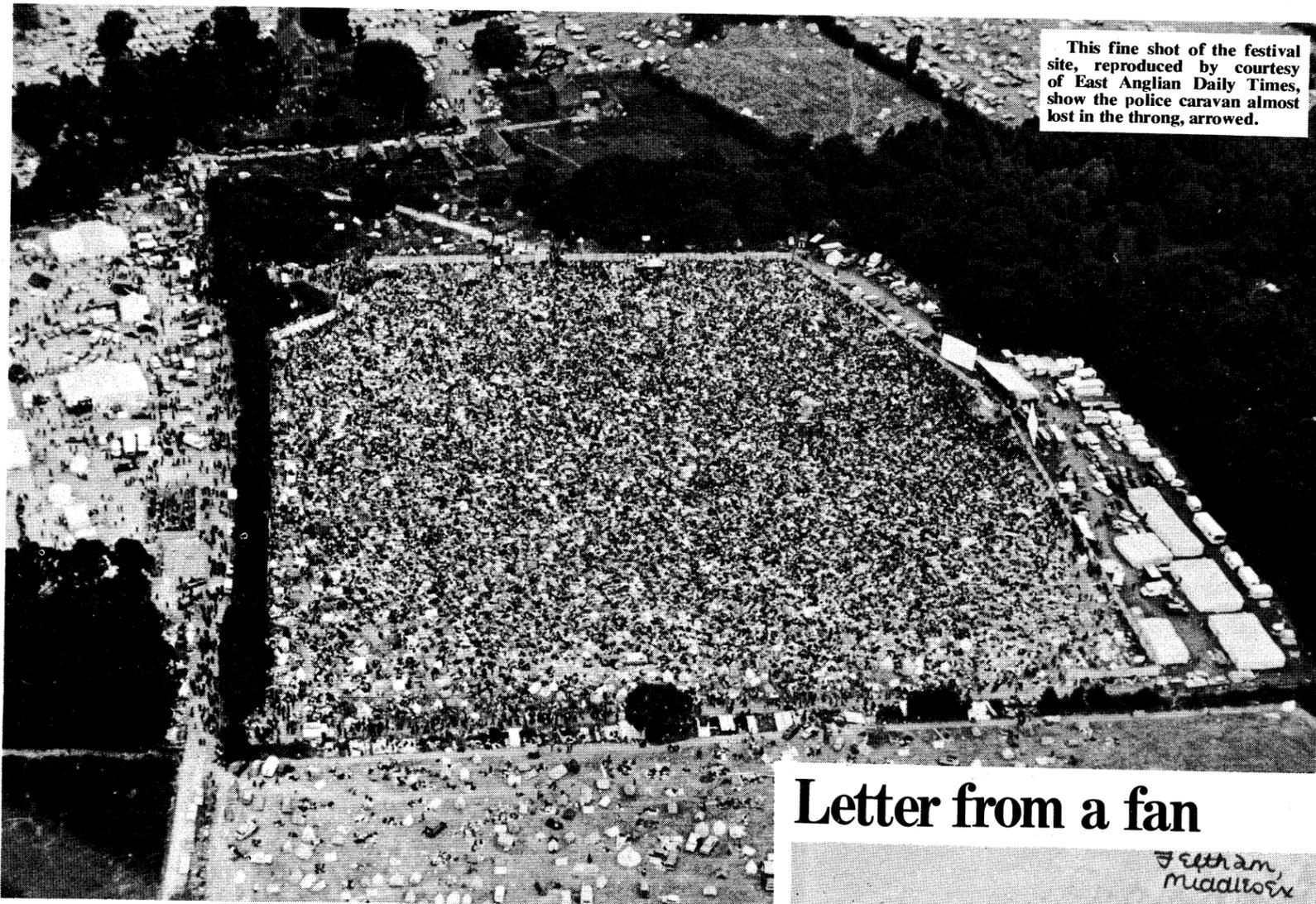


## Weeley popped quietly - mostly



This fine shot of the festival site, reproduced by courtesy of East Anglian Daily Times, show the police caravan almost lost in the throng, arrowed.

All the awesome predictions about the crowd to be expected were borne out last weekend when a throng put variously at 100,000 to half as many again, converged on Weeley for the pop festival.

But apart from the sheer weight of numbers to be pushed into the site and taken away again afterwards, and a fracas involving Hells Angels on the Saturday, the ritual gathering passed quietly.

From the first day policemen were remarking how polite and orderly the fans were. But many fans remarked on how polite and genial the police were! "Not like that where we come from," they said, "you can't talk to them there."

Every briefing stressed the need for good humour, orders carried out to the letter by every man and woman on duty at Weeley.

The Chief Constable and Mr. J. Duke, A.C.C., Festival Commander, attended throughout and slept in makeshift accommodation in the Rectory right in the festival site. And both were in the thick of the action when the Angel trouble began.

Arrests topped the ton by 8 a.m. on Monday. About 60 came from one incident and a few of the remainder were for drug offences.

At 5 p.m. on Monday the stage show ended and at once fans began to leave. An orderly queue formed for trains and the Colchester road resembled the retreat from Moscow. And by the end of that day they had nearly all gone leaving lots of litter but little other damage.

In a week or so when the hard-core hippies have drifted off, Weeley 71 will be only a memory. There was not much noise, fighting on part of one day, and probably less vandalism than usual with all the police activity.

So the organisers have got away with their wild optimism in unleashing this devil-they-didn't-know on North Essex. And the fans have shown that all they want to do is enjoy themselves quietly in their own way and that what the papers have said about them in the past is inaccurate to say the least.

### Letter from a fan

Fetham,  
Middletown  
29th Aug 71

Dear Mr Nightingale,  
My friends and I have just spent a really enjoyable Bank Holiday at Weeley, and we were talking about the festival when the subject of the Police cropped up in conversation. We all agreed that the Police who were at the festival couldn't have been more considerate, and we would just like to register our sincere appreciation.

You probably already realise that the relationship between the Police and festival-goers usually leaves something to be desired, often both sides are hypersensitive and overcritical of each other. But this weekend showed us that we can all get it together, which is really nice.

Anyway, congratulations,

Yours sincerely

Carol Beales

Carol Beales, on behalf of:

- Bob Smith,
- Maggi Adams,
- Dee Adams,
- Denise (Kobbi) Cook,
- Troy Adams,
- & Gavin Beales.

### Sports personality of the month

The Chief Constable (in case you didn't recognise him without his uniform) pictured after his epic swim last month. Full report of the Force long distance swim, in which the Chief finished eighth, appears on page 7.



Many readers will never have had the advantage of reading one of those interminable explanatory reports which detectives attach to their case files which without them would be perfectly clear and which with them are often anything but lucid. So here is your chance to read a not quite typical example. It came with this note:

Dear Editor,

The following report is based on a true case and the events actually happened as described. Only the names of persons and places have been changed to protect the innocent and, for obvious reasons, I wish to remain anonymous in case you should be short enough of suitable material to go so far as to print it in LAW.

Yours faithfully,  
D.C. Sky-blue Pink

To: The Detective Sergeant on Duty,

I have to report with reference to the accompanying evidence file that the circumstances of this case are as follows:—

Smith reported that this coat had been stolen from a dance hall in X town. After extensive and protracted enquiries, resulting in several large claims for incidental expenses, I was unable to find any trace of the coat or the person(s) responsible. Smith, being a spirited young man with a large following of muscle-bound friends, commenced enquiries on his own account and was eventually able to beat some information out of an unknown informant to the effect that the coat was in the possession of Jones, who had purchased it from Brown and that both these men lived in Y town.

I therefore interviewed Jones who, naturally enough, denied all knowledge of the affair. However, being a resourceful detective, I had noticed that he spent an excessive amount of time brewing up my cup of tea and I therefore thought that, in his absence, he had been up to no good. Accordingly, I was not too surprised when I found the offending coat hidden in his bedroom, nor was I much worried when he declined to tell me who he had obtained it from. As far as I was concerned I had the coat and I had a body, whether he went down for Theft or Handling.

A day or two afterwards I received an anonymous telephone call from Jones to say that it was White who had sold the coat to Jones. (I now began to wonder what had happened to Brown). I interviewed White, who also lived in Y town, and he agreed that he had in fact sold the coat to Jones but, naturally, he did not know it was stolen and did I really think he would sell nicked gear to his mate? He then told me that his other mate Brown (Now we're getting to it, I thought) had asked him if he knew anyone who wanted to buy a coat as he had a mate in X town who wanted to sell one. He, White, knowing that Jones wanted one, told Brown who gave him the coat and he then sold it to Jones for £8, kept £1 for himself and passed the remainder on to Brown who also retained £1 for his services, and gave the rest to his mate in X town, who according to White was named Green.

When I eventually managed to see Brown, he had taken himself away on holiday — on the proceeds of the sale no doubt, he agreed with what his mate White had said, namely that his other mate Green had asked him if he knew anyone who wanted a coat and he had asked White who told him that Jones wanted one so he had got the coat from Green and given it to White who had given it to Jones who had given White £8, who had given him £7 and he had given Green £6 and did I really think he would sell nicked gear to his mate.

So I went to see Green in X town. Nice little job I thought. One for Theft and two or three for Handling and the coat back into the bargain. "Oh no," says Green, "you've got it all wrong. I was at the dance with my mates Black and Blue and in comes Brown and his mates from Y town and we all decide to go to Z town and as we're leaving Smith starts creating because someone's pinched his coat. So there's a bit of bover and then we leaves. I'm sitting in a car with Brown and he pulls this coat out from under the seat and says "Look what I nicked" and my mates Black and Blue saw him with it as well." Then he brings his mates Black and Blue along to make statements to this effect.

So back I go to see Brown (I always thought he was the villain in the piece) and I tell him that I know he stole the coat because Green saw him with it and Black and Blue have also made statements to that effect. "Oh no," says Brown, "that's not right. It's as I told you before only now I realise I shall have to tell you that I was at the dance and knew that the coat had been nicked so you will have to do me for Handling, but I didn't steal the coat and I shall bring my mates Purple, Yellow and Puse along to make statements to show I didn't because they were in the car and can say that Brown and Black and Blue are telling lies and, therefore, Green must be the one who nicked it."

These are the facts of the case and may help to explain why this file has taken so long in being submitted.

I would like to take this opportunity to apply to be reverted into uniform, as soon as I return from the Police Convalescent Home at Brighton

# Fluff and Puff just don't want to

# leave home



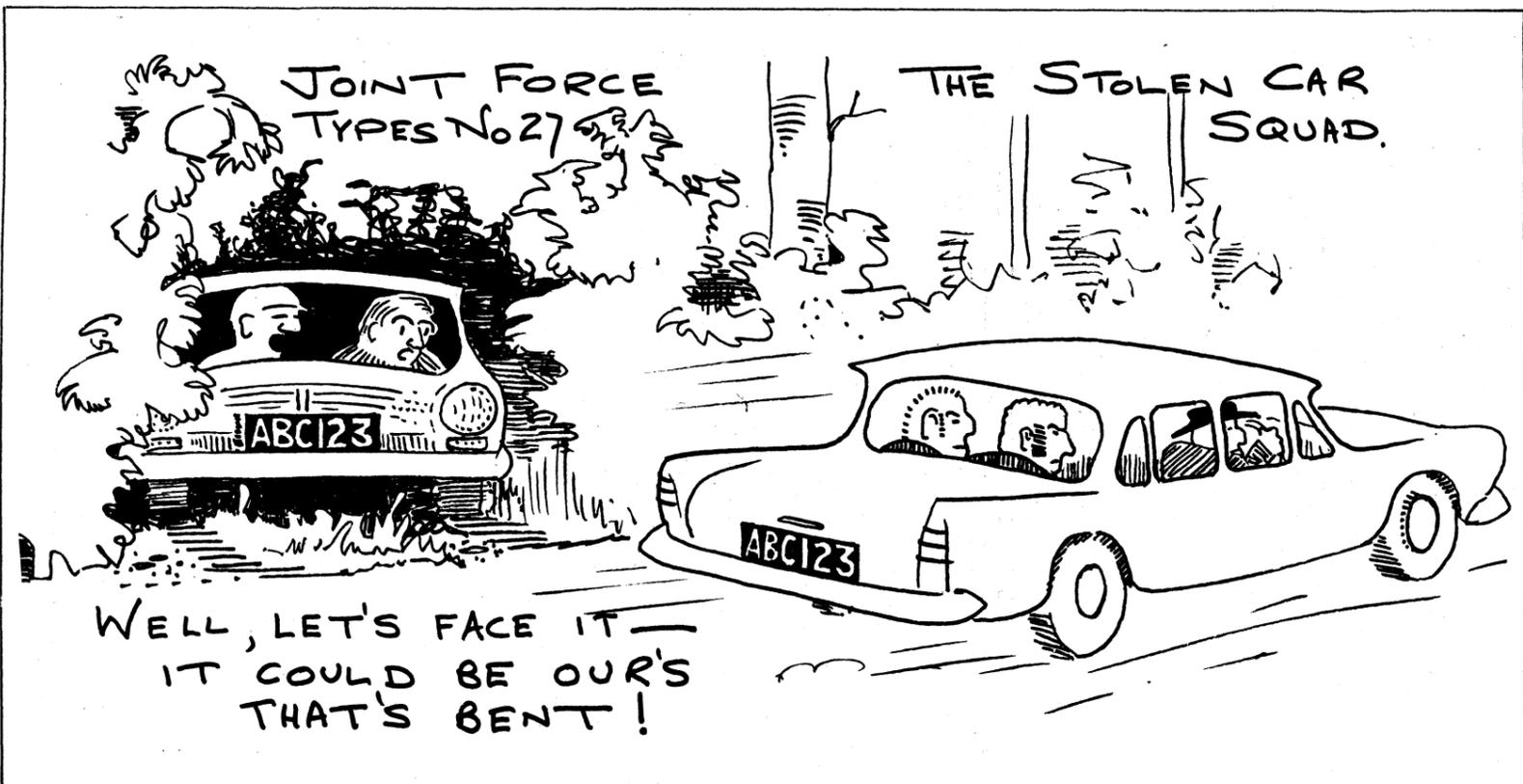
Young Nicholas Lawrence has obviously got a way with birds already — the feathered sort, of course, so Mum approves and so does Dad, P.c. George Lawrence of Tiptree. In fact it was Mum, Mrs. Judy Lawrence, who obtained these two blackbirds as fledglings and reared them to the stage of being able to fly and forage for themselves.

The trouble is they've got so tame — they will perch on the dog's back and climb all over Nicholas — that they don't want to leave "home."

Life holds many dangers for young birds who have had their instinctive fear of predators blunted so Judy Lawrence is hoping they might be released in a nature reserve where they will be safe.

Meanwhile Fluff and Puff are living happily in the lap of luxury.

Picture by East Anglian Daily Times.



## Special Superintendent retires



Special Superintendent Felix Collins of Chelmsford Division recently retired at the grand age of 73 years after serving as a Special since February, 1926, no less than 45 years. At a gathering of Special and Regular personnel to mark his retirement Chief Superintendent W. Partis made a farewell presentation.

Brentwood Police Social Club

Harvest Dance at Rotary Hoes West Horndon

Friday 15th October 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

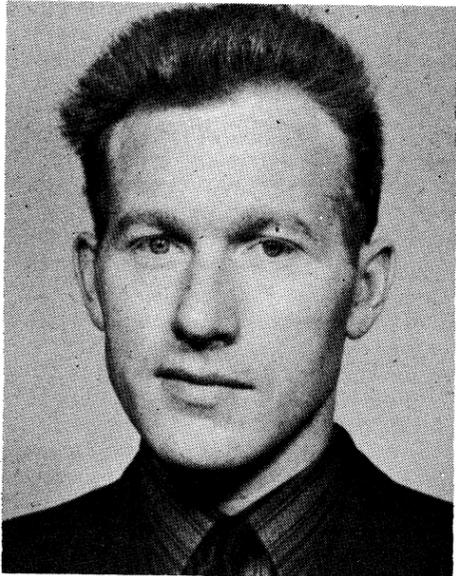
Dancing to Barry Steady and his Music

Buffet Licensed bar Raffle Dress Optional Tickets £1.25 from Brentwood Police Station.

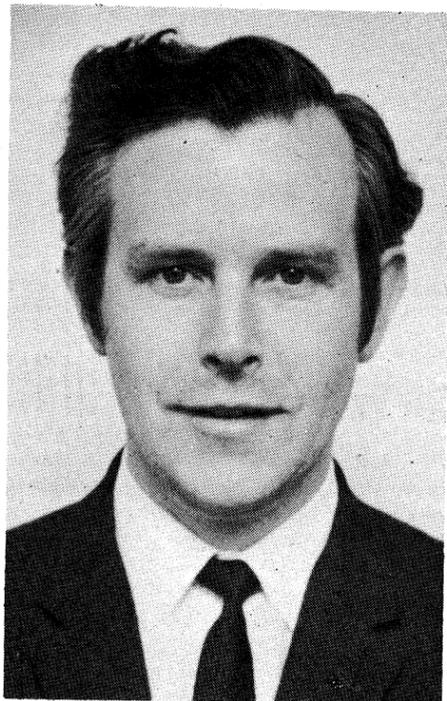
# PORTRAIT

## Honours for three

Three members of the Force who disappeared from the police-work scene three years ago to immerse themselves in the atmosphere academic have returned with honours and now find themselves back in the old routine in divisions.



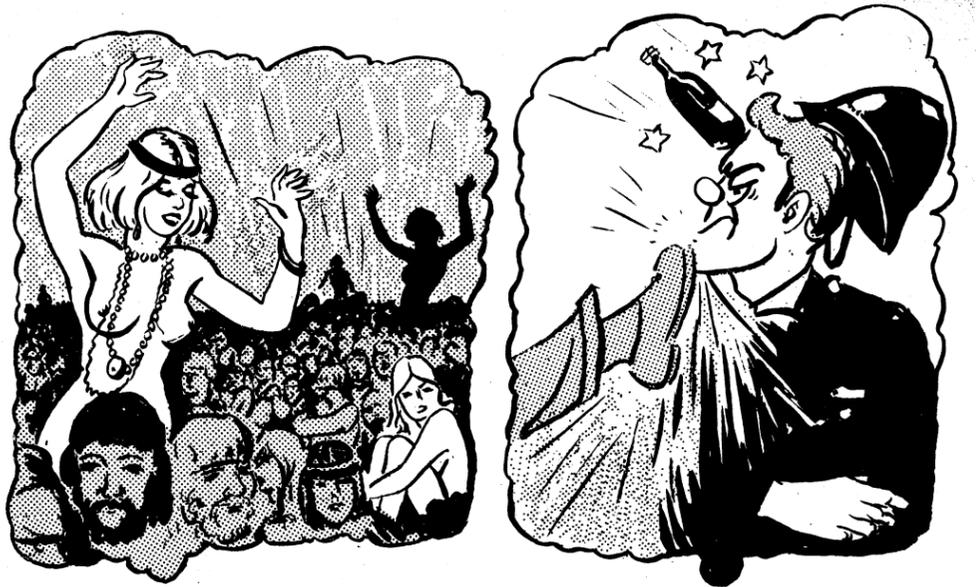
Chief Inspector Alan Gilling served in the Intelligence Corps in the West Indies until 1958 when he joined the Force. In 1962 he was the first Essex student on the Bramshill Special Course and in 1968 went to Essex University under the Force scheme, where he obtained a B.A. (Hons.) degree in sociology. He is now serving at Colchester.



Chief Inspector Colin Woodford joined the Force in 1954 after service in the R.A.F. Police. Attendance at the Police College in 1967 led to a Bramshill scholarship to London University. He returns to the Force with L.B. (Hons.) and is currently serving at Basildon.



Chief Inspector Keith Hunter served first as a Police Cadet in 1950 before spending his national service in the Scots Guards. He joined the West Riding Constabulary in 1954 and transferred to Essex in 1967 on promotion to Inspector. He, too, was awarded a Bramshill Scholarship and read Modern History at London University, graduating with B.A. (Hons.). He is now in charge of the Corringham subdivision.



"This is your first assignment at a pop festival, Constable, and I trust it will be a revealing experience to you."

## Policewomen in the news

THE policewomen of the force are certainly in the news lately. Setting aside their traditional "women and children first" role, they are spreading their influence into other departments of the Force. And six have been commended in recent months for good work.

Newest member of the Basildon C.I.D. is W.d.c. Joan Murphy and W.p.c. Eileen Wilson has joined the J.L.O. de-

partment at Grays. This month W.p.c. Brock will start an advanced driving course at the driving school.

### COMMENDATIONS

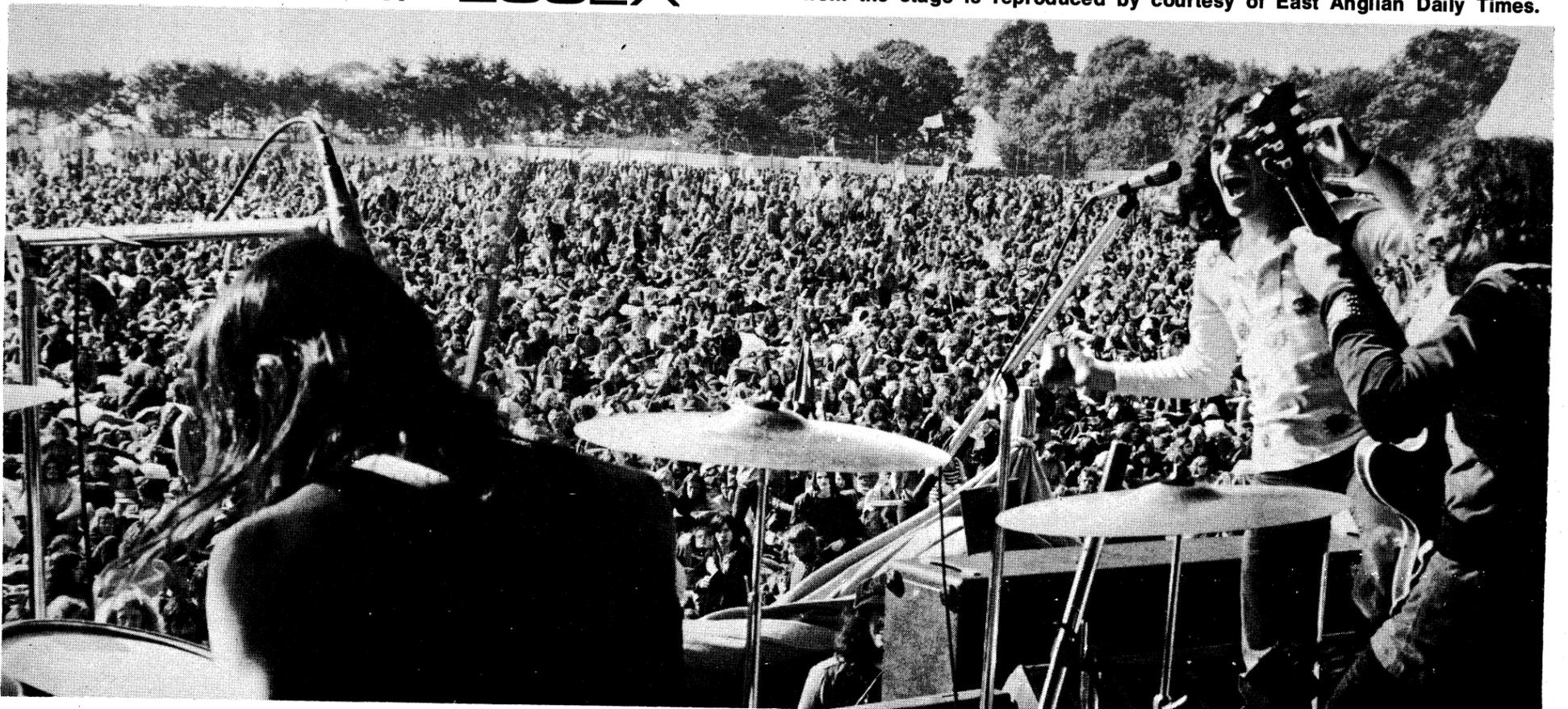
Leading the commendations list is W.p.c. Pam Arnold, of Chelmsford, who has had two, both for the detection of crime in the past few weeks. For her work in similar offences W.p.c.

Ann Burgess was commended and has now transferred to Northampton on promotion to sergeant. Sgt. Constance Guiver, of Southend, was recently commended for prompt action in arresting a youth stealing from a bank — nothing but the best in Southend!

In fields more usually associated with women's work W.p.c. Ann Turner, of Clacton, was commended by the Chief Constable after good work in restraining a woman who was armed with a knife and threatening to injure herself, and W.p.c. Susan Hall, of Southend, received a commendation for good work in tracing and returning home a missing boy.

It's all in a day's work for the girls in blue!

## OFF-BEAT ESSEX



Well, perhaps not. There was plenty of beat but for the Police, the stage and arena at Weeley were out of bounds to avoid any irritation. This view from the stage is reproduced by courtesy of East Anglian Daily Times.

# Your timber's in danger

With the relaxation of the house purchase policy many more policemen can enjoy the pleasures of home ownership — and the troubles!

Richard Westacott of the Rentokil Group, gives a warning it would be unwise to ignore.



Common furniture beetle.

**YOU** may have intruders, but your magnifying glass, truncheon and whistle will not help in combating these particular pests. Now is the time of year when those boring menaces, the woodworms, make themselves noticed and cause alarm. More and more of Britain's homes are being infested with these unwelcome visitors. Prior to 1914 the majority of houses had their floorboards, joists and rafters in hardwood of either hardwood or softwood. Wood-boring insects did not flourish in such timbers, but since the early 1920's rough surfaced sapwood has been used extensively due to the world shortage of timber. Such timbers are structurally ideal, but are also suitable hideouts and breeding grounds for the woodworm beetle.

Don't sit back and say "I have a new house, so it can't be infested." It has been proven that in three years this small, but expensive, burglar of timber can become firmly established in a new house. Have a prowl around your



Deathwatch beetle.

home. If the woodwork shows some tiny holes about one-twelfth of an inch in diameter and with a deposit of dust nearby, it is possible that you have woodworm patrolling your timber.

If woodworm is suspected in the structural timbers, it is wisest to call in a specialist firm to arrest these villains, since a considerable understanding is needed not only to recognise the extent of the attack, but also to eradicate it.

A free survey by a qualified surveyor is the first step. The surveyor will submit a full report and estimate. Once the estimate has

been accepted, a squad of skilled technicians move in, clean all the timber scrupulously and spray, inject and paint the timbers with insecticidal fluids. A firm like Rentokil has a very highly trained force, and on completion give a guarantee against further attack for 20 years. It is also possible through them to insure, not only against woodworm, but also against wood-rotting fungi like wet rot and dry rot.

## Do it yourself —carefully

When it comes to treating furniture, pre-

cious items can be expertly treated by fumigation. But the householder can treat furniture himself as there are woodworm destroying fluids, injectors and polishes available.

When using these, read the instructions very carefully. It is important to treat all surfaces.

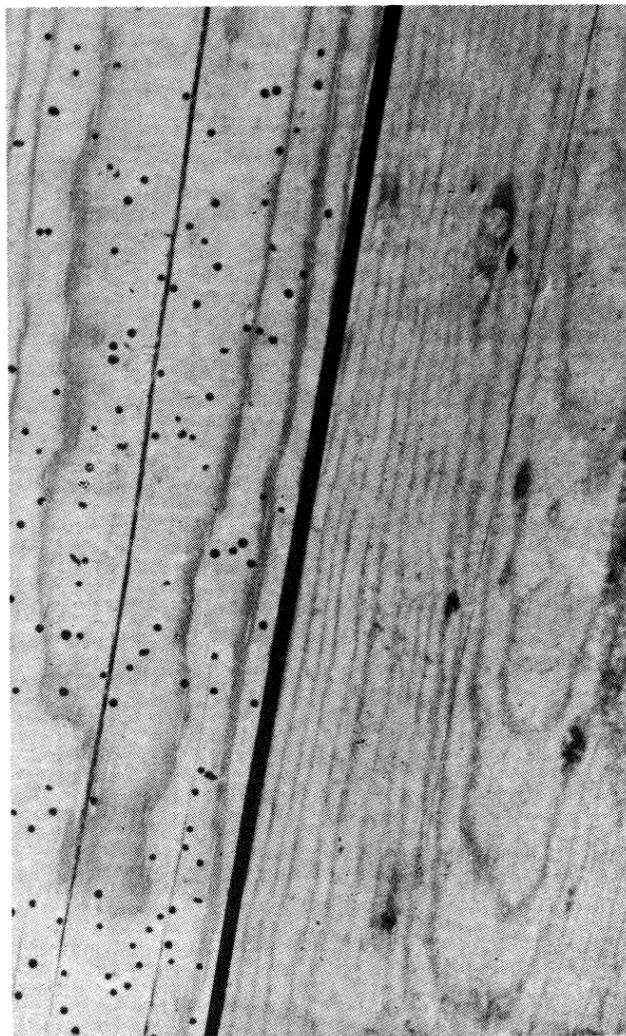
While not as common as woodworm, wood decaying fungi can be very damaging in housing timbers when they occur. There are two common types. The Dry Rot Fungus, *Merulius lacrymans*, and the Wet Rot Fungus, *Coniophora cerebella*. The prime cause of wood rot by these fungi is excess moisture getting into wood, and this is normally brought about by lack of maintenance. Outside a building Wet Rot can occur because of failure to paint and protect timbers. Inside, leaking pipes, burst water tanks, loose roof tiles letting in the rain, faulty gutters, blocked down-pipes and lack of subfloor ventilation can all bring about the condition leading to decay.

As with woodworm, whenever an outbreak of wood rot occurs, it is wise to call in a specialist. Equipped with bloodhound nose he will soon be on the scent of the fungi and have the technical knowledge to eradicate any attack.

**Additional statements on any aspect of timber preservation and the Rentokil service can be obtained from Rentokil Advice Centre, 16 Dover Street, London, W.1.**



A technician sprays affected timbers with woodworm fluid.

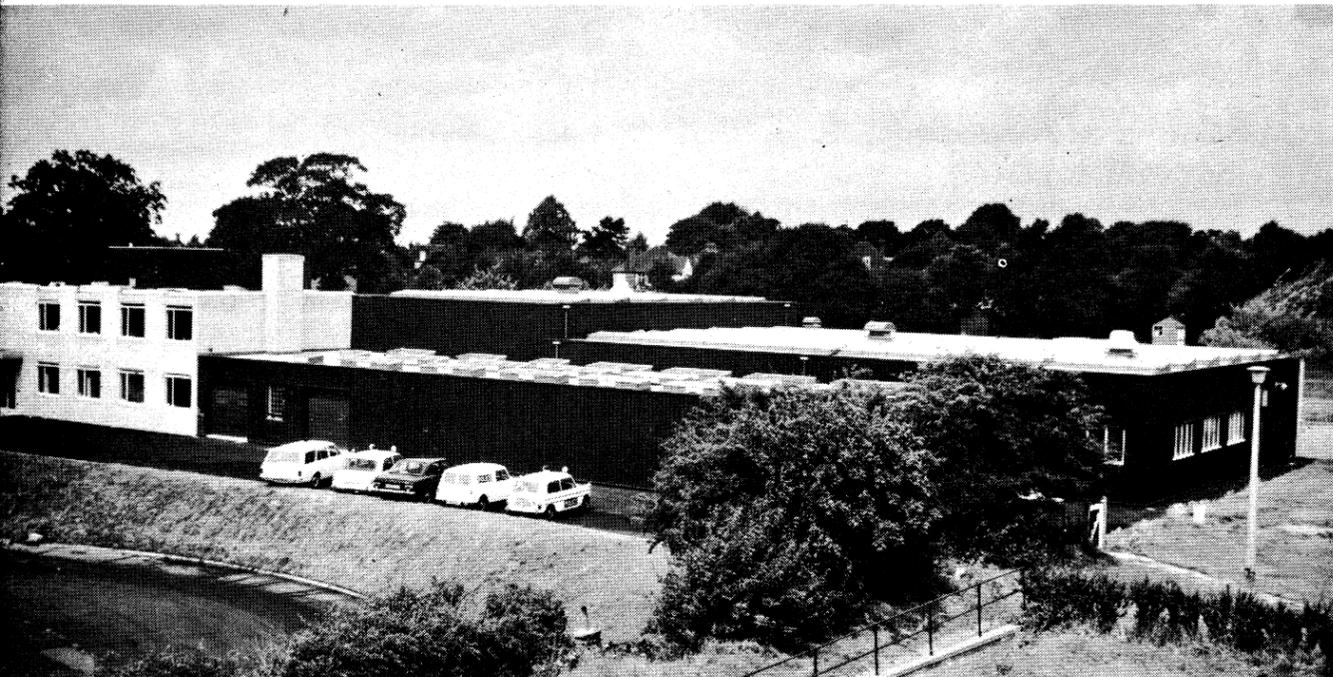


Flight holes of the common furniture beetle.



A Rentokil technician removes debris preparatory to irrigating the timber.

# The new garage and workshop at Headquarters



Above, a view of the new premises with the office block on the left. Below, a wide view of the main workshop. In the foreground Ted Kirk goes to work on a mini while further

away John Parker has raised a Transit on the Bradbury 2 level lift.



THE new garage and workshops at Headquarters, opened last month, are now fully in operation (as referred to in the motor cyclist's column and letters).

After the old premises there is a great spaciousness about the place. Administrative staff sit in splendid isolation upstairs in the office block and the mechanics have room to stand back to admire their work.

The idea for the new garages was originally pressed by Chief Supt. Don Murray, then head of Traffic Division, some years ago. With Chief Supt. Harry Smith, about to take over from him, and Sgt. Des Biggs, he sat down and decided what was needed in each part of the new building. The county architect's department then produced the designs.

## Automatic gear saves time

Unfortunately two factors caused amendments to the plans, the bowling green and the necessity of reducing the overall cost of the project. Because of these, storage space has been reduced, but working space left intact.

Features of the building are an automatic car wash—official cars only—a fully automatic lubrication bay which entirely does away with oil cans. The mechanic just hooks up, throws a switch, and the right amount of oil is pumped into the vehicle. Sixteen vehicles will be dealt with every day.

## Don't disturb the mechanics

Another feature is the "rolling road" apparatus which tests speedo, brakes and b.h.p., and can simulate wind resistance and gradient, doing in a few minutes what has previously taken hours.

Upstairs in the office block there is a door with "Transport Manager" on it. That's Des Biggs. We put it to him that there had been jocular criticisms of the new system. "The old garage always had more policemen in it than mechanics," he replied, "especially on a wet day. Now we have a driver's room with a tea machine and the motor cyclists can drink tea without disturbing the mechanics."

Left, Acting Inspector Biggs demonstrates the "rolling road" apparatus. Below, another view of the main workshop showing the automatic lubrication bay. The vehicle in the centre is standing on the turntable which facilitates easy manoeuvring in the confined space.



section of rotted wall plate, all with fungicidal fluids.



# EDVIEW

## Pop goes to Weeley

Weeley was the first chance this Force has had to become involved in the Pop world. The operation was a success. The machine worked and apart from minor irritations all went well. The fearsome fans, given a Press image of marauding Vikings or worse, were found to be orderly, docile, friendly kids whose only wish was to enjoy themselves. And if we think that their way of doing this is odd we should remember that they are less of a minority than we are and that our ways of finding amusement must seem just as peculiar to them. But events such as this, arranged on an already busy Bank Holiday weekend, strain the spirit of live and let live to the utmost.

## The right to be silent

WE HEAR that Lord Widgery, the Lord Chief Justice, has stated publicly that under the present Judges' Rules the police are fighting crime with their hands tied behind their backs. From this statement crime fighting policemen can only assume that it is a situation of which his Lordship approves since it is presumably within his sphere to have the rules abolished if he thought fit. They are, after all, Judges' Rules.

But that would be like catching trout with a trap, not giving the fox a fair start or making a chap bat without pads on. It would just not be cricket!

And a "quality" Sunday newspaper recently announced that "many policemen" say that they have to "bend" the rules to protect the public. To have obtained such a "cough" from "many policemen" the writer's power of interrogation must be greater than ours. Could he have obtained such an admission after a proper caution?

Some judges argue that if an Englishman has a right to be silent there is no harm in telling him so. But whether this is a proper right for an Englishman to have is another matter and one upon which their Lordships remain silent.

## Gastronomic Apartheid

TO THE uninitiated the construction of a new wing at Headquarters would seem easy enough to plan. There is just the little matter of extracting the cost from the public purse but what is that compared with "determining the most appropriate dining arrangements..."

Recently a circular letter on this subject went to all ranks of Inspector and above at Headquarters posing two alternatives:—

1. That all Federated ranks should use the same dining facilities;
2. That Inspectors and all ranks above should have a separate dining room.

These alternatives clearly imply that the decision to feed superintendents of various grades separately has already been taken but that it may turn out that inspectors may be able to similarly segregate themselves.

But why should superintendents eat in isolation, comparative or complete? Some can remember a time not so long ago when there was only one policeman so exalted in each division but now they are to be found in the larger sub-divisions and at Headquarters there has been a veritable superintendent explosion. Are the present-day holders of these ranks so insecure that they can eat only in the company of their own kind? In these egalitarian times should not all members of the Force be able to eat in one room?

But what is to happen to the civilian population of headquarters, even more numerous than the superintendents? Any point of segregation in the police rank structure will have to be matched by a split somewhere in the civilian hierarchy. But where? Which grade of typist equals a sergeant? How big a pen must one push to qualify for the super dining class?

Some advocate that the present compromise, under which anyone eating at headquarters who cares to pay a small service surcharge may eat in the dining room instead of the canteen, should be applied to the new premises. But financial segregation has little more to commend it than a system based on rank.

It hardly seems logical to ask inspectors and superintendents now stationed at Headquarters their opinions on the dining arrangements in a building to be completed several years from now. The only sensible way to come to an acceptable conclusion is for the interested organisations, the Federation and Superintendents' Association, to discuss the matter. But the idea of officers and other ranks seems in any case oddly at various with management noises being made in the service recently.



## Good man management...

Dear Sir,

Many things have recently been said detrimental to man management, but on this occasion I wish to record my thanks and praise to the Chief Superintendent and his staff at Harlow for the excellent arrangements made for the welfare of men sent to that division in the case of the missing baby.

I found as a result of this good man management the men in my charge were willing to do anything required of them with a good spirit.

F. C. PAXMAN  
Sergeant

## ...but poor standard of turnout at Harlow

Dear Sir,

Mishapen hats, long untidy hair growing over collars, grease stained, ash and hair covered jackets, baggy unpursed trousers, filthy shoes and multi-coloured socks.

Defendants in the Oz trial? No, members of the Essex and Southend Constabulary parading for duty at Harlow recently in connection with the missing baby inquiry.

What has happened to our police service this last few years? Agreed that the discipline in the old days we have all heard about (many times) was too harsh and restrictive. The supervisory officers of today are not at all like their counterparts of 20 years ago who appeared to be always looking for a chance to catch the poor constable committing some small breach of regulations.

Although our Branch Boards representatives will argue that adult men can be trusted to ensure that their turnout is clean and correct, a look round at most stations will convince the most ardent Federationist that this is not so in respect of some of their members. Pride of appearance does not appear to be a popular virtue at the moment.

I am not trying to advocate a return to "the bad old days" but surely a fortnightly hair trim, a weekly pressing of trousers and the daily cleaning of shoes is not too much to ask for. The fact of a person wearing a uniform, whether he be telegram boy or guardsman, should be enough for that person to wish to look his best in the eyes of the public. It is not clever to be scruffy but very easy to be clean and smart.

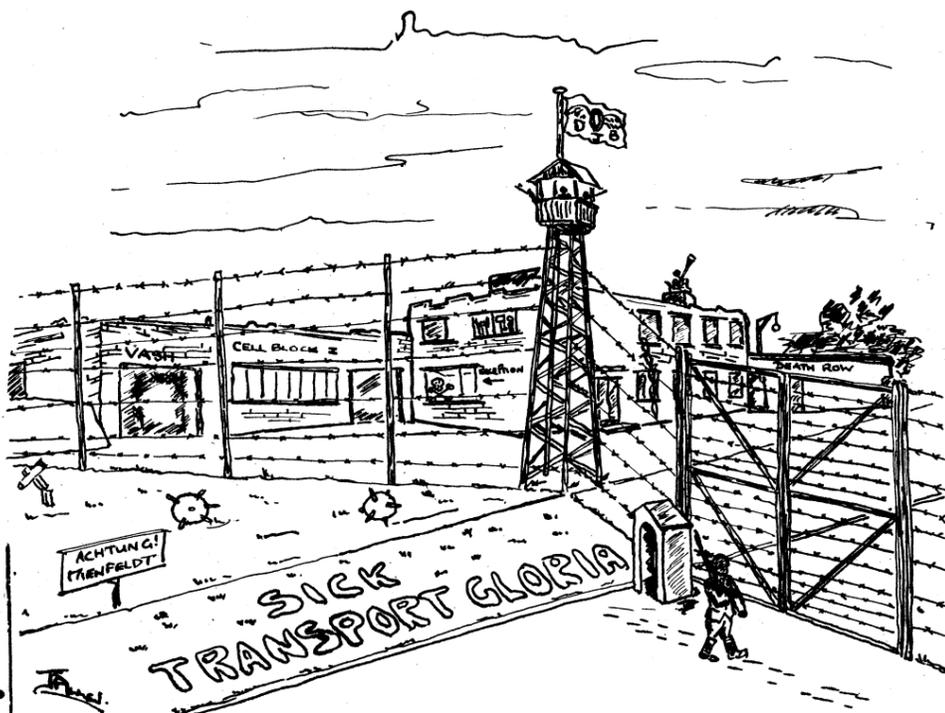
B. FLYNN (P.c. 275)  
Southend.

## More about the tax man

Dear Sir,

Your correspondent G. Waterman solves his own question in the last paragraph of his letter. He states he notices his pension for April showed a reduction of tax and yet "did not bother about it."

Of course tax authorities make mistakes and so do others including pensioners. Had ex-P.c. 1257 taken the trouble to check his pension slip with his notice of coding he would have found the answer. Let's face



## New garage very impressive, but...

it, the fundamentals of a pension slip are three-fold: i, gross pension; ii, code no.; and iii, tax deduction, the balance is yours.

Having had many years of working experience with tax authorities as finance officer for the force, I found them most helpful and ready to give assistance.

So Mr. Waterman, when your next pension payment comes along, and before attempting to apportion the blame, do please check your gross and code number and if they are in agreement you have nothing to fear, provided of course no printers' errors have crept into the tax tables. To whom else can we attribute the blame? Also, bear in mind, heaven helps them who help themselves.

B. G. BRINKLEY  
Secretary

Chelmsford Branch.  
To be fair, I think Mr. Waterman only did what most of us do — accept a larger cheque thankfully, don't look too closely at it and hope for the best. But thanks to Bert Brinkley, an undoubted expert, for his advice.—Ed.

## Letter received at Harlow Police Station Addressed to Chief Superintendent

My Dear Sir,

I understand from my friends that you are a very duty-conscious kind-hearted gentleman of high calibre and this information alone prompted me to write these few lines to you sir.

I had parked my moped in the no waiting area and had gone for a haircut. Since there were many people waiting to have a haircut it took me some time before I got my hair done. When I came back I found the parking ticket attached to my moped. I wasn't aware that I parked my moped at the wrong place. I had this moped just two weeks and I am an Indian as such I am a little stranger to the laws in force here.

Dear Sir, I wish to request you to kindly forgive me this time and hereby with all my heart assure you that no such errors on my part regarding the vehicle would ever happen again. Thanking you from the bottom of my heart and anticipating a favourable reply. I remain your sincerely.

Flattery got him no where. He had to pay the penalty.

Canberra,  
Australia

Dear Sir,

I read with interest Chief Supt. Farnsworth's comments

in the "Southend Standard" concerning the Southend Police Officers who emigrated to Canada and who apparently found that faraway hills weren't greener.

I also read with interest the remarks of my old mate ex-P.c. 282 Pat O'Keefe to the effect that there was too much regimentation and to quote Pat's mother, "they are treated like children over little things."

I emigrated here in 1966 after almost seven years with Southend Constabulary to join the Commonwealth Police, and I found a somewhat similar situation. My chief complaints, I think, were that one's discretion was stifled and the use of one's initiative absolutely frowned upon. I left after 18 months. It is possible, of course, that Pat and I, and the other fellows from Southend, were rather spoilt, coming as we did from the finest Force in the United Kingdom at that time. Mind you, at the time I left, thing's didn't look too bright and to be honest, I don't regret leaving even though there appears to be no doubt that as far as conditions of service are concerned, the British Police is the best by far.

I enjoyed my service in Southend Police — well almost all of it — and I am indeed proud of it but I try to keep things in perspective. There are some memories I would rather keep as memories, such as Leigh Broadway for eight hours on a wet winter's afternoon, or walking Eastwood when the snow was too deep even to ride a bicycle and the only footprints in the snow were mine.

Once again to be frank, I am glad to be an ex-Policeman. I have a fairly good job, happy with my lot and will stay here. But while I agree with Mr. Farnsworth, a British Police man will be disappointed with overseas Police systems, I also try to remember that the hills back home weren't exactly all that wonderfully green at times either.

Yours faithfully,  
R. N. Kerr, ex-P.c. 182  
Southend

Dear Sir,

On a recent visit to the newly opened Police Headquarters Garage, I was so overcome by the "cordial" welcome extended and the impressive security arrangements that I was prompted to "do" a cartoon to record my impression of that never-to-be-forgotten moment in time.

Yours sincerely,  
J. H. Allen, 182  
H.Q. Photographic

## Gun law?

Dear Sir,

Since the abolition of Capital Punishment it is with alarming regularity that Police Officers are being cold-bloodedly murdered whilst endeavouring to do their duty in protecting society from violent criminals.

Prior to abolition a Police Officer felt reasonably safe in violent circumstances because he felt that he had the full weight of the law behind him. However, the case now is that the criminal having murdered a Police Officer and is apprehended can be satisfied that the murder he has committed makes little difference to the penalty he would have received for the original crime of violence.

This situation can only be responsible for a lowering of morale which must be detrimental to the Service as a whole.

It is now clear that the violent criminal shows less and less regard for human life in the furtherance of their crimes and it must be in the interests of society that a substitute for Capital Punishment is found, and soon, before the Police lose confidence in the Law they are responsible for upholding.

It may well be that the Police Federation has the matter in mind but I think the view of most officers is that the only deterrent left for the violent criminal is a very long term of imprisonment so that Society is forever protected against their violence.

Frederick C. Paxman  
Sergeant

## Last word on Weeley

Lo fixed abode.

Dear Fuzz,  
From three Fuzz-loving chicks who would like to tell you how much we appreciate your peace and goodwill at the Weeley Pop Festival. It's great to find such charming members of the task force. Keep up the good work lads. We couldn't have done better ourselves.

C.P., Mares and Lizzy

P.S. Request

Could you send us P.C. 133 for Christmas?

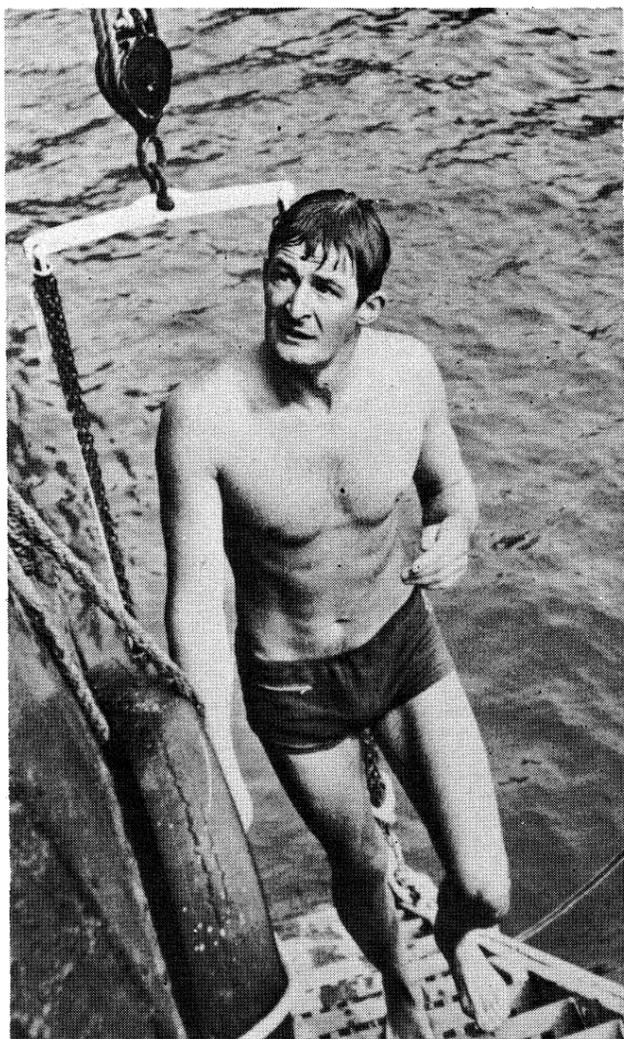
# Hodges/Brooks 3rd in Kent regatta

The recently formed sailing section made a first venture outside the county when two boats entered the Kent County Constabulary Sailing Regatta, which was held in near perfect conditions at the Royal Cinque Ports Yacht Club, Dover, on July 22, 1971.

There was a total entry of 31 boats from Kent, the Metropolitan, Bedfordshire and Luton, Sussex and Essex.

Both the morning and afternoon races counted for the final result and the trophy for the outright winner went to P.c. Holley, Mets. Second place was taken by D.c. Sinnock, Kent, and in third was the Essex boat helmed by D/Ch/Insp Hodges and crewed by W/Insp. Brooks. The other Essex boat helmed by P.c. Petty-Mayor, crewed by P.s. Grange, was narrowly beaten into fifth place.

The next open event in the No. 5 (South-East) Region Police Athletic Association Sailing Championship to be held at Birdham, Sussex, on September 8/9, 1971. The representatives from this Force are to be selected taking into account the events sailed during the season.



Inspector Ian Wright lands on the Lady Saville to retain the title he won last year and put up a new record in the process.

Colchester, who completed the course in record time — 30min. 38sec. The previous record, set up by ex-Constable Johns, was 33min. The second man home was Sgt. Barry Targrass, who clocked 33min. 3sec. This being the first time that Sgt. Targrass has attempted the race he received the additional prize for the first novice home. Third was Constable Ted Travers, of Basildon, in 33min. 45sec.

The first woman home was W/Insp. Lorna Brooks again, in 40min. 17sec., and she was followed by Cadet Carol Lambourn in 48min. 41sec.

First and second cadets were Graham Blois, 34min. 22sec., and Bob Foster, in 41min. 20sec. Sgt. Underwood was the first veteran to arrive, 35min. 35sec., after the gun.

## The Chief

But the outstanding performance of the day was by the Chief who completed the course in the excellent time of 35min. 55sec. This, in itself, was a very good time, but in the history of the race, 15 years, no one even approaching the Chief's age has even entered the race, never mind completed it. In fact the only comparable event in recent history was Chairman Mao's swim in the River Yangtze. However, the actions of the officers who saw a parallel between these two events and acquired menus from a nearby Chinese restaurant to wave at our leader as he boarded the Lady Saville have not gone unnoticed.

The swim was extremely well organised by the Secretary of the Southend Divisions Swimming Section, Sid Saddler, the Force Sports Secretary, Ed Easlea, and the Assistant Secretaries Sports Section — Ron Irwin. The usual excellent hospitality was provided by the Essex Yacht Club and the Commodore and Committee are to be congratulated.

# Athletes grab the prizes

ONE of the smallest teams to represent the Force in outside competition was also one of the most successful of recent years when a team numbering no more than five athletes returned from Norwich on August 19 with 14 prizes, taken against opposition from as far away as Nottingham.

The team consisted of sprinters Mick Jackson, Peter Taylor and Richie England and middle distance men Mick Barlow and Larry Britt.

And it was Mick Barlow who registered the first success of the afternoon with a nippy 400 mts. 3rd place in a season's best 54.5secs. After this he was rested until the relay stage of the meeting with the result that he also put up a personal best in that event.

Our three sprinters swamped the 100 mts. heats to enter the final in full strength where, after a dreadful start, Peter Taylor recovered well to catch everyone who clocked 11.3secs. Richie England took 5th place and with the prospect of two relays still to come scratched from the 200 mts.

In that event Taylor had the inside leg while Jackson was almost in the grass in lane 8. Peter entered the straight first but Mick almost had him and they were both timed at a goodish 23.2secs., again occupying 1 and 2.

## Inexplicable

How we lost the 4 x 100 mts. relay is a mystery but the Beds. & Luton baton changing was good enough to keep them in front of a fast finishing Peter Taylor (running order Jackson, England, Barlow, Taylor). Now came the 5,000 mts. and the competitors seemed to have been watching TV as our own Larry Britt breezed along in the lead of runners who had no business being in, looking round Bedford style, surging and easing. But about half-way Herts cadet Frank Parsons made a Finnish style burst which left his Essex rival the length of the straight behind. Britt held on well to recover from this disaster and take 2nd place in his best time.

The last event of the day, the medley relay was run Norfolk order, 200-200-400-800 to give the Jackson-England sprint pair a chance to hand the baton to Peter Taylor with a slender lead. But Peter was tired after a heavy afternoon and in the home straight slipped to 4th.

Mick Barlow, starting from 5 mts. before his mark, set about his 2 lap final leg very sensibly and at the bell was still only 3rd. But a series of accelerations swept him into 2nd place and close up to the Notts half-miler who just hung on. But Mick's split time was a best ever 2m 3secs., and that for 5 yards over the distance, to give the team a season's best time.

## Results

100m: 1st, M. Jackson, 11.3s. 2nd, P. Taylor, 12s.; 5th, R. England, 12.5secs. 200 m: 1st, P. Taylor, 23.2s.; 2nd, M. Jackson, 23.2s. 400m: 3rd, M. Barlow, 54.5s. 5000 m: 2nd, L. Britt, 17m 36s. 4 x 100 m relay: 2nd, Essex-Southend, 46.3s. 1600 m medley relay: 2nd, Essex-Southend, 3m 53.2s.

The final of the Salter Cup this year will be between Clacton and Southend Eastern Divisions to be played at Headquarters green on a date to be announced.

# Call for rugby players

By IAN SPARKS

The new season is about to start. At least 24 fixtures have been arranged and as always it is hoped to fix more.

At present no drastic changes have taken place. P.s. Colin Edkins, of Southend, moves from last year's vice-captaincy to be captain this year. Vice this year is Ian Sparks of H.Q. Traffic. These appointments were made by the committee at their meeting on August 10.

By now all Divs and Subs should have received a letter and list for the use of anyone interested in playing rugby for the Force. Please enter your names if you are interested so we can build a team right from the beginning. Anyone interested should contact P.s. Dave Byrne, J.L.O., Southend, P.s. Edkins, Southend, or me, P.c. Sparks, H.Q. Traffic.

# John Stenson is Champion Shot

THE Force shooting section has a fall-out problem! What happened to the 26 drop-outs from this year's Champion Shot competition?

That's what section captain Mick Brangham wants to know because out of 32 original entries only six returned their cards. But this disappointing show does nothing to detract from John Stenson's victory with a great 588 out of 600. John wins the jacket flash awarded for the highest score but the N.S.R.A. medal goes to Rob Wolton, next highest with 575, as John won it last year and he can only win one.

## FULL RESULT

J. Stenson (Harlow)	588
R. Wolton (Colchester)	575
G. Breeding (Grays)	573
K. Light (Clacton)	572
A. Gowers (H.Q.)	571
R. Sanderson (Grays)	567

## COLCHESTER WIN

Success came to Colchester divisional rifle team on July 21st when they beat Grays in the final of the Samuel Courtauld Cup won annually by the divisional team winning the K.O. competition. After a very close match the final scores were 1108-1106.

After the final the D.C.C., Mr. A. Goodson, presented the cup to Colchester captain Rob Wolton. Other team members

were Alan Frost, John Alexander, John Cottee, Stan Billings, Don Scott and John Piggan. It was Don Scott, back on the floor after an enforced lay-off, who really pulled the match out of the bag for Colchester, bringing them back from behind.

The Grays team were: R. Sanderson (capt.), G. Breeding, M. Breeding, C. Chilvers, D. Delamain, W. Crowhurst and Supt. A. Williams.

In the last 12 years Colchester have bagged this cup eight times, Grays three and Staff one. Nearly time someone else had a go!

# BOWLS

By A. J. Smith

Jim Gorham, our representative in the singles at Maidstone in July, 1971, reached the semi-final before losing to the eventual competition winner. Almost inevitably Jock drew the preliminary round on the Thursday morning and then played the quarter-final in the same afternoon. I am reliably informed by a completely independent source that because of the way he was playing Jock was being heavily tipped as the winner. Unfortunately during the Thursday evening Jock was struck down in his prime by

# New record in long distance swim

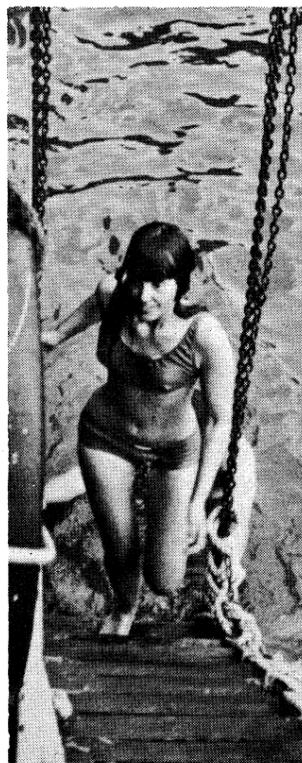
Ralph Crawshaw

Due to have taken place on August 5th, 1971, but cancelled owing to bad weather, the swim got off to a good start just after 11 a.m. on August 19th.

Chief Supt. Fred Bonfield sounded the starter's gun and the 31 entrants set off on the one and one-third mile swim from the Westcliff Jetty to the Lady Saville, the headquarters of the Essex Yacht Club. And among them was the Chief Constable, having his first go at this event.

Conditions were about as ideal as they could be for an event of this nature, the sea being fairly calm and the sun shining, but owing to the bad weather during the past few weeks, the water was a little colder than it has been of recent years.

The winner, for the second year running, was Insp. Ian Wright, from



Inspector Lorna Brooks reaches the steps to win the women's race again.

a sudden heavy cold and although liberally medicated he was not really fit on the Friday and although he played well he could not keep up his excellent standard and was beaten narrowly.

## Pairs

Despite all our hopes, good-wishes, prayers and other incantations this was not to be our year. Barry Cote and Basil Uren represented us at Hatfield on the 20/21st July but were knocked out in the first round.

## Triples

After dicing with death in the first round against Bedfordshire our triples representatives travelled to Winchester on August 4th to play against Hampshire but never got into the game at all and were finally well beaten.

So ends our interest in the PAA competitions this year. However a thank you is deserved by all those who represented us — don't forget

there is always next year — better luck next time.

On July 21st a four-rink match was held against the Witham Bowling Club at Witham. After a very close game the Witham Club were the winners by three shots. Results (Police skips): Gorham 15-18, Hitchcock 18-19, Horne 22-23, Wright 20-18.

## Other matches

On July 29th we played a six triples game against Kent on their green at Maidstone. This is the first time the Combined Essex/Southend Force has played this fixture although Southend Borough had this fixture for many years prior to amalgamation.

It was a pleasure to see a six-rink green fully occupied by players in whites, bathed in glorious sunshine. Although the Kent lads made us very welcome they were not very hospitable on the green — which incidentally the Essex players never mastered — and ran out good winners 103-134. Scores (Essex skips): Gorham

21-21, Horne 15-17, Uren 21-25, Smith 15-24, Birkin 8-27, Turner 23-20.

On Thursday, August 19th, four rinks assembled at the Shell Club green at Corringham to take advantage of the fantastic hospitality shown to us by the Shell bowlers.

As always the green was in perfect condition and it was once again a pleasure to bowl on. All rinks started off in fine fettle but this was obviously a ploy on the part of the Shell bowlers who after letting us build up a bit of confidence came back at us and bettered anything the Police team could produce and eventually ran out easy winners on all rinks.

At the conclusion of the match our Captain, Supt. Horne, presented the Shell plaque with the new Force plaque. This was so new that apart from one or two officers no one had seen the plaque and it was as much a surprise to the Police lads as the Shell players.

Scores: Police skips named: Cable 20-25, Horne 11-26, Stibbards 15-22, Hitchcock 17-22.

# Too many non-starters

Sid Saddler, the Swimming Section Secretary, feels that the only cause for regret is the fact that 70 members notified their intention of entering the event and only 31 actually started. It is hoped that only serious contenders will notify their intention of entering in future as numbers obviously have some bearing on the preparations for the event. This does not apply to those officers who turned up when the event was cancelled and were unable to attend on the 19th.

Fortunately for the entrant who arrived in puce knee-length Bermuda shorts, pseudo Hawaiian shirt, his sister's sunglasses and a Ruritanian bus conductor's hat, the press were too busy taking photos of Lorna Brooks to notice him. Never mind David, you looked very twee.

Arising from enquiries from pensioners regarding admission to the Police Seaside Home, the conditions for admission which have recently been reviewed are published below for the information of pensioners. It is important to note the degrees of priority. (i) Regular Police, (ii) Police Cadets, and (iii) Police pensioners.

### CONDITIONS GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE HOME

1. There will be absolute priority of admission for police officers in need of convalescence or recuperative rest.
2. There will be a second priority for police cadets of the age of 18 years or over serving in forces associated with the Home and in need of convalescence or recuperative rest.
3. There will be a third priority for police pensioners in need of convalescence or recuperative rest, and for former police officers who have received an ill-health award under the Police Pensions Regulations and similarly are in need of convalescence or recuperative rest. To be eligible for admission, pensioners and former officers who have received an ill-health award must be able to walk, and acceptance is subject to the decision of the Lady Superintendent.
4. Application for admission of an officer in need of medical or nursing treatment on convalescence must be made on the official form and sent to the Lady Superintendent with the medical certificate duly completed and signed by his medical attendant. Officers recovering from any infectious or contagious disease, or suffering from fits, mental disorders or pulmonary tuberculosis, are not eligible for admission.
5. There are six double rooms available for husbands or wives of convalescent serving officers at the annual leave charge. It is to be clearly understood that the double rooms are not available to police officers and their wives for annual leave purposes.
6. Cases in which the Ministry of Health will not accept financial responsibility will be accepted at a charge of £7.50 per week to the force or individual.
7. When the Home is not full, police officers and former police officers who are, or have been, recipients of an award under the Police Pensions Act, may be received as visitors during their annual leave.
8. The charge for visitors is £18.00 per week, or in the case of former police officers over 65, £10.50 per week.
9. Police pensioners for whom the Ministry of Health does not accept financial responsibility will be charged £10.00 per week.
10. Residence at the Home will be subject to compliance with rules approved from time to time by the Management Committee for the conduct of the Home.
11. Every patient or visitor is expected to bring a change of underclothing, house slippers, overcoat and towel.
12. No alcoholic drinks may be brought into the Home by any patient or visitor.

## What's on Who's off

ONCE again it appears that I've been caught with my trousers down because here it is, time to produce another scribbled masterpiece and hardly any info from the Subs!

One thing I can quite safely say though is that the league is unchanged, I'm pleased to say — Colchester 3, Headquarters and Southend 1 each, but it's still early in the season!

Not a lot has happened this month to set the world on fire — some new machines have arrived at "The Garage" (called by some "The Hallowed Area") and I see that these machines, mostly Triumphs, have pretty little indicators on front and rear. No doubt this will assist the Driving School considerably on their night runs to enable the students to see which way the Instructor went.

Getting back to "The Garage" — it was reported the other day that a certain motor cyclist — who shall remain nameless — due to his bushy chin — took a machine down to the Garage for repairs. Having deposited the bike in the allotted area he retired to the drivers' room to wait. Deciding it would be too long he started to leave via the "Holy Ground" and was jumped on by about

20-30 "Officials" and told "You can't leave this way." Our hero, being a man of initiative then promptly turned to the main doors to make his exit — which of course was his second mistake — for these doors are so sacred that even the ants have to bow before entering. Having been told that this means of leaving was unheard of and as there are only two means of leaving both of which he had tried, there was only one way left — through the window — which he did — and now he thinks twice about going down "there."

Seriously though, I think this garage is just what was needed and given time and a fair crack of the whip by everyone will prove to be a great asset and can only improve on the good service already given especially by the motor cycle mechanics, John, Chris and Keith who I think do us proud.

Harlow Div. this month have certainly had their hands full with the tragic incident of the missing baby and many of us motor cyclists, of course, did duty there — and I can honestly say that having walked about 2,000 miles in one day doing house to house and hearing remarks like "Didn't know he had ordinary trousers!" and "lost without your horse eh?" I was glad to get back to the A12!

Still at Harlow — I hear that Mick Phillips now breaks down so often he carries an Advance Warning Triangle on his machine — you want to see Arthur — he's got a spare bike or two. Oh and by the way Arthur — how's the Norton? All is quiet and serene at

# Federation News

By Stan Smith



Looking back on the Weeley Pop Festival the most vivid recollection is the excellent arrangements made for feeding the members of the Force at the site. Agreed there were ready-made facilities available in the school which was taken over together with the Village Hall, but the quality of the meals and the organisation behind the scenes whereby all members attending were fed round the clock were mainly the work of Mrs. Shaw, who besides being a Woman Sergeant in the Special Constabulary at Harwich, is also the Assistant County Catering Officer to Essex County Council. She, and her happy band of assistants, cheerfully made themselves available when normally they would have been relaxing over the holiday weekend. They worked like slaves and must have been as tired as most of the Police Officers who performed very long hours. To all these people the Force owes a dept of gratitude and it is hoped that in recognition of their efforts on behalf of members of the Force some small token of our appreciation will be provided.

Another feature was the spirit of the members who got on with the job and worked with a will. The relationship between senior officers and other ranks was first-class and although there were some aspects which in hindsight could have been improved upon, considering the complexity of the operation, all concerned can be pleased with the outcome.



The long-awaited new Pay Advice Slip is being christened this month and is a big improvement on the old one. Any unusual payments or deductions will be notified by way of Force Order so you will know where to look to check that the proper payment or deduction has been made.

All members are urged to take the trouble to thoroughly check their Pay Advice to make sure that all the computations are correct. The computer is only as good as the information which is fed into it, and as we all know, no human is infallible and errors do occasionally

Southend these days — I wonder if its the arrival there of "The Ugly One" late of Headquarters who, I hear, has dealt with his first RTA there — that's one more than he had here!

The trip to Nortons is coming along nicely with correspondence from both ends and a final date, etc., will be established at the next meeting which is, by the way, 8 pm, Tuesday, September 7, at The Three Cups, Springfield Road, Chelmsford, same as last time and this meeting will be attended by No. 1 and No. 2 of Traffic so hope for a good turn out.

The heated jacket which was on trial last winter and which we all discussed at our first meeting, has been accepted by the County. Inspector Marshall has told me that 21 of these jackets will be purchased and distributed around the Subs. and will be available for the use of individuals as required so everything we asked for we have got and many thanks to Mr. Marshall for his persistence. By the way — they don't make heated gloves any more — we've tried.

occur. It comes as a shock to be informed that you have been overpaid for a period of several months and you are required to repay the balance.

Whilst on the subject of pay there are two matters of which you should be made aware. On the credit side, boot allowance is increased from £0.188 to £0.240 per week, effective from 1st September. This will not be paid yet as the Regulation has not reached County Hall. From next month the contributions payable for the graduated pension scheme will be increased and this change in rate will be seen on the October Pay Advice. What you gain on the roundabout you lose on the swings.



The Selection Board accepted 23 candidates for the Force this month and if the present trend continues, with few retirements or resignations, the magical figure of 2,000 should be reached by the end of the year, making an increase of about 70 over the year. We shall still be over 300 short of authorised establishment, but the gap is gradually narrowing. Just how short we are was demonstrated over the holiday weekend when we were very hard pushed to find sufficient men to deal with all contingencies. A revised estimate of the needs of the Force should produce a realistic establishment of almost 3,000.

A local firm of Insurance Consultants have intimated that they can obtain 100% mortgages for Police Officers with three years or more service, with the maximum loan being calculated on three times total income including rent allowance and rest day working. Interest rates are comparable with the usual Building Society percentage and mortgage protection insurance is included. With the high cost of housing in some parts of the county this facility for obtaining a larger sum than usual is useful. Anyone interested should get in touch with me prior to a full circulation being made.

Frightening the life out of his missus, the Chief Constable took part in the Force long distance swim at Southend and all who witnessed this unique happening must have felt a sense of pride that the Chief Officer had taken the trouble to join in this very strenuous exercise. Those competitors who came behind him were not all that pleased and one former Borough swimmer was apparently heard to mutter that "it was another bloody Essex takeover." For all that it is always

truly launched now and nothing but good reports so I think we can say they are "in" which is also good news.

Ray Finch, of Halstead, you may remember, used part of his leave this year to do escort duty, etc., at a cycle race so here is the report he has given us.

"After arriving in Nottingham I spent Saturday, July 17, helping to get the eight bikes ready that we were to use. Among these were a works Honda Police Model 4-cylinder job, a Triumph 650 c.c. Police Model, a works Triumph Trident and a works Norton Commando.

"The Honda 4 looks a big heavy bike which it is, it is also a lot slower on acceleration than our Triumphs and a lot harder to corner fast as the rider found out on the last stage of the race. I drew the Norton and we all left the following day at 10 a.m. a steady ride to the Lake District where we spent the night.

"We left the following morning for Glasgow and

## ESSEX AND SOUTHEND-ON-SEA JOINT CONSTABULARY COMRADES' ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL LUNCHEON

The 41st Annual Luncheon of the above Association has been arranged for 12.30 p.m., Thursday, September 16th, 1971, at the Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford. Arrangements are being made for a licensed bar to be available prior to the luncheon and our own bar at Headquarters will be open after lunch.

The menu will be similar to previous years and will again be in the hands of Messrs. Hamilton Caterers of Hatfield Peverel.

The cost of the luncheon will be £1.25 per head, with the exception of guests and members 70 years of age and over. Anyone wishing to attend should contact P.s. Basil Shoulders at H.Q. immediately. Members over 70 years of age are not required to pay either the subscription towards the lunch or the Annual Subscription.

If you arrive by car, there are parking facilities at the rear of the Civic Centre, off Coval Lane.

If you have decided to attend the Luncheon and at a later date you find you are unable to do so, please inform the Honorary Secretary immediately, telephone number Chelmsford 53131, Ext 279, as all lunches ordered for the day have to be paid for and it will assist if any cancellations can be passed to the Caterers as soon as possible.

## NARPO

At last the Pensions Increase Act, 1971, has been clarified in the last Bulletin (Summer). Pensioners should now be able to assess their approximate increases. The County Treasurer has intimated that the increases will be payable with the September pensions but as the Act and Regulations have only just been received, and therefore not fully digested, there may be some instances that are

## The Law Shop

FOR SALE: A Honer table model electric organette, 240 volts, £3. Contact P.s. Davis at Brentwood.

FOR SALE: Rogers Ravensbrook stereo amplifier, 15 watts per channel, teak case, perfect condition, £35. P.c. 574 Elkington, Harlow Traffic.

a boost to morale when high ranking officers join in with all ranks in sporting events and his performance did him credit.

**The District Valuer's assessment of the new rate of Rent Allowance for owner occupiers has now been sent to the County Treasurer who will forward it on to Home Office after some more calculations have been made. The recommended figure is understood to be almost 50% up but this is subject to approval. This should be done in time for next month's newspaper.**

we saw what cycle racing is all about. Parked in every corner were new Ford vehicles of every description loaned, of course, by Fords for the event. Cycles and parts everywhere, French, Italian, German, Dutch teams, all waving their arms about trying to make themselves heard and understood over the din, but somehow it all worked out as the race started on the Tuesday morning at 11 a.m. and the first stage finished 100 miles later at 4 p.m. and this was how it was for five days, over mountains, past Lochs, and through some wonderful countryside. At the end of each stage we found our Hotel where our bags were waiting, changed and off to a civic reception, followed by a banquet.

"The Norton behaved beautifully during the 1300 miles we covered before arriving back at Nottingham, although I found that you cannot take some of the hairpin bends in the wet slow enough, especially with a newspaper camera-

not straightforward, where small adjustments become necessary at a later date. However, a full detailed statement will be issued in due course to each pensioner setting out details of the increase. It will not be necessary to notify the Income Tax Authorities since any increases will be taken care of in the tax tables.

Legislation on the increases in widows' pensions has not yet been received but these will be dealt with immediately the County Treasurer receives it.

We look forward with interest to the outcome of the Annual Conference at Brighton on 16 September and feel confident that our representatives, including the two from Chelmsford — Walter Pope and Bill Hindley, will give full debate to the various motions as they have done in the past. It is hoped a full account of the conference will appear in the September bulletin.

### Post War Credits

An interesting reminder appeared in the Summer Bulletin and is worthwhile repeating here — that Post War Credits fall due for repayment as follows:—

- (a) on holders reaching the age of 60 years.
- (b) following unemployment for a consecutive period of 26 weeks.
- (c) on death.

Form DC 151 for claiming repayment can be obtained from any Post Office.

It is interesting to note that increases in Old Age Pensions are payable from 20 September, 1971, and the main changes are published for the information of Senior Citizens. The single person's retirement pension and widows' pensions each go up from £5 to £6 and the married couple's pension rises from £8.10 to £9.70.

had at times. Basically the job is like escorting a convoy, riding ahead to the next unmanned junction, seeing all the riders past and the team and service vehicles past and then overtaking the whole lot, sometimes taking 10 miles through treacherous roads to do it, bearing in mind the riders are travelling about 50 m.p.h. in places with a gap of five miles or so between the leading group and the bunch.

"It was a great experience despite the rain, the organisation was faultless and the hospitality second to none."

Well that's all, once again, hope to see you all at next meeting, 8 p.m. 7.9.1971 so will leave with this advice — when riding at very high speeds — don't forget — shut your eyes! — what you don't see can't scare you. Remember, to the system.