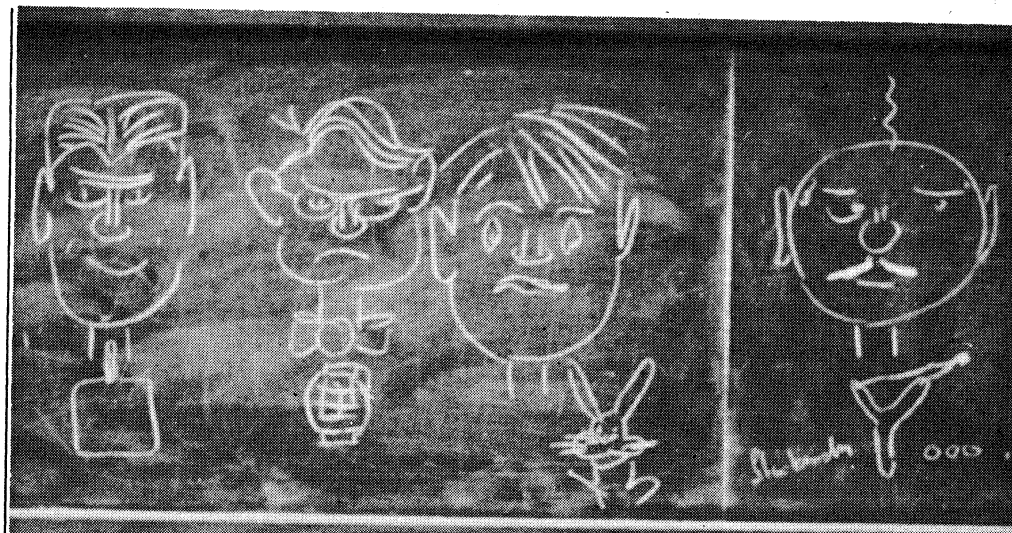
In the evening an exciting basketball match recovered the position somewhat as cadets ran out winners by 35-28.

duty at Wilson's Corner and other congested danger points.

He could have seen similar sights in some other Divisions I can think of, had he been about even earlier.

Had he been so advanced in training as to have been entrusted with the driving of an area car, or acted as observer to one who was, he may well have been called to a serious crime at any time of the night, and if he had, it would not have been unusual for him to have found on arrival that the Superintendent was there long before him.

Can it be that the Brentwood Collator may have done his homework rather more accu-



When the cat's away the mice will play is as true a saying about the Training Department at H.Q. as anywhere else. Pictured on the left is the blackboard after one of the more artistic "mice" had been scribbling between classes. Depicted are, from the left, P.S. Spurgeon and breathalyser (Tone the Breath), P.S. Thomas and hand grenade (Taff the Bomb), P.S. Mortimer and rabbit poaching (Terry the Bunny) and Insp. Page with firearm (Page the Gun).

First Force pistol meeting a triumph for Harlow Div.

By John Page

THE first Force Pistol Competition was held at Colchester on Monday, March 29. There was an enthusiastic response, each Division sending a team of four officers. Unhurried aimed shooting was out — on this occasion, the emphasis was on quick reactions and the ability to shoot accurately from a variety of positions. Competitors viewing the line of trestles with some alarm were relieved to be told that they had to shoot from behind the barricade, not jump over it!

Scored shooting started at 11 a.m. and continued, except for a half-hour break, until 3.30 p.m. With either one or two teams firing every six minutes, the officials and cadet "chalkers" had a busy time. It was a pleasure to see the high standard of shooting, although scoring would have been much simpler if the shots had been more scattered.

Harlow got off to a good start, with Colchester and Staff not far behind. In the second shoot, Harlow again did well but Traffic, Chelmsford and Colchester did even better, leaving Colchester one point ahead at this stage. It became apparent here that it was a mistake to allow Staff to fire in the prone position. There were no alarm clocks available and two of the team who dozed off unfortunately incurred penalty points! An excellent third shoot put Harlow back in front, and they were able to stay there, in spite of determined efforts by Colchester. Traffic made up for a poor start by narrowly beating Staff into third place. This was a deserved victory for the well-balanced Harlow team of Peter Cousins, John Lambourn, John Stenson, and Chris Kearney. The Colchester team of Ian Saines, Ian Hunter, Brian

Legon and Mike Davey also shot consistently for second place.

The Chief Constable, Mr. Duke and Mr. Waller attended and watched the final stages of the competition. In making the presentations to winners and runners-up, Mr. Nightingale commented on the elderly nature of the weapons, and expressed the hope that new ones would be forthcoming. As a matter of interest, one of the oldest pistols present, dated 1932, was put to good use by John Sutton, who had the highest individual score.

The "Top Ten" were: John Sutton 85, Mick Brangham 80, Ian Hunter 79, Ian Staines 76, John Watson 73, John Lambourn 72, John Stenson 70, Mike Frost 70, Chris Kearney 69, Norman Chaplin 68.

All in all, this was a good day. Our thanks to all concerned, including Hilda and Les in the canteen van, Thomas the Voice, Roy Clark, the hard-working cadets, Clive Harrington, Ian Saxton, and Derek Street, and whoever was responsible for arranging the fine weather.

Inter-house

The competitions to decide the champion house have got under way, and soccer and that dreadful game, Springfield football, have been decided. No house has yet got its head firmly in front.

Rugby

In a return match against the Chelmsford Tech High School the cadet team were 3-0 down at half-time. Play then swung from end to end with cadets unlucky not to score, but in the end the Tech increased their lead when their centre-threequarter was not tackled. This fired the cadets and in a late rally Rowe forced his way over the line for a try which was not converted. The final score of 6-3 was a repeat of the previous match.

Netball

Against extremes of opposition the girls lost again to Brentwood C.H.S. by 9-5 and 16-4 (two teams) though these scores are much closer than before Christmas. Against Shoeburyness H.S. they conceded no goals in winning 31-0. This opposition is really too weak for the first team. Against the London G.P.O. at the end of the month against strong opposition they went down 30-15. The fourth match of the month, against the police women, resulted in an overwhelming victory.

Table Tennis

The league season drew to a close last month with the team in third place, a good first season. Last week the annual knockout competition took place when N. Donkin was the most successful, getting through to the semi-final. D. Grimshaw was a quarter-finalist, but J. Weatherley and J. Hastings were out in the first round.

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 1970-71

	P.	W.	D.	Pts.
Broomfield	14	14	0	32
Westlands 'A'	15	13	0	30
Police Cadets	17	10	2	22
Boswells	13	5	1	17
Moulsham 'A'	14	7	0	16
Moulsham 'B'	15	4	0	12
Westlands 'B'	14	4	1	11
Y.M.C.A.	13	3	0	6
Danbury	11	2	0	6



Banger disposal

Police stations get all sorts of requests in the mail. None odder than in the letter printed below. If this caught on it might be an alternative way of getting wrid of those wrecks rather than all that rigmarole of serving notices and getting the local authority to move. Before you hoot too loudly at the faintly comic English, just draft a suitable reply — in Swedish.

year-old car "Austin A95 Westminster 6-cyl green" with the front to Clemsford, near road to Witham and the big road A12. This Austin is a wreck, and very plundred. I need this 4 doors, and I will pay for the salvage to car-breaking. Please let me know, if I can buy this 4 door next time I am in England, OR if this 4 doors can be send to my friends in Yorkshire? The green old Austin is standing 5 feet near the

big road, and near a viaduct to road to Witham. I think you know this wreck. If you giv order to a salvage firm, please let the firm reading this letter. I have 2 days look for a breaking-austin A95 in London but I have not find!
I hope you can help me.
Eric Lofberg
Box 485
Karlstad
Sweden
Also left back wings I need! "Wing screen!"

Gentlemen!
An the road London-Harwich have I see a 14-

Rugby

THE rugby section, pictured right on the occasion of their annual dinner, played only one match this month. Depleted by injuries, they went down by 26-0 to 'J' Div., Metro. At the end of the month they departed northwards for their annual tour—full report next month.



The rugby section sit down to their annual dinner with the Chief Constable, no mean performer himself in the past, and Mr. C. H. Waller.

Athletics

The Force and Cadet Corps championship meeting will be held at Melbourne Park, Chelmsford, on Thursday, June 3rd, 1971.

Events — Force

Men: 100m., 200m., 400m., 800m., 1500m., 3000m. steeplechase, 3000m. walk, 1600m. relay, shot, discus, javelin, high jump, long jump.
Women: 100m., long jump.

Events — Cadets

Men: 100m., 200m., 400m., 800m., 1500m., 3000m. steeplechase, 3000m. walk, 1600m. relay, shot, discus, javelin, high jump, long jump.
Women: 100m., 200m., 1500m. walk, 400m. relay, shot, javelin, high jump, long jump.

Walking

IN A month of extremes of conditions, unpleasant cold in Battersea Park early on and getting a bit warm for sprinting later on, the sections efforts began to split as the seniors took to longer races leaving sprits to the juniors.

In Battersea Park on March 6. Ron Hammond was close to peak form and Dermot Hawkins put up a personal best. Unfortunately in leading the cadet team to a good win over Herts. Cadets on March 24, Ron strained his knee.

The juniors had a go at the Keston 14¼ miles on March 13 but found it rather hard over a severe course. To add to their discomfiture two took a wrong turning and walked over the distance.

Results

6.3.71: Battersea Park 6 miles

21st, R. Hammond, 49.23; 28th, J. Hedgethorpe, 51.11; 50th, K. Mann, 54.25; 52nd, B. Jones, 54.50; 67th, D. Hawkins, 56.31; 68th, J. Shanahan, 56.38; 90th, J. Hastings, 61.23: over 100 started.

13.3.71: Croydon 14¼ miles

14th, J. Hedgethorpe, 2h. 10m. 51s.; 15th, R. Hammond, 2.13.38; 22nd, K. Mann, 2.18.36; 44th, G. Lee, 2.38.17; 47th, J. Hastings, 2.48.57; M. Eldred and B. Jones walked off course but would have been ahead of G. Lee: 54 started.

24.3.71: Welwyn 5 miles

1st, R. Hammond and M. Eldred, 44m. 05s.; 4th, B. Jones, 45.18; 5th, D. Hawkins, 46.58; 7th, B. Jaggs, 48.35; 9th, L. Britt, 49.15; 10th, T. Cole, 49.43. Teams: Cadets 28, Herts Cadets 40.

27.3.71: Mitchan 15 miles

12th, J. Hedgethorpe, 2h. 19m. 28s.; 21st, K. Mann, 2.31.32: 41 started.

The fish wouldn't bite

The day the moon eclipsed the sun was the day chosen by Peter Webber for the annual

fish for the Barkway Cup held at Walton Pier on Thursday, February 25.

This must have had some effect on the fish, as a total of only 10lbs. 12ozs. was caught.

The winner of the Cup was Ken Drain, with a catch of 4lbs. 2ozs. Second was Adrian Keeble with 3lbs. 14½ozs., third Peter Harris with 1lb. 6oz., fourth Jack Hagen with 13½ozs. and fifth Harry

Manns with 8ozs. They were the only people to catch anything out of the 30 people who took part in the competition.

The cup was presented to Ken Drain by Chief Superintendent Docker.

Diane strikes gold at Judo

By Jim Graham

On March 20 the third annual Essex Youth Judo Championships were held at King John School, Thundersley. The number of competitors was given as 600, fighting commenced at 10 a.m. and finished at 10.45 p.m. The Police Cadets Judo Club entered six competitors: Dave Bailey, Ed Cross, Lee Weavers, Phil Sitch, Diane Lewis and Alison Grange.

Bailey and Cross fought in the category 16 to 18 years and lasted until close to the semi-finals when Ed Cross was beaten by a hold down and what appeared to be cramp. He was then followed by Dave Bailey, who foolishly stuck his left eye on to one of his opponents knees and while studying astrology was neatly held down. I deny the rumour that I thumped him for losing.

This eliminated both who were placed respectively eighth and seventh in the county, which speaks well for two players who are ungraded and who have never had competition experience.

Meanwhile, in the other pool, Phil Sitch was terrorising his opponents over whom he towered head and shoulders. At the commencement of each of his fights he would stretch both his arms above his head and then daintily take hold of his opponent, some of whom I am sure were beaten by his gamesmanship. He commenced very well, winning three fights one after the other. On his fourth fight he came against harder opposition and received a heavy blow on the leg. From then on he fought six fights with one and a half legs and each of his opponents rightly took advantage of this. He still won enough fights to place him third, for which he received a bronze certificate.

Lee Weavers fought in a different category, the 18 to 21 years beginner to orange belt. He met stiff opposition and had 12 fights to take third place against Judoka, who are to my knowledge more experienced. At one stage one of the referees stopped him when he was strangling an opponent. The fight was then held up until the referee examined the rules and found that this strangle was quite in order. He then continued the fight which Weavers won on superiority which gained him seven points instead of the 10 he would have gained for the submission. This took Weavers from second place to third place. The referee later asked for Weavers' coach (myself) and commended Weavers for his sportsmanship.

The girls fought off and ended up with Cadets Grange and Lewis facing each other. Lewis had just finished demolishing an orange belt by a hold down and an arm lock. The orange belt could not escape from the hold down and she could not submit from the

arm lock as her other arm was well trapped. She could not shout a submission as her face was firmly held by Lewis, who followed instructions given to her before the fights, to ignore everyone except the referee, who had to stop the fight to avoid unnecessary suffering.

The orange belt had beaten Cadet Grange and was until her meeting with Lewis leading the pool.

When Grange and Lewis fought, Grange was at a disadvantage having an ankle bandaged. Lewis did not take advantage of this and all her techniques were aimed at the upper part of the body. Both players went into groundwork where Grange was well held by Lewis who, possibly realising that this was one of her friends, did not use one of her usual locks or strangles. Result: Lewis the gold, orange belt the silver, and Grange the bronze certificate.

The deportment and fighting spirit of all the cadets was favourably noted by the senior official, Mr. Baker-Brown, 3rd Dan.

Altogether a very satisfactory result considering that all the opponents met by the cadets—train about three evenings each week and before a competition this is supplemented by Sunday training.

Coming your way

Every member of the Force will receive a personal supply of draw books for the Derby Day Draw. Please do your best to sell every ticket.

CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE Team just hold 4th place

FOR the final race of the league season, the relay in the City of London, a much-depleted team were lucky to hang on to fourth place in overall scores. But without four of the usual top six scorers, they were lucky to do even this. Injuries had for the most part taken this heavy toll.

The race was an open event as well as a league race and was won by the Metropolitan Police team competing for the first time. Top league team was as usual, Sussex, who have thus gone through the season undefeated, a strong performance. City of London were second, just ahead of Herts., with Kent very close behind.

Kent, fifth overall before the race, ran almost well enough to overtake this force but the deficit of 150 was too much

though they fell short by only 26.

So, the outcome of a winter's hard running is that the team has gone one better than last year in finishing fourth. One thing is certain, it will be harder next year.

Results

City relay

1, Sussex, total time, 72m. 11s.; 2, City, 73m. 48s.; 3, Herts., 73m. 48s.; 4, Herts., 74m. 19s.; 5, Kent, 74m. 21s.; 6, Sussex 'B', 75m. 45s.; 7, Thames Valley, 77m. 40s.; 8, Kent 'B', 79m. 38s.; 9, Herts 'B', 79m. 47s.; 10, Surrey, 79m. 55s.; 11, Hants., 80m. 53s.; 12, Essex/Southend, 81m. 08s.; 13, City 'B', 83m. 02s.; 14, Essex/Southend 'B', 85m. 24s.

Individuals: 28, M. Barlow, 19m. 36s.; 29, L. Britt, 19.45; 39, J. Trott, 20.30; 40, T. Jeffs, 20.33; 47, R. Madden, 21.14; 50, R. Barnes, 21m. 37s.; 52, J. Tompkins, 22.23.

Get it stopped at source

Forms are circulating for you to authorise your sports club subscriptions to be stopped from salary before payment. Help save that monthly collecting chore (for somebody) by signing up straight away.

1970-1 League result:

1, Sussex 1823 pts.
2, Herts. 1543½ pts.
3, City of London 1422½ pts.
4, Essex/Southend 1232½ pts.
5, Kent 1206½ pts.
6, Thames Valley 950 pts.
7, Hampshire 382½ pts.
8, Surrey 179 pts.
9, Beds./Luton 172 pts.

Force placings overall: 13, A. Down, 236; 16, M. Barlow, 228; 20, L. Britt, 187½; 24, T. Jeffs, 172; 35, R. Madden, 128; 41, R. Whiting, 105; 43, R. Hammond, 101; 53, P. Norman, 74; 57, D. Grimshaw, 58; 69, M. Fairweather, 38; 70, J. Trott, 37; 71, J. Weatherley, 35; 76, J. Shanahan, 30; 83, B. Jones, 19; 84, J. O'Reilly, and T. Cole, 18; 91, G. Egerton, 13; 96, A. Barnes and I. Schofield, 11; 98, M. Puttick, 10; 100, C. Govus, 9; 105, J. Crosby, 6; 106, J. Tomkins and B. Barlow, 4; 115, N. Donkin, 1.



Pictured after their triumphant days fighting in the County Judo championships, the four cadets who gained awards with, on the left, Mr. C. Baker-Brown, 3rd Dan, teacher of D.S. Graham, Diane Lewis, Lee Weavers, Alison Grange, Phil Sitch, and on the right D.S. Jim Graham, 1 Kyu, coach to the Cadets. Photo by courtesy of J. Hovers, 2 Kyu, Olympic Judo Club.

Federation News

By Stan Smith

AT THE Force Open Meeting last month the Chief Constable intimated that provided the Police Authority approved his new housing policy, most of the people on the waiting list for permission to become owner/occupiers would be granted permission. At the Housing Committee Meeting on March 24, over 120 applications were approved. The only deferrals were in the case of four men for whom particular difficulties existed.

The position regarding specialists will have to be reviewed in the light of the future development of the branch concerned, and it was anticipated that there might be difficulties in certain areas. But I hope that these can eventually be ironed out.

In future it is expected that recruits who own houses upon joining will be permitted to retain them.

The next phase will be the determination of which houses are considered to be surplus to expected requirements, and the procedure for their disposal.

This will take a little time and members must not expect a quick decision. We must not expect that everything will be as easy as it appears on the surface and I am sure that several unthought-of difficulties will arise, but provided there is goodwill on all sides, they should be solved.

Most of those successful applicants for permission to purchase will be sorting out the best method of obtaining money for mortgages, and to these I would suggest that they obtain from the P.M.A.S.; details of a new scheme which should come into operation in a few months time. It may be to their advantage to wait. A check with the divisional rep. should prove helpful.

Negotiations for an increase in the maximum limit rent allowance are going ahead well and an official approach should be made to the police authority in June. All the indications are that a substantial increase on the present limit of £6 per week should be achieved.

The "open season" for promotion candidates has just begun and the arrangements for selection are the same as last year. All applicants will be seen by a Divisional Board, one member of which will be his Divisional/Departmental Commander, and following these interviews, all the applications will be sifted by a headquarters panel.

All recommended candi-

Force pass rate above national average

WITH a 37 per cent pass rate the Force were above average in this year's Sergeant to Inspector examinations. Once again it was constables who scored the highest marks, top place going to P.c. R. Eason. A total of 26 constables and 17 sergeants passed.

Passes: Sergeants R. J. Cordey, M. Ainsley, J. Burrows, C. Dibell, J. Kenneally, P. Douglas, A. Roberts, J. White, L. Seals, M. Johnson, R. Saban, M. Molineaux, D. Johnson, D. Simmons, R. Shellev, P. Goodall and E. Childs.
Constables: R. Eason, J. Rhymes, K. Ashby, K. Free, P. Baxter, R. Rowbotham, A. Millard, A. Wallace, K. Kelly, W. Young, B. Sams, E. Polley, G. Moss, P. Seaman, D. King, C. Hunt, R. Hayes, M. Carter, R. Miller, P. Taylor, D. Durham, M. Stanbury, I. Munro, P. Kavanagh, K. Southgate, A. Hall.

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dates, plus others selected by the H.Q. panel, will be interviewed at H.Q. This final sift is designed to cater for those officers who have not had as high a recommendation as might have been expected by their previous record, so that where there may be a clash of personalities, an officer is not automatically excluded from the final interview.

Divisional Commanders being human, it must be expected that some will be more prepared to push their men than others, and this final sift should at least help to level out the recommendations.

Not all those graded as "suitable for promotion" last year have yet been advanced, and provided they have not been notified in writing that they have been removed from this grading, they do not have to apply this year.

My personal view is that there will be fewer selected for promotion this year because there will not be as many vacancies. It is likely that the recent pay award will persuade a number of officers in higher ranks to stay on, and this, coupled with the fact that the natural retirements on age and service will not be as high as in the past few years, will lessen the chances. It is now up to all applicants to make out a case why they should be preferred over their colleagues.

When one considers the amount of work which has been done by the treasurer's staff in order to make this possible; and my information is that the staff have been working until nine o'clock at night to meet the deadline by March 31 before the cards went to the computer section on April 1; I am sure that all members will wish to be associated with a letter of thanks I shall be sending to the treasurer.

A force order will be published shortly giving more precise details of the make-up pay.

Readers will remember that comment was made recently about the Balance Sheet of the Essex Police Orphans' Fund, which this year paid out more to our orphans than was actually received in contributions or donations. Following a circular letter I sent to all Divisional Commanders appealing for assistance to rectify this, the Basildon Division Sports and Social Club put on a Charity Ball at the Runnymede Hall, South Benfleet, on 11th March. This event turned out to be the most fantastic money-raiser and a cheque for £500 — yes five hundred pounds — will be sent to the Treasurer of the Orphans' Fund.

Our grateful thanks are due to the organisers—C/Supt. Kelly, Supt. Horne, C/Insp. Brewer, D/Insp. Malone, Insp. Gazzard,

NARPO

By Bert Brinkley

At last the December bulletins have been received and despatched, but one cannot but reflect upon the increased charges for postage. However, thanks to the overwhelming support from members we shall be able to cope with the situation.

Reference in the bulletin to our pensions review and adjustment endorses what was said in "The Law" for February and March—patience is one of our virtues.

The annual conference 1971 is also referred to in the bulletin and expresses the feelings of the Chelmsford branch on matters concerning the conference. These were dealt with fully at our last committee meeting and communicated to the General Secretary N.E.C. It will be interesting to hear the views of our delegates after the conference.

Members are reminded that any motions they wish to bring forward at conference should be submitted at our a.g.m. on May 1 in order that the National Executive can be informed in time for publication (usually towards the end of May).

The Retirement Flatlets Scheme appears to be making slight progress, but keeping alive. This branch viewed the scheme with some trepidation but nevertheless supported the executive financially in getting the Housing Association registered as a charity. As was explained at the onset this scheme was very ambitious and doubts were expressed as to whether or not N.A.R.P.O. could see it through. However, our best wishes to all connected with the scheme and may much good result.

It was announced on the agenda that our a.g.m. would be held in the Assembly Hall. Members should note it will now take place in the Staff Canteen, same day, same time; this will solve the stairs difficulty.

Also, members are reminded of the new subscription rates viz: 48p, 36p, 12p as from March 1, 1971. A few subscriptions have been received at the old rates, this leads to confusion for the treasurer and cooperation on this matter will be appreciated.

An amusing snippet appeared in a local daily concerning one of our colleagues and his alarm at discovering the friendly parakeet in his garden. It seems that with spring almost upon us his feathered friend has taken unto himself—a spouse. "Reg" now fears the worst for his fruit tree. Knowing Reg and his flowing vocabulary I wonder the birds dare venture within hearing distance. However, maybe a glance at the "Exchange and Mart" might solve the difficulty. I can offer six blackbirds, a dozen starlings and twice as many sparrows — all thoroughly efficient in the art of excavating onion beds. What about it Reg?

D/Sgt. Mence, and Sgt. Manterfield and all those others who helped, and also to Cadets Penny Mace and Alison Grange who helped out with the Tombola.

The money came from the sale of tickets, the Tombola — gifts for which were donated by members of the public, and from donations sent by persons unable to attend. The Joint Branch Board, who administer this Fund hope that other Divisions will emulate, or even better the effort made by Basildon Division so that the children of our old colleagues may continue to receive a useful gift at Christmas.

Members will note that the monthly premium for the Group Insurance Scheme has gone up slightly. The reason is that decimalisation resulted in slightly less being received by the insurance company than previously, and the premium has been rounded up to 44p.



"This is one helluva fix — now drive to the nearest station and find out where we ruddy well are."

Obituaries

Evelyn Arthur George Cant

by Peter Cousins

Evelyn Arthur George Cant, ex P.c. 313 and ex P.s. 69. Late stationed at Ongar, passed away at St. Margaret's Hospital on Tuesday, March 30, 1971.

Many serving and retired officers will remember him as a man of determination, strong will and integrity. A counsellor and advisor to those who sought help, an outstanding example of self discipline.

He retired after 30 years service in January, 1969, having been in not the best of health for his last six years of service. Since 1969 he was a civilian clerk at Ongar and for that period somehow continued to give one hundred per cent service to the Police and the community in spite of failing health.

For those of us who served with him a great loss both as a friend and an example.

Our condolences are extended to his wife and family.

The death is also announced of ex. P.c. Tom Clack who died on March 26. He was for many years steward at Southend Police Club. Another pensioner to pass away is ex Superintendent Frederick William Good who was 65 years old. Both were members of the Southend Force.

Special Sergeant Rowland Butler, of Witham, aged 57, died suddenly on March 23. He had been a special since 1947.

Know your law answers

1. (b), 2. (d), 3. (a).

In return for the ½p increase per month, the death benefit has been increased by £40, resulting in a payment of £2,740 in case of death resulting from an injury, and £1,340 for death resulting from other means.

This is good value for money and those members who do not belong to the scheme are reminded that all they have to do is to drop me a line or give me a ring and application forms will be sent on.

WHAT'S ON

Life saving dates 1971

- April 17: West Riding Cup (Cadets) eliminator—Sandhurst.
- May 15: West Riding Cup finals — Hendon.
- May 22: Allington Cup (Girl Cadets)—Blackpool
- June 19: Police Baton (men) eliminator — Hendon.
- September 4: Allington Cup (policewomen), southern region eliminator—Hendon.
- October 3: Allington Cup finals —Walsall.
- October 23: Police Baton finals —Newport, Mon.

First Aid

- May 4: Chief Wardens (First Aid) Cup at Cadet School. Rules now permit policewomen's team and participation by lay instructors.
- May 16: Salter and De Rougemont Cups (Special Constabulary) at Cadet School all day.

Other dates

- May 16: Barking to Southend Police long distance walking championships. Start 9 a.m. Leaders will arrive on front about 2 p.m.
- June 2: Force Derby Day draw.
- September 11: Force Swimming Gala, Southend.
- November 19: 'H and J' Police Ball, Southend.

The Law Shop

FOR HIRE: 12ft. four-berth touring caravan, Sprite Alpine, 1970 model. Contact Det. Con. Roger Phillips, Grays CID.

FOR HIRE: Large Continental frame tent, insect proof sleeping quarters, Calor gas cooker, etc.; £5 per week. Ted Davidson, H.Q. extension 352. Home, Chelmsford 57092.

FOR SALE: 1965 Austin Mini de-luxe, good condition, £250, available late April. Please apply Sgt. Spensley, Grays.

our meeting with some excellent suggestions and we were all certainly introduced to some new "great characters" and I for one am looking forward to meeting these lads again and savouring some more of their fine hospitality. It is with regret that a certain picture which was produced that night cannot be printed for matrimonial reasons but I liked the boots he was wearing, which was about all!

Not a lot of news at the moment from Laidon, although reports are just coming in that Mick Radford, or a person resembling him, was seen riding a police motor cycle along the A127, but this has not yet been confirmed. If the above is true all we can say is well done Mick and looking forward to your next ride whenever it is.

As Colchester, Halstead and Clacton did not attend the meeting news from these divisions is scarce so I hope that for the next issue they give me a ring with all the latest gen and hope to see them at the next meeting. No date or venue has yet been set but when it is you will all be informed through this column in plenty of time.

Oh, yes. Have just heard that Magna Carter of Headquarters has passed for Inspector. Well done, Magna, could be calling you Sarge soon.

Well, as this is our first attempt at this sort of thing, I'd better call it a day as I'm not sure how many words, etc., I'm allowed but one last reminder gents please, anything of interest, i.e. births, weddings, promotions, transfers and any funny incident or pictures let's have them and keep your column alive.

FOOTNOTE

We have just learned that Terry Peck came top of his driving course with 88 marks. Well done, Terry: Wave to us occasionally from your warm, smoke filled motor.

