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# The Law

The Newspaper of the  
Essex and Southend-on-Sea  
Joint Constabulary

## 2800 by 1978 — maybe

THE Chief Constable has estimated, in a report to the Joint Police Authority, that on present recruitment trends, the Force should rise to a strength of 2,800 by 1978. But this would still be one hundred short of his estimate of manpower requirements in that year.

- In addition there could be 215 traffic wardens, 210 cadets and 810 other civilians.
- In December 1970 the joint Police Authority decided that an appropriate police establishment for that time would be 2,645, and that increases in population and workload would probably necessitate an annual increase of 40 officers, giving a total of not less than 2,900 by 1978.
- The balance of recruitment over wastage provided for in the current year, 125, should bring the Force to a strength of at least 2,175 by 31st March, 1973. If a similar balance is maintained until 1978

the strength of 2,800 would be reached.

#### Extensions

- The Chief Constable reported that extensions to the Cadet School, to be completed by 1975, would raise the annual intake to 50 males and 20 females.
- The Authority agreed to forward the Chief Constable's forecast to the Home Office.
- These estimates could be low. When "Jet City" comes to Essex to house people working at Maplin, a quarter of a million of them, a whole new Police division could be needed.

## Now then Miss...



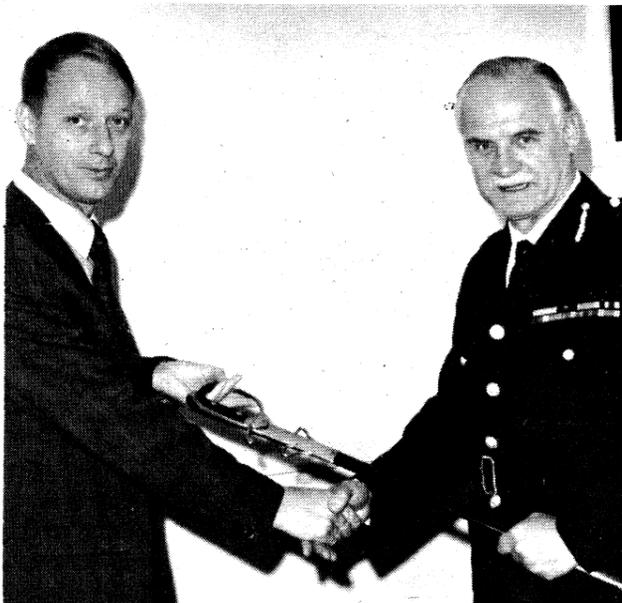
## ...ahem, Lad—

Now you're here you might as well learn right away that we British policeman are wonderful. Right?

A kindly greeting from Chief Inspector Bert Dawson for a young Asian refugee just in at Stansted on the first flight from Uganda.

—Picture by Essex Chronicle

## They'll never swallow this



NOW what's he going to use that for, you may ask. Well, we could run to a nice little ceremony of a touch on each shoulder for those who burst through the P.A.B. obstacle course to the white collar class. Or it could cut down recidivism in the field of police discipline.

Actually it is to be found adorning the wall of the Chief Constable's conference room at H.Q. Our picture shows Det. Insp. S. Munther, of Sweden, who spent some time at headquarters studying British police methods last month, presenting the Chief with a sword as a memento.

## Guard of honour for Chelmsford Constable



GOODNESS, darling, it's a stick up! When Constable Ian Shead, of Chelmsford, married Great Baddow girl Linda Deeks, the lads off the shift just had to turn up as a guard of honour outside the church. —Picture by courtesy Essex Chronicle

## Dramatic sea rescue earns pat on the back

BEING "marched in" to see the A.C.C. is not the most sought after experience among cadets but will be a moment to remember for Richard Steane and Stephen Golding who appeared before Mr. C. H. Kelly last week.

They were there to receive a word of praise for rescuing a young lad from the sea at Newgale Sands, Pembrokeshire, when they were there in August on a Cadet Corps adventure course.

The day had turned cold and miserable and with other cadets Richard and Stephen were packing up after a surf canoeing session when screams for help came from the sea. A heavy surf was running and several adults were

hanging about the waters edge and had refused to enter the water because they said it was too dangerous.

The cadets dashed into the spray and swam to the 12 year old lad who had been swept some distance from the beach. It took them 20 minutes to restore him to his distraught mother.

"Your actions showed decisiveness, determination and some courage," Mr. Kelly told them, "and this is just the way we want potential policemen to behave." Richard Steane lives at Writtle and Stephen Golding at Southend. Both were appointed House Leaders in the Cadet Corps at the beginning of this term.

## Chief of Chiefs

THE Autumn conference of the Association of Chief Police Officers took place last week at the conclusion of which the Chief Constable was installed as President.

Mr. Nightingale has been vice-president for the past 12 months and will now occupy the senior position for a year.

## Pipped

THE Secretary of State has decided that, following the modification of the rank structure, the rank insignia for Superintendents will be a Crown and one Star for Chief Superintendents and a lone crown for Superintendents. And the Home Office Public Relations Branch is arranging for the changes to be suitably publicised to avoid any impression that officers have been reduced in rank.

## Facelift

DUNMOW should get a £7,000 facelift this financial year. This was agreed by the Building & Sites Committee at their last meeting. The work includes alterations to the ground floor, re-wiring and installation of central heating.

## Site at

## Coggeshall

THE Coggeshall Police Houses are sub-standard and would be too expensive to modernise. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of State a site in Colchester Road, Coggeshall at the junction with St. Peter's Road, is to be purchased and two new houses and an office will be built there.

## He managed it

MR. Michael Posnack, Senior Finance Officer has recently completed a 3-year course to gain the Diploma in Management Studies.

# Bert Weedon's record helps road safety effort

By KEN ADAMS

A CRIME record with a difference may soon become "top of the cops".

It's the pop tune "Road to Safety Song" played, arranged and directed by Britain's top guitarist Bert Weedon and sung by Roy Edwards.

Bert, pictured at Walton-on-the-Naze, surrounded by children and police, is playing the tune in an attempt to get over in words and music the message that police are very keen for children to learn regarding everyday precautions and road safety.

It all started when the Lincolnshire police asked Bert to write a jingle for road safety in schools. The "off-beat" tune so caught on that a record was made.

Although Bert has kept on the right side of the law for many years he now has hundreds of police records, which are on general release. The records are being sent to schools and police headquarters throughout the country.

Bert has many hit records and currently has three L.P.s on the market, but he says: "I would rather the road safety record be a smash hit than anything else. It's nice to think that my music and playing might be responsible for saving a



P.c. Mike Titmus (Walton) conducts (off-beat, of course) while police and children sing along with Bert. P.c. Mick Eldridge and Sgt. Brian Brown are pictured in the background.

child's life. That would be better than a golden disc."

The record is often heard over the air and Bert has appeared on B.B.C. TV discussing road safety.

Appearing in the "Dick ten-week "one-night" tour, a cabaret cruise to the Caribbean Sea, Bert is planning an autumn and then pantomime.

## Seaxes Auto Club

By Roy Clark

LADIES and Gentlemen. Have you ever been to a "Table Top Rally?" Well, now's your chance. The Witham Car Club are holding one on the 11th October and Seaxes members are cordially invited to compete.

A "Table Top Rally" is a rally without tears, dispensing as it does with such encumbrances as motor cars, roads, and since it is held indoors, even weather.

It is of course an extensive map-reading exercise for Rally navigators and would-be navigators; very competitive, lots of fun, and with prizes. Full details from our Competition Sec. D. Arbour, Driving School.

### Guy Fawkes Dance

Another event coming up is the Seaxes 'Guy Fawkes' Dance to be held on 3rd November in H.Q. Hall. Tickets 35p. The band is Bob Robertson. It's in Fancy Dress, and there are prizes for the best man Guy, and the best lady Guy.

Saturday 14th October is the date set for the Britvic Rally, which is the premier rally of East Anglia. It's an all night affair covering a 450 mile route through Suffolk and Norfolk. This rally is intended for the "Big Boys" and in any case the entry list is full. However, the organisers are anxious to have any of our members as Marshalls.

### OCTOBER 19 DOG SCHOOL, SANDON

The final day of the Force Dog Trials. The Dog Section will be pleased to welcome any spectators who care to come between 9 am and late afternoon. Obedience, agility and man exercises on this day.

## George Ambrose retires

CHIEF Inspector George Ambrose ended 34 years service last week when he left the Force to become Security Officer for the Co-op at Colchester.

ford and the last 14 at Colchester.

George Ambrose's career first crime enquiry when has been something like he went to the scene on a sandwich; the first 14 his bike with fingerprint years being spent at Rom-

He tells the tale of his brushes stuck in his breast

## Farewell, Dolly



By VERA BAYLISS

ANYONE, past or present, who ever served in the CID at the Pitsea or Basildon stations since 1960, must remember Mrs. Gricks. It was therefore very pleasing to see so many of the people who have, either "moved on" or "up the ladder," but who found time to attend the small social function given in her honour and held at the Basildon Bar on Friday, September 1.

A collection had been organised by D/Chief Inspector Hodges, and the money, in the form of a cheque, was presented to her by Acting Chief Superintendent Joslin. This she stated would be very welcome as spending money on an intended cruise later this year.

A well-earned rest would seem the order of the day, for having suffered the loss of a dear husband earlier this year, she had worked on until her retirement in the true "DOLLY G" tradition.

Earlier in the day her colleagues of the civilian staff had presented her (between sips of sherry and mouthfuls of savouries) with a rug and cushion, these gifts it is hoped will help her to spend a long and happy retirement.



pocket. Times change: since he took charge at Colchester there have been 12 murder enquiries — all cleared up.

George has a son aged 22 and will live in Colchester after he leaves. Before joining in 1938 he was a reporter and bus conductor in Southend, his home town.

## Emma Rudkin retires

Mrs. Emma Rudkin retired on September 30 at the age of 74. She had been a cleaner at Witham Police Station for the past 23 years and her services will be greatly missed. The Law would like to join with the occupants of Witham Police Station in wishing her a long and happy retirement.

### New lease

PART of the garden of the former Inspectors Quarters at Saffron Walden is to be leased to a neighbouring householder at £25 per annum.

## Cells for improvement

HOME Office now require a higher standard of accommodation in Police station cells and works needed in this connection will cost the County £4,480 in the current financial year.

## Smashing

WHILE in custody at Brentwood a prisoner caused damage to his cell to the value of £42. No order was made with reference to this when Chelmsford Crown Court sent the man to prison for 15 months, and the Joint Police Authority have decided to write the amount off as irrecoverable.

## Playback

OFFICERS attending courses at Headquarters may see their more spectacular questions or discussion points played back in slow motion, match-of-the-day style, if the video tape equipment asked for by Training Department at a cost of £1,900 is allowed.

The video system is already standard in other Forces.



## Dog has great day

RETURNING triumphant from the Met. Police Dog Championships on September 24, came Laurie McKenna and his dog Sheriff, who won the new competition for dogs from the City of London and Home Counties.

With each Force sending their best two dogs the competition was really fierce. Each dog was tested for obedience and had to chase and arrest — but with complications. As well as the criminal there were other people running about whom the dog had to ignore. In one test the dog even had to get on with it by himself with the handler out of sight.

A total of 279 points was just enough to clinch victory and a large silver cup. And the Essex No. 2, Drummer, not yet two years old and handled by Pc Alan Gilfillan, placed eighth to make it a good day for the dog section.

The Force Trials will take place on October 16, 17, 18 and 19.



AFTER 23 years at Thaxted, Constable Fred Cooper is to retire with 26 years service. Fred will continue to live in the village.

FROM TIME to time the Station wags finds the time and energy to compose comic Force Orders with which to adorn the notice board. One such appears below having first seen the light of day at Southend.

**FORCE ORDER 'B'**  
**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**SICKNESS**  
This will no longer be acceptable as an excuse for being absent from work. Your certificate will no longer be proof of illness. If you are able to visit your doctor you are able to come to work.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**  
(For an operation). We are no longer allowing this practice and are discouraging any thoughts that you may need an operation. As long as you are in our employ you need all of whatever you have and nothing should be removed. Anyone having an operation will be dismissed immediately, after having reimbursed the force for the value that was removed. A list is available on request.

**DEATH**  
(Your own). This will be accepted as an excuse provided that at least two weeks notice is given. It is considered your duty to teach someone else your duty before passing on.

**CALL OF NATURE**  
As too much time is being spent in the toilet future visits will only be allowed in alphabetical sequence. These will commence at the start of each shift, i.e. those whose surname begins with 'A' at 6 a.m., 2 p.m. and 10 p.m., those whose surname begins with 'B', 6.15 a.m., 2.15 p.m. and 10.15 p.m. Anyone unable to go during their allotted time will wait until the following day. Any infraction of this order will result in immediate dismissal.

J. C. NIGHTINGALE  
Chief Constable

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**IMPORTANT NOTE**  
**THIS IS not a real Force Order. Do not comply with the terms of this comic notice.**

Joint Force                      The Civilian  
Types No. 40                      Establishment Officer



We can start you right away at £20 per week but if you can type as well we'll make it £30.

**BASILDON DIVISIONAL  
SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**

Come to our **Halloween Dance**

at Rotary Hoes, West Horndon **Friday  
3rd November**

where dancing will be from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. to the **Jay Conley Quintet**

\* Usual licensed bar and buffet  
Dress optional. \*

The first prize in the raffle will be **Weekend in Paris for two**

Tickets £1.35 (includes buffet) obtainable from Brentwood Police Station

**Band**



notes

by Harry Rossiter

A SUCCESSFUL concert in Halstead Public Gardens on Sunday 20th August was well received. A count of the audience was made of the order of 200 which wasn't at all bad. The weather was fine and not too cool neither was our music. On Sunday, 17th September we went to the "Three Ashes" at Cressing to give a concert, but that old enemy of outdoor playing Mr. Rain, finally won and stopped play. Never mind, it was an attempt and we can't win 'em all.

Another concert given at Foakes Hall Dunmow was a first class success. We always know when we've pleased the customers, they remain after the interval. In this case, more came in. Our compere Brian Denton was up to his usual form (green side up and all) Harold Hull and Brian Tyrell rendered solo items in their usual polished style and Charlie Woods, a relaxed contrast to all that blowing, with some good stuff on the piano much liked by the customers. So you see we press on gathering laurels all the way (I trust).

In this month's column I thought it worthy of mention, the difference between a brass band and a military band. It isn't just that one is armed forces, military so to speak, although that is doubtless the origin of the name. It is the fact mainly that whereas a brass band has only brass wind instruments a military band has these plus clarinets, saxophones, bassoons, possibly fifes and a piccolo or two. Also instead of tenor horns, they usually have French horns although this is not always the case. This of course makes for greater flexibility of tone and musical form.

But the brass band is beloved of industry and villages. Almost all the top brass bands in this country are industry-based or sponsored and much rivalry exists between them, whereas military band contests are not so widely publicised. All regular armed service bands are of course military bands and most of these perform a dual role. The instrumentalists usually play two instruments, such as a cornet in the military role and a violin in the orchestral role and other permutations, such as a bass drum and bass fiddle.

So now you know. We in the Essex Police Band are quite content, at present at least, to remain a brass band. The only engagement we have to hand at the moment, is a concert at Billericay on 15th November in the Archer Hall I believe. About 60 tickets have already been sold and several more asked for. So hurry up and book for this one and make it a Prom-style only don't throw lemons at the cornet players. Be seeing you.

**To be done up**

SUBJECT to the approval of the Secretary of State and any necessary planning permission being granted, 3 houses at London Road, Feering are to be modernised at a total cost of £8,400. This will include re-decoration and re-wiring, and garages and central heating will also be provided.

**The Law Shop**

FOR SALE: Modern gas fire, teak surround, excellent condition. Cost new £45. Sale price £20. Ds Allen, Photographic Department, Headquarters.



A member of the Force diving team is fished out of the water — they later threw him back. — Pictures by courtesy of Ken Adams, Walton-on-the-Naze.

**Coastguard — Police Combined Op**

EARLIER this summer police and coastguards combined in a special exercise on the River Blackwater to mark the visit to the area of the Chief Inspector of H.M. Coastguard, Lt. Commander John Douglas.

A coastguard helicopter took part in a mock rescue operation with the Thames coastguard patrol boat, two police launches and the St. Lawrence Bay Auxiliary Coastguards, a voluntary body.

The Force diving team were also involved, divers being plucked from the

sea — and dropped back in from 20 feet.

The helicopter, based at Manston and under the jurisdiction of Thames Rescue H.Q. at Walton-on-the-Naze, has flown 150 search and rescue sorties, lifting 53 people to safety.

One of these sorties earned them the Board of Trade Shield for the most meritorious wreck service of the year. On March 9, only four minutes after the alarm was raised, three men, aged 56, 68 and 70, were snatched from an upturned fishing boat off the Essex coast.



Inspector Bob George, Marine Section Chief, coming ashore after the exercise, with Lt. Com. John Douglas, Chief Inspector of H.M. Coastguard.

# 45 years ago last week an Essex constable was b

# Callous murder by motor car bandits shocked the nation

ABOUT 6am on 27th September, 1927, a mail driver, William Ward, on his way from Romford to Abridge passed through Stapleford Tawney and came upon Constable George Gutteridge, whom he knew, lying in the road in a pool of blood. He called out to the Constable and took hold of his hand but it was cold and Mr. Ward raised the alarm by calling out people who lived nearby. A bus-driver on his way to work at Romford informed the Havering Constable and Romford Police Station.

Constable Gutteridge was found lying on his back with his legs across the road and his head and shoulders at the foot of the bank. There was a trail of blood running away from the body down the hill and another trail of blood splashes leading across the road to where the Constable was lying. His pencil was clutched in his right hand and his pocket book lay close to his left.

Pc Sidney Taylor, stationed at Lambourne End had met Pc Gutteridge for a 3 am conference point about 600 yards from the scene of the crime. The two stood chatting about a case of Gutteridge's until about half past three when they parted and each walked towards his home.

No time was lost in "calling in the Yard." By 11.35am that day Detective Chief Inspector Berrett and Detective Sgt. Harris were on their way to Essex. There they confer-

red with Superintendent Cant of Epping Division and Det. Insp. Crockford of Romford.

At once the scene was examined. Near where the body had been the bank had been disturbed as if by a car wheel. Already enquiries had been set in motion because this wheel track had been seen earlier by one of the first local residents on the scene.

The only crime reported in the area that night was the theft of a Morris Cowley motor car from Dr. Lovell's house at Billericay. A very different situation from modern times will unfold in connection with this crime.

Two possibilities now presented themselves. The Constable might have been shot by someone with a grudge or by someone upon whom he had chanced while on patrol.

In favour of the first possibility was the fact that he had discussed a case of his at some length with Pc Taylor at their point, a case involving a local man with a reputation for trouble-making.

Chief Inspector Berrett more or less discounted this and plumped for the stolen car. The Constable had been shot twice at close quarters through the left side of the head and then another bullet had been fired through each eye. These bullets had been found embedded in

the ground under the body and together with another found inside the skull were carefully preserved.

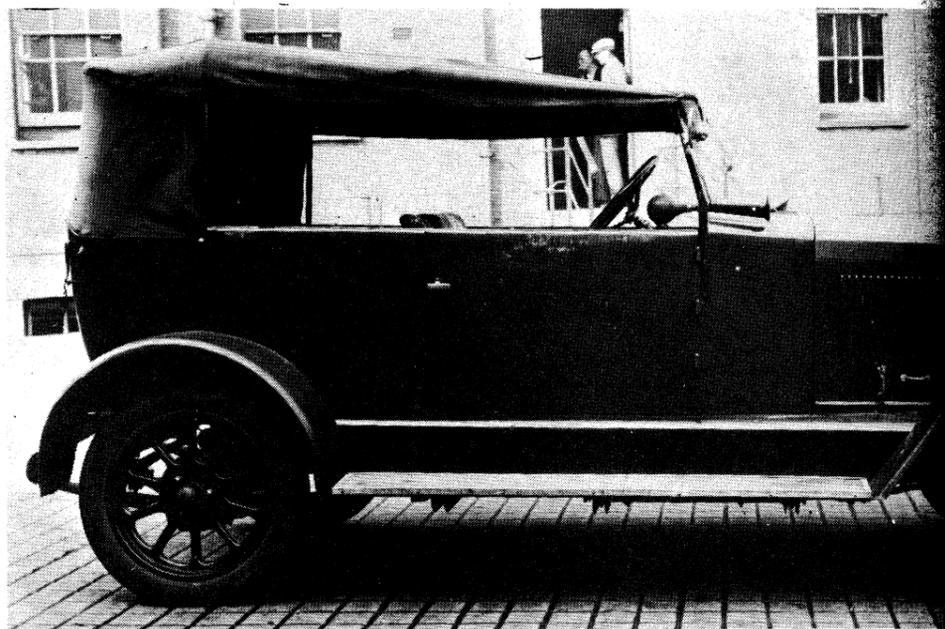
There was no sign of any struggle and this, added to the fact that his pocket book was in his hand, suggested that he had been killed by the occupants of a car. But which car? Was it the stolen car?

## Circuitous route

Enquiries showed that Dr. Lovell's car had been stolen about 2.30am. To avoid the main road into London the thieves could have taken a roundabout way through Mountnessing, Pilgrims Hatch, Coxie Green, Navestock, and so to the point where Gutteridge was found.

The Police now set about proving this and over the next few days found witnesses in Billericay who knew the sound of Dr. Lovell's car and said it had been driven along the Mountnessing Road. A string of other witnesses made statements that a car had passed their house at certain times which, added together, made certain of the route the vehicle had followed. Imagine trying to do this today! But in 1927 few cars were about at night.

In the meantime Chief Inspector Berrett formed



Dr. Lovell's Morris Cowley motor car which was stolen by Browne

the theory that the car had run into the bank and had backed out again when Constable Gutteridge came upon it. He questioned the occupants and took out his book when they suddenly shot him and he staggered back across the road to fall upon the verge on the far side. The shot must have been unexpected because Constable Gutteridge was described as a brave man who would not have allowed such a thing to happen without a struggle.

He had worked most of the day before and when Mrs. Gutteridge went to bed at 11pm the Constable had put his feet up for an hour's rest before going out to his 3am point. Long hours in those days!

By 8.30pm that day Dr. Lovell's car had been found abandoned at Brixton. Enquiries revealed that it might have been left there about 6am though no-one had been seen parking it. What a contrast to present day cases when abandoned vehicles can stand in the car-choked streets of the metropolis for weeks.

## Cartridge case

The car was taken to Brixton Police Station and thoroughly examined. Under the front near side seat a cartridge case was found. The front nearside of the car was damaged as if from running into a tree and there were splashes of blood on the off-side running board.

The car and Dr. Lovell's garage were examined for fingerprints but the only ones found were smudged prints on the steering wheel which appeared to belong to the policeman who had driven it to the station.

## False trails

At this stage a red herring was introduced when a man called Andrew Baldwin gave himself up for the crime at Basingstoke. He was brought back to Romford but later cleared. He had to be smuggled out of Romford as the press were being a nuisance.

Various other crack-pots wrote to the press

## A Constable since 1910

P.c. George Gutteridge joined Essex Constabulary in 1910 when he was 20 having come from his native Suffolk.

He served first at Southend, not yet a separate Force, and then at Romford. In 1913 he moved to Grays and remained there until 1918 when he was called up into the army, serving in the Machine Gun Corps.

In 1919 he rejoined the Force and returned to Little Thurrock where he remained until 1922 when he moved to the Staple-

ford Abbots beat.

He had married in 1911 and at the time of his death his two children were aged 12 and 4.

The funeral took place at Brentwood on 4th October and was attended by 200 policemen all in uniform and most wearing World War 1 medals.

The Bishop of Barking paid tribute to P.c. Gutteridge in an address.

A year later a memorial cross was erected in Warley Cemetery, subscribed to by members of the Force.

offering information if, for example, a certain small ad were inserted in national newspapers but none of these led to anything. Numerous mysterious parcels containing guns or ammunition were found all over the place but could not be connected.

Although the activities of certain press reporters were causing trouble the newspapers themselves were giving every assistance. The News of the World offered £1,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and very full coverage was given to the case.

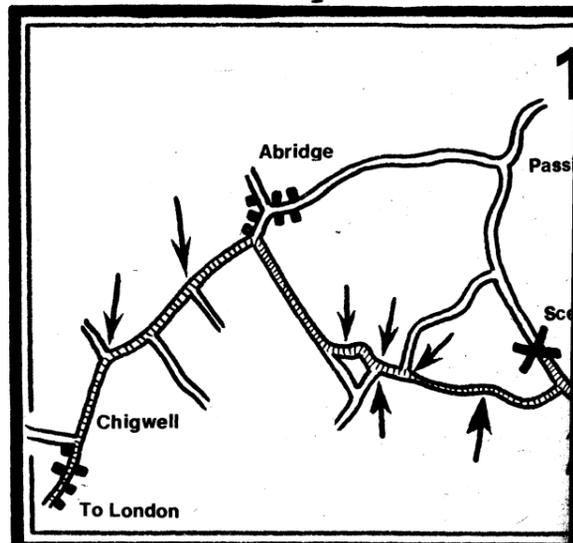
Although Policemen were, by and large, kept in their place by society and somewhat looked down upon they were nevertheless held in some special esteem and the murder of a village constable on his unarmed night patrol shocked the public far more, one feels, than it would now, 45 years later.

## Inquest adjourned

On 30th September the Romford Coroner Mr. C. E. Lewis opened the inquest on Constable Gutteridge and after taking formal evidence adjourned

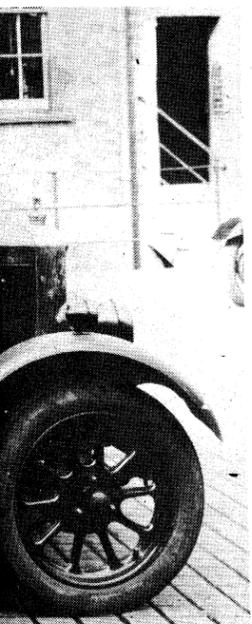


Over 200 policemen, about one-third of the Force, many wearing Great War medals, marched in the funeral procession and there were many wreaths.



Browne and Kennedy, having stolen Dr Lovell's car from Billericay, drove through the lanes of Essex to take an indirect back to London because they were afraid to through Brentwood.

# ...tally shot down while patrolling his beat at night



Kennedy.



An original picture of the scene of the crime about one mile from Passingford Bridge.

"for about two months."

Enquiries continued at Billericay with a view to discovering the thieves of Dr. Lovell's car. Sergeant Weedon worked hard at this and as a result it was quite clear that the thieves were not locals.

Many local people who had seen suspicious persons loitering about Billericay were taken up to Scotland Yard to look at photographs but without success. It was now in Billericay that enquiries were being pressed. There was nothing more to be learned at the scene of the murder or the place where the car was abandoned.

Then the hunt moved to Dagenham after a man was overheard in "The Chequers" public house saying that he was concerned in the murder. A trap was laid for this man but in thick fog he was missed. By chance the number of a taxi which had driven past the trap was taken and the taxi driver was traced, and eventually led police to the man, "Danny."

He was detained with a woman. Both were CRO but could not be connected. "E" Div, Metro, took them away but could not connect them with a shop-breaking and in the end "C" Div, Metro, locked them up for breaking.

Another dead end left the enquiry team frustrated. It was now October 8th, nearly two weeks after the murder and still no real lead.

### Mileage check

At this stage, almost for something to do, it seemed, the police drove the stolen car over the suspected route. They found the distance from Billericay to Brixton along this way to be 36.8 miles, slightly less than what had shown on the speedo.

The route from the murder spot to London was marked by witnesses just as the earlier part had been, including one man nearly knocked from his cycle by a car similar to Dr. Lovell's.

Also to fill in time, Chief Inspector Berrett now interviewed the local man with whom Gutteridge had been dealing and cleared him from suspicion to his own satisfaction.

On 10th November the Chief Inspector reported at length for the information of the Chief Constable of Essex, Capt. Unett, on progress made so far.

It was little enough. The trail was cold and many must have thought the crime insoluble. The first phase of the enquiry, collection of evidence immediately following the crime, was over. Now was to follow a period of behind-the-scenes work, not very spectacular and conducted to the accompani-

ment of cries from the press of, "What are the Police doing?"

### Chance

If as the police surmised it was unfortunate chance which had led Constable Gutteridge to his death, chance now lent a hand to the force of law.

The full inquest had taken place in November and the Jury, concerned about the time it had taken to raise the alarm on the morning of the murder — bear in mind that the Havering Constable had sent the bus driver to Romford Police Station with a message, his only means of communicating what had happened — made some pointed remarks about the telephone service in Essex which were widely aired in the press. A verdict of murder by persons unknown was brought in.

Enquiries were, literally, world wide, communications being received from Australia, Canada and Ireland among other places.

On January 15th the "News of the World" raised its reward offer from £1,000 to £2,000, a mark of the concern felt in the country at the failure to clear the murder up.

Almost at the same time Sheffield City Police



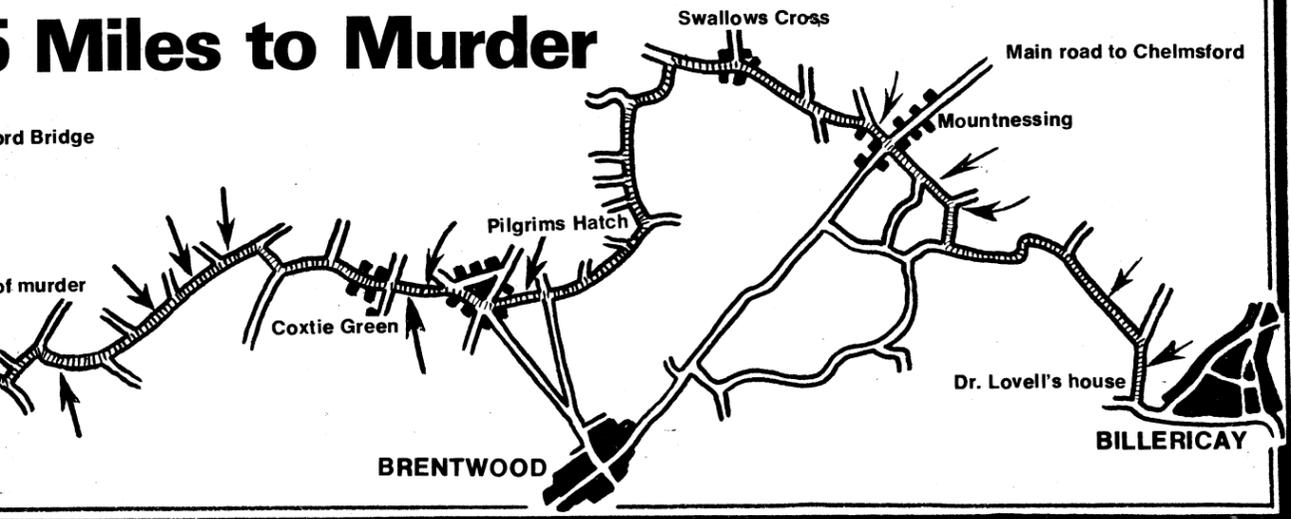
The scene now. The road has been widened and straightened, a lane no more, lined with new bungalows.

wrote to Chief Inspector Berrett about a man called Frederick Guy Browne. He had previous convictions for car thefts and as a matter of routine had been sought for interview for some time.

A car stolen in London was traced to his possession. Browne had a garage at Clapham Junction, not far from the place where Dr. Lovell's car had been abandoned.

Enquiries showed that

## 5 Miles to Murder



Constable Gutteridge's grave in Warley cemetery, recently cleaned, and planted prettily with blue and white flowers, bears the simple tribute, "Erected by his comrades."

e a Constable was always on duty in the High Street. Quite by chance they came upon Constable

Gutteridge, who "flashed" them down with his lamp. After Browne shot the Constable when he was

about to take notes in his pocketbook, they turned the car round and drove to London via Chigwell.

Each arrow on the map denotes a witness who stated the time the car passed.

**Pillars of society**

IT FELL to our lot recently to talk to the new cadet intake about the history of the police and referring to the events of 1829 when the first professional police force in this country took to the streets, we asked the audience to imagine what this country with no police force would be like. A degree of anarchy might prevail they considered and we agreed.

It was surprising, therefore, to read recently that a Member of Parliament had opined that the only thing standing between this country and anarchy was Parliament. This is dangerous, cloud cuckoo-land stuff. Can anyone imagine that if a determined body of men, be they strikers or any other sort of dissidents, chose to surround Parliament and let no-one either in or out, that anything short of a strong force of Metropolitan Policemen could restore order?

It is the Police Service which stands between this country and anarchy which makes it all the more ironic, alas, that we are likely to be some of the first recipients of Mr. Heath's £2 per week.

**Let's go independent**

COMPLAINTS against the police and the methods of dealing with them are in the limelight again with the news that the Home Secretary, Mr. Carr, is to look at the problem afresh. This is good and it is to be hoped that he can produce a formula which, if it cannot satisfy almost all interested parties, can at least almost satisfy all of them. The time is ripe for some sort of independent appeal tribunal to be set up though essentially not only the complainant but also the policeman must have access to it.

We are less impressed to learn that it was the report of the Commons Select Committee on Race Relations which prodded the Home Secretary into his decision. It must be chastening to the other organisations which have campaigned for years for independent enquiries into complaints against the police to find that the race relations industry has "wiped their eye" to use a good old police phrase. But the means are justified by the end, no doubt, and if a source of irritation between police and public is removed only good can result.

**Who calls the tune?**

BUREAUCRACY went mad in September, 1972. After all, the only change to come about was that instead of having to wait three months to receive payment for overtime worked, if time off in lieu had not been enforced in the meantime, Constables and Sergeants could opt, as of right, for payment straight away. And yet this minor alteration inspired a five page force order with seven appendices.

It all seems so complicated and we cannot help wondering why we have to continue the concept of units when everyone else talks in terms of time-and-a-half for overtime. What is most disturbing when the time spent by policemen on administrative tasks is supposed to be decreasing, is the prospect of supervising officers all over the county licking their pencils, and adding up one unit for every three worked (carry one to next column) when the much vaunted computer at County Hall could do the job much more accurately and rapidly upon receipt of the bare facts.

**Spare their feelings**

THE news that the Home Office Public Relations Branch is arranging for the changes in superintendents' rank insignia to be suitably publicised to avoid any impression that there have been reductions in rank strikes us as odd.

At whom will this publicity be aimed? Members of the service who know very well what the situation is? Or at the general public whose glimpses of these office bound worthies must be rare indeed.

No prizes, alas, can be offered for a suitable catch phrase for this campaign. Maybe something like, "He's only lost his pip—he's still your lovable neighbourhood Supercop."

Presumably the wearers of this reduced insignia will co-operate in saving their hurt feelings by having the resulting holes in their epaulettes invisibly mended, otherwise any publicity will only amount to pouring money down the drain. We are inclined to think the whole exercise adds up to this anyway.

This column should not be interpreted as expressing the policy of the Chief Constable nor that of the Police Federation, and the views may be those of the writer alone.



**Too much education**

Dear Sir,  
On checking the front pages of the August and September Law I noticed that eight out of 13 articles refer to achievements of an academic nature. Although I feel that we all must and do applaud the success of the academic members of our Force I also feel that there must surely be other news within the Essex Police District of a more varied nature worthy of a mention on the front page of the Law.

No doubt your argument in this case will be that it makes little difference whether the news is on the front page of the paper or inside. In answer to this I would say that I have always been of the opinion that the shop window of any newspaper is its front page, if this is so I hesitate to suggest that our shop window as seen through the Force Newspaper reflects a great deal of single-mindedness.

R. A. NADEN

WE are delighted to know that you read our front page, at least, so avidly, Mr. Naden, and impressed that you so neatly anticipate our counter to your opinion. And while we feel that the achievement of educational excellence, whether in professional or general studies, is of paramount importance these days, we have lowered, or rather altered, the tone of the front page this time by referring to more mundane matters like marriage or the Chief's doings.  
—Editor.

**Acknowledged**

Dear Sir,  
The Finance Action and Police Salaries, County Hall, thank P. Davies for his kind letter in last month's "Law" regarding his replacement pay advice slip. Communication and co-operation between us is second to none, and it could be said that this is a classical example of "Friendly, informal line administration." After this we can only sign off as:

The Finance Team

**Treadmill still there?**

Dear Sir,  
'Every picture tells a story', runs the old adage. This is surely true when one looks at the photographs illustrating the feature, 'This is your Nick—Saffron Walden' (The Law—August).

You say that the railway station has changed little since 1904—surely this must be the year in which the typewriter (shown in the photograph above) was issued. (By the way, was the mechanical defect caused by hay-seeds in the works or was it just that Mr Caxton had fallen down on his contract?)

I do like the master planning board. Am I right in thinking that someone is Empire building; that some future building estimate will provide an annexe in which will repose a grand luxe master board? The board will, no doubt, be cunningly lit with oil-lamps with information changed by mechanical means—the motive power emanating from the treadmill. (They must still have a treadmill in that delightful exercise yard surely!)

J. MURPHY  
Southend-on-Sea

7.8.72.

**He agrees with us**

Dear Sir,  
Through the courtesy of your columns we have crossed swords in the past, but having just read your latest article headed APPEASEMENT, I feel you deserve praise from us all.

It seems to me you speak the thoughts of a good many members of the Police Service, which is more than can be said for some members of the Federation, who are supposed to have the interests of their members before all else, or so they would have us believe.

The latest example of such devotion to our interest is quoted by you in your excellent article, where you quote the words of the Chairman of the Police Federation. He too seems to have joined the ranks of the do gooders, and I suggest he has no place in the Police Force, but should join Lord Longford and Lord Hunt in their good works. He might start by promoting a fund to assist the Uganda Asians. This way he should in his turn get a move to the House of Lords and join the other two.

D. J. SLAYDEN, P.C. 884  
(ENGLISH)

**Memories of Old Harlow**

Dear Sir  
I was delighted to see in the September issue of The Law photographs of the old Harlow Police Stations.

The oldest of all brought back to me many happy memories of my childhood days when my Father was a Sergeant stationed at Hatfield Broad Oak. On court days he used to hire a waggonette from the Dukes Head, set off for Harlow calling at Hatfield Heath to pick up the Constables from Matching Green and Hallingbury, then on to Sheering to pick up a Constable from there and on to Harlow, putting up the horse at a little pub in Churchgate Street, the name of which escapes me at the moment. Many a trip I have had on Court days and used to take my place on the long seat which ran almost the width of the Courtroom at the back. I remember both Inspector Hailstone and Inspector Gardiner being at the old Police Station. My trips to the Court were looked upon as a fine day out. The same procedure was followed on Pay Days, only a start was then made about 8 a.m. from Hatfield Broad Oak and it was often late in the evening before he arrived home as after Pay Parade was over the Inspector would give permission for "reasonable refreshment" to be taken before returning to the stations (of course pubs were open all day then).

At this time most of the inhabitants were expected to go to Church on Sundays, including the Police Sergeant in uniform. He had a special pew allocated to him. If for some reason he was unable to attend the Service, the Vicar was round the door on Monday morning to find out why. If the reason for the Sergeant's absence was caused by a local person, that person heard all

**What's on**



**Who's off**

ONCE again, a short, hurried column because of both lack of time and material. Having been away again on a course I'm afraid I've been a little out of touch this month—never mind.

I've received no info from the other Subs this month—so gather all in gents and let's have it!

The motor cycle "season" (good weather etc.) is now drawing to a close and very soon it will be Long Johns, heated jackets and layers of clothing, like an onion. Renewed acquaintances will be made with old friends who have coloured telly, a fire and coffee with!

The bonus system at the garage will also be very wet come now as this will mean, more than likely, that the machines will stay in "dry dock" just a little longer! Of course this has its disadvantages as we, once again, become the "thorn in the side" of the Traffic Department as shifts change (to be discussed next meeting) and drivers and cars are re-arranged, never mind, it will be summer soon!

Next Saturday is the last of our "official" jobs, so to say, in the form of the Burnham Carnival. Once again we shall be the target for accurately thrown coins and with a bit of luck may hold on to the title of "Best Overall Float" (it's

about it in the sermon the next Sunday.

Another thought comes to mind how things have changed in the Force since the early 1900s. Take for instance removals—I remember when we left Hatfield Broad Oak our furniture was taken in a farm waggon to Dunmow Railway Station (several trips were made) then it was loaded into a Railway Waggon and packed with straw. The railway then took over and after some days the truck arrived at Billericay Station. Another contractor, this time a Coal Merchant, carted the furniture from the Station to the Police Station. The whole removal took at least three days. (Some difference now.) In 1909 my Father who by this time was an Inspector at Maldon, was moved to the then new Police Station at Harlow. We were the second ones in the new Station. I believe the first was an Inspector Barrow, but I'm not sure of this. We lived in the part next to Fawbert and Barnards School. I can see in your photo my bedroom window where I used to look out and see the Gilby family drive from Mark Hall to the Railway Station with a pair horse carriage complete with Coach-

the blue light and two tones that do it!).

The next meeting we are hoping to have in October, about the 18th so let's have a good turn out as we hope to have a representative from "The Corridors of Power" with us and discuss the forthcoming year, shifts, equipment etc. and also arrange another "Ladies Night" at Xmas. Would appreciate convenient dates from Arthur, Mitch, Brian and John so get in touch please.

**Late challenge by Headquarters**

As reported last month the league is really becoming "hot" with Southend and Colchester wheel to wheel but danger is looming up in the shape of Headquarters (renowned late finishers) who are making a late bid via Frank Mascall. Frank, on his last hour of lates, had just negotiated the road-works at Ingatstone on the A12 when suddenly "he saw the light" in fact he saw 2 lights, coming right at him followed very closely by a motor car which we gathered later, was the owner of the lights.

Francis, dazzled by lights and not sure of actual position of same, takes least line of resistance and best escape route—down and left—hit the kerb and does a nifty Mick McManus with motor for about 20ft! The machine was fairly damaged and Frank was bruised quite a bit all over but, I'm pleased to say, not seriously. Anyway, that's it Headquarters 3 so now we are really going. By the way, Frank hit the ground fairly hard and his "Avia" kit stood up to it excellently giving Frank a lot of protection and it didn't rip or tear so it proved the worth of this garment.

Derek Lee has finished his course and obtained 88 and Ian Sparks has now completed his advanced and got 88 also so well done to both.

Ben was the first of the motor cyclists to do this "Accident Course" and can now tell us the speed and position of the vehicles before it happens—so that saves a lot of work because now they never do!

Well, no other news, keep it short and more next month.

Peace, Love and Overtime to you all brothers! Ride safe and to the system. **Monty**

man and Footman. As it approached the main gate opposite the Police Station the gates would be opened by an occupant of the lodge. (Good old days.) Whilst we were there we had the Coronation celebrations of H.M. King George V and Queen Mary. The Station was gaily decorated with flags and bunting and a mulberry tree was planted on Mulberry Green by the Captain of the Fire Brigade. I wonder if it still survives. Tea was taken in Mark Hall Park and there was dancing in the evening.

Living in the Station during our stay was a married Constable named Colby and in the room upstairs was a single man, P.C. Hill. I believe the Superintendent at Epping was Supt. Terry. Perhaps some of my pensioner friends will remember. P.C. Gamble was at Potter Street. P.C. H. Girt, later Inspector, who had a son in the Force, was at Roydon, and a P.C. Thoroughgood was at Sheering. Other names escape my memory in this passage of time.

Thank you for the memories your photograph has brought.

Yours sincerely,  
S. C. Giggins  
(Ex-Insp.)

**APPEAL FOR SERVICING VOLUNTEERS**

The British Talking Book Library for the Blind is fortunate in having some 2,000 volunteers servicing the Talking Book machines used by their members throughout the country. There are many areas where no volunteer is available and with an expanding library service, the need for more volunteers is very great.

The equipment provided consists of a simple reproducing machine for tape recordings housed in a specially designed cassette.

Volunteers would sometimes be called upon to instal machines in members' homes, ensuring that the machine is operated in accordance with the instructions, enabling the user to derive the utmost enjoyment from the recordings; also to service or repair machines when faults develop.

No financial obligation is involved in under-

taking this service, and any spare parts required are supplied by the library. The components used are of standard type.

The degree of help given would be governed by the volunteer's knowledge, and his willingness to proceed with his task. Usually quite simple repairs are involved, such as the replacement of a volume control or valve, or simple fault-finding. Circuit diagrams, guidance notes and technical data are provided.

Most volunteers are amateur radio enthusiasts, or are employed by technological firms or are in business as Radio Dealers. Anyone who is prepared to help in this valuable and worthwhile work should write to the following address:

E. Read-Jones, Manager,  
British Talking Book  
Service for the Blind,  
Nuffield Library,  
Mount Pleasant,  
Wembley, Middx.

# National Association of Retired Police Officers



by Bert Brinkley

The Committee (Chelmsford Branch) met on September 16th and discussed the Motion paper for the forthcoming Conference on 22 September. Some items were sponsored by several Branches but altogether there are 17 Motions on the Order paper.

One Motion dealing with the reduction in the period of averaging from 3 to 1 year with effect from April, 1972, and efforts to secure similar treatment for post Oaksey pensioners and their Widows will be watched with interest, but it is rather like closing the door after the horse has gone.

Several Motions dealing with Police Widows pensions are also down for discussion and it is hoped will bear fruit in due time. As outlined in The Law for September the result of the Conference will be fully outlined in either the September or December quarter bulletins. But it is expected to give some indication of Conference when our Delegates' report is received.

In our last bulletin a comparative table of basic pensions was set out. It is apparent some Members were a little dissatisfied with the figures given — comparing pensions awarded to lower ranks now receiving much more than senior ranks who retired some years earlier. This is quite understandable but it must be realised that pension contributions are considerably higher now than in years gone by and therefore the resultant pension should be similarly higher — this has always been the case when police pay is inclined to rocket.

What the table did not set out, of course, was the various increases which have been awarded from time to time to those pensioners who have attained 60 years. It is noted in one instance the pension (basic) has been increased between 75 and 85% over a period of about 13 years. Although this is far short of comparable present day pensions, it is nevertheless a considerable uplift. Herein lies the argument for parity of pensions which has not, so far, been very favourable accepted by the Police Federation.

The anomalies observed in the Comparative Table, especially those relating to the year 1952, were discussed by the Committee. It is apparent from the narrative which follows that the N.E.C. are fully aware of these anomalies even to the extent of seeking amendment to the 1971 Act. Members will be kept fully informed. It is expected that this matter will be raised at Conference the result of which will be awaited with interest.

The Public Service Pensioners' Council is to be congratulated on its efforts to secure the abolition of the 4% trigger, below which, in terms of cost of living in any one year, there would be no increase, that it was eventually agreed to reduce the trigger to 2%. It is mentioned that by the end of July the increase may well be between 9-10% and this will be the rise in pensions which Pensioners can expect to receive with effect from 1 December, 1972. Incidentally, the amount quoted recently in the National Press (from the Civil Service Department) was 9.9%.

A timely reminder, I hope, that subscriptions are due to be paid by 31 December, these are for the year following — 1973. There are no changes in the minimum rates which are — Pensioner 36p, Wife 12p, Widow 12p. In the past Members contributed very generously with that little bit extra

# PF Federation PF

## FORCE ORDERS

OVER the past few months several Force Orders have had to be amended very shortly after publication and where there used to be confidence that the contents were correct it is now sometimes necessary to question what has been published. I have been trying since April to get one error in a Force Order amended without success.

## FEDERATION INSURANCE SCHEME

The "Return of Pension" group insurance scheme has now been extended to enable ranks to increase their cover up to a new maximum of £8,000 (four units). Superintendents and above who joined the scheme whilst in the Federated ranks may increase their present cover by one unit (£2,000). Application cards will be forwarded on request to anyone interested in this offer and explanatory leaflets will be distributed.

## POLICE DIARY

The 1973 edition of the Force Diary will soon be available.

## OBITUARY

**THE death is reported of former County Constable, E. Gladwin who was 65 years old.**

that helps to defray postages which are now running at a very high figure and may this practice long continue. It is very consoling for your Committee to know their finances are stable and in a healthy position. We are very fortunate in the Chelmsford Branch in that, among our Members and friends, substantial help is forthcoming in the matter of stationery duplicating, etc., to these we offer our very grateful thanks.

## Co-operation with the Organisations of the Serving Police

A Link already exists in the form of an Association Police Federation Liaison Committee. This Committee meets twice annually and matters of mutual interest are discussed. Of current interest is the campaign which is under way to secure justice for the preserved rate police widows' pensions who have been left so far behind in the living standard race. These widows principally of officers who retired prior to 1 April, 1956, have received maximum percentage benefit from Pensions (Increase) legislation, but a maximum percentage increase of a minimum basic pension is still all too small — for ranks below Inspector less than £3.00 a week in 1972. The N.E.C. is disappointed that it could not persuade the Police Federation to include the preserved rate widows pensions in its recent review of the police pensions scheme with the Police Council.

It is not possible to give the Balance Sheet for the Association but at the end of December, 1971, the Assets and Investments were around the £10,000 mark which shows a very healthy state of finances. It is hoped that as many as can make it will attend the Annual Comrades Luncheon on 26 October. The Chancellor Hall, in Market Road, Chelmsford, was recently opened and should prove an excellent venue for renewing old acquaintances.

The Deputy Chief introduced himself to the Committee on 16 September and said how much he appreciated meeting the Members. He would endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors as he was very interested in the Association and all it stood for. He quoted from a recent survey of recruits coming into the Force and said the majority, when asked the reason for joining, was due to encouragement and recommendation from serving Members and Pensioners rather than the various advertisements in the Press. He hoped this source of recruiting would continue.

# Notes



by Stan Smith

able and members are requested to inform their local representative if they require a copy. The price will remain at 10p each and with a larger number of officers in the Force this year, some members late in ordering may not be lucky. The contents have been improved a little this year with several useful tables. Please order now.



## FORCE BALL

Members who looked in vain for the advertisement on the Force Ball which was intended to be published in the September edition will, I hope, be able to see it in this month's paper. A few whiskers will be singled if they cannot. Tickets are going well and, as expected, a large number are going to people who live close to Chelmsford, although a fair number are being sold in the Basildon and Southend areas. We would like to see a good representation of police officers from all parts of the County as one of the objects of the function is to restore the annual police ball to a position as one of the "musts" in the social calendar. Older serving members of the Force and those who have retired on pension fairly recently will recall that unless one booked early it was impossible to get tickets for the Police Ball which used to be held annually at the Shire Hall. The Orphans Fund is a non-contributory organisation and this is an opportunity for members to undertake their responsibility for children of our less fortunate colleagues and at the same time enjoy themselves at a first-class social event. Members of the Joint Police Authority have indicated their intention of attending and it is hoped that all branches of the Force will be widely represented. Most Divisions have responded to an appeal for prizes to be included in the raffle and the Joint Branch Board are grateful for their active support.



## PENSIONS

Amending Regulations bringing into effect the new Pensions arrangements are not now expected until the end of the year. It is rumoured that four attempts have been made to bring them to the light of day, but all have had to be torn up. A point to be considered is that those officers who intend to buy-in back service by way of increased pension contributions have been building up a debt since 1 April this year and if the option forms are not signed until the end of the year about nine months extra contributions will be owing. The Chief Constable has been asked if arrangements can be made for this debt to be paid off over the same length of time as the debt was incurred thereby obviating the need for a lump sum payment.

## PAY

At the time of writing this article a bombshell has been dropped into our pay negotiations by the proposition of the Government that all pay in-

creases be limited to £2 per week per year. This is unlikely to be accepted voluntarily by the Unions and there is an obvious danger of industrial strife if a compulsory wage freeze is introduced. The Police will undoubtedly be expected to bear the brunt of any trouble, at the same time being told that they must remain about 20 per cent behind the wage increases already obtained by the rest of the community since our last pay review over two years ago. Members of the Police Service will undoubtedly respond when called upon to do the nation's dirty work, but morale cannot be expected to be as high as it would be if our salaries were restored to their rightful level. For some reason we always seem to be in the middle of an economic crisis when we get to the pay negotiation table. Another long drawn out period of negotiation is forecast.

## ESSEX AND SOUTHEND-ON-SEA JOINT CONSTABULARY

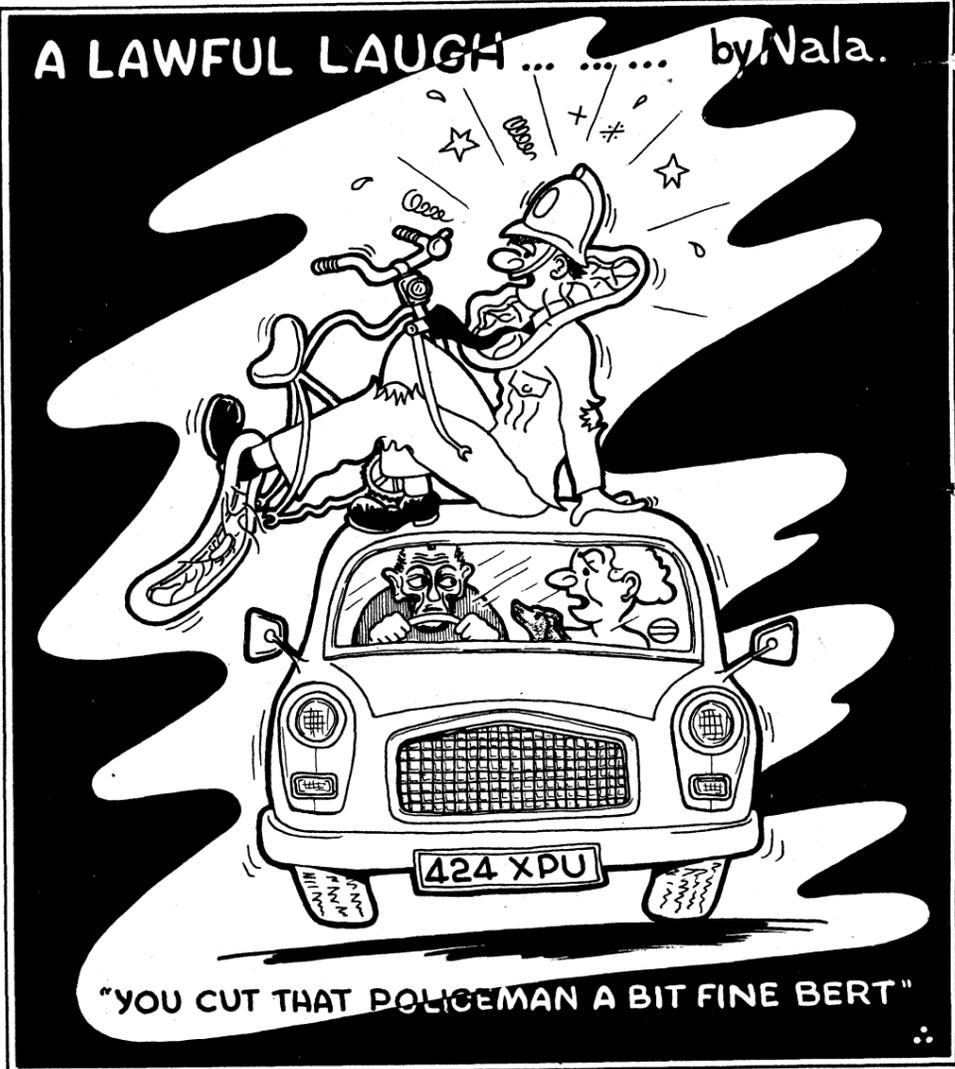
### COMRADES ASSOCIATION

### ANNUAL LUNCHEON 1972

In the May edition of "The Law" it was announced that the Annual Luncheon of the Association would take place in Chelmsford on Thursday, 5th October, 1972. Due to unforeseen circumstances it has been necessary to change the date to

**THURSDAY, 26th OCTOBER, 1972**

Notification will be posted direct to all members but if for any reason you do not receive this information, or if you are not already a member and would like to attend please contact the Hon. Secretary at Police Headquarters, Chelmsford, who will be pleased to forward all details.



# SPORT

## Regional cricket title thrown away

*But what a finish*

**FORTUNE ebbed and flowed in the Regional cricket final played at Hadleigh on 28th September.**

Who would have given Essex-Southend any chance at all after they had been put out for a mere 87 and then allowed the Sussex openers to put on 46? But in the end it was tighter than had seemed possible and before they took the cup away Sussex hearts were in their mouths.

The home side's top and bottom of the order men failed with the bat and it was left to numbers 4, 5 and 6 to score most of the runs. Ellis hit a fine 29 before getting his legs in the way; Greene buckled his swash once too often and was bowled for 13; and Nicholls put up a good rearguard action to get 16 invaluable runs as the tail were skittled out.

### Good start

The visitors set about it with gusto when their turn came and Honeysett's 36 included only two runs which were not boundaries. Grainger came in for some stick here but got his man in the end. The first wicket fell at 46 and two more

## SCOREBOARD

### ESSEX-SOUTHEND

Rhymes b Honeysett b Webb	6
Henry c Wickershaw b Webb	0
Ellis lbw b Riley	29
Greene b Webb	13
Nicholls c Standon b Gould	16
Tarburn c Wickershaw b Gould	0
Culham c Jefferies b Gould	0
Grainger c Wickershaw b Gould	4
Clancy b Gould	1
Mead not out	1
Extras	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>

### SUSSEX

Honeysett c Clancy b Grainger	36
Wickershaw b Greene	18
Hicks c Rhymes b Culham	0
Standon c Greene b Culham	0
Beesley b Greene	11
Harper b Greene	5
Jefferies lbw b Grainger	3
Webb not out	6
Redhead c Ellis b Grainger	0
Riley not out	1
Gould did not bat	0
Extras	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

Bowling: Culham 2—20, Greene 3—18, Grainger 3—38.

at 47, but the score climbed to 72 for 3. It looked a formality.

Alas, catches were going down like autumn leaves. It was one of those days when nothing goes to hand and sticks. Some of the more speculatively minded of the spectators alleged that eight were dropped, certainly the figure was high enough for the game to have been won narrowly before the end.

At 72 Greene got a wicket: at 78 and 81 he had two more. His run seemed to lengthen with each success and one almost expected to see him begin his approach from behind the swings in the children's playground should he take another wicket.

Now the game really tightened up. Both sides were feeling the strain but Sussex managed to draw level with still only six wickets gone. Then Grainger had one leg before

and in the next over a catch was held at the wicket. Could it happen? Only two more to come in. But no, Riley played the ball back towards mid-on and it seemed to trickle through the fielders, each standing back for the other to take it, and that precious run was on the board. Sussex had won by 2 wickets, but we had 'em worried.

The cup was presented by Mr. H. Taylor, A.C.C.

## GOOD START IN SENIOR LEAGUE

The Cadet School table tennis team, who stepped up into senior competition for the 1972-3 season began well by drawing their first two matches in September.

## Walking

AFTER the quieter summer period the walking section has got going again this month with two races. The first over 5 1/4 miles at Woodford Green was also the first race in this year's Essex League competition and it was unfortunate that only four were able to turn out — a full team is six — all the others being on outward bound courses and the like.

Those who did race were just about below form as they were two weeks later in the Highgate Harriers hour races when no startling distances were covered.

The new cadet intake are already shaping up well and putting up some excellent training times. If these can be repeated in races the team will be greatly strengthened.

### Results

Woodford 5 1/4 miles: 9.9.72: 36th J. Hedgethorpe, 45m 58s; 41st D. Sheppard, 46m 57s; 54th B. Daymond, 49m 43s; 65th K. Mann, 51m 16s; 73 finished.

Highgate hour races: 23.9.72. J. Hedgethorpe 11020 mts; B. Jones, 10770 mts; D. Sheppard, 10742; R. Hammond, 10201; B. Daymond, 9848; (1600 mts — 1 mile). Boys 1 mile R. Sheppard, 9m 18s; A. Blackwell 9m 23s.

## Netball

### Even the goal post needed a splint

The Policewomen's netball team held their first match of the season when they entertained Suffolk Policewomen at the cadet school on 12.9.1972. The game was delayed by the initial trials and tribulations that seem to precede the first game of every season, not the least of these was that we appeared to be without goal posts. However, two able bodied cadets were despatched to saw off the posts evenly above the damaged parts, and this still left one post in urgent need of a splint. First-aid was rendered, and the post finally wedged in position. To conclude the chapter of accidents the game got under way to the accompaniment of a heavy shower of rain. Suffolk opened the scoring with an early goal, the home team quickly equalised, and W.P.c's Cole and Grange scored steadily, until the home team were leading by seven goals to one at half-time.

The second half continued with enthusiastic play on both sides and Suffolk were unlucky not to add to their score, the final whistle blew with the home team winning by 14 goals to one. This is the first season that we have been lucky enough to have the services of a trained referee: D.C. Reed of Basildon. Thanks go to him for giving up his time on his rest day, a gesture both teams appreciated.

The cadet team opened their winter campaign with a good win at Harlow, beating Mark Hall School by 28-10. The improved form of the Force team is due mainly to the progression of several key players from cadet to force status, and it is encouraging, therefore, to find that the cadet team still has the shooting ability to score freely.

## Hockey

AFTER a disconcerting start to the season, when they were beaten 6-1 by Cheshire Policewomen, the ladies hockey section settled down well to defeat Beds-Luton 4-0 in their second match.

Against Cheshire all went fairly well until half-time when they were trailing only 2-1. In the second half, however, pressure by the northern players produced two more goals and help from the defence to the tune of two own goals.

Against Beds-Luton the team found some forwards and after Rosemary Palmer had opened



Grays 'B' team, winners of the Salter Cup for 1972, pose with their trophy, only the third time in the cup's 42-years' history that Grays have had it. On the way to the final, in which

they beat Colchester 'A', Grays beat Staff 'A', Harlow and Clacton 'A'. Team from the left, Terry Bates, Derek Cass, John Drage and Bob Degavino.

### Season ends with mighty javelin mark

VERY close to the end of the athletics season Tim Mildin-hall hit one of his immediate targets lifting Bert Wallace's javelin record — and he made a good job of it, topping the previous mark by 9ft.

The season can be viewed with some satisfaction, the javelin being one of 10 events in which Force best marks were improved. A successful domestic championship was held in May, Essex-Southend won the team event in the Regional Championships by a bigger-than-ever margin, and we put our most successful team for some years into the National Police Championships.

But we still have too few athletes performing outside police events for civilian clubs. Only four of the marks shown below stand to athletes who were not, at the time, members of athletics clubs, and this speaks for itself.

#### FORCE ATHLETICS RECORDS

Event	Mark	Competitor	Date
100m	11.2s	M. Jackson	11.7.70
200m	22.9s	M. Jackson	29.8.68
400m	53.9s	C. Adams	23.8.67
800m	1m 55.6s (880 yds)	W. Cornell	18.7.59
1500m	4m 5.3s	A. Down	23.6.71
3000m s'ch	9m 48.6s	A. Down	29.7.72
5000m	15m 20s	A. Down	3.6.72
Long jump	20ft 5in	J. Welbourn	7.6.72
High jump	5ft 8in	A. Armstrong	22.7.72
Triple jump	43ft 6in	G. Egerton	23.6.71
Shot	38ft 5in	A. Wallace	29.7.72
Discus	105ft 6 1/2 in	A. Wallace	22.5.71
Javelin	192ft 7in	T. Mildin-hall	9.9.72
<b>WOMEN</b>			
100m	13.8s	M. Oldall	24.5.72
200m	28.0s	M. Oldall	24.5.72
Long jump	16ft	M. Holliday	20.8.72
High jump	5ft 1in	M. Holliday	20.8.72

### The rugby club kick off—with a quiz

The Rugby Club held a social evening combined with a quiz and a film show on September 13 at Police HQ, Southend. Several outside civilian clubs were invited to attend and take part in the quiz. Among those clubs present were: Southend, Old Westcliffians, Rayleigh Wyverns, Basildon the eventual winners, and the Police.

The quiz was the first part and centre point of the evening. The idea of this quiz was to give the teams a chance to air their wisdom on the subject of rugby. The quizmaster, an Essex R.F.U. referee, compiled the questions which were found to be fair and sometimes tricky. The lead was exchanged regularly between Southend and Basildon until the last round when Basildon forged ahead

to clinch the quiz. The president of the Police Club, D.C.C. Mr. Duke, presented the winning team with a gallon of beer, the heart of every rugby man, and a plaque with the Force crest.

The audience and contestants then retired to the bar while arrangements were made to clear the floor ready for the film, shown by permission of the R.F.U., called "William Webb-Ellis—Are You Mad." After the founder of the game of rugby. The film showed the rise and eventual emergence of the game of today.

The evening was not the success the club deserved but hopes are high now that the other teams will be able to hold such an evening themselves.

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### POLICE FEDERATION GRAND CHARITY BALL

(Proceeds to Essex Police Orphans Fund)

### CHANCELLOR HALL, CHELMSFORD

on Friday 27 October, 1972

Dress Formal

Tickets £3

Table Supper

Dancing 8-1.30 a.m. to Dennis Hayward Orchestra.

Tickets obtainable from Federation Office, HQ, or from Divisional Representatives.

the scoring in the first half Pat Hotston (ex-W.p.c. guesting) added another and Maria Old-

all got two. The defence played more solidly and there are hopes for the future.

### Murder of P.C. Gutteridge from centre pages

Browne was out of London, having driven to Dartmoor to bring back to London a friend who had just been released. At 7.30am on 20th January Browne returned to his garage and was arrested for theft of a car.

He was found to be in possession of a stocking-ette mask, 12 rounds of 45 ammunition, a pair of artery forceps and skeleton key set — all on his person. In the car he drove up in was found a fully-loaded Webley revolver, and various housebreaking implements. Shown these, Browne remarked, "Ah, you've found that have you. I'm done for now." This reply was to be significant at his trial.

A search of the garage revealed more ammunition and surgical instruments. Another loaded gun was found at Browne's home and an ear speculum fitted up as a lamp. Later a more thorough search revealed another gun, a fully-loaded Smith and Wesson on top of a wardrobe.

Browne, formally interviewed about the murder, made what amounted to a complete denial.

But Dr. Lovell identified some of the surgical instruments and medical supplies found in the car and garage as his.

It was apparent from the word go that competition was going to be keen. The standard of marksmanship was high throughout the day and the supervising staff were very impressed by the commendable drill and safe handling of the participants.

The competition was won for the second year running by the Harlow team. This is a great reflection on their captain and instructor, Sergeant Peter Cousins of the Ongar Ranch. It was obvious that he must have picked up a few tips from his recent trip to the States.

Clacton were the runners up and showed that in future competitions they will be a force to be reckoned with. Traffic were forced to compete short of one man but never-the-less put up a great show and in spite of their handicap were placed 5th overall.

The individual shoot was won by Sergeant John Jacobs of the Clacton team. Runner up Sergeant Mick Brangham. Traffic and third placing, went to Constable Graham Harvey, Southend Eastern.

Present amongst the spectators were the Chief Constable and Deputy Chief Constable. The prizes were presented by the Chief Constable to the winning teams. The competition was organised and supervised by the members of the Force Training School and valuable assistance was provided by the Cadet School.

#### Results

1st team: Harlow; 2, Clacton; 3, Chelmsford; 4, Basildon; 5, Traffic; 6, Colchester; 7, Staff; 8, Southend West; 9, Regional Crime Squad; 10, Southend East; 11, Grays.

## Life saving

STRONG swimming by the policewomen's life saving team, including a last minute replacement, Christine Johnson, earned them a best ever sixth place in the National Finals this month.

After placing sixth in the southern area eliminating contest this was far better than could have been expected. The team consisted of Lorna Brooks, Diane Lewis, Maureen Kidd and Christine Johnson.

interviewed asked to see his wife. This was permitted and he told her that although he had not shot the policeman he was there. Mrs. Kennedy said she would wait for him and advised him to tell the truth.

He made a long statement giving details of the murder, showing that the Constable had stopped them by flashing his lamp and after questioning them had been about to write down details when Browne had shot him.

The Constable staggered back and fell, Kennedy stated. Browne got out and walked over to him saying, "I'll finish the bugger."

Bending down he shot the Constable through each of his eyes which were open, saying, "What are you looking at me like that for?"

Kennedy now appeared in court and was remanded for the theft of a car and on 6th February both he and Browne were charged with murder.

When charged Browne replied, "It is absurd."

### Statement disputed

Inevitably when the committal proceedings took place Kennedy's statement, or the circumstances under which it was taken, were disputed by the defence. But it went in and when the trial came up in April both were found guilty.

The prosecution could put the accused at the scene of the crime. Through Mr. Robert Churchill, ballistics expert, they could say that the gun recovered from Browne's car upon his arrest was the one with which the Constable had been shot. The cartridge case found in Dr. Lovell's car had also been fired from this gun.

Argument centred, therefore, on whether it was Browne who had fired the shots. The jury, after over two hours, decided that he had.

Death sentence was passed. Both appealed, without success and on the morning of May 31st, 1928, Kennedy was executed in Wandsworth and Browne at Pentonville.

Two chances had led the police to them. First a man employed at the garage at Clapham Junction had been arrested for drunkenness bringing the garage to the notice of the police. Then Browne and the informant at Sheffield were involved in a minor road accident in that City.

The informant gave his correct name and address but Browne gave false details. Routine enquiries following this led the police to question the informant who, in effect, put Browne in the dock.

So ended a long and notorious case which even involved dramatist George Bernard Shaw in acrimonious correspondence with the papers because of his opinions that such as Browne and Kennedy should not hang.

And, of course, nowadays they don't.

Full statement Kennedy was brought to London and when

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