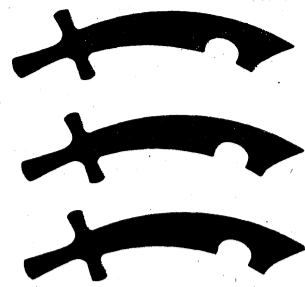




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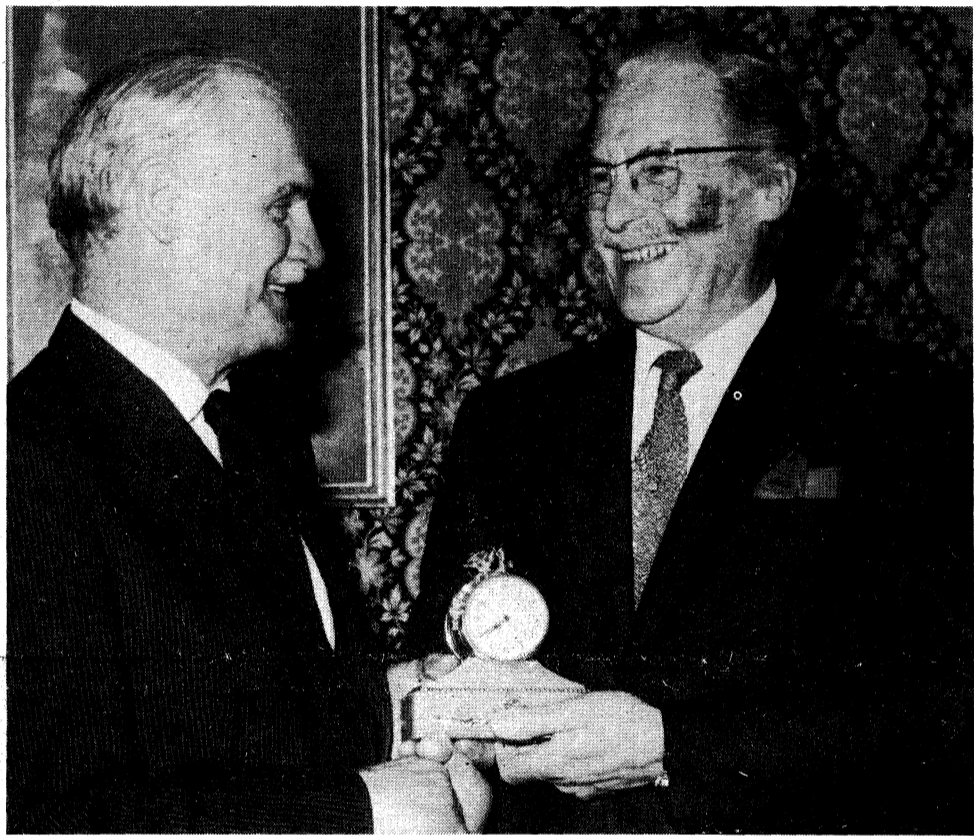
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The Newspaper of the Essex Police

Retirements set off "musical high chairs" at the top

37 years service closed



THIRTY-SEVEN years' service with the Essex Police was recognised on 6th May when Chief Supt. Fred Bonfield retired. For the past seven years Mr. Bonfield has been head of Southend East.

About 150 officers from all over the county attended his presentation that was held in the Southend Police Social Club. The Chief Constable, Sir John Nightingale was there and presented Mr. Bonfield with a clock on behalf of the county's Senior Officers' Association. Southend Sports Club presented their retiring chief with a decanter and glasses.

Mr. Bonfield joined the force on 27th March 1939 and was posted to Brentwood. Prior to that he worked as a radio engineer.

Most of his service has been spent in the south of the county, moving station to station, and division to division. In 1964 however, he was promoted to Superintendent, and was in fact the first full-time superintendent in the county investigating complaints against the police under the Police Act 1964. He found this new job completely different to anything he has previously experienced, nevertheless it was both interesting and challenging.

Seven years ago he was promoted to Chief Supt. and posted to Southend East. Of his plans for the future Mr. Bonfield, who is a keen gardener, told the Law, "I intend to relax for a little while enjoying my garden and greenhouse. After that a trip to Scotland will be in order on the arrival of my third grandchild."

When asked if he cared to offer any advice to his successor, Chief Supt. George Dolby from Grays, Mr. Bonfield replied, "Mr. Dolby worked under me for about four years, — I think he knows what to expect."

THE RETIREMENT of Chief Supt. Fred Bonfield from Southend Eastern Division certainly set off a musical chairs, merry-go-round act among senior officers in the Force, some moving to fill consequent vacancies and others to suit themselves, but no-one was actually promoted — at least not at first.

Chief Supt. George Dolby moves back from Grays to Southend where he will be closer to his residence. Incoming commander of Grays Division is Chief Supt. Peter Crust who has been attached to Home Office on research and planning for the past 2 years. Prior to this much of Mr. Crust's service was in C.I.D.

Appointed Assistant Chief Constable in the far south-west, Devon-Cornwall, Chief Supt. John Graves leaves Basildon Division after 3½ years. He and Mrs. Graves were entertained on 1st June by the Basildon Officers Association at the Highway Public House when presentations were made. He



CHIEF SUPT. VICKERS whose place at Harlow will be filled by Supt. Bert Williams currently serving at Grays.

Mr. Williams was originally a member of the Southend-on-Sea Force but transferred to Essex before the amalgamation. He has been at Grays for about six years and was previously at HQ.



Ch Insp Page

will leave the division on 14th June.

So too, will Supt. Peter Nobes who is off on a six-month Senior Command Course at the Police College, Bramshill.

Leaving Headquarters to take over Basildon Division is Chief Supt. Len White, former head of C.I.D. and more recently Staff Officer, Operations.

Also departing for Basildon from HQ but as a temporary measure only is Supt. Alan Gilling. Since his return from university last October he has been at HQ undertaking research projects on behalf of the Planning Section.

Chief Insp. Doug Badcock's retirement from Colchester created a vacancy which was filled by Ch. Insp. John Gorham moving from Braintree. His place there is being taken by Insp. John Page on

promotion from Witham.

Mr. Page's move will leave a vacancy at Witham and also on the Firearms Unit.

A similar situation at Ockendon, left vacant by Ch. Insp. Geoff Crux moving to Brentwood in place of the late Ch. Insp. Wildish, has been resolved by the promotion of Insp. Tim Saunders who has been acting Ch. Insp. of the sub-division for the past month.



Ch Supt White

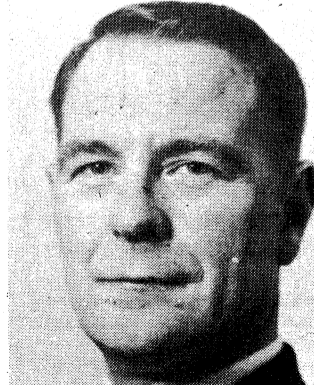
And only last week came the news that Det. Ch. Supt. Alf Mitchell is off to Derbyshire as ACC Ops, see page 8. So take your partners, here we go again . . .



Ch Insp Crux



Supt Nobes



Ch Supt Dolby

First prize to Essex Inspector

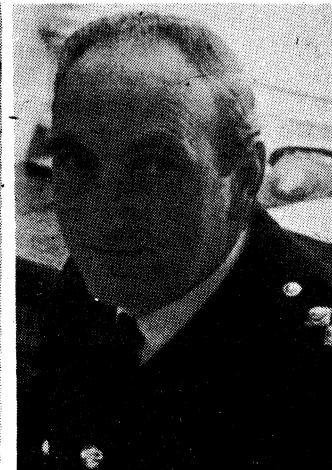
INSPECTOR Robin Blackmore was the first winner of a new book prize donated to the Bramshill Police College by the Superintendents Association

of Northern Ireland. The prize goes each term to the member of the Inspectors Course whose essay on a professional or academic subject is adjudged best. Inspector Blackmore's

essay was a comparison between custodial procedures adopted in the United States and Britain. The prize was a dictionary. Mr. Blackmore is currently stationed at H.O.



Supt Gilling



Ch Insp Gorham

Bias on the Board

THE POLICE BILL, debated by such widely differing bodies as the House of Commons and the Police Federation annual conference came in for some stick last month. We would hasten to add that we list these chambers neither in order of solemnity nor silliness but alphabetically to avoid accusations of bias.

Indeed bias is exactly what some delegates at the annual conference were afraid of. Afterwards Sgt Les Male said, "The delegates are worried about the composition of the board, the calibre and qualifications of its members and the effects on morale of the men

and women in the service."

As late as at the committee stage of the Bill, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Home Office Minister, cited as examples of likely board members, trades unionists and social workers, neither as a group noted for the pro-police stance. Mr. Ian Mikardo asked if the Minister would ensure that at least one of these was an immigrant.

It appears that rank and file federationists have no more confidence than we have in the new arrangement proposed under the Bill. Inevitably the silent, law abiding, impartial majority will never be in a position to sit upon the complaints board to hear accusations against their policemen. Instead representatives will be nominated from various pressure groups who inevitably have an axe to grind or a sectional interest to

promote. Their ends are rarely furthered by giving the police a pat on the back or even the benefit of the doubt. Their members expect them to kick authority in the teeth whenever possible.

We come back to our original question of some time ago which has yet to be adequately answered. Who wanted this Police Bill in the first place?

Something less formal

THE SUGGESTION in Jack Carrington's letter deserves consideration. The percentage of Specials, or regulars for that matter, with experience of parading in the hot sun for hours is diminishing each year as world wars and national service recede into history. As part-timers they have little opportunity to practise drill and the parade must needs be a simple ceremony. In any case military style parading is fast disappearing from the regular police scene and the Specials might well follow this lead.

But whether something as informal as a garden party would be quite right is another matter. There are awards and medals to be distributed and something in the nature of a speech day or graduation ceremony in the assembly hall might precede any informal gathering on the lawn.

This branch was formed in 1948 and the first secretary was Mr. W. Drane who continued in this capacity for many years, eventually retiring about three years ago, Mr. Drane is now 96 years of age and I think the oldest pensioner in Essex.

The conduct of the Colchester and Clacton branch is now in the very capable hands of Mr. A. W. Simpson as secretary and treasurer and Mr. K. F. Alston, chairman. To give some idea of the interest which is now taken in this branch at the time when Mr. Simpson took over the secretary's work in April, 1975, the membership of the branch stood at 144, it is now 226. The attendance at our meetings prior to 1975 was on an average of about 18 members.

When our present secretary took office he made a point of reminding all the wives of the male members that they are also members of the Association and as such they are entitled to attend meetings and take a full part in all proceedings, including holding any office in the

branch and also of being delegates to the Annual Conference.

Mainly through the interest and encouragement of Mr. Simpson and his wife the branch started to take more active steps to gain the attendance of wives at our quarterly meetings and it was arranged that after the meetings we had refreshments provided and generally a social gathering which has now become very popular, so much so that we now have well over 50 members and their wives attending and we anticipate the numbers increasing still further.

In conclusion may I say that if there are any readers of The Law, who are pensioners of the Essex or any other Force who are not members of N.A.R.P.O. and living in this area they are invited to join by contacting either Mr. A. W. Simpson, 16 Quintons Corner, East Bergholt, Colchester, Essex or Mr. K. F. Alston, 4 Colindale Gardens, Clacton-on-Sea.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE F. C. KEMP

Tony Johnson leaves Regional Crime Squad



ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY people attended at the Red Lion, Hatfield, on the evening of 12th May, to bid farewell to Detective Superintendent Tony Johnson, Deputy Co-ordinator of No. 5 Regional Crime Squad. There were representatives from Scotland Yard, the National Co-ordinator's Office, every Force in the Region as well as past and present members of the Crime Squad, to say au revoir to Tony who is retiring from the Service after twenty-seven years, to take up an appointment as head of security with a nationally known company based in Yorkshire.

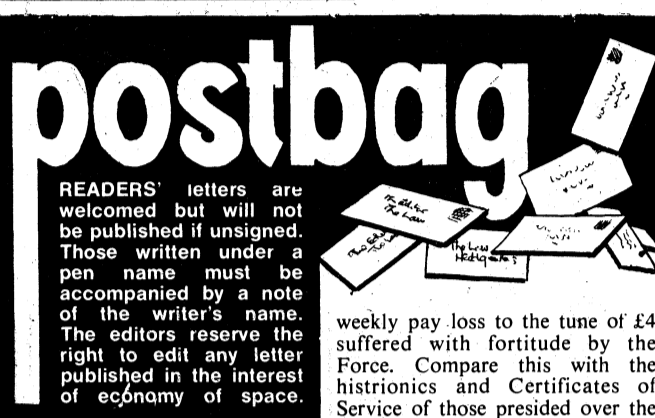
Mr. Johnson joined the then Essex County Constabulary in February 1949, and served in the Uniform Branch at Brentwood, Pitsea and South Benfleet until July 1954, when he was appointed to the C.I.D. and served at Chelmsford, Canvey Island and Witham before being seconded to the Crime Squad at its inception in this Region in May 1965, as Detective Inspector in charge of the Colchester Branch Office. Promoted Detective Chief Inspector in 1967, he took charge of the Eastern Section of the Crime Squad area, which by then comprised the Branch Offices at Brentwood, Harlow and Norwich. He was chosen as Deputy Co-ordinator in January 1973.

Detective Chief Superintendent J. Coffey, the Regional Co-ordinator, reviewing the large number of commendations which Mr. Johnson has been awarded over the years, said, "I find among them one awarded to him at Witham Magistrates' Court in October 1961, when he had a man before the court for stealing apples. The man was fined £2 with 2/- costs and Tony collected a glowing commendation from the Chairman of the Bench who dwelt eloquently on the depth of the investigation which brought about the prosecution; the efficient assembly of the evidence; the eloquence and speech delivery of Mr. Johnson when giving his evidence; the nattiness of his dress, and so on. The Chairman was, I believe, the owner of the orchard.

"To be serious for a while," Mr. Coffey continued, "there are very few Policemen in this Country today who have made the kind of contribution to Crime Squad that Tony Johnson has. He is the most loyal of men whom we shall miss for his professionalism, support and friendship."

Mr. Coffey then presented Tony Johnson with a silver tea service. A bouquet of flowers and a crystal vase and rose-bowl was presented to Mrs. Johnson by Mrs. Bygrave and Mrs. Hubbard of the Squad Headquarters Staff.

In reply Mr. Johnson said he would miss the many friends he and his family had made over the years inside and outside the Police Service. Both he and Joyce were looking forward to their move to Yorkshire but they would always have many many happy memories of the friends in



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.

Break with tradition you Specials

Broomfield.

Dear Sir,

We have just gone the full circle of being inspected by one of the top brass from the armed services. Why not next year, break with tradition and hold an informal garden party instead of the Annual Muster Parade. Some of our members are getting a little advanced in age to stand on parade for two hours on a hot day and suffer the indignity of fainting.

With so much advertising space being taken in the national press to recruit Specials, it would certainly be of interest to us all to know what politics lie behind the Home Office campaign. Let's invite the Chief Constable to review his own "troops" so that we may meet our own Chief and hear from him what plans are envisaged for the Special Constabulary and its role in a modern police force.

The annual parade has become such an established ritual that every move can now be anticipated. Each year, I watch with concealed amusement as a recipient of the long service award is suddenly reduced to a nervous wreck as he frantically searches in the long grass for his medal which mysteriously seems to disappear after a smart salve and about turn.

No parade would be complete without Inspector Harry Fuller and the Force band, both of whom would make any garden party go with a swing.

Yours sincerely,
E. J. CARRINGTON,
Special Sgt. 70

Underlined

Dear Sir,
May a geriatric underline the Chief Constable's comment on the

Who will drop a line..

MALCOLM REID who was in this Force several years ago before emigrating to Australia. Malcolm served at Grays and Chelmsford and would be pleased to have a letter from anyone who knew him then.

His address is 6 Station Avenue, Blackwood, South Australia 5051.

...or to Ghana

AMONG the Chief Constable's mail recently was an air letter from Ghana. The writer was a Police Detective at Accra who is eager to enter into correspondence with a colleague in England.

And as he specifically mentioned publishing his name in our weekly or monthly journal we include it in The Law:

J. Y. Barimah Abrefa
Ghana Police Force
PO Box 82-A
Labadi - Accra
Ghana

Detective Barimah Abrefa is married with 3 children and writes excellent English. Correspondence could be as worthwhile for the stamps as for anything else — the letter passed on to The Law was

weekly pay loss to the tune of £4 suffered with fortitude by the Force. Compare this with the histrionics and Certificates of Service of those presided over the dissolution of the Force since 1945, fade in gipsy violins and numb the brain.

One's crystal-ball has never been clearer. Our progressive society is to enjoy an elite service at the 59th minute, a credo which some have advocated ever since they dismantled the last one when it rated itself more equal than the hoi polloi. This should settle wonderfully the mind of the evildoer, as Sam Johnson remarked in another context of the knowledge that one is to be hanged at daybreak. The new growth industry of complaints against the Force is a small price to pay.

The new regiment may prove faintly unpopular with showbiz and the mass media. This is the supreme accolade. The lads will just have to do their best without the moral support of Jimmy Young, the New Faces, all the best papers and elf-horns faintly blowing. So be it. Dieu et mon droit, not forgetting nil desperandum carborundum.

RALPH JONES
Motorised Bathchair Bttm.
Editor, THE LAW.

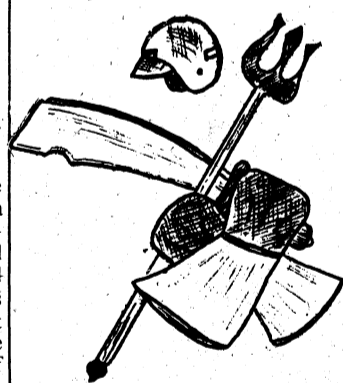
Colchester's NARPO branch

Dear Sir,

You are kind enough to include in the monthly issue of The Law a most interesting account of the up-to-date activities of the Chelmsford Branch by our old friend and colleague Bert Brinkley, the articles and notes of Berts are most interesting and are I feel sure widely read by all members of N.A.R.P.O.

In the interests of retired officers from Essex and other forces living in the Colchester and Clacton areas of the county, particularly those who are recently retired, or new residents, would it be asking too much to spare a mention in your next issue of the fact that there is a flourishing branch of N.A.R.P.O. which is concerned with Colchester and Clacton district.

What's on



Who's off

They say that when the sun shines and the weather improves, one is in the fortunate position to see motor cyclists out on patrol doing their thing. I have only one thing to say to that. 'Rubbish'. In the last four weeks I have seen one Pat O'Keefe and three lads from H.Q. actually riding. I have even failed to observe the Plastic Gnome admiral, Brian Waller from Southend since I dropped him in the cack for being off route. (Complete with flat battery). Therefore news is somewhat hard to come by.

I admit I wandered into H.Q. Repair shop to see that another load of B.M.W.'s had arrived. From where I stood, it seems that the Driving School are about to dispose of the last of their old stock. Refresher Courses should be more fun for those who as yet have not ridden the foreign bikes with the back to front gear change and brake lever. There was one machine however that caught my eye and that was a patrol machine that I believe is for the Colchester Sub. Funny that, I cannot be for the life of me recall who it might be for, but a memo is due to come out which prohibits fighting over it.

Still in the workshops I saw in the corner, a bald pate that appeared to be cleaning a 750

been re-instructed in the art of riding a motor cycle having not been able to ride one for quite a while. The joy upon his face as he blew the mice from within his exhaust pipes to oblivion was fantastic. He then rocketed past me shouting strange words like 'Ruddy Hell' and 'Like wow man' as he heard from communications, via his helmet on full volume complete with distortion so familiar to Norton riders. His first stop was of course the Traffic canteen for refreshing of the parts other coffee granules cannot reach. My only thoughts are, I wish he would shove off as the vibration on this typewriter is damned ridiculous.

Having mentioned the Driving School, I should have extended all due congratulations to our old mate, Mick Carter who has at last made the big time with three new stripes. All at Traffic extend to you our best wishes and want to know either, the date of celebration, or the date of your pre-retirement course? It depends on the liking of the first question to the validity of the second mate. I shall not elaborate any more than that.

I have noticed that in recent days, there have been a number of memorandums received at the Traffic Subs in relation to certain points that ought to be considered by riders of all types of machines. In all seriousness I strongly ask you to read them and check your machines in accordance with them. The failure to do so could of course result in a change in the league tables, so enough of that for the time and lets hope you get the message.

Right, then, I was approached the other day about another of the infamous meetings. Well, the long and short of it is that the man in charge of our old haunt in the Chelmsford area has now moved to greener pastures and the problem is finding a new water hole. The matter is being investigated and as soon as poss' we shall get together.

The latter part of the year will rekindle interest I am sure as a plant where water is changed to dynamite will be visited by a number of us. Due notice will be given. There is a possibility of two visits so those of you who cannot alter your duties should not worry unduly.

THE construction of the Force Headquarters Extension has now reached the halfway stage and is due for completion this time next year.

In view of the considerable amount of interest in the building being shown by the members of Headquarters Staff, particularly those who will be working in it, and by Divisional Officers, it was decided to stage an exhibition in the Assembly Hall at Headquarters and on Wednesday, May 5, 1976, plans, drawings, models, furniture and details of some of the equipment to be installed, were assembled for inspection by interested parties.

Mr Ray Bowker, responsible for planning furniture and equipment for the new building explained that the equipment on display was of a new concept. "Tell the makers how much desk space you need and how many files you have to house and they will assemble the furniture to suit the office," he told The Law.

Mr. Bowker will not see his work through to the final stages as he left during May to take a position with a London firm.

The title of Head of Office Services disappears with him and the functions of that office will be shared between other HQ Sections, Mr Mike Posnack, Finance Officer, taking some.

A specialist Supplies Officer is to be appointed whose job will be: "controlling clothing, uniform, stationery, office furniture and equipment and expendable stores supplied to an organisation employing approximately 4,000 people; initiating improvements in such items; advising on supply policy; compiling and controlling Supply Estimates; establishing and controlling stock levels and records."

At the half-way stage



LOOKING anything but half-finished the HQ extension extends upwards. But already squatters have moved in, a pair of thrushes having taken up residence on a ledge (arrowed). Above, workmen have built a platform to prevent anything falling on the birds.



MRS. THRUSH, sitting tight amid the building site bustle.

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

AT THIS time of the year pensioners thoughts turn to the Retail Prices Index in relation to the year ending 30 June and what are the pension prospects for 1976. We are told that Social Security Retirement pensions are to be increased by £2 a week for single persons and £3.30 a week for married couples. Income age exemption (over 65 years) are to be increased by £60 to £1,010 for single persons and by £130 to £1,555 for married couples. The ceiling for the relief is also to be raised by £250 to £3,250. The 'ceiling' includes total income and interest received from Building Societies.

Pensioners can now earn up to £35 a week in addition to drawing Social Security Retirement pensions, but it should be borne in mind that earnings or other income may take pensioners over the age exemption limit (referred to as the ceiling) for Income tax purposes. For these improvements we are thankful but since the last review period to June 30, 1975, the Retail Prices Index will have risen by 9.2 per cent to March 1976. With increases in cost of electricity, gas, water and other fuels in the pipeline to 12 months to June 30, 1976, the increase is likely to be in the order of 13-15 per cent. This completely offsets the Social Security improvements announced and whilst the cost of living will have increased by 15 per cent by June 1976, the increases to offset will not be paid until November and



Mr Bowker, Head Office Services, shows civilian members of staff the new furniture to be used in the HQ extension, at the recent exhibition.

December, 1976. There is no inflation proofing in a situation where increases with no retrospective are paid five months in arrears at a time when inflation is running at its present rate, and the rise in the cost of living between June and November/December, 1976, will not be further reviewed until December 1977. That is life but we can leave the matter to our N.E.C. to be our watchdog for pursuing our cause for a more frequent review.

Index Linked National Savings Certificates

It is interesting to note that a circular is issued monthly to Post Offices showing the current valuation of these Certificates. These certificates are only issued to

persons of Social Security pension age 60 for women and 65 for men and the maximum holding for each person is £500.

The current list is published below from which it will be seen that the Certificates are a good investment. In addition, they attract a further 4 per cent bonus after maturity period of 5 years — all this is free of income tax.

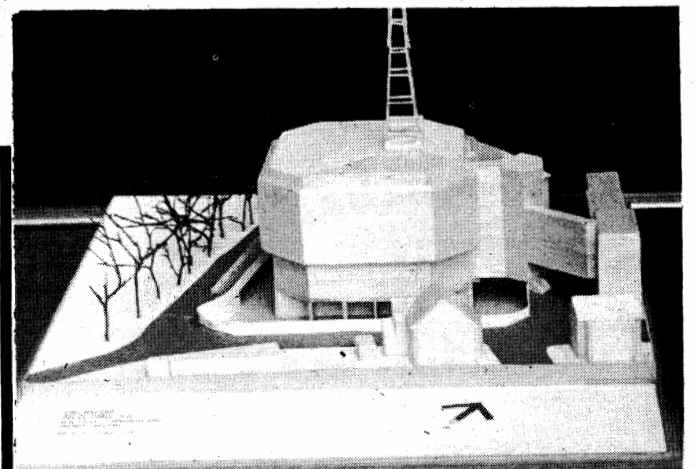
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July 1975	134.5
August 1975	137.1
September 1975	138.5
October 1975	139.3
November 1975	140.5
December 1975	142.5
January 1976	144.2
February 1976	146.0

March 1976	147.9
April 1976	149.8
May 1976	150.6
June 1976	153.5

Police Pensioners Housing Association

Unfortunately this Scheme did not receive the support expected, and to increase funds the Lottery to be launched in July, 1976, is worthy of support. This Scheme is outlined in the current quarterly bulletin, but for non-members who do not receive the bulletins, the scheme is simple. It is based on the last four figures of the winning weekly £50,000 Premium Bond as confirmed in the Sunday newspapers. Subscriptions £1 per

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A BALSAWOOD sketch of the extension showing its eventual shape. On the right existing HQ buildings to which the new parts will be linked by overhead walks.

SOUTHEND

THE SOUTHEND Branch of NARPO is holding its annual dinner at the Lindsfarne Suite this year, on Thursday 21st October. Notices have been sent out. Members are also reminded of the Social evening on Tuesday, June 8th in Club Bar at 7.45 pm. Members are invited to attend both these functions.

Specials muster in a heat wave



SPECIAL SUPT. Merrick receives his award for 33 years service.

SPECIAL Constables gathered at HQ from all quarters of the county on May 9 for their annual muster parade and competition. Although all divisions were represented on parade the morning's contest was limited to four teams.

The teams parade first to be marked on drill and turnout. Harlow must know best how to stamp their feet because they took a three point lead and were, thereafter, never headed.

Harlow only lost a single point on the police duties questions, on public order, and although they dropped rather more on the highway code gained enough to extend their lead further.

The teams later had a simple accident to deal with being marked on their manner of handling the incident and their first aid skills.

Harlow were clear winners with 351/400 points, followed by Basildon 333, Chelmsford 326, and Clacton 284.

The afternoon's parade was assembled in glorious sunshine, unseasonably hot for early May which caused some Specials to keel over — a seafaring term suitable to the occasion — before the end of their two-hour stint



REAR ADMIRAL H. W. E. Hollins, C.B. inspects a bemedalled S/Sgt Jack Carrington — see letters page.

on the sports field.

In honour of the inspecting officer, Rear Admiral H. W. E. Hollins, C.B., the Essex Police Band played nautical items. Accompanying the Rear Admiral were the Chief

Constable and Mr M. Giller, Commandant of the Special Constabulary.

Long service awards were presented, including a third bar, marking 33 years service, to S/Supt. H. J. Merrick, of Harlow.

A tragic aftermath to the parade was provided in a road accident two days later when S/Supt. N. G. Dooley, of Southend, was killed. Mr Dooley had been a Special since September 9, 1939 and a S/Supt. since 1970.



ESSEX POLICE band in nautical mood for the occasion.

Special Inspector Shaw retires

AFTER over 25 years in the Specials, S/Inspector Marjorie Shaw retired on 9th May. A short presentation ceremony took place at the Special Supts' conference

last month when the Chief Constable handed over a parting memento on behalf of the Specials of which Mrs Shaw was the senior female member. She had held the

rank of Inspector since 1971.

Regular policemen who worked at the Weeley Pop Festival will remember Mrs Shaw's efforts on the catering side.



HARLOW step up to collect the De Rougemont Cup for winning the morning's contest.

Friday 9th July

THIS year the tents used at the Pensioners' Garden Party have to be paid for. How to raise the cash?

Force Football and Cricket Sections

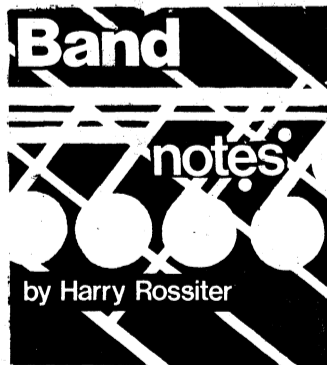
The sections have combined to organise a disco in the tent on the night after the party.

Disco in a tent

On the HQ Sports Field — well, it's different and the tickets are only £1 including a salad buffet:

Mad Monk Disco

Tickets from Sgt Rhymes at Force Support Unit or Dc Nicholls at Chelmsford.



THE summer season appears to be with us with thoughts of summer fetes, ceremonial parades and a concert or two. The trouble is, of course, that some of the members of the Essex Police Band take their well-earned annual leave and consequently we sometimes find ourselves at risk in taking on summer engagements especially at the weekend. This is why we are obliged to refuse more summer jobs than the ones we do accept.

But we attended in sufficient force at the Annual muster of the Specials at Headquarters on Sunday 9th May and what weather it was, hot and sunny enough to cause one or two of the participants to faint during the inspection.

We played several nautical musical items which did not fail to arouse favourable comment from the inspecting officer after the

parade. It certainly made a change to have such fine weather for the occasion.

The following Sunday saw us at the Bramston Comprehensive School where we gave an open air concert in the afternoon. This was one of those concerts of which I commented we are 'at risk' as there were several members short noticeably from the cornet section. This did not detract too seriously, however, especially as we had Scots Guards trombonist Keith Duxberry to delight the audience with his polished style of playing. There were about 60 who turned out in warm sunshine to 'listen to the band'. With regard to another summer aspect of our doings, namely parades: as I previously mentioned, we are due to go down to the District Training Centre in June for the Annual Ceremonial Parade. We do not, as a rule, do any marching being mainly a concert band. Because, however of the ceremonial nature of this job, we are indulging in some marching practice at HQ Sports field each Wednesday and getting used to drum signals the 'double tap' to stop playing and stop marching. Putting these signals into words goes something like 'Shut-up, Shut-up, Don't play NOW' or 'Stop, Stop, stop that walking'. By the time Jim Bearman has licked us into shape we might have some resemblance to the Marine Bands he used to train (maybe).

Force-wide yak-in

AN INTER-CLUB meeting of the Police Wives' Clubs throughout Essex will be held on Wednesday 23rd June at 7.45 pm at the Assembly Hall, Police HQ, Springfield.

All Police wives are very welcome, and we feel sure you will enjoy our programme. We count on your support, please, to help to make this meeting a successful one.

One item I would like in print, is the Bands tribute to Sgt. Brian Denton who recently retired from the Force. Brian used to be our Band Secretary which is no easy job and also has compered our concerts time out of number including donning the 'appropriate gear' at our Christmas concerts (the secret's out . . .). So we presented him with a silver candelabra to mark our appreciation although we fervently hope that we have not seen the last of Brian. Nevertheless he has something to mark our gratitude for his past work with the band.

Going back to the mention of marching another occasion on which we may be expected to march is our attendance at the

Metropolitan Police Gymkhana on 1st August at Chigwell.

Our very next engagement however is on Saturday 12th June, at a Centenary Fair at Lord Rayleighs Farms Terling at 6pm. On Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th June to Eynsham Hall for the Ceremonial Parade and on the 27th June at 2pm to the Grenadier Guards Association Reunion at Easthorpe (more marching?). Then on Thursday 8th July to the Pensioners Garden Party at HQ and if this is anything like 1975 we can expect quite a crowd.

On Sunday 4th July at Southern where the Corporation are putting on a Veteran Car rally. This should be a real 'crowd puller' lets see any of you can be numbered with

Talisman perform at Southend Police Station then sail on a cruise



MAKING one of their last appearances before starting a four month "working holiday" aboard the P & O liner, "Canberra," cruising through the Mediterranean Islands, "Talisman" gave visitors to Southend Police Station a pleasing and polished performance.

According to dictionary definition a talisman is "anything that acts as a charm or by which extraordinary results are achieved."

"Talisman," consisting of John Knowles, Francesca Hare, and the Peter Bearman, are exactly presented with their own brand of humour.

John, Peter and "Chessy" are kept busy and in demand with radio, recording, television, variety and concert tours, and at their appearance at Southend Police Club on Monday 24th May, they gave not only their cabaret show but an impromptu performance of about one hour's duration, during which they performed traditional jazz, modern folk, pop and rock and roll.

Formed some four years ago the group originally consisted of three men, but when one left he was replaced by Chessy. One of the original members, Peter Bearman, is the son of ex-Insp. Ron Bearman and the grandson of one of the elder Bearmen of the Force, 91 year old pensioner, Harry Bearman.

Peter told "The Law," "I was a disappointment to my father and grandfather by not joining the Police but I think I would have been a bigger disappointment to them if I had."

Awards after rescue from fire



AFTER a nasty road accident in Colchester last September when a car ran into a motor coach setting both vehicles on fire, the Society for the Protection of Life from Fire recently made presentations of framed certificates to two civilians and two constables.

When a patrol car crewed by Constables Tony Wicks and Michael Martin arrived at the crash in Cymbeline Way the car had already caught fire and flames were spreading to the coach. Pc Martin went to the car, and saw a passenger trapped in the rear seat. The car was well alight and the door was jammed. He smashed the rear window and with the assistance of Mr. Robert Cook, who had been passing the scene and stopped to help, extricated the passenger through the rear window of the fiercely burning vehicle.

Broke window

Meanwhile, Pc Wicks had gone to the coach where the driver, Mr. Ronald Smith, was assisting passengers from the coach. Tony Wicks broke the rear window and helped passengers to escape.

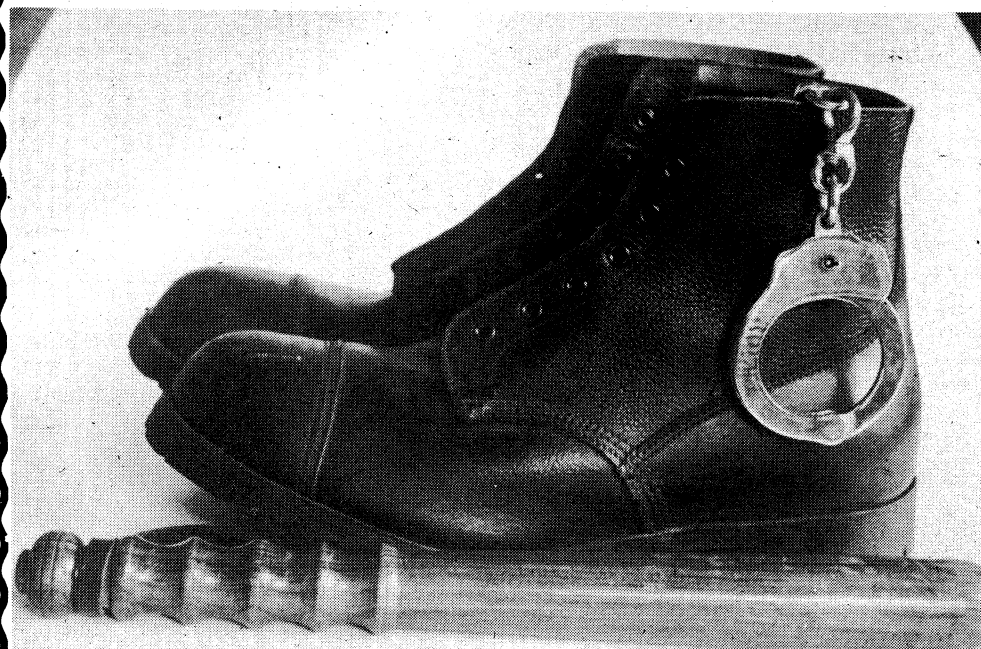
Mr. Smith then assisted Pc Martin and Mr. Cooke in an attempt to release the driver of the car who was trapped behind the wheel of that vehicle. However they were beaten back by the intense heat and smoke and were, in fact, unable to effect his release.

It was thought by one of the coach passengers that there might well be a passenger on board the coach and Pc Wicks went back onto the coach despite the dense fumes and checked by touch that all passengers had in fact been removed.

PICTURED after the presentation Constable Tony Wicks, left, with his wife Pat and Constable Michael Martin with Mrs. Sheila Martin and daughter Tania.

All four persons involved in this rescue suffered from effects of dense smoke and fumes but despite this, intense heat and ever present possibility of Colchester and Mr. Smith, Tollesbury. Constables Wicks and Martin are attached to Stanway Traffic.

Those boots were made for Stalkie



EVER HAD TROUBLE in fitting out your youngsters with a pair of shoes or boots? Imagine the problems of the Cadet School staff in fitting a cadet with a pair of Adventure Training boots in the right size.

All the stockists had been tried and always the same answer was received, "Sorry. No one makes them that big."

Where to go next? — well one of the instructors, with tongue in cheek, feeling an absolute heel, contacted the army and told them of his sad dilemma and how he was down on his uppers in trying to obtain the right size boot, and that he was ready to sell his soul to get the problem solved.

In due course the Army found the size of boot required but said that due to the size the police would have to provide transport.

A phone call to Surrey Police Driving School made the necessary arrangements for having the boots transported from The Guards Depot in Surrey to Police H.Q. and a short while later Surrey Police phoned back to say that the boots had been collected 'on a low loader' but could we take delivery as soon as possible for as the officer said, "If anyone sees them lying around in the office they would have a set of wheels slapped on them to use them as 'panda cars.'"

The size of boots obtained — 14 and we publish a picture with a standard truncheon and pair of handcuffs to give the reader an idea of their size. To spare the cadet's blushes we have omitted his name. Mind you he isn't easy to hide with feet like that.

Les Brown leaves Witham bearing gifts



DET. SGT. Les Brown retired from Witham last month and came in for the "This is Your Life" treatment from the Divisional, CID at Chelmsford. Afterwards he was presented with some cut glass.

At Witham he was cheered on his way by a stag-do where Ch. Insp. Ron Shayshutt presented him with an executive brief-case from his colleagues. Les Brown is now with a Bank.

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will be paid weekly to the holder of the card bearing the last four figures identical with the last four figures of the winning weekly premium bond. Two prizes of £5 each will also be paid to near misses card holders — ie. if the first figure is one above or one below the winning number. The first season starts on July 10 and ends November 20, 1976. Application for chance cards, giving name and address and accompanied by £1 should be sent to the promoter, Mr. Frank James, 190 Westwood Road, Sutton Coldfield, West

June 30, 1976. This Lottery should tempt those pensioners who are not members of the Association to enrol in the local Branch and support the cause. Who knows, their turn may come sooner than they expect for assistance in some shape or form. Whilst on the subject of Membership, I am aware that a number of application forms have been distributed, a few have been returned, but when I see Force Orders it causes me to think that a number have not been returned for enrolment.

courses recently I was most impressed by the questions raised, which I hope I was successful in, answering to their satisfaction. All the Officers seemed keen and appreciated the work being done by the Association and it is to be hoped my efforts were not in vain and did not fall on 'stony ground.' It is pleasing to note a deputation from the N.E.C. was received by the Home Office, among the many items discussed was the 3 yearly averaging for pension purposes for those whose original contracts of service

annual salary at retirement. This question has reared its ugly head many times with no result, but it now seems the Home Office undertook to look into the legality of individual election made under Para. 87 of the Police Pensions Regulations, 1949. I think we can conjecture the answer — but remain ever hopeful. The Deputation reiterated its claim for the recalculation of the preserved or basic rate of police widows pension and a further claim is to be made by the Staff Side of

Barking-Southend squad so close to victory

Sid's swim details

The Force Long Distance Swim will take place on Monday, 9th August starting at the Westcliff Jetty, Westcliff-on-Sea, at 12 noon. Notices and entry forms should be at all Divisional HQ's and Sub-Stations. Please enter your name, etc., on forms and return to Constable Sid Sadler at Southend-on-Sea by not later than 31st July. Should there not be entry forms at your particular station, or for any other enquiry re this event, please contact above, phone Southend 41212 ext. 229.

HQ win last year's cricket

FOR THE second year running the final of the Courtauld Cup, (the Inter-Divisional cricket trophy), has been played off a season late.

This year's finalists were H.Q. Staff and Harlow divisions. The match was played at H.Q. on Thursday 13th May and the outcome was a decisive victory for Staff who retained the trophy.

Johnny Johnson, the Harlow captain, won the toss and put Staff into bat. Johnson got his team off to an excellent start in the first over by taking the wicket of opener Mick Benning without a run being scored. However at the other end John Rhymes fared better and accumulated seventy-six hard earned runs before falling lbw to Wass, with the staff total standing at 111 for 5.

The remaining five wickets fell cheaply and Staff were all out for 129 runs, due mainly to the efforts of Patrick who took 5 for 23 in only eight overs. This left Harlow with about 30 minutes batting before the tea interval.

This period proved decisive in that Harlow collapsed and lost six

wickets for twelve runs due to some really fine bowling, including a hat-trick, from Tony Bragg. After tea the Harlow slide continued and they were all out for only 29 runs.

Mention should be made of a splendid catch by Tony Davies who was fielding at mid-on, and held, one handed a low hard hit shot by Walker.

Presentations after the game were made to both teams by the A.C.C., Mr. Taylor.

SCOREBOARD	
H.Q. STAFF v. HARLOW	
Staff won by 100 runs	
Rhymes lbw Wass	76
Benning b Johnson	0
Dicks b Ashworth	18
Nicholls c Walker b Patrick	4
Bragg b Wass	4
Wilkinson c Lambourn b Patrick	10
Stonehouse lbw Patrick	3
Govus b Patrick	12
Markham c Walker b Wass	1
Bendall c Cook b Patrick	0
Davies not out	0
Extras: Byes 4, l. byes 1	5

Total (10 wks., 32.1 overs) 129

Bowling: Patrick 5—23; Wass 3—39; Johnson 1—20; Harlow 1—42.

HARLOW	
Lambourn lbw Bragg	7
Watts b Stonehouse	0
Johnson b Stonehouse	2
French c Nicholls b Bragg	0
Ashworth b Bragg	0
Patrick b Bragg	0
Cook b Bragg	0
Walker c Davies b Stonehouse	6
Rulton b Bragg	5
Wass not out	0
Williams b Bragg	1
Extras: Byes 7, wides 1	8

Total (10 wks., 15.4 overs) 29

Bowling: Bragg 7—11; Stonehouse 3—10.

Members of the Essex branch are bitter about the fact that their AGM held in February it was decided that they would not support any such increases unless the N.E.C. could provide good reasons why they were necessary. In addition to this the treasurer of No. 6 (3), Ian Burgiss, who was present at the AGM, was of the opinion the N.E.C. had no power to increase subscriptions for a further two years. Nevertheless the N.E.C. went ahead and approved the increases without any consultation at branch level.

Officers of the local branch are now planning to lodge an official complaint with the N.E.C. with a view to clearing up this apparent oversight.

The Ministry of Defence branch of the I.P.A. are holding a social evening at the great Waking Civil Service Club on Friday 18th June at 8 p.m. Tickets are 70 pence each and can be obtained from Chico Bates, Southend police station.

During the first week of May the Harlow party of the I.P.A. were hosts to a party of 42 Germans from Wuppertal. This was a very successful visit with old friends being renewed and new ones being made.



IPA notes

THE NATIONAL Executive Committee of the I.P.A. has come under attack from members of No.6 (3) Region, (which includes Essex), for the way in which it has dealt with the subject of increased subscriptions.

In early May of this year the N.E.C. sat at Buxton in Derbyshire, where they decided upon substantial increases. I.P.A. enrolment increases to £4, fourthly. Renewal of membership as of 1st January 1977 increases from £1.50 to £2.50 and life membership goes up to £30.

Golf

THE Police of Essex Golf Society recently held their Spring meeting at Canons Brook Golf Club, Harlow. Some 30 members of the Force took part in this competition and although the weather was not very kind, that strange thing called rain kept falling, all competitors taking part had an enjoyable time.

The winners of the various prizes were: 'Vic Brooker Trophy' — De

Lionel Lee (Brentwood), net 77, 91 gross; runner-up Ps Bob Hayes (Harlow), net 80, 96 gross.

The afternoon 'Stableford' — Dc Dave Rogers (Halstead) 29 points; runner-up Pc Dick Barham (Halstead Traffic) 28 points. Best All Day scratch — Dc Steve Bardwell (Stansted Airport), 198 gross.

I feel that a special word of congratulation should go to Lionel Lee who, if it were not for the Society rule, one man one prize, would have won all the

Next winter's runs

AT A RECENT meeting the committee of the S.E. Police cross country league fixed next winter's programme.

The first meeting will be at Chelmsford only if another Force cannot take the fixture. The league rule lays down that the champions do not have a home fixture the following season.

- 13 October Chelmsford, Essex.
- 3 November Camptill, Bedfordshire.
- 1 December Oxford, Thames Valley.
- 12 January Wimbledon, City of London.
- 2 February Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

Regional championships ... 2 March
P.A.A. championships ... 30 March, Warwickshire.

Jackie throws a neat arrow -PAA champ

THURSDAY 20th May saw the Essex contingent of the South East Region Team competing in the P.A.A. National Indoor Championships held in Ayr.

Unfortunately the men's table tennis doubles pair, Peter Rouse and Doug Anderson didn't get past the first round and then Peter, teaming up with Mo Chaplin, in the mixed doubles, bowed out in the second round.

However, surprise competitor, Sgt. Jackie Scott of Southend, who had been runner-up in the South East

Regional Championships, did better in the women's darts competition.

Invited to play because of the unavailability of the Kent representative, Jackie was lucky enough to obtain a bye in the first round, beat an Inspector from West Midlands in the semi-finals and finished up by completely overpowering the West Yorkshire finalist, winning the National title by two games to nil.

Bowls

A FRIENDLY FIXTURE at the H.Q. green against Christy Engineering, on Wednesday, 5th May was Staff Divisions' opening match of the season. It was an enjoyable game that Staff won by 2 rinks to 1.

The following week Staff travelled to the Princess Marie Louise Bowling Club for their opening game in the Chelmsford 'B' League programme. Despite a very cold wind, Staff convincingly won all three rinks, giving them 10 league points and just the sort of start to the season they had hoped for.

The next match, also a league fixture, was on Wednesday, 19th May, at the H.Q. green against Lionnede.

The very cold conditions did not affect the Staff team who continued in good form, winning the match by 2 rinks to 1 and scoring 8 league points in the process.

In their third league game Staff's opponents were R.H.P. who had the home advantage. Nevertheless, victory again went to Staff by 2 rinks to 1.

The rinks skippered by Tony Parker and John Wheatland won by large margins whilst the other rink dipped out to the strongest R.H.P. rink.

This third successive league victory has put Staff Division in a very strong position having taken 26 out of a possible 30 points.

The County bowls team opened their season on Monday, 24th May with a long standing annual fixture against Thorpe Bay Bowling Club which was played on the H.Q. green. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all, as is always the case with this fixture. The County team bowled well and ended the match 3 rinks to 0. After the match the visitors were entertained in the H.Q. dining room and later the facilities of the bar were put at their disposal.

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Athletics

THE Essex Police sortie into the 1976 Southern Athletics League began brilliantly at Parliament Hill on May 8 when the team came from behind to win the 12 club contest.

Good work by the throwing department (Wallace, O'Sullivan, Clarke) brought the score up. Jumpers and hurdlers, Vale, Armstrong and Pierce also scored well and the 4 x 400 mts. relay squad (Watson, Mullender, Vale, Hayman) were in excellent form.

Unfortunately a late departure followed by a ludicrous episode, miles off course, and the driver hopelessly lost in London, brought about a late arrival for the second match at Maldenhead on May 22.

Having completely missed the first three events the team got stuck in to drag themselves back to seventh place, but it will need a lot of hard work all season to put this right.

Beginning the season in the manner in which they would hope to continue the athletic section, in the absence of outside opposition, had a good afternoon's sport and lowered a handful of records.

The reappearance was remarkable for the re-appearing of Mick Jackson, force sprint record holder since the 60's, who had a nice workout against younger opposition.

Another veteran in personal best form was Tony Armstrong who upped his high jump mark by a centimeter to 1.73m. Tony has been in the force athletics record book since 1961 for medley relay.

Best record of the day came from a cadet squad in the 4 x 400 mts relay where they took 4 secs off the old mark. A. Vowles had a 10 secs. margin to spare in the 3000m steeplechase, setting a new cadet mark and S. McAuley cut a goodish 33 secs. off the 2000 mts women's walk record.

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Leading time: S. McAuley 14.0; B. Burgin 14.0; Mens High Jump: A. Armstrong 1.73m; A. Lewis 1.71m; W. Moore 1.60m; C. Pierce 1.55m; Mens 100 mts: M. Jackson 12.4; C. Vale 12.4; K. Rowe 13.0; 4. A. Odell 13.0.

Womens 2000 mts Walk: S. McAuley 11.22m; C. Poole 12.38m; A. Taylor 12.41m; Womens Javelin: A. Wileman

Walking

Dunion is Scots champ

IT SHOULD not be thought that just because the Barking to Southend race falls in May the rest of this month is uneventful. May is the championships month and Essex Police competitors contested championships promoted by Scotland, the Race Walking Association, the Southern Counties A.A.A., and Essex (men and women), as well as the Police. Not all the successes planned were duly executed but this is sport.

On May 23, Mike Dunion travelled to Edinburgh to win, as predicted, the Scottish 3,000 mts. senior championship just five days after holding his Essex junior title at Woodford. In each case, and again earlier in the month in the Southern championship, his time was marginally over 13m, missing this target by 1, 9 and 3 seconds. So the British junior record still eludes him.

Mark Spellman took the second place medal in the Essex junior race but only by producing his fastest walk ever at the 3,000 mts. distance. Hopes for a clean sweep were dashed when Barry Schulz placed fourth despite a personal best time. Everyone was on such good form that only one of the Essex Police juniors on the track failed to clock his best time.

'Barking' weekend was a busy one. The day before the police race the RWA and Essex 20 kilometres championship was held at Southend and a team of juniors, all attempting the 12½ miles distance for the first time, carried the colours. Mark Spellman placed best with a goodish time and the team all held their own very well.

The same day at Harlow the female squad contested the Essex Women's 3,000 mts. championship. In a determined attack on second place Siobhan McAuley only narrowly failed but took the bronze, the first ever police medal from these championships, and set a force record in the process.

John Hedgethorpe's attempts at long ones went reasonably well — up to 42 miles that is — until the real long one, the 24 hours track race at Woodford on May 28. Then lack of attention (pressure of work, ahem) brought about his departure from the event after 63 miles, half way.

Alan at the same meeting the one team contest where Police normally do best went wrong through absences. This was the Southern track contest where the squad, despite an excellent start in the first two events, failed to qualify for the July final by just three points when one of those present had to drop out. But this, again, is sport.

RESULTS

Essex Police 3000mts, Chelmsford: 5.5.76

1st M. Dunion 13.23.5; 2nd D. Sheppard 14.24.2; 3rd M. Spellman 14.29; 4th J. Hedgethorpe 14.55; 5th B. Schulz 15.24; 6th D. Murray 15.26.

Womens 2000mts, same day

2nd S. McAuley 11.22 (Rec.); 3rd C. Poole 12.38; 4th A. Taylor 12.41.

Plymouth — Dawlish, 42m; 9.5.76

6th J. Hedgethorpe 7h 24m 17s.

Southern Cts 3000mts; Crystal Palace: 12.5.76

6th M. Dunion 13.01.2; 22nd M. Spellman 14.20; 27th B. Schulz 14.45; 31st D. Murray 15.28; 32nd D. King 15.45; 33rd P. Rice 15.54; 35th A. Hinds 16.14.

Essex 20km; Southend: 15.5.76

12th M. Spellman 11.23.7; 21st P. Rice 12.32; 22nd A. Hinds 12.34.4; 24th B. Schulz 12.46.

Essex Womens 3000m; Harlow: 15.5.76

3rd S. McAuley 16.53 (Rec.); 4th C. Poole 19.19.2; 5th A. Taylor 19.42.6.

Essex 3000mts; Woodford: 19.5.76

3rd (1st Jun) M. Dunion 13.09.4; 6th D. Sheppard 13.54; 12th (2nd Jun) M. Spellman 14.16; 17th B. Schulz 14.34; 18th J. Roche 14.48; 25th J. Hedgethorpe 15.00; 26th D. Murray 15.04; 27th D. King 15.40; 29th P. Rice 16.05; 30th A. Hinds 16.13; 33rd D. Furley 17.04.

Leicester 20 miles: 22.5.76

44th J. Hedgethorpe 3h 3m; 63rd L. Berry 3h 14m 24s.

Scottish 3000mts; Edinburgh: 23.5.76

1st M. Dunion 13.03.

DESPITE being the first team with their four scorers safely in the bath at Southend United Football Club, Essex had to be content with 2nd team place again this year. Indeed as 'M' Division put 3 men in the first 4 home an Essex victory would have been against the odds.

Since 'M' have been having weekly 30-mile training spins, not entirely outside working hours, for some months, Essex did well to run them close. Both teams had a tense time waiting the arrival of the 4th 'M' walker. If he had been 38th or worse Essex would have won but he walked well to finish 23rd and that was that for another year.

Determined to win the Critchley Cup for the first non-Met Police walker Denis Sheppard started fast. For 26 miles he moved well and was in 4th place but then within a mile was back to 9th and struggling to hold off Glyn Jones (W. Mids.) and John Hedgethorpe both within 2 minutes behind.

Somehow he hung on and though slower than in 1975, won the cup in 9th place. Jones was 10th and Hedgethorpe 11th, 12 minutes slower than last year but happy enough as he nowadays does no training.

The success of the team was Les Berry who had spent 13 miles in mid-race ahead of Hedgethorpe and though overtaken just before the Tarpot pushed on well to take 12th place. Les beat his previous best by 16 minutes as a sign of his recent improvement.

Barry Daymond also picked up places in the closing stages to clock almost the same time as in 1975, an excellent effort as he has raced little recently. His 14th position completed the Essex scoring at 46 pts. Four home in 14 is one of our better team performances.

Individually the pluckiest effort was Alan King's. Alan badly wrenched his shoulder 2 weeks before the race and was officially sick on race day though determined to give it a try.

It must be said that his attendant (his father) worked nearly as hard as the walker including, at about 20 miles, a pretty good job of standing him up and giving him a shove in the right direction.

Remarkably, with his right arm not swinging back properly, Alan's time was 5 minutes faster than in 1975 when he was 4th scorer, and he finished 22nd.

Unluckiest competitor was the Essex number 6, John Carpenter of Grays whose shift colleagues had promised to come out to feed and water him on the road.

But when the day came not one of them turned out preferring to put their feet up at home rather than help John cover a few more miles. The team stretched their assistance arrangements to cover him but at Stanford le Hope, the 18 mile mark, feeling a little despondent, he fell out with some unprintable comments about his absent friends.

Overall a successful day: second team, first and third provincial walkers, second veteran (Hedgethorpe). Once again Essex showed that they are always lurking near the front ready to grab the prizes should other teams falter.

Next year will be the 50th race. What better time for Essex to win?

Essex Result:

- 9. J. Sheppard 5.29.03
- 11. D. Hedgethorpe 5.31.43
- 12. L. Berry 5.37.57
- 14. B. Daymond 5.44.02
- 22. A. King 6.00.02

Team placed 5th.

Essex League scores after 8 events

1st 1361, 2nd Southend 1137, 3rd Newham 853, 4th Police 809.

Force 3000Mts; Chelmsford 3.6.76

1st M. Dunion 13.09.6; 2nd D. Sheppard 13.57; 3rd M. Spellman 14.28.6; 4th J. Hedgethorpe 14.31.4; 5th B. Schulz 14.45; 6th L. Berry 14.48.4; 7th J. Roche 15.15.4; 8th A. King 15.28.8; 9th A. Hinds 16.55; 10th D. Furley 16.56.2; 11th B. Jones 18.03.6.

Womens 2000Mts: same day

1st S. McAuley 11.31.2; 2nd A. Prouse 12.26.8; 3rd C. Poole 13.02.4; 4th N. Davies 13.28.4; 5th J. Seager — no time.

ATHLETICS & TUG-O-WAR

HQ win both but only on a recount

THE BEST force athletics championships for years was the verdict on 3rd June when this event was staged as usual at Melbourn Stadium, Chelmsford.

"After several years of rubbish this was marvellous" said John Hedgethorne, Force athletics secretary. "It was really great to run late because of the sheer weight of competition on the track."

Three divisions even turned out women's relay teams to contest this new event. Indeed such was the pressure of work on the recorders that they made a crucial error near the end, awarding Southend East 3 points in the high jump instead of Southend West. This brought Southend level with HQ though the holders were, in fact, outright winners.

The standard of competition was high. Peter Taylor, HQ, scored a sprint double, beating old rival Mick Jackson, Harlow, each time. Their times bode well for the Regional Championships to come this month.

But star of the show was first year cadet Chris Vale who scored a sprint treble, 100-200-400, and added the long jump to this tally.

Siobhan McAuley also had four cadet-event wins in 100, 200, shot and 2000 mts walk, a versatile afternoon's work. Caroline Poole was 2nd in each sprint and then turned the tables in the long jump.

Basildon made a clean sweep in the javelin through Mildin Hall, Wallace and Murrells. Tim Mildin Hall also had the high jump and 3rd at 100 mts.

RESULTS

100 metres Men: P. Taylor (HQ) 11.6; M. Jackson (Har) 12.0; T. Mildin Hall (Bas) 12.1. **Women:** B. Ruby (Har) 14.7; S. Keeble (Bas) 15.0; K. Purkiss (SW) 15.5. **Cadets:** C. Vale 11.6; K. Marsh 12.8; I. Learmonth 12.9. **W. Cadets:** S. Hayman 14.2; C. Poole 14.6; T. Smith 15.3.

200 metres Men: P. Taylor (HQ) 23.6; M. Jackson (Har) 24.1; Hooper (SW) 24.4. **Cadets:** C. Vale 23.5; I. Learmonth 25.5; K. Marsh 25.6. **W. Cadets:** S. McAuley 28.8; C. Poole 29.9; A. Prouse 30.2. **400 metres Cadets:** C. Vale 53.5; A. Watson 54.8; A. Hayman 57.0.

800 metres Men: P. Blois (SE) 2.14.5; G. Butler (HQ) 2.15.4; Morgan (Clac) 2.15.9. **Women:** M. Hicks (Foster) 2.54.7; J. Foster (SE) 2.56.3; P. Foster (SW) 2.57.2. **Cadets:** A. Watson 2.6.9; M. Spellman 2.15.5; G. Barrett 2.18.6. **W. Cadets:** A. Marshall 2.46.1; J. Smith 2.50.3; M. Whitley 3.7.9.

1500 metres Cadets: A. Hayman 4.26.6; K. Hickey 4.39.3; M. Dunion 4.41.2. **3000 metres Steeplechase Men:** G. Butler (HQ) 10.40.8; M. Fairweather (Col) 11.36; C. Skingley (SE) 12.35.8. **Cadets:** A. Vowles 10.45; V. Mullender 11.14.8; K. Jacobs 11.27.8.

4 x 100 metres Relay Women: Southend West 63.7; Harlow 64.5; Southend East 69.8. **Women Cadets:** Crouch 60.5; Colne 61.3; Chelmer 63.9. **1600 metres Medley Relay Men:** Southend East 4m 8s; HQ 4m 13.8s; Southend West 4m 20.5s. **Cadets:** Colne 3m 58.9s; Crouch 4m 2.5s; Chelmer 4m 31.7s.

High Jump, Men: T. Mildin Hall (Bas) 1.80; A. Armstrong (HQ) 1.60; K. Bowman (HQ) 1.50. **Women:** L. Robinson (SW) 1.20; S. Keeble (Bas) 1.10; T. Hallesy (Har) 1.10 (equal second). **Cadets:** C. Odell 1.60; A. Pierce 1.55; K. Marsh 1.45. **W. Cadets:** J. Smith 1.25; S. Watson 1.20; L. Brewster 1.10.

Terry Ford (SE) repeated his once-a-year hammer victory while Bert Wallace was second and won the shot.

Dunion won the combined fun from Sheppard and Spellman. Hedgethorne got so carried away that he did his best time for 5 years.

Work was presented by Mr. J. Duke, Deputy Chief, who was pleased to see the better response this year.

A better than usual tug-of-war contest also gave HQ, represented by the Support Unit, the chance to shine and they yanked Harlow away to win. Cadet teams made their appearance in this event and proved no easy push-over, or pullover, should one say, having been coached by former PAA team winner Tom Arrowsmith.

Clacton placed third. HQ will now represent Essex at the Regional Championships.

Hammer, Men: T. Ford (SE) 35.48; A. Wallace (Bas) 32.93; A. Nunne (SW) 23.15. **Cadets:** G. Clarke 26.80; I. Learmonth 16.34; V. Mullender 15.89. **Javelin, Men:** T. Mildin Hall (Bas) 48.12; A. Wallace (Bas) 44.14; D. Murrells (Bas) 40.21. **Cadets:** M. O'Sullivan 33.42; A. Pierce 32.72; D. Clark 28.79. **W. Cadets:** J. Seager 17.20; S. Watson 16.61; J. Smith 15.40.

Shot, Men: A. Wallace (Bas) 11.60; Edkins (SE) 10.60; Thorpe (Clacton) 10.40. **Cadets:** M. O'Sullivan 9.83; N. Milbank 8.14; K. Skingley 8.04. **W. Cadets:** S. Watson 6.68. **Discus, Cadets:** K. Skingley 24.10; M. Chapple 23.70; M. O'Sullivan 22.20.

Team results

Headquarters 23; Basildon 21; Southend East 20; Southend West 15; Harlow 12; Clacton 2; Colchester 2.

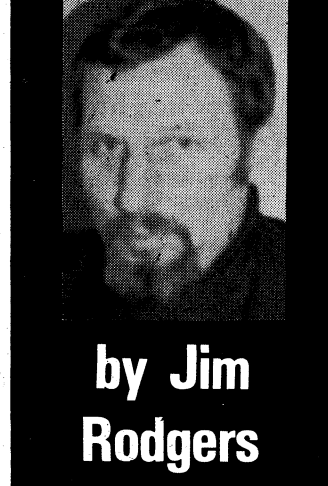
The weather was not very kind but then it rarely is and at least it did not rain — just blew cold.

"This good attendance means we shall have to look at the list of events and probably increase the scoring from 3-2-1 to something which gives more people a chance to score points," concluded the athletic secretary afterwards. "But please, keep it up and come back next year — or come to any of our friendlies", he added.



EARLIER in May Alex Vowles set a cadet record of 10.45 in the steeplechase, pictured above on the last lap and then he equalled this time on 3rd June. Chris Vale beat the Force record for 400 mts, 53.5 is the new mark.

Federation Notes



by Jim Rodgers

Conference 1976

This year the Police Federation Conference was entertained by Eastbourne for the last time. In future years the conference will be held alternatively at Scarborough and Blackpool. As if in a state of melancholy at the prospect, conference this year was a fairly routine affair, and the only real highlights were the address by Les Male to the Home Secretary; and the Right Honourable Roy Jenkins' reply.

The latter caused quite a stir with the following words... "A Home Secretary's duty to the maintenance of the rule of law necessarily involves balancing different aspects of his responsibilities. I have fought strongly, I believe rightly, to maintain the police service as a priority. I cannot do that and, at the same time argue for greatly increased expenditure on our prison system. And that is what a bigger prison population would inevitably involve... If we put more people in prison and keep them there longer, we would have to spend quite a lot of money on the penal system. And it is quite unrealistic to think that this could be done without greater pressures on the amount of money we are able to devote to the police."

I make no apology for quoting this fairly lengthy paragraph, because I do not want anyone to say that my next comments are unfair, or that the quotation has been made "out of context." The gap that I left in the middle of the quotation is where I deleted some statistics which interrupted the flow

Police Mutual Assurance Society

ONE of the privileges of membership of the Police Mutual Assurance Society has always been the facility to nominate a beneficiary who will, in the event of the member's death, immediately receive an agreed amount of the policy money payable by the Society.

The maximum amount which can be allocated in this way was recently increased from £500 to £1,500. The great advantage of nomination is that the policy money is available immediately at the time when it is most needed.

The Society cannot assume that members wish to increase the amount payable under the nomination scheme. It will therefore be necessary for any member who wishes to increase his nominated sum to complete a new nomination form.

All Divisional representatives have supplies of the new form and will supply them on request. Divisional representatives are:—

Headquarters (Force HQ)	..... Mr. D. Wheatley
Traffic	..... Sgt. D. Fordham
Basildon	..... Ch. Insp. R. Jenkinson
Chelmsford	..... Ch. Insp. B. Jamerson
Clacton	..... Ch. Insp. P. Weall
Colchester	..... Pc. C. Barham
Grays	..... Ch. Insp. H. Dawson
Harlow	..... Ch. Insp. S. B. Miller
Southend East	..... Ch. Insp. R. Flewett
Southend West	..... Ch. Insp. R. Green

of the words, but did not effect their meaning.

Clearly the Home Secretary was spelling out the fact that the money to provide prisons and facilities, comes from the same purse as that which provides pay and facilities for the police. I doubt whether many of us were not aware of that fact, but the way in which we were informed was more as a rebuke than a congratulatory pat on the back.

One would have thought that the fact that criminals and terrorists were being caught by the police, and convicted by the courts, was cause for celebration.

It would have been cause for criticism if this were not happening, I would venture to suggest, and the criticism would have been notified to us direct, through official channels so that we had our knuckles severely rapped.

In fact, it appears that Mr. Jenkins is already paving the way to a reduction in our pay claim; which is due in September, 1976; the official side will be able to say "It's your own fault, you shouldn't catch so many criminals."

It was shortly after Mr. Jenkins' remarks, that someone shouted "Rubbish." I hasten to add that it was not me! Quite honestly, I was waiting for the punch line, convinced that he was joking. When I realised he wasn't, it was too late to cry "rubbish" or anything else, but in retrospect had I been quicker on the uptake, I would have echoed the cry, because later in his speech Mr. Jenkins said, "you must accept the world as it is, not as you would like it to be..." I'm sorry, but I had it completely wrong idea of what our job is all about.

I thought we were striving to change the world. I thought we were trying to make it a place where people could live without fear of violence, without fear of theft of property, and without fear that their property would be damaged. I thought we were trying to prevent people from doing these things, and that if they did them we would catch them out and the courts would convict them. Where did I go wrong?

Sex Discrimination

At conference there were three motions which dealt with aspects of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975. One asked that the act should treat members of the Police Service the same as members of the armed forces. This was defeated because it was pointed out the conditions of service, (that is 24-hour, seven-day a week duty of service personnel) put them in a "special" capacity.

A second motion asked that the Police Service be excluded from the act, and as was pointed out this in itself is a discrimination. The third, put forward by the Joint Central Committee, was that representation by policewomen should remain as it is at present. That is that one member represent each rank on each of the separate Branch Boards, and that they continue to elect a policewoman representative to the Joint Central Committee in each rank. This motion was supported by your Branch Board after consultation with Una Francis and Vera Bayliss, who were delegates to conference. It was carried by a heavy majority.

Duties in the higher rank

Your Branch Board sponsored a motion to conference in relation to an allowance for officers acting in the higher rank, who were on top

scale of pay. Three other Boards put forward the same idea — that is that the officer should receive payment at the same scale as the first incremental scale as if he had been promoted to that rank. The four motions were composit together and with a slight amendment to include overtime rates in the higher rank, was passed by a sizeable majority.

Contributions

As I reported in the March Notes, the Joint Central Committee sponsored motions asking for members contributions to be increased to 18 pence per week with effect from October 1, 1976. This represents an increase of three pence per week. Cadets contributions go up to nine pence per week. This motion was carried by conference, and the deductions will commence in the October pay packet.

Coupled with this motion was one asking that the allocation of the funds be varied so that the local Board retain two-fifths, and the National Central Committees have three-fifths. This motion was also passed and it is anticipated that these, when implemented will effectively give the Joint Central Committees a surplus of some £51,000 per year, instead of a five figure deficiency.

Commutation

There have been incidents lately which indicate that the commutation element in the award of our pensions is so important in relation to retirement hopes, and the provision for ones widow, that some measures are necessary to protect that lump sum which can be obtained. To prevent a last minute scurrying about with resignation forms it might be in all our interests to take out a simple unit insurance to adequately protect the value of that lumpsum.

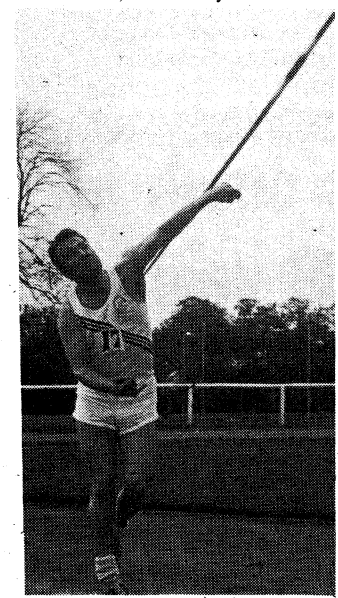
The Police Federation of the United Kingdom does just that. For £1 per month you purchase a unit which is valued at £2,000 when payable on death before retirement. The maximum number of units you may hold at the moment is five, which means for A FIVER a month you ensure that your widow will die £10,000 in a lump sum IF you die before you can retire and COMMUTE part of your pension. If you reach age 55 or retire from the service on completion of any length of service, you receive all your premiums back. I am not saying that this is the best form of insurance, there are many more lucrative types of policy one can take out, BUT it does present the easiest to commence. Merely contact my office and the necessary application cards will be forwarded to you.

So far as those other insurances are concerned, I hope to be putting out a fairly comprehensive appraisal of various schemes in the near future, for information purposes only.

The Law Shop

FOR SALE: Ladies walking/climbing boots, size 6½, excellent condition, "Edgington" make, £4. Pc Stanbury, Braintree or Braintree 26400.

FOR SALE: Two rock/swivel lounge chairs, Vono Penthouse make, brown material, very good condition, £15 each. Contact Pc 315 Norman, HQ Traffic.



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11ft. 6in.; **Womens 400 mts:** A. Marshall 73.0; L. Brewster 76.0; **Mens 3000 mts Walk:** M. Dunion 13.23.5; D. Sheppard 14.24.2; M. Spellman 14.29.0; J. Hedgethorne 14.55.0; B. Schulz 15.24.0; D. Murray 15.26.0; **Womens High Jump:** J. Smith 1.35m; S. Watson 1.35m.
Mens 800 mts: A. Watson 2m.5.8; A. Hayman 2m.6.0; K. Hickey 2m.19.0; K. Skingley 2m.21.0; **Mens Javelin:** D. Murrells 124ft. 6in.; **3000m Steeplechase:** A. Vowles 10m 54s (Rec); K. Jacobs 11m 26s; **Mens 4 x 100 mts Relay:** Rowe, Jackson, Odell A., Trott 48.0; **Womens 4 x 100 mts Relay:** McAuley, Marshall, Taylor, Poole 61.0; **Mens 4 x 400 mts Relay:** Vale, Learmonth, Hayman, Waton 3m 45 secs (Rec).

NALGO NOTICE

WITH effect from May 1, 1976, the Civilian Clerical Staffs of the Essex Police Authority became members of the new Essex Police Branch of NALGO. Your officers, so far appointed, are: Branch Secretary — Mr D. E. WHEATLEY, HQ Admin. ext. 279; Service Conditions Secretary — Mrs B. BYRNE Data Processing Unit HQ's ext. 224; Education Secretary — MR E. G. ALLEN, HQ's Photographic ext. 249; Hon. Treasurer (temporary) Mr. C. STORRAR, HQ Operations ext. 280; Publicity Officer — Mr J. DOLAN, Chelmsford Division ext. 231.

Divisional Liaison Officers:

Basildon-Grays Mr A. R. May (Grays ext. 62)
Chelmsford Mr J. Dolan (ext. 231)
Clacton Miss E. Symes (ext. 33)
Colchester Mr W. H. Johnson (ext. 51)
Harlow T/W Mrs V. Todd
Southend Divisions . T/W L. Gooding (ext. 242)
Staff Mr. T. Samain (Cadet School)

You will all be contacted in the very near future regarding meetings, elections, etc. Now that we have our own negotiating machinery without political influence we can deal with police civilian problems ourselves instead of them falling on deaf ears. We are here to help you, so in turn you help us to do this by giving us your support. We will in no way support, strike and other militant action. To the members of the civilian staff who are not yet members but now wish to join, you should contact your respective Divisional Representative for the necessary leaflets and application forms.

D. E. WHEATLEY
Branch Secretary.

Force Sports Association Lottery

ONE EVENT will launch the June and July prize draws of the lottery. This means that there will be 18 prizes drawn, for example, 2 first prizes of just over £500 and 2 second prizes of approximately £250.

To give the scheme a good start the Association is arranging a social at the Cadet School, Headquarters, on Wednesday 21st July, 8 pm - 11 pm. It is hoped the function will be in the nature of a Force get-together buffet with drinks inclusive of the intended charge of £1.50 per head.

Tickets could be hard to come by — the ceiling is 120 — so contact your own division early.

The Force Lottery Secretary, Chief Insp. Negus, is also seeking to programme subsequent draws. For August the draw is planned for Southend. Mr Negus would appreciate notice of any events in your Division which might be planned later at which draws could be made.

Evenin' all...



A CRIME PREVENTION exhibition mounted at Southend early last month was opened by the Chief who, abetted by police history expert Constable Maureen Scollan, dressed for the occasion in a police station nameplate and chief constable's cocked hat of yesteryear. Picture by courtesy of Evening Echo.

Sub-19 recruits can now go out

THE HOME OFFICE ruling, coupled with the reduction of minimum age for constables from 19 to 18½ years, that probationers under 19 should not perform duty in public has been set aside.

But not entirely. Now, provided the young constable is accompanied by a senior constable or officer of a higher rank, "public" duty may be performed in the six weeks prior to the 19th birthday.

The ruling was always anomolous and to an extent so are the new orders, since cadets have always accompanied constables on duty in public, sometimes under the age of 18, while constables under 19 were confined to the office.

Failed again

HARKING back to our report on the "promotion exam debacle" last month, and sifting through the piles of paper which lie on the desk at The Law, perhaps a cause has been discovered.

A note sent by Constable Stan Day some time ago reported an announcement made by the civil service invigilator after the lunch interval regarding one "failure" which had been discovered already.

The invigilator announced, "The chance of a 100 per cent pass rate result in the ten minute "rough note making" only examination was spoilt by one entrant putting "crime" as the heading for the traffic paper."

To Derbyshire as ACC Operations



DET. CH. SUPT. Alf Mitchell, head of Essex CID, has been successful in his quest for A.C.C. status and has been appointed to the Operations Department in the Derbyshire Force.

The former commander of Grays Division, where he was previously head of divisional CID, told The Law, "After 25 years service and 2 years as a cadet in Essex, pastures new will be very pleasant." And especially pleasant at Ripley, Derbyshire, where Police HQ is set in a former country estate.

"Problems begin only after you hear you have been successful," said Mr Mitchell, referring to his house at Linford which must now go on the market.

Subject to agreement between the two Forces Mr Mitchell moves on 1st July.

Dog Section need your old gear

ONCE again the Dog Section will perform at the Colchester Tattoo from 4th to 7th Aug. And once again Chief Inspector Ian Clark is appealing for cast-off jackets overcoats or raincoats for the "criminals" to wear and the dogs to tear.

Wear and tear is pretty grim at these functions so any contributions will be gratefully received — at Sandon, please, not The Law.

Constable's death on eve of 30 years

TED JUDE, as he was affectionately known to his colleagues, joined the Southend-on-Sea Borough Police on the 30th May, 1946 upon the completion of his Army War Service, which was from October, 1939 to January, 1946. After his initial training, he was posted to Southend performing duty on what he always referred to as Number 1 Shift. He was a man of considerable physical strength and a very welcome sight during the post-war seafront boom when skirmishes were a far too frequent occurrence.

He served at Southend for just over 10 years when, on the 5th November, 1956, he was posted to Westcliff at which Station he was serving until just prior to his death. His untimely death came at a time when the anniversary for 30 years Police Service was just in sight. During this Police Service, Ted was commended on four occasions; one being by the Southend Watch Committee for his actions during the flood disaster of March, 1953. For most of his latter Police Service, Ted was performing duty as a Station Clerk where his vast experience was of benefit, not only to the members of the Public, who visited Westcliff Police Station, but to his many younger colleagues, who received guidance and help from Ted whom they probably considered to be the "old sweat."

He was one of the characters of the Police Service and possessed a dominant personality. If something needed to be said, Ted would be the one to say it. In his early Service, he was a most active member of the Police Singers and devoted much of his spare time singing to entertain the Senior Citizens of the Borough, at Charities, also in the entertainment of the less fortunate folk. His tragic passing is mourned by all his colleagues, past colleagues and his many friends he made during his Police Service.



NO HIGH FLYING STUDENTS from Training School this month but thirty young recruits to help swell the numbers with the Force.

They are from left to right — back row — Bob Taylor (Clacton); Roy Chamberlain (Chelmsford); Bob Cottrell (Grays); Paul Leworthy (Basildon); Alan Gunn (Rayleigh); Third row: Chris Bailey (Colchester); Guy Garcia (Colchester); Chris Hadley (Southend Eastern); Norman Eastbrook (Clacton); Terence Delaney (Chelmsford) and Stephen

Wheeler (Harlow). Second row: Ernest Carr (Basildon); Deland Brander (Basildon); Malcolm Maddocks (Southend Western); David Hudson (Grays); Graham Keefe (Clacton); Terry Sheern (Southend Eastern); Philip Baden (Colchester); and Keith Unwin (Southend Western). Front row: Peter Culligan (Colchester); Gillian Saunders (Harlow); Jennifer Eady (Chelmsford); June Saxton (Basildon); Jennifer Rogers (Clacton); Linda Fell (Southend Western); Judy Wayman (Colchester); Sandra Smith (Colchester); Tina Smith (Grays).