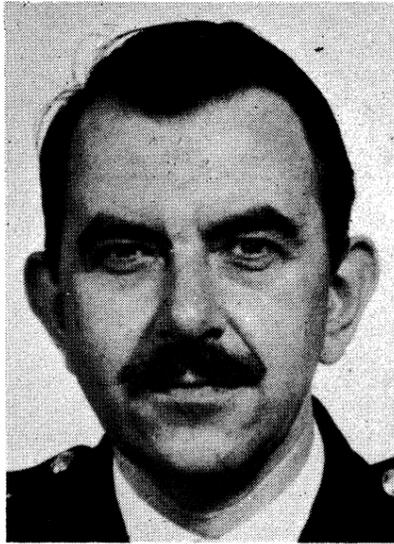


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New Assistant Chief appointed



Mr C H Kelly

Basildon's Chief Superintendent Charles H Kelly, has been appointed, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, to the position of Assistant Chief Constable from 1st August. He will take command of the Personnel Department.

Chief Superintendent John C H Graves, currently in command at Eynsham Hall, will take over the Basildon Division.



Mr J C H Graves

P.c.'s daughter wears Carnival crown



CROWNED as Chelmsford's carnival queen last week was Patricia Cooper, daughter of P.C. Peter Cooper, of Information Room, Eighteen-year-old Pat is a G.P.O. telephonist at Chelmsford and enjoys dancing and watching football—she is a West Ham supporter. Now she begins a year-long stint of gracing occasions and opening things, but her first job will be to take part in an annual sponsored walk!

First ten grand house on the market

THE first surplus police house to come on to the market at five figures was advertised in Force Orders last week. The figure quoted for the Woodlands Close, Grays, house was £10,000.

Paragraph four of the order gave the usual reminder that a 10 per cent deposit should be "readily available."

Mr. Tant, of Property

Management explained that this case was exceptional. "Each house is taken on its merits," he said, "This one is a semi built in 1948 in a nice area."

Benfleet extended

At their recent meeting the Police Authority gave the go ahead to extensions costing £8,025 to Benfleet Police Station. This will provide accommodation for C.I.D.

AUTHORITY VOTES ALD. MILLARD OUT

ALDERMAN Sidney Woodfull Millard, chairman of Essex and Southend Police Authority since the amalgamation three years ago, was voted out of the chair at the meeting last month. Brigadier T. Collins, of Saffron Walden, a former County Council chairman was elected to the post.

Southend representatives led by Alderman Norman Harris and Alderman Norman Clarke supported the re-election of Alderman Millard. But in the voting, Brigadier Collins obtained the chairmanship by nine votes to six. The new chairman said the

county was deeply grateful to the tremendous contribution Alderman Millard had made. "We owe him a great debt of gratitude" he said.

Alderman Millard has been a police committee member for the past 23 years. In 1966 he became vice-chairman and after the merger took over the chairmanship. In tribute to the retiring Chairman, Alderman Kenneth Cuthbert said Alderman Millard, "had displayed a great deal of patience and diplomacy in this task." One of Brigadier Collins' first functions will be to review the annual Cadet Corps' parade this month.

Unpleasant job to be compensated

THE Joint Police Authority was told last month that during 1971 five members of the Force had to deal with decomposed bodies. The Authority were considering the adoption of an allowance payable to officers who have to deal with such cases.

They resolved that where a body is searched and fingerprinted by one officer an allowance of £3.75 would be payable and that where these jobs were done by different officers or the same officer on separate occasions £2.50 would be payable to each. In cases of multiple deaths a special rate is payable fixed by the Secretary of State.

It's a short step from RAF to Registry



THERE is an almost military style of bustle about Registry these days which began with the arrival of the new boss, Mrs Vivien Bainbridge.

Mrs Bainbridge, until her marriage three years ago, was a Secretarial Officer in the Women's Royal Air Force. She served for 10 years in U.K. and on the continent.

On leaving the WRAF the life of a lady of leisure for a few years seemed very pleasant after service life and Vivien Bainbridge has confined her activities to housewifely pursuits until last month. Having settled with her husband in Margarettown she now comes to give the Force the benefit of her service secretarial experience.

Carolina policemen visit county

Arriving in UK on Sunday, June 25, two police officers from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, USA, slept away the first 12 hours to recover from the journey.

Lieutenant Morris Robertson and Patrolman Jim Cavanaugh are spending three weeks attached to this Force to study police methods here, and acting as guide during their stay is Sgt Iain Munro who earlier this year spent a similar period attached to the City Police Department at Winston-Salem. Their programme will include visits to departments within the Force and to places of interest outside. A week-long stay at Harlow predictably includes an afternoon's golf, and a visit to the Tower of London for the Ceremony of the Keys—few members of the Force will have seen this.

Their stay began with a tour of the Cadet School, where they are staying, with frequent deep discussion with cadets. They also spent a day at the Bramshill Cavalcade.

Lieutenant Robertson is 32 and was born in a small community in Stokes County about 30 miles from Winston-Salem. He joined the Police in 1961 and was promoted Sergeant after five years. Another five

years led to upgrading to Lieutenant in 1971. He has recently been studying for an Arts degree in Police Science, taking his finals shortly before leaving for UK. Morris Robertson is a golfer and also enjoys fishing and hunting. He and his wife Leaneore have a daughter of 11 years and twin daughters aged 10.

Jim Cavanaugh is also 32 and was born in Winston-Salem. After graduation from high school he worked as a mechanic with a tobacco

firm for seven years and towards the end of this time became a Police Reserve Officer, the equivalent of our Specials.

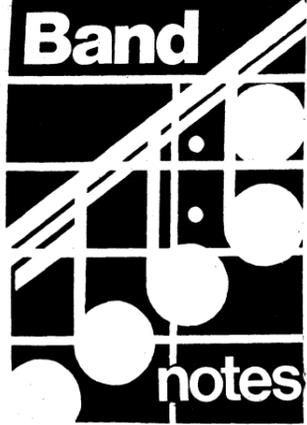
His interest in police work roused by this he joined as a regular in 1968 and spent three years in uniform division during which time he made a study of community services and traffic supervision.

Last year he was transferred to the Narcotics and Intelligence Unit. His visit to the Drug Squad at HQ last week was of great interest to both sides. Jim Cavanaugh and his wife Pat have two daughters aged 10 and eight.



During a tour of the Cadet School, with Cadet Tim Mildinhal as guide, the visitors see the "Princess Anne" plaque. Jim Cavanaugh is on the right and next to him Morris Robertson. On the left is Iain Munro.

Band



notes

by Harry Rossiter

THE month of flaming June passes along its cloudy damp course as I compose these lines and thinking of Brass Bands I am reminded of many occasions especially during the month of June when bandmen have had to dry out their precious band uniforms after a soaking at a Carnival or Fete which had been "Rained off." I can recall standing under a tree with the Chelmsford Silver Band at Witham Carnival, in the pouring rain, just to give the customers some of their money's worth. Well, that's just the luck of the weather. The Police Band have been fairly lucky in this respect, usually having somewhere under cover to play. Unfortunately, when this happens, the audience dwindles and one is left with the feeling that it's merely a practice.

However, the band carries on with vigour and we have indeed been rehearsing some new music which I hope some of you will hear during the coming months.

Chairman misses first concert ever

We had a good concert at Hutton Church on Wednesday, June 7, when we played to a capacity audience. Our usual compere Brian Denton was not able to be present neither was our worthy Chairman Supt. Bob Palmer. He never misses a concert but on this occasion had no choice. Hope he will be back in the front row next time. Our Bandmaster Ken Cole did the honours in a very workmanlike manner and although there cannot be another Brian Denton with his endless stock of jokes and humorous anecdotes Ken managed very well.

We are due to play next at the Garden Party of the High Sheriff on Saturday, July 15. This is one occasion when our usual fans can't come along, but no doubt our efforts will be appreciated. We perform each year at the various locations of the High Sheriff and have never played to a "dead" audience yet.

We are playing at the Halstead Park, 3 p.m., Sunday, August 20. Here is no excuse not to roll up and say "That's our band up there" (I hope) to the other listeners.

Brian Tyrell our No. 1 cornet player has had to miss one or two rehearsals lately as he has been sweating hard for some exam or other (LLB I believe). Another personality who has been missing lately because of illness, has been Harold Hull our wizard with the euphonium. He will be fully operational once again soon and, I hope, delighting audiences with his rippling notes.

Talking of "rippling notes" no doubt most of you have noticed that most brass band instruments are fitted with three plungers called valves with which the player makes his notes. As this is not intended to be the policeman's guide, to the brass band, at least, not completely, I will not bore you with the technical detail (if I knew anyway). But suffice to say, that a fast passage of music calls for some digital dexterity as our Bandmaster Ken Cole says "It's all under the fingers." So if you think fast typing is difficult, try playing something like "Flight of the Bumble Bee" on a double bass, then sort out your fingers afterwards...

Good listening fans and don't forget to come...



Ex Sergeant and Mrs. Henry Bearman who recently celebrated their golden wedding—see NARPO column.

NARPO Association of Retired Police Officers



by Bert Brinkley

THE annual general meeting of the Chelmsford branch was held at Headquarters on Saturday, May 20, last. Guest speakers were the Deputy Chief Constable, A. Goodson Esq., and Sgt Stan Smith, Police Federation.

Mr. Goodson gave an impressive talk on the Force of today. In general terms he touched upon building programme, recruitment, staff appraisal, welfare and benevolent fund. Although to the uninitiated these subjects would appear superfluous to the pensioner, the talk was most interesting. Us "old uns" still like to know what is happening within the Force and it does good to ponder sometimes on the past though it is not always good to make comparisons lest one is carried away with the train of thoughts.

Mr. Goodson did emphasise what has been so frequently advocated in this column, that all hardship cases should be reported to Headquarters for consideration of possible assistance from the Benevolent Fund.

Sgt. Easlea, the Force Welfare Officer, is doing a very good job and is fully conscious of the need for assistance, but without the help of our association and others, his task cannot be accomplished as he would wish.

The chairman, G. H. Hodges, on behalf of the branch, congratulated Mr. Goodson upon his appointment as Chief Constable of Leicestershire and Rutland, and wished him and his family well in their new surroundings.

Mr. Goodson, in reply, thanked the branch for their good wishes and hoped if any member was in Leicester they would pay him a visit — they would be most welcome.

Sgt. Stan Smith confirmed the efforts being made by the Police Federation for parity of pensions, much had been attempted but very little accomplished but they are pressing on. He also touched on pay, recruitment, staff appraisal and civilisation which, he said, is acceptable up to a point, but who looks after the fort at night, weekends and bank holidays? It then becomes the lot of the Regular Police who must always be in the background in order to render a 24-hour service. This fact must be appreciated.

The chairman thanked Sgt. Smith for his assistance to the branch in several ways which was also endorsed by the secretary.

The officers of the branch were duly elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, G. H. Hodges; vice chairman and treasurer, H. S. Phillibrown; secretary, B. G. Brinkley; social secretary, W. Hindley; conference delegates, W. Hindley and A. E. Oakley; auditors, W. S. Pope and R. B. Hagger.

A communication was received from the secretary, Southend branch, that it had not been found possible to send a delegate

Joint Force Types No 37 The Complaints Superintendent



I find that a good breakfast of burned toast washed down with vinegar puts me in the right frame of mind for the job.

to the annual conference from Southend branch. This is the second year that no representative has been sent. To me this seems unbelievable, with over 300 members and no one to represent them just does not make sense. Especially when one reads of social gatherings and a ladies' section within the branch. One would have thought that with an apparently active branch some member could have found time to make the trip to Llandudno — expenses paid.

However, fortunately for the association there are still many active branches who are doing their utmost to support the N.E.C. who in turn are making their views felt at the negotiating table, all for our own advantage.

The social secretary reminds bowlers he is still needing a few names to complete four rinks for the annual fixture with the Regular Police on Wednesday, July 12, 3 p.m., Headquarters green, anyone interested please contact Bill Hindley (Brentwood 3614).

It was agreed to call a committee meeting as soon as the conference agendas were published. No motion has been submitted by this branch this year. It is hoped to have the agendas by the end of August.

An item of special interest concerning one of our members has just flashed across the "grape vine." I refer to ex-Sergeant (9) Henry Bearman, who celebrated his diamond wedding on June 22, 1972. All our members and indeed all who knew and served with him will wish him and his wife continued good health and happiness and may they long continue to enjoy a well-earned retirement.

Henry Bearman joined this Force on October 1, 1909, and resigned, whilst Section Sergeant at Danbury on January 4, 1936.

Determined as he was that Hitler should not have the war all his own way, Henry joined the First Police Reserve (in opposition) and served during the war at Chelmsford.

I don't think I am giving anything away by disclosing that Henry has reached the ripe old age of 86 years — which he carries extraordinarily well. Good luck Henry!

OBITUARY

FIVE pensioners of the two former forces passed away in May and early June. The oldest, a former member of the county force, was 90-year-old ex-P.c. S. B. Layzell, who died on May 2.

Ex-P.c. J. Wood, also a former Essex policeman, died on May 25, aged 57 and Southend Borough man, ex-P.c. W. G. Cook, died on May 31 at the age of 78.

Also in their seventies were ex-P.s. C. R. White (72) who died on May 30, and ex-P.s. C. J. Easton (75) whose death occurred on June 9.

"BEYOND BREAKING POINT". A study of the techniques of interrogation. By Peter Deeley and published by Arthur Baker

An intriguing title and you, like I did, might think this an opportunity to improve one's own ability at interrogation. Alas, I was disappointed but, none-the-less, a well written book which should hold the interest of its reader.

In the main section "Torture Today" it shows up to those who would 'knock' the British Policeman just what a detainee might expect to have to contend with in certain other countries, not during medieval times but in this twentieth century. Whilst in this section mention is made of the Sheffield rhino-whip case the British Policeman is held up as a good and satisfactory example of how Policing

Two uniforms keep Chelmsford Warden busy



TOM HODGSON, Traffic Warden at Chelmsford, wears another uniform when he leaves the Station, that of Divisional Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance.

Mr. Hodgson became interested in this work some years ago when he worked in a steel plant. He realised when he saw men injured that there was a need for first aid training and joined St. John. "Learning and practising first aid can be a very interesting spare time occupation," says Tom Hodgson who practises what he preaches by giving others the opportunity to learn.

He does this by lecturing to the local St. John Ambulance cadet section at their headquarters in Mildmay Road, Chelmsford.

Foreign policemen visit Headquarters



On June 2 two senior European policemen visited Headquarters where they saw various departments. Pictured chatting to Mr J Duke, ACC, (left) are Herr Polizeidirektor A Classen of Munchen Gladback, Germany, (centre) and Lt Col W Geersten, of Kon Marechausse, Holland.

They were spending a period as guests of the RAF Provost Branch at Debden and their visit to HQ was a small part of a very full programme, during which in one afternoon they saw Headquarters and Chelmsford's new station.

Quarter century

Later the same day they and the Chief Constable were guests at a Debden reception marking the 25th anniversary of the RAF Provost Branch.

Highlight of the displays was a driving competition between RAF and County Police eventually won by Ps Mike Walker and Wpc Jane Pepper.

Marathon Rally (Motors)

THE Witham and District Motor Club are organising a Marathon Rally on 6-9 September, 1972. The crews must visit Lands End, John O'Groats, etc. Our club has been invited. It is advisable to get sponsorship as expenses will be heavy. Contact, P.s. Derek Arber, Driving School, for regulations, but hurry — they have 40 crews entered already.

New book repeats old ideas

should be done. Regrettably, some British Colonial Policemen came in for 'a bit of stick'. On the point of torture, it is to be noted that the same actions, although under differing names, are said to be carried out in all Continents, which shows, I suppose, a lack of imagination on the part of the users. One might think that imagination is the operative word, that these allegations are made up, I cannot say that they are not but it is quoted that in certain of these cases the appropriate authorities of the countries concerned have taken up the odd case here and there.

True, many of the torture cases are under circumstances of war or similar extreme conditions but even here the British interrogator is shown as relying on guile and patience rather than 'third degree'. You may say, and I would agree, generally these interro-

gators had time on their side. They could afford to be patient unlike the Police interrogator who has a 'progress chaser' breathing down his neck. Even so, it's interesting to learn how such Policemen as Leonard Burt, James Skardon and George Smith, both during and following the 1939/45 conflict dealt with such offenders as Gordon Lonsdale, Klaus Fucks, Alan Nunn May, Harry Houghton and Ethel Gee.

Another chapter considers the value of such aids as the lie-detector, truth drugs and hypnosis. However, in the analysis these would appear to be of more value, where they are used, to the defence than the prosecution.

If I haven't put you off the book by now then you can obtain it on loan from the Essex Library Service.

Contributed

Where's that carpenter gone..?

Price of Station up

Purchase of properties in connection with the erection of Colchester's new police station will now cost £175,000 instead of £125,000, the Joint Police Authority were told at their last meeting. They agreed to pay.

Lights up

The Joint Police Authority has agreed to double torch allowances.

Pensioners

In June the passing of ex-Borough Inspector W. Aspey, aged 84, and ex-County Sergeant L. Type, aged 79, was announced.



TAKING part in a charity swim last week the Chief totalled 34 lengths of the bath after being thrown into the pool by youngsters also participating. The Chief's effort earned over £100 in sponsorship fees for the Patchinghall Lane Junior Centre for the Physically Handicapped. The swim was organised by the Round Table, Rotary Club, and International Lions Club of Chelmsford. Picture by kind permission of Essex Weekly News.



Opened last month was the new-look club room at Headquarters. The bar has been extended and the whole decor and furnishings smartened up. The opening ceremony was attended by the Chief Constable and Mrs. Nightingale and other senior officers.

NEVILLE TROPHY CONTEST

Air disaster confronts Specials



THIS year the Neville Trophy Competition took place at the Guildhall in the City of London, with the Basildon team representing the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Special Constabulary.

The afternoon of Sunday 18 June 1972, was wet and dismal with heavy laden rain clouds racing across the tops of the imposing City buildings and in view of the weather, the inspection and drill took place indoors and even in these very unusual conditions the three teams were smart and impressive.

The individual tests on the

Highway Code presented few problems to the competitors. The Police Duties subject this year was 'Theft' and on the whole each participant did well. But the Essex and Southend team lost many valuable marks in this test which nearly relegated them to third place.

In addition to the individual tests each team had to deal with a staged accident and every competitor will long remember the situation and those all too short 25 minutes, the time allowed for the accident to be dealt with.

The Guildhall yard was deemed a main thoroughfare

and a fire engine with an ambulance following were racing along the road on an emergency call. As a touch of authenticity a Post Office engineer was working on overhead cables at the top of a telegraph pole.

Suddenly there is a mid-air collision between a high speed aircraft and a helicopter and pieces of both aircraft fall on to the roadway in front of the two vehicles.

The driver of the fire engine swerves to miss the wreckage in the road and in doing so strikes the telegraph pole and stops. The pole breaks and

collapses, the engineer is thrown to the ground causing shock and a fractured left clavicle.

The ambulance runs into the rear of the fire engine causing a female fire attendant to be thrown out of the nearside door into the suffering wreckage where she suffers first and second degree burns and shock.

The Plot Thickens

A car travelling in the opposite direction also collides with the fire engine and a female passenger who was in the front passenger seat sustains a laceration to her forehead. She is shocked and hysterical. The driver produces a false Driving Licence and there are different index plates on the front and rear of the vehicle.

The pilot of the helicopter, who was lying in the centre of the wreckage, is certified as dead by a doctor who was travelling in the ambulance and who immediately leaves the scene to attend the original emergency.

Other traffic stops and the drivers and passengers go to assist at the scene, leaving their vehicles so as to obstruct the highway and the on-lookers repeatedly walk over the site causing annoyance to the team and picking up souvenirs including the flight recorder.

The honours of the day went to the home team the City of London Specials with a well deserved 166 marks out of 200. The Essex team came second with 140½ and a very close third place to the 'K' Division of Metropolitan Police with 139¾.

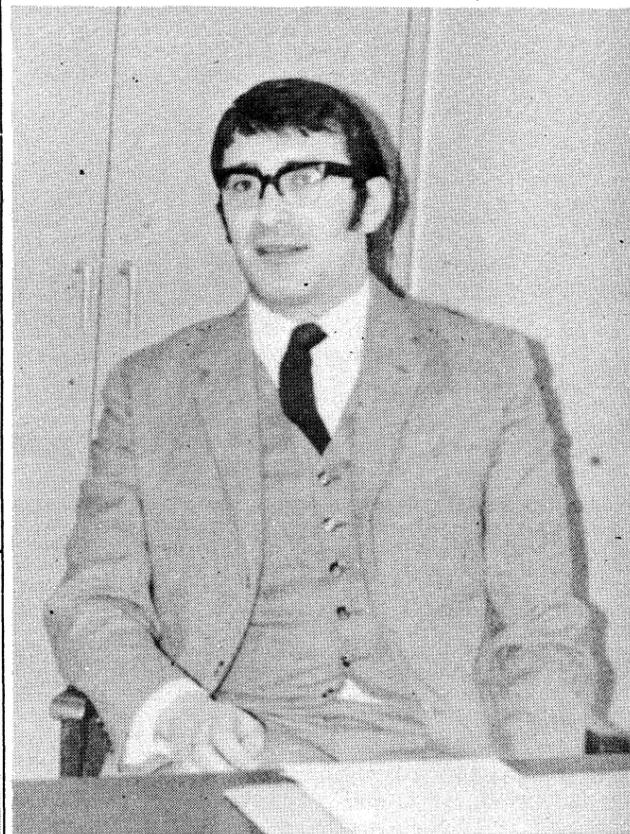
Tell us in a week motion carried

A MOTION demanding that officers who are cleared of allegations be informed immediately or within seven days was carried by the Federation Annual Conference.

Cadets clothes allowance requested

The Federation Annual Conference supported a motion demanding the allowance of cadet's clothes.

New Finance Officer (or is he?) starts at HQ



DURING the first week in his new job at Headquarters Mr Michael Posnack's title changed three times. He started off as Senior Finance Officer, moved on to a far grander sounding title only to become S.F.O. again when it was found that someone else at County Hall was already called by the other name.

Michael Posnack's job will be to control the financial functions of the Force and he will be responsible to Mr Abel, Chief Admin Officer. He has always worked in finance and accounts and was most recently employed by Spillers Ltd in London. His home is at Romford from where he will drive daily to Chelmsford, though he hopes soon to move to the Southend area—"when we find something suitable," he says. Mr Posnack is married with a two-year-old son.

Presentation to ex-Chairman at Basildon social

At a social evening at Basildon Police Station on 17th June, guests of honour were Superintendent and Mrs. Horne. Until his move to Clacton in January, Mr. Horne had been Chairman of the Basildon Divisional Sports Club for some four years. He was presented by Superintendent Joslin with a gas table lighter as a token of appreciation from the committee and members of the Sports Club for his unstinted service to the club during that time.

In reply to Mr. Joslin, Mr. Horne expressed first his

pleasure in seeing many of his friends again at Basildon, then his surprise and gratitude at such a gesture, which he believed unprecedented. However, he continued, Basildon was a division for setting precedents, and where Basildon led, others soon followed, and he hoped that he would be privileged to be connected with any club as active as Basildon.

Rayleigh Ball raises £300



WHEN Rayleigh sub suggested organising a ball at the new Mill Hall, recently completed on their patch, the doubting Thomases were sceptical. But the evening was a great success and more than 300 guests, including Mr and Mrs Nightingale, Sir Bernard Braine, M.P., and Lady Braine, the Chairman and Clerk to Rayleigh Urban District Council, their wives, and many others, enjoyed a fine buffet supper served quickly and pleasantly.

Dancing was to the Sid Uren Band with intermittent bursts from the Fuzz. The tombola boasted as fine a collection of prizes as any seen around the county and all the tickets were sold quickly. Our picture shows the prize display with committee members putting the final touches.

The evening raised nearly £300 for the Force Sports Club funds, which should keep them out of Carey Street for a while. The Mill Hall has already been booked for a similar do next year (4th May) organised by the same successful duo, Bill Chester and Tony Armstrong. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Young admirers get the technicalities on the Triumph 650 patrol bike from Sergeant Gerry Tuthill.

Glorious weather brings crowds to Essex Show

Uninspired but efficiently presented sums up this year's police tent. It is always difficult to see how the presentation could be different without stepping outside the brief of presenting various aspects of police activity.

This brief limits the tent to a series of unconnected displays for which the marquee is hardly large enough. Perhaps to give the whole of police activity might work up something more dynamic though many will think this too much like a circus to suit the police image.

The tent was rarely crowded but the excellent weather encouraged visitors to stay

outside — unlike last year. The road safety department's dead-stop simulator in which visitors could get the feel of a head-on crash strapped in and watch a model suffer the same accident without a seat belt, was popular.

The vehicles on show were as attractive as ever and their shining appearance contrasted well with the cadets' grubby old do-it-yourself bits and pieces presented by the motor mechanics group.

The cadets also had a job to do this year in the jumping arena where they found that, unlike Harvey Smith, some riders not only incur faults but practically dismantle the course.

A PENSIONER REMEMBERS....

County coppering in the 30s meant water from the pump

—and a fireside bath tub



Constable Peters stops the traffic in Romford Market, 1931.

LAURENCE PETERS retired from the Force in 1955 with 25 years' service. Before joining he had served his time at Hoffmanns, Chelmsford, and afterwards he went and asked for his old job back — and got it. He had kept all his tools and they had to give him the top rates of pay because he was qualified.

He joined up in 1930 and was posted to Romford. Three years later he moved to the detached beat at Rayne and stayed there until 1947 when he moved in to Braintree to take over as Road Safety Officer, the job he retired from.

When he went to Rayne the Duckworth family lived at Saling Hall. This family had previously

occupied Clavering Hall which was next door to Moat Farm where the notorious Dougal murdered a Miss Holland in 1903, the case making national headlines for weeks.

The Duckworth's old servant, Ida, who had been with them at Clavering recalled how she used to make rabbit pies for the policemen on digging duties at the farm, and how they ate them with great relish washed down by great draughts of ale.

Before she died, Mrs. Duckworth gave Constable Peters various mementoes of the case, including a letter received by her husband from Detective Sergeant David Scott who made the investigations

and who was permitted to attend the execution of Dougal in Chelmsford jail. He describes the scene vividly in the letter, quoted on this page.

Laurence Peters tells the tale of his house at Rayne before the War. It was a council house. The toilet was a bucket, with a hole at the bottom of the garden, and the water was taken from a communal pump. Having a bath in front of the fire was quite a business after pumping up the water and heating it in a copper.

Things have changed since then. And just to show the sort of premises policemen occupy nowadays we invited him along to the HQ Cadet School last month for a look around. His comment: "What a wonderful place to start their careers in. Never had anything like that in our young days."

And no doubt his mind went back to his tin bath in front of the fire in Rayne years ago.

Among the relics, an eye witness account

Dear Mr and Mrs Duckworth,

I was pleased to have your letter . . .

I sent you a paper containing the execution of Dougal, and as you have seen, I was present. I felt that I should like to see the end of him. I was successful in getting permission to attend and witnessed the whole thing from the time Billington first entered the cell to the final drop. I was rather surprised to see Dougal show such a bold face at the finish. Dougal cast a somewhat uncertain look at Billington which seemed to say shall I submit, one of the warders seemed to read him the same as I did for he placed his hand on Dougal's arm as if to prepare for any resistance, but he offered none. Dougal had a drink from a tin mug which I was told was brandy, the next moment his hands were strapped behind him, the signal to leave his cell was given, he braced himself up and with head erect and chest forward he emerged from his cell: His face was slightly paler than at his trial, his large eyes were staring and his hair was whiter than it was, otherwise it was the same Dougal as from the first. As soon as he reached the scaffold his legs were strapped together, the white cap was on his head, the noose was round his neck, the Chaplain reciting the burial service, the executioner had his hand on the lever when all of a sudden the Chaplain called out "Guilty or not guilty, Dougal?" To this there was no response, again he asked and Dougal said, "Guilty," and the next moment he had disappeared from view . . .



Yours truly
D. Scott

14th July 1903 — Samuel Herbert Dougal executed in Chelmsford Jail.

Murder at Moat Farm

Dougal was under arrest but for five long weeks no body



Dougal leaves Saffron Walden Court House under escort.

FRIDAY the 14th of this month will be the anniversary of the last execution in Chelmsford Jail, the conclusion of one of the most sensational cases in the history of the Force, when Samuel Herbert Dougal paid the penalty for murder.

The case had begun in January of that year when, because of rumours and gossip in and around the village of Clavering, tucked away in the far west of Essex beyond the A11 road, the village constable, P.C. 124 James Drew, decided to report matters to the Chief Constable, Captain Showers. The report contained an outline of the private — and not so private — life of Mr. Samuel Herbert Dougal of the Moat Farm.

In 1898 Dougal met Miss Camille Cecile Holland who was then about 56 years old. Dougal was in desperate straits. He had forfeited his army pension owing to a forgery conviction for which he had served a term of imprisonment. He had a wife and children and he had expensive tastes. He had not been above cheating serving girls out of their savings and Miss Holland was the best thing to come his way yet. After Dougal persuaded her to buy Moat Farm they lived as man and wife on Miss Holland's £7,000 capital.

Disappearance

After a few months it was apparent to Miss Holland's old

landlady, with whom she had lived before taking up with Dougal, that she was no longer at the Moat Farm. Try as she might, the landlady, Mrs. Wisken, could find out nothing about her former lodger, Camille Holland had vanished.

Her complete disappearance from Mrs. Wisken's knowledge seemed suspicious, but both Miss Holland's bankers and her solicitor were under the impression that she had been corresponding with them, asking for money, selling out shares and so on for the past four years. Later, however, when her nephews were confronted with the letters they stated definitely that they were forgeries.

Upon the report being re-

ceived from PC Drew enquiries were put in hand. It was discovered by police that when in the Army Dougal had been known as a very clever pen man and draughtsman. Upon being interrogated about the disappearance of Miss Holland Dougal informed the police that he last saw her about three years ago — 1900 — when he left her at Stansted Railway Station. He was told that several papers had come from Moat Farm signed by Miss Holland. Dougal denied all knowledge of these and in fact told such a convincing tale that the police had no alternative but to believe him.

Even so, after they left the farm Dougal realised that the game was up. He drew out his two bank balances and went off to Bournemouth for the weekend with his latest servant girl.

On the run

He never went back to Moat Farm but left his boxes at Liverpool Street Station and went round to the Bank of

The police dug up the farm amid public ridicule and threats of litigation from Dougal's cell.



Police Officers pictured during a pause in digging operations.

land where he tried to
change some ten pound notes.
These were the ones he had
withdrawn from his bank ac-
counts but the police, being on
trail, had circulated the
numbers. An observant clerk
noticed the numbers, sent for
the police, and Dougal was
arrested. On the way to the
station he made a brief
appearance for freedom but ran up a
pocket and was quickly
arrested.

When searched he was found
to have on him 83 £5 notes,
10 £10 notes, £63 in gold,
several postal orders, a £5 gold
ring, several rings and watches
and a mass of odd jewellery.
The luggage he had left at
Liverpool Street Station the
police found many articles be-
longing to Miss Holland.
Dougal was charged with
stealing her name to obtain
£15.0d.

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and began to
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Now began a period of great
excitement for it was obvious
to everyone that such a charge
could be pretty small beer com-
pared with what might lie in
the background. Dougal was
held in custody while frantic
efforts were made to find the
body of Miss Holland for no
one doubted that she had met
a timely end.
The Moat House was mea-

could be found.

ed inside and out, tapped
hidden cupboards, examined
hiding places in the floors
and roof, but nothing was
found. Next came the digging
side, day after day and
week after week. The moat was
dredged but nothing was dis-
covered.

Enquiries revealed that Miss
Holland was last seen alive on
15th May, 1899. A farm worker
had seen her arrive at Moat
Farm and while she was still
there Dougal had ordered the
men to start filling in the open
ditch which ran through the
farm yard. Suspicions now
aroused, the ditch was dug

und

At first nothing happened
then a workman found an
old piece of cloth on the
ground struck hard and
came a woman's boot, the
bones of the foot still inside.
After all the toil, frustration
and ridicule, this was success.
The body of the woman lying

on her face was uncovered. The
face was beyond recognition but
the clothing down one side was
well preserved for it had been
covered with masses of cut
blackthorn which had acted
as protection from the action
of the mud.

Decomposed as the body
was, there was no sign of a
wound until the skull was
examined and then a hole was
found behind the right ear with
a fine thread of lead attached
to its edge. This tiny fragment
of lead was a piece of bullet
and on the other side was
another hole where the bullet
had come out. The remarkably
good preservation of the brain
showed that interment had
taken place very soon after
death.

Measured, the body proved
to be that of a woman of 5ft.
4in. with remarkably small feet.
To trace Miss Holland's boot-
maker was a simple matter for
she had always been vain of
her small feet and had her
boots specially made by a
cobbler in the Edgware Road
on personal lasts.

Condemned

The trial took place at Shire
Hall, Chelmsford, before Mr.
Justice Wright, and Dougal was
convicted and sentenced to
death.

Of the murderer's early life
little is known. He was born
in 1845 and later joined the
Royal Engineers. In 1869 he
took, perhaps, his first step to-
wards the gallows when he
married a girl called Martha
Griffiths without the consent
of his commanding officer.
Soon afterwards he was
posted to Nova Scotia but by

this time his marriage had been
recognised so that it was with
his wife and their two children
that he landed in Halifax in
1877.

Sudden death

Dougal was then Chief
Clerk in the office of the Com-
manding Officer Royal Engi-
neers. Two more children were
born there but in 1885 Mrs.
Dougal became suddenly ill,
died, and was buried the next
day.

Three weeks later Dougal
sailed for England to return
after five weeks with a new
wife. She was supposed to be
wealthy but within 14 days she
was dead too, although she had
looked healthy enough on
arrival. Again the burial was
this Dougal.

When he was later posted
away from Halifax he left with
another young woman. He had
apparently promised to marry
her but she came back to
Halifax wiser perhaps, but still
single.

Samuel Herbert Dougal took
his Army pension and went to
Southend-on-Sea where for 18
months he was the steward of
the Conservative Club.

From there to Ireland where
he married the woman who was
later to be his widow. They had
two children. Soon after his
marriage he was appointed to
a minor post in Dublin
Castle where one of his duties
was to bank money. He forged
two well known names on
cheques and was sent to prison
for 12 months. A large part of
this sentence was spent in a
lunatic asylum, a fact never
mentioned at his trial for
murder.

In August, 1894, through a
matrimonial agency, he met
a good looking young woman
of 26 summers. He was now
49 years old but they went to
live together at Watlington,
Buckinghamshire. But after
only four months Dougal
turned up with a woman he
introduced as his wife. The
younger woman, understand-
ably upset at this, left and later
sued Dougal for five shillings,
the value of property she said
he stole from her. He in turn
sued her but they both lost, the
petitions being dismissed.

And so to 1898 when Samuel
Herbert met Camille Cecile,
a cultured maiden lady of 56
years, who lived in Maida Vale.
The old fox must have had a
way with him because this ap-
parently virtuous middle-aged
lady went off to live with him
as his wife at Brighton.

Moat Farm

The following spring she
bought a farm at Clavering,
Essex, and they renamed it
Moat Farm. Of course Dougal
had induced her to buy the
Farm with swindle in mind but
Miss Holland was not too blind
to her own interests to forget
her business acumen. The
property was bought in her
name despite his protests that
it would make gossips say they
were probably not married.

Labour was engaged and
Camille furnished the place.
They settled down, apparently
happy. But when a pretty young
servant girl, Florence Harries,
was engaged, Dougal was un-
able to resist the temptation
and tried to break into her bed-
room one night. Her screams
brought Miss Holland to her
rescue and the two women
spent that night and the next
together, terrified almost out
of their wits. Florence was
scared but Camille was even
more so.

On the third evening Dougal
and Camille set off in the trap
to do some shopping but he
came back alone saying the
lady had gone to London. He
went out several times that
evening, ostensibly to meet Miss
Holland, but she did not come
back. The terrified Florence
spent the night sitting on her
bed fully dressed and left next
morning.

That same day the legal Mrs.
Dougal arrived at the farm only
hours after Florence left which
suggests that Miss Holland's
disappearance had been plan-
ned. And disappear she did
although, having neither close
relatives nor friends she was
not missed.

Fraud

Dougal had not devoted all
his attention to the farm but
had been practising his forgery
again and could now imitate
Miss Holland's hand well
enough to deceive her bank.

He wrote to them enclosing
a cheque and asking for the
money to be sent. The bank
queried the first cheque but,
not to be put off, he wrote
again saying that the signature
was a bit shaky because of a
sprained wrist. The second sig-
nature must have been an im-
provement because thereafter
the bank paid up without ques-
tion.

Next he got in touch with
her stockbroker to arrange the
sale of securities. This brought
him £6,000 in a few months.
He even sued a firm of
solicitors—in Camille's name
of course—and then had the
farm conveyed to him.

His womanising was the talk
of the neighbourhood. He en-
gaged country girls as servants,
seduced them and then threw
them out when they became
awkward. One took him to
court on a paternity summons.
His wife left him.

... enquiries
went on and
he fled to
Bournemouth

Then Florence Harries met
one of Dougal's other victims
and they exchanged stories of
their experiences at his hands.
The other girl told Florence
how she had often seen Dougal
in his night clothes near the
moat with a spade over his
shoulder. Rumours were going
about that he walked in his
sleep but took a more sinister
turn after the two girls met.
Eventually the gossip came to
the ears of Constable Drew.

As a result of his report to
the Chief Constable, Superin-
tendent Pryke and Detective
Inspector Bower interviewed
Dougal. The suspect was cheer-

ful enough but enquiries went
on and he fled to Bournemouth.

But the heat was on. The
police were on his trail, close
enough to have stopped the
bank notes he drew from his
accounts when he went away.
At the Bank of England he was
arrested and transferred to Saf-
ron Walden charged with for-
gery.

Now began the period of
frenzied police activity. Dougal
was on ice—locked up for
forgery. But what about the
rumours connected with
Camille's disappearance?

Excavations

The locals were saying that
she had been done away with
and buried. So the police
moved in to the farm and be-
gan to dig, and dig and dig.
For five weeks it went on amid
public ridicule and threats from
Dougal's cell of litigation for
trespass, until finally the body
was found.

The boots which provided
the first concrete evidence were
unusual for being size 2, apart
from being recognisable to the
cobbler, Mr. Mold of Edgware
Road. His positive identifica-
tion enabled the police to
charge Dougal with something
rather more serious than for-
gery—murder.

Throughout both committal
proceedings and trial Dougal
remained completely composed,
smiling and chatting with his
jailers and glaring at the rus-
tics who gathered each week
to boo at him as he arrived
from Cambridge Jail.

He was impassive as sentence
of death was passed on him.

His last days were spent at
Chelmsford Jail. Up to the last
he hoped for a reprieve. But
on the Saturday before the date
set for the execution the
Governor brought him the news
that there would be no reprieve.

The executioner Billington
was assisted by John Ellis, of
Rochdale, famous men in their
day. A newspaper of the time
gives an eyewitness account of
the execution procession:—

"At the head was the
Sheriff's Marshall, dressed in
black knee breeches, a black
coat and cocked hat, and
carrying a small silver mace.
Next was the High Sheriff,
Colonel Davis, and then came
the prison governor, Captain
Conor; the Under-Sheriff, Mr.
C. B. O. Gepp; the prison sur-
geon, and the Deputy Chief
Constable, Mr. Raglan Somers-
et.

"Detective Scott, who had
taken such a prominent part

in solving the Moat Farm
mystery, was also there, special
permission being granted to
him to see the last of the man
he had helped to bring to jus-
tice.

"The procession down the
corridor began. First Dougal,
between his two custodians,
then the executioners following
close on his heels. Then the
chaplain softly intoning a
prayer."

Final drama

There was a dramatic
moment when with Billington's
hand on the lever ready to
drop Dougal, the chaplain
sprang forward and called,
"Guilty or not guilty, Dougal?"
There was no answer. The
hangman waited. Again cried
the chaplain, "Guilty or not
guilty?"

Dougal in a quiet, hoarse
voice said, "Guilty," and was
gone.

So ended a long and dif-
ficult case. P.C. Drew had been
instrumental in starting en-
quiries off but Detective Ser-
geant Scott had also played a
great part, being in charge of
the excavations at the farm.

Relics

Interesting relics of the case
rested for many years in the
Force museum, but when this
was broken up a few months
ago local museums took many
of the items. Among these were
the shoes, identified at the trial,
and an album of photographs
of the body which must be one
of the oldest photographic
records still in existence.

Would Samuel Herbert
Dougal have hanged in later
years, assuming that the death
penalty was still in force? Was
he sane? Would that period
in the asylum in Ireland have
been enough to get him off
under "diminished responsi-
bility?" Who can tell?

Or on the other hand, did
he get away with a couple of
murders in Canada. Ah, but
we shall never know that either.

This story of the
Moat Farm murder
first appeared in the
Essex and Southend
Police Magazine and
is reprinted by their
kind permission.



Part of the Moat Farm buildings, Dougal appears not to have been
much of a farmer.

EDIVIEW

ALDERMAN Sidney Woodfull Millard took over as Chairman of the Joint Police Authority of Essex and Southend at the time of the amalgamation and has steered the authority through three difficult years. Without reciting the achievements of this period one must say that it has been a time of great improvements in the county policeman's lot and for this much credit is due to Alderman Millard.

Keep it simple

Picture the scene! A busy town street with traffic moving to and fro and on one side a post office engineer at the top of a telegraph pole. Overhead a light aircraft collides with a helicopter and wreckage from the two falls into the street. The driver of a fire engine racing to an emergency call swerves to miss the obstruction and sheers off the telegraph pole throwing the engineer to the ground seriously injured. An ambulance also on the emergency call runs into the back of the fire engine and a female attendant is thrown out into the burning wreckage where she suffers first and second degree burns and shock. A car travelling in the opposite direction also collides with the fire appliance and a woman passenger cuts her forehead. She is shocked and hysterical and the driver produces a false driving licence. There are differing indexes plates on the front and rear of this car.

The helicopter pilot is certified dead by the doctor who was travelling in the ambulance and who immediately leaves to go to the original emergency. Other traffic stops and drivers and passengers go to assist and on-lookers walk about the scene picking up souvenirs, including the flight recorder.

The opening sequence in a television play? A test of powers of command for senior officers at the Police College? No, this was the staged incident at this year's Special Constabulary Neville Trophy competition, arranged by the City of London Police.

It poses some pointed questions. The team assigned to deal with this catastrophical and three of his doughty Constables. These stalwarts had but 25 minutes to sort matters out.

We are of the opinion that it would have taken nearly this time to extinguish the flames had this incident been real. We believe that a Chief Inspector with a squad of thirty regular policemen, let alone four part-time volunteers, would have been hard pressed to do much with this set-up in 25 minutes.

Surely these competitions have got completely out of proportion. Training of special constables is designed to enable them to deal with simple, straightforward incidents and with the best will in the world many of them find this as much as they can manage.

And to expect very much to happen in 25 minutes is ridiculous. To make the crash so complicated was ill advised. But the little twists put in for good measure make nonsense of the whole thing. After all, the driving licence and the car were probably stolen, but could the sergeant spare a quarter of his strength to deal with the thief? What sort of earthquake or other disaster must the original emergency have been for the doctor to hurry away and leave this little lot?

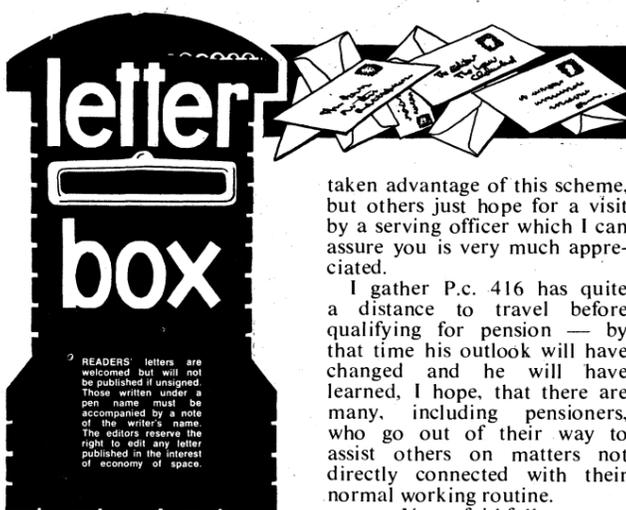
The final question must be to ask whether the examiners were competent to judge the action taken by the Specials. Is there a correct procedure in these cases bearing in mind the 25 minute limit? We would suggest that it is far more beneficial to get Specials to deal correctly, efficiently and completely with a simple incident, than to scratch at the surface of anything as complicated as this.

Spare his blushes

Obviously the Constable who writes, on this page, about cycle patrols does not like riding a bike. His last paragraph is interesting. While one can accept that riding a bike is dangerous in heavy traffic, a phenomenon we have never observed at Harwich, why does this young man feel embarrassed and degraded when he mounts this vehicle?

Degraded from what? Who has ridiculed him? And we stroked our greying locks and thought back to our young days when we almost lived on two wheels. And of course this is part of the problem. In these motorised times there will soon be young men joining the Force who do not know how to ride a bike. Or will they perhaps not want to know?

There are still places where the bike is the most efficient vehicle on which to patrol just as there are other places where the constable is best used on foot. And while the anti-bike brigade may argue that neither on foot nor cycle-borne would they be able to catch bank robbers, nor would they in the average panda car which is presumably where they wish to recline.



Don't be so bitter—you'll be a pensioner some day

Dear Sir,
May I comment on the letter from Constable 416 Harbour printed in the June issue of The Law, referring to the distribution of the force paper to police pensioners.

I feel ashamed to think that one of my colleagues (although it appears to me that Constable Harbour does not feel that police officers, at least after 25 or 30 years' service deserve this title) should feel Bitter in his heart, and Peeved over the service we provide.

I do not accept that an officer is 'written off' for a whole shift (8 hours) to deliver these papers, unless he is suggesting he walks his beat, as did our colleagues of old.

As to the definition 'paper boy', if Constable Harbour feels this is such a degrading service to perform, it should not be too difficult to ensure that he is left to perform his duties within the legal definition of 'constable' as he sees it, and God help any poor pensioner who asks for his help not defined within his terms of reference.

Far too many young men today are ready and eager to 'write off' police pensioners, men who gave the job, to use the hackneyed expression, 'the best years of their lives', and fought for the improvements in conditions of service which Constable Harbour today is receiving the benefits.

Surely it is not asking too much for a few hours, certainly less than 8, each month, to be set aside for our 'old friends' to receive a copy of The Law, they like to think that although they are gone, they are not forgotten, as indeed they are by many, I'm afraid.

I wonder if Constable Harbour has given any thought to the fact that one day, he too might qualify, in his own words, as someone who requires that "bitter, peevish job done."

Yours faithfully,
R. M. Law
Inspector 'H' Div.
(a former police officer)

Alighting from the panda can be such a hardship

Dear Sir,
Your correspondent (P.c. 416) in the June issue of "The Law" has a grouse, but then, who hasn't? I will concede it is a hardship to deliver your much read paper if it entails extricating oneself from a safety belt and car simply to pass a few words with a former member of the Force. In the not so long ago, when policemen were less mobile to the extent of a push-bike, one enjoyed a brief encounter, but it seems those days are gone. Your correspondent and "other experienced officers" could often pick up a few tips and kill many birds with one stone by pausing for a few moments — as distinct from "gossiping whilst on duty" — and learn something derived from years of experience.

Pensioners are well acquainted with the procedure for postal service, many have

taken advantage of this scheme, but others just hope for a visit by a serving officer which I can assure you is very much appreciated.

I gather P.c. 416 has quite a distance to travel before qualifying for pension — by that time his outlook will have changed and he will have learned, I hope, that there are many, including pensioners, who go out of their way to assist others on matters not directly connected with their normal working routine.

Yours faithfully,
B. G. BRINKLEY
Secretary, C7,
N.A.R.P.O.

News from Hong Kong

Police Dog Unit,
Hong Kong.

Dear Editor,
I have just received my copy of The Law and I thought I would write and let you know that they are coming through safely and how much my wife and I enjoy reading about what's happening back home.

To all our friends I'd like to say that Joan and I are enjoying life here in Hong Kong. The weather at present is a bit hot and very sticky but we are told that come September we shall enjoy some nice warm, sunny weather that should last until after Christmas.

We have a nice bungalow by the sea about 12 miles out of town and we have a garden. This is, of course, a great rarity in H.K. where I estimate 99 per cent of the population live in high blocks of flats.

The work is interesting to say the least and how I wish I had studied Cantonese at school. Dogs are the same the world over of course but trying to do everything through an "interrupter" causes many laughs and some tears. However, we shall survive, and no doubt I'll have some funny stories to tell when we return home.

Best wishes to all friends in Essex and thank you once again for The Law.
Sincerely,
DAN HARE.

The motley is still with us

Dear Sir,
I read with interest in the June issue of The Law your comments 'Off with the motley' when you reported that this Force is now, "A uniform body again in the true sense of the word, all badges of the two former Forces having disappeared."

Being a member of a South-end Division I must say that I hadn't noticed the change. Borough crests are still being worn by most ex-Borough men that I come into contact with and all persons at this station are still wearing the seaxes.

Although I haven't seen one I do understand that there is a new cap badge in existence and perhaps one day we will all be wearing them but I fear that the 'motley' is with us for a long time to come.

ROY SMITH
Ps 261

Canvey Island

He gets all embarrassed on a bike

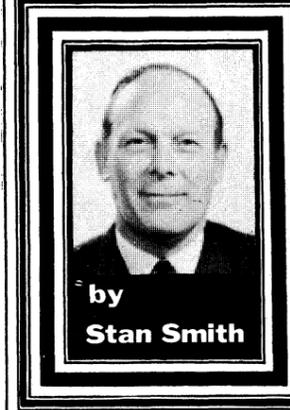
Harwich Police Station
23 June, '72

Dear Editor,
Join Britain's modern Police and you too could wear a replica of a coal scuttle on your head, an ankle-length rubberised summer raincoat, trouser clips, and as an extra bonus, ride round housing estates on a pedal cycle.

Print that along with last month's picture of a 'bobby

Pf Federation Pf

Notes



by
Stan Smith

I have asked for an investigation to be made into complaints that salaries have not been credited to personal bank accounts in sufficient time for a cheque to be drawn on the 15th of the month. At first sight the problem seems to be fairly universal as complainants use different banks in differing areas, so it will be best to start at the beginning of the train at County Hall and follow the system up through the Central Clearing Bank to individual.

It may well be that the distribution day from County Hall may be too critical and leaves no scope for postal delays and when weekends intervene where no work is done for two days. If this is so, we shall ask for pay advices to be distributed at an earlier time.

Many members may not be aware that this delay is occurring until they study a bank statement which should show the date the salary is credited to their account. If at any time a member draws up to the maximum in his current account or if standing orders fall due on the 15th of the month it could well be that he will be overdrawn until the salary is credited.

Group insurance

The Executive Committee of the Joint Branch Board have considered proposals for an improvement in the benefits of the Group Insurance Scheme and will make recommendations to the full Board at their meeting on 17 July. Should they be accepted, it is hoped that the new Scheme will be operative from 1 August. There will be no change in the rate of premiums, but benefits will be considerably increased in certain respects. No action will be required by members as we will all be transferred en bloc unless any individual member does not wish to be eligible for better benefits and notifies his intention of withdrawing.

Uniform

A Committee of the Joint Branch Board will shortly be formed to meet the ACC(A) in August in order to thoroughly review the style, rate of issue and quality of all uniform issued in this Force. The Police Council will be meeting early in July to receive the report of the Working Party on Uniform which was set up eight years ago. There are still large differences of opinion among members, and if we are to grasp this nettle firmly once and for all, strong direction will be needed. At one time Police uniform used to be 'uniform' and there was no possibility of busmen, gasmen, private security men being mistaken for one of us. Today, mainly because of the diminishing use of the helmet, we are dabbling with distinguishing marks, such as dived bands, to make the Policeman stand out in a crowd. Surely it is about time that the Government banned all uniforms remotely similar to that which is traditionally identifiable with the Police Service. Present restrictions only nibble at the problem.

Still on the matter of uniforms, I note that a cross-section of members of the Force have been asked to complete a questionnaire which has been apparently designed to determine the efficiency of

on a bike" on all recruiting posters and pamphlets and it would reduce the intake of recruits by at least 99 per cent.

I admit that pedal cycles have a place. They are known as museums and have other ancient examples of Police equipment including ideas on man management stowed away in dusty corners.

Senior Officers get with it! Stop providing every "yob" in the county with the best laugh since the "Keystone Cops" and throw the cycles on the scrap heap where they belong.

Yes, I have done cycle patrols, and like every Officer I have spoken to, think they are ridiculous, degrading, embarrassing, and highly dangerous in today's high speed traffic.

Yours sincerely,
T. NEESOME

the issue of uniform. The project is being carried out by a student at the Police College in relation to his studies and the Chief Constable hopes to obtain useful information in order to study the present system of uniform stores to see where useful changes can be made.

This particular questionnaire — although I have not yet had a sight of it — would appear to be innocuous, but I would point out that even though unintentional, information gained from such exercises can later be used by any person who has a copy of the results to make a point or prove facts which could be against the best interests of our members. In this context I would ask members not to participate in such exercises in the future unless the Joint Branch Board have had an opportunity to study the wording of the questionnaire and give approval for their completion. I am not being bitchy just because we have not been consulted on this particular project, there is a very real danger that information gained can be twisted at some later stage to try to prove a point completely different to the objects at the time.

Housing

There has been a noticeable decrease in the number of applications for house ownership at this month's meeting of the Housing Committee. The major problem is obviously one of the difficulty in finding the money to purchase houses which have rocketed in price over the past year or so.

More and more members are having to obtain very high percentage mortgages and often need to go to a Broker to obtain sufficient money to purchase. One word of warning — the first question you should ask a Broker is — "Do I have to pay you any fee for your services?" If the answer is in the affirmative, forget it and go somewhere else. There are many Brokers now who will take your business and not charge a fee. One other point about obtaining money from a Broker is that he makes most of his money by arranging for you to obtain the money by way of an insurance policy. This is rather an expensive way of doing this and naturally he will try to persuade you to take this course of action. Think very carefully before you act.

The Law Shop

FOR SALE: Ford Escort 1300 Super; metallic green; many extras, including alternator, Triplex heated rear window, security door lock, etc.; taxed February, 1973; £545. Contact P.c. Collinson, Tilbury, or Tel. Grays Thurrock 72906, evenings.

FOR SALE: Pair Elac-Pavalline, Hi Fi Stereo speakers, teak / melamine - hessian finish, £10 each speaker, no offers. D.S. Frost, H.Q., ext 364.

FOR SALE: Valor 80 gas fire, very efficient living room fire, only 1 year old, smart appearance, £40. P.c. Piper, Cadet School.

FOR SALE: Golf Clubs, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 matched; 2, 3, 4 woods and a putter; good condition, £25. Apply: Insp. MacDonald, Chelmsford Town or home number, Broomfield 498.

What's on



Who's off

THIS month's column has been slightly revised in context and phrasology by virtue of rent-a-sub passing the buck whilst attending an Instructors' Course at Headquarters. He states that his mind is so full of instruction purposes and riding techniques that he is incapable of compiling this issue.

The last sighting of our friend in uniform (minute) created the impression that he was riding on a cushion that had been placed under his seat—not sure whether this is to alleviate soreness or to increase his stature.

For the information of all, the Driving School is now in possession of new machines, both Norton and Triumph which should make stays at H.Q. more interesting and enjoyable.

Whilst you're at the School, Monty, May I suggest you examine the question of the K70 tyres about which numerous comments have been made and determine for yourself, if it is not too painful, what the problems are.



From enquiries made it appears that wet road surfaces have an adverse effect. This can always be used as an excuse for any "faux pas" when out with your queue of fledglings.

We have received a message from Mad Mitch and this communication is as follows:-

"I've spent a week off sick with a crooked ankle and before you start I didn't fall off the bike, (mind you, no-one believes it) and when reporting sick, the Sergeant shot out into the garage to check my bike for damage. I spent ages telling one bod and he asked "Were you plastered then?" I ask you, ain't there no justice?"

Sergeant Joe Bassett is now known as "old anti squeak" as he stole me Norton whilst I was turned the other way and failed to take into account that the drive chain lubricator is liberal to say the least. He ended up with his boots full and the back of tunic soaked in 30-40 grade and the oil tank appreciably lower on the level mark. After an hysterical minute or so I've done the decent thing and lessened the flow — nothing technical, just bashed hell out of the flow pipe.

One of the Halstead beat officers is something of a motor cycling fanatic. His latest purchase is a Honda 4 and Ray Finch has been spending hours trying to sell the bloke rice as an oil additive, now wonder the lad got into a "paddy" over it. Oh well, I tried.

On visiting HQ Store I managed to con a new helmet and an Avia jacket, the trousers were the problem — 12in inside leg with a 15in. waist. Smiling sweetly as is my wont I pointed this matter out to your actual Les who said "Sorry mate, we use Monty as a pattern for the trousers and the rest of the force have to make them fit." I did point this matter out to a certain chap at HQ — no names but he rides a motor bike and has a beard and he told me that the only sizes motor cycle kit stores do are Large (Southend), Small (Rest of the Force).

It has been printed, Mitch, only slightly edited for the benefit of the KGB.

Nothing spectacular from anyone here including the dynamic duo and even Chopper Wood has failed to inform me of the tide

state but I can say that I'm puzzled by the state of his back garden, it looks more like East Anglian Car Collections every time I go past (which seems like every day). Having said the wrong thing about Braintree routes, I go to the sea-side every day with my little bucket and spade in my bread-bin and if I moan I get 4,000 circuits of Stanway Garage.

At Beauliegh the other day, Mitch, I saw your old bike complete with oil stains (or beer). Lord Montague is quite chuffed at having the only airiated piston Triumph and won't let it go for any amount.

You may be interested in the photograph which is shown and this is the latest addition to Mitch's equipment which is rent-a-sniff carried for the use of locating bombs or Mars bar parcels. This picture was taken during Mitch's prologue on IAM type motorists. The dog has heard it so many times before.

Having frantically communicated with Southend I understand that during my absence a number of motor cyclists, drawn from heaven-knows-where, were detailed for duty between Tilbury and the Metro. border on escorting 30 coaches containing Frenchmen. I am extremely offended because no-one told me that my coloured friend who drives for Empires Best was amongst them. Had I known I would have demanded the opportunity to go as he and I have an understanding as to when his PSV licence should terminate and I haven't seen those rolling eyes for ages. However, well done lads. I understand the Frenchmen think our Police are marvellous.

The only thing of interest to happen at HQ evolves round a centurion tank that was on a low loader leaving the Essex Show Ground to go to Colchester via the town centre, yours truly being detailed for escort. Careering madly down Broomfield Road at a break-neck speed of 15 mph and blue haze from Triumph, I found in front of me an elderly silver haired, divine, beautiful,

cantankerous old lady on an upright bicycle. Having twice politely asked her to dismount and move on to the pavement, without the batting of an eye lid, it transpired to my mind that she must be deaf. Two-tone horns blew the air, twin tones, and the trumpet from this mighty Antar failed to budge her. The lights changed at the crossroads, she stopped, dismounted directly in front of my load. One hundred and ten tons shuddered to a halt, lights changed, cyclist moved off, Antar stayed put. Thirty minutes later and traffic between the lights and Ash Tree Corner solid, Antar still in place. Bells ring in mind! How about the unloading tank to pull Antar? Causing a double deck bus to stop 100 yards from this load, two plumes of black smoke shoot into air and 80 tons of tank descends on to Broomfield Road. "Bus driver leaves cab and runs. Tank then trundles down Broomfield Road to take up position in front of transporter, hooks up and disappears at a high rate of knots to far side of junction coming to rest outside Co-op Funeral Service from which shoots a happy little man in black pin stripe uniform, gleefully rubbing hands, only to return sad and dejected at being informed "war was not declared."

Forty-eight hours later on reporting for "early turn" heart sank on being informed "tank transporter ready to move again."

Eight hours later at Marks Tey happily landed load to Colchester Traffic — non-motor cyclist type being in fitted four-wheeled object which disappeared in the general direction of the Suffolk border.

Finally, lads, congratulations are in order to Dave Seago of Southend and his wife who are now proud parents of a little girl who arrived safely, after a long time trying, well done. See you at the next meeting when we shall wet the baby's head and arrange your transport home.

With regard to Monty's comment "Ride safe and to the system" we all suggest that he listens to his own words and takes care in not coming to grief and comes back in time to complete the next month's issue.

Regional Athletics Championships

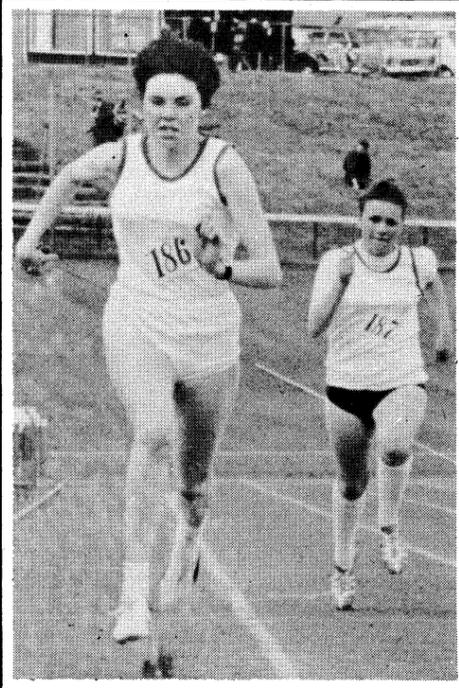
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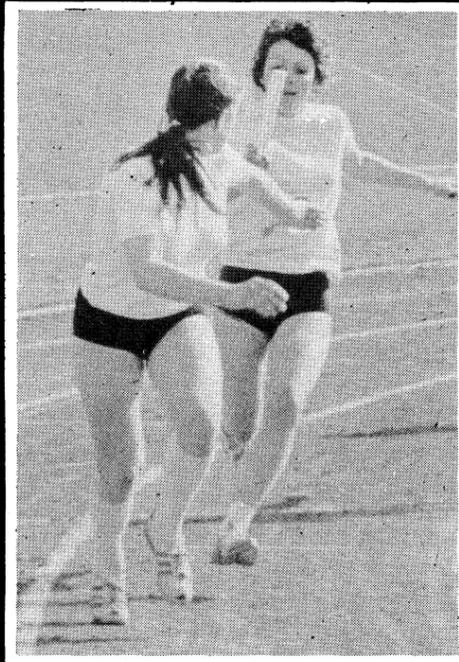
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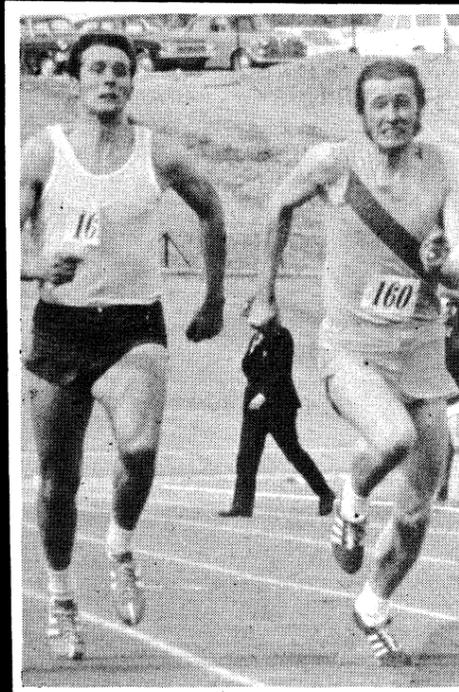
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RECORD relay girls, above, Maria Oldall and Ros Beardwell take first and fourth in the 100mts. and below, Cilla Mullender hands over to Ginny Granville in the relay.



REVENGE: Mick Jackson beats Peter Taylor this time; they finished second and fourth in the 100 mts.



Pictures by Brian Jones

THE regional athletics championships of 1971 were a triumph for Essex/Southend who came to them full of diffidence, having been held to a tie the previous year, and then won resoundingly by a massive 50 points' margin. In 1972 the team entered the arena no less apprehensively. Were not several of the star and stalwart performers of the previous year either below form or missing altogether? Into the latter category came Ron Hammond (Eynsham) and Mike Eldred (injured) missing from the walk, the 1971 javelin runner-up had his head down to examinations at Wivenhoe Park, and middle-distance man Richard Madden, at the other end of the scale was in his first week at training centre.

Mick Jackson, Peter Taylor, Andy Down and Tony Armstrong all professed to being slightly under par — for a variety of reasons — and one wondered if a determined challenge from Kent or Sussex might not prove hard to deal with.

As the first events got under way things seemed to go right. Big throws in the javeline, some comic cuts by Mick Barlow in the pole vault where he shot straight under the bar without dislodging it on his first vault — and then missed the landing pit — and safe qualifications by our 200 metres representatives, led up to the first track final, the walk.

A great boost

Having this event as the first track final of the day is always the most wonderful fillip for Essex/Southend, whose walkers, as a group, dominate the regional scene to say the least.

Things were going along quite nicely with Jones, Hedge-thorne and Sheppard in procession filling 2nd, 3rd and 4th, when a heady challenge from behind by a City man shook things up a bit. He ended up being pulled and all his efforts only changed the Essex/Southend finishing order: 12 points in the bag.

The next result to come was the javelin where Bert Wallace, Tim Mildinhal and Graham Smith took 1st, 2nd and 4th places to secure 15 points, followed by a Barlow 2nd place in the vault and a two-three score from Peter Taylor and Mick Jackson in the 200 metres. Forty-eight points came from the first seven events and we were on the way.

Girls' power

One department where our strength had been greatly increased was in the women's events. Showing great versatility the regional champion cross-country team, almost unchanged, turned out in the sprint relay and not only won but set up a new record, the only new mark on a cold blustery day.

Maria Oldall showed great fluency in the 100, run into the teeth of the wind, to win by five yards and it was she who anchored the relay team — Cilla Mullender, Ginny Granville and Ros Beardwell — to their great win.

For once, with the help of a few disqualifications, always a part of the relay scene, our teams did well at this stage of the meeting. Andy Down only minutes after a gruelling 5,000 metres, set off with gritted teeth on the medley half-mile leg. He handed over in third place which Jackson and Taylor held through the sprints to hand over to Barlow for the last lap. He had to run hard to hold off the fourth man and almost caught the second, only to find that he had, in fact, finished second due to the team in front

stepping out of the take-over box.

The cadet sprint relay team (Egerton, Mildinhal, Bryan Reynolds) were similarly raised from fourth to third by the judges after a very tight finish.

No weak links

No member of the team gave an inch as the points were piled up. Andy Down, second in both 1500 and 5000; Tony Armstrong and Keith Bevell second and third in high jump; Barlow third in 400; Larry Britt having finished sixth (one point) in the 1,500 with his best race to date, ambled round the steeplechase in what he thought was seventh place only to find someone had dropped out and he was sixth — one more point and that might be the one we would win by.

But by then Essex/Southend were safe though even in the last event of the day, the long jump which everyone had to wait for, John Welbourne got over 20 feet to notch up another victory.

So the cup comes back to Chelmsford for another year. On this form, apart from its annual outing to the championships it is likely to stay here for some time. The team spirit displayed by all the members of the team — not just the points' scorers was an object lesson to all the other teams there, and admired, we hope, by none more than the Deputy Chief and his successor, Messrs. A. Goodson and J. Duke, who were there to watch the games and present some of the awards.

As always team manager Bill Pratt was tireless helped by his assistant-for-the-day Mike "Peg Leg" Eldred.

RESULTS

Winners and Essex-Southend scorers.

100 mts men: 1, Satchwell, Jersey, 12.2s; 2, Jackson, 12.3s; 4, Taylor, 12.5s. Women: 1, Oldall, 14.1s; 4, Beardwell, 15.4s. Cadets: 1, Thomas, Hants, 12.9s; 3, Egerton, 13.4s; 4, Reynolds, 13.7s; 5, Mildinhal, 13.9s. 200 mts: 1, Dunster, Kent, 24.1s; 2, Taylor, 24.2s; 3, Jackson, 24.5s. 400 mts: 1, Carter, Sussex, 53.4s; 3, Barlow, 58.0s. 800 mts: 1, Kelly, City of London, 2m 2.5s.

1500 mts: 1, Wayland, Surrey, 4m 12.5s; 2, Down, 4m 15.9s; 6, Britt, 4m 32s. 5,000 mts: 1, Bean, Surrey, 15m 52.2s; 2, Down, 16m 23.6s.

3,000 mts steeplechase: 1, Phillips, Kent, 9m 58s; 6, Britt, 12m 33.9s. 3,000 mts walk: 1, Blount, Herts, 14m 29.6s; 2, Hedge-thorne, 14m 42s; 3, Jones, 14m 52.6s; 4, Sheppard, 15m 23s; 7, K. Mann, 16m 33s.

Relays: 1600 medley, men: 1, Sussex, 3m 51s; 2, Essex/Southend (Down, Jackson, Taylor, Barlow), 4m 2.8s. 4 x 100 cadets: 1, Herts, 48.5s; 3, Essex/Southend (Egerton, Mildinhal, Bryan, Reynolds), 49.4s. 4 x 100 women: 1, Essex/Southend (Mullender, Granville, Beardwell, Oldall), 56.8s—regional record.

Javelin: 1, Wallace, 53.34 mts; 2, Mildinhal, 49.82 mts; 4, Smith, 44.28 mts. Discus: 1, Satchwell, Jersey, 47.36 mts; 4, Wallace, 31.94 mts. Shot: 1, Satchwell, 14.61 mts; 3, Wallace, 11.61 mts.

Long jump: 1, Welbourne, 6.22 mts (Force record). Triple jump: 1, Lewis, Herts, 13.23 mts; 5, Egerton, 11.92 mts. High jump: 1, Faulkner, Kent, 1.67 mts; 2, Armstrong, 1.64 mts; 3, Bevell, 1.61 mts. Pole vault: 1, Arnold, Surrey, 2.60 mts; 2, Barlow, 2.60 mts (Force record).



LEFT: Tony Armstrong flat out over the bar to take second place in the high jump.

Seaxes Auto Club

By Roy Clark

IF YOU had been driving along the A414 through Danbury on the evening of Saturday 20th May you may well have noticed things out of the ordinary. Ashdowns garage forecourt for instance—it was full of people and cars, far fuller than a common-place desire for petrol, oil, and water could possibly justify. If you'd stopped (not that there was much room to stop) and taken a closer look you would have found yourself in the middle of preparations for the 1972 Seaxes all-night road rally.

I did stop to drink in, as they say, "the atmosphere"; and atmosphere there certainly was. Although the rally was quite suitable for everyday drivers in everyday saloon cars, and a large percentage of the competitors and cars were just that, the whole feeling was that we were about to get the "Monte Carlo" on the road.

Take the organisation for instance. All brisk and efficient and strictly to RAC rules. Scrutineers checking each vehicle (must comply with the law). Association of Eastern Counties Motor

Clubs official observer, in official car, ready to see that the rally did not inconvenience the general public. Marshals with stop-watches, stewards with clip-boards, and hovering over all, the two Clerks of the Course, Messrs Tim Scotchmer and Mick Bringham.

Then suddenly there's a long line of cars down by the side of the garage and everyone is starting to look at their watches. The first vehicle has its engine running and lights on, the driver poised. The navigator (rally crews, like socks, come in pairs), has his window open and a map spread on his lap. The Clerk of the Course is bent forward by the window, watch in hand, and as the magic moment, 9.30 p.m., arrives he thrusts the route card at the navigator, shouts "Turn left at the main road," and the rally is under way.

From then on the cars leave at one minute intervals, on through the night, until all 64 competitors have gone. Before them lie 152 miles of Essex roads, (all made-up roads, none of your cart-tracks), the route indicated by a series of map references.

By 5.30 a.m. it's all over. All cars in, times written down and another highly successful Seaxes Rally is over.

Competitors were drawn from Seaxes, Marconi A.C., F.B.P.M.C. Witham, Wivenhoe, Chelmsford, E.C.M.C. and the winners are shown in the box.

Seaxes would like to thank Mrs. Hehn and her staff who provided refreshments throughout and also the staff of Last's and Ashdown's Garages for their co-operation throughout.

RALLY RESULTS

Overall winner	CLUB	CREW
1st Master Class (A)	C.M.C.	Molyneux-Fisher
2nd Master Class (A)	W. & D.M.C.	White-Leach
1st Expert Class (B)	Wiv. & D.M.C.	Etheridge-Newman
1st Novice Class (C)	C.M.C.	Wakeling-Allen
2nd Novice Class (C)	F.B.P.M.C. (Seaxes)	French-Blackmore
3rd Novice Class (C)	M.A.C.	Jordan-Telfer
Best F.B.P.M.C.	Kent	Trafford-Wise
Best Seaxes	E.C.M.C.	Arber-Lawson
Best Mixed Crew	E.C.M.C.	Martin-Kerr
Best Ford	C.M.C.	Molyneux-Fisher
Best B.L.M.C.	E.C.M.C.	(Lotus-Cortina)
Best Vauxhall	F.B.P.M.C. (Seaxes)	Wills-McColl
Best Foreign	F.B.P.M.C. (Kent)	(Clubman 1275)
Best Chrysler (GB)	E.C.M.C.	Arber-Lawson (Viva)
Best Essex Six	E.C.M.C.	Trafford-Wise (Toyota)
Best Team.	Team OMackinen	Bonnet-Baker (Sceptre)
		Wills-McColl
		5, 6, 7.

Amid the usual social whirl tourists still rolled a few good woods.

ON SATURDAY, May 6, the Police Bowls Tour Party once again went to Eastbourne. A party of 50 made the tour, which all agreed was the biggest and best yet. The 28 male bowlers comprising regular officers, retired officers and a few friends, seemed a lot with only 24 wanted daily, but on two occasions it was a push and we had to call on the unfit and the ladies who had to find eight each day out of a complement of 13.

Mrs. Lillyman was ruled out from the Monday, when she had a fall and hurt her right arm and shoulder. All the tour send best wishes for a full recovery to all those finishing up unfit. We commenced on the Saturday in not too good weather. The ladies at Princes Park, Eastbourne, called it a day against The Redoubt Ladies at nine ends, but the men against Victoria Drive completed the game and finished on a winning note 117-110. A lot of interest was shown in the Cup Final at this match for our secretary had drawn Leeds in a club sweep and if they won would receive £50. All the party had a drink with Reg that night.

On Sunday, both teams went to Bexhill. The Ladies had a return game with Egerton Park Ladies and recorded a victory by 45-37. The men against Bexhill B.C. found themselves up against it and lost 108-157, the weather being lovely.

Monsday saw both teams stretched to the limit when visiting Seaford. Two ladies rinks met Seaford Ladies and again won 51-26. Close by two rinks of men assisted by two ladies met Seaford B.C. lost by four shots 38-42. Five other men's rinks were a short distance away at Crouch B.C. where they found good form and won 94-77. The game had just finished when a thunderstorm broke over Seaford.

On Tuesday we once again visited the famous White Rock greens at Hastings. The ladies met

By Reg Viney

St. Leonards ladies and were well beaten by 22-53. The men as usual against White Rock could not hold the diards and were heavily defeated 77-158.

On the next day we visited our very old friends at Brighton, the ladies against Brighton ladies, winning 27-13 on a 14-end game delayed due to rain. However, the men after a delayed start due to rain, played the game in beautiful sunshine. This game was the rubber of five and we were all out to win, but after a very close contest were beaten 111-124. It was unfortunate in a way, as we left one of our good bowlers at the hotel, (missed the bus, secretary takes blame) so Reg Spiller who was far from fit, turned out and bowled in severe pain.

On Thursday, we were again at Brighton and left the Ladies at Lewes Ladies B.C. where they were beaten by 24-45. The men met Hove and Kingsway B.C. on the front within 200 yards of the Police Convalescent Home and again had a very close game to lose by only seven shots 119-126. The team this day had been strengthened by the arrival at the hotel at lunch-time in full hippy dress of Harold Tredree.

The men were visiting the famous Saffron Greens on Friday to meet Eastbourne B.C. We were expecting a defeat but with all six rinks battling it out, each rink was a few shots up or down all through and to our great delight we won 108-98. Meanwhile, the Ladies were having a close game with Eastbourne

Athletics

RUNNING for Thurrock Harriers in the Southern League on June 3 Andy Down set a new force record for 5,000 metres of 15m. 20s. This improves his own mark set almost exactly a year before. On the same day Maria Oldall ran 400 metres in 58.5s. but was eliminated in her Southern Counties heat.

Cadets travelled to Hendon on May 31 where they competed on the well appointed Met. Police track. Against opposition from Met. first and third phase, Army apprentices and Birmingham and Hertics. Cadets some fair performances were put up though fourth place out of six was the best that could be expected.

Best effort of the day came in the 3,000 metres walk, which did not count towards the match, where Jones and Sheppard as usual looked very strong. Several others appeared slightly below best form though Larry Britt had a goodish run in the 1,500 metres, putting in a best time of 4m 27.8s.

Results

110 metres hurdles: T. Mildinhall, 19.2s., S. Taylor, 21.8s. 100 metres: S. Egerton, 11.9s., S. Reynolds, 12.6s. 200 metres: G. Egerton, 25.0s., R. Neale, 25.5s. 400 metres: A. Hurrell, 61.8s., R. Foster, 61.8s. 800 metres: T. Jeffs, 2m. 19s., T. Cole, 2m. 21s.; 1,500 metres: L. Britt, 4m. 27.8s. Triple jump: G. Egerton, 39ft. 8in. Shot: C. Buller, 32ft. 7in. Javelin: T. Mildinhall, 155ft. 1in. High jump: S. Taylor, 5ft. 1in. Long jump: G. Egerton, 18ft. 8in., T. Mildinhall, 17ft. 8in.

Tim Mildinhall excited a good deal of attention at Crystal Palace on June 17, when he led for four rounds in the Southern Counties junior javelin event. His best throw was over 182ft. and took him to within a few inches of Bert Wallace's record. In finishing third, Tim turned the tables on his Essex rivals who beat him in the county event in May.

At the same meeting, Brian Jones also captured a bronze, in the walk, to make our tally two medals in our first entry into this championship.

Strong team

Resulting from our good showing so far this year the strongest team for some years has been put forward for the PAA this month: P. Taylor and M. Jackson, sprints; A. Armstrong and K. Bevell, high jump; J. Welbourn, long jump; A. Wallace, javelin and hammer; A. Barlow, 400; and A. Down, 1,500 and 5,000 metres.

Ladies and lost by four shots 43-47.

Staying at the same hotel with us during the week were the Bacchus B.C. Tourists and in a five mixed rink game on Thursday morning, we lost by 81-121.

Friday morning also saw the competition among our tourists for the new Langham Cup. Names were drawn from the hat and after a pleasant and enjoyable morning bowls, the winning rink was skipped by Alec Thorogood accompanied by Mrs. Burridge, M. Stanford and Fred Lench.

On Thursday night we had our usual social and now we are getting used to this it is becoming a first-class show. The show commenced with our usual Church service conducted by Archbishop Langham (Wilf Newnham), who sat up late of a night writing the script. At the end a collection was made which resulted in £8 being raised. This money together with a raffle run by Ivy Burridge raised the total sum of approx. £15 which was handed to the manager, David Lowe, for the Save the Children Fund.

Will then carried on with the variety show which for the first time, was carried out as per programme. Artists—Ivy Burridge (songs), Nora and Alec Thorogood (sketch), Reg Viney and Fred Lench (strip tease act), Audrey Langley and Ivy Brown (songs and duets), Albert Cox (monologues), Dai Evans (comedy), Jack Burridge (stories), with Elsie Spiller and Bert Ellis at the piano. Other members also assisted in many ways; Friday night once again saw our final dinner and presentation of cups.

Ted Horne (President and Captain) addressed the tourists, and all agreed that it was the best-organised tour and due to unfortunate circumstances the committee not having met at all, all the credit must surely go to the secretary, who was presented with a travelling alarm clock.

Reg Viney thanked all but added that the entertainment at the hotel was not his affair and

Walking

In a month when the section tackled ten races things were bound to go wrong. The troubles can be summed up by saying that inexperience caught up with us.

Police missed a notable double at Basildon when they nearly added the Essex long distance title to their British Police crown. But the team having taken the lead in the 50 kilometer, 9-lap, event, Barry Daymond fell out not realising that he only had to finish to get a gold medal. But John Hedgethorpe got the individual bronze — his first county medal ever — other than team awards.

The following day the 'B' team — decided on age — were to tackle a one-hour race at Grays. The team, Brian Jones, Denis Sheppard and his young brother Robert as guest won the team race but could not claim the prizes because Robert was not a full member.

The girls team at Basildon on June 17 suffered the same fate as the men when Kay Meiklejohn fell out leaving the team one short.

Corsica Cup

But on credit side the weekend on 17-18 June was a good one. On the Saturday Hammon - Jones - Sheppard - Hawkins easily captured the Corsica Cup at Basildon though the opposition seemed to have stayed away with other races in mind. Not so the police who next day fought out the Southern Junior 3 kilos race at Crystal Palace, Brian Jones filling the bronze spot with Sheppard and Hawkins, 5th and 7th.

With races varying from 3 to 50 kilos June is a hard month but one new record came up, over 10 kilos at Luton, through John Hedgethorpe.

RESULTS

Vauxhall 10 kilos (10.6.72): 17th, J. Hedgethorpe, 52m 11s (Force record); 20th, B. Jones and R. Hammon, 53m 40s; 23rd, D. Sheppard, 54m 09s; team 4th.

Lambeth 5 miles (13.6.72): 26th, J. Hedgethorpe, 42m 06s; 29th, D. Sheppard, 42m 26s; 46th, K. Mann, 45m 24s; 48th, D. Hawkins, 45m 38s; 50th, B. Daymond, 45m 51s. Sheppard and Mann took handicap prizes.

Mill End 3 kilos (14.6.72): 4th, S. Moss, 18m 9.6s (Force record); 8th, M. Cooper, 19m 50.5s.

Basildon races (17.6.72): 5,000 mts Junior: 4th, R. Hammon, 25m 37s; 6th, B. Jones, 25m 59s; 7th, D. Sheppard, 26m 21s; 14th, D. Hawkins, 28m 37s; Team won Corsica Cup, 3,000 mts women: 7th, M. Cooper, 20m 35s; 9th, J. Overton, 21m 53s.

15 kilos: 24th, J. Hedgethorpe, 84m 08s; 32nd, B. Daymond, 90m 52s. Southern 3,000 mts (18.6.72): 3rd, B. Jones, 14m 27.4s; 5th, D. Sheppard 15m 11.4s; 7th, D. Hawkins, 15m 49.4s.

Blackheath 9 kilos (21.6.72): (Yacht handicaps) 5th, D. Hawkins, 50m 28s; 9th, B. Daymond, 50m 57s; 12th, B. Jones, 47m 55s; 18th, D. Sheppard, 44m 40s (off course).

Essex AAA 50 kilos (24.6.72): 3rd, J. Hedgethorpe, 5h 9m 5s; 8th, K. Mann, 6h 9m 58s.

Grays One Hour (25.6.72): 6th, B. Jones, 10995 mts; 8th, D. Sheppard, 10912 mts; R. Sheppard (guest) 8452 mts.

congratulated all concerned. Reg added that at his request Eileen Hewer had made seven bannerettes embroidered "Essex Police Ladies Tour 1972" which were presented to each Club they had met and one to the hotel. For this he presented her a personal gift of a wall barometer and thermometer. Cups were presented as follows, Reg Viney Cup, Fred Lench; shields to second and third, C. Mann and Arthur Lillyman; wooden spoon to P. Oole; Doris Cordwell Cup for ladies to Audrey Langley and runner-up, Mrs. Everett; wooden spoon shared between Ivy Burridge and Emmie Lench; Langham Cup, Alec Thorogood's rink.

At all Clubs the men visited during the week, a plaque bearing the new shield was presented by Ted Horne and the Tour Party thank the Force Sports Club in providing six of them.

A presentation plaque was also presented to David Lowe (hotel manager) to display in his bar, alongside the Bowls Tourists Flag, the Ladies Bannerette and a Truncheon presented on previous visits.

All the party agreed to return to Eastbourne next year and the Committee were re-elected en bloc. Most of the party reserving the same room for next year.

Any member (past or present) who would like to make tour next year, May 5-12, please contact Reg Viney. Twenty-four male bowlers are required each day and allowing for unforeseen circumstances we would like a complement of 30 and a complement of 14 ladies for 12 daily.

NOTE: Tourists don't forget match v. Clacton B.C. at Clacton on Sunday, July 30 (whites).



Three of the Corsica Cup team: Hawkins, Jones and Sheppard.

Mixed weather for sailing championships

THE Force sailing championships combined with invitation races against crews from neighbouring forces took place from the Marconi Sailing Club at Stansgate on June 27.

The weather varied from brilliant sunshine to thundery rain and from squalls to flat calm, but the races were completed on time despite periods when there was insufficient wind to hold the boats against the tide.

There were two classes of boat which for the uninitiated may be described as faster and slower, and each class raced twice.

The morning race for faster boats was won by Arthur Hodges' Enterprise from D. Glen (Metro), Albacore. C. Petty-Major won the afternoon race, but his fourth place in the morning was too far back to unseat Hodges, whose second position was enough to secure overall victory, with Petty-Major (Albacore) second. Ken Howard in his Toy just took third place (7th and 4th) from A. Gimes, of Kent, third and eighth in two events.

The races for slower boats were dominated by R. Elliston, of Metro, who won both while members of the Force took a beating, the highest placing being P. Scott's third in the after-

noon race. P. York-Wade places sixth overall.

WINNERS AND FORCE PLACINGS

PYS 100 and below: 1st A. Hodges; 2nd C. Petty Major; 3rd K. Howard; 7th D. Bennett, Flying 15; 10th J. Thorne, Kestrel; 12th J. Stenson, Fireball; 15th G. Richmond, Hornet; 21st I. Wright, Fireball; 24th J. Cottee, Wayfarer.

PYS 101 and above: 1st R. Elliston (Met), Int Mth; 6th P. York-Wade, Graduate; 8th P. Scott, Graduate; 10th D. Thomas, Mirror.

Expenses exceed income

TOTAL estimated expenditure by the Force Sports Association for the coming year is £3075 but the estimated income would be only £3,028.

The committee heard this at their meeting at the end of May. Expenditure would be made up of £1781 demanded by various sections, sports ground maintenance of £1134 and general expenses of £160.

The balance was expected to be made up by money raising efforts by sections during the year, the committee were told, and it was agreed that sections' requests for cash be met.

Shooting

THE inter-divisional competition only attracted four teams this year. In the preliminary round Colchester beat Grays and Southend surprisingly defeated Chelmsford.

The final was held at the Drill Hall, Chelmsford, on Wednesday, May 17, when Colchester met Southend for the Courtauld Cup. Highest score for Southend was G. Harvey with a 189 which was equalled by P. Clarkson, for Colchester. The final result was 1,111 for Colchester and 997 for Southend, so Colchester retained the cup for another year.

Champion shot

Jock Sanderson, of Grays, has the title once more. In a close contest it was necessary to use oversize gauges to decide the winner. "Striker" Light, from Clacton, equalled the target set by Jock at 585 ex 600. Jock put up 97, 99, 97, 94, 99, 99; Striker, 96, 96, 98, 98, 98, 99. The .25 gauge made no difference levelling the scores at 580, but the .30 gauge gave the verdict to Jock at 571 to 568.

This is the first time in the history of the competition that there has been an initial tie for the title.

Jock Sanderson receives a jacket flash but not the NSRA Silver Medal as he won it in 1965. The medal goes to a worthy runner-up "Striker" Light.

Other scores: George Breeding, Grays, 574; Rob Wolton, Colchester, 573; Gus Scott, Chelmsford, 565; Don Gowers, Colchester, 543; George Whiddon, Colchester, 519; Ken Oehrlich, Clacton, 517; M. Hyde, Colchester, 468.

Cricket

PAA COMPETITION VERSUS KENT

After a drastic start of losing our first three wickets for only eight runs, skipper Fred Nicholls, ably backed up by Rod Ellis, managed to overcome the keen fielding and tight bowling of the Kent side. Nicholls was the first to go after scoring 72—a fine innings—and Rod Ellis a little later with 34 to his credit. At the end of the 40th over, but still with three wickets in hand, the Essex total finished at 144.

With some fine bowling by Roger Culham, who maintained a perfect length Kent were soon in trouble and, except for their opener Maxted, who was particularly strong on the off side, and one of the tail enders, Goodwin, were unable to achieve the run rate per over to assure themselves of victory. The end came in the 39th over and with 128 on the board, Kent were 17 short of victory. Final bowling figures, Roger Culham seven wickets for 54 in 19 overs, and Nigel Grainger, who took a wicket with his first ball, two for 22 in eight overs. One of the highlights of the match — a catch by Alf Henry at square leg—two inches above the ground and Alf, diving to his left, managed to hold it in his left hand.

Men of the match—Fred Nicholls and Roger Culham, but they were ably supported by the keen fielding of the rest of the Essex side.

We play Hertfordshire in the next round at home, on the County Ground, Chelmsford. Date to be announced later.

SWIM GALA

CHELMSFORD Division have agreed to promote this year's swimming gala which will take place at the Waterloo Lane pool on the evening of Saturday, November 4.

LONG DISTANCE SWIM 1972

11 am Tuesday 8th August

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