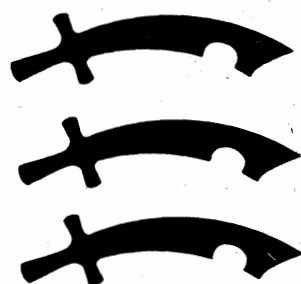




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The Newspaper of the Essex Police

The Chief writes about recent

Joint Consultation

ON Monday, 12 May I had the opportunity of discussing current Force problems with members of the Superintendents' Association and the Executive Committee of the Joint Branch Board. I hope all the matters we talked about are of concern to readers of The Law but the following may give rise to particular interest.

MANPOWER

The recruiting position has improved markedly. Since February we have taken on 88 recruits and wastage has been 26. Another 45 candidates have been

accepted and are waiting to join and there is a growing number of applicants. The growth rate seems likely to exceed that allowed for in the estimates and I have asked the Police Authority if I can exceed this number. There are, however, very real financial difficulties and we can only wait and see what happens. Naturally, if the Force grows much more quickly we shall fill our establishment of 2,436 much sooner than we expected and we shall have to decide whether the last Additional Rest Day can be given. I have already said that it will not be this year and this still holds good. The 1 January is therefore the earliest date.

A review of the establishment has been put in hand and the Executive Committee has agreed to consider whether it wishes to make any special points.

OVERTIME

Because we have been short of staff it has been necessary for many people, both Police and civilians, to work overtime. Police overtime alone cost an average of £35,000 a month over the past six months, but in March the bill was approaching £60,000. In the present financial situation this bill is growing too fast and overtime must be more strictly controlled. For this reason new instructions have been given. I hope everybody will see the sense of this now we are getting more and more men and women into the Force.

CIVILIANISATION

The Executive Committee sought some reassurance about the policy of employing retired Police officers in civilian posts and it was suggested that there was a feeling on the part of Police officers that they were not given adequate chances of filling posts which they were well qualified to hold. Force policy which has been agreed with NALGO and the Personnel Department at County Hall is that civilian posts are advertised within the Force and to some extent in County Hall and that some County Hall posts are advertised in Police Headquarters. All applicants are treated on their merits and there can be no question of earmarking particular posts for individuals, either Police officers or civilians.

HOUSING OF SINGLE POLICE OFFICERS

Lodgings are becoming rather difficult to get in some parts of the County. In discussion as to a likely solution to the problem, the Executive Committee suggested that single officers should be allowed to live at home, that singlemen's quarters could be provided or that existing Police houses could be made available for single police officers to share.

It is unlikely that Police houses can be made available for single police officers to share as the rapid growth of the Force will produce a demand for their occupation by married men. Provision was made some years ago to build singlemen's hostels but it was dropped both on financial grounds and because the single men at the time preferred to live in lodgings. Where appropriate and where the exigencies of the Service allow, single men will in future be allowed to live at home.

It would be helpful if members of the Force who know of suitable homes where the occupiers are willing to accommodate Policemen, would let their superiors know.

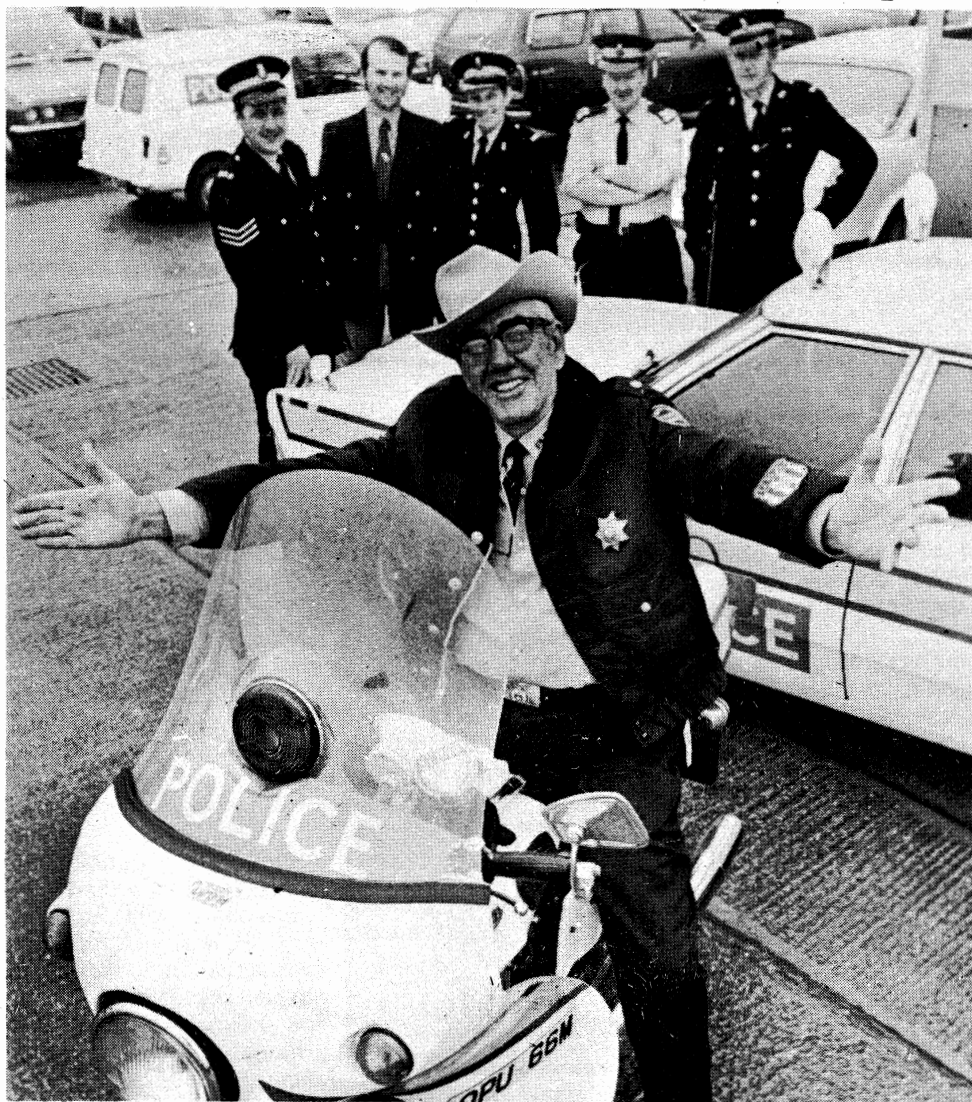
CESSPOOLS

Arrangements are in hand to inspect all cesspools at County Police houses to prevent a repetition of the recent unfortunate tragedy.

PROMOTIONS

It was suggested that there was some uncertainty in the Force as to whether officers applying for posts advertised in Force Orders would be entitled to removal expenses. It is quite clear that if an officer is invited to apply for a post by a paragraph in Force Orders he is entitled to his removal expenses in accordance with Police Regulations. An officer applying for such a post upon his own initiative is not necessarily so entitled unless he is required to move house.

Wild West Show—Southend style



STRAIGHT out of the Wild West and into the silly South. Southend that is. George Hutchens, a Deputy Marshal of Palmer Lake, a small village in Colorado has been visiting P.c. Pat O'Keefe, because of their mutual interest in collecting international police insignia.

Pat has more than 1,200 items, ranging from badges to helmets and truncheons. But his American colleague has an even bigger selection, representing forces throughout the world. They went on public display in Brisbane, Australia, last year.

The two friends have been in regular contact for the last two years. They send each other taped messages.

As recorded elsewhere in this issue Pat is recovering from a motor cycle injury but George knows all about the hazards of the job.

Whilst on duty in Palmer Lake, he carries a .38 pistol in his holster and in his jeep a double barrel shotgun.

But George says that he's never had to kill anyone although a few desperate criminals have threatened his life.

George told the reporters that he was feeling the difference in the climate for Palmer Lake is 7,200 feet high and surrounded by snow capped mountains with the temperature usually 80 and 90 degrees fahrenheit at this time of the year.

And one big snag he has found in this country — the high cost of living here.

He said: "It's certainly cheaper to eat over in America. If you pay 50p for a meal you are guaranteed a meal, a big one. If it's a beefburger, it's a great big one with all the trimmings."

But despite our galloping inflation George is having a terrific time and is moving on to stay at Coventry, Leicester and Harrogate whilst in the country.

Picture by Evening Echo.

First Aid teams glory

FIRST AID competitions have been plentiful during the past few weeks and the Force team have been covering themselves with glory.

In a brand new competition held at Southend the Force took first and second places with the men's team coming top and the women's team taking the runners-up position, to carry off a magnificent trophy in the Tom Chaplin Memorial Trophy competition, held in memory of a prominent first-aider.

In the Vernon Smith and Bernard Shield the team met stiffer opposition in the form of former Grand Prior Finalists Parkeston Quay and their old friends (or enemies) from Bexford Industries and Central Electricity Board. This competition was won by Parkeston Quay followed by the Force Men's team with the women in fourth place.

For their best performance of the year the Force men's team waited until the Casualties Union Regional Finals. The opposition included Suffolk Police who, only a few months ago, came fifth in the Police National Finals. However, Essex, defending their title from 1974, took first place and again reached the National Finals, to be held in October of this year.

In the Stour Group Shield the team again met Suffolk Police and Parkeston Quay, but whilst managing to get the better of Parkeston they fell to Suffolk, with the women's team again taking fourth place.

The men's team are now a force to be reckoned with against any team of National standard

Ediview

Fewer hours

IT WILL not have escaped the discerning eye that The Law has a changed appearance this month. The pictures, be they ever so meaningless are all printed wider than usual and the words are in a type size large enough for even those imminently to retire to read with ease.

Alas, it has been felt in some quarters that almost the entire overtime bill mentioned by the Chief on another page has been paid to the staff of this publication and that such devotion to our duties is bad for us as we

might strain ourselves carrying the cash to the bank.

So it is more than ever up to our readers to tell us what is going on. We have other functions besides telephoning divisions to find out what is happening. We have tried recently to get away from the headquarters bias of which our critics have accused us in the past and if this is to continue you will have to let us know what is happening. A phone call will do.

But readers who send us letters can be sure of their efforts appearing verbatim — and in large print. We promise not to make comments, unless you poke fun at us, of course, so how about warming up the postbag with some lively controversy.

5 May, 1975

More money

WE HEAR all sorts of dire predictions about what is going to happen to us after this referendum that nearly everybody is talking about which makes us all the more hopeful that the Staff Side will find themselves able to accept the Official Side's pay offer on 4th June. It could be the last offer of any sort we get for some time and though good Federationists would argue that this is no reason to accept the unacceptable this would be small consolation to those at the bottom of the pay scale. We can but hope.

Operations
Police Headquarters
May 12, 1975

Dear Sir,

As you will be aware, on Sunday, May 11, I arranged a charity football match with all proceeds to go to the Police Dependants' Trust Fund.

As I write this letter it is impossible to give an accurate figure of what will be forwarded to the Police Dependants' Trust, but it is likely to be about £100.

To my mind this is a paltry sum.

I had arranged that professional and ex-professional footballers should play in one team and television personalities should play in the other team. It is true that three of the players did not turn up for the game, but two of those were from ITN and that morning had been sent on assignments. Those players, and spectators, that did arrive at the ground appeared to enjoy themselves, however. After the game John Parker of ITN auctioned the match ball and raised a further £7.

To all those persons who did support the venture I would like to say "Thank you."

But there are many more persons who work at Police Headquarters and other stations where programmes were on sale that I am ashamed of. At Police Headquarters we sold a total of 30 programmes. The programmes were priced at 10 pence each.

Many people refused to buy a programme on the grounds that they would not be going to the match. To these people, policemen and civilians, I say that you owe your living to the police force. To the policemen in particular I say "If you were injured on duty you would probably be the first to claim from the Police Dependants' Trust, and if you were killed on duty then your family would benefit from any monies in the Trust."

Fortunately the players in both teams considered the charity a good one, as did the spectators and the tradesmen who not only offered but gave their support.

Can we really expect that the public should give when we cannot even be bothered to help our own? Maybe the old



saying is true, that policemen expect everything for nothing!

Yours sincerely,
ROGER PARKER

Miss Anglia gets penalty practice before Roger Parker's football match in aid of the Police Dependants' Trust Fund, watched by members of the TV eleven.

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.



guess to most serving Police officers who after all are really only interested in what they deal with and couldn't care less how many Joe Bloggs dealt with in the past twelve months.

We are all too well aware of the modern interest in the publishing of statistics though why they should be considered so vital escapes me and I cannot see that the cost of publishing this booklet can be justified in the present economic crisis.

All too soon the statistics department may have to close because the County will be unable to afford the cost of Police officers dealing with accidents and so providing the information necessary for the publication of this booklet.

D. G. ALCOCK,
Stansted.

P.S. Perhaps that's the long term plan to save money.

War Service

Dear sir,

I'm prompted to write again after the publication of The Law dated the 5th May 1975 of a paragraph in Stan Smith's Federation Notes

Dog was in control

RUMOUR has it that a complaint has been received from an irate motorist that he with numerous other motorists were stopped by a Police dog van on the A127 near Brentwood, and as they stopped the police van drove off.

Apparently the dog had got its neck caught on the "stop blind" and as the dog jumped up and down so the stop blind went up and down, causing the following motorists to be stopped.

Stan Smith mentions that a misconception about this matter is in relation to the object behind the allowing of the option to buy-in War Service, and that it is not a reward for serving in the Armed Services.

Apparently when this was first asked for in 1946 — repeat 1946 — the argument for this condition of service was that many people were prevented from joining the Police Service at an early age because of call-up, and it was allowed in the Civil Service for this reason and no other.

At the time of the agreement for the Civil Service the Government (of the day) was prepared to allow the Police Service the same facility on these grounds and it was only the objection of the Police Authorities which prevented its adoption by the Police.

I appreciate that we have followed the negotiations on the same line as the Civil Service agreement but since 1946 times have changed and I cannot see why we cannot negotiate so that we can now be permitted to

The argument should now be changed, although I am not affected having joined at 25 years (having done six years' army service) and can complete 30 years to obtain two-thirds pension, any other officer joining after attaining 25 years of age will have to work until he is 55 years and then on a yearly basis with permission from the Chief Constable.

Half any military service added to the pensionable service would help quite a few who did anything from 6 to 12 years in the Forces, some in active service areas after 1949.

I feel now that it should be considered as a reward to these men who entered the Forces and did service for their country when it was needed in such places as Cyprus, Aden and Northern Ireland.

Not all men in the Police Force were able to join at 19 years of age, for this reason and joined from the Armed Forces to continue serving their country.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MALONEY

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

Members will, by now, have digested the discussions that have taken place between the Public Service Pensioners Council and the Home Office on the question of an interim adjustment of pensions between the annual review in view of the present high rate of inflation and the need for a fairer measure, other than the Retail Prices Index, in calculating the change in the cost of living for pensioners under the provisions of the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1971.

To sum up, the result was disappointing. The Government, it was said, took the view that the solution to pensioners' problems could best be achieved by controlling inflation. We have yet to see what positive steps are being taken in this direction.

It was pointed out that the increase in the Retail Prices

February 1975 was 12.1% whereas the Civil Servants, on their reckoning and argument, that the Retail Prices Index showed an increase of 5.8% from November 1974 to February 1975. Their way of reasoning appears to be that the increase given when pensions increases were first operated, provided adequate cover for the increase in the cost of living from July 1 to November — thus accounting for 5 months gap in payment of the increases.

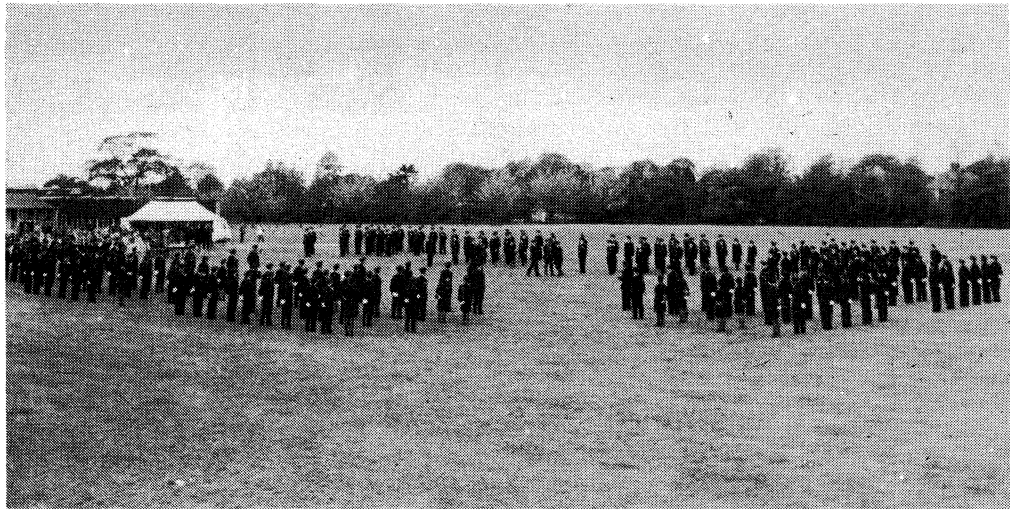
Pensioners will find this very difficult to reconcile with actual facts, but at the moment the Government will not willingly concede the principle of review of public service pensions more frequently than once a year. However, we look forward with interest to the result of the meetings of the P.S.P.C.

War service to count for police pension

Police pensioners as well as serving Police Officers will be given the opportunity to exercise their option to buy in War Service but any improved pension will not be payable before 1 April, 1975. To be eligible for benefit the Member must have joined the police service not later than 30 June, 1950, but not necessarily immediately on completing war service.

It follows that for those already retired the new facility to count war service will only be of benefit for those who did not remain in

Specials muster at Headquarters



ABOVE, the general scene on the sports field as the Special Constabulary line up for inspection by Sir John Ruggles-Brise, Lord Lieutenant of Essex seen in close-up on the right.



IT'S all bustle as the Colchester team tackle the practical incident, a road accident.

Police adjust their TV image



SENIOR OFFICERS of the Force have recently been undergoing T.I.T. training at Chelmsford.

Not what you might think, we hasten to add. For Mr. Peter Tidman has been lecturing to the officers on Television Interview Technique.

In an article written by Timeri Marari, Mr Tidman has been described as a stocky, highly articulate man, specialising in teaching non-professional communicators how to communicate, not only their ideas, but also their personalities on television.

He arrived in Chelmsford having just returned from giving instruction to an impressive list of 'high-ups' in the Danish Armed Forces and the Danish Crown Prince, to instruct our officers in 'how to appear convincing' on television.

Supt. Bob Palmer of Headquarters Traffic said, "It was great fun. It's a pity we can't come back for more. I really have learned something about television and I hope that it will stand me in good stead sometime."

Our picture shows Mr Tidman interviewing Ch. Supt. Wilf Partis, in front of the cameras at the Visual Aids Centre at Chelmsford. The resulting film is played back for assessment and discussion — and as an object lesson to the victim.

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enough to qualify for maximum pension.

The Police Authority has circulated the serving members of the Force but it is up to each pensioner concerned to make himself acquainted with the new

Regulations.

By the time this column appears the Chelmsford Branch A.G.M. will be history, but I hope for a good turn-out as a considerable amount of work has to be put in to ensure success and it does lend

encouragement to your Committee who endeavour to carry out their job throughout the year. Visitors to Headquarters will have the opportunity of viewing the foundations of the new extension to Police Headquarters.

SIX TEAMS competed in this year's Salter and De Rougemont Cups Competition for the Essex Special Constabulary. And for the first time for some years the trophies were won by two different divisions.

The De Rougemont Cup is awarded to the team obtaining the highest marks for their drill, turn out, knowledge of police duties and highway code, and their dealings with a simulated road accident and treating injured persons involved in the road accident.

This year the trophy was

won by Chelmsford Division scoring a total of 151 out of a possible 200. Competition was fierce for the second team, Harlow finished only 3½ marks behind, whilst Basildon, finishing in third place, scored 136½.

In determining the winners of the Salter Cup the marks obtained in the De Rougemont Cup are added to marks awarded for duties performed at Divisions. The Specials are expected to perform at least 12 two hour duties a year and a division can only obtain full marks for the Salter Cup if all

members of the team have completed the required number of duties in the preceding year.

Only one Division, Harlow, was able to claim full marks and thus won the Salter Cup, with Chelmsford finishing in second place and Basildon again taking the minor placing.

As a result of their victory in the De Rougemont Cup, Chelmsford went forward to represent the Force in the Neville Trophy held at the Guildhall, London on Sunday 1st June. See Report next month.



Winners of the De Rougemont Cup, Chelmsford Specials.



Salter Cup winners, Harlow Division.

THERE'S many a slip we began last month. There certainly is! Having printed the heading "Scoundrels" the story was left out. Actually it was our deliberate mistake for the month but as no-one has written we assume no-one noticed. Below appears the missing piece.

THERE'S many a slip . . . taken from the Chief's report on the Essex Police, 1974.

"Officers from the Central Investigation Office were involved in a Westminster Bank Robbery at Stanstead Airport, murders at Colchester and Basildon, a rape at Chelmsford . . ."

This section of the report commences "This section is a mobile team of officers, including two women detectives, divided into three specialised units . . ."

No doubt these sections are known as 'Robberies', 'Murders' and 'Rapes.'

UNIV



The University Library building being dominated by three of the residential tower blocks.

What's on



Who's off

IT SEEMS that Pat O'Keefe took exception to last month's column and went out to prove that Laindon has got motor cycles after all.

He got in the way of a naughty car driver who knocked him off his machine. Result: Pat off work with broken foot and Norton (Oh that name) off work with a broken fairing and exhaust pipe stuck up nearside bread box. Never mind lad, hope to see you around soon, if only to give you the bill for the damage to the motor cycle — well,

H.Q. snatch title

EVERYTHING rested on the final event, the medley race, in the Force Athletics Championships last week. Grays, set to recapture the team title which they lost last year, built up a 40 yard lead but the HQ team whittled it away to win by 10 yards in the home straight and take the title.

Full details next month but in the meantime critics of HQ should take note that the cadets in the HQ team were third year cadets posted to that division and therefore quite legally included in the team.

Instructor retires

AFTER serving as a traffic patrol officer in this Force for 30 years, Roy Bowers joined the Driving School as a civilian driving instructor in June 1967.

Since that date he has trained many Officers and Cadets in the art of systematic driving. Time has now passed all too quickly and in April he joined the ranks of the Senior Citizens.

All who knew him would wish to thank him for his long and loyal service and wish him and his wife Joan a very happy retirement.

we are in financial difficulties.

We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Mick and Mrs. Phillips, of Harlow, a third class driving permit. But a word of warning, "Don't try to lean the Range Rover over. It won't go." We all look forward to reading your comments on the four

wheeled type vehicle.

The Essex Show will soon be upon us and a certain Chief Inspector is walking around headquarters with paper trying to decide who shall have the pleasure of being first in the Pernod bus!

No news from Colchester apart from Long John's lack of excess weight. I thought I saw him the other day but lost sight of him behind a radio aerial on a motor cycle.

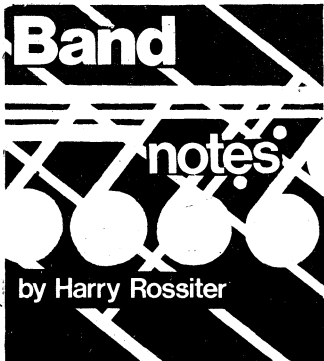
Rumour has it that Dave Elam at Thorpe has been on a vehicle cleaning course at Headquarters (only joking Dave!)

Meanwhile Sparky is now riding a good Triumph on a refresher and was heard to tell Ian (Oh my, sorry about that tackle) Swift, on the same course, "When I get back I am going to ask if I can ride T.230 and dump my valve burning, head blowing crop spraying Norton in the Chelmer!"

That's it but remember — ride safe.

The Law Shop

HOLIDAY CHALET overlooking the sea at Tolland Bay, Polperro, Cornwall. Brick built, all



by Harry Rossiter

THERE isn't much activity to report during the month of May. The band duly provided the music for the Specials Annual Muster at HQ on Sunday, 11th May. The weather was dry which was all important but the wind blew cold. The band was ensconced in a marquee just as well for as I have said before it is not unknown for a sharp gust of wind to silence a band. How come? Well the music blows away that's what... if one is not prepared with half a dozen clothes pegs to anchor the "dots" down.

Anyway, the affair was successful with the Lord Lieutenant, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, doing the honours and we kept the music cheerful with a resounding recital of "Coloney Bogey" to end the proceedings. The Specials Commandant, Mr. Giller, called for some sea shanties next time no doubt to remind us that he served once in the "Silent Service." Well we'll see if we can oblige.

Two dates to mention for June: The 22nd when we are playing at a Caravan Club rally at the race racecourse at Woodham Mortimer. We'll have to think up some appropriate music for that one, I fancy: "Where my caravan has rested" or "It's a long long trail"; and Sunday, 29th at Maldon when we are playing in the Marina on the promenade and then in the evening at All Saints' Church with our old friend, the Rev. Athur Dunlop presiding.

mod. cons., sleeps six. On select site with swimming pool, club and shop. Ideal for an off-season holiday. Vacancies. Contact Inspector Craig Bailey, of Harlow Police Station.

TO THE casual observer the Essex University may be no more than just another landmark on the Essex countryside with its six tall residential towers standing out amid the two hundred acre Wivenhoe Park — and many would think not too beautiful a landmark at that.

Be that as it may it cannot be denied that since October 1964 when the first students were admitted it has had significant 'effects' on the Essex Police.

Without a doubt the least publicised of these must surely be the education and training of police officers. This being the case it seemed to be down to The Law to enlighten our readers in the ins and outs, the whys and wherefores of university training for police officers.

As early as the spring of 1965 the Chief Constable had begun to explore the possibilities of sending Essex officers to the university as undergraduate students.

During the Chief's early consultations with the university authorities the proposal was that suitably qualified Police officers, possibly one or two a year, should be considered for a university place.

Having reached agreement in principle with the university the next step was to seek approval from the Home Office.

As a result of a meeting of the three interested parties, the Chief, the university authorities and the Home Office, they gave the 'O.K.' for the scheme to proceed.

Negotiations had now reached the stage where it became necessary to consult the Police Authority with regard to the financial aspects of the scheme and the implications of the students being unavailable for normal police duties. At their meeting in November, 1966, the Police Authority resolved that suitably qualified officers who were selected for the course should be granted three years paid leave in order to attend the university.

As the Police Authority gave its approval so the Secretary of State added his blessing to the scheme.

Having overcome the major stumbling blocks the Chief Constable went ahead and made formal application to the Essex University for one or two police officers to commence their studies in October 1967.

Two conditions

The University authorities accepted the application but made it clear that two conditions must be fulfilled. The first was that the University Appointments Committee would have the final say in the selection of the candidates and the second was that all candidates should have the minimum qualification of an 'O' level pass in mathematics. It seemed natural that study in the field



From left to right: Roy Clark Labedski and Mick Curtis, The missing undergraduate his studies to put in an ap

of Social Studies would benefit serving police officers most and the increasing amount of research and statistical processing to be done in this field made an elementary knowledge of mathematics essential.

Nominations called for

And now, with the machinery all set up the Essex Police asked its members for nominations.

Having vetted the candidates the Police Selection Board put forward the names of three officers to the Appointments Committee of the University and after interviews and tests two officers proved successful in obtaining a place at the university; Bill Gray, now a Superintendent and Peter Joslin a Chief Superintendent but with another Force. At the time of their acceptance both officers held the rank of Inspector.

In October 1967 they commenced a three-year Honours Degree Course in Social Studies, having been the lucky officers out of a total of twenty-six applicants for the vacancies.

Seven Officers still attending

Since then thirteen other Essex officers have attended the university at a rate varying between one and three a year. Of those seven are still there at the present time.

As previously mentioned all of these students have been attached to the School of Social Studies. The School itself is broken down into four very distinct departments. (See diagram). Dept. of Sociology; Dept. of Government; Dept. of Economics; Dept. of Philosophy, each department encompassing a wide range of associated subjects giving

I.P.A. CAMPING RALLIES — Dates for Diaries

13-15.6.1975. Cheltenham Race Course.

Children's entertainment — Friday. Coach trip Saturday. Barn dance in evening. Safety patrol for children. Use of indoor swimming pool. £2.50 per unit. Contact Brian Ellis, 15 Swanswell Drive, Granley Fields, Cheltenham, Glos., GL51 6LP.

20-22.6.75. Race Course, Newmarket.

Contact Les Roper, 97 Roseford Road, Cambridge, CB 47HF.

27-29.6.75. Littlethorpe Village, Eley.

Pool in grounds. Disco for youngsters in Youth Centre. Buffet dance Saturday. Contact Frank quince, 19 St. Andrews Wy., Eley, Cambs., CB6 3BL.

4-6.7.75. Stirling Corner, Boreham Wood, Herts.

Contact Dick Lewis, 68 Featherstone Gardens, Boreham Wood, Herts.

4-6.7.75. Crassington, Yorkshire.

Contact John Steed, 5 Thorn Avenue, Bradford, Yorks.

18-20.7.75. Doddington Park, Bristol.

Contact Ron Savage, 18 Oak Drive, Almondsbury, Bristol.

27-31.8.75. South Peak Area, Derbyshire.

Contact Derek Ashton, 5 Mercer Crescent, Alfredton DE5 7HF.

27-31.8.75. Police Training School, Harperley Hall, Crook, County Durham.

Contact Gary Wayne, 2 Lascelles Avenue, Crook, County Durham.

Dick Wardle is negotiating his rally at Walton and there are more rally dates to come.

Sorry about the lack of detail but this is being sought and any member wishing further detail contact Secretary when it may then be to hand.

UNIVERSITY



Peter Crawshaw, Robin Blackmore, Barry Devlin, Stefan of the seven present police incumbents at the University. John Chidwick, who, we were told, was too engrossed in France.



Showing the University layout within the attractive gardens of Wivenhoe Park, this aerial photograph is published by courtesy of Peter Warren.

students plenty of scope. In addition provision is also made for those wishing to study in the field of logic and statistics.

What is actually involved in obtaining a degree is likely to be a mystery to most, so have spoken to the people who know, the men who already have one and those who are working for one at the present moment.

Chief Inspector Trevor Taylor (Maldon) commenced his three-year course in sociology in October 1970 when he was Inspector. Trevor, who graduated with an upper 2nd class Degree told The Law, "It is a very personal experience requiring three years hard work and study. I would recommend it as an opportunity not to be missed."

The need for the hard work and study referred to by Trevor becomes only too apparent when we examine a programme for a typical first year course in Social Studies.

First year examinations

First year under-graduates must prove themselves knowledgeable in sociology, government, economics and philosophy regardless of which particular subject in which they intend to specialise. Examinations on completion of the first year consist of four papers each lasting three hours.

At the commencement of the second year students must decide in which subject they wish to specialise for the purpose of their degree. They have a choice of either one of the four subjects they studied in their first year or a 'joint' eg. Sociology / Government. The immediate examinations at this stage are five, one hour papers.

During the Summer holidays each student must

complete a project of 10-20,000 words on original research the topic chosen by the individual.

Final year

In the final year the work is very much the same as in the second although a different optional subject must be chosen. The final exams are again five in number each of three hours duration.

Upon successful completion of this programme the students graduate.

Obviously in order to cope with the amount of research required to accomplish anything a vast amount of reading material has to be placed at the student's fingertips. This being the case there is a book-shop on campus and in addition to this the university is equipped with a modern multi-storey library that is capable of meeting the needs of most students.

The architecture of the university is perhaps in some ways reflective of the work that goes on within it.

The buildings themselves and their structural characteristics are ingenious and complex and yet what has been achieved is in some respects due to the quite basic principles employed.

This is perhaps best illustrated by the aerial photograph which shows the university and its surrounding grounds.

Use of ground

The architect made the most advantageous use of the natural contours of Wivenhoe Park, thereby making the campus an elevated concrete plateau resembling a modern shopping precinct such as those of Basildon and Harlow.

By contrast, the classrooms, commonrooms, lecture theatres and

laboratories are linked by short narrow corridors that constantly turn right angles on themselves and it is possible by virtue of the 'contour planning' to walk from the ground floor in one building to the second floor in another without actually ascending or descending.

All this may sound irrelevant to the university training of police officers but those who work there are sure that the strange architectural features of these buildings do have an effect on the attitude towards work and study.

In general the officers who have swapped their helmets for mortar-boards are reluctant to say too much about their work at the university. When asked why this should be the case, Inspector Roy Clark, who is at present studying there, told The Law, "It is difficult to meaningfully relate our studies to police work — to communicate what we're doing here to the man on the beat."

Inspector Barry Devlin added to this by saying, "I've learned to read, write and analyse a situation, all policemen should be able to do this with competence."

The most 'chatty' of the university trained officers was without a doubt Chief Inspector Jeff Markham now in charge of the P.S.U.

Jeff entered university in October 1969 where he completed a three year course in sociology and philosophy. He left university with a first class honours degree and was promoted within a month.

We asked Jeff what his views were on the university training of police officers and in particular in what ways, if any, had the police force benefitted from his attendance at the university.

Markham — "Answering your second question first, university training benefitted me as an individual member of the police force. The

subjects that I studied made me more aware of the wider issues involved when dealing with social problems. The training hasn't turned us into softies but more understanding officers.

"I believe that the police service needs university trained senior officers and it will improve many and harm none."

Geoff, who is the first to admit that after the first term

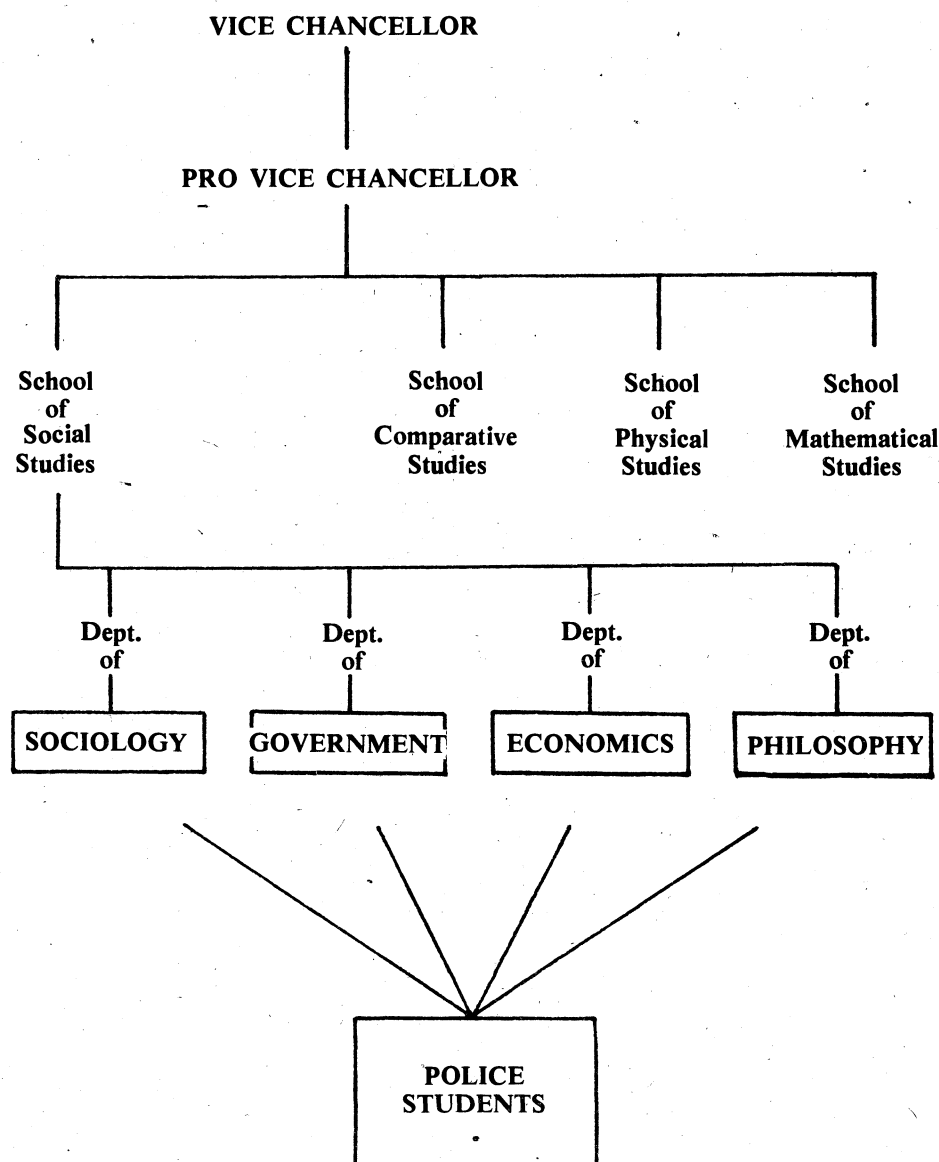
he was quite prepared to give it all up and be recalled to normal duties, is now of the opinion that more use could be put to the skills he and others like him attained whilst they were being trained.

In the second year of his studies he chose for his project a 20,000 word essay entitled 'Authoritarianism in the Police Elite.'

Most policemen might

consider themselves good for rather more than this number of words on such a subject though no doubt without the advantage of university training the words would be shorter and the argument less clear.

Or perhaps one day the scheme might be extended to getting someone a degree in English with benefits to this journal which would be obvious to all.



Collinge Cup won by Grays Division

Grays 3, Basildon 0

GRAYS are the new inter-divisional champions. In a hard-fought and sometimes tense final they defeated holders Basildon by a resounding 3-0 to lift the Collinge Cup.

Grays with central defenders Colin Prest and Jock Whitehill always in command never looked in trouble despite a below par first-half performance. Basildon wasted a lot of good work by midfield men Greg Moss and Bill Clark.

Grays took the lead at a time when it seemed Basildon were getting on top. Peter Taylor went wide on the left pulled the ball back and Micky Benning, formerly of Basildon, slotted the ball into the corner of the net. Basildon tried hard to get back into the game and succeeded in getting the ball into the net, only to be robbed by the referee, the ball having gone out of play for a goal-kick. Grays increased their lead, shortly before half-time, when winger Martin Oakley finished off a fine 5-man move and from that point the cup was won and lost.

In the second half, Basildon pushed forward with the strong wind behind them and would have been expected to make an impression on the Grays defence. Johnny Weatherly, always looking dangerous, had several efforts blocked but when Peter Taylor broke clear to finish off a superb solo effort to score what proved to be the "killer"

goal, it was all over. Weatherly then produced one spark of hope for Basildon, but his fine free-kick produced an equally fine reflex save from Grays 'keeper Trevor Gernon. With the Grays mid-field trio covering everything in the middle of the park, Grays always threatened to increase their lead and substitute Dave Bray went close on two occasions, one shot by Bray producing a superb "reflex" save from Basildon 'keeper Bobby Hunt.

At the final whistle, the trophy was presented to Grays skipper Laurie Rampling by Deputy Chief Constable, Mr. J. Duke, to round-off an unforgettable season for the Grays side who notched their third trophy, having previously won the Thurrock Sunday League Cup and runners-up. Needless to say celebrations went on deep into the night.

Grays last won the Collinge Cup in season 1967/68 and three members of the present team were



members of the '68 side: Colin Prest, Tom Sanderson and Mick (Big "L") Lewis.

Earlier, Grays Police had won the Thurrock Sunday League cup final, beating Van den Burgh's by 3-2. Grays were behind at half-

time but after the interval Peter Taylor equalised and Colin Prest put police ahead.

After again losing this lead it was Paul Gamman who headed the Division home with a goal near the end of play.

The victorious Grays team pictured after winning the Thurrock Association Sunday League Division IV Cup on April 27, 1975 at Grays Athletic Ground. Back row (left to right), Tom Sanderson; Paul Gamman; Colin Prest, Steve Evins, Micky Beale, Jock Whitehill, Peter Handscombe, Peter Taylor, Roy Rout, Alan Farr, Jim Bowman (manager). Front row (left to right), Micky Benning, Laurie Rampling (with cup), Martin Oakley, Terry Westgarth (trainer).

HAVING FOUGHT their way through to the final of the South East Region P.A.A. Cup the Force team played Kent at the Chelmsford City Stadium, on 13th May.

The choice of date was unfortunate but the team were out to prove that they have no superstitions.

The first half saw Essex playing some good attacking football with Charlie Clarke, Peter Hudson and Mick Lewis dominating the midfield whilst John Cannon kept up a constant challenge in front.

A good through ball by Clarke, inside the full back for Peter Taylor to run on to produced the first goal. Collecting the ball from this defence splitting pass Peter picked his spot and beat the goalkeeper for the first goal of the match.

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Cricket team go Dutch

By GEOFF MARKHAM

DESPITE allegations that our party was to represent the Force in surf riding championships in Switzerland in January a numerically strong touring side left our shores on the first Monday in May to play the Dutch at cricket.

The weather was a trifle unkind and magical Harwich had hardly been left astern before even such pillars of police society as the Finance Department were feeling decidedly unwell and the Commander of one of our Marine sub-divisions had retired for the remainder of the day.

Most of the mighty duly fell and it was with much relief that we arrived in Holland to be escorted very cordially to our guest house wherein cadets and their elders were obliged to synchronise their sleeping manoeuvres to avoid falling to a fate worse than death in the garden below.

Tuesday reared its ugly head to the tune of one hard boiled egg per man supplemented by butter, cheese, jam, transparent tea or suspicious coffee. Having breakfasted adequately if strangely the touring side practised on a football pitch and then journeyed to The Hague by bus looking for a Swiss cricket ground on which to play a Dutch team.

We found it, only to be re-directed to a new location where we traded in the taxis we had bought for a half share in a cup of coffee and proceeded (a good police word that) to search for the

opposition. In due course five were found, one left immediately and the remaining four reinforced by the older tourists gave the county a scare or two before succumbing to superior skill and losing — an appropriate thing for Dutchmen to do when playing the English at cricket.

After the match we sallied forth to The Hague once more to be wine and dined in rather "Sweeny Todd" premises by the fifth member of the opposition. The meal was prepared, served and eaten in conditions that made identification difficult but my table was unanimous in declaring the meat to be horse while others were equally adamant in describing it as the best beef stroganoff they had ever eaten.

As the evening wore on the party broke up to wend its various ways back to the Hook. Some went by train, some by bus and some even showed their initiative and walked — it cost the latter more for a cup of coffee than the train fare would have done. By 1.30 am all were safely gathered in and settled down for the night.

On the Wednesday torrential rain, hard boiled eggs and a falling Pound notwithstanding the tourists made a mass descent on Amsterdam where everyone did their own thing with varying degrees of success, although no-one seems to have missed the Canal

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Essex win Regional football cup

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Athletics season opens on home ground

POLICE opened the athletics season with a meeting on the home Melbourne track on April 30, this being the first of the summer's mid-week police friendlies.

Ground advantage, as well as athletic prowess played some part in Essex' team win by 142 points to Herts 59, Thames Valley 38 and City of London 24.

Early season times and distances were only fair but you have to start somewhere. The exception to this was Bert Wallace whose 36.65 mts hammer and 46.32 mts Javelin was enough to win both events.

Tim Mildinhal was below par in the javelin but cleared a goodish 1.70 mts in the high jump to win easily from Tony Armstrong, 1.60 mts.

Greatest excitement of the day came, traditionally, in

the 4 x 400 mts relay where Lindsay Reeve ran a competitive last leg to win by a couple of yards after a tremendous tussle with the City runner.

League

A depleted team travelled to St. Albans on May 10 for the first Southern League fixture of the summer but some fighting performances put them in third place out of six with the promise that a full team will place higher next time and could even gain promotion.

Without P. Taylor, sprints, A. Wallace, throws, and distance men, A. Down and G. Butler, the team had to fight for points. But by doubling into unaccustomed events they came only 5

points short of second place.

Times and distances

100m: K. Rowe 12.0, T. Mildinhal 12.3. 200m: A. Odell 26.2, I. Learmouth 25.1. 400m: A. Biddle 58.2, A. Odell 59.1. 800m: D. Brady 2:3.7, A. Watson 2:13.2. 1500m: L. Reeve 4:30.4, V. Mullender 4:40. 5000m: D. Dutton 18:51.8.

110m hurdles: A. Armstrong 20.8, K. Rowe 20.8. 400m hurdles: V. Mullender 68.9, A. Armstrong 72.0. 3000m steeplechase: D. Brady 10:40.6, K. Jacobs 12.46.

Shot: A. Southern 9.27m, N. Dermott 7.46m. Discus: A. Southern 26.89m. Javelin: T. Mildinhal 48.61m, D. Brady 26.13m. Hammer: A. Southern 30.92m, N. Dermott 19.94m.

Pole Vault: N. Dermott 2.73 mts (Force rec). High Jump: A. Armstrong 1.65m, T. Mildinhal 1.60m. (Winners of A & B events). Long Jump: M. Sear 6.02m (winner), K. Rowe 5.35m. Triple jump: M. Sear 12.13m, A. Watson 10.54m.

A SMALL team travelled to Oxford on 20 May and coped very well with all of the opposition except West Midlands who were well ahead.

As usual Essex women scored well, Maria Oldall winning the 100m and Bernie Cussen the 800m narrowly from Alison Marshall.

Times

100 mts: K. Rowe 12.2s, A. Odell 12.2s, A. Walker 12.2s. Women: M. Oldall 12.7s, K. Purkiss 14.9s. 400 mts: K. Rowe 58.1s, A. Odell 59.9s.

800 mts: C. Skingley 2m 34s. Women: B. Cussen 2m 51.6s, A. Marshall 2m 52.5s. 1500 mts: G. Butler 4m 29s.

3000 mts walk: J. Hedgethorpe 15m 13s. 3000 mts st'chase: P. Gamman 12m 31s, C. Skingley 13m 28s, J. Carpenter 14m 10s.

1600 mts medley relay: Essex (Butler, Rowe, Odell, Walker) 4m 8.2s. 400 mts relay (men): Essex (Rowe, Butler, Walker, Odell) 55.6s (dropped baton). 400 mts relay (women): Essex (Purkiss, Marshall, Cussen, Oldall) 58.0s.

Teams: West Midlands 111, Essex 65, Thames Valley 60, Herts. 52, City 41, Northants 22.

Essex placed 2nd in Barking to Southend

DESPITE Essex Police participation in walking events all over Britain and in Europe the Barking to Southend on home ground has a certain magic.

All the more sweet is any success gained by a squad whose juniors, most of the time, tend to steal the limelight. And 1975, when the team launched out from Barking with possible victory in view, turned out to be a give and take sort of year.

John Hedgethorpe, winner of the "provincial" race for five consecutive years had to give way though not without a fight — he caught teammate Denis Sheppard only after 27 miles — but he recaptured the Veterans' Cup by courtesy of fellow old'un Charlie Fogg who did not race it has to be admitted. And the team did not quite win but finished second.

The day was as cool as 1974 was hot. Without the maestro, C. W. Fogg, 14 times winner, lesser mortals fought it out, C. Fisher beating P. Hodgkinson (both Met. Police) to Southend.

P. Ryan, South Yorks and only 21, went fast from the start and at Pitsea (9m to go) had 6 minutes to spare on Sheppard and 10 on Hedgethorpe. Sheppard blew up on the "Bread and Cheese" climb but the team captain passed through and had a go at the Yorkshireman. The gap was too great, he narrowed it by 7 minutes but that left three.

Hedgethorpe 5th, Sheppard 8th, Barry Daymond 12th after a strong steady walk and poor Alan King (not very fit) literally driven down to Southend by team supporters finishing a courageous 23rd meant Essex was the second team with their four men home.

On the day, 'N' Div., Metro., were that bit too quick with four in the first 14 and Essex, in turn, were comfortably ahead of the rest.

Gary Matthews showed that despite an absence from walking for too long there is ability still there as he ducked under bronze medal standard time by a neatly judged 11 seconds. And finally Clive Skingley whose shift colleagues, one suspects, had wagered he couldn't do it, did it, and inside the 7½ hours time limit.

A good day, then, after the 1974 debacle when only two finished. Afterwards awards were presented by the Chief who quite enjoys handing prizes to his own team.

RESULTS

1. C. Fisher (Met N)	4h 52m 27s
2. P. Hodgkinson (Met M)	4h 55m 02s
3. R. Claxton (Met M)	5h 14m 53s
4. P. Ryan (S. Yorks)	5h 16m 27s
5. J. Hedgethorpe (Essex)	5h 19m 40s
6. P. Mayor (Met N)	5h 21m 40s
8. D. Sheppard (Essex)	5h 27m 22s
12. B. Daymond (Essex)	5h 43m 35s
23. A. King (Essex)	6h 03m 10s
41. G. Matthews (Essex)	6h 29m 49s
105. C. Skingley (Essex)	7h 20m 45s

'PROVINCIAL' (CRITCHLEY CUP) EVENT

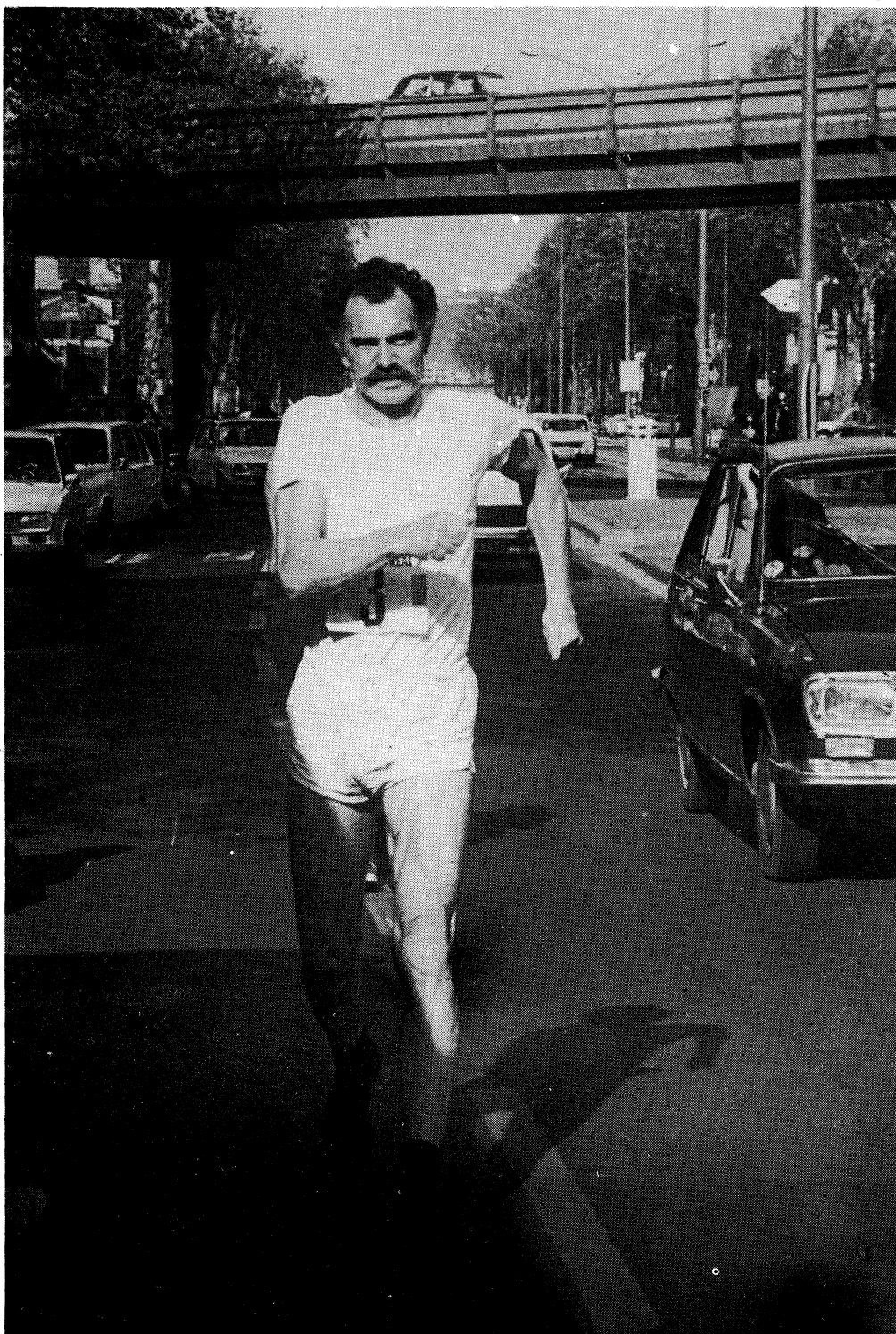
1. P. Ryan (S. Yorks); 2. J. Hedgethorpe (Essex); 3. D. Sheppard (Essex). (3 plaques awarded this year for the first time).

VETERANS EVENT

1. J. Hedgethorpe, (Essex); 2. J. Englert (S. Yorks) 13th; 3. J. O'Brien (West Mids.) 19th.

HANDICAP

D. Sheppard placed 2nd.



KNOWN in France as Jon Hedger Torn he threads his way through the Rouen rush-hour traffic soon after the start of the 24 hours race in early May. At this point 122 miles still stretched before him.

Cricketing in Holland—continued

Strasse which, for the benefit of the uninitiated, is a sort of sex-Sainsburys with red lights and music.

After this do-it-yourself atmosphere Thursday (a Public holiday) dawned sunny and warm with the expectancy of a more serious cricket match in the afternoon. Reinforced by the inevitable hard boiled egg we set out en masse for The Hague or, as we now call it, Den Haag. The Finance Department representative, having recovered from sea sickness, was nearly eliminated by a Dutch motorist on one of those places where it's much safer to cross the road. Despite this mishap and an hour's walk between buses we arrived in a reasonable condition to play a Commonwealth Eleven from The Hague.

Fred Nicholls lost the toss only to be put in to bat on a turning coconut matting wicket (at least I think it turned). The Police with considerable ease collapsed to a remarkable 42 for 5 which caused the scorer considerable embarrassment.

However, Fred Nicholls and Dave Sanderson performed a rescue act and we eventually declared at 135 for 7. The Commonwealth Eleven found Errol Green an unpleasant prospect and were all out for 109 with

Errol taking 5 for 29 and John Stonehouse 3 for 24. We were entertained afterwards in the club house but by common consent decided to have a meal just outside The Hook on our way home.

Our forward guides did not arrive at the restaurant until after the main party and in consequence no meal was had by anyone and your intrepid tourists drifted back into The Hook avoiding all contact with all those wishing to sell them coffee.

Friday was perhaps our only organised day for we went to play on an egg at the invitation of John Jansen of the Koningin Mareshausse, the Dutch Paramilitary Border and Security Police. Journeying from The Hook by coach we spent the morning in Heineken's Brewery and the lunchtime sampling their products. We returned to the Hook via the bulb fields in the afternoon and were entertained by our colleagues of the Koningin Mareshausse at their local station until we boarded the St. George for a foggy passage home.

The trip was certainly a considerable experience and no doubt we will return but this our first trip will not be matched — certainly not for humour. Without the efforts of Ron Stanley and Nigel Granger of the Special Branch I don't think we

would have got on or off the boat and without John Jansen our time in Holland would not have passed with such interest. All in all an interesting week and no doubt one that at least one cadet will not forget if any of the rumours respecting his cementing of Anglo-Dutch relationships are in any way founded.

League Match

RETURNING from Holland on the Saturday had its drawbacks since the County were due to play Mistley in their first game as participants in the Two-Counties League.

Batting first Mistley collected runs at a steady rate until, with the score on 58, Nigel Grainger took his first wicket.

Wickets then fell steadily to Nigel and Roger Culham until Mistley's innings closed at 131 for 9, Roger taking 5 for 52 and Nigel 4 for 60.

The police innings opened quietly but Dave Sanderson was soon putting bat to ball with good purpose. Dave batted well for 33 and Paul Gammon 'fresh' from Holland added 23 to carry the Police through to a win with 9 wickets down. A very satisfactory start to the season.

Unfortunately the next match against Braintree had to be cancelled due to rain.

IN HIS first really long race for four years, except for an unsuccessful attempt in 1974, John Hedgethorpe not only got through the 24 hours but covered a greater distance than before, just beating the coveted 200 kilometre mark.

A muscle strain sustained in the week before the race was still painful at the start, despite a massage session earlier that day, but this "walked off" during the race though several nasty blisters walked on.

Despite a steady start, John was in 2nd place briefly at about three hours but worked back to 4th at half-way where he remained to the end.

A distance of 200 kms (125 miles) in 24 hours is the qualification required to enter the 330 miles Strasbourg to Paris race in June but Essex Police will not be represented there as John will be going for a 100-mile trip at Ewhurst, Surrey, about that time.

Mike Dunion kept the walking section in the news in mid-May when he clocked a fast 10,000 metres time at Crystal Palace to qualify for selection for the British junior team going to the European Championships in late summer.

Actually gaining selection could be another matter as four juniors have covered the 6½ miles in under 47 minutes and there are not this many places available but first you have to beat the clock, then beat the opposition.

Mike's 14th place in the Southern Counties senior 10,000 metres championship was gained in 46 mins. 45 secs.

IN OTHER respects the month has been a quiet one with training continuing for championship contests later in the summer.

RESULTS

Rover 15 kilos: 4.5.75.

2nd M. Danion 71.21; 5th D. Sheppard 78.04, 8th M. Spellman 82.59; 9th A. Masson 84.12; 11th B. Schulz 85.50; 15th M. Todd 87.51; 18th J. Roche 100.13; 19th

R. Simmons 101.01. Women's 3,500 mts. same day: 25th B. Cussen 24.35.

National 20 kilos: Coventry: 10.5.75.

114th D. Sheppard 155.15; 123rd J. Hedgethorpe 156.56; 167th C. Skingley 141.56; 168th M. Faulkner 144.28.

3000 mts: Oxford: 20.5.75.

2nd J. Hedgethorpe 15.13.

20 miles: Leicester: 24.5.75.

18th J. Hedgethorpe 2 hrs. 57m 33s.

Call for Pistol Section

By John Page

EIGHT Officers returned victorious from the Suffolk County Combat shoot on May 4. The force beat Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire for the team trophy and Staff Division won the competition for police Divisions. We achieved the first three places in the Service Pistol competition and in the competition for individual police officers. When you add individual first place in 'A' class .22, first, second and fourth in 'B' class .22 and first and third in 'B' class centre fire it doesn't leave a lot to be desired. Perhaps it was as well that we came second in the only other competition available — for civilian clubs — which we entered in plain clothes!

Only a month earlier we demonstrated that we can do well at target shooting in addition to combat shooting by coming back with five medals against formidable opposition at the Metropolitan Police Open Pistol Meeting.

The rise of competitive pistol shooting in the Force goes back only two years. It was in 1973 that we entered the N.S.R.A. League for the first time and gained a second place in Division 34! (Our 'A' team is now currently shooting in Division 15.) At that time pistol shooting was mainly restricted to a nucleus of four officers at Headquarters.

In these last two years we have won six trophies and over 60 plaques and medals. Undoubtedly our greatest centre-fire triumph was winning the National Police Combat Championship at Bisley in 1973 and coming second out of 31 teams in 1974. Equally satisfying on the .22 side was our two teams winning two divisions of the P.A.A. National League in 1973-4 only to be

three teams won three of the seven divisions.

It is encouraging to note that from our small beginnings we now have eleven members shooting regularly in competitions and nine more will be competing in the winter. The Divisions represented are Colchester, Chelmsford, Staff, Basildon, Grays and Southend Eastern.

At present we have eleven officers shooting in the Essex County Individual League, and two teams of four in the N.S.R.A. Summer Pistol League. These are both postal competitions. We are looking forward to sending a strong contingent to the Norfolk Open Pistol Meeting in June, the Suffolk Open in July, the P.A.A. Championships at Bisley in September and the Essex Open in October. It is in attending events of this nature that we feel we are doing a good public relations job for the Force.

In our opinion we have now outgrown the old set-up where we are merely members of the Force Shooting Section. It is inconvenient and time-wasting to conduct our business via the secretary of the rifle section; having no firearm certificate of our own we are forced to purchase ammunition individually or through Divisional Sports Clubs. Surely in the past two years we have justified our claim for a separate Pistol Section?

Pensioners' bowls

The date for the annual Bowls fixture with the Regular Police has been provisionally fixed for Thursday 24 July, 1975, 4 Rinks, on Police Headquarters Green. Members who are desirous of playing should submit their names to the Social Secretary, W. Hindley, 64 Oliver Road, Shenfield, Brentwood. (Tel.

Two commended after car chase



The two police heroes — Police Sgt. Derek Arber (left) and Police Con. Brian Squirrel.

Two Chelmsford Traffic began at Chelmsford after Section officers were police had been told that 23-commended by a judge at year-old Elizabeth Wiggins Chelmsford Crown Court had taken a car from a recently for the courage they garage at Hatfield Peverel. showed during a high speed car chase.

Sgt Derek Arbour, the chairman of the Seaxes Auto Prosecuting, Mr. Jeremy Club and well known in the Compertz said the chase county for his rally driving

was on patrol with Brian Squirrel when they came across the stolen car and followed it through rush hour traffic at speeds of up to 90 mph during which it overtook two lanes of stationary cars at the Army and Navy roundabout and drove through a road block at Rettendon Turnpike.

The stolen car stopped on the A.130 but when the police officers approached it drove of again, knocking Derek into a ditch and dragging Brian along the ground for a short distance before he fell into the path of other cars, injuring his back.

But having been so near to capturing the culprits the officers were not going to let up now. They got back into the chase and the car eventually stopped at Battlesbridge, perched on the concrete wall of the river bridge.

Having dealt with the driver and her accomplice Judge Peter Greenwood commended Derek and Brian for "acting extremely courageously in what must have been an extremely frightening affair for anyone."

Derek later told The Law, "I have done many more jobs which have given me greater satisfaction but it was nice to get a commendation."

A.G.M.

THERE will be a Management Committee meeting of the Force Sports Association at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 20, 1975, at the Assembly Hall, Police HQ, Chelmsford.

This meeting will also act as an annual general meeting.

Force Cups presented



BESIDES HERALDING in the better weather the month of May is always traditionally the month in which the Millard Trophy and the Wilson Trophy are presented to the winners.

Our picture, by courtesy of Essex Chronicle shows WPC Daphne Hagger of Chelmsford, the first female recipient of the Millard Trophy, awarded for social service and Pc Julian Cooper the winner of the Wilson Trophy, awarded to him for his actions in the rescue of a man and his two children from a stream heavily swollen by flood water. It is an interesting footnote that Julian has previously been the holder of the Millard Trophy for his efforts in community relations in the village of Moreton where he is the village constable.

The presentation of the trophies was made by the Lord Lieutenant of the County, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, at a recent investiture held at County Hall.

Two stalwarts retire from Grays Division

TILBURY Community Centre was the appropriate venue for Grays Division officers to say their farewells to Chief Inspector J. F. Drage and Inspector W. Brownfield on the evening of Tuesday, May 20, 1975. Both officers have links with Tilbury, ex-Chief Inspector John Drage being Sub-Divisional Commander from its reformation as a Sub in February last year to his retirement at the end of May and ex-Inspector Bill Brownfield having served in "The Gateway to the British Empire" for some years as sergeant.

Mr. Drage and Mr. Brownfield have taken advantage of recent changes in the pension scheme which allows War Service to be counted for pension. Both men had extensive Active Service during World War II. They have served together at several times during their careers and, as both men were friends, they decided to throw a joint retirement "beano" for their colleagues, past and present.

Their social was attended by over 200 people including serving and retired members of the Force, their wives, members of the civilian staff and friends from outside "the

Job." From much of the conversation one would have thought that the old Romford Division was still in the Force area!

During a very enjoyable evening presentations were made to both men by the Grays Divisional Commander, Chief Supt. G. A. Dolby, on behalf of the Sports and Social Club. Mr. Drage later received a presentation from fellow members of the Tilbury Bowls Club to mark the end of his long association with the club. Presentations were also made to Mr. and Mrs. Brownfield by members of his relief at Grays.

Mr. Drage started his police career at Romford after service in the Lincolnshire Regiment and the Corps of Military Police (Airborne). During his Regular Army period he saw service in the Far East and NW Europe. After Romford he was stationed at Collier Row and Harold Hill and served for a time as police duties instructor at Eynsham Hall. He was promoted Sergeant in March 1956 and subsequently served at South Benfleet and Hornchurch where he was promoted Inspector in 1961. He was posted to Romford and Basildon before returning for another stint at Eynsham Hall as Chief Instructor. He was promoted Chief Inspector in 1966 serving at Grays and later Tilbury. He was an active sportsman and played a prominent part in the affairs of the Divisional Sports and Social Club.

Mr. Brownfield started his service with the Essex Constabulary at Chelmsford after previous service in the RAF and the Metropolitan Police. He left Chelmsford Town for Force Headquarters and was promoted sergeant at Tilbury in October, 1955. He also served at Hornchurch, South Benfleet, Grays and Basildon. He received his 'Pips' in 1966.

Both are leaving the area upon their retirement, Mr. and Mrs. Drage will be moving to the coastal resort of Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire, and Mr. and Mrs. Brownfield are off to Cornwall. They will all be taking the best wishes of Grays Division staff with them. (Photos by courtesy of Thurrock Gazette).



John Drage receives a gift, marking his retirement, from Chief Supt. Dolby.



Bill Brownfield received a retirement gift presented on behalf of colleagues by Sgts. Millichip (left) and Adams