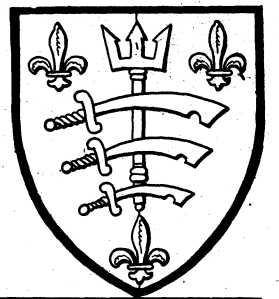


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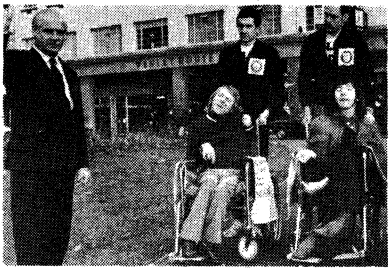
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## Best wishes from the Chief



THE Chief signalling "go" at the recent cadet 24-hour chair push — report on P.5: Pic by courtesy East Anglian Daily Times.

ONCE again we can look back on a good year's work. Pressures on the force have been heavier than ever but everyone, police officers and civilian staff, have joined in meeting them successfully. There seems every prospect that the New Year will bring more burdens. The Police Force is, I think, entitled to congratulate itself on the standards of performance and behaviour it is able to maintain, standards which are due entirely to the morale and willing efforts of all ranks.

I wish to send my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all members of the Force, regular officers, civilians, cadets and members of the Special Constabulary and their wives and families.

## Extra rent aid on next cheque

NEW rent aid rates will be on December cheques — but not for everyone. Of the 896 owner occupiers 550 files have been processed and the new amounts passed to the Treasurer for calculation of arrears.

"But it takes time," says Bill Austin of the Finance Office. "If we had done any more files no-one would have got anything until after Christmas." Those left out are mainly men who were not receiving the old maximum and who will therefore get only a few pence more, and those who have not yet complied with Force Orders by submitting

a form ACC3. "You'd be surprised how many of those there are," says Bill.

But he has a pat on the back for everyone after last month's plea to be left alone. Hardly any phone calls disturbed the calm of the Finance Office as they processed the files.

The job will be finished this month. All new rates will be on January cheques.

## The boss nearly has a headache

THE GUV'NOR of Southend Western Division will be more than glad when his new Headquarters is built.

At present sharing the 'corridor of power' at Southend Eastern Division, he is not sure whether it is a touch of Rachmanism to get him to vacate his office or just pure coincidence, but earlier this month someone pointed out a large crack in the ceiling of his office.

Being an ex-borough man and knowing that a vast amount of money had been spent on the building he was not worried and just put it

down to a 'crack in the ceiling'.

However, shortly after he left his office on an errand his secretary went to the office and found that a large chunk of the ceiling had fallen. And it landed right where the boss would have been sitting. If he had been in his chair he would have suffered a nasty headache.

Perhaps the initial damage was caused by an officer having his usual appraisal interview, trying to impress Mr. Farnsworth with his ability to work alone and crashing into the building when trying to jump!

## VASCAR inventor in Essex



WITH VASCAR claiming its first court victims and making national news at that, the inventor of the machine, Mr. Arthur M. Marshall, of Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A., visited the Force Headquarters and Brentwood Court this month.

Mr. Marshall, a frequent

visitor to this country, told The Law: "I am very happy to be back in England and even more happy at the way your Force is using Vascar. My visit this time is to set up a training and maintenance scheme for the machine. They are an efficient and very effective device which saves in man hours in as

Mr. Arthur Marshall discusses VASCAR with HQ Traffic drivers Don Barrell, centre, and Dave Jennings. Picture by Essex Chronicle.

much that you don't have to set up a static post but the patrol cars can carry on their normal business and still operate to catch the speeding vehicles."

When asked how he

thought the courts of the county are reacting to the prosecutions using Vascar, he said: "I am absolutely delighted. As I have said, they are efficient, so watch out that you don't get caught."

## CHAIRMAN PRESENTS TROPHY

FORTY FOUR probationary constables took part in this year's Bennett

Trophy Competition, but for the first time in three years the women members of

the Force had to accept a minor position.

It was P.c. John Soanes of

Basildon who stepped forward at the end of the day to receive the trophy from Brigadier T. Collins, Chairman of the Joint Police Authority, followed by Ian Kennedy of Colchester, and Maureen Scollan of Staff Division, third.

The competition took the usual form of written papers on Police Duties, Home Defence and First Aid.

The Police Duties paper was straight forward and those who glanced at the appropriate manuals had no problems with the First Aid and Home Defence. Judging by the number of blank papers on these subjects, knowledge was a little lacking and it is to be hoped that some of the treatment is not tried on real patients!

The top ten in the written competition then went on to an oral test with Mr. H. Taylor, A.C.C. (A), and at the end of the day all the marks were added together with the marks obtained on the competitors' continuation course.



Brigadier T. Collins, Chairman of the Joint Police Authority, hands the Bennett Trophy to top probationer, John Soanes.

## EDIVIEW

### 1973 the year that just slipped by

AS ANOTHER year draws towards its end one is left wondering whatever happened to 1973. The year seems to have passed by with hardly a ripple on the placid surface of Force affairs.

There have been no great campaigns for better pay or conditions. The Service received a pay rise which conformed to the provisions of the pay regulations then in force, to which there was almost no reaction. An equally deafening silence greeted the new mileage and rent allowance rates. It would be wrong to say there have been no improvements but it is odd how little reaction they have brought about. Do members of the Force now look upon these periodic financial enhancements as a right? The indifference which greets them might lead one to suppose so.

And yet the removal of one additional rest day payment from salary slips was also met with stoic calm. Perhaps this was resignation, after all, due warning had been given. Or perhaps the lower ranks have been able to offset the deficit by casual overtime.

The year saw the formation of a squad variously known as the Task Force of Police Support Unit. Its emergence was heralded by dire predictions on the level of their training, apparently they would "march till the blood ran out of their boots." But it never happened. The Unit came into being in time for the bomb scares which punctuated 1973.

In April the ladies blossomed into chequered hats and later in the year it was announced that the men would follow suit on All Fools' Day of 1974.

### Over-reaction

And now as the year staggers to a close there is a petrol shortage. After a year of little or no reaction to problems we seem to detect an over-reaction here and there to what is but a minor problem.

After all, can we not recall cycling to work in our younger days, a journey of several miles and not the longest trip by any means amongst our colleagues. In those days to get a ride in the area car was a rare luxury. The station yard stood empty, the Police Authority had no need to provide car parks for its civilian employees, not that it had many. But sighing for paradise lost will not get us to work.

Just how reliant on petrol the Force has become is no more apparent than in the problem of getting policemen to work. A really severe rationing system would be a great embarrassment to some who have got away from it all and gone to live in inaccessible places far from the reach of ever-receding public transport.

### No sympathy

We offer no sympathy, of course, but urge anyone in this predicament to do as we do and walk to work. Think of the benefits to health! Every such stroll could put a quarter of an hour on your life expectancy.

Seasonable greetings to all our readers from the editorial team. Perhaps the best we could wish you is that the fuel situation may never become so bad as to force you to walk anywhere. We are not sending Christmas cards but illustrate our good wishes with a picture of the team in characteristic pose doing our good works thing.



Pic. by Essex Chronicle.

Good wishes to all readers and not just those in the Force but to all who have dealings with the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary. And may 1974, when we become plain old Essex Police at last, bring you all you would hope for.

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.

## letter box

READERS' letters are welcomed but will not be published if unsigned. Those written under a pen name must be accompanied by a note of the writer's name. The editors reserve the right to edit any letter published in the interest of economy of space.

### Who is this Mr. Average

SIR, The Daily Mirror of 31st October ran an article under the heading "£40-a-week Mr. Average." This article stated that a survey by the Employment Ministry had come to the conclusion that the average worker (the survey covered professional, white collar and manual workers) over 21 years of age earns £40.90 per week.

The survey highlighted pay differences and found that manual workers have an average of £37 per week while non-manual grades average £47.80 per week.

The article added that this average included all overtime and extras and was the best guide to date of the pay the average worker takes home. From this I have assumed that the figures refer to actual 'take home' pay and not pay before stoppages.

I do not consider the job of a Policeman is a manual job so I look to the non-manual average for a comparison.

I am a constable with 7 years' service and I have calculated my average weekly income to be £45.73. This is based on my last two monthly pay slips which have included the recent rise, two paid rest days and a small amount of paid overtime. To this I added the new maximum rent allowance of £11.08 (and who gets the maximum anyway) as recognition of our free house. The comparison is a little sad I feel.

I appreciate that I have not read the full report of the survey but I find it a sobering thought that the above average man in the Police Force today (as depicted in the advertisements) is not apparently, in the official eye, worth above average pay.

M. E. BARRY  
Police Constable 457

### New rules not generally known

SIR, — In Edview, 'The Law' November 1973 under the heading 'New Club Rules', you have commented upon the draft rules of the proposed club but I doubt whether members of Divisional Clubs have copies of these, or indeed if many members knew of the proposals to form a new club. Perhaps you would care to publish the draft rules in 'The Law' in order that readers can judge your comments.

Being privileged to have a copy of the draft rules, I would comment upon one item alone, although I have many other reservations. I would refer to Rule 9, 'Any member of The Club not being a member of the General Committee may attend this Meeting, i.e. the AGM and may speak to any item on the agenda but may NOT vote'. This is most undemocratic for it means that the General Committee is not answerable to the members. Surely a basic principle of a club is that all members have a vote.

Consider this rule in relation to Section 41 and Schedule 7 of the Licensing Act 1964. At the present time some Divisional Clubs are Registered Clubs within the meaning of the Act. Does this mean a lot of thirsty people on Divisions? Headquarters bar would not be affected as it is not a registered club.

The 'diehards' in Divisions are not diehards through not wanting change but through 'fears'. These 'fears' are very real and nothing has been done to allay these 'fears' when Edview states "Of course Divisional Clubs will lose their autonomy by these proposals" and the letter from Sergeant Easlea, Force Sports Secretary,

accompanying the draft rules states "and it is not intended that Divisional Clubs will be otherwise than autonomous".

Who do we believe? What do we believe?

Yours faithfully,

A C KEEBLE.

If the Force Sports Secretary used the word autonomous in any other than its strict meaning then he not we has confused you. Autonomous means "making or having one's own rules", and this is precisely what the Force Club would have and Divisional branches will not. The argument, as we see it, should not be over autonomy but to ensure that the rules eventually agreed protect local interests in divisions because these are obviously of far greater importance to rank-and-file members. — Ed.

### Enterprising Burgin retires

Sir,

May I through the good offices of The Law most sincerely thank all my friends and colleagues who so kindly contributed to the wonderful presents I received on the occasion of my retirement on 22nd November 1973. I regret I was unable to attend a public presentation in the canteen, this was entirely for emotional reasons.

My grateful thanks to those who supplied the cake, the barmaids and others who helped to make the party such a success.

Anyone with 'Purchasing problems' should continue to get in touch with me at Chelmsford 420810, when I will be happy to oblige as previously.

Sincerely,

John Burgin

### Reference to Specials tasteless

Sir,

Thank you for being kind enough to publish my letter in 'The Law' (November issue).

May I say that I am content to leave the question whether that letter, as your footnote suggests, was either hyper-sensitive or an over-reaction, to the judgement of your more discerning readers.

Concerning your editorial comment (The Law, October) about those groups who too closely resemble policemen, a view with which most of us would not disagree, what a pity the point of it was destroyed for the sake of a tasteless reference to, inter alia, the Special Constabulary, the intention of which was quite obvious.

It occurs to me to wonder whether, when the magic effect of the diced cap bands has evaporated, and the neo-police groups still remain, the cap bands will be relegated to the Special Constabulary, and unadorned headdress become once again the 'regular' pattern.

Yours faithfully,

S. E. F. Brown (S/Sgt. 10)  
Chelmsford Town

WHAT could anyone possibly suppose, Mr. Brown would be our purpose in making a "tasteless reference to, inter alia, the Special Constabulary"? The intention is quite obvious, as you suggest. It was to make the point that we believe the Specials should be distinguishable from Regulars so that the public is not confused as to which it is dealing with. "You can't trust a Special like an old time copper," says the song and we agree. No hidden inferences, no innuendo, just plain opinion, with which you seem to disagree — naturally. — Ed.

### Bowls Section annual social

THE Force Bowls Section held its annual presentation social on Friday 9th November 1973 at Chelmsford Police Station. The Force Captain, Superintendent E. E. Horne, before making the presentations, referred to the achievements of the past season

## Detectives scale new heights

IT SEEMS that everyone is wanting to get into the act since The Law published its comic Staff Appraisal Descriptions.

Det. Sgt. Tim Scotchmer and Det. Con. Basil West both leapt to the top of a 14-storey building, where a man

was threatening to jump to the ground.

Both officers were off duty when colleagues sent for them because they both knew the man involved.

Together they managed to persuade the man to come down and he was later taken to hospital for treatment.

### John Burgin retires



Surrounded by cards and gifts and looking especially pleased with the rod, John Burgin takes his leave of H.Q.

## Blue flashes to go

ALTHOUGH the Force will go over to diced capbands from next April 1st, not all branches will follow this move towards a more colourful appearance.

From the same date the light blue epaulets will disappear from girl cadets' uniform jackets, making their outfit more or less a replica of policewomen's.

### HERBIE CHAPMAN

IT IS WITH GREAT REGRET and a deep feeling of loss that we hear of the death of Herbert Chapman.

He retired from the Essex County Constabulary in 1961, and enjoyed a happy retirement pursuing his favourite pastime — gardening — for which he gained many prizes and much acclaim.

Herbert joined the Essex Force in 1921. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1934 and in 1940 was made a temporary Inspector. He soon proved his worth by being promoted to Inspector in 1941. In 1950 he reached his final rank of Chief Inspector and it was in this rank, as sub

divisional commander, that he completed his service at Hornchurch, by which time he was the "father of the Force."

Herbert Chapman was renowned for his demands for perfection in all aspects of Police work. His influence created many officers who were, and are, a credit to his memory.

In his domain at Hornchurch his word was law amongst his fellow officers and all served him with a loyalty that not many men can claim.

We would like to convey to his widow the sympathy of the many men who greatly respected and owe much to a great man.

which had been a very good one for the Section. The standard of the team was rising each year and we were obtaining stronger fixtures both inside and outside the service. He also mentioned that several individual players had been selected for representative games at both group and county level and of course the pride the Force had in the fact that the Essex County Open Singles winner for 1973 was a policeman, DC Lionel Lee

stationed at Brentwood.

Our Trophy winners for 1973 were: Singles Winner Ps Basil Uren Southend West, runner up Pc Cable HQ, Pairs Winners Dc Lee Brentwood and Pc Moss Southend (East), runners up Ps Stibbards and Pc Armer Southend (East).

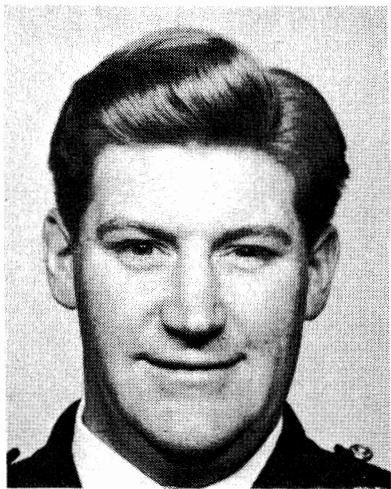
Salter Cup Winners Chelmsford Div (Pc Lawrence, Ps Mullett, Pc Parker, CI Shayshut), runners up Chelmsford Div (Ds Hill, Pc Burke, Dc Wheatcroft, DI King).



# Retirements cause a series of promotions and moves



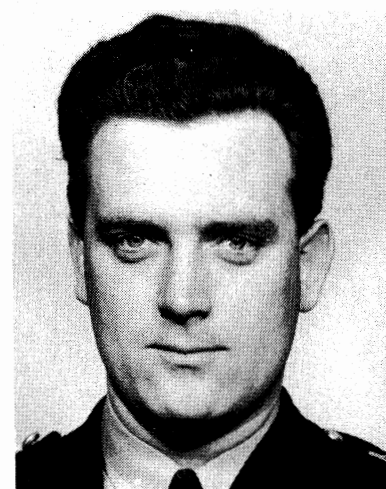
**PROMOTED** Chief Inspector and taking charge at Maldon is Trevor Naylor BA a graduate under the Force scheme.



**ANOTHER** graduate, Terry Watson, moves from Grays to Corringham following the award of his third 'pip'.



**BOROUGH** man and Federationist Jim Smith gains Chief Inspector and the job of Deputy Commander of Southend Sub Division.



**JUST** a move for Inspector Mike Curtis who goes indoors at Southend Prosecutions after a spell at Benfleet.



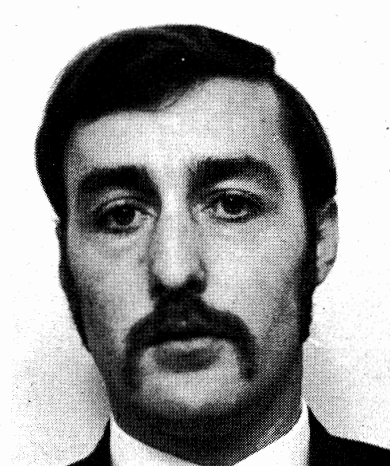
**THE** vacancy at Benfleet is filled by Derek Simmons, promoted from Sergeant at Rayleigh. Derek holds the BEM.



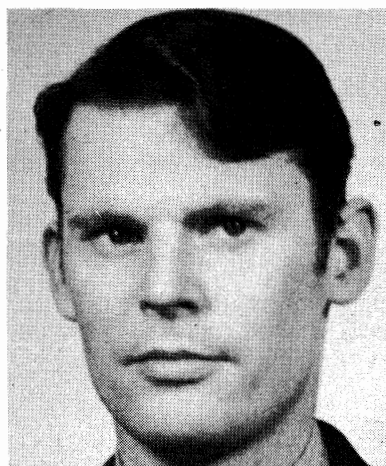
**MOVING** from the hectic atmosphere of Prosecutions at Southend, Inspector D B Saunders goes to the comparative peace of Southend Beat.



**SERGEANT** Dave Taylor, some times Leicester and Rhodesia policeman, leaves Training on promotion to Inspector at Grays.



**BACK** to Tilbury where he was a Detective Constable goes Keith Southgate on promotion to uniform sergeant.



**HE** has been known to alight from the car before but this time it is for promotion to Sgt at Wickford for Malcolm Gandy, HQ Traffic.



**PROMOTED** and taking his dog with him is Dog Section veteran Bob Needham who moves from Headquarters to Harlow.

## Inspection Day



When Her Majesty's Inspector, Mr. H. Manuel visited Headquarters last month the Police Support Unit paraded for inspection. Pictured are Pc Sean O'Reilly, left, Chief Inspector Geof Markham, Commander of the Unit, back to camera, and Mr. Manuel.

## A JOB WITH A HOUSE

THE PROPRIETOR of a small holiday caravan site on the Essex coast requires a husband-and-wife team to act as site manager, and favours an ex-policeman for the job.

### Duties include:

1. Running camp shop.
2. General site maintenance.
3. Running licenced club.
4. Letting of vans and chalets.

Joint salary would be about £1,800 and there is a pleasant four-bedroomed house provided rent free.

Further particulars from Mr. D. E. Clark, 18B Bycullah Road, Enfield, Middlesex, ENZ 8EJ. Or telephone 01-366 7232.

## What's on



## Who's off

THE TIME HAS COME once again for the frantic searching for missing heated jackets and the checking of jack plugs. Rain is falling... AGAIN... and I think it's about time the column was completed.

The number of motor cyclists remains about even this month although it is rumoured amongst panic stricken mechanics that Super Bugle will soon be wrecking four and six cylinder machines on the car strength. To overcome the situation there has been a supply train dispatched to Colchester Traffic Workshops containing body jigs and 5 MILLION BOTTLES OF ASPRIN. (This explains the contented smirk on Containers face these days). It seems that he managed to mechanically disembowel the Super Bike (Norton) that our Mitch holds dear to his heart (and rear quarter). This resulted in our hero being obliged to perform radar duty. It's never quite normal when Mitch is on this kind of job as it appears that even the usual questions backfire... e.g.

**Question.** "Are you the owner of this car, sir?" **Answer** "No Officer, I'm not." **Question** "Then has the owner given you authority to use it?" **Answer.** "Actually Officer, the owner is not in any position to give permission or argue one way or the other." **Comment** "Pardon?" **Reply** "As I said he can't argue either way... He's dead." Whereupon our hero fell on his knees to check with higher authority.

I wonder if the replacement motor cyclist at Colchester Traffic will become a legend also. We are soon to welcome Phil Carr to the



ranks of the elite. The only thing that worries me is that surname. Also we welcome Dave Elam who takes up Thorpe Traffic Patrol Duties and is like myself it seems. He has given up four wheels in favour of two. He, it appears, is quite keen insofar as he likes Castrol R on his cornflakes and has twistgrips fitted to his knife handles. This should have a marked effect on the league figures.

It does, however, fall to me to express some regret that our 'Going thin on top' Dave 'Skid' Hicks has had a rapid dismount. Again I received royalties from the excuse of oil on the road. I ask you, if we are going to be short of oil from the Middle East they ought to visit the A.12 where they will find gallons of the stuff according to our blokes. Skid, as will now be his name, was patrolling in an Easterly direction and had happened upon a well known point on the map known as the 'Army and Navy' Roundabout. He states that he was travelling at a normal speed for such a hazard and he had a strong desire to leave the roundabout for home and Headquarters. He therefore applied slight pressure to his starboard rudder, applied two degrees to port and went full ahead both. The bike reacted like a cactus stung bronco and discharged its rider. Having rolled out of the path of highly amused members of the public he thought 'What next?' As is usual one of the members of the public runs up and says, "Cor, do they teach you how to do that in the Police?" However after all this 'Skid' is virtually unhurt with the exception of his pride and he won't tell me where he keeps that. This story is completely true as I have just been handed 50 Players and half a bottle of Scotch!

The new machines are now nearly all ready for the road and the Stripes have been approved. Big Brian from Southend came up to

collect his machine the other day and found it all wrapped up in pretty paper with a big label... "To Brian, on your 50th birthday. Love, The Chief." Well, all I got was, "There it is and don't break that one! And I had to go back later to have the pretties put on. I can't understand it you know. I said, "Why can't I have, instead of the red and blue stripes, flames and a suitable name like they had on aircraft in the last war?" The Garage skipper went up to about 10,000 feet and I daren't go in there for a while. Anyone would have thought I was asking for camouflage.

An arrow has just landed on my desk somewhat late but still worthy of comment. It seems that a Southend lad of stout countenance was astride a bike at the Rayleigh spur and it was his intention not only to enter this hazard but to leave it as well. Leave it he did and he left his bike there to prove it. No explanation was forthcoming as to why he should continue his journey without his steed but this he did. Naturally by return arrow I asked was he hurt. The reply, "No... he landed on his head! Therefore, having completely wrecked the score league again, I intend starting a new chart in the new year.

The other day, I had the pleasure of a meeting with a certain well known Tri Stripe from the Colchester Division who has been known to ride a bike from time to time and who is affectionately known as Chief Crazy Horse for some unknown reason. It started with a slight chase that ended with a naughty lad jumping out of his mobile vehicle and running off across fields with mad hysterical laughter whilst I attempted to communicate on the magic talking bone with V.G. As is well understood, to get through at Kelvedon is impossible so I

nearby Transport Cafe if I could use her private magic talking bone by dialling 999. The reply to the utter amazement of all the drivers in her cafe was... off! I said, "Now don't mess about I am serious and I am a Policeman and I want to dial 999." Back came the reply, "I don't care what you are, ... off! I rapidly checked to make sure that I was in Uniform and went outside to find a Traffic car with the aforementioned Tri Stripe to whom I explained the problem. He went off and managed to communicate with V.G. and returned saying that the Canine Section were attending and would locate the peregrinating naughty lad who had gone walk about. Whilst standing there looking intelligent we started to talk and I mentioned the unusual lady in the Transport Cafe with the strange choice of words. The startled Tri Stripe said: "She can't talk to you like that. I'll go and sort this out!" And he vanished in the general direction of the cafe. I thought no more until the somewhat dazed fellow returned. "She told me to ... off as well!" "Never mind," said I, "We won't sample her tea any more." The outcome of the story was that the naughty boy was located and his collar was felt and we all patrolled happily ever after.

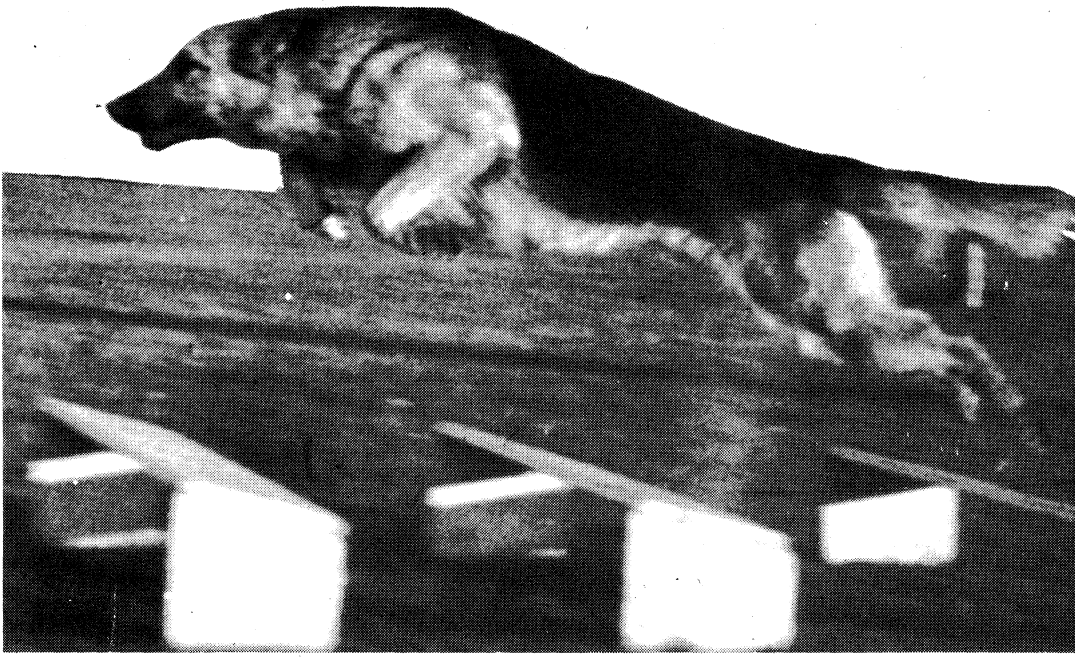
But I still think about that bovine lady who has the remarkable vocabulary and wonder what she thought. I may have been after apart from using her talking bone. I ought to explain about the missing column from the last issue, well it did not appear because the papers with all the matter printed thereon did not get to the editor whilst I was on leave so, hence the bumper lot this time.

I think that about covers everything except to say that I consider it about time we had a get-together to meet before Christmas and discuss the new year's outlook. I shall send the usual proformas out for you to get the times and dates. Until then, don't forget, You can always tell the happy motorcyclist by the dead flies on his teeth.

**HOLIDAYS** — Luxury apartment for up to four persons at Palma Nova, Mallorca to rent. Fifty yards from beach with own swimming pool and gardens. Price includes jet flights and in-flight meals, surface transport in Mallorca, cleaning, linen, etc. Prices two weeks from £29 each adult, £22 children 2-12 years and £5 for child under 2 years. Details from Sgt. Norris, Canvey Island.



# Dogs jump to it...



...but  
not  
every  
time



## FORCE DOG TRIALS

The Force Dog Trials took place during the last week of November in cold but dry weather.

The Trials are held to determine which dogs from the Force shall enter the South Eastern Region Police Dog Trials to be held in 1974, and as usual there was fierce competition to gain one of the four vacancies in the Regional Trial team.

Each dog had to undergo nine tests in a period of three days covering obedience, tracking, searching and criminal work, the tests taking place at the Headquarters Dog Section Training Area and Wethersfield Air Base.

With fourteen dogs and handlers competing and trying to continue operational duties the sections were split up to enable normal coverage at Divisional level and so on the first two days the dogs completed the tracking, which was split into two sections, and the searching.

At the end of the two complete tests Len Terry with Millflash Claude led the field with a total of 402 points from a maximum of 500.

The final day brought the obedience tests and Criminal work at the H.Q. Dog Training Area.

A good crowd of spectators turned up to watch in bright sunshine but with a definite touch of winter about.

The first section covered the usual obedience tests,



Winners of the Force Trials, Millflash Claude with Len Terry, prettily rosetted.

together with agility tests and the dog's steadiness in face of a gun. In this section Sgt. Jackman of H.Q. together with Jase of Newcourt came out top, but no-one had been able to wipe out Len Terry's overnight lead.

The final section, criminal work — with the four vacancies for the Regional

Trials still wide open — brought about some fierce and hard tackling by the dogs, although in one particular exercise the dogs did, in some cases, go a bit too far. And in fact some of the "criminals" ably acted by Constables Baulk of Mid Anglia, Brookes of Kent and Giles and Bunn of this Force, suffered some slight

## ANOTHER VICTORY FOR SUP



Have the Libbers won another fight? Has the one-time male citadel, Traffic Division, been breached to the extent of all-girl crews? Do massive redundancies face the seated legions in their heated vehicles? Well, it could be.

Having caught sight of this female traffic car (Tin Lizzie to the mechanics?) sneaking out of the garage where it had

been for repair to its radio — just had to record the sight draws to its close.

The crew are Policewoman Traffic Division, and Cad attached to Harlow Sub as

discomforts, particularly in some parts of their anatomy where it proved that the dogs were getting a "little behind" in some of their work.

To some people this section appeared to be the most difficult of the lot with the dog having firstly to chase and attack a running fugitive, then to chase but not attack a suspect who stopped running before the dog reached him. The dog was then required to "stand off" and circle the suspect, barking to show that he was

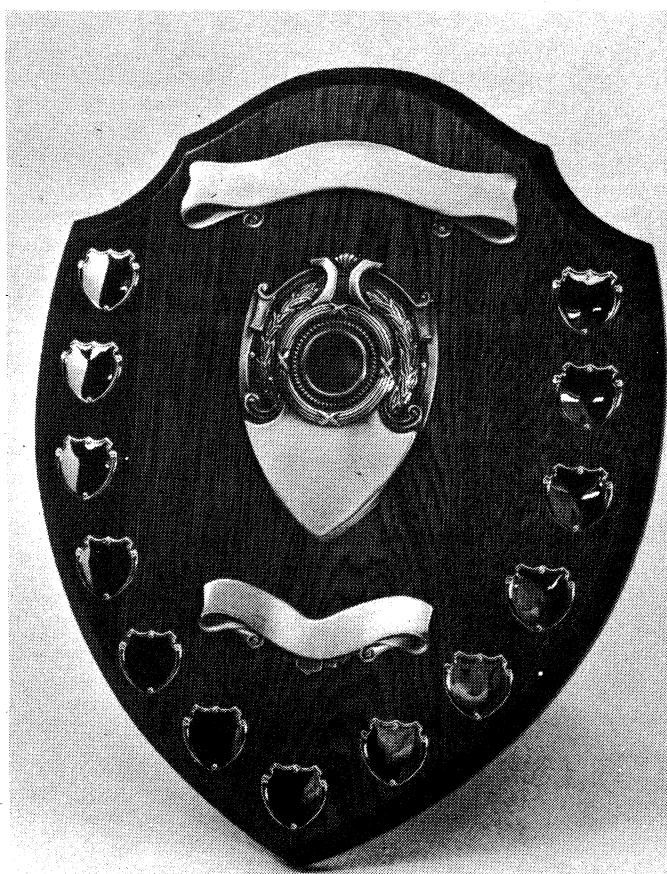
preventing the suspect from escaping.

These were followed by tests of courage, chasing a man armed with a stick which was used to deter the dog's attack and then to "resolutely" attack a criminal armed with a gun, regardless of gunfire and, as the manual states, "without viciousness or apprehension."

When all fourteen dogs had been through these states of the trials, Len Terry and his dog still remained at

the top to prove a popular winner with both the other competitors and the spectators, finishing with a total of 745½ points out of a possible of 900. The minor placings were taken by P.C. Bob Needham with Maximillion of Newcourt, P.C. Rod Barrett with Kingcob Neptune and P.C. Barry McDonagh with Barrimilne Sabre Prince of Parkway.

Not only did Len and Millflash win the competition outright but



Councillor Trevor Murray, one of the Southend members of the Police Authority, has presented a shield to be awarded to the winner of the Obedience Section of the Force Police Dog Trials.

The shield was awarded for the first time at the Trials held in November, when the winner was Sergeant 125 Jackman of Staff Division (Dog Section), with dog Jase.

## Cadets first



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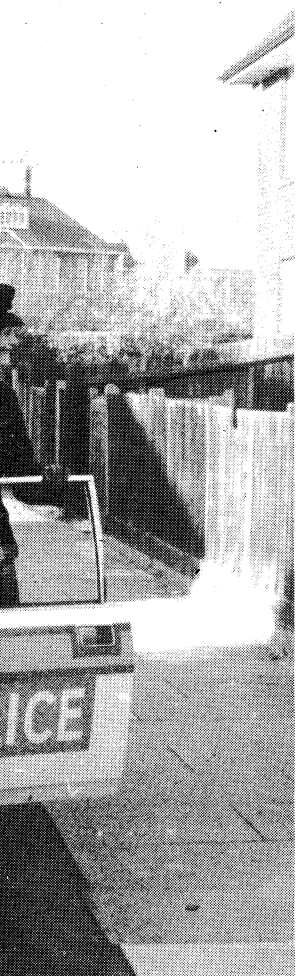
IN THEIR first ever at a national Cadets First Aid to Hendon November to come National First Aid Competition for

The competition divided into two individual and all members were unlucky placed higher with staged injuries realistically

Finishing very, enjoyed



## AMARM?



these women do go on — we  
a sign of the times as 1973

Jane Pepper, the 'first lady' in  
Lesley Robinson, currently  
part of her training.

they also took the "Sergeants  
Shield" for nosework, whilst  
Barry McDonagh and Sabre  
took the Paddy Shield for  
top marks in the Criminal  
work section.

The Chief, who made the  
presentations, said: "I must  
apologise for not following  
the trials more closely but  
am glad to be able to make  
the presentations. I hope our  
dogs and their handlers will  
be at the top in the Regional  
trials and I would like to see  
some doing well in the  
National Championships."

## s fifth in national'



Bines, Odell, Bragg and King.

inspired a lot of confidence  
in the team, which consisted  
of Andy Odell, Stuart Bines,  
Chris Bragg and Alan King.  
The team trained with very  
little supervision and with  
more expert training should  
do very well in the future.

The event was won by  
Kent with Sussex finishing  
as runner's up.

Top of the individual  
marks was Cadet Odell with  
a score of 39 out of 60 and  
Bines, with 38½, was third.  
These high individual  
positions indicate that with a  
little more teamwork this  
team can win competitions.

# Chair pushers clock up 336 miles



The presentation ceremony  
which followed the big push.



"Honest, Guv, we went all the way round," Denis Sheppard seems to  
be saying in this pause for a chat as he passes the Commandant, a  
fellow pusher. Pics by Essex Chronicle.

THE prospect of pushing  
a wheelchair at all might  
deter some but not the  
cadets of the race  
walking section who  
resolved — after a little  
encouragement from  
Cadet Denis Sheppard  
— to heave chairs round  
Central Park,  
Chelmsford, for 24 cold  
November hours.

The idea came to  
Cadet Sheppard when he  
was attached, as part of  
his third year social  
service training, to the  
Oakwood Spastics  
Centre, Kelvedon, where  
all the residents are  
bright lads studying for  
'A' levels or degrees.  
Denis saw they lacked  
many comforts to make  
life more congenial, top  
priority being a colour  
telly.

So he got to work,  
wrote a lot of letters  
suggesting that firms  
might like to sponsor a  
chair in return for  
advertising space,  
persuaded Curry's to  
present a colour set at a  
reasonable price and  
unleashed his cadet

colleagues on the  
unsuspecting public  
armed with sponsorship  
forms.

And the upshot of this  
was that even before the  
push began the TV set  
was assured. But being  
walkers the pushers were  
naturally a bit cocky  
about their prospects.  
Sponsors were offered  
the first 80 laps — 3  
miles each — of the park  
free. Only after that  
would they begin to pay.

And any hopes  
sponsors may have  
harboured of not having  
to pay were soon dashed  
as the laps were reeled  
off, all four two-man  
teams completing their  
stint by the 3 p.m.  
deadline.

The push was followed  
by a brief ceremony in  
which Mr. Philip  
Roberts, Manager of  
Curry's handed the hard  
won 'telly' to Mr. Tom  
Cook, Chairman of the  
Friends of Oakwood,  
himself a long distance  
specialist, but in  
swimming, at which he  
represented Britain in the  
1936 Berlin Olympics.

"It wasn't as hard as  
we thought it might be,"  
said Cadet Ian Brown  
afterwards and, indeed,  
the young pushers stood  
up to it well. Perhaps  
their ordeal was always  
likely to be less severe  
than their passengers, all  
volunteers from the  
Spastics Centre, for once  
able to indulge in some  
self help to obtain  
amenities others take for  
granted.

A cold November  
dawn is no time to be  
shivering in a chair but  
they took it all in their  
stride growing ever more  
cheerful as colour  
viewing came closer.

"I would like to thank  
all the sponsors for  
being so generous," said  
organiser Denis  
Sheppard, afterwards.  
And to celebrate the  
successful outcome of  
their 24 hours gentle  
exercise pushers,  
passengers and helpers  
had a get-together at the  
Odeon, Chelmsford, by  
courtesy of the  
management, to see the  
"Nashville Cavalcade"  
show.

## Policewomen well beaten in Regional Eliminator

TWO WOMEN lie on the  
ground groaning in pain  
while an excitable Indian  
wearing a fez and flowing  
robes wanders about making  
comments in a Peter Sellers  
voice. He is watched by a  
deaf railway porter who  
stands gawping while people  
trip over his barrow, and  
they are all joined by two  
ambulance men who declare  
they are working to rule and  
don't know about stretchers.  
The setting for this disaster?

Where else but the  
Metropolitan Police Cadet  
School, Hendon, which was  
the scene for the Southern  
Area Eliminating round of  
the Policewomen's National

First Aid Competition.

The Essex team started at  
a disadvantage as several of  
its usual members were  
otherwise engaged, so the  
stalwarts Cheryl Matthews  
and Joan Murphy were  
joined by relative newcomers  
Peggy Barrett and Maureen  
Scollan, with Mandy Scragg  
as reserve.

Competition was fierce  
with twelve teams taking  
part, including four from the  
Metropolitan Police, as well  
as previous winners  
Dorset/Bournemouth and  
City of London. The setting  
for the team test was a  
railway station, and in the  
individual tests competitors

were required to diagnose  
and treat a cricketer with a  
fractured jaw and allied  
breathing problems, and an  
old man who had collapsed  
in the street with a coronary  
obstruction, cut hand and  
severe shock. The casualties  
were as usual very  
convincing, and acted their  
parts to perfection.

The City of London team  
won the competition but the  
Force team was  
disappointingly near the  
bottom of the list, probably  
due to two of the members  
getting somewhat tied up  
during the team test.

Nevertheless its members  
are resolved to try again.

## Band

## notes

by Harry Rossiter

There is just one concert to report  
upon during November and this  
was given at All Saints' Church  
Hall at Maldon. The capacity  
audience enjoyed themselves and  
so did we, our worthy chairman  
and the vicar vied with each other  
in the telling of tales.

We have been asked to play at  
Severalls Hospital during  
December. We are still fixing the

details, possibly it will be  
Wednesday, 12th or Thursday,  
13th December. Further details  
from Jack Ripley Driving School at  
a later date, but don't pester the  
living daylight out of him, he's a  
busy man these days what with all  
the interesting invitations we are  
getting to play at various points of  
the compass. More of those  
presently.

Now, all you stalwarts and not-  
so-stalwarts of our fan club. Don't  
forget our annual Christmas  
concert on Wednesday, 19th  
December at Headquarters. This  
one's a MUST. It is our annual AT  
HOME so to speak and we will do  
our best to present a good  
programme especially as we now  
have those new instruments that so  
many of you have kindly donated  
towards. These new instruments  
will be officially presented by the  
Chief Constable to their players  
before the concert.

Now about those interesting  
requests. We have one from the  
Dutch Police, who are celebrating  
their 21st year as members of the  
International Police Association.  
They would like us to attend  
celebrations at Nijmegen and play  
for them, during July, all travelling  
and expenses provided by the

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## SPORT

## Croker Cup will stay at Colchester

THE YEAR LONG campaign to decide the best all round sporting division, and to determine the resting place, for the next 12 months, of the Croker Cup came to an end with last month's swimming gala.

And Colchester who have held the Cup for the past two years will have to find it house room for at least another year yet because they won the competition handsomely, scoring over twice as many points as their nearest rivals, Chelmsford. Cuping room for this large Find is never easy. It stands in a glass fronted box three feet high.

Their overall victory came about through wins in cross country running and race walking, billiards, snooker and shooting, and second places in athletics, tug of war and swimming.

Chelmsford finished second in the combined cross-country and race walking event, first and second in the two bowls events and second at football.

The full result was: Colchester 11 points; Chelmsford 5 points; Grays 4 points; Southend East 4 points; Southend West 3 points; Staff 2 points; Clacton 2 points; Basildon 2 points; Harlow 0 points.

## Runners top the league

AFTER gaining only third place in the opening event of the South East cross country league in October, the men's team came back with a flourish in the second race to win by 12 points.

But by a coincidence this winning margin was exactly the extent of last month's loss and last month's tied winners, this month tied in second place. What all this adds up to is that three teams, Essex, Sussex and Thames Valley stand level on points.

No-one, however, can stand level with Andy Down at present. Again he won impressively, from Mick Wayland of Surrey, after taking the lead on the second of three laps.

The team's strength at present lies in the ability to compensate for one man being off form by another running well. This time Peter Blois was below par at 14th but Clive Skingley had a good one pushing

through to 10th, his highest placing to date. In the same way Keven Nowell took over from David Dutton. Gary Matthews completed the scoring, the six getting into the first 23 home.

## First Four

Not to be left out of the act the women's team also won handsomely, occupying the first four positions — and you can't beat that at four to score.

Julia Foster won by almost a minute from Michele Hicks with Shirley Keeble and Ros Beardwell completing the scoring. This team now stands well ahead in the overall scores.

## Placings

Men: 1. A. Down; 10. C. Skingley; 14. P. Blois; 16. K. Nowell; 21. D. Dutton; 23. G. Matthews; 27. M. Fairweather; 50 finished.

Women: 1. J. Foster; 2. M. Hicks; 3. S. Keeble; 4. R. Beardwell; 7. B. Burgin; 11. S. Moss; 15 finished.

## Walking

ALL of this month's competition has been at "junior" distances and several races have been contested completely in that category. It has been a month of exact distances over flat courses and the resulting fast times have encouraged some, though poor ones have depressed others.

But at least in November progress can be measured. The Met Police course at Imber Court is a flat, exact 7 miles and two weeks after racing there the team contested the Enfield Open 7, another measured course on flat roads.

Numerous personal bests among younger walkers resulted, including the first time under the hour for 7 miles for Alan King when he clocked 58m 25s — well under — at Enfield. Here also T. Williams, L. Berry, W. Stephen and M. Faulkner all clocked "P.B.s".

The return junior match against Metro Cadets brought about another defeat but not by a great margin. Alas, judges are difficult to find midweek and Met Cadets as a group seem to need them more than others. But their leading walkers were proceeding legally and Essex lost fair and square. The race was over ten kilometres and eight Essex juniors put up personal best times.

Revenge was exacted at Croydon later in the month when despite losing heavily to Sheffield United we got in just ahead of Metro Cadets.

An unusual but enjoyable diversion at Blackheath on November 14 was a nine-kilometres "yacht" handicap. In these races the contestants set off according to handicap and should, in theory, and if the handicapper has done his job well, arrive at the finish all together.

It never works out quite like that but recording the finish is rather hectic. Bill Stephen, one of this year's crop of new walkers, took his first prize by hitting the front and hanging on.

## Results

7 miles: Imber Court: 3-11-73.

18th, D. Sheppard, 59.16; 24th, J. Hedgethorpe, 59.52; 34th, L. Berry, 62.41; 51st, K. Mann, 66.24; 56th, P. Blois and G. Matthews, 66.52; 69th, W. Stephen, 69.08; 71st, B. Daymond, 69.35; 76th, D. Coleman, 75.27.

10 Kilos: Chelmsford: 7-11-73.

2nd, A. King, 50.38; 9th, P. Blois, T. Williams, L. Berry and G. Matthews, all 55.49; 15th, M. Faulkner, 56.45; 19th, J. Topolewski, 57.30; 21st, K. Mann, 57.59; 29th, I. Brown, 59.07; 31st, W. Stephen, 59.57; 32nd, A. Trebilcock, 60.20; 34th, B. Daymond, 61.27; 38th, D. Dutton, 61.53; 39th, A. Masson, 62.01; 40th, D. Coleman, 64.08; 42nd, R. Simmons, 67.21; 60 started. Teams: Met. Phase II 43; Essex 54; Met. Phase I 77.

Enfield 7: 10-11-73.

39th, D. Sheppard, 50.08; 46th, A. King, 58.25; 74th, J. Hedgethorpe, 60.18; 97th, T. Williams and L. Berry, 62.40; 100th, M. Faulkner, 62.56; 108th, K. Mann, 65.25; 112th, W. Stephen, 66.08; 121st, A. Trebilcock, 67.28; 126th, P. Warriner, 68.15; 129th, B. Daymond and A. Armstrong, 68.41.

9 Kilos: Blackheath: 14-11-73.

Yacht handicap: 1st, W. Stephen, 54.02 (Actual time); 4th, P. Blois and G. Matthews, 51.53; 7th, D. Sheppard, 46.20; 9th, J. Topolewski, 52.39; 10th, A. Masson, 55.11; 11th, A. Tebilcock, 53.14; 19th, D. Coleman, 57.50; 24th, 33.4 miles Croydon: 17-11-73.

7th, D. Sheppard, 30.04; 8th, A. King, 30.19; 22nd, T. Williams, 32.34; 25th, L. Berry, 32.51; 28th, M. Faulkner, 33.58; 29th, P. Blois and G. Matthews, 34.10; 36th, M. Thornton, I. Brown and A. Masson, 36.06; 40th, D. Coleman, 38.43. Team placed 3rd.

## Navy well beaten

IN A five miles match at Hayes, Kent, on 21st November the Police beat Royal Navy by 22-68.

Police runners occupied the first five places, Andy Down showing good form to fill 5th position, clocking 24.56, about a minute down on race winner D. Lem, Leicestershire.



Alan King, who has scored well recently for Police followed by Metro rival Cadet Nibre.



Trevor Williams, plastered as usual in recent races after breaking his arm, an injury which has not kept him out of the scoring team.

A. King, 45.43; 26th, N. Wiseman, 53.40; 28th, A. Armstrong, 54.27; 29th, T. Williams, 50.53; 31st, L. Berry, 51.20; 33rd, M. Faulkner, 51.44; 35th, J. Hedgethorpe, 49.19; 37th, I. Brown, 59.15.

## Victory at gunpoint for Support Unit

TEN teams of four took part in the third annual Force pistol shoot at Middlewick Ranges, Colchester, on Monday 22 October. The competition is intended to add a little spice to the firearms training programme, and this year the emphasis was on quick shooting and re-loading in a limited time. Competitors had to fire 5 rounds prone from 60m., 15 rounds from various positions at both 40m. and 20m., and 10 rounds from 7m.

Everyone had the benefit of the new Smith and Wesson revolvers, and it was encouraging to see the high standard of gun handling. At the halfway stage the scores were very interesting — Grays leading with 116, Southend Western next with 115 closely followed by Clacton with 114. Staff, Basildon and the Police Support Unit all had over 100. The eagle eyes of the range officers had already spotted some officers who in their enthusiasm forgot to change the weapons for their left hands when required: more were to suffer in the afternoon.

Sandwiches are not the ideal fare on an occasion like this, and in view of the chilly and rather damp weather contestants were very grateful for hot lunch from Mrs. Hehn at the Mobile Canteen. The afternoon session commenced at 20m., and at this distance two of the long-range experts, Clacton and Southend Western, went out of

focus and the Police Support Unit leapt into the lead, 5 points ahead of Basildon and 6 in front of Grays. In achieving the top score at 7m. the Police Support Unit made sure of their victory, with Grays very creditable runners-up. None of the Support Unit team had fired a revolver before their basic course in March this year. We're keeping an open mind but it just could be something to do with the instructors.

The trophies were presented by the Chief Constable who appeared impressed by the strange and wonderful variety of clothing on display! There is no doubt at all that the Grays platoon would have won first place for sartorial elegance.

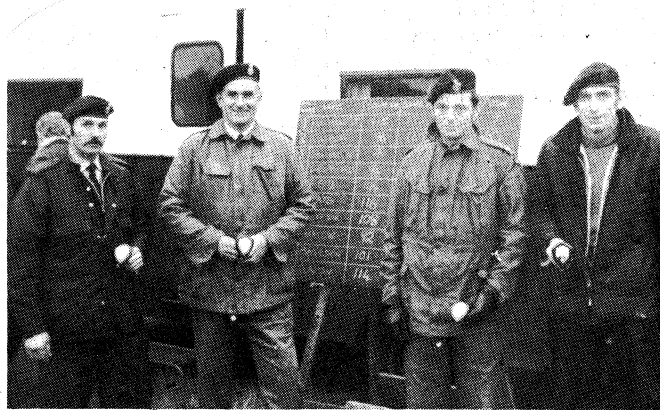
John Page, organiser, wishes to thank the senior officers who showed their interest by attending, and his colleagues for their hard work: Range Officers 'Monty' Montgomery and Gus Gowers; Scorers Mick Brangham and John Sutton; and the Stats. Officer John Watson.

## RESULTS:

1, Police Support Unit 338 (David Brooks, Dick Chaplin, Geoff Aves and Gordon Nisbett); 2, Grays 324 (George Breeding, Terry Bates, Arthur Brymer and Mike Chilvers); 3, Basildon 320; 4,



The winning Support Unit team look delighted.



A little more glum, the Grays platoon.

Staff 308; 5, Chelmsford 307; 6, Clacton 289; 7, Southend Western 287; 8, Harlow 269; 9, Southend Eastern 265; 10, Colchester 261.

## 'TOP TEN' INDIVIDUALS

1, Neville Leach, Chelmsford 99 and Graham Harvey, Southend E.

99; 3, Dennis Smith, Southend W. 98; 4, Gordon Walker, Clacton 94; 5, Terry Cook, Chelmsford 93 and Gordon Nisbett, PSU 93; 7, Ian Hunter, Colchester 91; 8, Alan Weatherley, Staff 88; 9, Arthur Brymer, Grays 88; 10, Mike Chilvers, Grays 87.

## Athletics

## Force team in league next summer

AS THE cross country season begins the athletics season comes to an end. While the past summer

was not the most successful Essex-Southend had ever enjoyed the season saw several new records.

The moment of greatest success was victory in the regional team event, held on our own ground at Chelmsford, by a larger margin than before and this without some of our star performers.

Application has been made to compete in the Southern Athletics League in 1974 and this will involve a combined police and cadet team in monthly league matches from May to August.

Entry will initially be made into Division Five which ought not to present too many problems for the

first season. Regular competition will assist in raising standards. Some of the records shown below are ripe for improvement.

Together with the various championship events in which the police team enters, league events will provide a full season's competition and make the training much more worthwhile. The season will begin in early May with the first league match, county and force championships, followed by league event two and police regional championships in June. Teams will be run from the cadet school where John Hedgethorpe and Tony Armstrong will both be working to build a strong cadet-police combination.

## Rugby

QUICKLY settling down early in the season and showing all the signs of a general improvement in the skills of the game, the Force rugby team has played five matches so far this season, losing three and winning two.

The first game of the season was against Beds and Luton Police which the Force lost 8-22. Tries were scored by Odell and Edkins. The team then played 'K' Division, Metro, on their ground and lost by 7-25. Scorers in this game were Croot, with an unconverted try, Sparks kicking a penalty.

The following week the Force played Brentwood College at home and regained their spirits with a resounding 36-0 win. Top try scorer in this match was McIntyre, scoring three. Other scorers were Parsons, Odell, Canning and Watkin-Williams. Conversions were put over by Sparks, Payne and Cooper. This was a very good win against a young, fast side.

In the next match against Norfolk Police the team played magnificently and outplayed Norfolk in every department. The

game was hard and fast with several good moves coming from the team. Scorers were: Tries — Bowman and Odell; conversion by Sparks.

Playing at Isleworth on November 12 the Force team had the chance to beat the winners of the P.A.A. Sevens when they met City of London in the P.A.A. Knock-out Cup. With the team having convincingly won their last two games morale was high, but due to a lack of administrative co-ordination, turned up three light. However, the final score-line, 20-4 to the City, does not reflect on the game as a whole.

With only twelve men it was apparent that the City would run the ball and try to use their overlap of three men. Determined tackling and hard-fought possession saw the team in the City's half for long periods. The score at half-time was 10-0 in favour of the City. On the restart Essex forced their way into the City's twenty-five and prolonged pressure saw Edkins go over for an unconverted try. The team then gave maximum effort to try and steal the match away from City, but two hotly-disputed tries were awarded to the home side and they ran out winners with the score at 20-4.

This season has seen several new

players emerge and several older members turn up in new positions. John Bowman has transferred from full-back to a wing and has added some fire to the backs, even if as overhauled, "He looks like a great gangling spider" when he goes for the line. Andy Odell, a Cadet, last year's standby centre, is the season's find as scrum half. John Croot moves between stand-off, centre and wing-forward and Ian Sparks has made a move from the heavies in the second row to full-back.

Last but by no means least is the news that the negotiations for the lease of the Chelmsford Rugby Club premises are well in hand. Several meetings have been held between the Chelmsford Club and the Police Club and the result is that Chelmsford have agreed that the Force team may use their premises next season.

As soon as the legal aspects of the agreement have been decided, it only remains for the signing of the papers to give the Force a ground that is central for all.

This means, provisionally, as from the beginning of the season in 1974 the team will be playing at Chelmsford and not at Southend. It is hoped that this move will bring in more players and more support, especially as the bar opens at 4.30 p.m.!

## FORCE RECORDS — MEN

100 mts.: 11.2s., A. Jackson (Preston) 11.7.70.  
200 mts.: 22.9s., M. Jackson (Norwich) 29.8.68.  
400 mts.: 53.9s., C. Adams (Norwich) 28.8.67.  
800 mts.: 1m 55.6s., W. Cornell (Brighton) 18.7.59.  
1500 mts.: 4m. 5.3s., A. Down (Oxford) 23.6.71.  
5000 mts.: 15m. 20s., A. Down (Grays) 3.6.72.  
10,000 mts.: 31m. 54s., A. Down (Chelmsford) 18.5.71.  
3000 mts. steeplechase: 9m. 44.6s., A. Down (Southend) 22.9.73.  
Long Jump: 6.22 mts.: J. Welbourne (Welwyn) 7.6.72.  
Triple Jump: 13.27 mts.: G. Egerton (Oxford) 23.6.71.  
High Jump: 1.75 mts.: T. Mildinhall (E. London) 7.7.73.  
Shot put: 11.73 mts.: A. Wallace (Hornchurch) 22.5.71.

Discus throw: 34.10 mts.: C. Buller (Chelmsford) 31.5.73.  
Javelin throw: 59.48 mts.: T. Mildinhall (Cry. Pal.) 23.6.73.  
Hammer throw: 35.11 mts.: A. Wallace (Durham) 22.7.72.

## WOMEN

100 mts.: 12.7s., M. Oldall (London) 5.73.  
200 mts.: 28.0s., M. Oldall (Chelmsford) 24.5.72.  
800 mts.: 2m. 24.4s., M. Oldall (Chelmsford) 31.5.73.  
Long jump: 4.96 mts., M. Oldall (Chelmsford) 31.5.73.  
High jump: 1.59 mts., M. Oldall (Chelmsford) 31.5.73.  
Shot put: 8.77 mts., A. Ellingford (Chelmsford) 31.5.73.  
Javelin throw: 37.27 mts., A. Ellingford (W. London) 21.8.73.

# 'Men versus Boys' warms teams up for Cup matches

WITH both teams having important cup ties, the Force football team met the Cadets on 14th November, at Headquarters, for a warm-up match.

Due to late arrivals Cadets Šear and Coates made up the County side and it was not until both teams were at full strength that the match came alive.

Essex Cadets went close a few times but could not really find a way through the strong County defence. Nearing the end of the first half good goalkeeping by the Cadets keeper, Warriner, kept the score line even, with the County forwards pressing hard to open their account.

However, after the interval, quick thinking by a county forward, intercepting a back pass by a cadet defender to his goalkeeper, enabled him to score a well taken goal.

The Cadet attacks now began to break down and the team was concentrating more on defence and trying to keep the County out. It did not work, however, for they were to increase their score to three before the end of the match.

## Birmingham

The following Wednesday, 21st November, the Cadets travelled to Birmingham to meet the team that put them out of the National cup last season.

Once again fighting to stay in the competition the teams met on a small pitch, with the Essex Cadets suffering an undeserved defeat.

After five minutes another defensive mistake allowed an opposing forward to intercept the pass and open the scoring by slotting the ball past the approaching keeper.

Not losing their heads the Cadets pressed on and in one attack on the Birmingham goal Gamman narrowly missed with the goalkeeper well beaten.

The Essex attacks came regularly but were beaten back by excellent work of the Birmingham 'keeper, who showed why he is the national cadet team keeper, and the niggling "professional" touches of the Birmingham defence. True, the playing surface was greasy but too many times an Essex forward was brought to the ground by late tackles.

## Corners conceded

In the first half which finished with the score at 0-1, seven corners were conceded by the Birmingham defence, thus showing the pressure the Cadets were putting on the home defence.

Right from the whistle in the second half the pressure was renewed and, battling with the offside trap set by Birmingham, the Cadet forwards kept the goalkeeper busy and caused several anxious moments and scrambles in the opposition defence.

Late in the second half a cross from the Birmingham left wing, on one of their rare sallies, rebounded from an Essex defender and fell at the feet of the opposition centre-forward. He chipped it forward over the heads of the Essex defence and another Birmingham forward hit the ball into the net for a disputed goal, the scorer appearing to be a good two yards offside.

The final score, then, was 2-0 to Birmingham, but it could be said that they were lucky not to have lost by two or three goals.

## Carbon copy goals

The Force met Surrey in the Police Southern Counties Cup Competition and this was a good all-round match where the better team won by taking their opportunities. Surrey opened their scoring after 10 minutes when an inside-forward picked up a ball from a bad defensive error and passed on to an unmarked centre-forward who left Scott, in the Force goal, no chance whatsoever.

The second goal scored by Surrey came late in the first half and was almost a carbon copy of the first, with the same two attacking players involved, coming from the right this time.

## Netball

AT THE beginning of November the Cadet netball team met Mid Anglia in a friendly match at Chelmsford. They were on the small side and had some difficulty in sorting themselves out on the court.

Needless to say, our girls took them to the cleaners and thoroughly demoralised them by winning 44-5.

It proved to be a good work out for the home team who had more important games to play later in the month.

The next match was against the Sixth Form College, Benfleet, again held at Chelmsford, which proved to be a close game, the Cadet team just tipping the scales to win.

## Two in one day

The same evening, in the Chelmsford Evening League, the same team met Springfield 'C' team and kept their good record, having only lost one match in the league.

A match against the Chelmsford Co-op never got off the ground due to the opposition not being able to field a team. Thus the Cadets had two more points to add to their tally but were disappointed not to have played in order to boost their goal average.

In the next league match, against EverReady, held at the Cadet School, they made up for the lost goals in the previous match by defeating the opposition 56-4. Some going — scoring at almost a goal a minute!

The league organisers do not publish a league table until the end of the season and therefore it is not possible to say whether the team are top or not, but how could they be anywhere else?

## National P.A.A. Cup

This changed the course of the game as it put new heart into the visitors and with the Force not taking the few chances offered them in the closing minutes of the match Surrey ran out winners at 3-1.

In the National P.A.A. Cup Regional semi-final the Force drew a tough nut when they met the holders, Kent, on their home ground.

Playing under difficult conditions with the pitch hard and icy, Kent started very strongly and for most of the first half put pressure on the Force defence. The defence, however, managed to last out and at half-time there was no score.

Starting the second half the Force adapted to the conditions and started attacking the Kent goal with fervour. After 25 minutes of this pressure Kent broke away and scored the first goal of the match, hotly disputed by the Force who claimed that the Kent centre-forward was four yards offside.

## Breakaways

The Force came back and tried even harder, but in yet another breakaway Kent scored a second disputed goal and this was the final score.

After the match the Kent players commiserated with the Force over the disputed goals, freely admitting that both were offside.

In the league the Force have won all their matches this month, including a very good four-nil victory over Bowers. The team is now lying fifth in the Olympian League, with two games in hand over some of those above them.

In the Olympian League Cup the Force beat Marconi's by six goals to one and are now drawn against the League leaders, Benfleet, in the next round.

## 'Olympian' Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfleet	10	8	2	0	24	6	18
Burnham	11	7	3	1	24	9	17
Sawbridgeworth	11	6	3	2	30	13	15
Chadwell Heath	9	7	1	1	24	11	15
Essex Police	10	6	2	2	24	9	14
Herongate	13	5	4	4	25	20	14
Brentwood	11	4	5	2	19	12	13
E.C.C.	12	4	5	3	28	24	13
Bowers	11	5	3	3	22	19	13
Writtle	10	4	2	4	17	10	19
O.C.'s	10	3	4	3	17	17	10
Ongar	10	3	2	5	16	20	8
Collier Row	9	3	1	5	20	17	7
Runwell Hosp.	10	3	1	6	19	16	7
Dunmow	12	1	2	9	14	44	4
Marconi	11	1	1	9	7	47	3
Stortford Swifts	12	0	1	11	8	44	1

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY THE FORCE BRASS BAND at the Assembly Hall, Police Headquarters at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th December 1973. See YOUR BAND at home.**

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Dutch I.P.A. This is a very friendly gesture and we would like to accept, but there are many obstacles to be overcome and we are not yet sure if we will be able to go. Another concert of note is our "Benefit" night so to speak at the Civic Theatre at Chelmsford on Monday, 21st January, commencing at 7.45 p.m. During May, the 18th I believe, we shall be doing another of those very successful concerts with the Salvation Army Band of Chelmsford and on 27th March a concert for the Chelmsford Samaritans. This one is still a bit of a mystery tour, we don't know where it might be. Rumour has it from my intelligence sources that it might be held in Danbury Parish

Church. If it is I hope I'm posted, what with all those jokes. . . .

I must repeat what I have said before (that's obvious) about the need for recruits especially for the cornet section. If anyone has a genuine desire to learn and can from henceforth give each Wednesday evening to the Band rehearsals etc., there will be a welcome for him. And if by some chance these words light upon the eyes of any actual players, well, what are you waiting for? We can certainly offer you an interesting hobby, part-time activity, call it what you will, but the band must progress and some of us are getting past it (speak for yourself I can hear some of 'em saying). Good listening and a merry Christmas and happy New Year to all readers of this column.

# Newcomers join Divisions



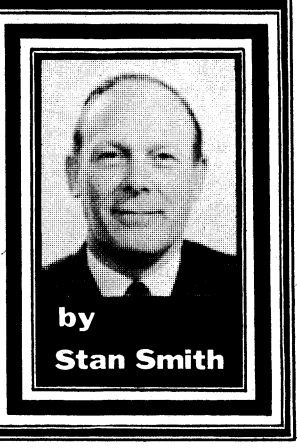
Having pictured them in an earlier edition, taking the sun on the sports field at Headquarters, during their 'Induction Course', the first of the ten week initial training course members return for a local procedure course and posting to Divisions.

They have arrived just in time to savour the cold winter nights that are in store for us and perhaps they will not look quite so happy in a few weeks time.

They are from left to right:— (back row) Mick Eldred (Epping), Anne Fitch (Chelmsford), Steve Nutt (Halstead), Mac McGettigan (Harlow); (centre row):— Keith Watson (Basildon), Ann Ellingford (Chelmsford), Mick Lane (Brentwood); and (front row):— Alison Smith (Basildon), Brian March (Rayleigh) and Colin Butcher (Colchester).

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## Notes



by  
Stan Smith

NOW that Christmas is almost upon us I would like to emulate the 'Chief Constable and wish all members a happy Christmas and thank all those who have helped me in my capacity of Secretary of the Joint Branch Board during the past year.

To those who are still looking for Christmas presents may I remind you that I still have a number of Force cuff links for sale. They are of a neat design with the Force crest picked out in red and blue enamel. Despite inflation they are still priced at £1.50 and make an attractive gift. Once they are all sold a proportion of the proceeds will be going to the Orphans Fund.

## RENT ALLOWANCE

The staff of the Headquarters Finance Department have been working hard on the calculations necessary to pay increases in rent allowances as a result of the increase in the maximum limit. The

great majority have been done and sent down to the County Treasurer for action, and the staff there are trying to get the payments made in time for the December cheque. It is touch and go at the moment whether the arrears can be calculated in time, but at least the new rates should be paid in December.

The Joint Central Committee have decided to make a thorough investigation into the implications of the proposed new system of calculation of rent allowance before any action is taken on a national scale.

There are many problems and I am sure that there will have to be some alterations to the formula before we think of getting the system applied nationally.

select rural areas, where, although rateable values are low, the location brought a high rentable value, giving them a reasonable rent allowance. It would be extremely unfair therefore, if an officer who purchased a house based upon considerations applicable to the present system were to be penalised by the introduction of any new method of calculating rent allowance.

Another matter which concerns me is the question of the payment of arrears since the last triennial valuation. Many members' properties are soon to be revalued and the difference in cash repayment between the expected uplift as a result of the District Valuer's assessment and the application of the new formula can be quite considerable. The new system cannot be fair to all unless it only comes into operation following the up-dating of each property since the last valuation.

A very recent discovery that an error in the calculation of individual rateable values affecting the whole country and about 10 million houses highlights the problems of accepting too quickly a formula for rent allowances without a thorough investigation. First reports estimate that reductions of up to ten per cent in rateable values may be appropriate. This reduction when the proposed new formula is applicable will effectively reduce rent allowance.



In order that I can be in a position to put forward valid arguments one way or another, may I ask for the cooperation of all owners-occupiers to assist me in my research in respect of this Force.

Will you all please apply the formula of taking the nett rateable value of your property; multiplying that figure by 1.64, then adding the general and water rates paid, and then dividing the total by 52.17, giving the weekly rent allowance based on the proposed new formula. If the resulting figure is then less than the expected rate taking into account any increase due because of an uplift since your last revaluation, will you please send the details to me giving the date of last valuation by the District Valuer, the rates in the pound in your district, and rates paid. By sharing the load in this way I shall be able to be in position to quote facts and figures much sooner than if I had to go through about 1,000 files myself.

## REMOVAL EXPENSES

We are awaiting the Regulations increasing the removal allowances to £60 for Constables and

Sergeants, and £75 for Inspectors and Chief Inspectors with effect from September 1, 1973.

Those officers who move before the new rates come into effect will automatically receive the arrears following receipt of the Regulation.

There is also a proviso which authorises the payment of up to £250 in all if expenditure actually incurred incidental to the move as a result of alteration or replacement of curtains, fixtures and fittings, relaying of floor coverings, conversion or installation of electrical appliances etc. Losses on school fees or uniforms and travel tickets are also included in the agreement.

In other words, if your expenditure as a result of a removal due to the exigencies of the service is more than the minimum applicable to your rank and is as a result of the reasons given, then you should make application for reimbursement.

## HOUSE PURCHASE

I am asked to again remind members of the advisory service provided by the Police Mutual Assurance Society, Alexandra House, Queen Street, Lichfield, Staffs, to all police officers contemplating house purchase, whether or not they are saving with the Society.

Over £10,000,000 has been made available to police officers for house purchase through the Abbey National, Burnley, Halifax and Woolwich Building Societies under a special arrangement.

Money is usually available to police officers through the Scheme where it would otherwise be refused, but a special authorisation from the P.M.A.S. should be obtained in the first instance.

The need for regular saving with a Building Society in respect of future plans for house purchase cannot be emphasised strongly enough.

## The Law Shop

**DOES YOUR** camera need repair or a clean up after last summer? Quotes for repairs etc. from Pc Peter Colbert, Traffic HQ.

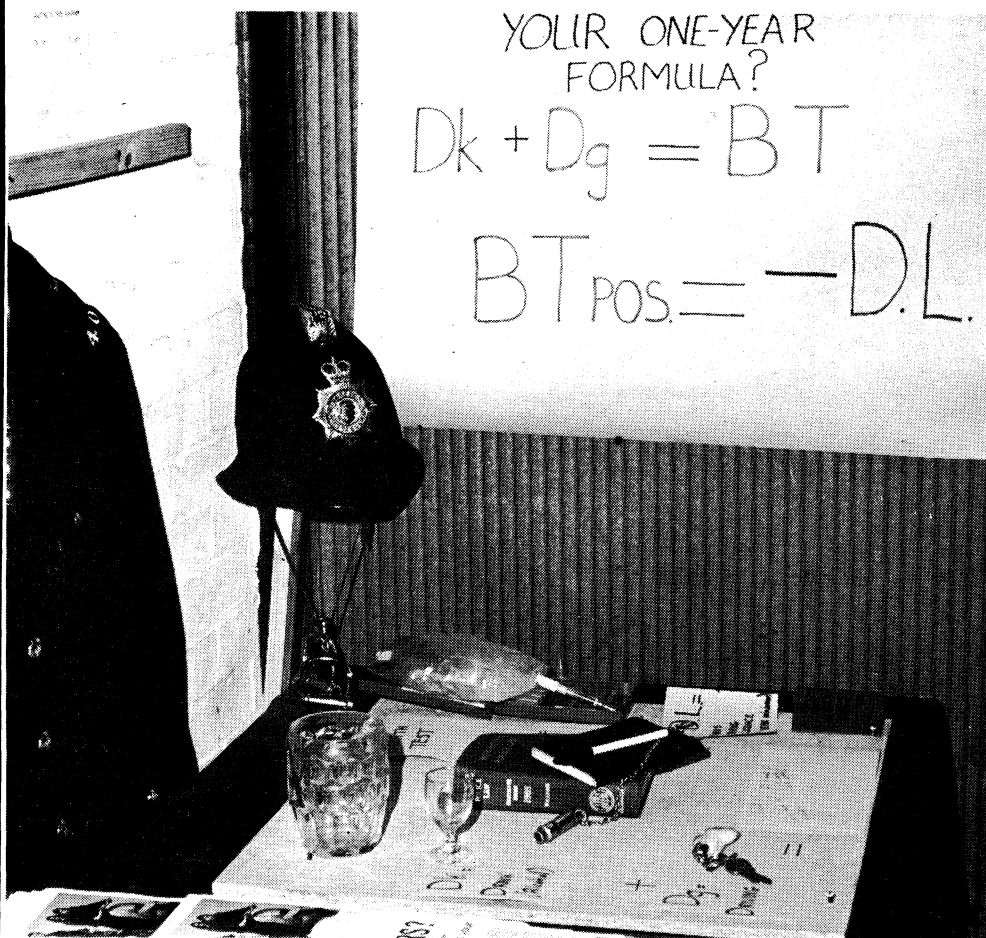
**Essex Police pensioner's grandson from Durham needs lodgings nearer to Marconi, Great Baddow, than his present digs at Westcliff. Any offers or suggestions to Sergeant Easlea, Southend.**

## CORRECTION

The date of the Force 10 miles walk championship will be 23rd January and not 16th as circulated recently. Cross country race stays on 19th December.



## Breathtest mathematics



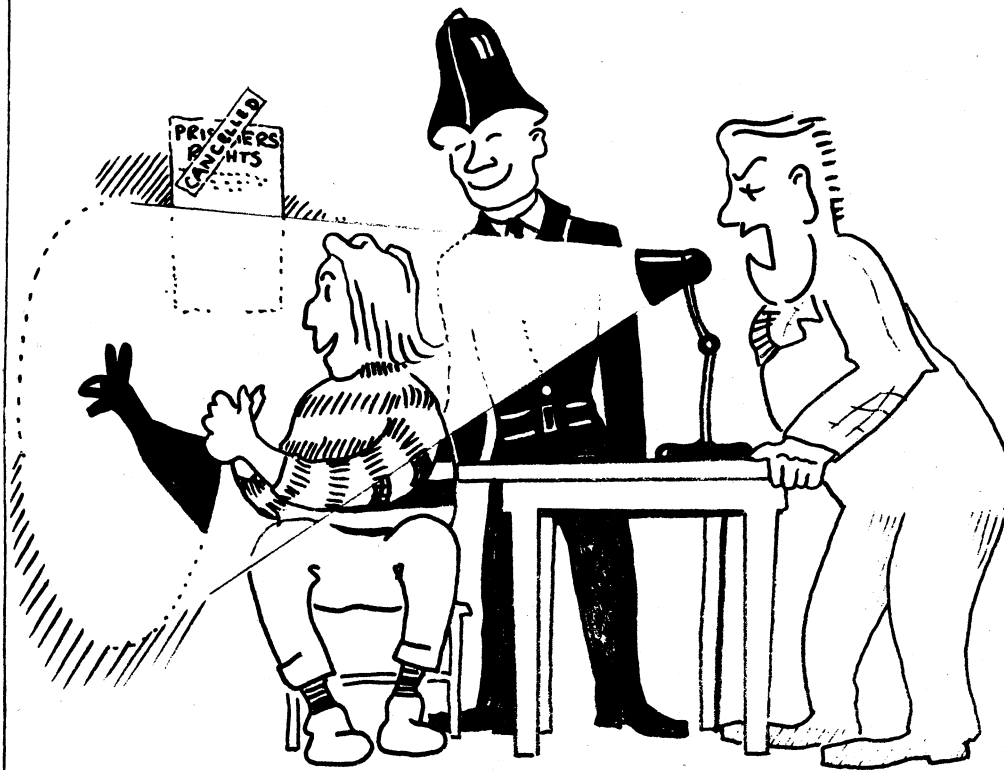
### adds up to good P.R.

THERE is no end to what a bit of ingenuity can knock up at short notice. Being involved with a road safety exhibition at Southminster, Pc John Bray of the Marine Section found himself in charge of a breathalyzer kit which was to be on display.

And since a large proportion of the visitors were likely to be children John hit upon this algebraic warning about drinking and driving; drink plus driving equals breath test; positive equals minus licence. (We add this to assist non-mathematicians).

As more than 600 people visited the exhibition the public relations impact of this display fully repaid the effort made to mount it.

### Joint Force Types No 53 — The Detective Inspector.



"Right, this is the third degree, Bussy, so stop mucking about and answer the questions."

## National Association of Retired Police Officers



by Bert Brinkley

### Pensions (Increase) Act, 1971

Members will be aware of the efforts which the N.E.C. has made

and is making to remedy some of the anomalies which result from the multipliers in the First Schedule of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1971, as amended, to bring pensions granted before 1969 up to 1969 standard. The reason these multipliers have produced anomalous results is that at certain periods in the past, between 1948 and 1955 particularly, pay rates of the police and in some other branches of the Public Service, were depressed due to Government policy. Because the pay rates were depressed the pensions of those retiring at that time were also depressed and for this reason subsequent percentage increases do nothing to rectify the depression, indeed they have the effect of increasing them by comparison with those who retired either earlier or later.

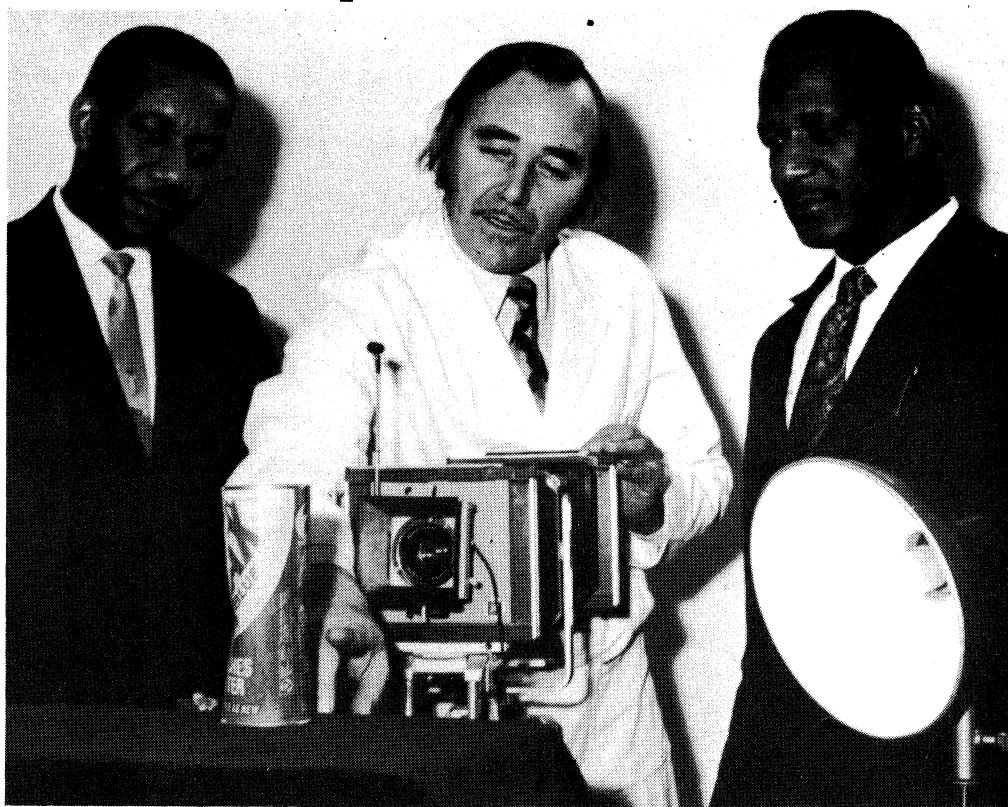
On 13 September, 1973, the Lord Privy Seal sent a communication to the Secretary of the Staff Side of the National Whitley Council promising action insofar as Civil Servants were concerned to ensure there was no permanent disadvantage to those

retiring this year whose pay has been adversely affected by the counter inflationary measures of the Government.

Immediate action was taken through the Public Service Pensioners' Council to support what was proposed on the basis that the principle would be applied not only to the Civil Service but to the whole of the Public Service, also drawing attention again to the anomalies of the 1971 Act as referred to above, and seeking steps to ensure no permanent disadvantage should be suffered by any former public servant who retired in periods of depressed pay levels.

The Lord Privy Seal replied saying that although his letter had referred only to Civil Servants it was accepted that the problem was a general one and measures would be taken to apply the principle to the public sector as a whole. He went on to say in its consideration of whether special action could be justified on this occasion the Government was not unmindful of the fact that the problem was not a new one, and that particularly

## Visitors prefer sun to frost



DURING the last month the Force have had Sgt Claude Williams of St Vincent Police Force and Sgt Kenneth Witter of the Jamaican Police on a week's attachment.

Prior to arriving at Chelmsford they had been attached to Birmingham City Police as part of an

overseas police officers course held at Hendon.

As Claude said, "This is a stepping stone to advancement within the service." He continued, "On the whole I think the English Police is of the highest standard in the world. I have visited the United States on holiday and have seen how

the Police have been operating.

"I do not like the American way of policing as they carry arms and crime is on the increase. I believe that the reason why there are not so many crimes of violence in your country is because policemen do not carry arms."



W.P.C. Terry Skinner, the well-known swimmer from Grays, was married at St. Michael's Church, Gidea Park, to P.C. Mick Payne, of the Support Unit.

Photo: Larkins Studio.

### TRAFFIC DIV TO DINE & DANCE

TRAFFIC DIVISION will hold their DINNER DANCE on 21st February at Chelmsford's CHANCELLOR HALL. Tickets are £2.75 and may be obtained by ex-members of the Division through contact with Peter Colbert, HQ Traffic.

during the period from 1948 to 1958 the pensions of some of those retiring from the public service were adversely affected. He was afraid, however, it would not be possible for the measure now being considered to be extended to those who retired during earlier periods of wage restraint. Members will be thoroughly disappointed with this reaction, and it is all the more unfair when considered in the light of the comparative affluence of those currently retiring as compared with those who retired 15 to 20 years ago. Legislation will obviously have to be introduced to give effect the proposals of the Government and steps are being taken to seek amendment which will give comparable justice to those who retired prior to 1973.

It is hoped that our local Members of Parliament will be encouraged to give their support.

### NARPO

It is also notified that in view of the exceptional inflation at the present time a formal request is being made for an interim review of the Public Service pensions at 31 December, 1973. You will know that for the period up to June 1973, those who retired on or before 1 July, 1972, are to receive a 9.3 per cent increase with effect from 1 December, 1973. What is now

proposed is that for the period up to 31 December, 1973, an interim payment on the 1974 review shall be paid in June, 1974.

It is understood from County Hall that every endeavour is being made to include the recent pension increases on the December payment.

### Comrades Luncheon

It seems the attendance at the Luncheon this year showed a slight increase over 1972 — those attending were: Pensioners 90; Serving Officers 40. But there is still room for improvement, especially among Serving Officers. It is remarkable, when in conversation, how many are unaware of the eligibility to join. Representatives are in each Division who will give the necessary guidance when required.

### Branch Remittances, 1973

Notification has just been

"I have enjoyed my stay in England. I have learned quite a lot and have broadened my outlook. I have many thanks to give to the British people as when I arrived. I thought I knew a lot about Police work but I have found that I knew very little."

St. Vincent island is eleven miles wide and eighteen miles long. Their economy is based on agriculture and tourism. The Police Force has an establishment of 400 men and, said Sgt Williams, "there are no serious crimes committed on the island. The only problem is from kids who try to molest or beg from the tourists."

received that our subscriptions to the National Executive Council has been increased from 30 per cent to 37½ per cent which has to be paid by 15 December, 1973. This increase is unavoidable, due in the main to loss of members for various reasons, but I feel confident we shall come through quite successfully, as I am sure our neighbouring branches Colchester and Southend will do also.

The Treasurer (Mr. H. S. Phillibrown) and myself have received many letters of appreciation for our services to the branch, for which we are indeed thankful, but we are only doing what is expected of us, so please accept this as a general acknowledgment, it is impossible to reply to everyone individually. In closing, may I take this opportunity on behalf of your Committee, to wish you all a Happy Christmas and good health and happiness for 1974.

Incidentally, several have forgotten the address of the Treasurer, it is — 7 Dalrymple Close, Chelmsford. Your Secretary of course, yours truly, at 93 Sandford Road, Chelmsford.

## BANK HOLIDAY LEAVE DAY LIST LENGTHENS

ANOTHER day off! By Royal Proclamation New Year's Day will in future be a public holiday. Though this merely regularises what has been going on for years in many walks of life, for employees of the Joint Police Authority it will amount to an additional day off — and after the night before very welcome, no doubt.