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A pity about the 1 that got away—but 2, 3 and 4 is not too bad.

THE DRIVE for recruits is not just producing numbers but quality as well.

As the results were published after the last course at Eynsham Hall passed out, three Essex-Southend constables were placed in the top four. In second place came Derek Moon who is 23 and an ex-Ministry of Defence policeman. Married with one child he is a native of Hertfordshire and will be stationed at Brentwood. He is pictured, above, on the right. Behind him is Graham Schneider, also 23 and a former ambulance driver. Graham placed third on the course, comes from Corringham and will serve initially at Harlow.

At the back is ex-cadet Graham Blois, recently featured in *The Law* as the 2,000th member of the Force. He was fourth on the course and will be stationed at Grays.



BEM presented at HQ



AT a simple ceremony at Police Headquarters, Chelmsford, last month, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Lord Lieutenant of Essex, pinned the British Empire Medal on the lapel of ex-Sergeant Dick Ashbee.

The citation, recalling that Dick had joined the Force in 1946, recounted that for the last 10 years of his service, though in great pain he continued to perform his duties. In 1968 he became the collector at Harlow and built up the system there with great enthusiasm. He was also a keen member of the I.P.A. and Sports Club.

Honour

Sir John, in his short speech preceding the presentations, said, "I think it is worthwhile, occasionally, to turn out to pay honour to members of the Force." He paid tribute to the good turnout from H.Q. and Divisions of members of the Force who had come to witness the ceremony.

Handing over his trophy for the bravest act of the year Alderman Wilson clasped the hand of P.C. Geoffrey Eve, of Southend, saying "I'd like to shake the hand of a very brave man indeed." P.c. Eve last year dashed twice into a blazing house in a vain attempt to rescue an old lady.

Constable Julian Cooper received from the hands of the Joint Police Authority Chairman, Alderman S. Woodfull Millard, the trophy for the greatest contribution to police — public relations over the past year. The assembly heard of Julian's work for his village of Moreton where both he and his wife are fully involved in youth and other social work.



Mrs. Cooper, who helps with the running of the youth club at Moreton was there to see her husband receive the Millard Trophy.



Constable and Mrs. Eve pose with the Wilson Trophy, awarded

Sad loss of Registry Chief

MR. KENNETH TWEEN, who had been in charge of Registry at Headquarters since 1965, died at St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, on April 11. He was 44 years old, and had been unwell for several years before his final illness.

The funeral took place at Chelmsford on April 17. Mr. Tween left a widow and two married daughters. He was one of the earlier civilian entrants into the Force, joining in 1959, and worked throughout his service in Registry.

Ken Tween was born in Chelmsford and was well known in the town, being conductor-in-chief of the Elim Church Choir where he was also a church-deacon, the organist and Sunday School Superintendent.

He had a long association with the hospital where he died, being a male nurse there in his early life and conducting the nursing staff for the last 25 Christmases as they sang carols round the wards.

In 1971 Mr. Tween was awarded a NALGO prize for obtaining an advanced certificate in supervisory studies. His keenness and enthusiasm for work and



his efforts to promote efficiency within his department were noticeable to all who came into contact with him and everyone who knew him well will join in sympathy to his family on their bereavement.

Dick Ashbee and his wife chat with the Lord Lieutenant after the ceremony.

Students' cash aid

FINANCIAL aid for police men undertaking courses of study in their own time has been agreed by Home Office who suggest that when considering applications for such aid Chief Constables should look at the relevance of the course to the officers' police duties or the Service in general, and the ability of the officer concerned to benefit from the course.

Suggested courses are public administration, social science, law or modern languages and although preference is given to degree courses or those leading to diplomas or certificates, any other course may be considered if it is worthwhile.

Assistance may be granted as follows: 80% of registration and entry fees; 80% of the cost of short residential courses which form part of the

cost of books subject to certain conditions; and additional travelling expenses arising out of attendance at courses. The operative

Detections up: Crashes down: The success story of 1971

THE CHIEF Constable's summary of the past year touched on many aspects of Force activity.

He described civilianisation as inevitable and said that a civilian component was a permanent part of the Service for the foreseeable future. But answering criticisms which inferred that policemen's conditions of service were deteriorating because of the policy he asserted that no-one in this Force had, in fact, actually suffered.

Although crime had risen by 4.3 per cent in 1971 this was a smaller increase than in 1970 and was lower than last year's national average rise. A jump to 45 per cent in the detection rate was also encouraging. In this county, as elsewhere, he said, criminal damage and vandalism were on the increase.

Road accident casualties had gone down by 4 per cent in 1971.

On the subject of public order, and the Chief here mentioned Weeley in passing, we had done reasonably well in 1971. He urged every member of the Force to "act properly and impartially." Things will get worse, he went on, but if we all do our job properly we shall be alright.

Long term

Recalling that he had recently shown Mr. H. Taylor, A.C.C.(O), a report dating from 1933 which described Chelmsford Police Station as inadequate, Mr. Nightingale said he supposed one might conclude that it had taken 39 years to put things right. The new vehicle workshops were among the best in the country, he said, although he understood that no-one was allowed inside.

Thirteen police houses had been completed and one bought — "for a superintendent, of course"—he said, amid general laughter.

The Chief said that the total of 518 vehicles held by the Force indicated that there was more than one each for all those on duty at any one time, and that beat motor cycles are to be replaced by small cars or vans though probably not on a one-for-one basis.

The Working Party on firearms has now selected a suitable rifle and revolver and the Chief hoped that those would soon be available. A smaller number of men would in future be more highly trained, he said.

Paying tribute to Ser-

**A summary
of the Chief's
review of 1971
in his speech
to the Federation
Open Meeting
in March**

geant Edgar Easlea's efforts as Force Welfare Officer, the Chief Constable said that of a Force strength of 2,011 only 1,730 were contributing to the combined welfare fund, a number he hoped would rise.

Complaints

A Home Office circular would soon come out, he said, on complaints against the police but this was likely to make no changes in the procedure, the Home Secretary having resisted efforts to take such enquiries out of police hands.

Both Weeley and the Harlow kidnap case had done us much good in the public relations field, said Mr. Nightingale.

He concluded by quoting the figure of £9,642,800 as the police budget for the county in 1972-3. This was a rise of 17 per cent on the previous year and, compared with a 1969-70 budget of £6,027,542, showed that the Joint Police Authority and the County Treasurer were determined to provide the funds to run the Force properly.

Great day for the Wilson family

A MEMORABLE day in the life of P.c. 1081 David Wilson of Witham will be 6 April 1972, because on this day David and Mrs. Wilson attended the Officer Cadet Training Unit at R.A.F. Station Henlow to witness their son Philip David Wilson receive his Commission as a Flying Officer in the Royal Air Force.

Philip, together with 255 other entrants, took part in an impressive Passing Out Parade which was accompanied by a fly past of Jet Provost aircraft of the R.A.F. What was so particularly pleasing was the knowledge that Philip, who is in the Secretarial Branch of the Royal Air Force, first joined the Service as a Boy Entrant at 16 years of age, and now after only nine years of service has reached his present position from, so to speak, the very bottom rung of the ladder.

After witnessing the Passing Out Parade, David and his wife attended a Buffet Lunch and the day was rounded off by attending a glorious Ball in the evening. Congratulations to Philip on his achievement.



Flying Officer Wilson

Buck house trip for Valerie

OFF to Buckingham Palace this week is Wpc Valerie Nash of Grays, when she goes to collect her Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Gold Award.

Valerie completed her Gold course before joining the Force through her school in her home town of Rayleigh, the Ranger Guides and Youth Club. Her expeditions were over vastly differing terrains, a walking and cycling tour of London, and a tramp along the river bank from Chelmsford to Tillingham.

Her 'interest' section was undertaken in campaigning in which she still takes part, being in the team which rings the church bells at Rayleigh and Prittlewell.

Equality in 1974

WOMEN police will get equal pay by 1974 but their conditions of service and hours of duty will be brought into line with those for men at the same time.

Women, who now receive 90% of male salaries will get 95% from the September 1972 pay review and will go up to the full rates in the review of September, 1974.

The 5 year old Skipper

YOUNG looking Sergeants abound these days but a recent local newspaper report on Mr. Alan Goodson's appointment as Chief Constable of Leicestershire and Rutland took things rather further by affirming: "Mr. Goodson, 43, has been D.C.C. at Chelmsford H.Q. for 18 months. He began his career 38 years ago... and was a sergeant at Billericay."

THE POLICE ASSOCIATION OF CADET FORCES

By BRIAN WING

P.A.C.F.? What on earth (or words to that effect) is that? No, it's not the Pakistani Airport Controller Federation. It stands for the Police Association of Cadet Forces. All right, so what's that?

It is, in fact, an association being formed by members of this force who are also, in their spare time (ha ha) instructors with either the Sea Cadets Corps, the Army Cadet Force or the Air Training Corps.

At the time of going to press there are, throughout the force 20 such officers that we know of. These 20 have already elected a committee of eight to set up the association and the first A.G.M. was held on April 12, 1972. At the meeting, besides a good selection of members, were Mr. Nightingale, the Chief Constable and Mr. Goodson, the Deputy Chief. Mr. Nightingale was elected president of the association and Mr. Goodson vice-president. It is hoped that the senior officers of each cadet organisation will accept vice-presidencies. The present committee were re-elected to serve until the next A.G.M., the only change being that Dick Giggins, who was previously secretary, is now secretary/treasurer. (Good old Dick, lumbered again). The constitution of the association was, after some amendment, submitted to the Chief Constable for his approval.

Our aim is, broadly speaking, to encourage co-operation between the three main cadet forces and the police through a common association though we also intend to hold our own social functions when people outside the association will be invited to attend and see what we get up to.

Our first promotions have already been made as John Clark, Laindon Traffic Inspector, has been promoted major in the A.C.F. and has taken over 'C' Company, Essex A.C.F.

"Monty" of Traffic fame has also been promoted and is now a Sub-Lieutenant (must be a joke there somewhere). Anyway, best wishes to the pair of them.

Also we have received enquiries from two Essex officers interested in joining a cadet force and if they do, of course, our members will swell to a fantastic 22. We would be glad to hear from any members of the force who are either already cadet force in-



SAME CHAIR: DIFFERENT SUIT

LATEST "victim" in the civilianisation saga is Sergeant Howell, for many years the statistical genius of Headquarters C.I.D. On April 3 he became plain Mister but next morning was in his usual seat — in charge of the Statistics Office as a civilian.

Mr. Howell has long experience of gathering figures on crime, is a veritable mine of information on what is or is not a "crime" — in the statistical sense, of course — and has been a member of several high-powered committees which have sat on this subject over the years.



Band notes by Harry Rossiter

THE months of March and April are noted for their variations of weather, and the Band has its ups and downs. Playing in a brass band is not all "beer and skittles": far from it.

We gave a concert on Wednesday, March 22, with our good friends the Suffolk Police Male Voice Choir at Witham Public Hall. Our playing was not up to its usual standard and we all felt a bit cheesed off at the end. Not that it was a disaster but we felt a bit like a football team who have just lost a cup final 8-1. I report faithfully on our happenings but do not wish to paint too black a picture (I'll probably get the sack for this). So for the benefit of our faithful fans, don't worry, it won't happen again. We were actually suffering from a lack

of players in a certain quarter of the band on this occasion.

structors or who are interested in becoming instructors, this includes any women police. Anyone interested please contact Dick Giggins (P.S., H.Q. Traffic, Road Survey Office). It's quite an interesting life really, and, as "Monty" will tell you, it doesn't hurt as much as falling off motor cycles.

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We gave a 15-minute concert-within-a-concert, on Tuesday and Wednesday, 18th and 19th April, when we played in the Police Variety Show at the Chelmsford Civic Theatre. The capacity audience were well pleased with our efforts so that on Wednesday evening, they made us repeat our last item "Brass Band Boogie."

Ken Cole, of Harlow Traffic was recently elected Bandmaster. He is already a deputy bandmaster of a Brass Band in Epping, so he is no newcomer to the job. Most of us know him as a member of our original band of April 1966. Yes folks, we have now been going for six years. Much water has flowed along the Chelmer since then.

Talking of water, if you watch a brass band long enough, you will notice various players blowing water out of orifices—known as water-keys — of their instruments. This is because one's hot breath condenses into water inside the cool brass metal of the instrument and if this is not blown out, strange burbling sounds result. It is common knowledge that if one stands in front of a cornet player and sucks an orange, this causes the player's mouth to water with dire results. By the same token every bandroom has its circle of discolouration upon the floor where bandmen are wont to practice. Story has it that the carpets of keen bandmen who practise at home become similarly affected with domestic harmony disrupted in more ways than one.

However, let's hope that the weather gets warmer before we play at the Annual Specials muster on Sunday, May 14, at HQ and in Halstead park some time in June I believe. More details of forthcoming engagements in next month's issue.

Good listening fans and I trust we'll be seeing you. Now just a minute while I mop up the floor...



Being a Warden is not all tickets and fines

THERE is more to the life of a traffic warden than going round every day just checking "No Waiting," "Restricted Waiting," and "Clearways." There are our school crossing patrols; traffic control; looking after people who take ill in the street; giving directions to drivers; looking after the old people; seeing to stray dogs; comforting mothers who have lost a child; telling strangers to the district where to get a good meal and many other things.

Although this is a very serious side of the job, it has its humorous side to it as well. We get to know all the children's names and they get to know ours and soon it's "Good morning Kitty," Gladys, Iris, or whoever it may be on the crossing.

The children are really very good and well behaved. One day a little girl called Heather stopped and gave me a painting saying, "I've painted you on the crossing." This painting was in vivid colours and pleased me immensely. There I was, tall, very slim, wearing a mini skirt. I felt on top of the world as I had been trying to lose weight.

Next day I got another painting. I was short, fat, one arm six feet long holding up traffic and a skirt down to my ankles. I went home and didn't eat for two days.

Another day I was handed a very hot and sticky toffee. I said "Thank you Michael." He just stood there and said, "Ain't you gonna eat it, I kept it for you," so I popped it into my mouth and clam; my teeth stuck together. Of course, at that moment a driver had to ask for directions—he gave me rather a funny look when I wrote it down. It was a good ten minutes before I got my teeth apart. Mind you, I could have taken them out and separated them.

Then there are the old people. Old Tom, 87 years old, twinkling blue eyes, real mischievous, lives alone and every day he comes up to the High Street for his little bit of shopping. He loves a chat about the old days and what he would do if he were a young man again. My, how he would change this naughty world he now lives in. Old Meg, 89 years old, comes along for her glass of port. This is what keeps her going so that she can live to 100 years and get her telegram from the Queen. Her glass of port lasts an hour or more and it's just for the company. Then her chat to the wardens in the High Street—this is her only pleasure. Old Harry, nearly 80, must put his 5 new pence on a horse which is going to win him a fortune but really it's only for the company in the betting shop. Oh, there are so many of them and all so lonely. Part of their great joy is having someone to chat to for a few moments.

There are so many incidents in our every day work. I could write a book. All this on top of our job is what makes it so interesting to us.

A traffic warden is not always appreciated by the general public, particularly motorists, who seem to think we get a prize for the number of tickets we give out but on the other hand you get the more fair-minded citizen who thanks you for any particular help you give them, and this makes it worthwhile.

One of the reasons why I do this job (apart from the money) is in the hope that this may release the Police from some of the jobs we do, and enable them to contend more with crime angle—road accidents and general protection of the public—on top of the thousand and one things they have to do. From association with them, I have discovered they have a far from easy job.

**A Brentwood
Warden
writes about
the job's
human side**

**Tax case
goes to
High Court**

THE legal wrangle over income tax assessment on accommodation provided for policemen is to go to the High Court.

In test cases involving 12 members of the Force the Special Commissioners of Inland Revenue have ruled against the Joint Police Authority.

The Authority maintain that as houses are necessarily provided, they should be taxed as representative accommodation at a low rate.

But the Inland Revenue consider Police Houses to be beneficial accommodation and liable to higher tax.

Now, watched by police authorities all over the country, the Joint Police Authority are preparing cases for the High Court. If they lose they will have to foot a very large bill for the difference in the tax rates.

Portrait



A

Alan sees the funny side of policework

ALAN PURSEY, although born in Kent, has spent most of his life in Essex and has lived at Colchester for the last 12 years with his wife and family. He served in the Royal Air Force from May 1949 to May 1954 and spent most of the time in Southern Rhodesia.

On 22 February 1956 he joined the Essex County Constabulary and has served at Romford, Collier Row (both now part of the Metropolitan Police District), Parsons Heath Colchester, and since 15 August 1963 has been a member of the Colchester Traffic Section.

Alan is particularly noted for his excellent cartoon drawings and he usually signs them "NALA," which of course

is his name in reverse. He specialises in cartoons with Police topics.

Completely self taught, his liking for drawing dates from the days when he was a lad of 10 and he used to take pencil and paper into the old wartime Air Raid Shelters and spend those long hours drawing the underground occupants.

Plan drawing

Having made a career in the Police Service, he made his mark with his plan drawing and he is now an official plan drawer and has been commended four times for the excellence of his plans, twice by the Justices, once by the Chairman of Quarter Sessions and once by the Appeal Court Judges. On many other occasions his work has been highly praised.

In recent years he has studied the history of Colchester in detail because of his daughter's questions on the

various monuments in the town. In 1967 he prepared a "parchment history" called by an old name for Colchester "Camulodunum". This document contains details of the old Roman Wall; the Legend of St. Helena; a thumb drawing of the Castle and many other snippets of information.

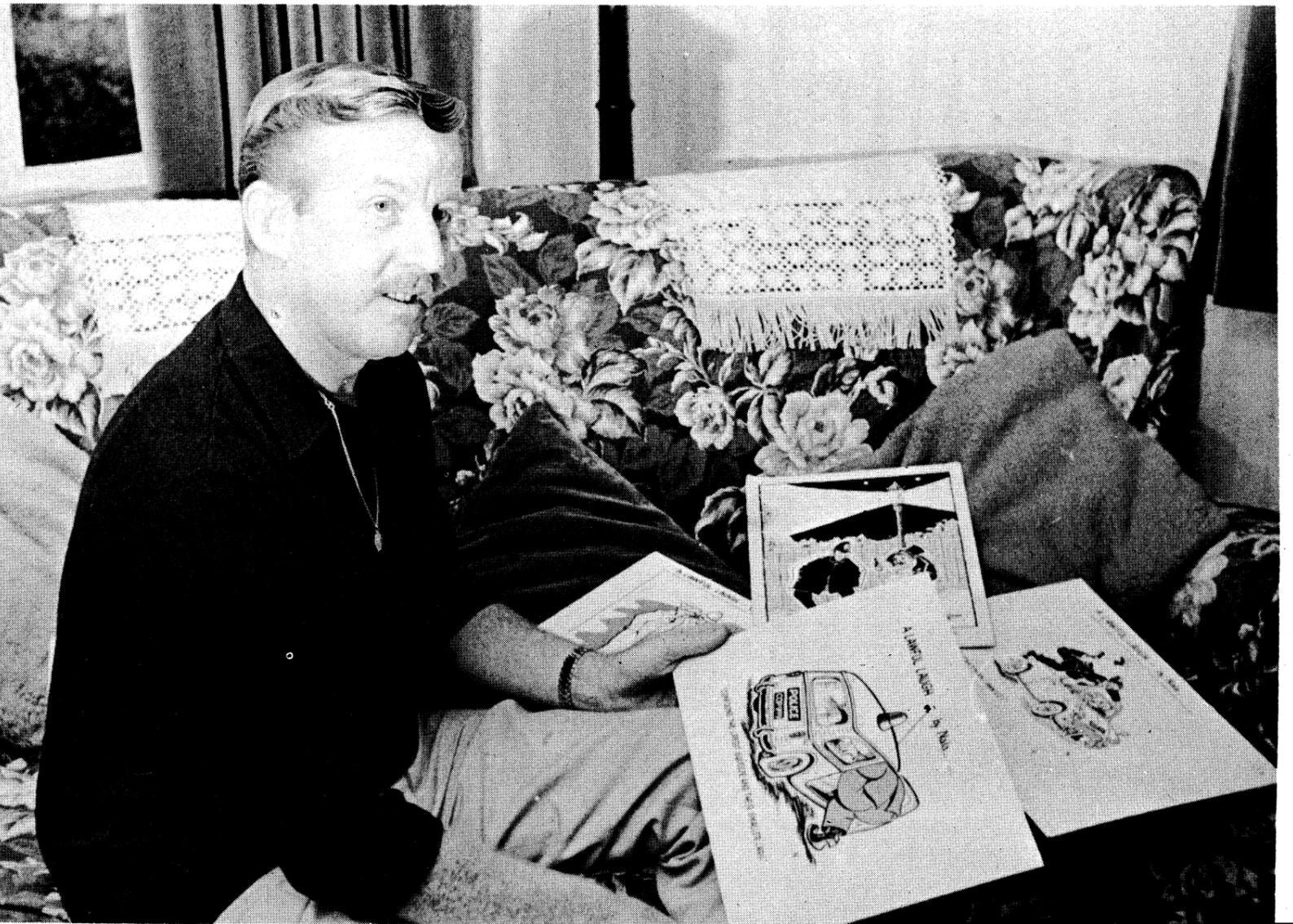
At present Alan is copying the Heraldic Shield of the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary.

An interesting feature of Alan's Police Career is that he has never sat the promotion examinations.

At home the distribution of talent is not a one-sided affair because Alan's wife, June, believes in leading a full life and apart from being a mother and wife, she has a part-time job and for many years has kept poodles in trim and her latest venture is wine making (that's why Alan always looks happy).

Not to be out-done, their daughter Adele, aged 12 years, excels in creating interesting objects from all manner of oddments.

'Nala' pictured with some of his work



Going away to school



FRED FEATHER, Southend detective constable, has good reason to be a proud father because his 11-year-old son, Clive, has won the Lord Butler Scholarship to Felsted School where he will board from September.

Mum is especially pleased, too, because she's in the business, as it were, teaching at Edwards Hall Junior School, Leigh, where Clive is a pupil at present.

Clive is pictured, on the right, with his younger brother, Laurie.

SPARKS FLY IN NEW NICK

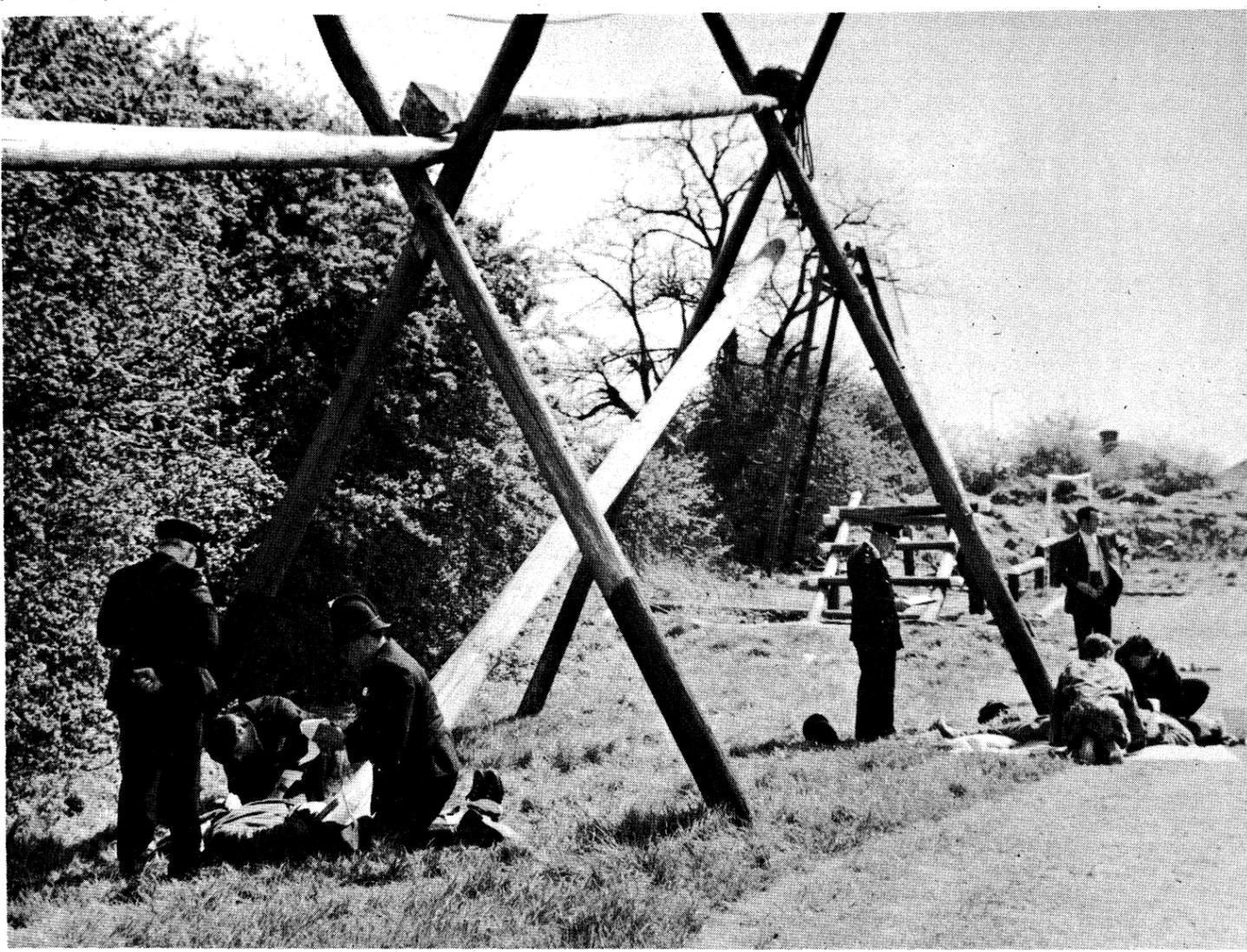
SHOCKS awaited the station staff who moved from the ancient station at Chelmsford to the brand new premises a few weeks ago. The shocks came from touching metal chairs, light switches or telephones.

Those suffering this electric chair treatment are mainly the men in the control room where a combination of man-made fibre in the carpets and plastic furniture builds up static electricity.

Similar discomforts have been met in the Cadet School where, after passing through the carpeted library, sparks fly from the hand as residents reach out to the door handle.

This effect is lessened by not shuffling the feet or by spraying the carpet with water, the dampness reducing the static.

Five Divi Chief W



ABOVE THE general scene in the team test on the Cadet School assault course with the Basildon team in action.
—An Essex Chronicle picture

AFTER their fall to fourth place in last year's competition the Basildon team made no mistake about it in the 1972 contest for the Chief Warden's First Air Cup. They turned the tables on the 1971 first and second teams to win by 12 points.

And they had to come from behind because in the draw for competing order they picked number five spot — with five teams competing.

The team test was set on the Cadet School assault course where various unlikely accidents had been simulated, indeed the Cadet School staff insist that all the accidents were quite impossible, and the team of four were required to deal with these as they would in reality.

The organisers had set the scene on the catwalk which was supposed to have collapsed under the weight of two cadets. Not that cadets are all that fat — in fact they were considered to be even more fragile than the catwalk as one had a fractured femur and a wound on the left forearm and the other a fractured pelvis and dislocated thumb.

Sgt. Terry Mortimer in whose hands the running of the event rested paid tribute to the acting ability of the cadets, and to their valuable assistance with the competition generally.

The individual tests included an electrocution in the home and a gunshot wound from careless handling of a firearm.

Basildon led in both the team and individual tests and although they dropped a few marks



BELOW

VICTORIOUS, the Basildon squad pose with the Cup. From the left: Paul Adams, Geof Butler, Eric Knowles, Norman Redmond, Graham Oakley.



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Basildon	3
Colchester	
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Traffic	25
Clacton	2

on the inspection through to win.

Women police, last year, score on the team event had dropped to marks on the individual tests to get back the running, and finished third to Colchester's second winning team was Knowles, Geoff Graham Oakley, Norman Redmond, Adams and Alan

A column of smoke over Stansted signals an air crash exercise with dummy casualties

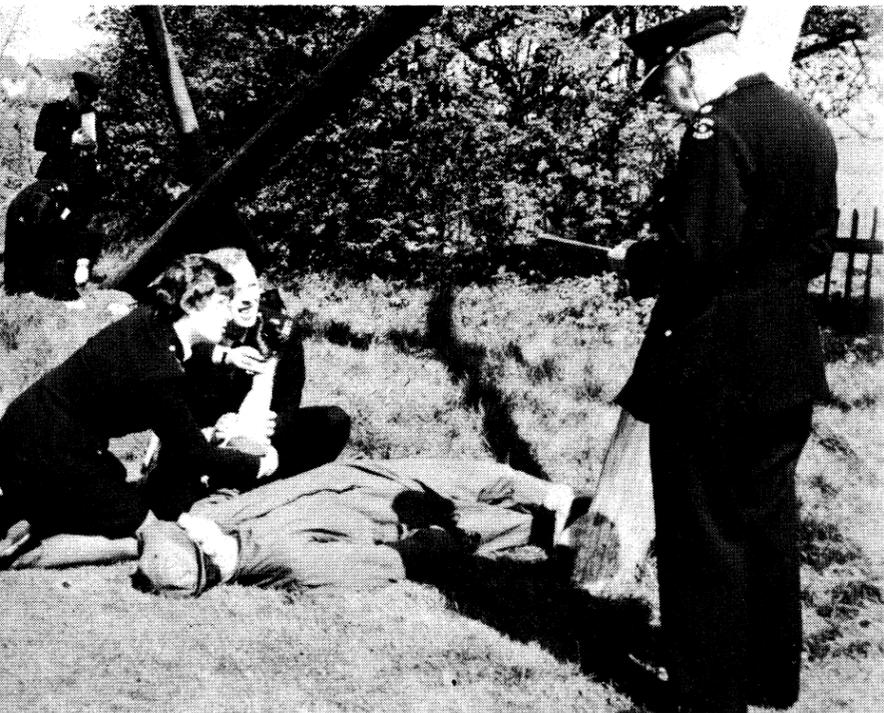


ANOTHER exercise organised by month to test case of an air crash at Stansted.

Police action in the hands of the sub-division Chief Inspector the call out tested on Special Constables Regulars attached to Chelmsford and

The plane carrying passengers of were "dead" and by dummies — they had been (left). Casualties by actors were housed in an part of the equipment (right).

sions contest Gardens Cup



ABOVE A dislocated thumb? The Clacton team look surprised.



BELOW P.c. Ken Light treats a broken clavicle. Pics. by Andy Barnes



Variety the keynote in Police concert

By Derick Thomas

ONCE AGAIN on Tuesday, 18th and Wednesday, 19th April, Chelmsford's Civic Theatre saw the arrival of the police in large numbers, the occasion being the second annual Force Variety Concert. Organised by Chief Inspector Wallie Thurgood, Sergeants Edgar Easlea, Derick Thomas and Jack Ripley, and Constables John Johnson and Charlie Flemming.

The Tuesday performance was given to an audience made up almost entirely of "senior citizens" who had been specially invited by the committee to be the guests of the Police Force for the evening.

There was talent in abundance. I have always held the view that we have more comedians in the Force than we give credit for but I was amazed by the professional performances given by all the artistes.

Both evenings were compered by Mike Frost who kept the action rolling at a cracking pace.

It was the first time that The Fuzz, the pop group from the Southend Divisions, recently featured on T.V., had made an appearance on the concert platform. They made a pleasant sound and their numbers were appreciated by both young and old.

Doug Rampling undertook the comedy spot and soon had the audience rolling with laughter at his dry sense of humour — and he has a pleasant singing voice, too.

Comedy

Charlie "Liberace" Woods thrilled everyone with his fine piano playing which he combined with a hilarious knock about comic act (see what I mean about police comedians?).

Terry Ford, the Southend "Mystic" was in great form and he supplemented his baffling magic with a great sense of comedy. The audience loved him. Wallie Thurgood sang a medley of songs in his usual fine form and was warmly received by the audience.

Pipers with it

The evenings were enriched by the appearance of those



THE dreaming pipes come right up to date as Jock Watson and Jock Brown render "Amazing Grace," current top of the pops. Below, the Fuzz, the police group, show their pages. —Pics by Andy Barnes.



foreign gentlemen, Jocks Watson and Brown, who appeared in full Scottish dress and filled the theatre with the skirl of the pipes. The Scots proved that they are really with it by playing the current top of the pops, "Amazing Grace."

The second half opened with the glittering spectacle of The Force Band who played a varied selection of numbers and soon had the audience tapping

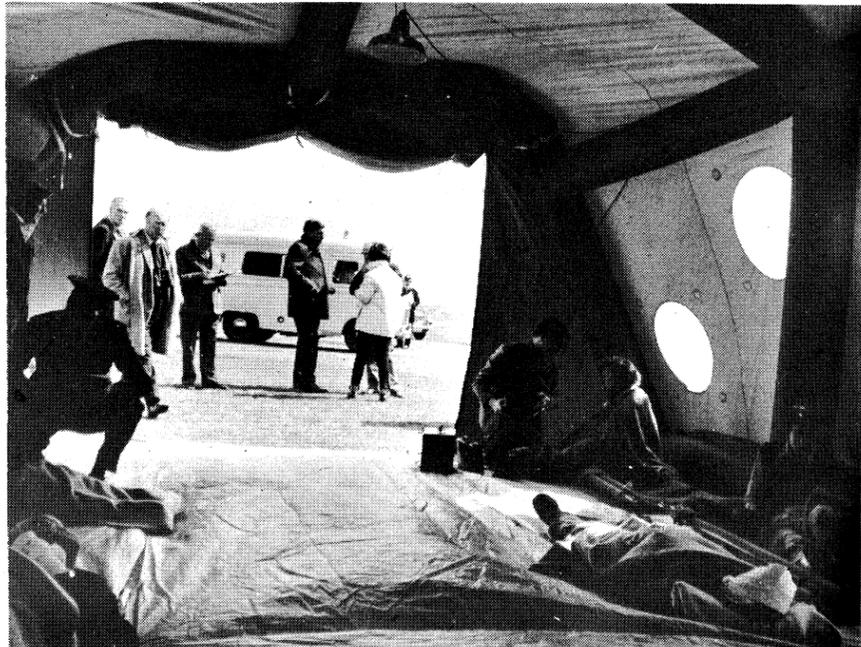
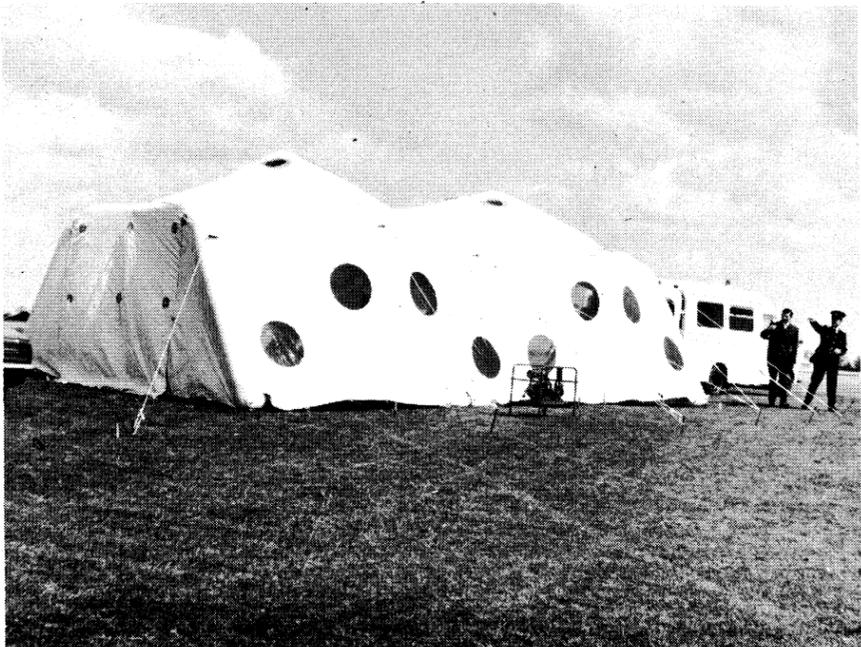
their feet. Much credit must be given to these boys for their versatility, musicianship and smart appearance.

Final act was the Headquarters Musical Society. They sang songs from the shows with much gusto, and Derek Lee and Harry Smith delighted everyone with their fine solos. The Society came on to the stage with a great reputation and disappointed no-one.

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LIGHTS OUT

NOTHING but good, in the field of police-public relations, can come of the Road Vehicles Lighting (Standing Vehicles) (Exemption) (General) Regulations, 1972, which might with more brevity be described as the Night Parker's Charter. This regulation brings this county into line with other areas in enabling motorists to leave certain vehicles without lights in some positions after dark. Provided great care is taken in explaining exactly where they cannot park and that other offences, such as obstruction, can still be committed, a good deal of irritation will have been removed by the county coming into line with the Metropolis next door.

OVERGROWN GARDENS AN EYESORE

It has always been almost an obligation of tenure for policemen to keep the gardens of their county houses in a reasonable state of tidiness. One has always accepted the validity of this and although in our early days we felt that the veteran senior officer who announced that he judged policemen by the condition of their front gardens was employing a somewhat elastic yardstick, there is no doubt that tatty police house gardens are bad public relations.

If this is accepted, the fact that the police house is empty does not alter the public reaction to its overgrown front lawn. Certainly, therefore, the obligation to keep an empty house in good order reverts to the organisation. But not just to keep up appearances. There is nothing worse than being moved into a house which has stood empty for so long that a waist high jungle has grown up around it.

A tidy up now and then would not take the handyman long. The present housing policy has caused many police houses to be empty and some of the gardens are beginning to look a mess.

LOTTERY ILLEGAL

The Force Sports' Association's efforts to produce a regular source of funds have been temporarily frustrated by the law — not this journal, please note. It would appear from legal advice that because of the peculiar constitution of the association a lottery of the type proposed at the special meeting called some weeks ago would not comply with the law. A small lottery, with restrictions on the number of prizes and tickets, has been suggested instead, and this possibility is now being examined by the committee. Perhaps they should also examine the constitution if it prevents them raising money.

SILLY SEASON

After last year's experiences at Weeley it is pleasant for policemen to sit entirely on the sidelines and watch the county thrash itself into a lather over proposed pop festivals in other places. Of all the hot air expended on the subject that emitted by Mr. Wentworth Day is perhaps the silliest. His idea of organising some sort of vigilante unit to go about fighting pop festivals wherever they may be organised apart from being unnecessary, is surely illegal. After all, who would they fight? Not the largely passive pop fans but the long suffering police who would be obliged to keep the peace. So let's all stop being silly and deal with some of society's real problems.

FACING UP TO REALITY

Posters recently put out by the West Yorkshire force in connection with a recruiting campaign show a grim-faced policeman with an unconscious child in his arms and seem to be taking a leaf from the book of the American force who ran a campaign on the lines that being a policeman is the dirtiest job in the world, one that will make you no-one's friend but one from which a good deal of personal satisfaction can be gained.

The West Yorkshire poster is rather more English about it and with some understatement the caption says: "Being a police officer is not easy." The poster might be described as shocking though the only people likely to be shocked are the heads in the sand brigade who not wish to face up to the harsh realities of life.

This is the policeman's job and West Yorkshire have our congratulations for getting away from the material appeal of the constable outside his comfortable county-owned semi, or hurtling about the highway in a high-powered car.



Pipe dreams

Dear Sir,
With reference to a letter printed by you in The Law, (April, 1972) and your editorial on the same subject I really do believe you have got your wires crossed.

The main objection raised in my letter is that a memo has to be issued on such a minor subject of how to allocate refreshment breaks.

Talk of how in the old days only a half-hour being allowed just won't do, Sir. The improvement in conditions in the service is appreciated by all ranks, young in service or old, and not least by me, so let's just print this and I'll leave the "office boys" to their pipe dreams.

Yours faithfully,
D. J. SLAYDEN
P.C.884

Thankyou

Dear Sir,
On Friday last I retired from Brentwood Police Station after 18 years and eight months, and I would appreciate it very much if I could be allowed space in "The Law" to send my very best thanks to all the friends who made it possible for me to have, as a reminder of my years among them, a lovely nest of teak tables, not forgetting the plant arrangement.

It was most gratifying to receive from Chief Superintendent Kelly the good wishes for my future from the many friends who were unable to be there in person. I can't say how happy it made me feel to know so many I have worked with over the years remembered me with such kindness.

I would end by saying I shall be very pleased to see any friends (and wives, of course) if they are ever near 66 Worrin Road, Shenfield, when we could have a cup of tea and make use of my lovely tables.

Best wishes to all.
Yours sincerely,
L. MAYHEW

Undemocratic

Dear Sir,
I refer to the minutes circulated of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Joint Branch Board held at Police Headquarters on 27 March 1972.

In 1962 immediately after the shootings of three Police



To the Police Show Artists

Sirs,
I wish to thank you for putting on such a marvellous show for the senior citizens. It is the first show I have been to for years as I am now 74 years old and cannot afford to see any shows now. I must say it was very good and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thank you very much.
Yours very grateful,
GLADYS BURTON (Mrs.)

Dear Mr. Goodson,

I should like to congratulate all concerned on the excellence of the Police Concert last evening at the Civic Centre. I have been attending these for a good many years now and I thought that last night's show was the best we have ever had.

May I also thank you and your officers for your kind hospitality, which together with the show made a most pleasant evening.

My wife joins me in these sentiments, and with kind regards.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
S. W. MILLARD.

Officers I was the Secretary of the former Southend-On-Sea Constabulary and appointed to look into the possibility of a group insurance scheme to cover our members in the event of being killed whilst on duty.

After careful consideration it was agreed by that Board that the George Burrows scheme was acceptable and was in fact inaugurated. It is interesting to note that the largest force in the country (Metropolitan) was also insured by this firm. The main cover required by us was for death and any other insurance was purely ancillary. The object was to put things on a dignified level.

Over the years we have been given good service by this firm and at no time have they shown their unwillingness to meet their claims without fuss.

I now see from the minutes referred to that we have changed from the company which has given us such good service over the years to one of which we have no experience, mainly due to them offering us better terms. Our general experience of insurance companies over the past few years particularly in motor insurance has shown that "All that glisters is not gold."

In coming to the point I would like to say that I find it disappointing that the Joint Branch Board in coming to their decision did not invite the Trustees of the scheme, three of whom were founder members, to their meetings to explain their wishes and to perhaps listen to any matter which may have assisted them in their conclusions.

If the Trustees are not consulted in any way by the Board then as I see it we are only Trustees in name and have no voice in the affairs of the Group insurance scheme. If the Trustees have not been consulted it is reasonable to believe that no members outside the Branch Board have been. Is the tail now wagging the dog?

I am sure that I am not alone in thinking that this is a matter of great importance and it would appear that these negotiations have been carried out with indecent haste. The Branch Board is the servant of the membership and they are elected to serve our wishes. I am not so sure that in this case the wishes of the Board are compatible with the wishes of the members it represents.

In conclusion I suggest that it is up to the membership of the Police Federation to make sure that the dog wags the tail and not the reverse. We the members do not wish our organisation to become a Trade Union and intend to raise our voices to make sure it does not.

F. C. PAXMAN
Sergeant 327

What's on



Who's off

TO START with this month I must first of all deny the rumours that I have been approached to become an Instructor at Bramhill! It's not true! But I am thinking of taking the Sergeant exam this year!—again. While I'm in the denying mood I must make some mention about the picture that appeared with this column last month. First of all, I had nothing to do with its appearance. Secondly, and the most important, if it had been my beer money—it would have been me lying on the ground I assure you! Anyway, I like the camera angle—it makes me look quite tall!

So to business—the league has changed yet once again and Colchester are certainly stamping their superiority on the title. This latest 'off' is a little mysterious—usually I hear every month from either Mad Mitch or Ray. Well this month—nothing—and then I hear Ray Finch 'bit the dust' on Sunday last on the A131 Sudbury Road. I'm informed that there was no other vehicle involved and it happened on a left hand bend—the bike wanting to go one way and Ray the other—so they parted company so to speak—but in all fairness, the road was very wet and greasy and it happens so quickly! Still, Ray wasn't injured we're pleased to say although the bike had to have a plaster 'here and there.'

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Still on the subject of motor

Rank devalued

Dear Sir,
I was not surprised to read the letter from P.C. Slayden in the April edition of The Law, in which I considered his views to be very outspoken, as usual, but ones with which I agree.

In my opinion he is rather conservative in so far as his reference to persons joining the police service more than 10 years ago are concerned and would suggest that over the past six years discipline in general with all sections of society, is gradually disappearing to the detriment of everyone.

Due to this occurrence I would suggest that present-day ranks have been downgraded one rank responsibility-wise and that the increase in the establishment of ranks above that of constable is a "gimmick" to keep policemen in the service by giving them a higher salary for a position, which several years ago would have been held by a person of lower rank who carried more responsibility.

This would appear to be the reason why the sergeants referred to by P.C. Slayden have not been allowed to "make a decision" and allocate the refreshment periods of constables under their control, or should I say for whom they are responsible.

In conclusion I am most surprised, or should I say disappointed, to read that you Denis of all people, should refer to your senior officers as your "masters", the main definition of that word being "one who has employees or slaves", neither of which applies to me in relation to any senior rank, does it to you, Denis?

B. CHAPMAN, P.C.1063

bikes becoming friendly with the ground I hear that one day in what is now known as Stalag 13 (due to the strict precautions being maintained to keep all Policemen off the 'operating area') the Garage—a machine, whilst on the ramp and with nobody near it, fell over on to Mitch's bike rolling over in laughter at Ray! Still at Colchester 'Long John' Paisley I'm told has 'cast' his now famous 'Long Johns' for the summer months—I hate to think what he wears in the summer!

John Marshall has been doing a lot of 'acting' lately in the shape of a Sergeant—so many 'flat hat' days and motors!

Colchester inform me that 'Stansted Alert' went off very smoothly and without incident—this I'm surprised at considering that Ray Finch and Sergeant Stew Mather were present on motor cycles—Remember North Weald a few years ago Stew? Then Arthur Johnson tried to leap a 3ft. rope on his bike and nearly gave a male member of the public, who was stepping over it at the time, a free operation!

Southend have had a few moments this month—especially one day when a child was reported to be missing from a boat about 500 yards off shore. With a blast of bugles and a 'Hi! Ho! Silver' Terry Moffett abandons his merry steed and dashes across Southend's 'Beach'—now anyone who has seen Southend's Beach at low tide and has also seen Terry—at any time—would realise that the two just don't go together—especially as Terry goes about 17 stone in his kit. Anyway it happened—the further out—the further until, I'm told, he was up to his waist—and still a few hundred yards to go—it really must have been worth seeing—so if anybody goes fishing off Southend Pier and hooks a motor cycle boot—tell Terry!

Sorry about the meetings and your duties, etc. Len and Dave—will sort it out for the next one—looking forward to seeing you shortly. Still in 'The Land of the Giants' Ian Swift of Southend still can't get the issued socks over his boots! You'll have to bring them up Headquarters again Ian—or turn them inside out—they may be bigger that way!

At Laidon 'Bomber' Davies has left the 'Goodies' and permanently joined the 'Baddies' a fully fledged car driver—congrats and all that Bomber—don't forget—if you open the window the rain, etc. will still come in!

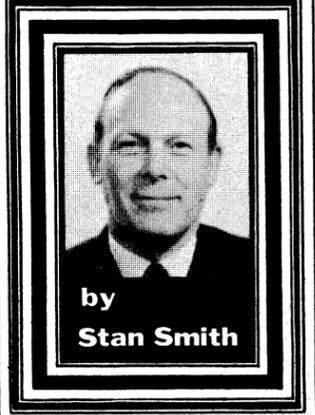
Albie Horne at Laidon went sick the other day and was sent home because he saw John Barratt, recently rejoined traffic, go out on his own bike and—wait for it—'in the rain.' As this was the first time Albie had seen anyone do this it must have been a real shock! But you had to find out sooner or later Albie—people just do ride 2 wheels when it's wet! On the trials side (fine weather of course) Albie travelled to Devon the other day for the National Police Trial and did marvellous—obtaining a 2nd class award with a 4th and 5th—well done mate! Anyone can ride along the A127 eh!

At Clacton—Timber Woods—the tide is still coming in and going out!—latest.

President Rides Again

Our story begins a few weeks ago on—I believe a Sunday. Mr. Palmer, our President, accompanied by A/PPs 261 Ken Ross from Southend were passing through Finchingfield when they attended an accident in above. Involved in the accident was a motor cyclist who, after being retrieved half submerged from a river, had a broken leg. After removing the rider to hospital, the problem of custody of the vehicle remained. So, our President, remembering earlier days—hand change gears and solid tyres etc and also the holder of one of our 'ties'—decides on the only action left—ride it to Finchingfield Police Station. I'm told that Finchingfield on a Sunday afternoon can become very busy—so you can imagine the local beat man's face when he sees approaching a fully 'booted and spurred' Superintendent—mud up to his knees—wearing scrambled egg cap, riding a 250 'drowned' BSA

Notes



by
Stan Smith

PENSIONS

I regret two small errors in my article on the new pensions arrangements published in last month's edition.

At present public service pensions are reviewed on a two-yearly basis, from now on they will be up-dated annually to maintain their purchasing power.

The flat rate widows' pensions scales were out of date by several months and should be: sergeants and constables, £2.85; inspectors, £3.72; above inspector, £4.47. I do not think that these small corrections will have the effect of altering anyone's mind one way or the other.

Officers who were serving prior to 1 April 1956 were required to sign a form to indicate their option in respect of the new pensions arrangement. This form is still on their personal records held at Headquarters and when an enquiry is made in respect of the decision they made at that time it is possible that the answer will be couched in the terms that they opted for Part A, B or C.

For information, Part A indicates that the member opted out of the scheme and is a five percentor. Part B indicates that they opted into the new scheme with 6¼ per cent contributions with back service being purchased by a reduction in pension, and Part C shows that this member has opted to remain in the scheme and pay 6¼ per cent contributions plus additional contribution until 25 years' service has been attained.

commute, or exchange, for a lump sum, a portion of the pension to which he is entitled.

It enables a police officer to give up an amount up to one quarter of his annual pension for all time in exchange for a lump sum.

To give you an example, a constable on top rate salary receives £1,791 basic pay. If he serves for 30 years he is entitled to receive two-thirds of his pay as pension, which amounts to £1,194 p.a. If he is 55 years of age at his next birthday when he retires and he commutes the maximum one quarter of his pension he will still receive about £900 pension and will be paid the lump sum of approximately £3,200. This lump sum is not taxed and whatever happens to the officer following the payment of the lump sum, his wife or dependants will have the value of that amount even if he dies in a relatively short period following his retirement. In cases where the officer is not married or is a widower, then because of the provision whereby your pension dies with you, at least that sum of money has been obtained in respect of future pension.

So that you can work out your own particular position, the current commutation table is set out below:—

Age next birthday	Capital sum for each £10 of pension
50 and under	£ 122 50
51	120 85
52	118 61
53	116 31
54	113 95
55	111 54
56	109 11
57	106 65
58	104 17
59	101 67
60	99 14
61	96 58
62	94 00
63	91 39
64	88 74
65	86 07

N.B.: THIS DECIMAL IS AN APPROXIMATE CONVERSION FROM STERLING.

COMMUTATION

While I am still on pensions I think I should propound the value of commutation in the light of the present economic trends. For those who do not understand the working of the commutation facility, I will briefly explain the system.

A police officer retiring on pension who has 30 years' pensionable service, or is required to retire on account of age not having the required 30 years' pensionable service, or in certain circumstances, retires on an ill-health pension, may

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with 'L' plates, followed by Police Car. The local man has had some visits but none as strange as this!

Still at Headquarters Slinger Woods is now a week into his Instructors Course and enjoying every moment—hope the weather holds kind.

Another member of Headquarters two wheeled mob, Derek Lee, was performing in another way last week when he gave a good vocal account of himself in the Police Concert. Forming part of the Musical Society Choir, Derek really sounded as if he had just had a de-coke and tune up as did the whole choir. If I may just use the motor cycle column for a short while to state that I thought, as did many other people who attended, what a really enjoyable and entertaining performance the concert was, especially the Brass Band who I thought were brilliant and would certainly like to hear a lot more of. Very well done to all those who took part and who organised it.

So, on a note that should put me round about Inspectorship I'll finish—keep me informed please of any local news and Ben will be contacting you all re next meeting and also a proposed trip to Rickmans in Hampshire. So, as usual, I'll leave you with profound words of wisdom—When riding in wet and greasy conditions—it's better to open your tobacco tin then your throttle!

Ride safe and to the System.
MONTY.

ALLOCATION OF PENSION

To round off the subject of pensions, mention should be made of the facility after 25 years' service to allocate part of one's pension to a dependant. The total portion of a pension which can be allocated is one-third of the pension entitlement and those officers who have already taken advantage of this provision I would urge to reconsider the position now that we have the ability to buy-in back service up to one half of pension for widows. It is possible to cancel the allocation option before leaving the service.

REFS/SUBS

Publication was given in last month's edition of The Law of the new rates of allowances in respect of refreshment and subsistence which will be retrospective to 1 April 1972. This caused confusion in some quarters when the enhanced rates have been claimed. Like all pay and allowances increases, amending regulations have to be received before the new rates can be paid and members are advised to withhold claims until notification in Force Orders. In cases where claims have already been paid, increases in respect of these may be claimed at a later date on a supplementary form.

HOUSE PURCHASE

Yet another firm of insurance/mortgage brokers has indicated that they are able to provide mortgages at very competitive rates for police officers.

They are named Sullivan Service, of 64 London Road, South Benfleet, telephone South Benfleet 53215.

I am assured that they have

acted for a number of officers of this force and that they claim to be able to offer as much if not more than anyone else for mortgages.

They offer up to 95 per cent advances and the ceiling for constables is £8,200 where the wife is employed. One such mortgage has already been negotiated for a constable quite young in service. Shop around with as many firms as possible to get the best terms, and I must repeat my warning that the ARD can only be regarded as temporary.

Seaxes Auto Club

By Roy Clark

ENTRY forms for the annual driving tests, to be held at USAF, Wethersfield, on May 7th, may be obtained from Derek Arbour, Driving School, or any committee member. A large number of prizes will be there to be won including one for those who have never entered such a contest before. Spend a sunny (we hope) afternoon and enjoy yourselves.

Tim and Liz Scotchmer are organising the 150 mile rally for May 20th and entries are rolling in. If you can't compete there are plenty of officials needed. Contact Des Biggs at H.Q. Garage.

We will advise you of all forthcoming events in this column each month but if you have any queries please get in touch by phone.

Special

Touring abroad this year? Do you worry about that windscreens getting smashed? Why buy one when you can rent one from us at 15p per week; also amber headlamp conversions for 10p per week. The Seaxes shop (members only) is next to the H.Q. Bar — 12.30 to 13.15 daily.

Staff Div Wives Club

By Mrs. J. E. White

The Club has now entered its fourth year, and during the past year has had many interesting evenings, including talks on a trip to Australia, hairdressing, physiotherapy, life on a survey trip in Antarctica and other varied subjects, and also ran a Christmas Social, cheese and wine party and fashion show.

Included among our local speakers were Miss Wellburn, on her career in the Women's Police Force, Mr. Willis on collecting and polishing stones and Miss Lesley Silvester from the Information Room who showed slides with a musical background. If any other police officers have interesting hobbies on which they would be willing to speak to us would they please get in touch with our secretary—Mrs. Kenneally (Chelmsford 64286)—who will be only too glad to add them to her list.

Amongst speakers already booked for 1972 we have a dentist, Mr. Palmer (wine making) and representatives from Tate & Lyle and the Flour Advisory Bureau. We have also planned trips to a theatre, a local newspaper and a factory.

When our Club was first formed our idea was to enable wives, especially those with young children or husbands on shift work, to have an evening away from home and meet others in similar circumstances. We meet at 7.45 p.m. each week in the Conference Room at Headquarters. Very few of us manage to get to every meeting, so how about coming along to join us one evening? We are quite sure you will enjoy our meetings.

Finally, may we repeat an invitation made some time ago to any Chelmsford Division wives to come along whenever they wish.

OBITUARY

A former member of the Southend-on-Sea Borough Force died on March 30. He was ex-Constable W. Reynolds and was 85 years old.

Cadet Gazette

NEW rates of pay for cadets were agreed at a meeting of Standing Committee C of the Police Council on March 29.

The new rates are effective from April 1 and are: £522 under 17; £567 at 17 years; and £645 and £708 at 18 and 19 years respectively. But board and lodging deductions go up to £120.

Planning problems

PROBLEMS met in the planning stage have necessitated the postponement of the starting date for the new building works at Headquarters by three months. The effect of this will be to take the work out of the financial year 1972-3 and include it in 1973-4.

Epping warden

commended

Mrs. Anne Reed, Traffic Warden at Epping, was "thrilled to bits over the commendation by the Chief Constable for her observation which led to an arrest and conviction of a man for burglary and criminal deception.

She noticed a man standing near to a bank. He was stopping people and trying to get some cash for a cheque. Mrs. Reed became suspicious, returned to the Police Station and made known her observations.

Anne Reed has a family of three, two sons aged eleven and nine years, and a daughter of seven years. She enjoys meeting the public and finds that the people are very understanding regarding her duties as Traffic Warden.

Special Occasion

Special Constabulary Muster Parade on Sunday 14th May at Headquarters

The Law Shop

FOR HIRE: £5 per week, Continental Frame Tent—approx. 12ft. x 12ft.—Calor cooker and various equipment. Ted Davidson—Home: Chelmsford 57092. Office: H.Q. Exten. 286.

FOR SALE: British Anzani All Aluminium 5 H.P. out-board motor—Overhauled end of last season. £35. Ted Davidson—Home: Chelmsford 57092. Office: H.Q. Exten. 286.

FOR SALE: Sunbeam Rapier Fastback 'H' registration; midnight blue with beige upholstery; genuine 15,000 miles; service history. P.C. Young, Grays Police Station or home phone Stanford-le-Hope 78328.

National Association of Retired Police Officers



by Bert Brinkley

Comrades' luncheon, 1972

It is understood from Sgt. Shoulders, secretary of the association that the annual luncheon has been provisionally fixed for Thursday, October 5. The venue has been changed from the Civic Theatre to the Chancellor Hall, Tindal Square, Chelmsford. It is hoped that more details will be circulated to all members from Headquarters in the very near future, and it is also expected that even more support for this function will be forthcoming than last year. As notifications will be posted to each member there should be no excuse for not being familiar with the date, time and place, and every encouragement should be given to those who work so hard to make the function a success.

Chelmsford branch A.G.M.

Owing to the industrial dispute in the printing trade some delay may be occasioned in the posting of the quarter bulletins. Notices for the A.G.M. (Chelmsford) on May 20 are ready for inclusion with the bulletins but if the latter do not arrive on time it will have

to be decided whether an additional postage of £7 will warrant a special despatch.

Vacancies for ex-police officers

The Chief Constable has been asked if any assistance can be given to enlist the services of 20 ex-police officers for security duties at the Essex Show on June 16-17. The duties consist of checking the tickets of pedestrians entering the county show ground. The remuneration offered is 50p per hour for approximately 10 hours per day, a total remuneration of £5 per day. Applicants should contact the Chief Constable's personal assistant, Mrs. Jones, on Headquarters extension 304. Tel. Chelmsford 53131. A few members who reside locally have been contacted but there may be some the message has not reached who are interested.

Subscriptions

The treasurer has again reminded me that at least 80 members have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1972, some indeed, are in arrears for 1971.

Everyone will realise that to repeatedly send out reminders costs money which the branch can ill-afford. Reminders are being enclosed with the next bulletins and I appeal to all who are in arrears to hasten their subscriptions. This is the time of year when our allocation to the national executive is calculated and the treasurer's job is onerous enough without having to issue reminders to defaulters.

News has just reached me that Fred Windsor has made excellent progress after his sudden illness. I understand although with a caliper he has a new car, suitably adapted which he is able to drive and thus become more mobile, he hopes to be on the bowling green again this season. Good luck to you, Fred!

Clacton snatch it — in the nick

FINAL day was bright and mild. Layer Road, where the match was played by kind permission of Colchester United, was rather fuller than one expected and indeed the crowd was described as somewhat larger than the U's reserves attract. And an even match was to be expected with Clacton's goal snatchers pitted against the solid Colchester defence.

The crowd, in good voice at times, was greatly swelled by many small boys, resident in the area, no doubt, who seemed determined to produce the right atmosphere chanting various slogans not in the slightest connected with the matter in hand and even going to the extent of some fisticuffs behind the banking at half time.

From the kick off Colchester attacked with veteran Dave Wilkinson showing a remarkable turn of speed for one of his girth. But after end to end play it was Clacton who got the ball in the net first, Rusbridge, a recent and fortuitous arrival at Clacton, being the man to do it, but he had handled the ball.

of time

Clacton 2 Colchester 1

Play continued evenly and after Rusbridge had narrowly missed with a good drive following a corner Colchester gained a corner at the other end. The ball came over from the right Bolingbroke put in a good enough header which Wicks, the Clacton keeper, seemed to gather cleanly to clear up field. But then the whistle blew and the referee pointed to the centre indicating that the ball had crossed the line. Jubilation for Colchester!

Long shots

Unable to penetrate the Colchester defence, mainly because their best players were lying too far upfield, Clacton now resorted to taking long shots with both Rusbridge and Rhymes going close. But half-time arrived with the seaside division one down.

From the restart Colchester seemed bent on increasing their lead and Bolingbroke had Wicks at full stretch with a good shot. At 70 minutes the Colchester sub, Hayes, came on to the field and was promptly sent off. He had not asked permission, it seemed, and after the referee had been properly approached the switch was completed. Aitchison being the man to leave.

Soon after this the Clacton substitute made his appearance, Fox, rather heavier than one remembered him, and surprisingly it was Blois who went off. He had run well on the wing and one wondered if taking an attacker off when one goal down was good tactics.

Pressure

Would this be the third final in a row to go to extra time? Clacton thought so as they put the pressure on to get the equaliser. Clark, so long a steady influence in defence, now came through right to the goal line and forced his way along it towards the goal from the right wing.

When he finally centred the ball Rhymes was there to whip it home and the scores were even, as they continued until full time.

Players were now falling down and staying down for long periods. On the lush turf, cramp was becoming a real hazard. Colchester injuries brought the track-suited figure of Bert Turner racing — and he can still race — on to the field to huge cheers from the spectators.

As extra time began it was all Clacton. Rhymes got right through but his drive hit Tyler in the Colchester goal and went for a corner.

Half way through the first spell in a defensive situation which seemed not very dangerous, Wilkins handled the ball in the box and it seemed all up for Colchester. Tyler had been playing well, especially in the air, but could he save a penalty? He didn't have to: Clark hit what must have been the highest spot kick of the season — it almost cleared the boundary fencing.

So the sides changed over still even, but then Austin, always dangerous, put Thomerson clear in front of goal in Colchester's best piece of near goal play all day, but the ball went straight to Wicks who was in no danger.

Then play was again at the



RIGHT: Team captain Mick Lewis steps up to accept the Regional Soccer Cup from Mr. Edward Post, Surrey DCC, after the great 2-0 win over Hants last month.



BELOW: The whole team pose with their "pot"; from the left, T. Jones (Team Manager); T. Bragg; M. Gamble; T. Hill (Secretary); J. Cannon; J. Whitehill; P. Taylor; Mr. Post; P. Moyse; M. Lewis; D. Wilkinson; C. Clarke; P. Hudson; J. Rhymes; A. Rusbridge; J. Burke (General Manager).



Colchester end and from another corner from the right, Rhymes volleyed the ball home to put Clacton ahead for the first time. It was the winning effort. Although Colchester continued to press, abandoned defence to push players upfield, and ran themselves into the ground to get back on terms, it was Clacton's day.

The Deputy Chief Constable, Mr. A. Goodson, presented the awards at the end of one of the most good humoured finals in recent years. There were few fouls and certainly no pettish behaviour. And so there was no need to argue with the referee.

Teams

Colchester: Tyler, Handley, Wilkinson, Wilkins (Capt.), Bourne, Davies, Thomerson, Potter, Austin, Aitchison, Bolingbroke, Hayes (sub.).

Clacton: Wicks (Capt.), Woodcock, Birchfield, Hammond, Theobald, Rusbridge, Clarke, Farnell, Cannon, Rhymes, Blois, Fox (sub.).

Soccer

IT TOOK six and a half hours of football to decide who should enter the final of the Olympian League Cup and then an own goal clinched it — in the second period of extra time tacked on to the second replay.

Police took on Brentwood for the third time on April 8 and neither side showed any desire to take chances. But towards the end of the first half Peter Taylor hit the woodwork not once but three times.

After the restart Peter Hudson side-footed the ball into the net from a low cross but this advantage lasted about two minutes before Brentwood levelled matters up again.

In extra time John Rhymes, brought on as substitute, put Police ahead only to see Brentwood again pull back to deadlock. So double extra time began and in the first spell John Whitehill had the misfortune to deflect the ball into his own goal. This was the signal for Brentwood to put up the shutters and their desperate defence held until the final whistle.

Interest now centres on the Olympian League where Police still hold their midway position.

Walking

IN A flurry of Essex League activity the team has engaged in three races this month, two as the promoting club, which has brought the season to the two-thirds completed stage.

More of that later, the month has emphasised the narrow margins by which athletics achievement is measured.

In the County 10 kilometres Brian Jones whipped a goodish 25 seconds off the force record, but remained the title holder only three days before Mike Eldred eased another three seconds off — half way round the Chelmsford 20 kilometre race. At the end of this event John Hedgethorne bettered his own force best by 30 seconds. A week later Ron Hammond had the misfortune to miss the magic three hours for 20 miles by a mere 22 seconds and in the same race John Hedgethorne was one second — yes one, after 20 miles — outside the force record. The whole team is going well — the others are putting in personal bests, too.

League frustration

In league races the team contest is decided on a six-to-score basis and there are three big teams and four small teams in Essex. Police are the third of the big teams: no matter

how well police walkers score Ilford and Southend are just ahead.

John Hedgethorne leads the individual scores with 229 which places him fourth overall. The season has four more races to go.

Positions

Teams: Southend A.C. 1394; Ilford A.C. 1224; Police 1107; Woodford Green A.C. 565; Essex Beagles 533; Basildon A.C. 414; Newham A.C. 395.

Individuals: J. Hedgethorne 229; R. Hammond 204; M. Eldred 173; D. Sheppard 129; M. Blackwell 124; B. Jones 122; K. Mann 106; B. Daymond 41.

The main race next month is the Barking to Southend police long distance championship and the present build up is very encouraging. Four new force records in the month plus county third place medals at 20 miles indicates that the team is running into form at just the right time.

The 20 miles Chelmsford to Southend event was a particularly good race for our younger walkers, Hammond, Eldred and Sheppard all putting in personal best performances, though the latter two must now concentrate on sprints for the summer.

Results

Enfield 20 kilos: 8.4.72
R. Hammond 111m 14s; D. Sheppard 114m 25s; K. Mann 118m 30s.
Essex 10 kilos: 12.4.72
14th B. Jones, 52.23; 15th M.

Eldred, 52.24; 17th J. Hedgethorne, 52.28; 22nd D. Sheppard, 53.56; 24th K. Mann, 57.10; 27th M. Blackwell, 57.55; 28th D. Hawkins, 58m; 33rd B. Daymond, 60.56.

Chelmsford 20 kilos: 15.4.72
4th J. Hedgethorne, 106.06 (Force Rec); 5th R. Hammond, 106.21; 8th M. Eldred, 108.02; 12th D. Sheppard, 114.54; 14th K. Mann, 119.11; 19th M. Blackwell, 124.43; 23rd B. Daymond, 132.29; 26 started. M. Eldred passed 10 kilos in 52m 20s, a force record.

Crystal Pal 3000 mts: 19.4.72
5th B. Jones 14m 23.4s; 9th D. Sheppard, 14m 46.8s; 14th J. Hedgethorne, 15.20; 16th D. Hawkins 15.58, 19 started.

Essex 20 miles: 22.4.72
9th J. Hedgethorne, 2h 55m 20s; 12th R. Hammond, 3.00.22; 16th M. Eldred, 3.03.54; 19th M. Blackwell, 3.22.58; 27th B. Daymond, 3.48.50; 34 started; team placed third.

Athletics

OPENING the track running season on April 19th Larry Britt clocked 2m 15.2s for 800 mts at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace.

A good night for Police athletes was the Newham invitation meeting on April 26 with Geof Capes (Mid Anglia) equalling the British shot record of 64ft. 4in. and D. Lem (Leics) winning the 3000 mts in 8m 15s. Met Police A.C. won the inter club trophy.

Hockey

AS FULL of incident as women police matches always seem to be this late season match against near neighbours Suffolk was played at Rayleigh on April 26. Soon after the start a Suffolk player broke her ankle after kicking herself and after play resumed Ros Beardwell put the home side into the lead. This did not last long as Suffolk equalised and then took the lead before half time.

During the second half Suffolk scored again and then play was held up once more when a dog ran off with the ball — never mind the ball, get on with the game — or is that rugby?

An enjoyable game with some good play by both sides.

INTER-DIVISIONAL Courtauld Cup cricket competition.

Pre-round (by May 30)	1st Round (by June 19)	2nd Round (by July 9)	Final (August)
Southend East Staff	Harlow		
	Grays Basildon		
	Chelmsford Clacton		
	Southend West Colchester		

First named division is the home team and must offer opponents three dates within the time the round has to be completed. Each round must be played off within the above dates.

Result to be sent to Con Nicholls, Canvey Island, immediately after the game by both team captains.

Games will be played 40 overs each side, with a minimum of 20 overs each side in case of bad weather, etc. A new ball must be used at the commencement of the match.

Sixth league place for runners

THE final event of the South East League programme for 1971-2 was as usual the City of London relay which was the usual disappointment to the cross-country section.

Without some of the stronger runners the team — unaccustomed in any case to the relay running which is less hotly competitive than ordinary cross-country and run more against the clock — placed only sixth and dropped to sixth position over the whole season.

1 Sussex Constabulary	1,727
2 Hertfordshire	1,435
3 Surrey	1,413
4 Kent	1,351
5 City of London	1,165
6 Essex and Southend	1,134
7 Thames Valley	771
9 Hampshire & I.O.W.	544
9 Bedfordshire & Luton	364

The individual scores list showed Larry Britt as our most successful points gatherer in 13th position and one place ahead of Andy Down who missed two races. Our third scorer was another young runner Tim Jeffs who was 32nd. A total of 109 runners scored points for their Forces in the course of the six races.

Essex-Southend scorers were: 13th L. Britt 232; 14th A. Down 230; 32nd T. Jeffs 145; 36th M. Fairweather 119; 44th M. Eldred 98; 45th B. Jones 94; 58th R. Hammond and D. Grimshaw 53; 60th M. Barlow 52; 63rd T. Cole 49; 71st A. Barnes and J. Hurrell 37; 81st M. Blackwell 24; 83rd J. Franklyn 22; 86th B. Daymond 21; 95th J. Hurley and A. Bird 11; 97th J. Trott 9; 106th D. Hawkins 2.

Kent became the first team ever to beat Sussex in the League and although their win was too narrow to raise them in the table they will be a force to be reckoned with next year. Roger Bean, Surrey's leading runner achieved the distinction of amassing a maximum 360 points by winning all six races.