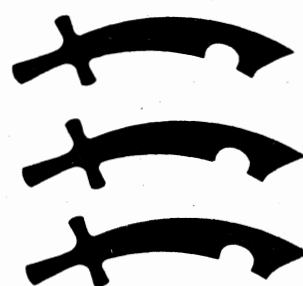




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Chief Constable in New Year Honours List

Sir John Nightingale

Well, it's the time of year



OCCURRENCES are usually entered in the Occurrence Book, rather than taking place on it. But then, at the Police Cadet School what would you expect?

When four endearing, and very young, puppies, were found in the park at Chelmsford the police were called in. It was no time before good homes were organised, all within the Force, one to a lady warden at Chelmsford who took pity on the last pup.

And like all young things they eventually ended up at the Cadet School where our picture — courtesy of Essex Chronicle — shows Cadet Kate Bobsin and

WPC Maria Oldall having their Christmas cuddle, as it were. A School spokesman later denied that offers of good homes for Kate and Maria had been received.

It was while Pc Keith Treasure's pup was sitting on the occurrence book waiting for transport to her new home that an incident occurred — and took all the lines off the page.

The pups, each weighing about 2lb, were described in the Chelmsford dog book as "Alsation-Labrador cross" which seemed like an overstatement, but then, it was that time of year.

THE new arrangements under which the New Year Honours List appears on January 2nd because New Years Day is a bank holiday meant that the Chief had to wait an extra day to see his Knighthood in black and white.

He will be known as Sir John Nightingale, C.B.E., B.E.M., Q.P.M., B.A.



Cheers

OUR picture shows Sir John and Lady Nightingale celebrating on another occasion.

Cash crisis makes cuts essential

FINAL estimates of police expenditure for the financial year 1975-6 were presented to the Police Committee by the Chief Constable last month.

"Original departmental estimates had already received several prunings before this stage was reached," Mr H. Taylor ACC (Admin) told The Law, "but the final estimates were further reduced by £42,000."

Mr. Taylor's department is responsible for expenditure which will total, in 1975-6, a staggering £14,900,000. This amount, based on November, 1974, prices will inevitably rise since wages, oil prices and other costs will go up between now and March 1976, the end of the financial year in question.

As an example of this cost escalation one has only to look at 1974-5 where the original final estimates of £11½ million have grown to £13 million in the meantime.

The new estimates, which represent a 2 per cent growth over the current year must now go before the Co-ordinating and Finance Committee for ratification.

The savings of £42,000 were achieved by cutting £32,000 from the vehicle replacement programme, £6,000 from staffing costs, saving £2,000 on uniform, £1,000 on printing and stationery, and £1,000 on cadet outward bound courses.

"It is essential to cut out waste," says Mr Taylor. As an example he cites heating of the headquarters complex which this time last year guzzled 305 gallons of oil daily. Then

CAUTION

Malta IPA Villa

THE president, I.P.A. reports that Malta I.P.A. have no knowledge of the matter and while this does not necessarily mean that nothing will come of it eventually, members are advised not to contemplate contributing cash to the venture at this stage.

Sports Club subs to rise?

AT last month's meeting of the Force Sports Committee, the Secretary, Sergeant Ed Easlea floated the proposal that the part of members subscriptions forwarded from Divisions to the Force should be raised. "Another 10p would not be too much," he said.

At present Divisions remit 10p per quarter to the Force

Association for each member, retaining the rest of the subscription in the Divisional Club.

This rate has remained unchanged since 1971 during which costs have escalated. Sgt. Easlea told the meeting that he felt that sectional sport should be covered by subscriptions.

Several Divisional

delegates spoke against a rise pointing to fund raising activities, like the Caesarewitch Draw, which this year raised £258, to make up the difference between subscriptions and expenditure.

The Chief Constable, Chairman, asked representatives to take soundings in divisions on the matter.

Edireview of the Year

6th January 1975

"FOLLOWING a spate of country house robberies," writes the editor of East Anglian Daily Times, "there is now a threat of pig rustling." He goes on to remark that vandalism and hooliganism are increasing in the villages and that "life seemed a good deal more secure" in times past when there was a village bobby.

But in those days the Police did not have the multitude of laws to enforce and other non-enforcement activities to see about and there was time to potter about the village passing the time of day.

In those good old days there was little traffic, students applied themselves to learning, football crowds watched the game, and Christmases were white. Alas times have changed and police man-

inaccurate. The penny farthing, you should know, went out with decimalisation.

January also saw the retirement of Mr Rainbird, Special Commandant, who had served since the general strike of 1926.



SPECIAL Commandant, Mr Rainbird retired.

Stick around Mr Rainbird your country may need you again the way things are going.

Privileges

With commendable alacrity the Police Authority adopted a new Force emblem in February, and we won't bore you with all that technical seaxes-floating-in-parallel stuff again except to observe that perhaps they should have figured out just how to actually fix three floating seaxes in parallel to a helmet plate.

Alas it was not until November, six months after the Force became Essex Police, that we were able to report that new helmet plates were making their appearance. Senior officers had been wearing their new badges for a while by then: rank must have its privileges after all.



CHIEF on bike.

power has become a scarce commodity.

Indeed this very shortage led to the panda system, which has, to some extent superseded the village man, tottering along at less than full efficiency. We really cannot see any solution, unless it be soaking pin men until they are full size as suggested last month.

A year to forget

Looking back over 1974 the year seemed to begin in a crisis, stagger through several others and end amid prophecies of doom.

The particular crisis which afflicted January was a shortage of petrol and we carried a picture of the Chief Constable on his bike. It is fair to say that we have since been driven to such excesses ourselves not because the stuff is short but pricey, and pedal, from time to time, through the lanes.

This inspired a cartoon which is certainly up-to-the-minute if mechanically



TRIPLE national champ Mike Dunion, most successful Essex Police athlete of the year.

February also saw the reinstatement of that haven of dissidents, Tilbury, as a sub-division.

The petrol crisis had turned into a financial one by March and various new buildings were deferred. While we have not yet had to report their complete axing we doubt if we shall ever see some of them.

It is odd how events overtake each other. One of the buildings deferred was the Cadet School extension. Later in the year there came talk of 18-year old entry into the Force and the effects this might have on the cadet training system could make the extension unnecessary. Can there be any doubt if 18 became the lower age limit that those responsible for recruiting would seize upon the opportunity to fill the gaps in police ranks? We do not think that Federation misgivings will carry much weight in this issue.

Longest title

March was the month the Force lost the distinction of having the longest title in the British Police. The Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary



Q.P.M. for Mr Petherick in the summer.

gave way to Essex Police and to mark the occasion its members took to wearing chequered cap bands.

Ladies triumphant

The year saw several triumphs for the ladies though we would not rate the departure of Welburn-Superma'am as one of these. A national police netball championship came in March and the national cadet cross country title the month after. Later both the Peel and Bennett Trophies fell to police-women but this column's



NATIONAL Police champ, Tim Mildinhal, javelin and high jump.

predictions of eventual female takeover fell on deaf ears.

And 1974 was year Essex got computerised, hooked up to Hendon. In September we were able to report that seven abandoned vehicles had been identified in one day through the computer.

It was a year when such permanent fixtures as Patmore of CID and Joe Lambon in Recruiting retired, and when members who began pre-war became few and far between.

Security

Late in the year headquarters became security conscious and turned to that ever ready source of manpower the Cadet Corps to provide a squad of granite faced guards to man the front door. Mind you the back door is still open though we have been asked to deny that the notice directing visitors to the front is printed in Irish.



SUPERMA'AM Welburn who departed for Cheshire during the year, left, and Superma'am Butler who succeeded.

This column continued the policy of crossing swords with anyone who might care to engage in literary fisticuffs, to mix metaphors.

Early in the year it was CID after we had described their walk-out from the Federation meeting in unequivocal terms. We note that there is now agreement on their overtime payments but that members of the department in this Force at any

rate still prefer some flat-rate element in their payment, and agree to disagree with the agreement.

And the new Basildon Community Involvement Unit took unkindly to our comments a little later. Apparently the crime rate at Basildon, far from dropping has gone up by 18 per cent or so this year. But perhaps, without these new measures, crime would have climbed even higher. It comes back to the fact that the quickest way to statistically cut crime is to take away all the policemen so there is no-one to receive crime complaints. Apparently the unit has had an opposite effect at Basildon actually receiving reports of crimes which they then have to hand over to CID because their job is prevention not investigation. But perhaps these are teething troubles.

The year ended with another energy crisis — something with which this column has rarely been afflicted — as unenforceable road speeds were introduced and limits put on office heating. But with the new headquarters security arrangements we are quite safe because the ministry man would never get in to check the temperature.

Now to launch The Law into 1975 — may we take



SEVERAL thousand recruits passed through his hands over the years before Joe Lambon retired in 1974.

this chance of wishing all our readers good fortune — we must be joking but there is no harm in wishing — please continue to support us in the way to which we have become accustomed. If we are to mirror the day-to-day happenings in Essex Police you will have to tell us what is happening. Alas the crystal ball is old and cloudy, and covered by papers, and its replacement has been axed.

postbag

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.

it is usual for me to pay a service charge. There is no such charge in a police canteen.

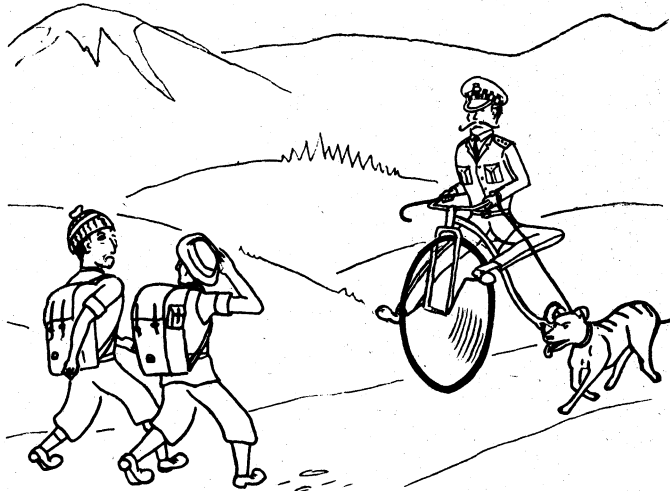
Why, even in a public house that provides meals as a service to its customers I do not feel that you or I could get such good value as is available at our canteen.

I suggest that you rethink your editorial and remember that it was in 1968 that the country was taken for "a ride" with the introduction of decimal currency. If the government of the day had taken the old 10/- instead of the £1 unit we may not be at the inflationary stage we are at today. If that happened then 2/- would have been 20 new pence instead of 10 new pence and people would have been able, readily, to notice how prices had increased.

ROGER PARKER

IF READERS are able to look again at the comments made they will see that they were all directed at the increase and not the price. Now you may think this is splitting hairs but the fact remains that if, as you say, prices have got so far behind reality, then they should have been increased little by little over the past year so that such a great leap was unnecessary now. And we still think that charging extra for a beverage, at the same time, was turning the knife in the wound.

—Editor



"Better salute — it mightn't be a mirage."

Mailbag

Thankyou letter

SIR, — May I thank those members of Ongar Sub-Division and others who supported the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Christmas card and gift list and my sales of Christmas Wrapping which enabled a further £4 to the funds of "Invalids-at-Home".

G. W. DARBY, P.c. 499

— and another

Ladies, Gentlemen, Friends,

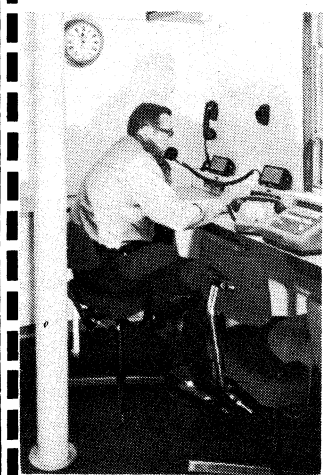
As you will no doubt have already heard, I am alive and well and living in Stanway (and very glad of it). I arrived back home on Thursday, November 28, after a really excellent drive home from Birmingham Airport by Derek Earchy in the worst possible driving conditions. Real V.I.P. treatment!

The doctors are well satisfied with my progress and I may be back at work in a couple of months. In the meantime, I've just got to take things very slowly. I didn't fancy "popping off" in Spain as I always feel there is a time and place for everything (with the proper gear engaged?) and then there wasn't it, so I passed up the chance and came home.

Coming to the real reason for this missive brings a lump to the throat. I really didn't realise that so many of you could be so concerned about my welfare and that of my wife who was with me throughout my illness. The financial expression of your concern has somewhat overwhelmed us and to simply say "Thank you" for your contribution, whether practical help to my family at home during my absence, or financially, seems far from adequate. However, there is no way I can expand on a simple "Thanks" from my wife and myself. I can only add that my estimation of you all is beyond

THE NEW Force Communications Vehicle taken into use during October provides a worthy successor to our original ex-civil defence vehicle. Not much longer than the original model it provides, nevertheless, much more flexible accommodation and storage space and has a four-wheel drive chassis so essential when crossing fields or low lying areas.

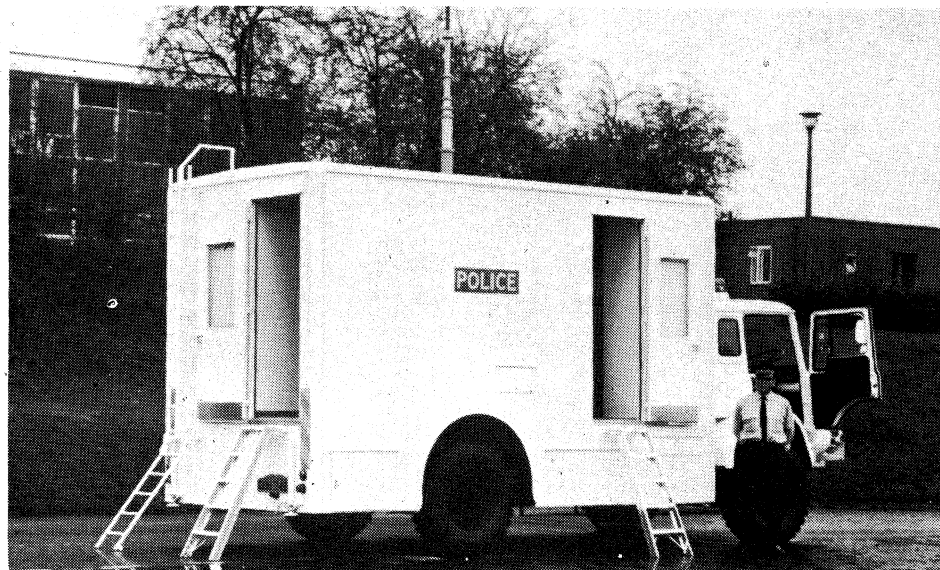
The accommodation in three areas provides a Conference Room, a



description and if there is anything I can do for any one of you, just name it.

So finally in the words of that "other" place which I don't mention any more — "Muchisimas Gracias" — you're a lovely lot to know. BILL STEBBING.

Yes, this vehicle has a kitchen sink



Communications Area and a Kitchen and Toilet. Carpeted throughout and with hot and cold running water it protects the Information Room staff from too great a shock when they leave their normal environment.

Providing four separate radio schemes at any one time and having a six line telephone switchboard from which extension telephones can be rapidly provided to other vehicles or buildings it is capable of dealing with the communication requirements of anything from a local point to point meeting to a major incident.

A 50 foot hydraulic mast ensures good radio cover and the requirements of the radio engineer have not been forgotten in the specially designed Radio Equipment rack which enables the radio to be slid out for ease of servicing.

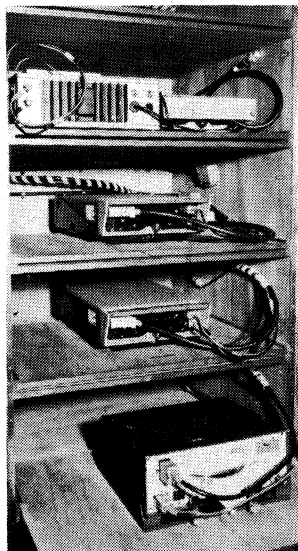
The electrical system, which provides both mains and battery power and permits the charging of the vehicle batteries when the vehicle is connected to the mains or its own 2½ Kilowatt generator, is controlled by a single switch.

The roof has been specially strengthened

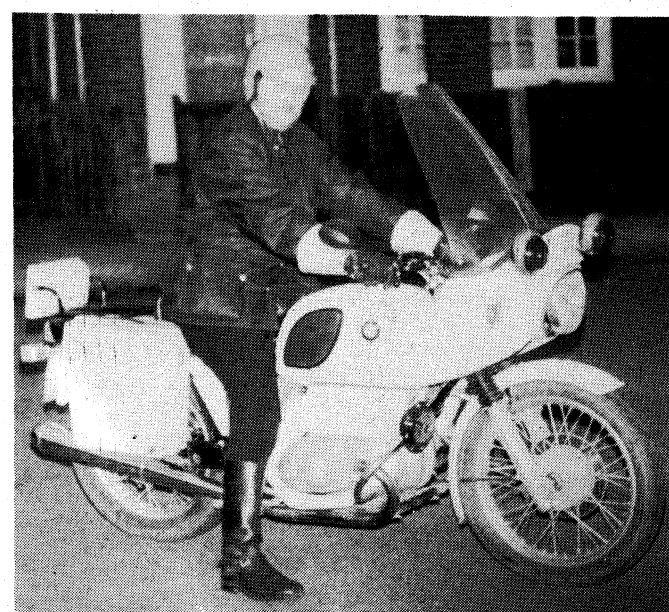
and covered with slip proof material and is capable of taking the weight of up to five people.

Two entrances, one at the rear and one at the side mean that the Communications Area can be isolated from the Office accommodation and incidentally provides a through walk on those occasions when the vehicle is on display to the public.

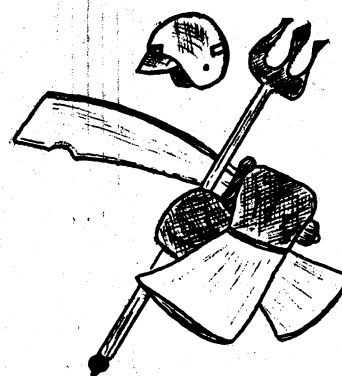
The generator is suspended beneath the vehicle in a rack designed to ensure its easy removal when at the scene of an incident. The vehicle, in short, provides a much more flexible replacement than its predecessor.



First BMW arrives



What's on



Who's off

THE TIME of Jingle Bells, heated jackets and long johns is here. So far so good, we haven't had any real cold days although I hear that J.P. has given his unmentionables an airing. News from the home front that is! Mick Phillips at Harlow got his wife to the hospital on time — one Mum and babe doing fine — as they say. Well done, Mike, a pint all round at the next meeting.

One of those German "Moto Sicken biken mit de hee haw" is by now on its round of the county. The B.M.W., for those uninitiated four wheelers,

was at Chelmsford for a week. I hardly heard any moans about it — quite a change. I think the main point for it was an electric start. No more jumping up and down to go.

The vehicle is capable, so I'm told, of about 115 m.p.h. with no vibration. Obviously I could go on and on about it, but by the end of January, everyone should have tried it and formed their own opinions. I can also say that the Police Authority has given us £18,000 with which to buy these machines, so with the first three of the fifteen expected very soon, we should have some reports flowing in.

Again news from the Subs was nil. I know I moan about it but if you don't send me anything I can't write an all-embracing column.

I heard a little whisper that a certain motor cyclist from A.C. took it upon himself to see how far certain vehicles will lean. He failed miserably and had to wait five minutes for a charabanc to stop and assist him into an upright position. I'm sure the story will out at a meeting.

With regard to a meeting — please let Frank or the Sparky know of any dates you would like for a meeting and one will be arranged.

POLICE — public relations cannot be too bad, one suspects, so long as letters like that printed below go on arriving at Harlow Police station.

The Law wishes the writer better luck in 1975.

The Officer in Charge
Harlow Police Station

Dear Sir

I am not happy. Plagued with indigestion (result of a hurried lunch hour), exposed to public ridicule (that coach load of kids appeared jubilant to see me stopped) and moreover threatened with a blot on a previously spotless record, having never been caught that is.

All this because one of your officers, fed up with driving round Harlow in the rain with no one to talk to decided that I looked like an interlectual (I'd have used 2 Ls if I was) and thought that a stop and a chat would do him the power of good. If only I had such a fatal attraction to females!

Comes the bitter bit! He pinched me!

His eagle eye spotted that my driving licence expired last week, and unlike the Essex County Council, reminded me of the fact with the dreaded words "Not obliged to say anything, etc., etc."

Comes the crafty bit!

I have in the past used my car to transport stolen goods (watch that blood pressure) to your premises. I have sweated and strained to deliver gas cylinders, prams etc. to your door. Offered my services to your officer who stood alone one evening facing a load of yobs and a likely hammering. I liked him, he declined assistance! What price customer relations?

Yours faithfully

Signature

P.S. Have heard that Sainsburys will have some sugar at 12 noon Friday. Please excuse handwriting. Wearing gloves!

COLLECTORS PIECE

THE PIECE published in The Law recently about badge collectors has indirectly served to show that this publication has a world-wide readership.

The letter published below comes from a collector in San Fernando Police Department, California, who will, no doubt, be delighted to hear from other readers with similar interests.

Dear Mr. Posnack,

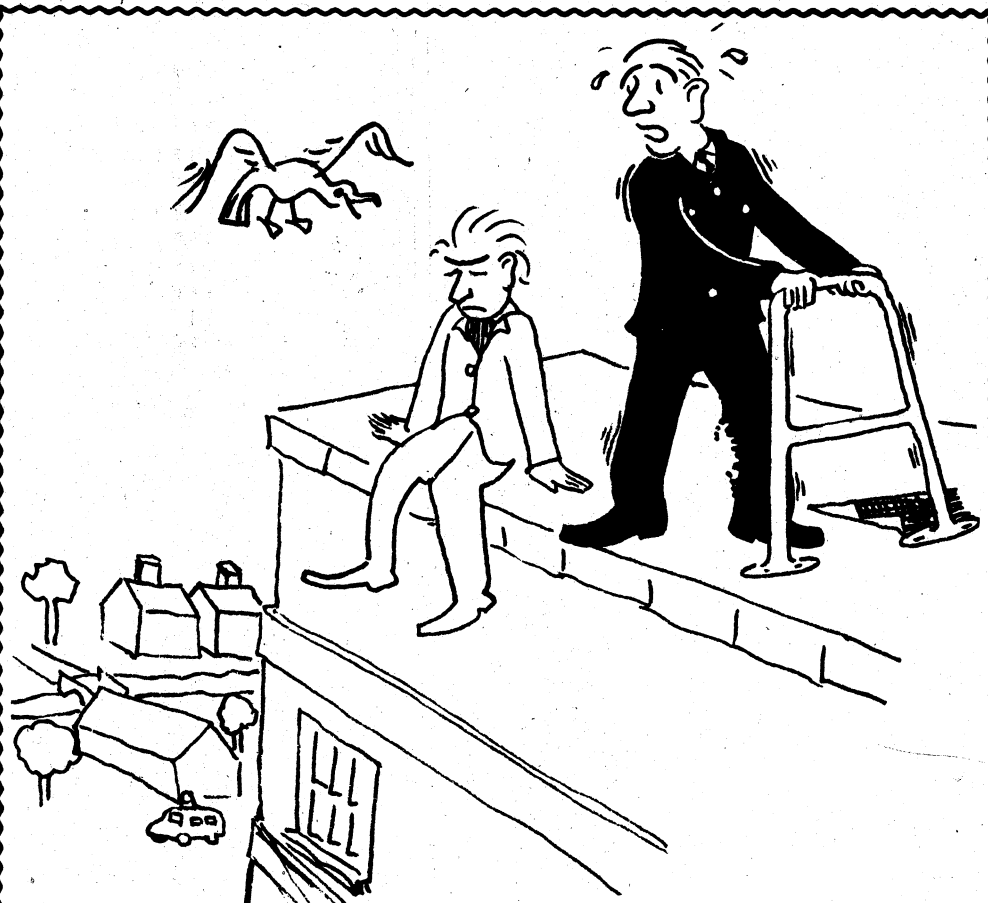
I would very much appreciate your sending me a list of the police officers that have expressed an interest in badge collecting. This letter is prompted by the article which appeared in The Law published in August.

I am a reserve officer with San Fernando Police Department and am quite active in their program. In addition, I have been putting in many hours attempting to get a police museum established in Los Angeles, though I must admit that it seems a thankless task at time.

I do have friends on your force and enjoy reading The Law which is periodically forwarded me as a product of their thoughtfulness. I collect all manner of police memorabilia such as truncheons, lanterns, restraints, documents, photos, uniform helmets and breast badges.

Your reply would be greatly appreciated and I can only hope that you haven't already been inundated with such requests as a result of that article.

With thanks,
CHARLES W. FUNARO



"I'VE torn me trousers, lost me 'elmet, missed refreshments, I'm probably off me beat, I pranged the panda on the way 'ere, got a 'no' from the PAB, and I can't stand heights — and you reckon you've got troubles."

Memories go back 100

HOW MANY OF US can wish to remember back that boast of memories of the Police Service from before the First World War? But Miss Ida Barnard, who is now in her seventies, has very fond memories of

the life in rural Essex, as the daughter of an Essex Police Superintendent.

After many years break from the Force she re-established contact through P.C. Brian Simpson of Stanway Traffic Office.

Miss Barnard, was born in 1901, the daughter of Superintendent William Barnard, who started his career in the Essex Police in the early 1870's.

After his initial training (whatever that consisted of) he was, as far as Miss Barnard can remember, stationed at Headquarters for a year, before moving out to the Braintree area.

Rochford

Several years later he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and then in the 1890's was on the move again, this time to Rochford Division, where he served as an Inspector at Southend.

It was whilst he was holding this rank that William married — to a lady called Sargeant, bringing her up one rank.

In 1902 William was again promoted to the rank of Superintendent and



LITTLE Ida Barnard holds Paddy the Horse, who pulled the Superintendent's trap at Halstead in the early years of this century.

moved back to the Braintree area.

William was born in High Roding, the son of the parish clerk, although he only received the usual rudimentary education provided for village boys, and took up employment at an early age at Felsted Public School. What his job was is unknown but the masters at the school apparently took some interest in him and helped him with furthering his education.

Dog Cart

Obviously movement around the county was much slower in these days, most journeys being made either on foot, by horse transport or in the case of long journeys, by train. As a Superintendent, William was allowed the use of a horse — Paddy — who pulled the 'dog cart.'

One of Miss Barnard's happiest memories is of both the horse and of travelling in the dog cart with

her father and her two brothers, when the Superintendent attended the court at Great Bardfield. On arrival at the courthouse the children were put in the charge of the local Inspector's wife, who would look after them until the court rose, when father and children would make the return journey to Braintree, through the leafy lanes of the Essex byways.

Miss Barnard has a wealth of photographs of these times and has one prize possession which would be the envy of many a police officer — a helmet plate from this era. We are deliberately not printing her address!

Orphans Home

Unfortunately William died whilst still in harness to the Essex Police, in 1909, and Miss Barnard and her brothers were accommodated at the Police Orphans Home at Redhill.

Miss Barnard describes

Redhill as, "a beautiful place and we were very very happy there. Miss Johnson was the lady superintendent and she was a wonderful person."

The staff were wonderful. Strict but kind. We had our own tailor and our uniforms were made to measure. The girls had ladies in to look after them together with a matron and the boys had a Miss Pink as matron with housemen to look after them."

"Our drill sergeant was a Sergeant Armstrong. He was a stickler — and a Salvationist," Miss Barnard told The Law.

"The dormitories were beautiful with parquetry parquet all over the place. The new staircases were of an Italian stone which were absolutely gorgeous."

Miss Barnard's brother joined the police when he was old enough and rose to the rank of Inspector in the Lancashire Constabulary. When asked why he did not join the Essex Police Miss Barnard said, "We were friendly with the Chief Constable and he talked my brother into going to Lancashire. The Chief Constable used to be an Inspector Lane who served with my father at Southend. He was a little man under the regulation height but a first class policeman. He was knighted towards the end of his service."

Nursing

After her stay at the Police Orphans Home Miss Barnard took to nursing, starting off at another home for children in the Essex area.

Still a very sprightly lady Miss Barnard said after her visit to Headquarters during which she visited the Information Room and Driving School, "I have had



MISS BARNARD gets the feel of modern policework — at the keyboard of the HQ Information Room computer terminal.



THE police Orphanage at Redhill where the Barnard children spent several years. It was later a police training school.

Greenfingers Lee gets the Midas touch

GEORGE LEE, Projectionist/Driver at Headquarters Road Safety Department is a greenfingered gentleman and enjoys his gardening, growing mainly chrysanthemums.

He grows most of his flowers in a greenhouse but after many years use the greenhouse had become a little dilapidated. What to do?

George went round pricing new houses and almost put a deposit on one.

Then, whilst reading a gardening magazine, he saw a "Cross the Ball" competition, with the prize being a 12ft. x 8ft. aluminium greenhouse.

He filled in the competition form and sent it to the organisers.

Nothing was heard for several weeks and the old greenhouse was at the stage where, if it was not pulled down, it would fall down of its own accord.

On one of his trips, with his wife, to a garden centre, one Sunday he saw a greenhouse which he liked

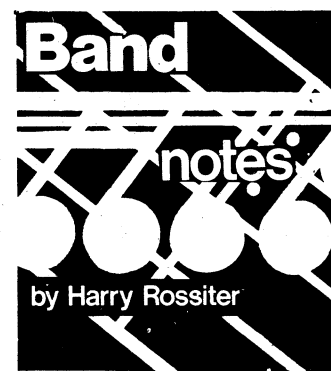


the look of and was almost talked into putting down a deposit. But he decided to wait until the result of the competition. How's that for confidence?

The following morning a letter arrived from the competition organisers informing him that he had in fact won the first prize and now George is no longer

known as 'Greenfingers' at work but 'Goldfinger'.

Our picture shows George glazing the new house which, he hopes, by next year will be full of new blooms.



THIS being the first edition for 1975 let me commence by wishing everyone in general a Happy New Year, and the Band and loyal fans and friends in particular. During December we had a busy time playing "out and about" the County. The first concert in the month was at Foakes Hall, Dunmow, on Friday the 6th in aid of the RSPCA. The hall was not over-filled but as we have found there before, the audience were very responsive and obviously enjoyed our efforts. The programme included fine solos by Harold Hull on euphonium and Brian Tyrrell on cornet. With some "singalong" selections and the Hallelujah Chorus by Handel to finish the programme, there was something to please everyone.

Our next rendering (sounds like a plasterer) was at Southend Police Station on Thursday 12th December 1974, where once more, there was a two-way exchange of appreciation. We were made most welcome and received spontaneous applause. Harold Hull and Brian Tyrrell again did their stuff in solo items and in addition there was a

tenor horn solo from the Deputy Bandmaster, Wilf Kennedy. On this occasion, we had as guest artists, members of Chelmsford Operatic Group namely Jan Watham with a lovely soprano voice and a popular performer David Purdoo, baritone. Not forgetting our own Wally Thurgood who also sang his share of this contrasting music. The efforts were appreciated by audience, especially their rendering of the "Bold Gendarmes" duet Offenbach.

The following evening saw us again doing our thing at the Turville Village mental home at Colchester. Now this got off to a strange start. No lights on the very fine stage when we arrived. We wondered how the evening would turn out. Would the patients respond? Needn't have worried. Nobody did. The lights were turned on, audience arrived and did they enjoy themselves? It was a very rewarding sight to see our audience in quite uninhibited fashion, marching up and down in front of the stage and dancing to our music and singing out the carols. Certainly seemed very worthwhile and we were glad we went and were able to give so much happiness to people less fortunate than ourselves.

Then on Wednesday 18th came our Annual Christmas Concert at HQ: standing room only as usual. Our three soloists gave their bit in first-class style and our friends from the Chelmsford Operatic Group sang their songs including Wally Thurgood, who was also Compere for the evening. Father Christmas put in an appearance during the second half of the show.

Years

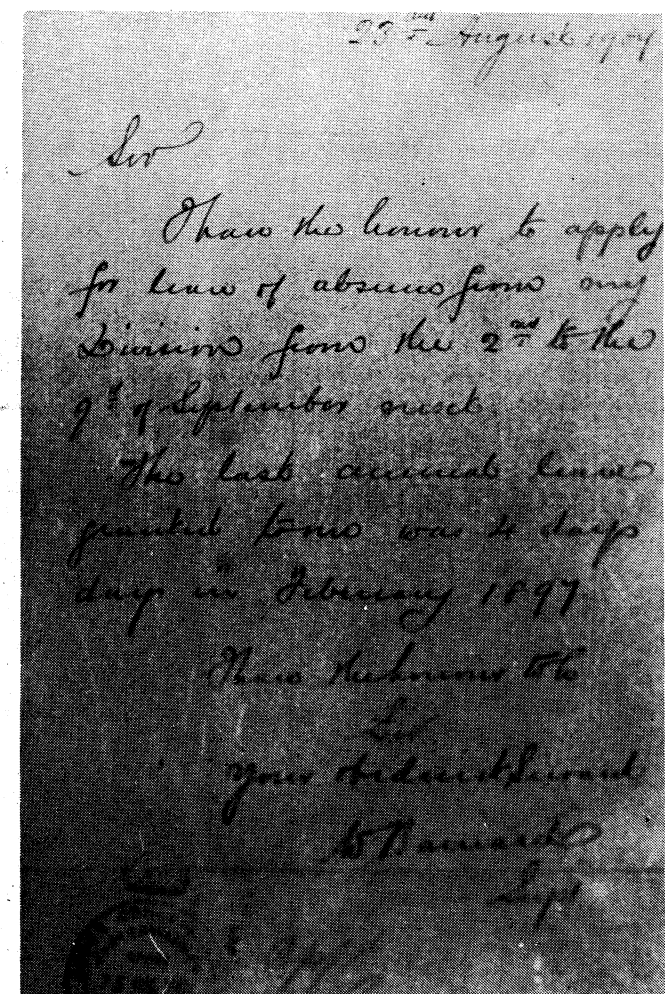


WILLIAM BARNARD when he joined Essex County Constabulary in 1870.

a wonderful day. I'm very proud of my connections with the Essex Police."

As a footnote we wonder how many police officers have had only four days annual leave in the last ten years and we publish a

report written by Superintendent Barnard in 1907 for four days leave to visit his children who were on holiday at Brightlingsea — lodging with the local Police officer — his first application for leave for ten years.



However, it all went off very well. The Chief and Deputy were present and at the end of the concert Mr. Duke, who is our President, said a few words to the audience about our efforts to date and as a result, a collection taken from the audience realised the sum of £28.00 for which we are truly grateful. We promise to go on to better things in 1975 with such generous and willing support. I should not fail to mention that at all these concerts, our Chairman Supt. Bob Palmer attended and gave his support and encouragement as usual.

With the national news media exclaiming the gloom of the times and threatening us with imminent financial collapse, why not attend one of our concerts and for a time forget about it. Our next concert

will take place in February, on the 6th at Tiptree and the 18th at Billericay.

Alan Cook, one of our leading cornet players, has been off sick for some months. You're not forgotten Alan, haste ye back to the fold and if you're too busy, you can always bring the Crime Complaint Book with you.

Brian Tyrrell played his last concert with the Band, at HQ at least, for three and a bit months. He is off to the Police College until mid April. He'll take his cornet with him to keep in practice.

However, once again, thank you friends for your support during the last year I hope we shall be seeing you at our concerts and functions during 1965. Good listening.

Det. Sgt. Harry Manns

IT IS with regret that the death is announced of Detective Sergeant H. E. (Harry) Manns on Thursday, November 28, 1974. Harry had been seriously ill since February 1974 and at the time of his death was in the Ipswich Surgical Home.

Since joining the Force on August 28, 1952, he had served in uniform at Upminster, Castle Heddingham and Earls Colne and then on transfer to the CID at Upminster and Hornchurch from where he was promoted to Detective Sergeant on February 1, 1965, and transferred to Clacton. In September 1968 he was moved to Harwich and was stationed there until his death. During his career he was commended by the Justices on two occasions and he was presented with his Long Service and Good Conduct medal by Detective Chief Superintendent White whilst in hospital on November 8, 1974.

Throughout his service, Harry was well known for his enthusiasm both at work and in his recreational pursuits, (especially sea fishing and camping) and his good humour was evident whatever the situation.

Our sympathies are extended to his widow Vera, his daughter Lesley who is training to be a nurse, son Ian who is just starting a career with the Merchant Navy and younger son Kevin who is still at school. The funeral service held at Ramsey Parish Church on December 5, was attended by the Chief Constable and Assistant Chief Constable (O) together with well over 200 serving police officers, friends and representatives of the British Transport Police, Special Branch (Metro), HM Customs, HM Immigration and the various other organisations linked with the port of Harwich and with whom Harry had considerable contact. The coffin at this service was carried by uniform officers from Harwich sub-division and the path to the Church was lined by his colleagues from the CID, Special Branch and British Transport Police CID.

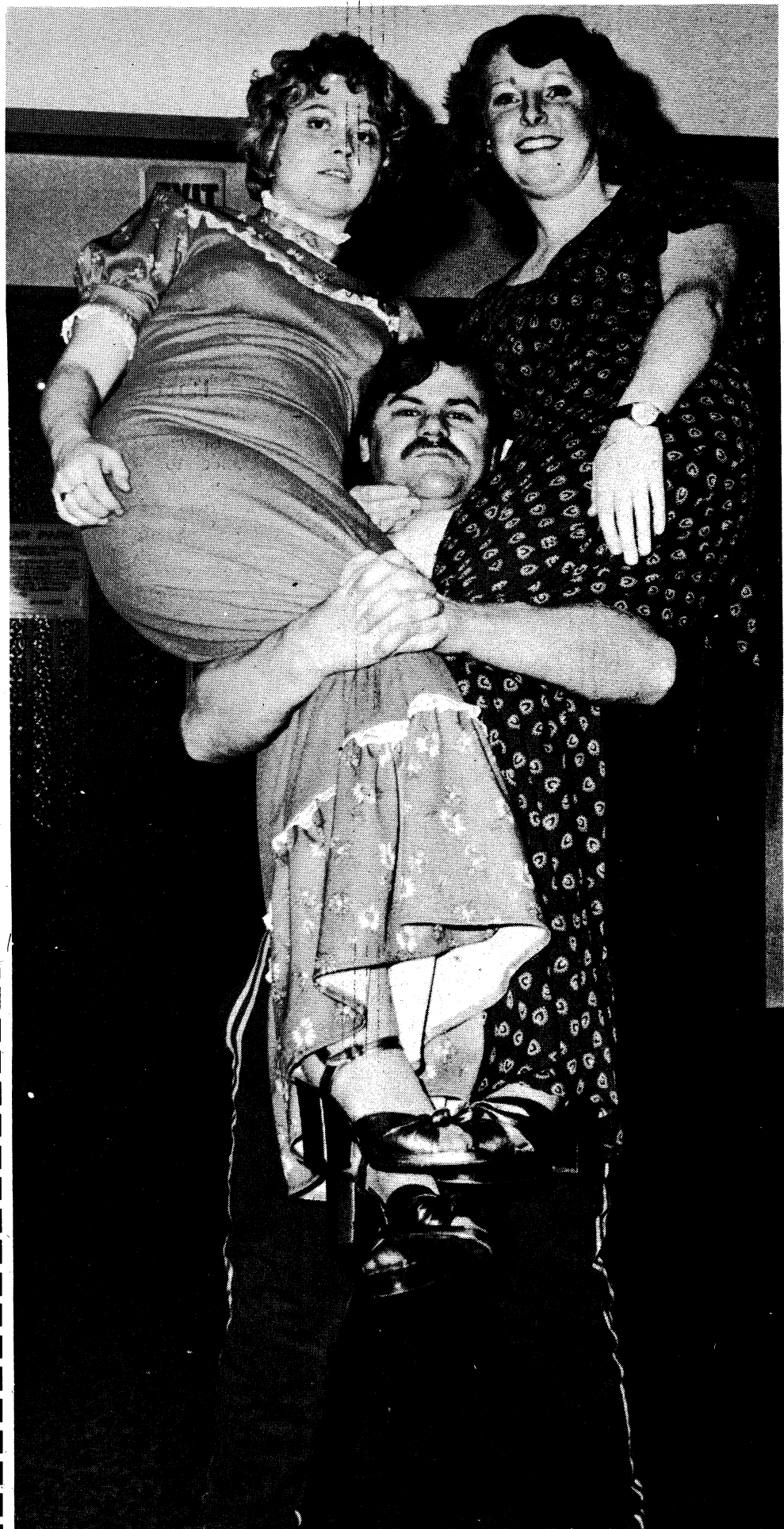
Sgt. Ray Groves

We regret to record the tragic death of Sergeant 184 Raymond Timothy Groves who died on 4th December 1974 aged 52 years. Ray served during the war in submarines and saw action in the Mediterranean and the Far East. He was married in 1945 and had two children, Ian now 27 and Sue 24.

He joined the Southend Borough Force in 1951 and saw service in the Traffic Department and CID. He was commended twice by

He's a big strong lad, our Lionel

and Lesley and Yvonne aren't lightweights either



THE Canvey Island Christmas Ball had a certain lift about it this year. P.c. Lionel Thomas, the well known police weight lifter turned up to do his bit for charity and lifted over £80 for the Southend BUST appeal.

The revellers were asked to try and guess how much Lionel could lift in six lifts, the winner having the pick of the very large raffle. In fact three people got within 2lbs of the total amount lifted by Lionel, 2,552 lbs.

He then went on to beat his personal best lift of a dead weight for which people sponsored him, raising his best to a staggering 517lbs for one lift.

Our picture, by Evening Echo, shows Lionel having a "warm up" session with W.P.c. Lesley Duncombe and Cadet Yvonne Fidler, who's total weight (without wishing to be rude) is in the region of 20 stones.

the Chief Constable and in 1973 received a certificate of the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire — he assisted in saving a prisoner's life who had set fire to the mattress in his cell.

In October, 1972, he was involved in a serious road

accident and was dangerously ill for several weeks. Ray was an extremely popular policeman who served for many years on the Branch Board. He represented the Southend Borough Force in the National First Aid Team. For the last few years he had

been a member of the General Committee of the Force Benevolent Fund, a Committee member of the Combined Welfare Funds, and a trustee of the Southend Police Club.

Ray's untimely death is a sad loss and he will be missed by his comrades.

WEST HAM TROPHY CAPTURED



AT THE BEGINNING of the month two members of the Force reached the final of The West Ham Trophy organised by the Essex branch of the Royal Life Saving Association.

The trophy is competed for by senior swimmers who must at least hold the bronze medallion for life saving, and was, this year, the ultimate goal for approximately eighteen teams.

The final, held at Runnymede Hall, South Benfleet, saw six finalists competing in tests of rope throwing, subjective tests and a staged incident involving three or four people in the water, one of whom was unconscious throughout the exercise.

Our two representatives, Sgts. Roger Burrows and Bob Needham finished ahead of all other competitors to win the trophy for only the second occasion in the eighteen years of competition, with Bob Needham getting the second highest individual score, thus making him eligible for County representation in the National Championships in 1975.

Photo by Harlow Gazette shows Bob Needham, left, and Roger Burrows with the trophy.

Zone final for netball team

ONCE again Essex policewomen showed their ability by beating Cambridge to take them through to the final of their qualifying zone, which will mean playing either the Metropolitan or Kent.

Essex made a promising start to the match and by the end of the first quarter had taken a 9-1 lead. Cambridge soon settled down and got into the swing of the game but Essex maintained their lead to make the halftime score 17-6.

As always tactics were talked at half-time and Jean Armstrong, the team coach, along with W/Ch/Insp Brooks attempted to rouse the team into using better skills and methods of play. The pace of the third quarter, however, was much slower and although Essex gave away free passes, Cambridge

were unable to decrease the gap. Tactics paid off for Essex, who, by the end of the third quarter, had increased their lead over the less experienced side, to bring the score to 24-9.

With Essex scoring one goal less each quarter the two shooters, J. Yoxen and S. Youngs were determined that the final quarter would be different. Success was met when the final whistle was blown with the score standing at 32-15.

Team: D. Lewis (Captain), J. Yoxen, S. Youngs, B. Ruby, L. Robinson, M. Chaplin, A. Marshall.

Essex AAA President



By Tony Armstrong

NO APOLOGIES for this photograph and article — John Hedge-thorne, Commandant of the Cadet School, brought honour on himself and the Force, once again, when he was elected as president of the Essex County Amateur Athletic Association.

Starting his athletic career at Colchester as a runner in middle distance and steeplechases he soon showed promise, representing the town's youth cross country team which was victorious in the County championships in 1948 and 1949.

From running he progressed to road walking in which he has represented Great Britain and has been the winner of the Bristol '100', besides being the holder of the Critchley Cup for the first provincial officer home in the British Police Long Distance Walking Championship, for the last five years.

Although still very actively engaged in athletics John has also been involved in the administration of the sport for some years, being the Force Athletics Secretary, Secretary of the South-Eastern Police District Athletics Section, and Secretary of the Essex Walking League.

He is also the trainer of the very successful Essex Cadets Athletics Section, having had victory at two National competitions in this year. The picture shows John in his coaching role.

Mixed fortunes for x-country teams

PROBLEMS seem to beset the cross country squad repeatedly this season. An injury to Andy Down has left the team without a spearhead.

But at Maidstone on December 4th, best-ever runs by Graham Butler, 9th, and Lindsay Reeve, 13th, gave Essex a good enough start to finish 2nd, better than the 3rd place a full team achieved last month.

Mullender and Vowles also packed in well to give the team four places in the first 20.

The ladies, arriving in good time this month, found a 35 strong line-up, the best ever. The standard was good too and the usual Essex solid block up front was missing. To be fair so

were Hicks and Foster who usually score.

Shirley Keeble, recovering from illness, only lost by 10 secs, and Maria Oldall, 4th, and Bernie Cussen, 6th, were also well up.

Alison Marshall, a newcomer to the team finished 8th and demonstrated the continuing Essex ability to produce new runners — just at the right time too with the Regional Championships not far off.

Youth race

The younger runners later contested the Essex Youth Championship at Woodford Green, Vaughan Mullender led the team in but they all found the going rather fast. The scoring was completed by Vowles, Dunion (on loan from the walking section for the day) and Bales.

Quarter century

By one of those fine twists beloved of statisticians presenting the awards after the race was John Hedge-thorne's first job in his year as President of Essex AAA, just 25 years after he had himself captured a team winners medal, in 5th place, in the Essex Youth Championship of 1949, and on the same course at Woodford.

Services League

At Odiham on 11th December a rather depleted squad took on the might of the armed forces and came off quite well, Mullender and Vowles leading the team home about 60th place. Having been put in Div 1 of this league the main aim is not to be relegated and as far as this is concerned the season is going well as the 'A' team have never been placed last.

Maidstone Results

Men: 9th G. Butler 34.14, 13th L. Reeve 35.11, 17th V. Mullender 35.53, 19th A. Vowles 36.15, 24th D. Dutton 36.53, 36th R. Bales 38.44, 37th K. Nowell and G. Matthews 38.51, 42nd K. Jacobs 39.56, 50th I. Learmonth 41.13. Teams: 1. Thames Valley 305, 2. Essex 248, 3. Sussex 227. Women: 2nd S. Keeble 15.15, 4th M. Oldall 15.58, 6th B. Cussen 16.23, 8th A. Marshall 17.15, 10th J. Collins 17.46, 13th V. George 18.15, 16th B. Ruby 18.24, 18th L. Owen 19.00, 20th K. Phillips 19.17. Teams: 1. Essex 104, 2. Beds 83, 3. Kent 69.

Essex Results:

36th V. Mullender 23.21, 39th A. Vowles 23.39, 41st M. Dunion 24.23, 44th R. Bales 25.02, 49th K. Jacobs 25.50, 50th B. Schulz 25.58, 52nd M. Spellman 26.14, 54th I. Learmonth 26.36.

Services League

61st V. Mullender, 62nd A. Vowles, 80th L. Reeve, 111th D. Dutton, 123rd R. Bales, 138th K. Nowell, 139th I. Learmonth, 158th A. Went, 163rd M. Mat-tack, 168th R. Lee.

Cadets find 6 = 2

LIKE LAST month when and Taylor, 2-0, gave the The Law reported a six-goal Force team a midway deluge by cadets, a similar position in the Olympian flood came just before the Christmas holiday when Cadets had the ball in the net six times against Chelmsford Division in a Wednesday League game.

Alas, the referee made it two, disallowing the rest and to add insult to injury, awarded Chelmsford a penalty for hands which gave them the match 3-2.

A festive season win over Marconi, goals by Gamman

and Taylor, 2-0, gave the Force team a midway position in the Olympian League with 13 points from 16 games.

A cloud on the horizon was the two-week suspension meted out to Peter Hudson by an F.A. commission in December, together with a fine and a caution for the Club.

But good news for Essex Police soccer came at New Year with the selection of Paul Gamman for the National Cadet side to play the Army at Aldershot on 25th January.

Walking

THE RACE at Chigwell on 28 December wound up 1974 for the section not exactly on a high note but sufficiently elevated not to carry over too many problems into 1975.

The race was No 2 in the 1974-5 Essex League campaign and Police, who find this Christmas fixture a difficult one to contest with a full team, took a useful third place behind Ilford and Southend.

Two yacht handicaps during the month provided

light relief and hard work for the back markers. The nearest to the front a Police walker came was Barry Daymond's 8th place at Blackheath where Mike Dunion had the second fastest time of the day.

Mike was on good form at Bexley on 14 December when he was again second, in the handicap competition this time. His time was a Force record 54.53.

Looking back

Despite Essex Police colours

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Colchester win again

A GOOD RUN by Graham Butler gained him the Force Champonship at Chelmsford on 18th December. The organisers had sorted out both a tough 5½ miles course and some tough opposition for the match, held in conjunction, against the London Telecoms Region team. Colin Moxom one of the winners is Essex Marathon champ.

LTR runners filled the first 3 places but Graham Butler only just lost 3rd spot in a sprint finish. The LTR had Police well beaten by 41-95 at 8 to score.

Five Divisions

The inter-divisional race was contested by representatives of 5 divisions and was won fairly easily by Colchester from Basildon. These scores will later be coupled with those resulting from the 10 miles walk after Christmas.

The first 3 police runners home, Butler, Fairweather and Burdett were all Colchester men.

The Cadet Corps championship, held at the same time was won by

Lindsay Reeve who managed to pull strongly away from Vaughan Mullender on the last of the 3 laps. A Vowles and D Dutton were next home.

Keeble again

Shirley Keeble overtook Maria Oldall after the ploughed field and eased away to win by 23 secs. Bernie Cussen showed consistency to take 3rd place.

Only two LTR runners contested the race, the best of whom took 7th place.

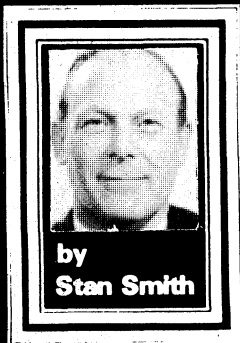
Results:

Inter-Divisional race: Colchester 62, Basildon 28, Southend West 12, HQ 9, Chelmsford 8.

Men: 1st C. Moxom and A. James 29.15; 4th G. Butler 31.03; 10th L. Reeve 33.05; 11th V. Mullender 33.33; 12th A. Vowles 34.06; 13th D. Dutton 34.31; 14th M. Fairweather 35.28; 15th D. Burdett 35.59; 16th P. Blois 36.32; 17th R. Bales 36.59; 18th B. Daymond 37.19; 19th J. Weatherley 37.38, 20th K. Neville, 38.05.

Women: 1st S. Keeble 14.34; 2nd M. Oldall 14.57; 3rd B. Cussen 15.11; 4th V. George 16.01; 5th J. Foster 16.17; 6th J. Collins 16.32.

Federation Notes



by Stan Smith

I would like to start by wishing all members of the Force a happy and prosperous New Year. Whether you are happy depends a lot upon yourself, but whether you are prosperous depends a great deal upon the outcome of the current review of Police Pay, and a lot of other people will have an influence upon the result. We are again caught up in a period of economic depression and stringent controls over income, but provided the Review is completed with the firm intent to properly establish the worth of the Constable to the community, then perhaps at last we shall be able to relate Police pay with the salaries earned by the rest of the community.

As I have said before, the Review is not likely to be completed before March, and there will be a special delegates meeting in London on January 17 when we shall be told of the negotiations so far. I have no doubt there will be the usual rumours floating about, ranging from the wildly exaggerated to the gloomy forecast of doom. Rest assured that you will be kept informed of developments when there is anything important to circulate.

London Fringe Allowance

Representatives of the Board attended a Regional Meeting in London last month when the question of the payment of the allowance to members of Forces within this Region was discussed.

Let me tell you at once that there is quite a body of resistance to the allowance being paid, even among some of the Forces whose members are affected. Only three Forces have so far made any move to try to get the allowance paid.

Surrey, with all their members eligible have made application to their Police Authority, and Hertfordshire, with the majority of their members affected, have also asked their Chief Constable to try and get the allowance paid.

In Essex we have made an approach to the Joint Central Committee on behalf of 800 of our members. There is some dispute upon the correct procedure of making application but these three Forces have elected to pursue the claim. Some of the other Forces, which have only a few members eligible have decided not to make application and are in sympathy with Forces not abutting the Metropolitan area who are firmly of the opinion that the proliferation of the allowances paid to the Metropolitan Forces would destroy the principle of there being one national rate of pay for policemen. They believe that this would destroy the solidarity of the Police Federation and that eventually it would weaken negotiations on pay. This point of view has been hardened by the proposal that the Metropolitan allowance becomes pensionable; and the fact that the new Urban Metropolitan Forces are considering making application for a similar allowance.

Rent Allowance

The Police Council have agreed that if there is an increase in rates on the selected house upon which the Force Maximum Limit is based, the maximum limit can be raised by this amount for the period from 1 April 1974 to 31

came the oil crisis and certain economies were effected which cut consumption, but "only" to 240 gallons every day.

Now has come the price crisis and further stringent economies have cut the boiler's daily tipples to 209 gallons.

To effect this, cleaners check office radiators every evening, switching off where necessary, all corridor radiators are permanently off and thermostats turned down.

Despite all this, such has been the oil price explosion that the cost of heating HQ has actually risen.

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

14.4% in the retail prices Index. This was to offset the five months gap between the cut-off date and the date of the start of payments. The calculation of increases for first time pensioners is fairly complicated, but the full explanation is contained in the Explanatory memorandums which will know how difficult it would be to even attempt to summarise it in this column. However, from remarks heard as one moves around, everyone is quite happy with the increase awarded.

Association Ties

Several enquiries have been made concerning the ties, I can but confirm they are on order and will be despatched immediately they are received. We were forewarned that delay was inevitable but our patience will eventually be rewarded.

We regret to announce the passing of ex Det.Supt. Bill Draper on 2 December, 1974, aged 78, in Broomfield Hospital. This was foreshadowed in the last issue of "The Law". Over 50 pensioners and serving officers attended the cremation at Chelmsford on 9 December. As the cortege entered the Crematorium his old colleagues lined the entrance to the Chapel. The family have asked me to thank all who were able to attend and pay their last respects and for the sympathy shown in their bereavement.

An article appeared recently in a local newspaper that, and I quote 'the Chancellor would introduce a new age allowance for people whose incomes do not exceed £1,000 and who are aged 65 years or more at the start of the next tax year. The allowance will be £950 if single and £1,425 if married. It replaces the existing 'exemption' from tax which is £810 if single and £1,170 if married. In weekly terms the tax changes mean that from April 5th next, if over 65, you pay no tax at all on the first £18.25 if single the first £27.40 if married. After that you pay at the normal 33 per cent unless you have more allowances.'

The point with which I am concerned is the figure quoted which will be replaced, i.e. £1,170 if married. As far as I am aware the 'married' allowance is £865 and this has not been exceeded — this figure is currently shown on the notice of Coding. The matter is being taken up in order to get the position clarified. It may well be that some additional allowance has been made in the Tax Tables of

MENTION was made in the December issue of the apparent anomaly in the recent increases. The explanation for the varying percentage increases is, those of us who were pensioners when the 1971 Act came into force received 18.4% increase for the first review period (1969-1971) against a rise of

March 1975, after which the position will be reviewed. It is for Forces to make application to the Home Secretary for the increase to apply. In this Force the rates have increased so as to raise the maximum from £11.08 to £11.42 weekly. Negotiations will be taking place and it is hoped that this concession will apply to our members currently rated over the maximum.

Incidental Expenses Allowance

The allowance of 50p per night subject to a maximum of £2 per week for attending a residential course was increased on 1 November 1974 to 65p per night and a maximum of £2.60 per week. There will shortly be a Force Order published regarding the payment of the increase.

Force Group Insurance

In order to keep pace with inflation, enquiries have been made with our Insurance Brokers to see whether an increase in cover can be arranged. It is proposed that for an extra 6p per month, making the monthly premium 50p instead of 44p, the life cover can be improved from £2,000 to £3,300. The Joint Branch Board will be considering this on 13 January.

Open Meeting

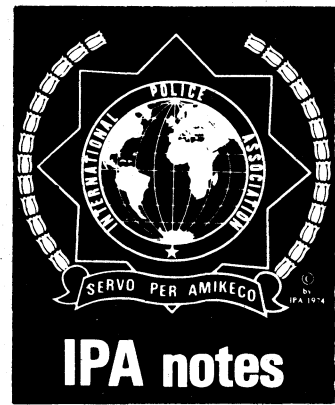
There will be an Open Meeting at The College of Technology, Park Square, Luton, on Wednesday 22 January 1975, when members of the Joint Central Committee will be giving details of all current negotiations and will be available to answer questions on national matters. The meeting is open to members of all Forces in the Country and those of this Force wishing to attend and require transport are asked to contact their own representative as soon as possible. If there are sufficient numbers wishing to attend, coaches will be provided from Federation funds. The Meeting starts at 6.30 p.m. and will finish about 9.30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

success. An injection of the best bunch of recruits, measured in ability and potential, the section has ever had, boosted results and gave Police a very strong mid-field group.

It is most likely that the walking team, in '75 as in '74 will carry Police colours to higher honours than any other section.

Results

Chigwell 7 1/2 miles: 30.11.74 (Yacht handicap) 8th B. Daymond 68.22; 30th D. Sheppard 63.47; 39th J. Hedgethorpe 68.04; 40th W. Stephen & A. Masson 70.04; Team placed 5th.



THIS is an organisation which exists to promote friendship among police officers of the world. As with all such bodies much of the satisfaction achieved will be commensurate with the effort put in to it.

You can meet socially, not only



FATHER CHRISTMAS' gift to the Force was a complement of fifteen recruits who arrived back from training centres just in time to go on Christmas Leave.

Starting at their Divisions in the New Year are from left to right:— Trevor Hewitt (Billericay); Roger Napier (Witham); Ray Smith (Clacton); Andrew Neil (Harlow); Costa Buller (Grays); Roger Lowe (Southend East); Peter Robdrup (Wickford); Maureen Hales (Brentwood); Pat Gubb (Harlow); Stephen Wooding (Saffron Walden); Barbara Spencer (Southend East); Stuart (Billy) Bines (Wickford); Keith Simpson (Chelmsford); Mick Sear (Southend East) and Tom (Cat) Stephens (Colchester).

In fact Roger Lowe and Costa Buller are re-entrants to the Force and are both returning to their original Divisions.

Those in the Traffic Garage had better keep on their toes for in two years time we might see a further encroachment into male dominated jobs, when Maureen Hales completes her probation. She was Transport Manager for a firm with 100 vehicles in her charge.

Tom (or Cat as he is known to his mates) Stephens is from Trinidad and has been in this country for the past four years, during which time he served with the Armed Forces, seeing service in Northern Ireland and Germany. He is off to Colchester to join fellow West Indian George Coulthrust.

which we are not aware. The answer will be given in the next publication.

Southend Branch

The Southend Branch of the above Association held a Special Annual General Meeting and Social Evening on 3rd December 1974 at the Club Room, Southend Police Station. After a formal greeting of welcome to some 130 members present the chairman, Mr. J. Devlin, opened the meeting at 8.00 pm.

There was only one item on the agenda — subscriptions. It was explained that the Federation National Executive had increased these to 84p per year for man and wife inclusive, pensioners and widows to remain at 12p, and that at the last committee meeting a proposal had been made by the secretary and seconded by the treasurer that we should make these up to £1.00 for man and wife inclusive and a pensioner and widows to remain at 12p.

The reasons for this were well put over by the chairman and also the fact that rule 4 of the branch rules would have to be amended. Some further discussion took place and the motion was put. This was accepted and passed unanimously by all present there being no objections.

The social evening then got under way and all present enjoyed meeting old colleagues, their wives and friends. Refreshments were provided with raffle prizes which brought some funds to the club.

with police men and women of our country but of many others, to establish friendships which, as many will testify, last and grow.

You can host others either individually or in families and can be hosted yourselves in the same way, in another country.

There are many sections within the I.P.A.: Camping, Sailing, Ham radio, Stamp collecting, Car rallying, Golfing, Tape recording, Hobbies generally, Pen pals, to name a few.

You have heard of I.P.A. (not the beer), if you want to know more contact the Secretary, Chico Bates, C.I.D. office, Westcliff.

The membership year commences on the 1st January, 1975. Just complete an enrolment form, send it with £2 to the Secretary, then it is up to you, you can get involved as you wish.

Renewal is £1.50 per year. If you are thinking of re-enrolling there are special

ESSEX POLICE

Headquarters
Chelmsford
6 January 1975

FORCE ORDER 'X'

CORRECTIONS TO COUNTY COUNCIL WALL MOUNTED VISUAL DATE INDICATORS

Consequent upon the appearance in the Force Newspaper in December of a piece entitled "exercising economy" members of the Force are directed to disregard the reference to the abolition of March 29.

The County Council has not abolished the above mentioned March 29 and has at this moment in time, no intention of so abolishing either Sundays or public holidays notwithstanding any directions to the contrary they may receive from the Central Government. Neither is there any immediate intention to reduce the year to 200 days nor pay pensions to police officers who have reached the age of 35.

Wall Mounted Visual Date Indicators will be amended in due course under the following arrangements. No unauthorised person will amend the said Wall Mounted Visual Date Indicators.

Under County Council joint conciliation machinery only persons whose conditions of service particularly specify Wall Mounted Visual Date Indicator amendments may be employed upon such duties. The Civilian Establishment Officer is currently causing such posts to be advertised. In the meantime typed and duplicated substitute sheets for the month of March are being forwarded to Stations/Departments with detailed instructions on their mounting.

These instructions will specify which grades of civilian employee may be temporarily employed on these duties until properly trained personnel can be recruited.

On no account will police personnel be employed on duties connected with the amendment of Wall Mounted Visual Date Indicators.

It is appreciated that as Wall Mounted Visual Date Indicators will have to be dealt with in rotation there will be a time-lag before all those in the County can be amended. It is anticipated that some may not have been amended before March 29 in which case Divisional/Departmental Commanders should report any difficulties.

Chief Constable

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(Now that you have read it The Law must confess to wasting space again)

requirements. Again contact the Secretary.

Our motto is Service Through Friendship and the service part is not neglected. There are Scholarships awarded, basically this is money advanced to study any subject anywhere, the main condition being that you prepare a paper and give a talk on your subject afterwards.

Existing members are reminded, renewal is due on 1st January, 1975 and the lists will be closed on 31st March, so see your Rep. now.

I.P.A. Helpers required: Anyone who can speak French, German or Italian particularly; or in any case anyone who is willing to act as courier on coaches taking foreign visitors to various places, Oxford,

Cambridge, Cheltenham, Stratford upon Avon and the like, where they will be hosted by the local I.P.A. during the course of the BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS in London at the Penta Hotel from 6.4.75 to 12.4.75 inclusive. Names to Chico Bates please. Such service on one day only would be of assistance; the idea is to make sure the coach gets to its destination safely and also to make the guests feel welcome.

Southend Section are running a Dinner Dance and Cabaret in conjunction with the Birthday Celebrations on the 18th February, 1975 at the 'Lindis Farne' Banqueting Suite, Westcliff. Price £3.25. Tickets limited. Ring 'Chico'.

Geoff Bendall had an excellent win by 7-2.

In the second match the Handicap was reduced to a 3-nil advantage but the team managed to complete a second win by the same margin.

Teams for these matches were selected from: Naylor, Bendall, Mead, Grover, McDonald, Allen, Tom Deans, Dave Westrop and Ken Bailey.

In the league handicap tournament in which Police are normally eliminated early on, as there are very few matches played in Police circles, a good start was obtained with the help of three police wives, Mesdames Clark, Reed and Lucas.

Badminton

FIRST news of the Badminton Section has percolated through with the information that Essex have again entered a men's doubles team in the Chelmsford and District Badminton League.

To date the team have played four games, and have beaten Marconi, Great Baddow and Maldon 21 Club, losing only to Old Maldonians.

With the advantage of a 9-nil point start against Crittall of Braintree the ladies, together with Martin Reed, Bruce Brown and

Bexley 7 miles: 14.12.74
17th M. Dunion 54.53 (Force Rec. 2nd handicap) 55th D. Sheppard 60.43; 70th A. Trebilcock 62.28; 78th J. Hedgethorpe 63.20; 84th A. Masson 64.34; 110th R. Simmons 72.12.

Battersea 15 kilos: 21.12.74
32nd J. Hedgethorpe 82.45; 44th B. Daymond 86.46.

Chigwell 10 kilos: 28.12.74
12th M. Dunion 51.27; 18th D. Sheppard 53.14; 26th A. King 55.05; 31st J. Hedgethorpe 56.08; 41st B. Daymond 58.49.

Blackheath 9 kilos: 4.12.74
(Yacht) 12th M. Spellman 48.07; 13th W. Stephen 48.12; 19th B. Daymond 51.16; 23rd J. Hedgethorpe 49.27; 24th B. Schulz 52.12; 27th M. Dunion 44.30; 28th D. Sheppard 47.39; 29th R. Simmons 58.02; 31st A. Trebilcock 53.29; 32nd A. Masson 54.14; Team placed 2nd.

Crystal Palace 5000 mts.: 11.12.74
10th D. Sheppard 25.29.2; 12th W. Stephen 25.32; 14th M. Spellman 25.52; 17th J. Hedgethorpe 26.23; 18th A. Trebilcock 26.24; 23rd B. Schulz 27.26; 27th B. Daymond 28.25; 28th A. Masson 28.48; 29th M. Todd 30.03; 30th D. Murray 30.25; 31st J. Roche 31.18.

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being carried to a team victory in a national championship for the first time, 1974 was a "just missed" year.

After winning the Essex League the year before the team were well beaten in 1974. After several successful years in the Barking-Southend long distance squad fell to bits, only two finishing. And in various other competitions achievements were below par.

But from the summer onwards results began to give hopes that 1975 might be a year of great



THE CADET CORPS the school's year. Mr. Nightingale later presented educational and sporting awards and after an interval for refreshments attended an entertainment where, in addition to the usual opportunity for cadets to lampoon their officers, the staff availed themselves of the chance to deal humorously with cadet training over the past year. The evening included a break from formal police presentations for Mr. Mar-

annual Parents Evening took place on 17th December when the Chief Constable told parents "We are proud of our Cadet Corps. Whenever we have important visitors we always show them the school."

Mr. R. Jordan, Cadet Tutor at the Chelmsford College of Further Education reviewed the educational year and the Commandant outlined occurrences in other aspects of

tin Rogers, sports editor of the Newsman Herald, and Mr. Mick Elliot, athletics correspondent, to mount the stage and present Cadet Mike Dunion with the "Newsman Herald Athlete of the Year" award in recognition of his three national walking titles in the space of five months last summer.

The whole evening was slick in its presentation and was, perhaps, the best parents' evening yet.

THE Chief poses with his bright young things after presenting their cups and awards. From the left Mike Dunion, fitness cup and Newsman Herald Athlete of the Year award; Jeanette Yoxen, needlework; Bernie Cussen, sociology; June Collins, fitness; Andrew Odell, Cadet of the Year; Bill Stephen, art and photography; Tony Southern, athletics; and Stephen Welham, photography.

Bombers Pinters

A REQUEST for men wishing to be attached, for a period, to the Metropolitan Police Bomb Unit went out in Force Orders last month. Preference, said the Order will be given to young CID men or potential members of that department.

WICKFORD recently received a message requesting help at the Quart Pot public house where three patients from Runwell Mental Hospital were causing trouble. Perhaps they were having trouble getting a pint in a Quart Pot.

High-value loaves

TWO policemen out of the kindness of their hearts took two days annual leave to assist in a village Christmas loan club pay out.

On the Friday they accompanied the elderly lady licensee to the bank to collect a large sum of money. However, just before leaving, the licensee realised

that an essential of life had not been delivered. She made a quick phone call and then went off with the two off duty policemen.

Imagine their embarrassment when the bank clerk not only paid over £6,000 but also produced three loaves of bread!

Open Day at Len Stibbards' house

THE doors of Sgt. Len Stibbards' house have been left wide open and anyone has been allowed to walk in or out of the house as they please. A bit unusual for a Crime Prevention Officer but for one day Sgt. Stibbards' home was transformed into a walk-in market in aid of charity.

For Len has a son who suffers from muscular dystrophy and he has, for the past ten years, opened his home to the public in efforts to raise money for research into the disease.

He told the press: "We always need money for research because no cure has yet been found."

Many of the items on sale were made by members of the Southend Muscular Dystrophy Group who were also given a number of photographs of film, television and pop stars with their personal



signatures.

These included photographs of Peter Cushing, Dick Emery, Benny Hill and Eamonn

Andrews, and were given to the Southend group by actor Richard Attenborough.

Our picture, by

Southend Evening Echo, shows Karen Stibbards and some of her friends at the sale, trying dad's old helmet on.

Horned thing strikes again — Sex Police vehicle goes under

"WELL NO SARGE, it wasn't the proverbial dog that caused me to swerve. What happened was this. I was driving down this quiet country lane thinking of a nice pleasant swim in the oggin when the mad thing came rampaging out of a field.

It was absolutely massive. Its horns were this long and this wide.

Well it took me completely by surprise. I couldn't even swerve cause the lane was that narrow there was nowhere to swerve to.

This 'thing' just kept on coming like a bull at a red rag. I thought of making like El Cordobes with his cloak but then I thought what if it hits me. I'd be mince meat.

Anyway it hit the side of the van and that's what happened."

Truth is stranger than fiction and the "thing" did keep coming when the diving vehicle was involved in the tin opener accident as depicted.

Actually the thing was a tractor and the horns were the "arms" of the tractor. Still it opened the van up quite nicely!

