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Another day off next year

ARD's to disappear after New Year.

LAST MONTH The Law reported that September pay cheques would be made up at the new rates of pay. Now comes less welcome news — that additional rest day payments may be a thing of the past after Christmas.

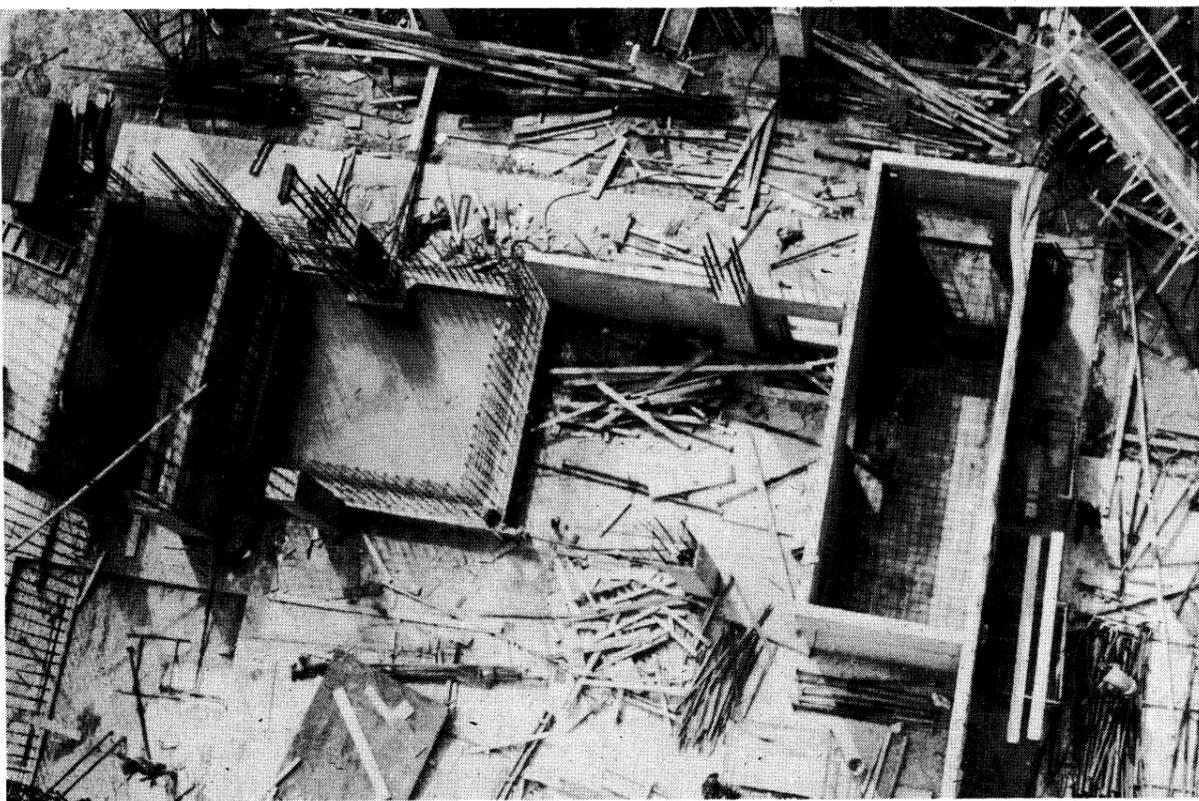
The strength of the force stood at 2,307 on August 18th and, the Chief Constable hopes, by the end of the year will be about 2,360. Authority to recruit up to 2,436 by March 31 has been given and the Chief hopes to be allowed to go on after that.

The third additional rest day was given as leave with effect from October 1, 1973 when the strength was 2,147. "If recruiting goes according to plan we should by the end of the year have a growth of nearly 10 per cent on that figure and accordingly it is my intention to give another rest day as leave from 1.1.76," the Chief Constable stated to The Law.

He continued, "Much depends on how far we are allowed to go on recruiting and government policy for the coming year is not yet clear. Any substantial change could have a bearing on the manpower available and accordingly a final decision will not be taken for the time being. However, my present intention is that the rest day will be taken."

A.R.D.s have been a feature of police pay cheques for 20 years. It was in late 1955 that a pay rise and reduction of hours gave rise to the "compulsory" overtime working which has been with us ever since. In the early days when pay came weekly, every fourth cheque was known as "big week."

See also back page for new eight rest day scheme



WHAT, you may well ask, is it? From this apparently endless mass of jumble, is gradually appearing the new communications block at Headquarters.

This unusual view, taken from the jib of the 130 foot crane which dominates the sky line around the Headquarters precinct, shows the ground floor taking

shape.

Unfortunately our staff photographer was not allowed to take this photograph because of the insurance problems whilst clambering about at this height, but in order to bring you the unusual he reverted to his natural cunning and conned the crane driver.

Emigrant returns—as a drummer in the band

ONE OF THE highlights of the Colchester Military Tattoo this year was the Australian Police Pipe and Drum band.

Made up from five of the seven Police Forces in Australia, the band was originally invited to play at the Edinburgh Festival Tattoo, and having accepted, their services were quickly

The members of the band, 114 men and one woman, drawn from New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, and Western Australia, are an impressive sight, all of them being 5ft. 10in. plus. In fact they have

been described as "a wall of men."

Each band have their own tartan and their own drum and pipe majors, who were also on parade at the tattoo.

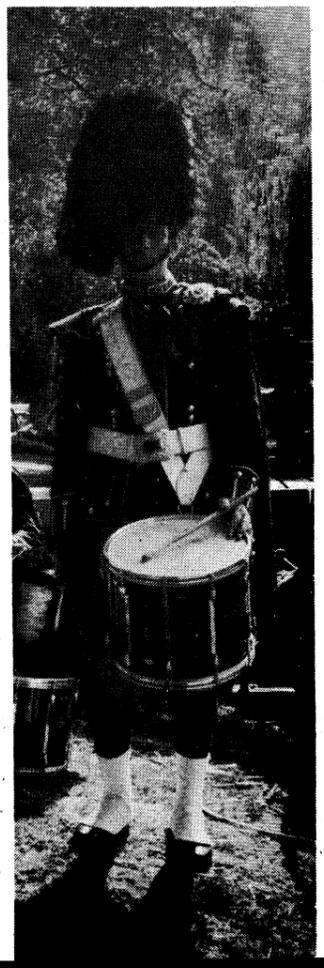
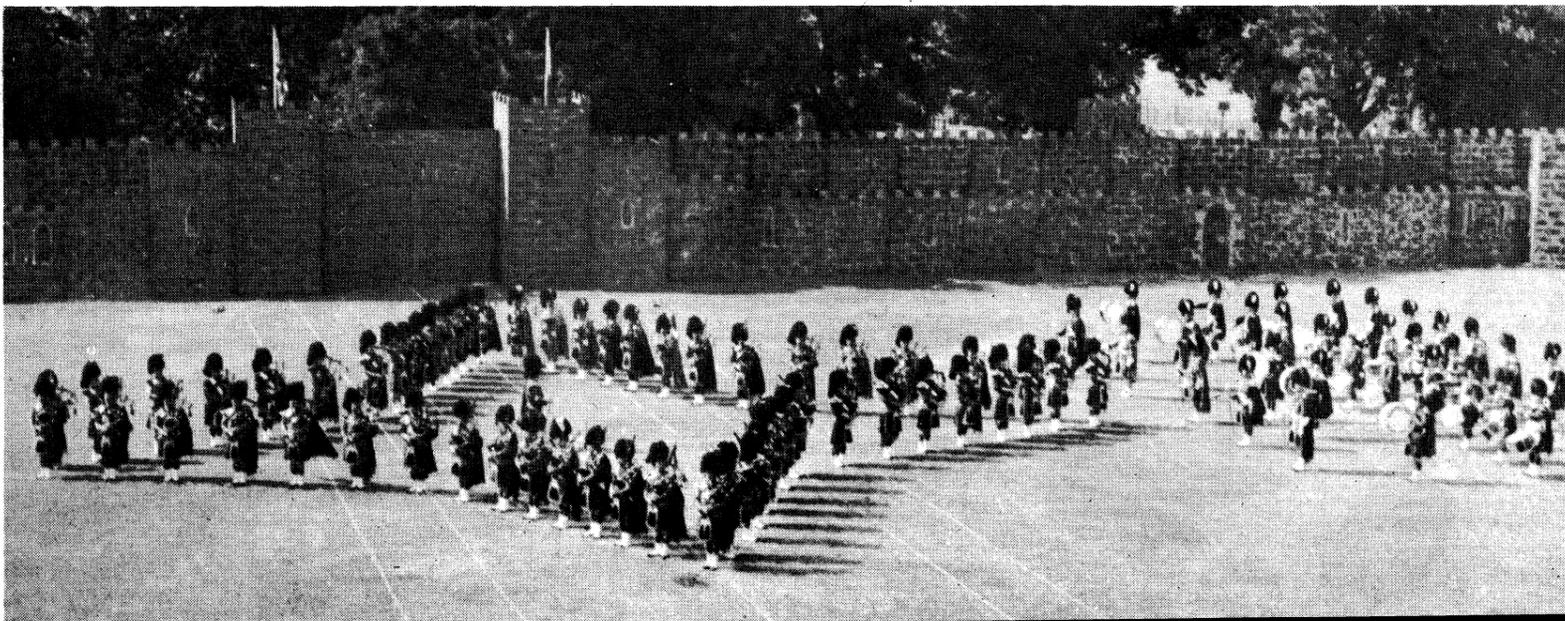
One of the members of the Tasmanian group will be well known to those officers who served in the Harold Hill area during the early 1960's. Brian Bick resigned

from the Essex Constabulary and emigrated to Tasmania where he joined the local Force, and is now back with the band, visiting old friends and haunts.

He told The Law, albeit with a slight Australian accent, "Each member of the combined band performs normal police duties for at least three days a week and then has a complete day for

band practice and a day when we have a parade."

He continued, "We have been received as though we are royalty and have thoroughly enjoyed our time over here but the only thing that has got us down is the heat! Over in Australia it is hot but it is a dry heat and not as humid as it has been here."



Well paid jobs

THOSE who complain that we are being taken over by civilians who are paid more than the policeman they replace would have been interested to read Civilian Staff Memorandum 112 which came out in August.

This showed new rates of pay which credited unskilled manual workers with an hourly rate of pay of £88.13.

Cooks are shown as being paid £84.80, which, on the basis of a 40-hour week, makes £176,384 per annum, which makes one wonder why we have

recurring crises in the various canteen kitchens round the Force.

What a good thing these new pay rises were approved before the six pounds limit came in!

Round your neck

WHAT a chord is struck in our granite editorial heart by the letter on this page pleading for equality for men. Readers may feel that we do not often appear in a tie on hot days anyway but will agree with us that there is no more useless a garment and no more persistent a

source of discomfort than the necktie.

Originally of course, in the days before shirt buttons, it was literally used to tie up the collar but particularly since it has evolved into a slip-on stitched-up piece of braid does it not seem a pity to have to wear it at all?

The present police shirt is such a floppy shapeless mess that it is not really smart to wear without a jacket. It really is time that the question of comfortable summer wear was pushed a bit harder than of late. Extra expense would be minimal if the issue of floppy nylon shirts were reduced to allow for smart tailored garments. The same would apply for lightweight trousers.

Matters discussed in Joint Consultation

THE Chief Constable had a Joint Consultation meeting with the Executive Committee of the Joint Branch Board and representatives of the Superintendents' Association on August 18.

The principal matters discussed were as follows:

SHIFT DUTIES BY DETACHED BEAT OFFICERS

THE Executive Committee raised the question of the system of working recently introduced in the Hedingham Section and suggested that it was unsatisfactory that officers who were properly speaking on detached beats should be grouped with officers at the nearby Section Station to perform duties in order that the Section could be given 24-hour cover. The Chief Constable explained that he had felt concern over the lack of cover at night in the Section and after a meeting of all the officers concerned the Divisional Commander had introduced a new system of working, which would be considered after a trial period of two months when there would be further consultations before a final decision on the new system was taken. It was pointed out that a similar system had been worked in one Section of Harlow Division for some years without difficulty.

ESTABLISHMENT

THE Executive Committee had been supplied with a draft statement about the proposed review of the establishment and it was agreed that any comments they might have would be considered.

OVERTIME

MEMBERS of the Executive Committee expressed the view that the control of overtime now being enforced was perhaps rather too rigorous and the Chief Constable suggested that if there were difficulties in individual cases they could be resolved by consultations at Divisional level.

PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT OF POLICE

THE Executive Committee asked whether the Force Orders relating to this were to be changed to eliminate the employment of volunteers, and referred to changes which had taken place at Colchester. The Chief Constable said that if a function made undue demands on the number of men available for ordinary duty volunteers would be employed, but it was undesirable that the cost to the Police of providing protection at a private function should be more than that recoverable from the organisation, as might happen if men had long distances to travel.

CIVILIAN WELFARE FUND OFF TO GOOD START

Over 700 members of the civilian staff elected to become members of the newly-formed "Civilian Welfare Fund." This is a very good start, and represents about 65 per cent, but our aim is 100 per cent so join now if you haven't already done so. Civilian staff memorandum No. 110 gives full details and are available at all Divisions.

It won't be long before the first A.G.M. so get together, sort out who your Divisional Representative is going to be and submit their names to the Divisional Commander, and come one and all and make this first meeting a memorable one.

CHRISTIAN POLICE ASSOCIATION ESSEX BRANCH

Our next branch meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Stibbards, No. 78 Tudor Gardens, Shoeburyness at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, September 26, 1975. Anyone who would like to come would be most welcome.



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.

Memories

Dear Sir,

May a sentimental old duffer felicitate you on your August number? The reminiscence from Arthur Simpson in particular (may his shadder ne'er grow less) struck a chord. We collided on the coast long ago.

Now that the writ of the Statute of Limitations has run its course, one may safely lay information before Sir Johnathan. We ran his Force intermittently but with signal success from its nerve centre, Kings Avenue CP, 3.30 a.m., if memory serves. We were a formidable take-over duo. Joe Wicks was a benign Speaker and Arthur Cooper a vigilant Leader of the Opposition. Every reform was carried nem con, and beyond the Kings Cliff the surf thundered its acclaim. All good clean fun when the world was young.

But the New Broom was spirited away on the night of the full moon. There ain't no justice. Thereafter this man of many words went his rough-hewn way with no help from Outer Space. True, he didn't actually invent courage and compassion, any more than he needed the regimental trumpeter.

So what? He was quite a man, especially when the citizenry came the acid on the night of St. Patrick, and his haymaker, the dreaded Simpson Sweep, put the ungodly to flight. (Reinforcements were thin, pandas wore fur and the county Mark One velocipede was due for a rebore pending H.M.I.'s visit). It was nice knowing Arthur Simpson. Yea, verily.

It is beyond dispute that early Federation activity carried the kiss of death. One illustrious pioneer commonly commenced proceedings with a Churchillian, not to say Biblical, thunderbolt: "And hear ye not this warning loud and clear? Abandon hope all ye that enter here."

Its enhanced status is primarily due to the tide that has wrought a sociological revolution in one generation. There are spin-offs and side-effects. The steward's lyric "Everybody aht, Holeborers!" now topping the charts is an unsolicited bonus.

Finally, a bouquet to our heirs still serving in preference to male modelling, hair-styling or running the corner Mafia. For these are perilous days for the land we love. Beyond doubt our successors are the salt of the earth in today's spivs' Paradise. We who admire those incomparable C's, courage, constancy, courtesy and compassion, salute them. How lucky that these attributes are eternal. Yea, verily.

RALPH JONES
Bourgeois Revisionist
(Quondam Marxist, reformed)

Thankyou

Dear Sir,

I would like, through your paper, to express my very grateful thanks to all members of the Essex Police Force, for messages of sympathy and beautiful floral tributes, and attending the funeral of my Dear Ted.

Sincerely
Dorothy Oakley
58 Heath Row,
Bishop's Stortford,
Herts.

Pensioners' party

Dear Sir,

In the August edition of The Law there was much appreciative comment concerning the Pensioners Garden Party, including several letters from various people who attended expressing thanks for an enjoyable day. No doubt these were a sample only of those received. In addition one or two even suggested that those attending should contribute to the running costs.

To those who were engaged in the organisation of the Garden Party it is indeed gratifying to receive such praise and thanks. In many cases the officers involved give a lot of their own time not only arranging the function but raising the necessary finance, by far the biggest share of this aspect being undertaken by the policewomen.

However, certainly speaking personally, and I feel that many others of the organisers think the same, the greatest gratification to us is to see The Pensioners' turning up and enjoy themselves. There was one particular 'Granny' whose reaction made my day — and you can make what you will of that. Despite all the other efforts that are put into the day it would be a total flop without them.

I feel therefore that someone should say "Thank you Pensioners for turning up and enjoying yourselves." That is the end to which everybody works, wouldn't we look silly with pounds of strawberries and gallons of cream (as opposed to egg) on our faces if no one came? Our reward, if that is

PAT HESSEY continues in her meteoric rise through the ranks.

Six years ago she joined the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary and, as soon as she was eligible, sat the promotion examination from Constable to Sergeant, passing with flying colours.

In doing so she won the Sir Jonathan Peel Trophy for the highest pass mark in the county for that year.

Shortly after her exam success she was promoted to Sergeant and posted to Grays, where she has been performing the duties of a Patrol Sergeant and acting inspector besides looking after the Women Police Contingent at Grays.

Whilst at Grays Pat sat and passed the Sergeant to Inspector promotion examination and within twenty nine months of her promotion to Sergeant she has been promoted to Temporary Woman Inspector as Personal Assistant to Miss J. Law, the Assistant Inspector of Constabulary, working at the Home Office.

He's hot—and feels unequal

Dear Sir,

I've just finished patrol having spent eight hours of the hottest day ever recorded literally melting. The sweat (sorry ladies), perspiration has stuck the collar of my shirt to my neck, let's hope it's shrink resistant, and my legs are encased in what feels like a super heated fur coat.

When there before my eyes, is it a mirage, no, it's one of our delectable Police Women (but that's another subject). She appears so cool and fresh, I wonder, am I

using the wrong deodorant or is it her light weight skirt and open necked short sleeved blouse which keep her like this.

No, I'm not advocating all male officers be issued with skirts and blouses, but surely its time for a bit of equality. Let Essex Police lead the county's Police Forces and let's see light weight slacks and open necked shirts being issued in 1976. (What, with the present economic climate?)

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rapport and good will when they were in service?) and knowing that our efforts were not wasted.

So far as the question of those attending making a contribution is concerned, again speaking personally, I would say forget it. This occasion is an Open Day when The Force entertains The Pensioners. If we cannot afford to entertain them we should not invite them and let us not overlook the fact that attendance is by invitation, tickets do not have to be purchased.

To have any form of payment would I fear detract from the pleasure obtained by both the givers and the receivers and I for one would be reluctant to become involved.

So there you are Pensioners — thank you for coming — glad you enjoyed it and do come again if the opportunity arises.

Dear Sir,

As many readers know, I recently lost a dear daughter in a most tragic road accident. I nearly lost other members of my family as well but in some miraculous way, and indeed I have been assured by so many miraculous is the only possible word to use, I am extremely fortunate to still have those other family members with me.

However, my purpose in writing is not to draw attention to my particular plight but to very sincerely thank my senior officers, my colleagues, and my many friends within the Service for the overwhelming kindness, concern and sympathy which they have extended me over this period.

Their expressions were made in a multitude of ways, some even simply by a certain look, or just two words, but all were there to

Seaxes Auto Club Forthcoming Events

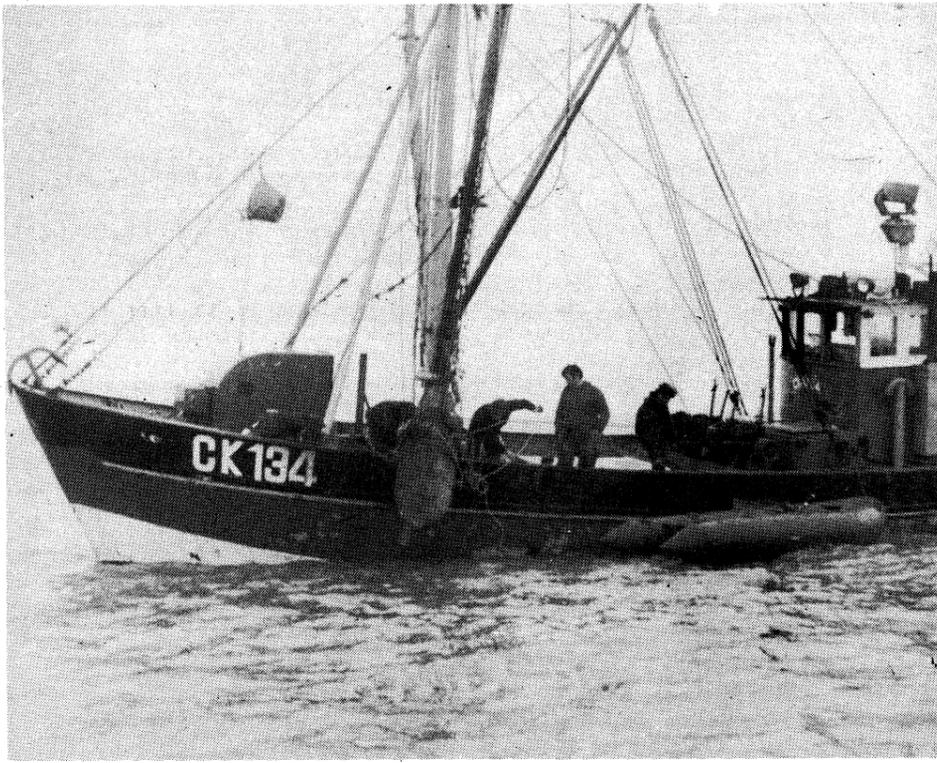
September 11th: Club Night at Chelmsford Town.

October 17th or 24th: Autumn Leaves 12 car Rally. To be organised by D. Stone and P. Allan.

November: Trophy Rally to be organised by P. Brown and J. Hart.

December: Sleigh Ride Rally to be organised by D. Arber and A. Bentley.

WORLD WAR II MINES GO WITH A BANG

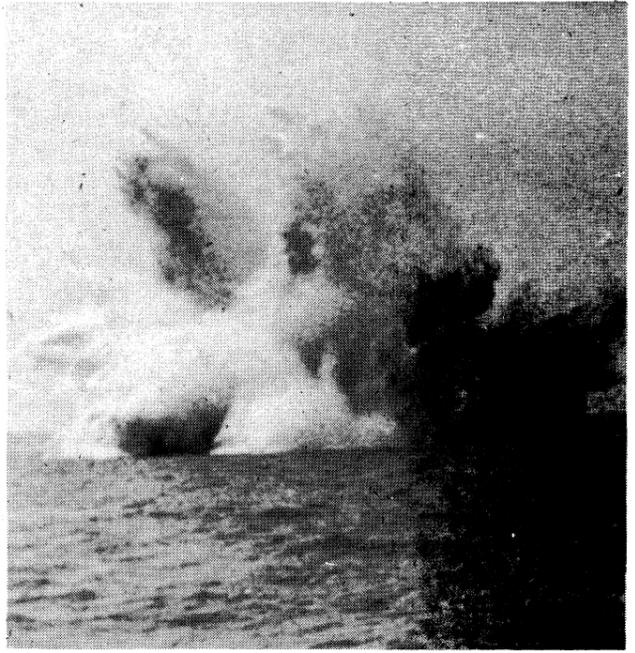


THE MARINE section have been involved in high jinks — or high explosives — off the Essex Coast this summer, where an unusually large number of World War II mines have been dredged up by fishermen.

Tides have been low and the fishermen have been trying new areas due to poor catches. Nine mines were dealt with during June and July. But not all were blown up — one which had been tied to a buoy by fishermen freed itself and escaped.

Such incidents are attended by a Royal Navy Bomb Clearance Team who attach 4lbs of plastic explosive, light the "blue paper" (cordtex fuse), retire to a safe distance, and up she goes.

This is followed by a quick survey of the area to pick up float lines and any



cross-eyed fish which may be floating about.

"The photographs," says Sgt "Magic" Thurkle, launch

skipper, "show a typical motor fishing vessel, with a typical 2000lb mine, going off with a typical bang."

Chelmsford Police raise cash for handicapped kids



WHAT DOES a school, especially a school for handicapped youngsters do when they find that the coffers are emptying and there are difficulties in filling them?

Woodlands School of Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford, found the answer in one of the local policemen.

Andy Bird of Chelmsford decided that he would like to do something for the school and so on 4th July, he together with Dave Vigors, Bob Ward and John Deal, ran a disco dance at Chelmsford Division Club Room, where many members of the division enjoyed a very good evening with buffet supplied by Andy's wife, Ronnie, ably

assisted by Linda Ward, and music by Discotronic Sounds of Basildon, supplied free of charge, for this particular function.

Later the same evening Andy was delighted to ask Chief Superintendent John Challis to present a cheque for £110 to their guest of honour, Mrs. M. J. Carey, the Headmistress of the school. And what was even more delightful was the fact that the Divisional Sports Club, who had given their blessing to this function, added another £20 to this sum.

Needless to say Mrs. Carey came away from Chelmsford Police Station that night thinking that the Chelmsford Police are wonderful.

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make a point that I was not alone. Therefore, I would be most grateful if you, through your paper, would make my feelings of deep gratitude known to all for those many kindnesses, and for them all to realise how great our Service is in its make-up of men and women with such compassionate natures. Finally, I am pleased to say that my wife is now progressing well from her injuries and would wish to join me in this letter of appreciation, and in particular for the beautiful bouquet of flowers sent to her on behalf of all members of the Force.

Yours sincerely,
John Poston.
Traffic Garage
Colchester

Best swim yet

Dear Sir,

This year's long distance swim, was held on the 6th August, in brilliant weather (which I had already ordered, as per application forms), and 40 swimmers, plus two non police swimmers, took to the water.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned with the success of this year's long distance swim. My special thanks must go to the following: Essex Yacht Club, for their wonderful hospitality, all the boatmen, for accompanying the swimmers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Griffiths, for time-keeping, Sgt. Bob Mann, for inscribing the certificates and last but not least, all the swimmers.

SID SADLER

What's on



Who's off

THIS MONTH has been quite a hectic one with many things happening all over the County. Briefly, Southend Traffic lads had their taxi outing for the children from the orphanages, taking them to Clacton. The mob of assorted members attacked the "Greene King" Brewery at Bury St. Edmunds and the league has taken effect with an "off."

Before I enlarge upon the aforementioned deeds, I would like to advise you all that a meeting is going to be arranged with a view to discussing the venue for the forthcoming months. Items being, a night out for your ladies around the latter part of the year. A possible trip for them and yourselves to the Dutch bulb fields in the

TOTTENHAM OUTRAGE

I AM WRITING an account of the robbery and chase that followed, that took place on January 23, 1909, would anyone with any relevant information please contact me. 01-531 2426.

new year. I know how you feel about gardening but what about the Dutch beer houses? Anyway the date of the meeting I hope to be October sometime.

Right then! The prologue

The Southend lovelies, Dave Seago and Brian Waller, escorted a number of taxis to Clacton a few days ago and had what can only be described as a fluid journey. As usual the day was entirely for the youngsters. The weather held fine and hot. They had the pleasure of the well-known Leslie Crowther who I understand loves working with young people and was the star of the day. Reading through the news received from Southend I note with interest that among the helpers were numerous air hostesses, nurses and wives! Next year, lads, is it likely that you may have a vacancy for another motorcyclist? From what I hear from the lads in general, this is highly thought of and if there is anything that we can do as a whole in conjunction to this kind of thing in the new year, let's hear from you.

Item two. The Brewery.

As time goes by, I get this constant nagging in my mind that Brewery visits are one great big booze up for the lads. Free of course. Anyway, Wednesday, August 20th the coach pulled up at H.Q. and departed towards Bury St. Edmunds. As we thundered through Halstead, we picked up Mad Mitch and El Diablo Lay who were jointly holding on to the nose of "Super Bugle" Ray Finch.

The calm journey immediately broke into hell on earth as Martin set about all and sundry. The re-union over, he thrust into my hand a tattered A.57 demanding that I forward it to the Traffic Commander. It is reproduced for the attention of all:

Sir,

I have to report that as a member of the Essex Police Motorcycle Club, I and several fellow motorcyclists have visited all the British Motor Cycle manufacturers without exception. (Perhaps that is why they closed down.)

These visits have all been of short duration, the

Change of plan

LAST month The Law reported that a start had been made on the new Rayleigh Police Station, DHQ for Southend Western Division.

But what sort of building the architects have dreamed up is open to doubt when one reads, "Floors, ceilings and storage space have all been cut out of the plans in an effort to keep the cost down." (Local newspaper last month).

Mr. Fulbeck of the County Architects Department is reported to have said, . . . "The Chief Constable has had to make sacrifices in getting what he wants."

But what can he possibly want in exchange for floors and ceilings?

members leaving and returning the same day, therefore time off for such visits has been reasonably easy to arrange.

We now wish to venture further afield. I therefore ask that consideration be given to granting all motorcyclists in the Force time off, at short notice, for an unspecified length of time for proposed visits to:

Moto Guzzi, Italy;

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National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

THE ANNUAL bowls match against the regular police was well contested and thoroughly enjoyed, the result being a win for the pensioners by 71 to 66. The scores were, skips, police first: Rink 1 C/Insp Gorham 17, H. Tredree 17; Rink 2, C/Insp Shayshutt 16, B. G.

Brinkley 20; Rink 3, P.C. G. Turner 14, F. D. Davies 22; Rink 4, P.S. L. Stibbards 19, M. Connolly 12.

An excellent tea was provided in the Staff Canteen and the Regular Police were thanked by ex C/Supt. G. Hodges for the hospitality afforded and the arrangements made for what proved to be a well deserved win for the pensioners.

Comrades Association

The management committee met on 22 July and as the result of the recent referendum agreed to the rules being amended as follows:

Rule 8: annual subscription to be 50 pence, 216 for, 6 against.

Rule 9: payment of annual subscriptions by members 70 years and over, 177 for, 45 against.

Rule 10: substitute "from time to time" for "each summer", for 174, against 48.

Rule 11: cost of meal to be shared by all attending, including 70 and over, 161 for 61 against.

Quarterly bulletins

Members will, I hope, have read the Summer bulletin and fully digested it. Two late Motions to be discussed at Conference are (a) increase of annual subscriptions from 84p to £1.32 (11p per month).

Widows 12p to 18p (1½p per month) and (b) circulation of bulletins on a half-yearly basis rather than quarterly.

In the case of (a) there seems little that can be done to avoid the increase. The Association, like others, are caught up in the inflation spiral. With regards to (b) our Delegates have been instructed to oppose the Motion. Branches are struggling to keep enthusiasm alive and interest in the Association's activities. Bulletins are often very late in reaching members resulting in the various matters becoming belated history before we can digest them, one can imagine what will happen in the event of the issue being half-yearly. The result will be similar to our Force Magazine — reading about Swimming, Bowls and Cricket in mid-February? It is appreciated that the proposed increase in postal charges in September will make serious inroads upon our funds but it is felt that at least a trial period of 12 months should elapse before drastically curtailing the issues. Our own members have come to our aid magnificently when called upon to donate that little extra to assist postage which for the Chelmsford Branch, is currently running at £20 plus per quarter and

from September we face an additional increase of £12 per annum. Our quota to the Central Committee looks like being increased to 50% of subscriptions received which, after all, is cheap when one considers the advantages so gained. Personally, I have no doubts that faced with these difficulties our Members will re-act accordingly.

Obituaries

We regret to record the deaths of two former colleagues — ex Sgt. Harry Pavitt, 8 August and ex Sgt. Ted Oakley, 15 August. Both were members of the Association and also the Comrades Association and both served on the Committees of the two organisations. Our sympathy goes out to both the widows in their sudden bereavement.

Chelmsford Branch Social — 27 September

The response to the invitations sent out with the last bulletin has, so far, been very disappointing. Fewer than 20 have signified their intention of supporting it. I feel from this result there is only one conclusion to be drawn — but more of that later.

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Honda, Tokio, Japan; Harley Davidson, Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A.; BMW, West Germany.

Signed,

Lydia Dusbyn. W.P.s.99 P.S. We thought we might also visit a nearby Saki Distillery, a Lager Brewery and miscellaneous vineyards.

Well, Mitch I don't hold out much hope, but I forwarded the report to the Ch. Supt. and left. I slid it under his door and ran!

However, I digress. The brewery loomed large and we waited at the steps of the place for them to open. Well, we waited, and we waited. Then it happened, they let us in. Two delightful ladies endeavoured to inform the few interested amongst us as to how the brew was concocted. The faces of you all spelt out the message, that you were only there for the beer. At last they released the ladies from their ordeal and the mob descended to the drinking section. Drink they did. All were dished out . . . Abbott or some strange brew that made its impact amongst some.

Naturally, the poison dwarf . . . MONTY (ex Mascot) . . . challenged Martin . . . (Rasputin) . . . to consume at least four and remain standing. For A QUID! He was taken up and five were downed and Martin became so happy that he forgot to claim his loot.

Naturally on the route back, another "OASIS" was visited, namely the "White Horse" at the outskirts of Bury. This is owned by an ex P.c. from the County whose face was a picture as twenty-odd coppers went berserk in their frantic efforts to find water, or some other substance that looks like coloured water.

The poison dwarf made for the O.A.P. table where he was suitably challenged to a game of darts by the smallest member. After that he was held to a height competition by the same O.A.P. She won again. The bar was in need of dire attention and was immediately held up by all for some considerable time before it adopted a slight 90 degree tilt. Rasputin, alias Mad Mitch rushed about frantically snapping photos of each horizontally inclined lad. To prove that he was the last standing he intends to drive home the point by forwarding blackmail letters within the next week or two.

Finally the league:

- The Southend Smoothies 0
 - The Harlow Hippies . . . 0
 - The Colchester Commune 0
 - The Landon Layabouts 0
 - Headquarters Hellcats . 1
- (we were robbed).

It is most unfortunate that our lad, Jeff . . . the Abbott . . . happening to be riding when he was confronted with a delightful young lady whose attire included a micro skirt. Funny he thought as he zipped forward into the rear of a car that was mobile but that had decided to slow down rapidly. Having become obliged to stop his thoughts went to her, but she didn't even stay to say who she was. Anyway the most important thing . . . he is not hurt (apart from his pride).

To finish for another four weeks . . . remember always learn from mistakes but ensure that they are other folk's.

Roger Goad Fund

THE TRAGEDY of 29 August when Captain Roger Goad, an explosives officer attached to the Metropolitan Police Bomb Squad, lost his life when attending the scene of one of the recent spate of terrorist outrages, being so recent will be well remembered by all our readers.

This brave man left a wife and two young daughters and an appeal has been launched through the News of the World to set up a "Roger Goad Fund" for his family's benefit.

Roger Goad was part of the team which served this area and he had attended incidents in Essex. The Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police has asked that this appeal be brought to the notice of other forces and a Force Order will shortly be circulated giving directions for donations to be channelled through the Senior Finance Officer at HQ.

Although Captain Goad was not a policeman he was attached to the Bomb Squad because of his expertise with explosives and met his death upholding those standards of service of which all policemen are proud. It is hoped that this fund will be as generously supported as have been similar funds for constables.

IPA Special



AS THE CLIMAX of the Amekleo Week held by Southend Division, together with K and J Divisions, Metro, a dinner dance was held at Blackhats Civic Centre Grays, where the belle of the ball was Marianne Orbell, who, together with her husband, Leonard, a Detective Chief Inspector in the Swedish Decelt Squad, was staying with the Gordon Oakley family.

Also staying with Gordon was Tage Odlund, a single 26-year-old 6ft. 1in. blond haired, police officer, who, in the week he spent in England developed quite a liking for English girls. Unfortunately space is not available to print his photograph but he has asked "if any young lady would like to correspond with him his address is available from the editorial staff of The Law."

Welfare is nothing new

DELVING into the piles of ancient pieces of paper which fall into the office of "The Law" we found this piece from Home Chat of 1931. Pictured is a member of the Borough Police — no, Colchester, not that other one — and the caption ran, "Comfort for Robert (chatty magazines still tended to write patronisingly about coppers in those days) is the slogan of Colchester Town Council. They have provided rubber mats for their policemen on point duty to prevent them from catching cold from wet feet."

Nowadays we go in for expensive anti-'flu' injections though this shows that welfare is not a new concept. "But what is point duty?" we hear some of our younger members ask. Just a little pastime in the good old days which the sergeant could leave you on all day if you annoyed him — which you did, constantly.

Time has marched on ten years before the next tatty piece of paper first saw the light of day, the "confidential" notice appearing over the name of Colonel Stockwell the Colchester Chief Constable.

Descriptions of four enemy agents likely to attempt to land in the very near future are given below. It is not stated whether they will come by air or sea; but they may afterwards enter Colchester on bicycles (collapsible variety) or on foot.

A careful intelligent watch must be made for men answering their descriptions, viz:

- A. — Stated to be a German soldier. Aged 20, short and fat. Scar on left cheek which runs from corner of mouth to his neck. Fair and slightly sunburnt. Blue eyes, no glasses.
- B. — Aged 25 to 27. Very small and fat. Brown hair. Blue-green eyes, no glasses. Probably brother of C. below.
- C. — Aged 25 to 27. Thin black hair. One gold tooth. Horn-rimmed glasses with gold branches.
- D. — Aged about 27. About 5ft. 8in. Broad athletic build. Black hair brushed back. Dark eyes. Rather pointed nose. Shortish neck.

This document is to be constantly referred to. It must be kept in the notebook and on no account made known to any other person . . .

Apparently some enemy agents were about to invade the ancient Borough and the notice called

for attention. As half of the suspects were short and fat it is not surprising that the bicycles were collapsible.



Essex Police
Police Federation Joint Branch present the annual

Force ball

in aid of ESSEX POLICE ORPHANS on

Friday 24 October 1975

at the CHANCELLOR HALL, CHELMSFORD. Dancing to

Dennis Hayward and his music

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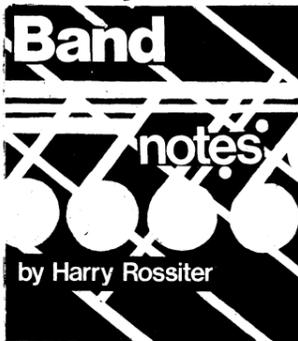
TICKETS £3.50 from Federation Office, Police HQ, Chelmsford.

Medal cases

IN FUTURE all Long Service and Good Conduct Medals will be issued in a presentation case.

Past recipients of the medal can purchase a case for 35p and any pensioners who wish to do so should notify Ch. Insp. A Collins at Police Headquarters before October 1st.

Do it now!



THE PEAK holiday month of August is usually a quiet one for the band but this year there were one or two exceptions. On the 10th, a Sunday afternoon, we performed in Chelmsford Central Park at the request of the District Council. It was a day that marked a change in the hitherto hot dry weather inasmuch as when we commenced

our first number it started to drizzle with rain. This however proved to be but a passing inconvenience and we carried on playing to an appreciative if somewhat mobile audience. There were one or two people who came to us afterwards and said how much they enjoyed our music and considering that we were rather short of cornet players it was a boost to our morale (Where do cornet players go to in the summer?) With several of our members on holiday we did well to make a go of it.

The other August date was again a Sunday evening, the 31st, at the Cliff Pavilion, Southend. We shared the proceedings with the Suffolk Police Male Choir fresh from their Continental touring triumphs. It was a pleasure to be with them once again.

TITLES?

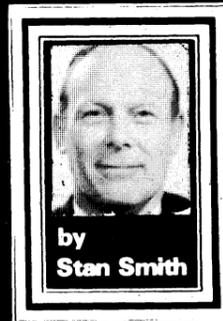
Did you all know that brass bands are the 'In' thing these days? If anyone has ever been to any of our concerts and would like us to play some particular piece of music next time out let us know and we'll do what we can. We have a quite impressive library of music but with only one rehearsal a week we need to rehearse many numbers before playing them outside. We like to feel we are YOUR band and the more interest shown the better we shall become. That is not a threat but a promise.

What about some suggestions for the band march being composed by Bryon Bastow? Anyone got any sensible ideas? Does anyone have any conducting experience? I don't mean the bus or electrical kind — we need a deputy bandmaster and once again any reasonable application will be considered. I trust we'll be seeing some of you. Good listening.

WE were saddened to learn of a bereavement suffered by John Poston, one of our solo cornet players. His wife Mary was involved in a road accident at the Cherry Tree roundabout at Stanway on the 1st August when a large articulated motor lorry turned on its side crushing the car. Mrs. Poston was driving. She was accompanied by her 13-year-old daughter Joanne who was killed and her niece and 5-year-old son. Mrs. Poston and her niece were seriously injured and the boy slightly hurt. After a spell in the Intensive Care Unit at Colchester hospital Mrs. Poston and niece were transferred to Black Notley hospital where they are making good progress although it will take a long time for a full recovery. Members of the band attended the funeral and we sent flowers as an expression of our sympathy. Who can fully appreciate the anguish and loss in these matters except those involved? Serving police officers see these things every day yet do not become hardened to them. We extend our thoughts and prayers to John and his family with hopes for their full recovery. — Harry Rossiter.

AS will be seen elsewhere in this issue preparations are being made to organise duties to cater for the extra day off each month we shall be taking when the ARD is taken as leave from 1 January next. The only thing likely to stop this happening is a fairly swift clamp down on recruitment which is now running at very high level because the main factor in the introduction of the forty hour week in this Force is the expectation of the maintenance of this level of recruitment over the next six months.

Federation Notes



There are already indications that such a clamp down may be forthcoming because of the high cost of recruitment; fitting-out and salaries of all these new personnel. Most serving officers have never known what it is like to take home the basic rate of pay and have come to regard this payment as a permanent thing.

It will obviously come hard for a time until the adjustment is made but our eventual aim should be to work even a shorter working week than the present level provided of course that salary increases are sufficient to cater for the maintenance of living standards.

The system to be adopted for the allocation of the extra day is obviously a matter for negotiation and if anyone has any system or idea for a better method should report as soon as possible. The aim should be to provide good cover with the minimum of shift changes.

REST DAY CANCELLATION

I have been asked to point out that rest days can be changed without compensation if more than eight days are given of the change. I am rather surprised that this is not widely known and that there have been many heart-burnings because of the thought that some compensation is necessary when this happens.

It may be that there has been some misunderstanding by some officers over the negotiation the Branch Board had with the Chief Constable some months ago when we asked that where less than twenty-eight days notice of a change of rest day was given, the officer should be given the choice of taking time off at another time or working the hours required on the changed rest day and taking the remainder of the day off with overtime being paid. The Chief Constable would not agree to this suggestion but indicated that if any officer had a sufficiently good reason, such course of action would be considered. He could not, however, give carte blanche approval for this to be done as a matter of rule.

FORCE BALL

The annual Ball in aid of the

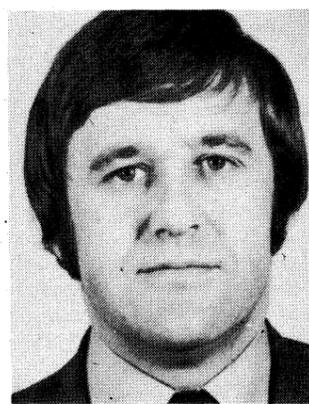


It's all change at Essex University

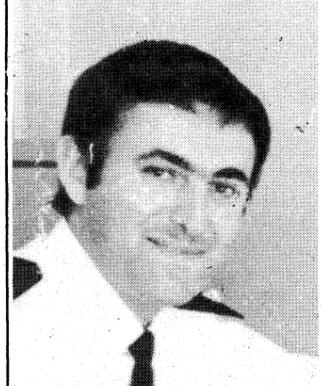
Two go: three come back

BACK FROM the college of knowledge, all with upper-second class Honours degrees come Chief Inspector Barry Devlin, Inspector Ralph Crawshaw and Inspector Robin Blackmore.

With a yearning still for learning, Ralph has been posted to the Recruiting and Training Wing at H.Q. whilst Robin Blackmore has



Terry Gibbons



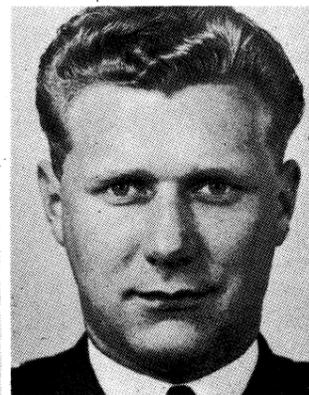
Robin Blackmore



Dave Taylor

moved into Research and Planning. With his L.I.B. and now his B.A. he should produce some startling plans for the Force's future.

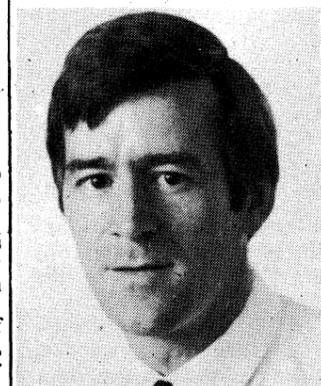
These two officers received their degrees dressed in the traditional gown and mortar board but with Barry Devlin



Barry Devlin

reaches will now spring back to life, knowing Barry's penchant for barbershop singing.

And October will see Terry Gibbons, Detective Inspector at Southend Eastern Division, and Dave Taylor, late Training Officer at Headquarters and now Inspector at Tilbury, taking up books and going back to school when they too start studying for a degree in the Sociology department of Essex University.



Ralph Crawshaw

moving out to Saffron Walden one wonders if he wore a porkpie hat and carried a pitchfork when he received his.

Nevertheless it is anticipated that the male voice choirs which have existed in those far northerly



Robin Blackmore and Ralph Crawshaw resplendent in gowns and mortar-boards after "passing out."

Inn, Beasley End, Braintree, will be forwarded on to them.

The bus? Unfortunately after all the travelling around the bus had to go — to a buyer from Toronto.

Said David, "We bought the bus in Maldon and spent less than a hundred dollars on repairs whilst in the U.S.A."

"Funnily enough whilst we were in Daytona, Florida, we parked the

By bus to USA—collecting Police badges

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orphans has been arranged for Friday 24 October and the same successful format will be kept except that there will be a discretion in the matter of dress.

The ladies have always looked forward to this formal 'do' and we did not want to see people attending in jeans and open-necked shirts, but in view of the number of indications that members of the Force would like to attend without the necessity of hiring evening dress, the Committee have decided that provided a lounge suit is worn there will be no other restriction on dress.

Despite heavy increases in costs the price has only been increased by 50p and we intend to keep faith with everyone by providing a first-class event with very good value for money. There is still a tight restriction on the numbers attending so that there is no crush and everyone has sufficient room to dance.

SHIRT SLEEVES ORDER

During the recent heat wave several officers have asked if we could follow the City of London Police in having open necked shirts. I understand that the Chief Constable's view was a forthright 'nothing doing'.

This matter again raises the question of having an official issue a proper uniform type open necked shirt for wear in very hot weather. We did ask for this some time ago but were turned down — perhaps a push nationally might bear some fruit.

RENT ALLOWANCE

Referring to my bulletin on this subject published last week perhaps I should also mention for the information of those officers on a low allowance that the minimum any member can now receive is half the Force maximum. We know that this is not much help but at least some officers will benefit. A point to be made here is that before entering into a purchase of a property a very careful look should be made at the type of accommodation because some idea can be gained from a comparison with the size and amenities of the Force selected house of the amount of rent allowance the property will attract.

By far the greatest importance in the amount of allowance to be paid is on the actual size of the rooms making the total floor area, then deductions can be made for lack of certain other facilities such as a brick garage, central heating, two toilets etc.

The fact that there is a lot of land does not bring very much in the way of additional allowance and one should look at the property rather than the development value of the land attached. If we go over to the new 'multiplier' system then officers wishing to purchase for the first time or indeed change house will be able to assess the amount of allowance he will receive before purchase.

NATIONAL SAVINGS

New scheme is "Index linked"

THE Government's new "index-linked" Save As you Earn scheme which became available on 1st July is bound to attract a large number of savers who are anxious to protect their money against a fall in its purchasing power or who have been protesting in recent years about "negative interest".

Fundamentally, the new scheme is on the same basis as that now in existence but the big difference is that the return will now be fixed to the change in the cost of living rather than to a pre-determined sum of money. In this way, the saver is guaranteed that the purchasing power of the amount which he "puts on one side" is maintained.

Many men and women will find that the most convenient way of keeping up their regular contributions will be through a Group saving facility at work where a simple deduction from pay can be made.

Minimum monthly contributions for index-linked SAYE contracts will be £4 and the maximum £20 for a period of 5 years. Each monthly contribution will be revalued in line with the movement of the Retail Price Index and on the fifth anniversary of the starting date of the contract, the repayment value will be the total contributions plus any increase due to index linking. If the index has fallen during the life of the contract, the saver will not receive less than the total of the contributions which have been made.

As with the present SAYE scheme, contract holders will have the choice of opting for repayment at the end of 5 years or of leaving their contributions invested for another 2 years without any further payments. Those who choose the latter option will have their contributions readjusted at the end of 2 years in line with the Retail Price Index and will, additionally, be entitled to a bonus equal to 2 monthly contributions. Anybody who draws out after one year but before the end of 5 years will receive back all the contributions which have been made, unadjusted for movement of the Index but interest at 6 per cent will be added. For contracts repaid within one year, only the sum contributed will be paid out. Contracts terminated by the death of the holder and repaid after one year from starting will be index-linked.

Neither the new "index-linked" nor the established SAYE scheme are subject to UK income tax or capital gains tax — another attraction for all savers.

Special package for pensioners

A NEW National Savings Certificate came on sale to people of national retirement pension age on 2nd June. The Government's decision to link the maturity value of this Retirement Certificate to the Retail Price Index means that the purchasing power of the saver's capital will be maintained.

The certificate will be available to all men aged 65 or over and all women aged 60 or over, and sold in units of £10 with a maximum individual holding of £500. All applicants will be asked to furnish a simple declaration of their age on making their first purchase.

The Retirement Certificates will have a life of 5 years to maturity when they will attract a bonus of 4 per cent of the purchase price in addition to any increase due to the upward movement of the Retail Price Index over the full 5 year period. If a certificate is encashed within a year of purchase it will be repaid at its face value only. After the first year, and before maturity at 5 years, repayment will include any increase due to the movement of the RPI but no bonus will be payable.

Retirement Certificates will be obtainable from Post Offices and Trustee Savings Banks, and neither it nor its benefits will be subject to UK income or capital gains tax.

GEORGIE ROY-CLARK and her husband, David, are a couple who suffer from an expensive disease known as wanderlust, and as a result they have come into contact with the police of quite a few counties and countries.

Georgie started her trips in 1970 when she made a trip throughout England in a 100 year old caravan, being drawn by a horse, although Monty Montgomery, in his motor cycling days does have vague recollections of being between the shafts of the caravan in Mountnessing.

Later she took the van over to the continent and toured Holland, Belgium and Germany.

The desire to travel has always been with David and he started by spending two and a half years in the antarctic.

The daughter of the licensee of The Cock Inn, at Beasley End, Georgie used to be a school teacher at St Margarets School, Gosfield, and married David in 1973. David is a chef by profession and his parents keep a small hotel at the Mill House, Langford, near Maldon.

As a honeymoon the couple travelled around Europe in a Bristol double deck "bus which had been fitted out with living accommodation.

It was whilst they were on honeymoon that they met up with some Essex Policemen and cadets on an R.A.F. runway in Laarbruck, Germany.

Since then they have travelled 20,000 miles in their mobile home, throughout America and Canada, with many adventures taking place.

They shipped the vehicle to the United States via Antwerp, which cost £1,000, and worked, as chef and waitress in Chicago before travelling on and the entire journey was paid from that work stint.

On arriving in Chicago they found that most of the bridges around the dock area were too low to allow the bus to pass under and so, after trying various routes for four hours they approached two American Police Officers and told them of their predicament. Rather tickled with the appearance of the bus the officers escorted the couple from the dock area and out onto the main roads, a journey of some two and a half hours duration.

Georgie was taken with the 'flashes' worn on the American Police uniform and on their return to this country she found herself the proud owner of nearly five hundred of these badges.

Georgie told The Law, "It all started when we got stuck on the route out of Chicago. The Police there were wonderful to us, and we asked them for one of their uniform badges as a memento. Well, it just grew and grew from there.

And now, bitten by the collecting bug, Georgie and David would only be too pleased to hear from anyone within the Force who is interested in swopping a few of their badges with those of Georgie and David. A letter to The Cock

Targrass wins at last — in record time

EVERY YEAR, it seems, The Law is able to report a record of some sort for the Essex Police Long Distance Swim Championships.

This year is no exception for there was a record number of starters and a record time for the event.

In weather that couldn't have been finer the forty intrepid swimmers entered the murky Estuary, albeit the Thames Estuary, albeit somewhat late, to allow for the late arrival of the Chelmsford Division team, to swim from the Westcliff jetty to 'The Lady Saville,' the headquarters of the Essex Yacht Club, kindly loaned to the Force for the day.

The lateness of the start gave the organisers some worry for they could visualise the last finishers having to crawl across the mud to reach the finishing line.

However, the thirty six male competitors, including the Chief, and four females entered the water and started the race in a quarter swim.

Due to the late start the swimmers did not gain the benefit of the incoming tide but some of the leading contenders misjudged the tide, thinking that it was still coming in, and started to head out towards the Kent coast. However this brought about an exciting finish for P.c. Kevin Nowell, last year's winner being chased by Ch. Insp. Ian Wright, appeared on the scene at the finish from the direction of the Kent coast, whilst P.s. Brian Targrass was sighted some way off, taking a direct line almost parallel with the shore, and appeared to be slightly ahead of the rest of the field.

Indeed this surmise was right and Brian finished the race in a record time of 29 minutes and 9 seconds, bettering his last year's placing by three, and was quickly followed by Kevin and Ian; Kevin finishing in 29 minutes 25 seconds with Ian some five seconds behind him. It produced one of the closest finishes that the race has had with not only the winner but also the second and third men going below the previous record.

The weather definitely suited the free style swimmers, the surface of the water being as smooth as a mill pond but those leading swimmers of the Force in the breaststroke style certainly held their own with Alan King finishing in fourth position. This maintained the status quo, last year's first four again occupying those places, albeit in a different order.

This year, much to the relief of the majority of the swimmers, and, no doubt, of our readers, the Cadets did not fare so well in the final placing with their first competitor finishing in eighth place — one behind the first lady home — W.P.c. Terry Payne.

Once again the swimmers were treated to a very fine spread laid on by the Southend Police Sports Club aboard the 'Lady Saville' and the presentations were made by Chief Superintendent John Farnsworth, except for the



The start: Competitors get into their stroke.



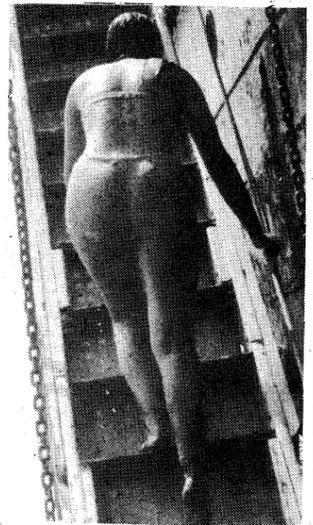
After the presentations: winner Brian Targrass is seen front left holding the shield. To the right of 1st and 2nd ladies, and Ian are, Ed Easlea, Barry Pat, John Wright, ?J. Surgenor and Kevin Nowell aboard the Lady Saville. "Captain Pat" are Terry Learnmouth, extreme right, Daymond, Ian Wright, Sid Payne and Lesley Robinson, 1st cadet. Standing from left Sadler, The Chief, Captain

Veteran's Trophy, which was presented by the donor, Capt. Patterson to P.s. John Wright of Clacton. The spritely 87 year old Capt. Pat also presented the Veteran's Runner Up Trophy to a much younger veteran, the Chief himself.

RESULTS

1, Brian Targrass (Braintree), 29 mins 09 secs. (Rec); 2, Kevin Nowell (Billericay), 29 mins 25 secs; 3, Ian Wright (Southend Traffic), 29 mins 30 secs; 4, A. King (Harlow), 30 mins 38 secs; 5, T. Travers (Basildon), 31 mins 07 secs; 6, J. Wright (1st Vet) (Clacton), 31.16; 7, T. Payne (1st female) (Grays), 32.10; 8, I. Learnmouth (1st Cadet), 35.32; 9, Sir J. Nightingale, 36.00; 10, J. Surgenor (1st Novice), 36.10.

40 starters — 40 finishers.



We've been trying to get to the bottom of this swimming lark for some time. A swimmers eye view of a regularly photographed competitor.

Last over A short story by Twm Dickon Parry

CRICKET having been very much in the news this month with the unprecedented happenings at Headingly we publish a short story by Twm Dickon Parry set in the haleyen days of "WG" when surely such things were impossible. Now read on . . .

GENTLEMEN v. Players at Lord's. The last day. A September sun was burning to see the immortals and the battle of the century. The ground was packed. The Tavern was full and the beer cans of the hoi polloi littered the boundary.

Half the House of Lords was there to watch the ritual slaughter of the Players. There were bucks and Corinthians in Harlequin caps and I Zingari blazers. The Prime Minister was at Windsor, but George Robey, Prime Minister of Mirth, was equally entertaining. There were blimps and pimps and priests and spivs and palmists. Only Ascot could weave a more glittering tapestry.

This was the year of Grace: the colossus whose bat was a terrible swift sword. It was the Golden Age of the great unpaid. O Time, halt your winged chariot . . .

Matters were delicately poised. The Gentlemen needed 190 runs to win on a good wicket. The Doctor was capable of making them off his own bat. But the Players' captain had consulted the barometer, which was falling. "Yon cloud's coming this way, lads. With sun after shower, we'll run through 'em like fire through stubble. You and Locky'll open, Tom."

Tom Richardson, the raw-boned fast bowler of infinite menace, looked lugubrious. "We'll have t'get the quack out quick."

The skipper grinned at his stalwarts. "We're not beat yet." He was lean and tanned and turning grey. Wisden called his bowling action the poetry of motion but his friends knew him as Gentleman Jim. They had their reasons.

He searched for the substitute. "Sub! My missus is in a deckchair yonder." He gestured vaguely. "In

a blue dress, with a white straw hat and a parasol. She's a bit uppity. Look after her and get her a noggin if she wants one."

The young sub peered into the middle distance. "With a little girl? Why, I can see her from here."

"Your eyes are younger nor mine, son," said the veteran calmly. He waited while the umpires made their stately way on to the hallowed turf. "Come on, lads."

He led his troops on to the shaven sward and raised his faded cap to the applause. There was steel inside the velvet glove, but they all loved Jim. "I don't want to bowl too much, Tom," he whispered to Richardson. "I'm whacked. I've taken 100 wickets since May and I'm not seeing very well. Splitting headache."

A mighty roar greeted the paladins as Grace and Fry stepped like gods into the arena. Bludgeon and rapier. The Doctor touched his cap, casually beheading a buttercup with a swing of the bat. C. B. Fry of the flashing blade was a triple First and a triple Blue. "Middle and leg guard, Barlow," said the Doctor. He surveyed the crouching field with awesome majesty and twirled his bat. "Play!" said Barlow.

With a crash of flying feet, Richardson's first guided missile was a full toss on the off stump. Grace stepped back and dismissed it from his presence with a regal drive for four through the covers. But a scream from the wicket-keeper announced that he had brushed the stumps and made a bail tremble. Not out.

The next thunderbolt reared like a bent on decapitation. The batsman ducked, hooked it through his beard and watched it ricochet from the rails. Muttering

"Homicide!" (expletives deleted) he adjusted his cap.

This was mortal combat. Lockwood's forked lightning and Richardson's thunderbolts. A predatory field swooped like demons and Gentleman Jim deployed from an hour. Fifty was hoisted within an hour and the sun was pitiless.

"Tragedy for Gentlemen," said Wisden. Fry called the Doctor for a sharp single off a square cut. Jim dropped on it like a terrier and in one movement pirouetted and hurled the ball bail-high at the wicket-keeper. The Old Man, stranded like a giant whale at mid-wicket, stumbled and crashed, slithering towards the crease with bat outstretched. Barlow raised an index finger and the Archbishop of Canterbury murmured sotto voce, "And great was the fall thereof, Dean."

The pride of Gloucester stalked off, hurled his bat at the lockers and downed a magnum of champers. Sixty for one. Last man 35. Enter Gilbert Jessop, "the Croucher," whose howitzer-like hitting could turn a Test match in an hour. Glancing his first ball, he set off but was sent back by Fry's anguished scream. Fry was due for a consultation with the Doctor, and was not amused.

Jessop nonchalantly drove the next ball out of the vast ground. Lost ball. It was found at Hove that night, inside a brougham bearing a coronet. The coachman pondered, "Wunner if milord's still running?"

100 for one at luncheon. A sombre prospect. But Gentleman Jim remained cheerful over a foaming flagon. "Locky," he muttered, "wasn't that a flash of lightning?" The storm broke over St. John's Wood as if summoned

and the ground was soon awash. But the sun returned, the ground staff tidied up and the umpires ordered the resumption at 3 p.m.

You could fry an egg out there. Jim watched the steam rising from the ravaged pitch. "It's tailor-made for me, Tom. Now for the Croucher. He's the danger."

How true. Exploding into instant action, Jessop swept three boundaries off Jim before aiming for a swashbuckling six off one that "stopped" a shade shorter. The ball soared into the sun and a woman with a little girl covered her face. Jim shouted "Stand back! It's Tim's" and the ball descended swirling into the wicket-keeper's gloves. Exit Jessop, laughing. The Doctor was biting his beard on the balcony.

The next sprig of nobility was pathetically nervous. Misreading Jim's googly, first ball, he was snapped at the wicket. 115 for three. Enter Prince Ranjitsinghi, all smiles, with silk shirt and silken stride, to join Fry. A magical duo. The last ball of the over dipped and shaved Ranji's off-bail. Three leaping slips screamed in harmony. Barlow said no and handed the bowler his cap. "You peed all round him, Jim," he whispered.

There followed a flawless duet of matchless artistry. Then Ranji slashed a powerful cut and the ball disappeared. Gentleman Jim felt a searing pain in his left arm-pit, plucked out the sting and lobbed it back to the bowler.

There was a moment's stillness: then the crowd erupted. Ranji paused at point on his way back and shook hands. "I don't believe it," he said.

Fry, somewhat shaken, was palpably l.b.w. from a swinging full-toss from Shaw. 150 for five. His Grace produced a gold hunter with a shaking hand but remained in situ. So did the Dean, though his

Southend are a Knock-out



AT A RECENT charity event held at Southend in aid of the Sita Lumsden Appeal an 'It's a Knock-out' competition was held between various groups of people including a team from Southend Police.

Using this as a warm up for an even larger competition of this nature they managed to finish in third place and the team, pictured by Evening Echo, were:- Back row:- Barry Ansell, Brian Hooper, Colin Edkins, Jim Dickenson, and the trainer, Ted Pratton. Front row:- Clive Skingley, Gary Franklin, Kay Purkiss, Lesley Robinson, and on loan from Basildon, Ginny Granville.

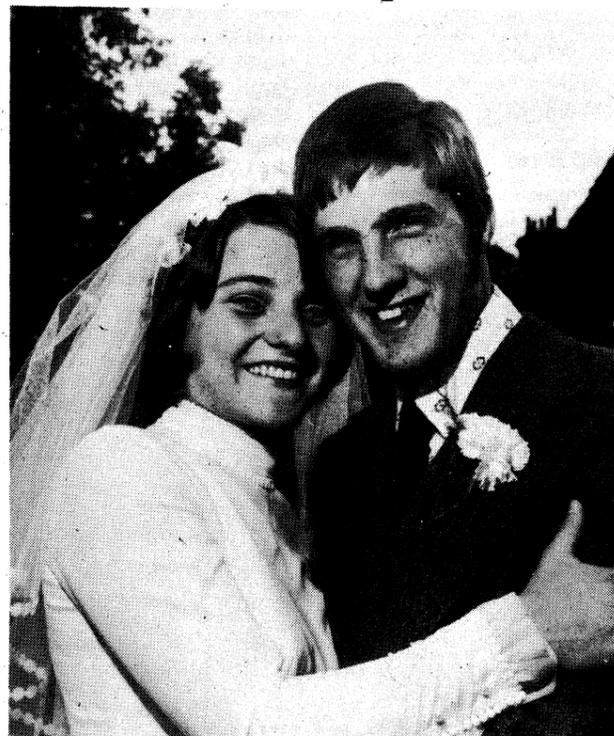
In the main "It's a Knock-Out" competition held at the

Southend Football Stadium, Southend Police, together with two other teams from Southend, met three teams from Basildon, including Basildon Police, in an inter town competition but including an individual team championship.

Replacing Ginny Granville with Julia Foster did nothing but strengthen their team and in fact they took the individual team competition, winning £50 and some form of liquid refreshment.

Winning the £50 prize did not embarrass the Police team for they immediately turned round and handed the cheque back to be donated to the charity for which the event was run.

Police champ weds



Ann Ellingford at her recent wedding with husband P.C. John Wileman.

Athletics

A SMALL company of Essex Police athletes made the long journey to "Brendanland" (Gateshead to unbelievers) and came back with an excellent bag of 3 medals from the PAA championships.

Pride of place must go to Ann Ellingford who seized her chance, women's events having been greatly expanded this year, to land the javelin title with a throw of 33.95 mts. Alas (for athletics) Ann recently married but her prowess with the javelin could stand her in good stead when it comes to throwing the rolling pin.

Despite a personal best height of 1.93 mts Tim Mildinhal lost his high jump title, the winner, Faulkner of Kent, who beat Tim in the Regional event, breaking the championship record. But Tim was placed 2nd and just missed the javelin medals with 4th place, throwing 57.56 mts.

Bert Wallace recorded 46.50 mts in the javelin for 9th place and 35.75 mts for 7th place in the hammer throw.

Denis Sheppard completed the medal tally with bronze in the walk — see walking column.

A later trip to Norwich for the Police sports was just as successful. Two events were won through Chris Odell, 100 mts in 13.0s and the 4 x 100 mts relay squad. Kevin Nowell picked up 2nd place in the 400 mts (55.1s) as did Graham Butler for 5,000 mts, clocking 17m 32s. Odell then took 3rd at 200 mts and the medley relay squad finished second before Alan Watson ended the day by scoring 5 out of 5 in a penalty kicking contest!

	P	W	L	PTS	AV
Browns	19	16	3	216	11.36
Halstead	14	11	3	146	10.42
Ex. Police	12	9	3	122	10.16
Clacton	13	9	4	132	10.15
Achilles	17	11	6	157	9.23
Ipswich	24	15	9	210	8.77

19 team competing.

The County innings opened by losing Alf Henry with the second ball bowled, being caught behind. Runs, whoever came at a fair rate but wickets fell regularly until, with the Essex score on 75 they lost four wickets without a run being scored. One run more on the scoreboard and another wicket fell leaving Nigel Grainger to attempt the impossible. However, with the score on 85 his wicket fell to see the County well beaten.

Walking

DENIS SHEPPARD takes pride of place — just about — this month with two personal best performances produced with brilliant timing.

The first was in the PAA Championships when he hung on to his "bronze" title, gained in 1974 beating his previous best time by several seconds and holding L. Mockett, Met Police, the winner, to 8 seconds only.

Then last week at Enfield he sprang something of a surprise to take the Southern Counties Junior 10,000 mts championship, knocking 53 seconds off his best time for the distance in the process.

Here he was well backed by Alan King and Mark Spellman to add the team title to the Police tally.

INTERNATIONAL

By comparison, although he has, perhaps, gained greater heights, Mike Dunion's times have been below his best. He has had to contend with the heat and tactical problems have yet to be resolved.

Nevertheless, 2nd place in the AAA junior championship at Warley earned him an outing against France and Spain at Warley during August. Here again he was placed 2nd, the same rival beating him each time and this in turn has earned him a place in the British junior team against Sweden at Meadowbank, Edinburgh, in September.

Apart from these feats the walking scene went quiet in August, though John Hedgethorpe, in the course of some desultory preparation for the London to Brighton this month slogged out a fair 20 kilometres at Enfield on 30th August.

September sees the start of the winter season when many races are contested. There should be much to report.

RESULTS

Ilford hour race: 30.7.75.
12th D. Sheppard 11568 mts; 18th J. Hedgethorpe 10982 mts; 26th M. Spellman 10595 mts.
Blackheath 10,000 mts: 3.8.75.
5th D. Sheppard 51.16; 12th J. Hedgethorpe 54.30.
P.A.A. 3000 mts: Gateshead: 9.8.75.
3rd D. Sheppard 13.51.
Southern Counties 10,000 mts Junior, Enfield, 30.8.75.
1st D. Sheppard 51.00; 6th A. King 55.37; 7th M. Spellman 57.13. Team placed 1st. 20 Kilos same day: 27th J. Hedgethorpe 1.10.00.

Netball

THE netball season opened again last week with the Met Police start-of-season rally at Imber Court.

And Essex right away served notice of their intentions this year by winning every game and the tournament. Kent were second and Metro third.

Although reserves travelled throughout so as not to break a winning streak: Carolyn Poole, Jill Smith, Alison Marshall, Diane Lewis, Jeanette Bailey, Mo Chaplin, Ginny Granville; and Pat Campen (umpire).

Alas this was Diane Lewis' last game for Essex as she transfers to Metro later this month. Arrangements to mark her closely are being made.

Golf

THE GOLFING FANATICS of the Force have been keeping quiet recently but a missive from the Section's secretary has just landed on the editorial desk, with news of the summer's competitions.

SPRING

It is reported that 'The Police of Essex Golf Society held their Spring Meeting at Canons Brook Golf Course on the 14th May, 1975, when 35 members of the Force took part in the meeting. The winners of the meeting were:- The Vic Brooker Trophy:- Dick Barham, (Traffic) with a net score of 68, the runner up being Dave Rogers with a net score of 69.

The afternoon Stableford prize was won by Steve Bardwell with 35 points.

The best all day scratch was won by Jim Stranger with 173 followed by Ch. Insp. Alan Cartwright with a total of 179.

The best all day handicap was won by John Wollard with 150

(Net) with Mr Ken Horsfall in the runner up position with 154 (net).

The Summer meeting and scratch Championship was also held at Canons Brook Golf Club on 2nd July. The Scratch Championship was won by Peter Rouse with a score of 84. The runner up prize was taken by Alan Cartwright with a total of 87.

The Vice Presidents Cup, a pairs Stableford competition, was won by Stan Smith and Jim MacDonald with a better ball score of 43 points with Terry Gibbons and Pete Donovan taking second place with 41 points, better ball score. The runners up prize was decided over the last nine holes.

The morning Handicap prize was won by Ken Horsfall with a net 72.

OVERALL RESULTS

To date the Force golf team have played seven matches of which they have won five, lost one with one match halved.

In the Regional P.A.A. Golf Competition at Sandwich, Kent, the Force 'A' team were runners up in the team prize.

Cricket

THE MONTH of August has proved disastrous for the Force cricket team. On the 10th the team visited Brantham for a leggie match. Our attack seemed to put us in a winning position with Brantham held to 28 for 8 from the prescribed 45 overs. Roger Culhan bowled well to return 4 for 21 from 15 overs. The County seemed to be doing well with 22 for no wicket but when three wickets fell at this score we never really recovered and finished up 29 runs short.

In the next match we visited Felixstowe. Batting first, the County put together a massive 225 for 7 with Errol Greene 65 or 66 runs, Fred Nicholls 54 not out, Dave Enoch 36 and Dave Sanderson 35. Felixstowe never looked in the match, particularly against a hostile Errol Greene. Five of their batsmen collected ducks and with Errol taking 8 for 15 and Roger Culham 1 for 8, they were only able to collect 24 runs.

The following week Brightlingsea batted first and found themselves held to 97 for 9 when their innings closed. The County passed Brightlingsea's score for the loss of 6 wickets. Errol Greene was top scorer with 39, ably supported by Rod Ellis with 26. This proved to be our last success.

On August 30, at Colchester, the County played Achilles in a league match. Batting first, Achilles lost an opening bat for 8 but from there on seldom looked in trouble whilst collecting 175 for 8.

The County lost wickets steadily to arrive at 36 for 4 and a total of 94 all out. The only real resistance of the afternoon came from Roger Culham with 29 and Dave Enoch with 25.

THE worst defeat was yet to come. On the following Monday we visited Hastings to play Kent Police in the P.A.A. area final. Conditions were ideal. Winning the toss, Kent batted first and their openers put on 60 before Dave Enoch held an excellent catch off Nigel Grainger's bowling. Twenty-three runs later, Tony Bragg bowled the other opener but a partnership of 48 then followed before another wicket fell to another excellent catch, this time by Roger Culham. Kent gradually amassed runs with their final total at 174 for 6.

on the sweaty cheek of the nearest fieldsman. Little Lily Elsie, Merry Widow, watched her parasol disintegrate under heedless feet before her very eyes and wept daintily into a speck of cambric. His Grace executed a clumsy pas-de-deux with the Dean and pickpockets reaped a rich harvest amid the universal amity.

They decanted Jim on the steps of the pavilion. His face was wet with honest sweat and something more besides. Fry, having survived the Doctor's searching prognosis of his crimson future, greeted him with a snatch of Sophocles which was all Greek to Jim. Not every traveller reaches Corinth.

And the Doctor, well-charged with champers, was all bonhomie behind a black cheroot. He extended a hand like a small carpet-bag. "Lord Harris wansh you to tour Down under this winter. What d'ye shay?"

Gentleman Jim swallowed hard. "Aye, I'd love to go, sir," he said awkwardly. "But I'm going blind."

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conscience was troublesome. "Peccavi! I have sinned. Aubrey will have to take Evensong," he muttered.

The next batsman chanced his arm and nicked profitably over the slips before Jim bowled him comprehensively. 175 for six. His successor miraculously survived two balls. Slashing at the next, he was taken by third slip like a man brushing a midge from his ear. 175 for seven. Sweat-soaked and weary, Jim walked over to Shaw the off-spinner. "You're a pal, Alfred. Can you see my Sal yonder?"

Shaw eyed him curiously. "Aye. With your little lass. They're waving to you."

The incoming nabob was trembling. Two cat-like fieldsmen had crept close enough to pick his pocket. He parried precariously Jim's first leg-break. The ball spun in a gentle arc and silly mid-off almost got a hand to it. The batsman shuddered.

His partner was snapped at the

wicket in Shaw's next over. Alfred had found a spot and was almost unplayable. 175 for eight. His successor missed four immaculate deliveries. Maddened by such sorcery, he lashed out and was caught off a steeping skier. 175 for nine. The crowd were on their feet.

The last man in. This was Kortright of Essex, six-foot-six, stockbroker and the fastest bowler in England. He scythed an agricultural six off his first ball. Flailing again, he watched a bail topple drunkenly and with agonising reluctance to the ground. 181 all out.

"Blessings on ye, lads," said Jim. He collected his cap and grabbed a stump as souvenir. Then they were engulfed by a hysterical crowd like a herd of stampeding buffalo.

It is regretted that George Robey's oration, delivered free from an upturned beer-crate, was lost to posterity in the confusion long associated with Nineveh and Tyre. Lottie Collins, Maid of the Mountains, planted a perfumed kiss

Another day as leave can cause duty cover problems

IT IS one thing to decide to give the force another day as leave in each 28, but quite another to work out who should have which day off. In Southend there is not too much of a problem, not for reasons which ill-disposed rural officers may think up, but because with large numbers concentrated together, another man off per shift per day is not too drastic. But at Witham or Ongar matters are less simple. And if the additional rest day is given off, changes will be necessary for the allocation of rest days. Because, explains Mr. J. Duke, Deputy Chief Constable in a memorandum to Divisional Commanders, "A four-shift system covering the three basic daily duty periods, 6 a.m.-2 p.m., 2 p.m.-10 p.m. and 10 p.m.-6 a.m., over a seven-day cycle, requires 21 duty periods. Operating with the present four shifts, each working eight hours for five days per week, only 20 of the required 21 duty periods can be manned."

On September 1st an experiment began with other shift rotas in Southend. But there are some adjustments which can be made to the system of four shifts working three basic duty periods, assuming that this system is to continue.

Staggered

Instead of all members of a shift taking the eighth rest day (the one currently paid) off together in a 28-day cycle, the rest day could be staggered with a percentage of the shift taking different days off. Such an arrangement will allow the existing four-shift system to continue, and the forward planning of duties and rest days.

This would reduce cover at some duty periods when officers can ill be spared. At big stations the reduction would not be serious but smaller stations can hardly spare, say, a third of their strength at some times of day.

If, for example, the additional day off were taken off during early turn, and spread over the whole seven days with one-seventh of the

THE ALTERNATIVES

HOW to take another day off — making eight in each period of 28 — without dangerously reducing cover.

NO. 1 — Divide the shift into seven groups and have one group absent on each day of early turn, or

NO. 2 — Divide the shift into two halves with one half on the first night of the tour, the other half on the last night, or

NO. 3 — A mixture of the two, designed to reduce the strength of the early and night shifts by 50 per cent every Sunday, or

IS there another way? All suggestions for taking off the extra day without unduly reducing cover at crucial times will be welcomed. But not by The Law as the system should be ready long before our next issue.

shift off each day, this could mean two men absent each day in a shift fourteen strong, one away in seven, but there can't be fewer than one away if the shift is only three in number.

Courts

And, "Police commitments during early turn can be high, particularly between 8 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. and when courts are sitting," notes Mr. Duke's memorandum.

The same is true of night duty when there are only two practical days when the rest

day can be taken, the first or last day of the seven-day tour.

Half of the shift would take the Monday night off, the other half the Sunday night and this would have the effect of extending the free period before or after night shift.

Sunday and Monday are not very busy nights but additional cover could be produced by moving half the late shift up to 4 p.m. to midnight, and half the early turn on to 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Rotation

In other words, the extra day off would cause restricted cover on two nights each week between 12 midnight and 8 a.m.

In any case to achieve fairness the days on which the new rest day is taken should rotate. If taken on early turns spread over the seven days this would produce a 28-week cycle and if taken on nights an eight-week cycle.

Alternatively a mixture of the two systems could be used having the effect of reducing both early and night shifts by 50 per cent every Sunday.

Consultation

On balance Mr. Duke feels that the second alternative presents fewer problems, that is taking the eighth rest day off in two groups while on nights and moving up the other shifts.

But nothing will start before there has been full consultation and Divisional Commanders have been asked for any comments they may have by next week.

It is hoped that the new system will start long before January when the A.R.D. will be taken as leave. Before then the eighth rest day will be "pencilled in" and worked as the monthly A.R.D. Transition to eight days off in 28 should then be a simple matter.

Walden weirdies meet Dr. Who



ON Saturday 5th July, as part of Saffron Walden Carnival Week an 'It's a Knock-Out' competition took place when teams of four male and one female competitor from various associations and clubs within the community took part.

The Saffron Walden Sub entered its motley crew to foster public relations. With the advent of the new soccer season it could be construed from the photograph that our five were Newcastle players in training. (Nothing against Newcastle of course). In fact this was our victorious team who knocked out, and not by way of truncheons we might add, the remainder of the entrants.

The photograph shows from left to right: Team Captain, Ps Roger (I'll swim again, webbed feet), Burrows; W/Pc Rose (Gee — You Know — Aussie) Palmer; Dc Bob (Nadger, Super Sleuth) Naden; Pc Brian (Beep-Beep Four Wheel Drive) Jeapes; Pc Don (Ex Met; Marauder, brother of Kilroy was here) Gilroy.

Dr. Who from the children's T.V. programme of the same name presented the trophies and thought our team so weird they may be offered parts in the next series.

A bed race around the town, also took place and again the police placed an entry, consisting of Pc's Peter Suckling and Don Gilroy supplying the horse power and W/Pc Palmer lounging around. However, this entry was not so successful as they were involved in an accident when the bed collided with the kerb and disintegrated. No tickets have been removed but it is suggested that refresher driving courses may be useful.

Picture by David Campbell, Saffron Walden.

Mary Bridgeman, wife of Pc John Bridgeman, passed away after a long illness on August 12, 1975, at Brentwood District Hospital.

Mrs. Bridgeman was well known and respected by officers and their families in both the Harlow and Basildon Divisions.

The funeral service was held at Corbetts Tey Crematorium on August 18, and was attended by representatives of Brentwood Police Station.

As the recruit boom continues, a large

class passes out



TWENTY SIX recruits, having returned from Training School, are shown just prior to their postings to Divisions. With this number at two of the Police Training Centres it augured well for having an Essex Police Officer at or near the top of the final results.

In fact the recruits excelled themselves with the best results for some time. Mick Aldridge, straight from the Army, took the top student place at Eynsham, with Ian Brown and Gary Coxhead taking joint third place.

Not to be outdone the girls at Ryton produced the top female student on their course in Janice Haylock with Bernie Cussen taking second place.

The recruits are from left to right, back row:- Ian Young (Basildon); Phil Alston (Harlow); Roy Rush (Harlow); Dave Manders (Harlow); Tony Walker (Harlow) and Bob Gilbert (Harlow). Middle row:- Joe Steppings (South Ockendon); Ian MacGregor (Billericay); Tim Thoday (Harlow); Paul Clancy (Grays); Greg Bird (Benfleet) and Ian Brown (Harlow). Front row:- Trev Crow (Harlow); Doug Hayward (Epping); John Barr (Harlow); Martin Channen (Chelmsford); Mick Aldridge (South Benfleet); Gary Coxhead (Chelmsford); Catherine Taylor (Colchester); Janice Haylock (Billericay); Bernie Cussen (Colchester); Ray Lee (Grays); Alex Taylor (Braintree); Terry Hobbs (South Benfleet); Jim Nichols (Chelmsford) and Les Blaney (Basildon).