

## 5 year capital programme costs over £6m

### TO BRAMSHILL FOR 12 MONTHS

At the meeting on September 20th the Joint Police Authority considered the draft capital expenditure programme for the next five years. This had previously been before the Buildings and Sites Committee who had accepted the proposals of the County Treasurer, Chief Constable and County Architect and recommended that the programme be adopted by the full committee.

The total cost of the programme will be over £6,000,000 and leaving out £116,000 for vehicles the remainder is for building works.

The largest single item is the extension to Force Headquarters which with furniture and equipment will set the County back by a cool £705,000. A start on this is scheduled for December next year with a completion date two years later.

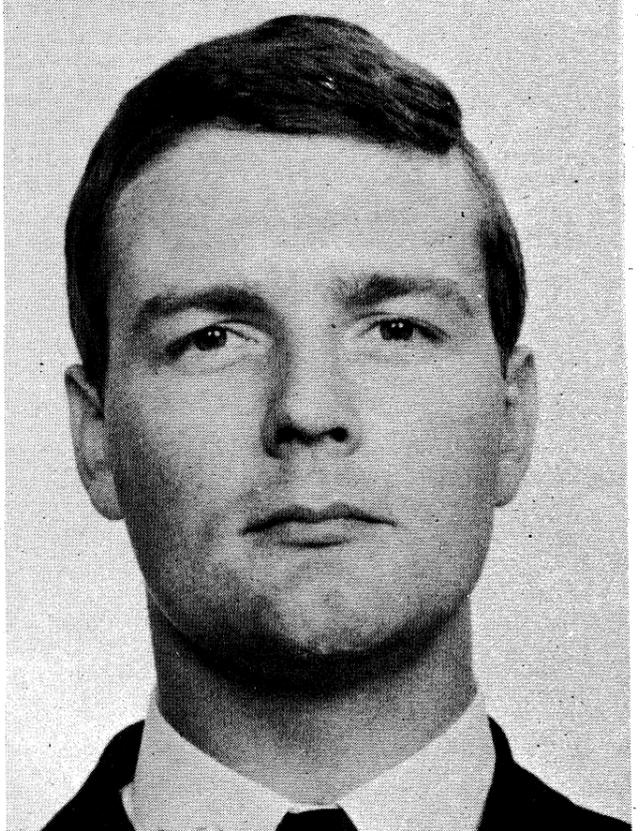
Close behind in the cost league table come the following with starting dates in brackets: Grays DHQ £448,000 (1976); Southend West DHQ £398,000 (1974); Clacton DHQ, £398,000 (1976); Colchester DH £398,000 (1976); Southend Traffic Sub, £203,000 (1975); Harlow Traffic Sub, £121,000 (1974); Foulness Island Sub, £100,000 (1976); Cadet School extensions, £82,000 (1974).

Bigger than any of these, however, is the five year total of £2,405,000 allocated to housing, £393,500 of which covers modernisations and other alterations and improvements. The programme shows the intention of purchasing sites for 26 houses, building 40 houses and purchasing 10 more in each of the five years covered by the plan.

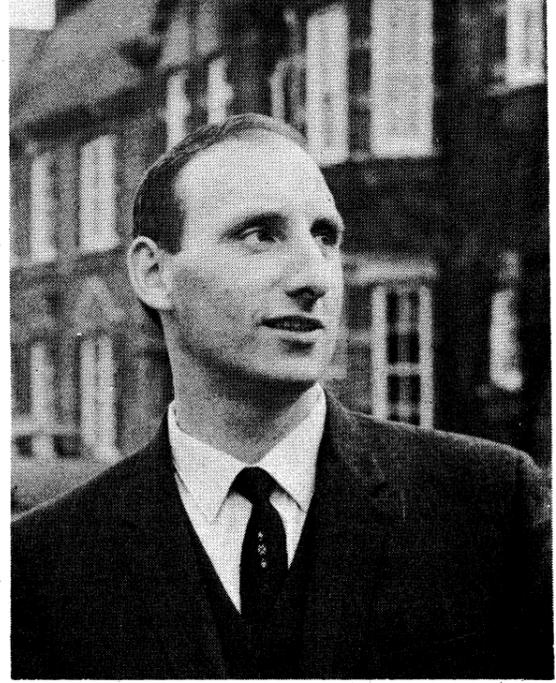
But like all the pro-

posals those covering housing could be subject to change over the years. Present housing policy may have a bearing on the number of houses needed and there could be another financial crisis.

Taking all things into consideration the Force will be well looked after in the next five years at least as far as building works are concerned. £6m is a lot of ratepayers' money to spend on projects like this with no tangible return, even for a "rich" county like Essex.



## J.B.B. Chairman for seat of learning



Chief Insp. John Sutton, Chairman of the J.B.B., has been able to turn his recently-acquired hobby to good use. The hobby — studying for 'O' and 'A' levels — gave him university entrance status and when he applied for possible entry in 1972 he was offered a place this year.

It was all rather sudden but the Chief Constable agreed to let him go, as the Force had nominated only one to Essex University this year, provided the University would accept Mr. Sutton under the Force Scheme.

TODAY will be the first day of an intensive year's work for Sergeant Ken Ashby because he will be setting off on the 12 months' special course at Bramshill, the first step on the accelerated promotion ladder.

Ken, aged 24, has been in the Force since 1967, and is married with one child. He joins 28 other successful applicants.

Force selection boards in England and Wales nominated 364 candidates for interview by the central board. In addition, four were nominated by the Royal Ulster Constabulary. From these 368, 96 were selected and together with three officers deferred from previous years and 30 Met. officers, went forward to extended interview.

The final board approved the selection of a total of 29 candidates for the 10th course, comprising eight Metropolitan officers and 21 from other forces. Twenty-two of these were selected after extended interviews, the remaining seven being graduate entrants.

Of the top 206 officers in the November, 1970, constables' promotion examination, 58 were nominated by their forces for interview by the central selection board, 13 went forward to extended interviews and one was selected for the course.

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## Exam successes for Cadets

IN THE wide field of 'O' level G.C.E., the results of which came out in August, the Cadet Corps achieved a pass rate of 61 per cent. This is well above the national average but higher still was the pass rate achieved by the pass out course ending their two-year stint at the School. This course hit 74 per cent in 'O' level exams.

Even better than this was the 80 per cent pass rate by Cadets taking higher awards, including a tip-top 100 per cent in 'A' level subjects.

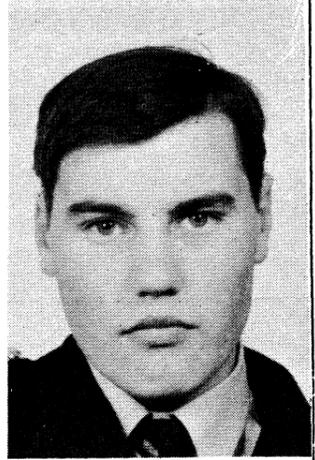
A total of 157 subject entries in 'O' level subjects had cadets, boys and girls, toiling over the intricacies of English, Maths, British Constitution, Sociology, Art, Metalwork, Statistics, Economics, Geography, General Science, Biology and History. In 102 cases a pass mark was achieved.

Although only five 'A' level subjects were entered this year, they all resulted in passes. The same number of entries in Ordinary National Certificate in Public Administration resulted in three passes. This is equivalent to 'A' level.

The Force can now expect to receive an injection of well qualified young men and women. Of those joining the Force in the coming year, 13 have seven or more 'O' levels and this includes three cadets who have passed in 10 subjects.

So it is quite clear that the educational aspect of the Cadet School is succeeding. This is particularly true of the future.

The 1971 intake joined this month and a quarter of them, 11 cadets, have



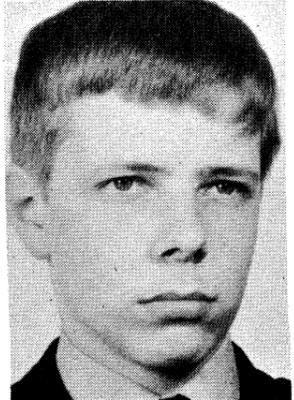
Chris Govus—10 'O' levels.

been allocated to "Group III" courses — some combination of 'A' levels and O.N.C.

This is a far greater proportion than in either of the two previous intakes and indicates that the cadet residential training scheme is beginning to attract the type of young person for which it was created.



In the summer the school runs an inter-house quiz called "Springfield Challenge." The trophy was this year presented by Mr. J. Duke to the Blackwater team, left to right, Paul Bradshaw, six 'O' levels; Jon Hastings, ONC plus six 'O' levels; Graham Blois, 10 'O' levels.



Ian Debbage—ONC plus 10 'O' levels.

# Consistent good work leads to Probationer's commendation



Commendations for "consistent good work in the detection of crime" are pretty rare. The usual recipients of such honours are thief catchers who have learned the job through long experience.

The more remarkable then is the feat of Police Constable 216 Roderick Daniels who has been commended in these terms only a year after passing out from his Eynsham Hall initial course.

Constable Daniels began duty at Colchester but moved to Rayleigh in June of this year. Then began his career in crime — or against it.

That same month, following the theft of a purse he searched the premises, found the purse, interviewed the staff and booked the offender, a female juvenile.

Det. Sergeant Lingwood says of him: "I have been

was later convicted at Rochford. Since then Roderick Daniels has dealt with a shoplifter and a case of actual bodily harm.

Great productivity for one so young in service, but one up to the Special Constabulary. It was as a Special that Rod Daniels aged 24, had his first taste of police work when he served at Leigh where his father is also a member of the Special Constabulary. Pc Daniels liked what he saw and joined the regular Force.

## OBITUARY

We regret to announce the death of a former member of the County Force on September 6, ex-P.s. William C. Simpson, who was aged 67 years.

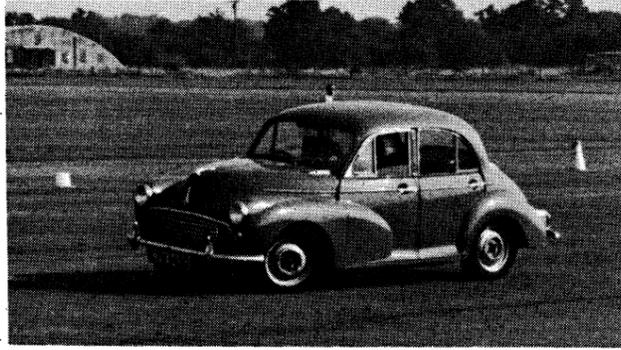
## National Champion top in Seaxes Auto Test

Seaxes Motor Club, based at Headquarters, combined with the Marconi Auto Club to organise another Auto Test at R.A.F. Debden on September 19, when competitors from the two home clubs and from Eastern Counties Car Club and Chelmsford Motor Club took part.

Outright winner was N. S. Manley, the national auto test champion, and the best Seaxes competitor was K. Sweeting, of H.Q. Garage.



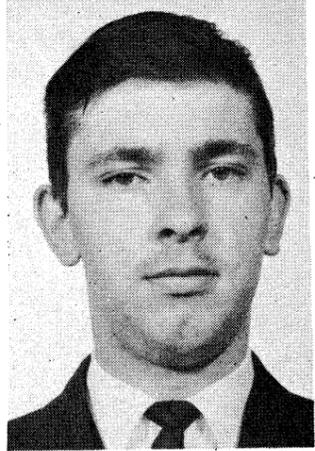
N. S. Manley, the winner, in his Ford.



Seaxes competitor Bob Cordery in action.



M. Daniels, first in class, manoeuvres his Special.



with him on interviews and found it unnecessary to interfere with the enquiry." Praise indeed!

On July 4th he was on patrol when he saw a vehicle circulated as stolen. He stopped it and after a chase arrested six, yes six, juveniles — he can run, too! One was dealt with at Rochford, the others being remitted to their home court in London.

Ten days later he stopped a vehicle and arrested the driver for taking it without consent. And on this occasion the offence had not been previously reported. The man

## To Minister



—Picture by courtesy of Essex Chronicle

AFTER cadet and regular service totalling a year, Constable Michael Reynolds has left to study to become a Minister of the Elim Church.

And his wife, Valerie, is going, too. She will also train for the ministry at the Elim Bible College at Capel, Surrey. The course runs for two years.

Said Michael: "I have enjoyed my years in the police force. But I have felt the call of God and I want to give my life to this service. The police has been a wonderful training ground for this."

The Reynolds will live in at the College and spend holidays with Valerie's parents at Chelmsford.

## Took the law into own hands -naked

"YOU must not take the law into your own hands," said the chairman of Witham Bench when dealing with a young Irishman, Roy Murphy, 20, of no fixed abode.

Commonplace enough until the whole story unfolds. Murphy was chased and caught by Pc Peter Frost and during a struggle he grabbed the officer between the legs.

But wait, there's more. The defendant at the time was stark naked!

Pc Frost had seen Murph lurking in a garden at Goldhanger. He made off but the Constable tracked him down or up, to a tree. There he found a pile of clothes at the foot of the tree and a bare Irishman at the top.

He came down at the Constable's call but ran off again to be arrested after a "fair struggle." Hardly fair when one contestant is in bare buff but fair enough for a £30 fine.

## Tight win for W. Pol

Women police have been awarded an annual allowance of £9 to buy tights. This will replace the issue of tights by uniform stores. And women traffic wardens will have an optional issue of trousers instead of skirts for winter wear.

## Flu free?

Will it be a flu free winter again this year? Jobs time will soon be here again with the needles working overtime to keep the Force at work. Injections against influenza — 1500 men and women were vaccinated last Autumn — are alleged to have cut the flu sick list from 182 in 1969 to only 16 last year. The cost of injections will be over £2,000 this year.

10th September, and after spending the weekend with colleagues at Freiburg, Germany, arrived at Lucerne on Tuesday, 14th. A programme of social events was arranged and the Essex team did an Alpine tour, crossing the Susten, Grimsel and Furka passes in one day. They arrived back in Essex on Sunday, 19th September.

## I.P.A. rallyists 8th at first attempt

FOR the first time the Force was represented in the Annual International Police Motor Rally, the 26th, to Lucerne, Switzerland. The Rally, which is promoted by the International Police Motor Corporation was organised this year by the Lucerne Police Motor Club.

Inspector Craig Bailey, of Harlow, led a team of four cars, driving his Austin "1800" accompanied by ex-Ps Dick Ashbee and ex-W/Ps Joan Hurley. Ps Peter Tomlinson of Harlow drove his Vauxhall Victor accompanied by Ps Reg Calver and W/Pc Frances Patten. The other two cars were from Colchester, Ps Stuart Mather drove his Austin 1800 accompanied by Ps Ken Ferguson, Pc Eric Bridgeman and Superintendent Bob Palmer, and Ps Ernie Paris drove his Volkswagen Fastback accompanied by Pc's Mick Walker, John Clark and Mitch Martin. A number of wives also travelled.

The team was entered in the Class One Team category (3 to 5 cars) and out of the 31 teams in this class were placed eighth, the class being won by Copenhagen, with Bremen, Madrid Traffic 'A' and 'B' second, third and fourth respectively.

A total of 93 teams comprised of 1,800 cars with 3,800 members, were entered in the Rally, plus many individual entries. Many of the foreign teams get official backing, with vehicles and time off, and perhaps for this reason we were the only English team entered in the Rally, so eighth place was not bad for the first attempt against teams from Austria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Spain, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Holland, Sweden, America and Switzerland. The team set off on Friday,



The Colchester party about to leave for the Lucerne Rally, from the left, Ken Ferguson, Bob Palmer, Eric Bridgeman and Stuart Mather.



The Harlow Group with Insp B. Salt who saw them off.

# PORTRAIT

## Special Sergeant

### M. L. Shaw

UNTIL the advent of the Weeley "Pop" Festival, very few policemen knew of the existence of Mrs. Majorie Shaw, the Assistant County Catering Officer (Domestic Administration). But now she is known and respected throughout Force for her sterling efforts in organising the catering arrangement for police personnel at the festival.



Mrs. Shaw is a Special Sergeant actively serving at Harwich. She joined in October 1950 after war service in the A.T.S. from 1938 to November 1945 where she reached the rank of Junior Commander. She was promoted Special Sergeant in December 1967. She resides in a cottage on the A604, the main road from Colchester to Harwich, at a dangerous bend in the road and she and her husband often assist in dealing with road accidents there. Her husband, now retired, was a Special Inspector, also stationed at Harwich. Mrs. Shaw also organises Police refreshments at the Tending Hundred Show and arranges a social evening for the Special Constabulary at the end of the training and lecture season.

**The well fed Weeley men have Mrs Shaw to thank**

At the Weeley Festival, without a shadow of doubt, Mrs. Shaw worked as hard, if not harder, than any other person—without payment. Her work was done purely voluntarily

and not in her capacity as Assistant County Catering Officer. She was at the school continuously from Thursday, August 26, until Tuesday, August 31 and only slept for a few hours each afternoon on a camp bed. During that period over 3,000 meals and 8,000 cups of beverages were supplied.

The work done by Mrs. Shaw and her staff was a magnificent example of police/public relations. Those who feel inclined to criticise the Special Constabulary would do well to note the following words that Mrs. Shaw

wrote to the Deputy Festival Commander—

"I regard this as my way of showing appreciation to the regulars for all their co-operation."

She can be assured that her efforts, too, were very greatly appreciated.

## OFF-BEAT ESSEX

The aerial photo depicts an area which is, in fact, very much on the beat, having more policemen to the square yard than any other part of the county. But our beat does not yet extend to the point from which the picture was taken — no helicopters yet.

Chief Supt. Harry Smith went aloft in a helicopter sandwiched between the pilot and Ray Horsnell of Essex Chronicle (some sandwich) who took the photo.

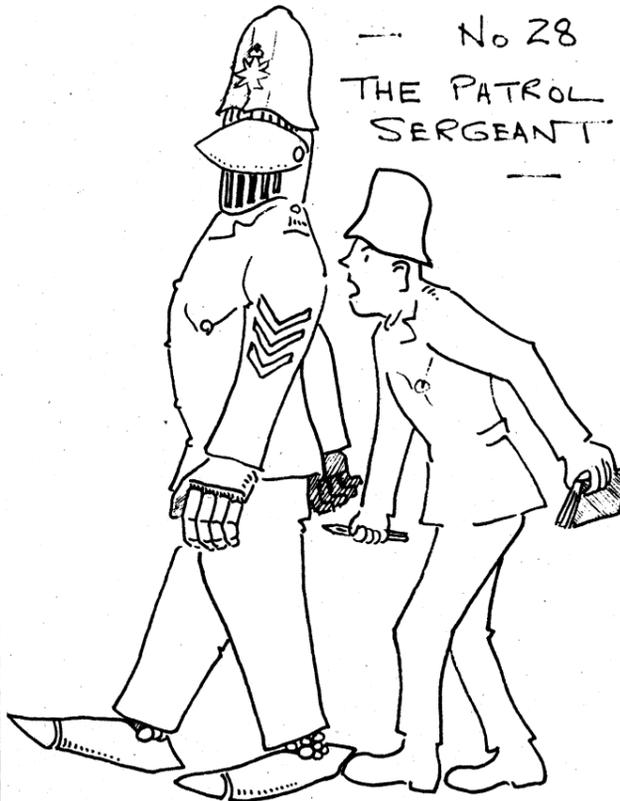
Headquarters sprawls from the bottom left, old workshops, to the top right, building site for police houses and lock-up garages. The extensions mentioned on page 1 will be built in the bottom left-hand corner of the picture, tacked on to the end of the square, light topped traffic block.



JOINT FORCE TYPES

No 28

THE PATROL SERGEANT



THEY TOLD ME THIS WAS A ROUGH AREA, SARGE — BUT NOT THIS BAD.

## New authorised establishment

To allow for certain redeployment application has been made to Home Office for adjustments to be made to the Force establishment.

The Secretary of State approved, with effect from August 3, 1971, an increase of one Superintendent (Class I), one Superintendent (Class II), one Inspector and four Sergeants and a decrease of one Chief Superintendent, two Chief Inspectors and four Constables in the authorised establishment of the Force, leaving the overall strength the same.

The authorised establishment is now:—

- 1 Chief Constable
- 4 Assistant Chief Constables
- 11 Chief Superintendents
- 13 Superintendents (I)
- 10 Superintendents (II)
- 57 Chief Inspectors
- 91 Inspectors
- 369 Sergeants
- 1679 Constables
- 1 Woman Superintendent (I)
- 1 Woman Ch Insp.
- 2 Women Inspectors
- 12 Women Sergeants
- 65 Women Constables

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## Cadet to au pair



Cadet Julie Hales has been overcome by that spirit of adventure that cadet training seeks to instil in its victims to the extent of putting her ticket in and going off to Copenhagen for a year to work as an "au pair" and part-time social worker.

## New process

The Force has become the first in the world to purchase the "Camtac 121". The Camtac 121 is a portable semi-automatic darkroom printing unit which will save considerable time in photographing fingerprint impressions. Latent fingerprint impressions are dusted with powder and lifted with adhesive tape. This tape is then processed automatically by Camtac and prints are produced at the rate of up to 20 per minute, complete with all references needed for filing and future use.

Opinion of the Camtac was expressed by Detective Superintendent L. Minshall, who said: "Having recently gone over to lifting fingerprints, we needed a machine to process them. We have had the Camtac in operation now for six weeks. It is living up to our expectations and coping with over 2,000 prints per week."

## I.P.A. visit

By Craig Bailey

A PARTY of 42 German police officers and wives from Wuppertal will be the guests of the Harlow Branch from the 7th to the 11th October. The party will travel to Harlow in their own coach and be accommodated with Harlow members and in local hotels.

A full programme has been arranged including a visit to Cambridge and London. On the Sunday all the visitors will be the guests of I.P.A. members in their homes.

The highlight of the visit will be a Grand Dance at Hatfield Heath Village Hall on Friday, 8th October. Why not come along and meet our German friends? Tickets are available, price 65p each, (including buffet) from Inspector Craig Bailey at Harlow or Sergeant Reg. Colver at Hatfield.

**MYTH**

Pop fans are a scruffy smelly lot who are filthy through an apparent aversion to water.

**FACT**

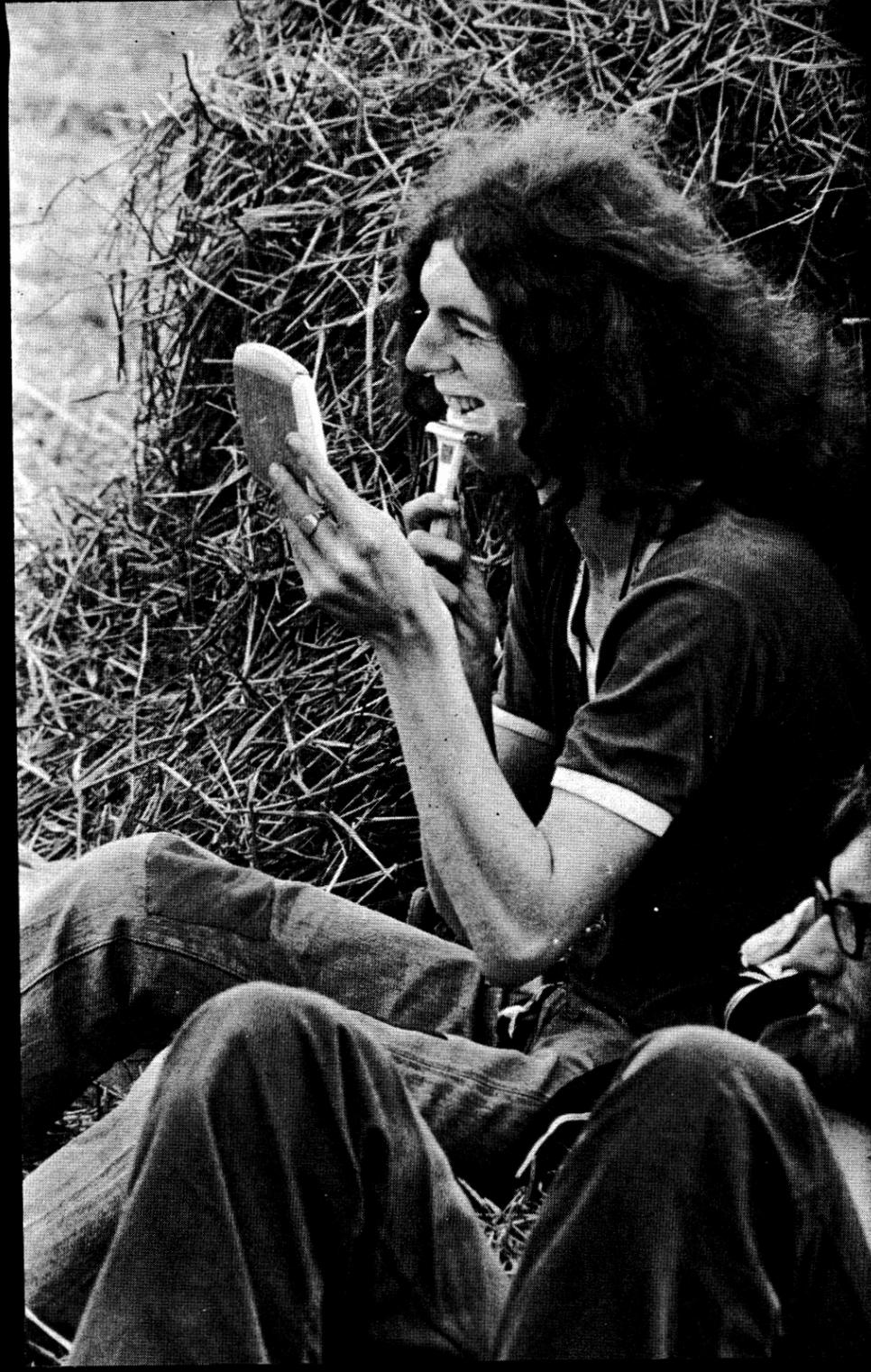
Fans pictured queueing to wash at one of the all-too-few taps.

**MYTH**

They are completely disorderly, just leave cars and belongings anywhere.

**FACT**

This aerial view of the festival site shows at least some of the fans' cars parked in neat lines.



**VANTAGE**

There they sit like birds in the wilderness, perched all over the arena perimeter fence—not climbing over but just to get a better view, and listen to the music.



**REVELLE**

Another myth exploded as a bushy topped fan shaves in the morning light.

**SUN SPOT**

A quiet spot in the festival site and a chance to catch up on the sun bathing.



# HINDSIGHT ON WEELEY

## *Festival full of surprises*

The Law is indebted to The Sunday Telegraph, The Daily Telegraph and The East Anglian Daily Times for their kind permission to reproduce these pictures.

Looking back on Weeley the main impression with which one is left is how well our own arrangements went. The police were well fed—see portrait, page 3—and despite the long hours morale was high.

Trouble was effectively dealt with—the first time Hells Angels had been really sorted out. Towards all other fans policemen displayed great good humour which was returned. Can they be right when they say make love not war?

The organisers, who doubtlessly run donkey derbies very efficiently, showed that they were not equal to the task they had taken on, and seemed to personify the adage about people who grasp the tiger's tail never being able to let go.

Without being any sort of a kill-joy one must wonder if it is right to gather as many people as live in a large town into a few cornfields with completely inadequate sanitation or safety arrangements.

The end came quickly. An announcement from the stage and they all took up their beds and walked home. The great majority were frighteningly docile—will they fight in the next war? Perhaps that's a good reason not to have one!



SPECIALS arresting an Angel bike.



MAN that music sends you.



THE ARENA — slumberland.



AFTERMATH. Three Constables pick their way through the debris as the show winds up.



AND SO TO BED.

# EDVIEW

Not smart to be scruffy

It is not our usual policy to print letters, whose authors do not have the strength of character to sign them, nor at least to tell us who they are, but the remarkable missive included on this page, we felt, should be an exception to our rule.

We cannot believe that the writer is typical and find it hard to believe that he is being serious, though since his parting shot is to boast about "15 processes a month," a small enough number but not surprising since he seems never to alight from his car, we feel that he must mean what he says.

Any fault, surely, lies not so much with this misguided young man as with his superiors. Here is a scruff masquerading as a policeman who cannot even qualify for the derogatory old term of "uniform carrier" since by his own confession he more nearly resembles a ragbag. He has his locks shorn only every eight weeks, never polishes his shoes nor presses his trousers, used the puerile excuse that he would have to do these things in his own time, and has his inaction apparently condoned by his superiors.

Presumably he typed his silly letter on police paper in police time on a police typewriter. Certainly we received it through the internal mail in a police envelope. Since the expression of such ideals can hardly be said to benefit the Police to publish them in this way would seem to be very contrary to his cherished ideals.

On top of everything "Federationist" must sully, with his stupid ideas, the good name of the Police Federation, whose every action is dedicated to improving not only the lot but the image of the Police Service.

The public, many of whom are rather scruffy themselves, nevertheless expect their policemen to be smartly turned out. Any failure to maintain the standard of smartness expected by the public brings discredit on the Force. There is no place in our ranks, short-handed as we are, for dead numbers like this twit who should look for somewhere else to rest their backsides.

## Why so Special?

When the Bramshill Special Course was instituted it went under the title of Johnson Scheme. We mention this only to show that we can remember those far off days. There was only one way to get on the first course and that was to come in the top 40 or so in the promotion examination. Wonderfully simple but it only lasted one year. Since then, at the behest of various interested parties the mesh of the selection net has been widened to catch anyone whose examination marks land him in the top umpteen this, last or almost any other year, and that privileged class, the graduate entrants.

In 1971, Home Office announces almost proudly, only one of the top 206 officers in the November, 1970, promotion examination eventually got on the course.

Now we had always thought, in our simple way, that this course was special because it catered for bright young men, and that it was invented to prevent the careers of the said bright young things being blighted by backward-looking old superiors.

And yet only one of November, 1970's, brightest young men actually won a place. So who does get on these courses—leaving aside the graduate entrants—and how are they picked? Can we have slipped back, almost unnoticed, to "blue-eyes" promotion?

Yet if we had one would expect that a full course of 60 pretty young men could be found instead of the mere 29 nominated for the 1971 session. Surely some of the other 205 top men of November, 1970, must have been worth a chance to prove themselves in some of the unfilled 31 places.

## Their own house in order

After the recent bank raid which involved the seizure and detention of the manager and his wife for the purpose of obtaining the keys a remarkable letter from an Air Commodore appeared in a national daily newspaper, which suggested that precautions should be taken against this sort of offence.

"One of these," he wrote, "might be to removed all keys when the bank closes to the nearest police station for safe custody. Armed police could collect the keys, and bring them back again when the bank re-opens. Surely not a very expensive precaution when there is £100,000 at stake? . . . It seems most unfair that senior bank staff should have to hold these keys in their homes."

Has the Air Commodore not heard that the British Police are not armed? Does he think that armed criminals would be any more diffident about attacking a night-staffed police station to obtain the bank keys than they were to seize them from the manager?

While we have great sympathy for any member of the public who undergoes any ordeal at the hands of criminals we must say that bank managers are paid to face responsibility and if the banks did not agree they would have organised a security force of their own to look after their keys.

# letters to the Editor

## A scruff replies

Sir,

In reply to the letter from the Southend officer in last month's "Law" concerning smartness of police officers I would like to say that I am one of the officers to whom he probably is referring. Taking some of the points made separately I would like to first mention haircuts. I have my hair cut once about every two months. Why should I get it cut more often? This has to be done in my own time and I get no allowance either financial or E.D. for doing so. Perhaps my cap does not fit very well on top of my mop but isn't the wearing of hats something which should be optional, especially in cars?

Secondly, I get no black socks supplied by the Police Authority. Why should I therefore purchase these which I would never wear off duty. I am in a car most of the day anyway so who sees my socks?

The pressing of uniform is mentioned. This is another thing which has to be done in one's own time without allowance. Surely, if our superiors want us to appear in pressed uniforms they should arrange for a contractor to do this at regular intervals or pay a suitable allowance for this to be done. I personally have not pressed a pair of trousers since leaving training school nearly two years ago and I do not intend to start now.

The last point covered was shoe cleaning. Again this is something that should be done in the firms time with materials supplied by the Police Authority. I have no cleaning brushes at home as I wear only suede shoes off duty and I will certainly not buy polish just for duty shoes. Again who sees them in the car. I admit that I must be an officer with hair way over my collar with unpressed trousers and dirty shoes but this does not affect my work as I average 15 processes a month which should shame most of the smartly turned-out brigade.

Federationist.

## It was the brambles that ruined their creases

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letter published in the last edition of The Law, one which was sent in by B. FLYNN, Southend.

I personally have always been a person to call a spade a spade but these remarks by Mr. Flynn, associating his comrades in this job with defendants at the Oz trial are outrageous and are out of all proportion.

A number of the men he is referring to, had been engaged on this mission for many days, these included very long hours and during the early days of this mission it included the searching of woods, open fields and back gardens.

Mr. FLYNN who no doubt is a smart and efficient Police Officer was obviously only

called in with others to do the door-to-door enquiries. This would save him from getting his uniform dusty and snagged by brambles. He could then return to Southend and continue his duties either in the office or on mobile patrol.

A number of the local men engaged on the search of woods and fields were detached beat men from Harlow Division. These men just do not do a straight eight hours' duty and return home to hang up their uniform, most of them are in uniform 12 to 14 hours a day.

It is hard enough in this job to keep the "Guvvners" happy without these type of remarks coming from one of our own rank.

My advice to you Mr. Flynn is that before you put pen to paper again with remarks such as these, give the matter a little bit of thought and perhaps one day the gap between County and the Southend Boro will be sealed.

A. W. SAVILLE, P.c. 904.  
A detached Beat Officer.

## Still not uniform

Police Station  
Saffron Walden

Dear Sir,

While agreeing to some extent with Pc Flynn of Southend with regard to standards of turnout, I feel that it is fitting that a request for the return of such outmoded virtues such as cleanliness, etc., should come from an apparently archaic portion of the County Force.

When I was performing rather extended duty at Harlow, I saw, glittering among the dowdy motley, sparkling figures resplendent with additional motifs on shoulders and epaulets. Ah! I thought. The noble Special Constabulary have answered the call yet again, fresh from helping the Police by digging my garden, here they are showing human sympathy, brotherly love and other true trade union attitudes.

No. On closer examination, having intruded upon the knot of selected men, I found that this was a contingent from a coastal division, clutching wildly at the last dying vestiges of tradition.

How long have we been conjoined, amalgamated or what? Long enough, I should have thought, for us all to have the same uniform.

Yours, etc.,  
J. DOUBLE, Pc 876  
(Saville Row  
Extraordinaire!)

## Well done

House of Commons  
15th September, 1971

Dear Sir,

Just in case most of your readers, being policemen themselves, are too modest to write to you in praise of your own Police Force, may I as a local resident, make a point of saying on behalf of all my Constituents how much the successful conclusion of the hunt for baby Denise Weller has done to remind the public that the essential role of the Police is to protect and not to prosecute the citizens. What might have been another tragic case finished in what must have been a far more effective form of public relations exercise than any that could have been devised by a Public Relations Officer.

Congratulations to the Harlow Force on this occasion but even more congratulations to the whole of the Force who, every day, are in a less spectacular manner protecting the public.

Yours faithfully,  
NORMAN TEBBIT  
Member for Epping

## Report first

Dear Sir,

I feel I must reply to the letter and cartoon supplied by Jim Allen in your last issue. We are justly proud of the new garage but things are really not as bad as Jim would have you think. Provided you are a British subject, have no



# Cadet Gazette

THIS month sees the corps return to the school where they have been joined by a new intake of 45 lost souls. The latter have for the most part taken things in their stride — literally, to the discomfort of some — and within a few days the "education factory" had settled into routine.

## Camp at Thetford

At the beginning of September the girls played host to girl cadets from Cheshire and Dorset & Bournemouth at their camp at Thetford. To the ladies goes the privilege of recording the first sporting win of the new season with their 12-3 victory over the policewomen.

Alas the soccer team, playing on that new feature of the H.Q. sports field, the narrow pitch — absolute minimum — missed some of the established stars who were away on attachments and courses and fell behind by 3-1 at half-time against the College of F.E.

A reshuffled team brought more life into the

## Not very bright are you — visitor to

## Sergeant

A party of maladjusted children were visiting Basildon Police Station with their teacher and a sergeant was doing his conducted tour thing.

Came the time for any questions and as the kids were a bit slow off the mark the teacher got things going by asking, "How long does it take to become a sergeant, sergeant?"

The Skipper launched into a lengthy run-down on the Bramshill Scheme, graduate entry, the lot, ending up by

telling them, "you can be a sergeant in three or four years if you do all right."

The next question came from little Willie "How long did it take you then?"

Like a lamb to the slaughter goes the gallant Skipper. "Ten years," says he.

"You're not very bright, then, are you?" came the quick reply. Maladjusted?

## What's in a name

Mr. Fitch, who prosecutes County Council taxation cases in Essex courts and is well known to police as an ex-colleague, has recently been given an assistant—Mr. Chips.

previous convictions for crime (including indecency), can produce your passport and I.D. card, have a legitimate excuse for being in the garage area and present yourself between the hours of 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. there is a fair chance of your gaining entry.

ERIC BRIDGEMAN  
H.Q. Garage.  
P.S.: Don't forget to report to reception first.

# Poor support for gala

THE Warrior Square swimming pool presented a sorry spectacle on September 11th for the Force Gala and Sid Saddler's long face only added to the gloom.

Spectators at what ought to be one of the annual gatherings of the Force were very scarce and competitors were none too plentiful and Sid Saddler, on whom much of the organisation fell, felt let down.

Competition was as keen as always but between as few swimmers as usual. This year's Gala, arranged during the cadet leave season, had lost all cadet competitors as a result. The Cadet Corps will now arrange their own competition which could become an annual event.

But one must say that it wasn't just the old County reluctance to journey into the Borough that was responsible. There were not many Borough men there either!

## Travers supreme

But what of the swimming? Ted Travers was as dominant as ever. He not only won the Croker Cup for the highest individual points score but took third place for Basildon — all by himself — in the inter-divisional competition by winning six events — diving, 100 mts. freestyle, two lengths and 200 mts. breaststroke,

## BOWLS

D.c. Lionel Lee, stationed at Brentwood, became Group 4 champion of champions on September 19 when he won a knock-out competition at Brentwood.

The contest was confined to the champions of bowls clubs in and around Brentwood. Lionel, representing King's Chase Bowling Club, Brentwood, won his way into the final through two preliminary victories.

Meeting the Romford champ. in the final Lionel won by the good margin of 22-7.

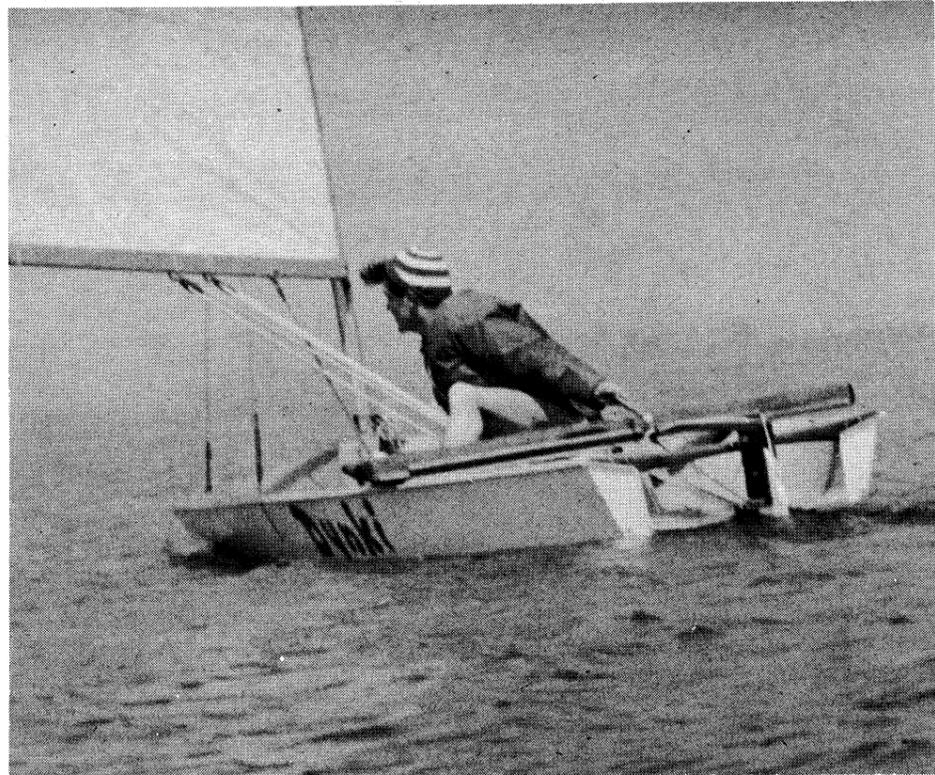
## FORCE MATCHES

ON AUGUST 26 we entertained four rinks from the Saffron Walden Bowls Club at HQ. Our team selection on this occasion was somewhat shattered at the last moment due to urgent commitments to Weeley but we still managed to get four rinks on the green.

The scoring was fairly well balanced at the start with the police team taking a three-shot lead after five ends which turned to a four-shot deficit by the tenth end. By the 15th end the tables had been turned again with a seven-shot advantage to the police team and they held this advantage over the last part of the match and the eventual result was a good win.

Scores (Police skips named): Turner 21-25, Hitchcock 16-10, Gorham 21-17, Cable 27-16; totals 85-68.

On the following Thursday we took on the might of the Braintree Bowling Club. The warm sunshine of the afternoon obviously had a very good effect on our players as we took an early lead in the game and



## life saving and two lengths butterfly.

Inspector Ian Wright, of Colchester, won the backstroke and uniform races and took second place in two other events. This inspired the Colchester team to just win by one point, their score being 20 to Grays Division's 19, and Ted Travers 18.

As usual the team events at the end of the programme provided some of the best entertainment. The boat race produced some comic aquatics with many competitors finding it well nigh impossible to paddle across in the prescribed manner. In the end all but HQ and Colchester were disqualified for one infringement or another.

The uniform race gave the youngsters their annual opportunity to push the bobby in the water. Some competitors only just made it across the pool and back.

## Results

**100m freestyle:** Travers, Basildon, 70.7s; Wright, Colchester, 77.8s; Crux, Grays, 79.0s.

**Novices race:** Burrow, Harlow, 53s; Banwell, Grays, 55s; Coleman, Colchester, 57s.

were never in any serious trouble eventually finishing up with a very commanding win, in a game that was played throughout in a wonderfully friendly spirit.

Scores (Police skips named): Turner 18-27; Birkin 30-18, Gorham 27-10, Cable 20-15; totals 95-70.

Our next game was on Wednesday, September 8, against Princess Marie Louise on the Bradford Street Green, a game which proved almost a disaster for us. After the long dry warm spell the green was very fast, in fact far too fast for the bowlers of both sides who all had difficulty in controlling green and length — it seemed almost impossible to get woods to stop on the rinks at one stage. Scoring was rather erratic and at first it seemed as though the police bowlers were settling down to the conditions better than the PML players as we went into an eight-shot lead. This was whittled down to a one-shot lead by the 10th end in turn this dwindled to a three-shot deficit by the 15th end mainly due to Ben Jenkinson's rink not being able to get into the game — a lack of communication here somewhere!

A break for tea did little to improve the situation although Jim Mullett continued to prosper and Jim Gorham recovered to a win. Scores (Police skips named): Jenkinson 11-26, Gorham 22-18, Stibbards 20-23, Mullett 22-13; total 75-80.

Despite a vast difference in

In his Toy dinghy, P.c. Ken Howard, of H.Q., scored a notable "first" last month when he became the first ever South East Region sailing champion. The event was held in Chichester Harbour on September 9, when the sun shone brightly but the wind was strong enough to enable some competitors to collide and capsize. About 20 suffered the latter indignity, many having to retire through damaged gear or being waterlogged.

No so Ken Howard, who had to race twice in the day over different courses to win. But backing up well in his Albacore was Constable C. Petty Major with Sgt. R. Grange as crew. This pair sailed into third place to keep the sailing section, the youngest section in the Force Sports' Association, right to the fore.

**4 x 1 freestyle:** Colchester (Needham, Young, Targrass, Wright), 88.4; Grays, 90.2; Southend E., 99s.

**Policewomen:** Kidd, Harlow, 69.2s; Brooks, Grays, 79.8s.

**Diving:** Travers, Basildon, 58.5 pts; Purvis, H 54.5 pts; Kidd, Harlow, 53.5 pts.

**4 x 1 medley:** Colchester (Wright, Coleman, Young, Targrass), 1m 41s; Grays, 1m 42.8s; Colchester 'B', 1m 45.4s.

**Breaststroke:** Travers, Basildon, 53.2s; Warren, Grays, 60.6s; Parker, HQ, 62.2s.

**Lifesaving:** Travers, Basildon; Scott, GQ; Warren, Grays.

**Backstroke:** Wright, Colchester, 57s; Crux, Grays, 59.5s; Barry, Colchester, 67.2s.

**200 mts breaststroke:** Travers, Basildon, 3m 20s; Scott, GQ, 3m 38.2s; Parker, HQ, 4m 1s.

**Veterans:** Crux, Grays, 53.2s; Young, Colchester, 54.8s; Scott, HQ, 57.3s.

**Butterfly:** Travers, Basildon, 22.4s; Wright, Colchester, 23.5s; Warren, Grays, 31.2s.

**Boat race:** HQ Colchester.

**Waiters race:** HQ, Southend E.

**Uniform race:** Wright, Colchester.

On September 12, we took on Southend and District Bowling Association, in a six-rink fixture at Westcliff. Some difficulties were experienced in getting a full six rinks for this match and we were extremely grateful to some of the ex-officers living in Southend who came along to assist us—and valuable assistance they provided.

I am sure all those who took part in this match will agree that it was a wonderful experience to play in such company and in such surroundings although the result was an almost complete whitewash so far as the police team was concerned.

There is little doubt that many of our bowlers learned a lot from this match and playing in this class can do nothing but improve everyone's knowledge of the game and their playing ability.

Scores (Police skips named): Hitchcock 12-26, Glasscock 20-16, Dalry 8-38, Stibbards 12-26, Gorham 19-20, Newnham 17-32.

## BATTLE ROYAL

Our next fixture took us on a trip into rural Essex to play a four-rink match against Dunmow Bowling Club on September 15, 1971. This match was played with a little bit of needle as Dunmow included two local officers in their side showing talents unknown to the force.

Despite a vast difference in

# Southend hold Cricket Cup

THE 50th divisional cricket final was played at Corringham on September 14 between the holders, Southend 'J', and Harlow. Harlow won the toss and put Southend in.

Opening bats, Smith and Hudson found the ball lively on the green pitch but weathered the opening overs before Hudson retired with a back injury with the score at 10. Southend skipper Culham came in to attack the bowling of Hicks and Patrick scoring 25 in 20 minutes. With Smith he put on 37 runs before being caught off Patrick. Only three runs later Nicholls held out

in the deep off Lambourne and Southend looked to be in trouble with 14 of their 35 overs gone and only 48 on the board.

However, Smith was batting sensible and with Ross attacked the bowling. Patrick eventually parted them by bowling Smith for an excellent 58 with the total at 122. Now Ross took charge and struck the Harlow bowling with great power, scoring 62 before Patrick bowled him out. Curtis kept up the run rate for the remaining overs and at the close Southend had put up the formidable total of 193 for six wickets.

The Harlow bowlers had all taken some stick but held to their task with great heart though only Patrick reaped much reward taking 3—57.

## RUN OUT ENDS GOOD START

When Harlow took to the crease facing this mammoth total openers Henry and Lambourne got on with the task well and took 38 off the Force attack of Culham and Johnson before Lambourne was run out. This disaster signalled a steady collapse and in Johnson's next over Whent and Martin were clean bowled in consecutive balls without a further run being scored. Harlow were 38—3 when Shipman joined Henry and these two took the total to 74 before Shipman went for nine, brilliantly caught deep by Curtis off Nicholls.

Now in deep trouble, Harlow had a chance if Henry could go on batting as he had been, displaying excellent shots and good running between the wickets. But with half the overs gone someone had to get on with it for Harlow and so when he was joined by Clancy, Henry opened his shoulders against Nicholls only to be caught at slip by the injured Hudson for a magnificent 55 runs out of 83.

Southend must have thought they were home and dry but they reckoned without Clancy as he danced down the wicket to hit everything and score 36 in 29 minutes, 20 off one over by the unfortunate Mead who had been brought on for Culham. The score now stood at 127—5.

## HAT-TRICK

Southend skipper Culham then brought back his opening attack of himself and Johnson and in his first over had Clancy caught in the deep by Nicholls. The next ball had Saville caught behind and he completed his hat-trick by bowling Hicks. One run later Patrick was run out and in the 34th over Johnson had the last man caught and the innings closed at 132. Culham finished with 3—40, Johnson 3—42, and Nicholls 2—22.

The cup was presented to the winners by Mr. Goodson and was promptly filled by courtesy of Chief Supt. Farnsworth and Chief Insp. Stansfield, both of 'J' division.

## AWARDS

Apart from this win the Southend cricketers have again enjoyed a good season, the Joint Divisions team sharing the Evening League Championship which they won outright for the past two years.

Club awards for 1971 are: top batting and bowling averages, R. Culham; best bowling performance (eight wickets for six runs), J. Johnson; best all-round contribution to club, D. Smith; best all-round performance, Wednesday matches, B. Arnell.

## Walking

THE month of September sees the start of a new League season and this year the section face an even sterner test in this contest which has been reshaped to include only races taking place in the county. The 12-race season now lasts from September, when it begins with a five-miler at Woodford, until August, when it winds up with a track one-hour race at Ilford.

The first team excursion of the new season came in the Woodford 5¼-mile race on September 11. On this hard course the juniors' idle summer holidays showed them up, and John Hedgethorpe regained, even if only temporarily, his role as leader.

In a good start to the season a handy score was put up, tucking the section into second place behind old rivals Southend A.C.

On September 25 a full team contested the Highgate H's hour races at Hendon. Ron Hammond newly-promoted to the 'B' (second fastest) section got furthest in the allotted 60 minutes covering about 100 yards over seven miles with John Hedgethorpe about the same distance under that goal.

The rest of the team were in the 'C' group where, after the exit of Mike Eldred, still having style problems, Brian Jones got furthest, followed by Larry Britt (converted runner), Mike Blackwell and newcomer to the team Denis Sheppard who just topped six miles in his first race — a great start.

## SELECTIONS

Of course the selection of two junior walkers to represent Essex, the strongest county in the land, even if it did end disastrously, does mean that the walking section has "arrived" Added to this John Hedgethorpe has picked up two plum invitations for October, an eight-hour race in Rouen, France and a track 50 kilometres staged at Southend by the British Race Walkers' Club.

October should be an interesting month because added to these races are the second leg of the League season and the National Youth and Junior Championships at Wolverhampton where our juniors must have a chance of honours.

## RESULTS

Woodford: 5¼ miles: 11.9.71

24th, J. Hedgethorpe, 47m. 23s. 55s.; 41st, M. Eldred, 47m. 44s.; 43rd, R. Hammond, 47m. 27s.; 51st, M. Blackwell, 48m. 35s.; 55th, L. Britt, 49m. 03s.; 73rd, J. Hastings, 53m. 08s. 79 finished.

Highgate, hour: 25.9.71

R. Hammond, 11300 mts.; J. Hedgethorpe, 11174 mts.; B. Jones, 10837 mts.; L. Britt, 10164 mts.; M. Blackwell, 10136 mts.; D. Sheppard, 9779 mts. (400 mts. — about 436 yards).

In this race the youngest "police" walker on the track, young Alan Blackwell put up a strong effort in his first race ever, to record 9m. 37s. in the boys' one mile, and anyone who thinks that isn't very fast, should try it!

# Young athletes selected

Good news came last month with four junior athletes being selected to represent Essex in inter-county events.

The "six counties" meetings were held at Wimbledon on 5 September (male) and 18 September (female) between the counties surrounding London. But performances were disappointing.

Bob Scott, discus, threw some way below his best to register only 29.44 mts. Ron Hammond was left behind by the coach and Mike Eldred, after reaching the ground direct from Leicester, was disqualified in the 3000 mts. walk, his first time under the judges' ban.

Marie Oldall on the later date lined up for the 800 mts. suffering from a cold and clocked a slower than usual 2m. 26s. for 8th place.

## Good field series

Bert Wallace pounded out a good series of throws for Thurrock Harriers on 11 September, when he was measured at 175ft. 6in. (javelin), 36ft. 9in. (shot), 104ft. 8in. (discus) and 106ft. 8in. (hammer). The last mentioned was a Force record and the others were all pretty close to Bert's own record marks.

News of Clive Crossman has come from Bermuda where he ran in the Police Championships at 5,000 mts. No details of his time — he didn't win — but it is good to know he is still running.

the score on two of the rinks, fortunately one for and one against, a right battle royal was held on the other two rinks with the Dunmow bowlers hitting back at a well-established lead and almost pipping us at the post. Fun- nily enough the overall result rested on the shoulders of our worst scoring rink — Only because they were the last to finish — who although being well behind throughout the game came back with a brilliant four shots on the last end to give us the match by one shot overall.

Scores (Police skips named): Storrar 11-31, Newnham 24-22, Gorham 31-11, Cable 18-19; total 84-83.

By Bert Brinkley

AT LAST the long awaited result of the Pensions Increase Act has been seen and from the many pensioners spoken to it seems all are very happy and some surprised at the results. Certainly, the increases are the best ever obtained. The annual conference takes place at Brighton on Thursday, September 16 (which incidentally coincides with the comrades' luncheon) and there is no doubt that full discussion will be allowed on the merits and demerits of the Act.

The disappointment of those pensioners aged 55-60 years is fully realised but at least the government had agreed to the increases being paid from the age of 55 years. The date has still to be announced but will certainly be within the lifetime of the present Parliament. It is pleasing to note that legislation has been received for the increases in widows' pensions, and the county treasurer hopes to make some payments on the October payment. There are some pensions which are not so straightforward but are being sorted out and payment will be made as soon as possible. As in the case of male pensioners a detailed statement will be issued at a later date.

### Comrades Lunch

The annual luncheon of the Comrades' Association was held on September 16 at the Civic Centre, Chelmsford, and was attended by 105 members. Judging by the way the tables were cleared it was apparent everyone was thoroughly enjoying themselves. The distinguished guests included: the president, The Chief Constable; H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Sir John Ruggles-Brise; Ald. S. Woodfull Millard, chairman of the police authority; J. A. McKay, Esq., H.M. Chief Inspector of Constabulary; Sir Jonathan Peel, former chief constable; J. R. Green, Esq., county treasurer; F. G. Laws, Esq., town clerk, Southend-on-Sea; A. W. Clarke, vice-chairman of the police authority.

We as a branch of N.A.R.P.O. are appreciative of the interest shown in the association by the Chief Constable and to all the staff who worked so hard to make the luncheon such a success. It was very noticeable that serving members were conspicuous by their absence. The Chief Constable, in his address, remarked upon the numbers dwindling this year. Perhaps a recruiting campaign or some such propaganda would bring a few more into the fold of membership. It is felt that many are not aware of the conditions of membership and that maybe invitations have not been extended to join, some encouragement or enlightenment might have the desired effect. On the other hand, if anyone is sufficiently interested to associate, he has only to ask. Every division has a local representative.

### Into the Bank

A point, worthy of consideration, came to notice recently, this refers to senior citizens entitled to draw old age pensions. If it is desired the pensions would be paid into a banking account monthly, this dispenses with the weekly pension book and weekly stroll to the Post Office with the customary queuing and is to be commended. Anyone interested should contact the local office of the Ministry of Pensions for further guidance.

Another useful hint to pensioners employed after reaching the age of 65 years is — for every 12 N.H.I. stamps (full rate) on the card the old age pension is increased by 1/6d per week, 1s. self, 6d. wife — this seems easier than decimal currency. This is not generally known but confirmation can be obtained from the local office of the Ministry of Pensions.

As a pre-ambule to the next bulletin I would mention that the N.E.C. would be recommending to the annual confer-

The centre pages of last month's edition featured the damage caused by woodworm. I now offer a warning to those who have evidence of this pest and who live in Police Authority owned houses, and who have asked or wish to have something done to protect their furniture.

The treatment of timber is rather drastic and will put the occupier to considerable inconvenience if it is necessary to treat a large proportion of the woodwork in the house. The spraying of the timber with one of the curative liquids necessitates the cutting off of electrical power for a long period and no naked lights are permitted. Inhalation of the fumes gives rise to feelings of nausea, nasal congestion and headaches, and the unpleasant odour lasts for several days. If you are about to have this work done in the premises you occupy, you should immediately enquire if any alternative accommodation is available so that you and your family are spared the unpleasant effects. Although you will be told when the work will be commenced it is likely that you will not appreciate just what is entailed. One member of the Force has recently undergone a very disagreeable time which could have been obviated if the correct advice and information had been supplied.



There is still no news of the increase in rent allowance. The Home Office have the claim before them and a reply is expected very soon. In the meantime efforts are to be made to instigate the review of those properties due for revaluation.

## What's on Who's off

By Monty

"THE gap got smaller and smaller and how the hell I got through I'll never know" — the unmistakable sentence that has been repeated over and over again by members of our profession usually over a glass of hops! — and each time the story is told the gap is smaller.

This time, however, I got the early edition, from Brian Waller of Southend, and the gap was so small that somewhere in Southend is a car with an extra wing mirror fitted! That gap was small — anyway, it was a lucky escape. Brian, glad you didn't come off. By the way, this doesn't qualify for an "off" so the league remains the same with a clear lead by Colchester still.

Well, we held it — just — our third meeting I mean, at the "Three Cups," Chelmsford, and, of course, I booped again (who forgot to get the big room). We had our biggest turnout yet — 25 bodies and we were all crammed in one little room fit only for about 15 county men. As some of our members from "The Seaside Home" are about 10-12ft. (well it is from where I stand) you can imagine the scene — we all had to breathe by numbers and I think my number was 25! and whose lap was I sitting on in the end?

Anyway the meeting was enjoyed by all I'm sure including Mr. Smith and Mr. Palmer

ence an increase in subscriptions for male pensioners — 60p per annum. Wives and widows would remain as at present 12p. It is not expected that there will be any dissenters to the increase. The N.E.C. have done a good job of work and should be encouraged to carry on with the good work.

By Stan Smith



A further 75 applications for home ownership were considered on 28 September and fortunately the majority were approved. In addition to these approvals there are 130 members who are at the negotiation stage having previously gained approval. One wonders how long this almost carte blanche permission can continue without some form of priority system being instituted for at least some areas until the pattern of house purchase can be evaluated. I suppose it must depend to a large extent upon the volume of applications, which I think was expected to tail off about this time.

The rise in house prices has driven many, including myself, into buying before anticipated and I should warn members to seek advice on the financial implications as very careful calculations are needed before one can arrive at just how much has to be found from one's own pocket in the interim stage before the refund of tax at the end of the financial year. I have hopes of this system being changed for 1972, but it is by no means in the bag yet.

who certainly explained many points for us. One of the main topics of conversation was the brakes and horns on the Norton and I believe this is already under way. The idea of having the radios fitted to the rear is also being discussed, I believe.

Another interesting point was the working of winter shifts on motor cycles and it was unanimously agreed (by Mr. Smith) that the hours would be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for December, January and February, and I think this was readily accepted by all present as very sensible.

The visit to Nortons was also discussed and I'm at present corresponding to the "big white chief" there on this, so more next meeting.

### Entrance exam.

Also a visit to Wethersfield at Christmas has been proposed but there will be an entrance examination for this one — four pints an hour and at least four verses by heart of "Maggie May" — it should be a good "instructional" visit if the amount of hops consumed at the meeting is anything to go by!

The meeting was officially closed by four good jokes by Mr. Palmer (one a shaggy dog) and Ray Finch replied on our behalf with the one about "Nigerian Roulette" — which was "gobbled" up by the lads. Once again our thanks to Mr. Smith and Mr. Palmer and hope to see you both as arranged. It was also pleasing to see the driving school represented by Ron and Terry who added their wealth of experience to many points.

Doing the round of the subs I find that "things" haven't happened — except the few isolated incidents. Weeley of course occupied most of the month both before and after with the Colchester and Halstead lads working very long hours also, of course, a few from other subs.

I hear Arthur "Jason" Johnson turned up to take some mail, etc., to London and had a very hard time convincing everybody that he wasn't a cross between a Hell's Angel and a Hippie but everything turned out right — he settled for a Hippie — not really Arthur. During the weekend "Mad

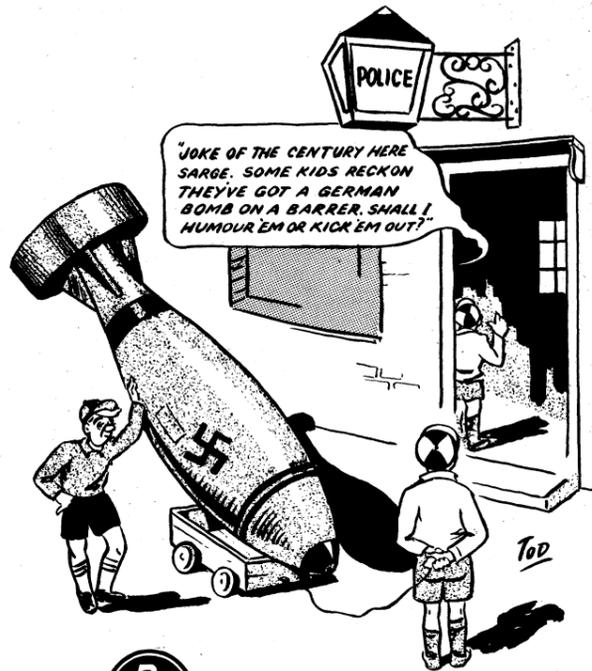
The Chairman of the J.B.B. myself and Pc Saxby the Cadet's representative met the H.M.I. on Wednesday last and gave notice of our concern over the problems of civilianisation; the single manning of patrol cars with its obvious dangers for our members; the quest for separate insurance for Cadets who have compulsory activities involving a measure of danger; and the question of the payment of under-manning allowance for members of this Force. We were very courteously received by Mr. Williamson. Our points were noted and we hope that they may spark some reaction in high places.



Since the beginning of June some hopeful candidates for promotion have been awaiting the results of the recent P.A.B.'s. These ended some weeks ago but we are still in the dark as to who have received the nod for promotion next year. Over 100 Constables were involved and I would have thought that a greater degree of urgency would have been applied to inform members of the results. The Boards for Sergeants will not commence until the Constable's results have been announced so there is quite a large proportion of the Force involved in the outcome. I would personally like to see the Boards start earlier in the year so that members who are waiting for the results can make some positive arrangements about school uniforms and school changes before the academic year commences in September. There are human problems here which hinge upon the publication of impending promotions.



The first draft plans of the new H.Q. Block have been produced and I am happy to say that if all goes well the Force will have a restaurant and a lounge to be proud. It will be several years before the project is completed but I hope to have a retirement drink in the new bar prior to my departure in five years time. The need for a new bar has been rather a hobby horse of mine over the past few years and I am glad that something is being done at last to create better conditions for both residents and visitors alike.



Recruitment continues to flourish and there is no doubt that at the end of this year a considerable gain in strength will have been achieved. There can be no doubt that the recent increase in pay together with the uneasy employment situation in other professions has contributed. One wonders, however, just how long this flush will last if the economic situation improves. Over the next few years there will be an increasing number of officers retiring on pension and this alone will have an adverse effect on the manpower situation. This is the only hope there is of the continuation of the payment of additional rest days for a little longer and although this payment has been made for such a long period, members should not lose sight

of the fact that several Forces now either get no extra payment or a smaller amount than presently paid here. Members should try not to look upon these payments as being of a permanent nature when making financial arrangements, but I realise that having had the extra money for so long makes that difficult. We must hope that when the crunch comes there will be a coincidental pay increase.

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I must find another tea stop—this is ridiculous!

Mitch Martin" was seen riding around the field on one of "those" bikes fully dressed in "studs" and German helmet and when approached by sir explained he was just doing his thing—sir "did his nut." I hear there's a photo Mitch—let's have it!

Les Elkington and Slinger Woods have just completed their advanced and both got a very good 91 — well done, both, beer all round!

By the way, talking of swimming — I hear that in the last force swim at Southend who should line up next to the Chief but — Mad Mitch — and after half-way, swimming stroke-for-stroke (and most likely carrying the Chief's towel) was heard to say "any chance of a Norton, sir?" — what that man will do for

a Norton — its the first time he's been completely submerged in water — Mitch that is.

### Broke down

By the way, I broke down the other day in Springfield Road with a broken chain and after waiting about 10 minutes I was amazed to see the canteen wagon pull up in front of me — well I know I like my tea but I thought — this is ridiculous — anyway this was the only vehicle available so in the back I got — bike and all and on my arrival at the garage you can imagine the remarks I was greeted with riding out the back. Never mind — we all know I really earn my money! Next meeting at Southend on

October 14, at 8.00 p.m. — let me know please numbers attending as buffet being arranged.

Oh, yes, I forgot — at the last meeting the question of the tie was again mentioned and once again, without a question of doubt, it was established that it definitely would be worn round the neck. The next meeting we will have to have this tie business on first!

Well, that's it again, see you all at the next meeting — another good turn-out lads — and remember if in danger or in doubt, tighten yer helmet and bail out.

Ride safe and to the system.

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