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Waiting list to join the Force

IT MUST be many years since the Force was up to strength and operating a waiting list. Yet technically this is the situation now. The strength of the Force last week was 2,534 against an establishment figure of 2,525.

Making allowances for a total of 44 officers

seconded to various duties outside Essex there is just about room for the May intake of 30 or so recruits.

Candidates for the Force who appear at Headquarters for interview are already being told that they will be offered a place from September onwards. The flow of recruits which has gathered speed since the

Edmund Davies pay award last September will receive a boost now that the second instalment has been paid amid wide publicity — and no doubt the envy of other pay applicants.

While the Force is maintaining a waiting list an application for an increase in establishment of 602 has yet to receive even approval from Home Office. Interim approval could give the green light to signing on any candidates who have been found suitable on interview but are at present awaiting a vacancy.

Whether the strength of the Force will alter markedly in September is a matter of speculation. There has been talk of a "mass exodus" in that month when officers with pensionable service will have "averaged" their pay since the Edmund Davies rise. Lately, however, estimates have set the figure of likely resignations much lower.

If recruiting is to continue at the present rate to take advantage of the new-found eagerness among the public to join the police, much will depend on early approval by Home Office of the first phase of establishment increase.

New pay rates include Constables: starting £3,600, top rate £5,700; Sergeant starting £5,450, top rate £6,250; Inspectors starting £6,250, top rate £7,100; Chief Inspectors starting £7,100, top rate £7,900.

Merger's tenth anniversary



FOR THE "Tin Jubilee" celebrations at Southend on amalgamation day plus ten white helmets would be worn. For younger readers The Law must explain that his headgear was sported on the more summery of the good old Borough days and were last worn for a farewell parade through the streets of Southend on March 31, 1969.

On the same date in 1979 the faithful met again and a presentation to mark the occasion was made to Supt.

C. Harper — a suitably mounted and inscribed baked bean tin.

Pictured by courtesy of Eveing Echo, are from left: Constables 'Joe' Banks, Bryan Cousins and Stan Jeffrey all of Southend, Inspector Brian Palmer, Chelmsford, Supt. Charles Harper and Traffic Warden Jock Wilson, Sergeant Jim Rodgers, Federation, at rear, former Constable Eric Carter, and Constable Ron Hayward, Southend's coroners officer.



BULLDOZERS are in on the site beside Chelmsford Police Station where new court buildings are to be erected, replacing the present overcrowded and inconvenient premises.

Cadet staff appointed

DETAILS of future cadet training arrangements are still fairly fluid but the staff has been gathered together and from 1st May have been working under Inspector Stefan Labedzki on plans for the first intake in August or September.

After interviews last

month Sgt Frank Bell was appointed, and P.T.I. Nick Banks has been transferred from the P.R./force sport team.

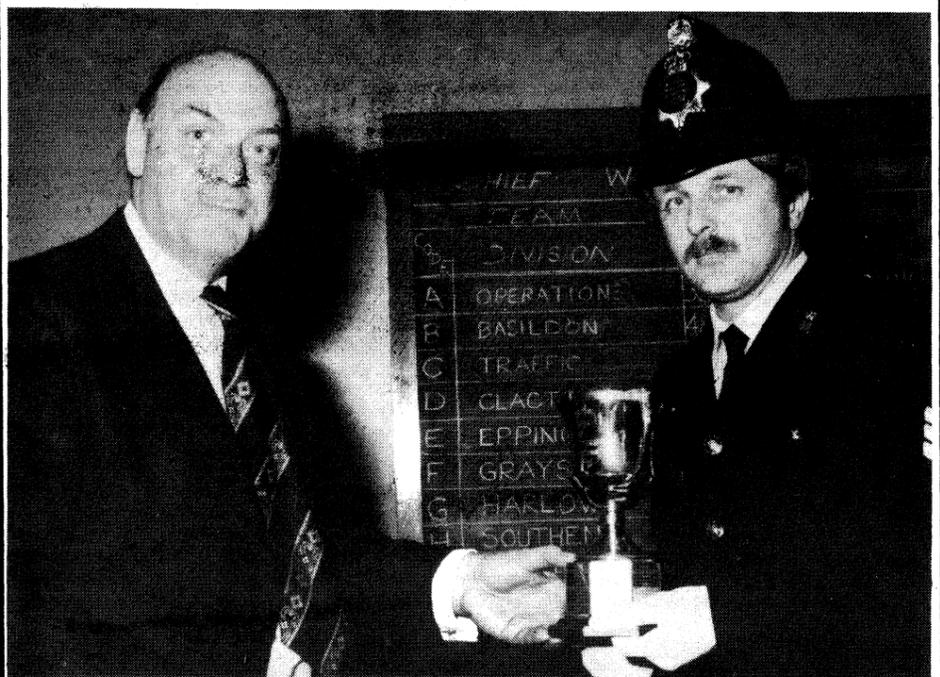
With the formation of the Cadet Training section some of the multifarious duties which were inherited by Public Relations from

the former Cadet School will be transferred.

These include responsibility for assistance to the Police Vocational Course at Chelmsford College, and administration of police instruction in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

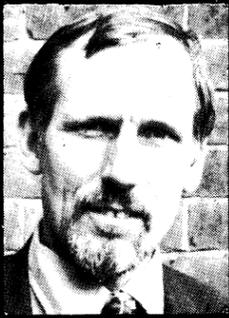


BASILDON WIN AGAIN



NINE teams contested the Chief Wardens Cup this year in contrast to the average of half this number in recent years. The closing stages were dramatic with the Basildon team, led by Ian Kennedy seen here receiving the Cup from the Chief, just winning by 12 points. Story on centre pages.

Federation Notes



by Jim Rodgers

GROUP INSURANCE

As a result of the recent changes in income tax allowance for insurance premiums, the Joint Branch Board have accepted an increase in the sum assured — that is the benefit payable for death from any cause whilst in service — rather than have the monthly subscription reduced to take account of the 'net of tax' arrangements being made by most insurance companies. The benefit now is raised from £3,300 to £3,800 for the same 60 pence per month subscription.

The whole death policy is due for review in May 1980, and in light of the increase in salary we have received, and the raising of standards as well as cost of living, the Joint Branch Board intend to seek an increase in this death benefit so that it significantly reflects present day values. We will be obtaining quotations for a £10,000 sum assured, as well as for £1 per month subscription; these will be fully outlined in The Law, then the Trustees of the Group Insurance will make a decision on the most viable scheme for the benefit of all those in the scheme.

The result of this decision will be published and each member will be included in the scheme unless he or she notifies their wish to opt out of it. These figures should be available in the next month or so.

RETURN OF PREMIUM SCHEME

The maximum holding in this scheme is now seven units, each for £2,000 at a cost of £1 per month per unit. To conform to the Inland Revenue rule mentioned above, the insurance company have accepted a reduction in the monthly premium and they have undertaken to inform all banks who are making the payments as a result of banker's orders, what figure they require reduced 'net of tax'. This saves each of you from individually informing your own

PARADING for inspection by the Chief Constable on May 6 the Essex Special Constabulary enjoyed a warm sunny afternoon. There was a good turnout for Mr. Bunyard's first muster parade and afterwards he thanked all those who had turned out and said that now the Force is getting up to strength, efforts to recruit Specials would be redoubled.

While the Muster Parade in the afternoon was well supported the inter-divisional contest in the morning for the De Rougemont Cup was not so popular. Only three teams appeared which probably indicates more a lack of guidance than want of enthusiasm by the Specials themselves.

As it was, a completely new team came up to win the competition which includes drill and turnout, police law and highway code questions and a practical test of dealing with a road accident and the attendant first aid problems.

Rayleigh now go on to represent Essex in the annual triangular contest against the Met Specials and City Specials which takes place at Chelmsford in two weeks.

With the Essex Police Band playing martial music and other tunes the Chief spent quite some time inspecting the parade, stopping to talk to many of those lined up. Afterwards followed presentations of awards won in the competition and long service awards.

Competition scores were: Rayleigh 162, Chelmsford 150 and Basildon 129.

Good turnout for Specials' muster



RAYLEIGH Specials march off with the Cups. As well as the De Rougemont Cup for the competition they also took the Salter Cup for the highest hours of duty in the preceding year. The team were Section Officer Alan Cotgrove, S. Cons Wally Bones, Charles Bailey, Celia Haslett, John Chapman, and Ray Butcher.

ESSEX SPECIAL CONSTABULARY

Benevolent Fund

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Section Officer



PAUSE in the Chief's tour of inspection to chat with a Harlow Special, left. Presentations included long service medals and on the right S. Con V. E. H. Legge, from Grays is seen receiving a rosette and bar to mark 21 years service.

bank branch. The reduced figures for your information are as follows:—

Current	Net of Tax
£1.00	£0.82
£2.00	£1.65
£3.00	£2.48
£4.00	£3.30
£5.00	£4.12
£6.00	£4.95
£7.00	£5.78

For ease of administration, on the application forms the current figure should be inserted, rather than the reduced figure.

Unfortunately, joining and

increasing holdings facilities are no longer available for officers of 45 years of age and above.

R.U.C. BENEVOLENT FUND

The first deductions from pay were made in the April pay packet, being a total of five months contributions, this has produced a handsome cheque which it is hoped to hand to the secretary of the above Fund at the Police Federation Conference in Blackpool in May of this year. Hopefully we will be able to

obtain a photograph of the event, and have it published in the Police Magazine as well as The Law. In this way perhaps we can encourage other forces to make the same sort of token commitment of support for our Ulster brothers in law.

LAW AND ORDER

The Joint Central Committee have resurrected the campaign started in 1975 for strengthening the rule of law. This takes the form of an open letter to all general election candidates, and

was published in most of the national newspapers. As a follow up each Branch Board has been asked to interview as many prospective candidates as possible to seek their support for the law. Our Joint Branch Board have accepted this request and local representatives are taking on this task.

The Conservative Party will probably be the one most approached since they have been indicating that part of their commitment to law and order is the immediate payment of the Edmund Davies award. At the time it was announced Mr Whitelaw said that his party would pay the recommendations straightaway (at that time an October election was anticipated). The question we feel they should answer at this time is, "Will you back date your promise to last September?" The answer to this question could well indicate what store we can set in political promises!

RENT ALLOWANCE

The District Valuer has visited the force selected house — by the courtesy of Constable and Mrs.

Chris Govus, to whom I tender my thanks coupled with all officers who receive rent allowance, for affording the Valuer the necessary entry at short notice — and his valuation is expected to be available by the 18th May 1979, which is the date on which Police Committee agenda items have to be submitted. This means that the valuation will be before the Police Committee on Monday 4th June 1979 for acceptance. With Home Office approval necessary, it will be some time in July at least before arrangements can be made for payment — so look for it in August or September pay packets. Whatever the date, the award will be backdated to 1st April 1979. As soon as the figure proposed by the District Valuer is known, I will arrange for a teleprinter message to be sent.

Officers on maximum rent allowance who may not have bothered to notify rates increases should do so in advance of the rent aid review to avoid delay in payment if the maximum should be raised.

Three coppers' worth

PC Tom Blake, his wife Mary and their two children, John, aged 11, and Jill, aged 9, were looking forward to the following day when Tom had promised to take them to London on a sight-seeing tour.

They had recently moved into their very own semi-detached bungalow, the apple of Mary's eye. She was not what one would call house-proud — she had lived for some years in a small flat which she had not been able to arrange as she would have liked — but the bungalow was spacious and she had been in her element arranging everything to her liking.

Tom had saved hard to have a place to call his own and was looking forward to growing vegetables and cultivating a rose garden.

The children, too, appreciated their new surroundings, especially as Tom had allowed them to have their own plot in the garden and promised to build them a pets' corner.

Tom and Mary had been so busy with their new-found pride and joy that the children had had to wait until time allowed for their trip to London — and now that time had arrived.

The children had gone to bed early that night and Tom had left for night duty. He too had been

looking forward to taking the children to London and had previously arranged to take four hours off. Mary was preparing for the following morning to make sure that they could set off soon after breakfast — and then came a knock on the door.

When Mary saw Inspector Ted Phillips standing there, she knew something was wrong.

Ted Phillips had the unenviable task of having to tell Mary that Bob had never reached the police station. His motor scooter had skidded and collided with a lamp-standard. Bob had been killed instantly.

Needless to say, Mary did not sleep that night; the doctor had given her a sedative and a neighbour was doing her best to comfort her. All Mary could think of was the children. How was she going to tell them in the morning?

The next few days would be traumatic for her; then sooner or later frustration and anxiety would set in. How could she possibly keep up the mortgage repayments? Would she have to revert to living in a small flat? How would she meet the numerous bills? How would she feed and clothe the children, as well as herself?

Fortunately, Bob had a mortgage protection insurance so

the house would automatically be Mary's; there would be the Force Benevolent Fund and she would receive a pension, but all this would not amount to anything like Bob's salary and eventually she would be forced to exist on a very meagre pension.

This is not a true story — but it could well be. It is a story to illustrate just one instance where the Gurney Fund for Police Orphans could help.

Bob had paid just three coppers per week, deducted at source, so Mary would receive a minimum allowance of £4.50 per week for each of the two children. This allowance would, depending upon circumstances, be paid until school days were over.

In addition, the Fund provides supplementary allowances and grants towards special expenses such as school uniforms, books, tools and clothing.

The Fund's Managing Trustees are nominated by the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Superintendents' Association and the Police Federation from subscribing Forces. They meet quarterly and report annually to their representative bodies at Annual Conference and submit themselves for re-election.

Applications for assistance from the Fund are made by the Chief Constable who normally

supervises the Gurney administration as all ranks are involved.

The Gurney Fund for Police Orphans is essentially a voluntary charity, complementary to benevolent and welfare funds and uses its resources to make allowances to mothers for all children under the age of 18 years, whose deceased or incapacitated fathers were members of a "subscribing Force".

Allowances have now been paid for over 1,500 children and there are some 270 on roll at the present time, all of whom in addition receive a personal cheque each Christmas.

The allowances are paid from the date of the father's death or incapacity and cease upon the remarriage of the mother, unless there is further need, or at the end of the school year immediately following the boy or girl's 18th birthday if he or she is still at school.

Today, it is not merely enough to provide the basic financial needs of bereft children. The administrators of the Fund see it more and more as their responsibility also to provide the youngsters they are caring for with every reasonable opportunity within their means to become healthy, happy and useful citizens.

There is also a welfare service offering to both mothers and children, advice and assistance

with any problems which may arise.

In dealing with the more profound of these, the voluntary assistance of professional friends is sought and readily given.

Each year many letters of gratitude are received from the families concerned and at Christmas one little lad of 11 years, wrote and acknowledged his cheque saying "For the very first time I have bought Mummy a Christmas present with my very own money and put the other that was left over in the savings bank". You, too, can assist in caring for these unfortunates by subscribing a mere three coppers per week.

Police work is team work and when a member of the team meets with some misfortune, whatever the circumstances, the team is on hand to assist him.

However, on occasions misfortunes turn into tragedies requiring retirement on medical grounds and sometimes result in the death of serving officers. When this happens, inevitable hardships are ever greater upon those he leaves behind and every little helps.

Remember, the Managing Trustees of the Fund are all police personnel — playing a further part in the team to which you belong. But — do you belong to the Gurney Fund for Police Orphans?

If you are not paying the 40p per month to the Combined Welfare Fund from which the 3p per week is paid will you please do so as soon as you can. To find out if you are paying look on your pay slip under Code 78. Application forms to join the Fund are available from the

FORCE WELFARE OFFICER.

Now are the mighty fallen

AFTER almost ten years The Law has moved house. This journal was born in a rather pokey upstairs room in the oldest part of Headquarters, but after only a few issues transferred to the rather more palatial surroundings in what was once the Cadet School.

Alas, the close connection which many readers noticed between this publication and cadet training has meant that The Law has come to feel sad at the reduction of what was once an establishment with few parallels to a run-of-the-mill police training school where some of the arrangements are quite funny.

So when readers wish to leave bouquets or explosives for us please note that we now languish in Room 125 at Headquarters, a once-proud outfit reduced to a mere cypher.

There's no change at the School

WHEN the kitchen in the Training School was closed it was decreed that machines would be installed for tea breaks and the tea lady was taken away.

In due course, some weeks after the kitchen closed of course, the machines arrived — all except one. This was the small change machine which the force apparently couldn't afford.

So now the tea lady commutes daily from Headquarters to spend a goodish time loading up the buns and rolls machine with eatables before settling herself beside them to hand out change so that the customers can get them out again.

Almost lost for words

THE events of the third of this month were supervised by the police throughout fifteen long hours of polling followed by several hours more of counting. Already a mythology of tall stories has built up of the doings of various country coppers not given to the detailed observance of regulations, and of other unlikely characters who were flushed out of dark offices specially for the occasion.

There is another well known piece of mythology in police circles, that the police always do better under one political ideology than the other — and in view of the events of last week further explanation might seem superfluous.

Essex were quick off the mark. On the day after polling a telegram was sent to Federation Headquarters urging immediate negotiations for payment at once of the Edmund Davies award in full. To back this up a letter was sent to the new resident at Number 10, reminding that lady of the implied promise of payment if power changed hands.

In the event such agitation was misplaced. Apparently we now have the Government we deserve which has left this column momentarily bereft of its habitual cynicism towards politicians.

Who enthused first aiders?

OF COURSE this column would not claim success, at least not all of it, at the sudden surge of enthusiasm displayed in the force first-aid contest. After several years of apathetic support with no more than four teams there were suddenly nine.

Now there is talk of a succinct memorandum circulating from H.O. more or less obliging division to move and no doubt this did the trick. But whose words moved Headquarters? We shall never know.

It's not worth working hard

UNDERSTANDABLY senior policemen are concerned at the low pass rate in the examination results recently released. Yet these tests are not very hard. They used to be but have been made progressively easier to allow candidates to pass. Already plans are afoot to change them again in November.

Policemen will not work hard enough Chiefs complain. Indeed why should they bother when pay rates, for example, are butt-ended or overlapped. So why not throw away the tired old levelling-down method of making the test easy enough for even the incompetent to pass and try to get in tune with the new atmosphere in the country by making the incentives attractive enough to get candidates working.

It's fame of a sort

THE Traffic Division of Essex Police is to be immortalised. The Matchbox Dinky toy firm are coming down to survey the new incident transit vehicle with a view to producing a teeny model of it. It's fame of a sort.

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

SECURITY

Pensioners of this Force are entitled to purchase and consume intoxicating liquor in the new bars as they were in the old, and to enable them to gain admission it has been decided to have them admitted only upon production of their N.A.R.P.O. Membership Card. The card must be properly completed and have a recent photograph on the back page above their signature. Pensioners who are non-members of N.A.R.P.O. will be required to give proof of identity or be accompanied by a regular police officer. Pensioners will understand the need for security and the measures necessary to ensure compliance with the Licensing Acts.

H. Thistlewaite & Co. Process Servers, of 19 Queensgate Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 1J7 are asking for the name and address of a suitable pensioner who would undertake the service of process and enquiries in the Braintree area. Any pensioners interested should contact Mrs. K. M. Letts. Tel. 061-439 6432.

P.P.H.A. LOTTERY

There still is no news of the industrial dispute by the Civil Service in the computer section being settled, but participants in the lottery can rest assured that as soon as the draw is made, covering to date about 8 weeks, we shall be informed.

An invitation has been received from the Southend Branch to attend the Open Meeting of the N.E.C. at Southend Police Station, Victoria Avenue, at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 15 June, 1979. I am sure that any pensioners attending will appreciate meeting members of our N.E.C. and will find the discussions most helpful and enlightening. Refreshments are being provided and in this connection the secretary would

Forty years on pension

HAROLD has beaten the system. In fact he began to beat it some years ago when his pensioned service equalled his years in the job. But plenty of people do this.

Now Harold Tomlin has clocked up 40 years on pension, having retired in April, 1939.

GOOD DOG

COMPETING in the National Police Dog Trials at Bridgend, Glamorgan, on 23rd to 26th April, Constable Rod Barret and Ben, of Southend, placed an excellent fourth.

This was a triumph for the Essex pair who suffered various disasters in previous trials, failing to win the Regional event earlier this year.

A good day for Essex, this being a best-ever position. Handlers and dogs qualify by placing well in the Regional event, 4 pairs going forward from the South East.

The Law found 89-year-old Harold Tomlin enjoying a celebration lunch with two young fellows who have not been on pension for nearly so long, at a window table in the charming Tudor Rose Restaurant in Rochford.

Harold knows Rochford well, having been posted there in 1935 and lived there since taking his pension, the last 20 years in complete retirement. And anyway he was born at Leigh.

"When I was a boy people used to come shopping at Rochford from all around," he said, "but now it's very quiet." Indeed it has gone from a divisional station to having two sergeants.

He joined up on 1st July, 1912, and on August Bank Holiday Monday found himself in Southend High



Street, part of the reinforcements of 50 men, or so, drafted in for three days duty to deal with day trippers — this was before the Boro' Force, remember.

Afterwards he was sent to Burnham for five years before moving on to Steeple for a further nine year stint.

There he received a touch of old-fashioned pre-Police Act summary discipline. In those days night points were to be made on foot! There was no appeal but Constables were in the habit of riding their bikes, without lights as like as not, to the point, hiding them behind the hedge and then standing at the crossroads to await the Superintendent.

Now this worthy knew what went on. He had probably pulled the same stroke himself — and

suffered the same penalty, maybe.

This was to effuse great kindness — it's called management now — saying: "Jump in the trap, boy, I'll run you back to your house." And with malicious glee the Super would drop the Constable at his house, leaving him to walk several miles to fetch his bike.

At Steeple Harold Tomlin was caught but no complaints and discipline rigmarole in those times — just tired muscles.

From Steeple to Harwich for another nine years and then to Rochford.

Still a spritely sort of

chop, Harold Tomlin told The Law that both sides of his family had served under every Chief Constable of Essex from Admiral McHardy to Sir John Nightingale. The latest member to carry on the tradition is Sgt. M. Tomlin, formerly stationed at Galleywood but now a computer instructor in another force.

The two young chaps pictured with Harold are Bob Brett, centre, and George English. Between them the three have 87 years police service, but only 67 on pension. The other two will have to get some in!

FOR PENSIONERS

A RUMMAGE SALE is being held on Wednesday 6 June 1979, at The Catholic Hall, London Road, Chelmsford, commencing at 7.30 p.m. in aid of the Police Pensioners' Garden Party Fund.

If Headquarters staff have any rummage would they please contact Miss Harris, Chief Constable's Secretary on HQ Ext: 301 or Mrs. Jennings, P & I Dept., on HQ Ext: 307, who will inform you of a collection point.

Pensioners' party day is 6th July.

like to know how many can be expected in order that suitable arrangements can be made.

A letter has been received from a pensioner — ex P.S. R. Godward, formally of-Boreham, Grays and Saffron Walden, where he retired in 1945. Mr. Godward is residing at "Kimbrook", 17 Rectory Close, Hadleigh, Essex (T. Southend 557185). He joined the Force on 2.6.1919, the first class after World War I and is now 81 years young, he still writes a 'good hand'. Owing to health reasons he is unable to make the Garden

Party but would dearly like to hear from any of his old colleagues.

INCOME TAX

It was announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer just before Parliament was dissolved that the income limit of £4,000 would be increased to £4,400, similarly, the age allowance (over 65 years) would be increased from £1,300 to £1,420, single person, and from £2,075 to £2,265 for married couples. It is

understood that a Conservative government, if elected, would honour these proposals. Our N.E.C. have fought hard to get the income limit raised and possibly done away with altogether.

CHELMSFORD A.G.M.

We look forward to as many members as possible at this A.G.M. on Saturday 19 May in the new staff restaurant starting at 10.30 hours sharp. Will you

also invited. Coffee and biscuits will be available at 10.00 hours.

Agendas etc. will be posted on 3 May, but as the Spring bulletins have not yet arrived the agendas cannot be longer delayed.

N.B. The Law congratulates Bert Brinkley and his good lady on their recent golden wedding. May they enjoy many more anniversaries.

BAR STAFF WANTED

PART-time bar person required for the Chelmsford Division Bar on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Pay £4 per evening. Must not already be in other employment: training provided.

Enquire Chelmsford Police Station, extensions 305 or 230.

The Law Shop

FOR SALE: 1968 V.8 250 Daimler, black/grey leather interior, automatic, power assisted steering, M.O.T. and radio, £1,050 o.n.o. Contact Wpc Kennard, H.O. extension 200.

FORCE FIRST AID CONTESTS

Rayleigh have top individuals but Basildon the top team

A CONTEST between nine teams is certainly worth making some effort to organise well and the combined efforts of the Force Training School and the First Aid establishment did this with a will on 29th April.

There seemed to be no hitches, except that the morning programme ran a little late, and by 4 p.m. it was all over with a quite dramatic turn of events in the closing stages. The Chief Constable attended to make presentations and congratulated all concerned at the good turn out and high standard of competition, urging all teams, "Resolve not to let Basildon get away with it next year."

Although the Basildon squad had to concede to Rayleigh's individual prowess they were supreme in the team test. Although Rayleigh had the joint highest scorers individually they really fell apart in the team test scoring 32 points less than Basildon but still only losing by 12. Both teams were drawn late in the order, at numbers 7 and 8.

The team test consisted of two injuries incurred when a horse, being unloaded from a trailer, bolted. This had caused one casualty to sustain a broken femur and lose consciousness for the first two minutes of the 15 minute test, while the other had a broken jaw and skull and was not breathing for the first 8 minutes.

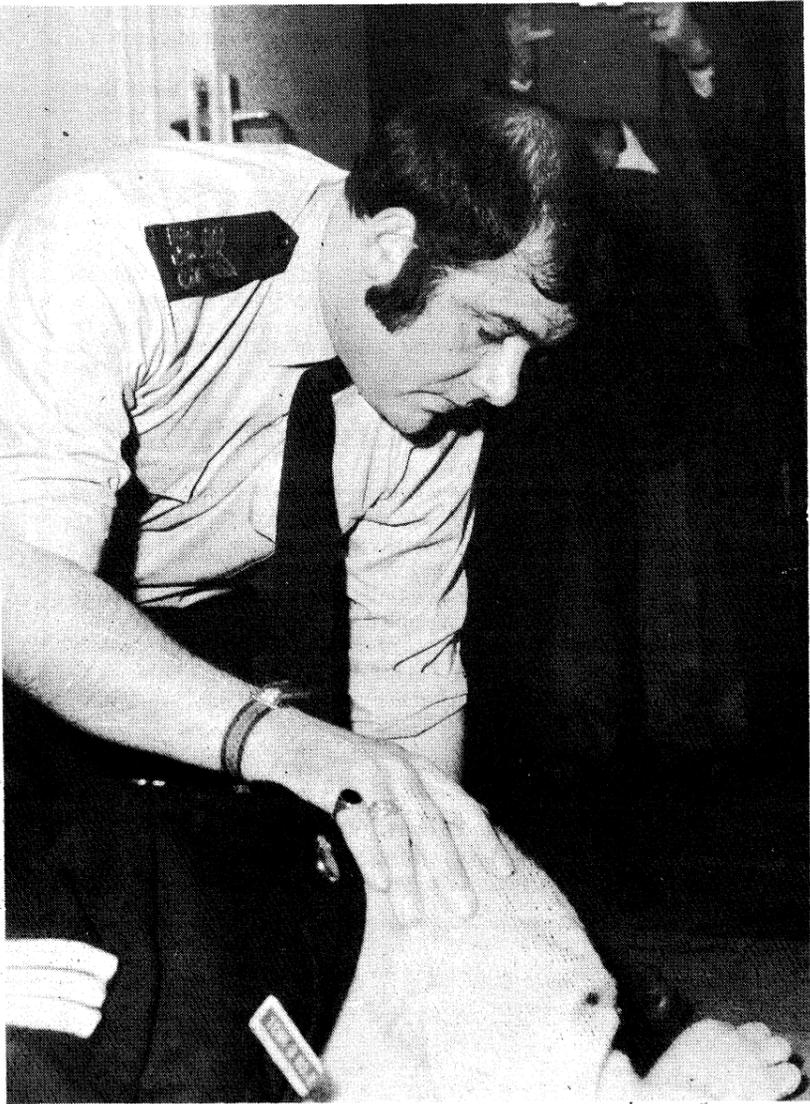
Winners Basildon coped well scoring 141 and the Traffic team scored 129 a score which left them in third place overall. But Rayleigh who were leading up till then got in a muddle particularly over the broken leg. A splint seemed to have been forgotten — or worse still, put on the wrong leg. But that's working under pressure.

In the Training School gymnasium a man had fallen on a sort of meat hook by some means whilst practising self defence, an injury which even Nick Banks has not managed to achieve in real life up to now. The hook had punctured his chest but was quite obvious to see if only one knew the right treatment. Not so straight forward was the track suited female patient bordering on hysteria.

The second test was less easy — to the untrained eye. In the potting shed, said the script, the groundswoman had inadvertently drunk poison about 2 minutes before contestants arrived. After two minutes she collapsed and after another 2 went into a coma and twitched ominously.

Not easy. As the judge said afterwards, "Most of the men removed her clothing while the women, being ladies, did not."

It was Basildon's second consecutive win. Trevor Mathews and Reg Hooper, joint individual winners from Rayleigh regularly represent the force.



THE Harlow captain begins to feel the pressure and the worry as his patient collapses, goes into a coma and starts convulsions. Sergeant Pennock tackles his individual test, poisoning by accidentally drinking fertilizer.



THEY didn't win but they are the fancied experts from Rayleigh.



NOW why didn't I think of that, is the thought which could be going through the minds of some spectators watching the team test after they have had their go.

FORCE TEAMS

In recent outside competitions Essex Police teams finished 3rd (men) and 4th (women) of 8 teams in the Bernard Shield event at Harwich.

But in the Vernon and Mrs. Smith Trophy, a pairs event Police have never won, Ian Kennedy and Andy Odell placed 1st with Dave Perry and Bob Emberson 2nd.



CLACTON a little more...



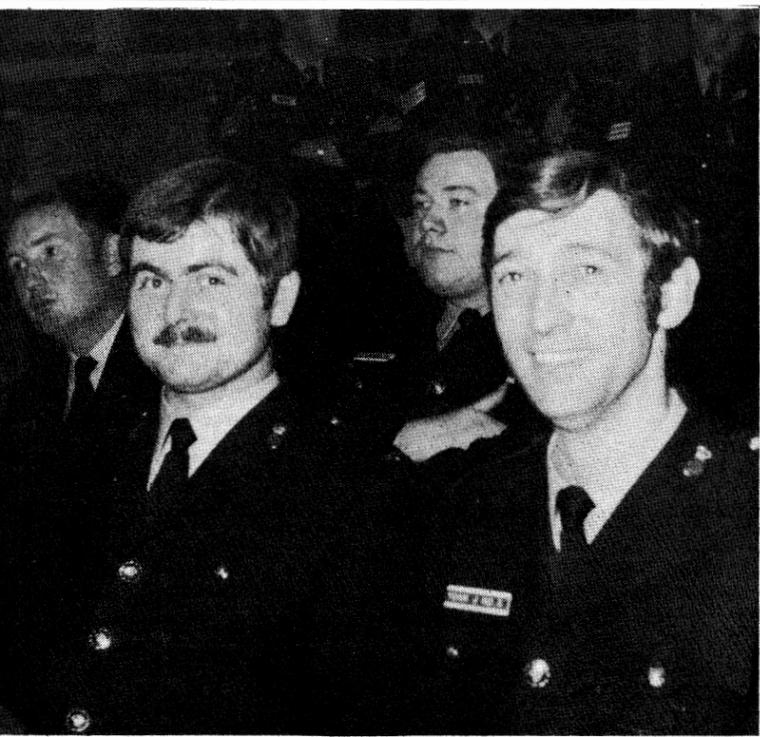
CHEERFUL in defeat: Grays Division, from left, B. March, L. Jones, S. Kelly and B. Taplin.

A CONTINUED RECRUITING FLOW MEANS ANOTHER...



G. Poyser N. Rowley P. Foreman D. Gargan C. Williams R. Simmonds P. Walker P. Barrett D. Bunce M. Waygood N. Stoneman I. Smart J. Macintyre L. Ratcliffe A. Sheldon G. Pipe G. P. Harlow Epping Colchester Chelmsford Brentwood Southend Ockendon Leigh Basildon Basildon Southend Dunmow Basildon Colchester Brentwood Rayleigh Clacton

IT IS THE BEST FOR YEARS



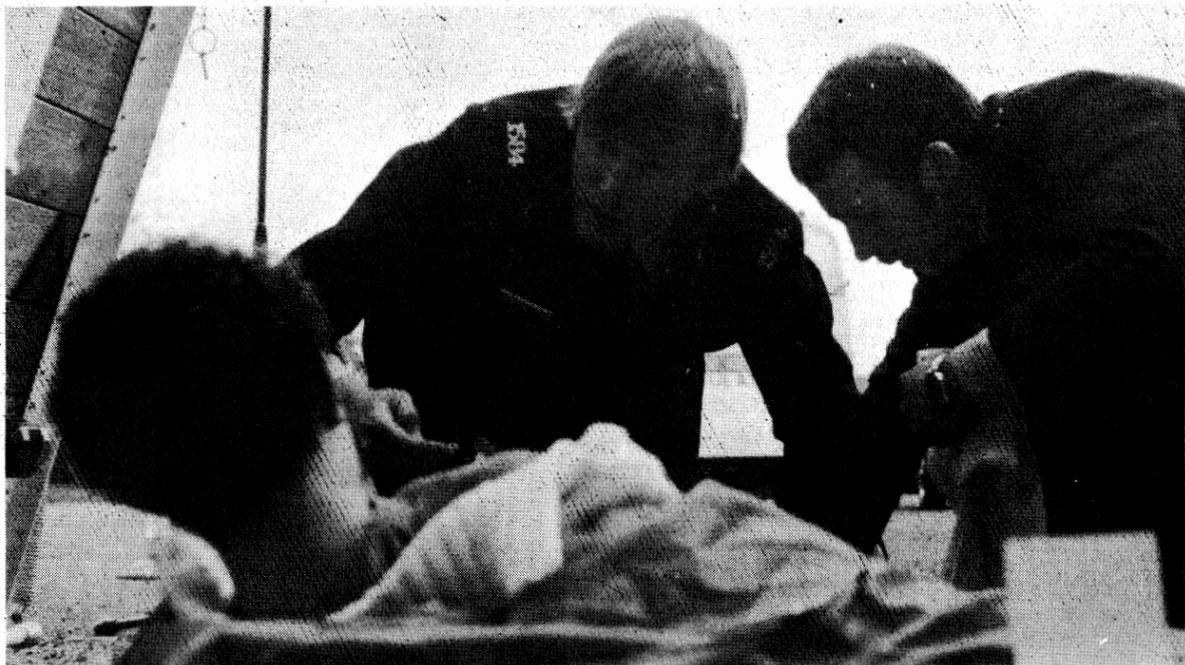
ALTHOUGH Rayleigh Division had the joint winners of the individual tests they were beaten in the team test. Trevor Mathews, left, and Reg Hooper who scored 57/80 await the presentation.



IT WAS the team test which shot Basildon into the lead, their turn came first after lunch, and they are seen in action above and below. The Kennedy-Mahoney duo tackle patient number one above, total asphyxia for the first eight minutes, fractured jaw and skull. Meanwhile, below, the rest of the team, Odell-Currell, deal with a fractured femur.



had a good laugh. Traffic Division place third behind more Leigh and Basildon. From left, I. Goldsmith, R. Lloyd, R. D. Seago, D. Powell, and K. Brown.



plemn, from left, M. Scott, trainer, P. Dodd, R. Emberson, A. Nicholson, and S. Cox.



MORE relaxed as they await the results, joined by their reserve, Dawn Ireland, the Basildon team of Pat Mahoney, Ian Kennedy, Andy Odell and Stephen Currell.



EPPING declared U.D.I. from Harlow and put in their own team, seen here awaiting presentation of awards, from left P. Brown, J. Young, D. Manders, V. Mullender.

HER THIRTY TWO FOR DIVISIONS LAST MONTH



J. Rickards Foundry worker Basildon
A. Pickering T.V. engineer Dunmow
C. Swift Army Southend
I. Logan Student Rayleigh



R. Stock Carpenter Southend
S. Mowday Mechanic Benfleet
T. Thompson Toolmaker Maldon
W. Ostins Clerk Chelmsford
D. Onyons Clerk Rayleigh
M. Bowditch Royal Navy Colchester
R. Kimble Electrician Basildon



A. Jones Royal Marines Clacton
G. Crisp Carpenter Basildon
L. Bickford Security Guard Maldon
R. Insall Office Manager Grays

Soccer cup success for Rhymes squad

HAVING got into the final of the Southern Counties Cup, Police travelled to neutral ground at Bushey, Herts., to take on the old enemy, Kent, in the comfortable knowledge that they had beaten them twice already this season.

Essex started confidently on a ground soaked into a muddy state by heavy rain and the match was only six minutes old when a Stewart cross was headed in by Paul Gamman. This stung Kent into putting heavy pressure on Essex and after about 25 minutes a defensive mistake let them in to equalise.

Essex still looked dangerous on the break and ten minutes before half-time a scramble in the Kent goalmouth resulted in Stewart Lowe putting Essex back in front. Then the referee disallowed after Dave Murthwaite had netted.

After 20 minutes' even play in the second half an intended cross from Peter Taylor deceived the Kent

Rhymes squad

'keeper and floated into goal: lucky but timely and it signalled the start of 25 minutes' of outstanding play by Essex who took complete control of the game.

The fourth effort was one of the goals of the season, some marvellous play between Taylor and Alan Rusbridge resulting in a cross being met by a superb header from John Stewart.

Final result was a 5-1 victory for Essex, celebrated with two bottles of champagne produced by Mr. Comrie, section chairman.

South Mids.

On to Norwich where the team were hoping to reach their second Police final, in the South Midlands Cup. Essex, under strength for various reasons, faced a full-strength Norfolk side.

Without playing specially well, Essex nevertheless had the ball in the net four times and go into the final against Suffolk later in May. The highlight of the game, won 4-1 by Essex, was a 30-yard shot by Peter Taylor which fairly zipped into the net.

Olympian

Success in police games meant Essex Police were riding high as they were lying second in the league and were still in the League Cup. Two bad knocks in three days ended all this as they went down to Benfleet 2-1 in the Cup after controlling most of the game, and then lost to league leaders Rayleigh. The score here was 2-0 and Police were lucky not to lose by more.

The result of the lottery run by the section for a football was a win for Pc. J. Stewart of Colchester.



GEORGE TAKES OVER

NEW man in the force sports office is Constable George Sage who will officially remain on Rayleigh's strength where he has been on Control Room strength since the Station opened.

George has had little connection with sport since being involved in a serious road accident while on a driving course in 1964 when he was the first Southend Borough Officer to train at Chelmsford.

But he will be well known throughout Essex as secretary of the Constables Branch Board who also has responsibility for processing criminal injuries claims.

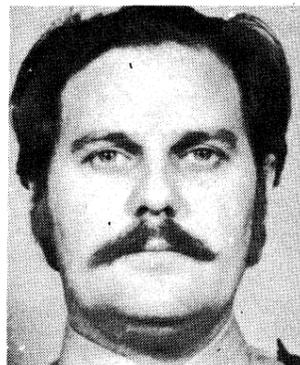
The switch is part of the plan to relieve the H.Q. Public Relations Office of some of its extraneous

Sporting pair wed

A SPORTING engagement ended at the church in late April when two well known Essex Police sporting personalities were married at Shrub End, Colchester.

Siobhan McAuley and Vaughan Mullender met at the School while both were Cadets and from the start both began to represent the Force at various sports, athletics, including cross country and walking, football, netball, and hockey. Vaughan is currently a regular member of the soccer squad while Siobhan plays centre at netball.

After the wedding the couple spent a brief honeymoon in Cornwall.



'Time off' considered

THE Standing Advisory Committee considered the question of "time off for sport" at their meeting on 2nd May.

Two aspects were examined. How much duty time could be spared for sport, and should players be technically on duty to

avoid pension problems if they are badly injured and have to be cast from the force.

The committee decided to define the problem, if one exists, by seeking opinions of divisional commanders, and sports section secretaries.

duties to allow concentration on press relations.

Chief Insp. J. Hedgethorpe took over the sports club reins during the summer of 1977 when the Sports Association had been left without a secretary.

George Sage will be full-time secretary coupled with his Federation functions.



FORCE FOOTBALL squad and supporters seen before boarding the coach for their tour of Netherlands where they played three matches against Police teams. Results, 6-0, 4-0 and 1-2 will be fully reported in the next issue.

Basildon whitewash Clacton



BASILDON swept to victory in the final of the darts competition for the Coryn Cup, brushing Clacton aside by five nil. All their team were in good form though Eric Birkin was, perhaps, a little off target — for him. The ladies had a close match which almost went Clacton's way before Terry Earl clinched it.

Pictured above are Basildon, from left Eric Birkin, John Stanton, Terry Earl, Jack Dean, Harry Fordham. Below, the Clacton team, from left, Noel Reeve, Gordon Hughes-Whiffing, Rosemary Greaves, Richard Greaves, and John Jacobs.



Elderly Grays team win



SUBJECT of concern for Grays during the interval seems to be John Barcham's bad back.

THEY might almost be called Grays Geriatrics. Baby of the team is Mick Beale, second from left, who admits to being 32 while the rest of the team will never see 40 again, and this allows a bit of leeway. But they won.

Taking on the youngsters from Chelmsford — well, they had their veteran too — Grays ran out winners of the table tennis final for the Quick Cup by 8 matches to 6. They are seen above, from left, Alan Cooper, Mick Beale, Eileen Wilson, John Barcham, and Bob Thurston.

Chelmsford, below, gave them a hard fight. They led 4-2 and then took the score to 6-5 before conceding defeat. From left John Virgo, Chris Jacob, Keith Marsh, Anita Moss, and Laurie Austin.

Anchor man for Grays was Mick Beale who won all his three matches.



Athletes lose by single pt.

ESSEX Police athletics squad opened their summer season on May 5 with a home match in the Southern League.

New secretary Bert Wallace was a little uncertain about what sort of team he had turned out. One or two who had promised to come did not appear and then an admin muddle meant no points in the first event of the day, the 400mts hurdles.

But by mid-afternoon, thanks to some good performances by a far from fit team, Police were hard on the heels of the leaders, Lowestoft A.C., and then went in front. This lasted until the final result to be announced, the discus, where Lowestoft scored two more points than Police to go from one behind to one in front.

Far from being despondent at this narrow defeat Bert Wallace was elated at the teams efforts. "It shows that we can come and have a pleasant afternoons sport and still

Walking

THOSE two regular racers, Messrs Sheppard and Hedgethorpe have continued to get on the road regularly at all sorts of distances, varying from 3 miles to 31, though reference to the longer distance is not quite accurate.

On Easter Saturday the Essex 50kms took place at Basildon. After an exceptionally cold winter, this day was the hottest for 30 years, apparently, which somewhat discomforted Police walkers who covered various distances less than 31 miles. It was a bit of a disaster, really, but not uncommon on the Basildon course.

A better day resulted in the Essex 20 miles when Police had four men out on the Police HQ to Danbury and back course. It was an odd race with several international walkers taking things very easy on the way out but racing back, while others raced out and strolled back. Others still raced out and almost collapsed coming back, into which category Denis Sheppard fell. He felt rather ill and by 18 miles had the added discomfort of being overtaken by John Hedgethorpe, for the first time in several years, though the latter felt little better in the cold wind. Still, times were not bad and with Les Berry and Barry Daymond putting in mileage preparatory to the "Barking" later this month it was a useful session.

On April 18 Sheppard represented British Police in a match against Civil Service and R.A.F., which Police won, the first time for several years that Civil Service have lost this event.

The Police Barking to Southend race takes place on Sunday, May 18, starting at 9 a.m. The head of the field will pass through Grays about 10.30 a.m. and get to Westcliff about 1.30 p.m. The finish is at Southend Football Club where the winner should arrive about 1.45 p.m. followed by others at intervals until about 4.30 p.m. The bar will be open and spectators will be made welcome.

RESULTS

Eastway 3 miles: 31.3.79.
7th D. Sheppard 23.56; 9th J. Hedgethorpe 24.14.
Essex 10,000m: Hornchurch: 4.4.79.
5th D. Sheppard 48.29; 12th J. Hedgethorpe 52.30.
National 10 miles: York: 7.4.79.
33rd P. Ryan 78.06; 92nd J. Hedgethorpe 88.35.
Essex 20 miles: Chelmsford: 28.4.79.
12th J. Hedgethorpe 3.02.56; 14th D. Sheppard 3.06.53; 24th L. Berry and B. Daymond 3.33.44.

Force lottery

RESULT of the draw held at Harlow on Friday 27th April 1979.

1st prize Ps 324 R. G. Mann, Southend, £909.94; 2nd prize P.c. 617 S. E. Millbourne, Colchester, £454.97; 3rd prize D.s. 57 A. R. Smith, Colchester CID, £227.48; 4th prize Mr W. M. Smith, Basildon, £113.74.

Consolation prizes at £22.75 each — Susan Pyke, H.Q. Communications; W.P.c. 3060 Norton, Billericay; Thelma Carlisle, Leigh; W.P.c. 3127 P. Osborne, Rayleigh; D.s. 122 D. F. Smith, H.Q. C.D.U.

The next draw will be held at Rayleigh on the evening of Saturday, 26th May 1979.

Awards for champions restored

AT their meeting on 30th April the committee of the Force Sports Association agreed to award plaques to all winners and runners-up in force championship events.

This would take effect immediately though get close to winning", he said.

Newly joined since last summer, Phil Barrett from Leigh scored a sprint double and anchored the 4 x 400mts team to 2nd place.

Simon Halford won at high and triple jumps and Chris Odell also had a double, high jump and

restored

trophies would not be ready for some events to be played in early May.

Annual cost at present prices was assessed at £300.

110mts hurdles. Bert Wallace spent the afternoon throwing things about winning the hammer, the javelin off the last throw of the contest, and taking 2nd place at shot and discus.

And Andy Odell transferred into the heavy mob for the day, winning 'B' string events at shot and hammer and placing 2nd with javelin.

Other winners were Len Perrott, 'B' 200m, Kevin Nowell, 'B' 400, and Dave Northcott, long jump. Distance men Alex Vowles, Steve Pearmain, Martin Atkinson and Vic Murphy had a busy afternoon, covering the longer events between them — and some of the shorter ones to fill in.

A good start to the season indicating that with full support the team could once again win the Regional title it has held in past years.

Angling

THE Inter-divisional Sea Angling Competition was held at Southend-on-Sea on Friday 23rd, March, 1979. Fishing in boats, in ideal weather conditions good catches of Cod were made by all the 32 competitors.

The winners of the Inter-divisional Cup was Chelmsford Division. Their team: Ian Shead (Writtle), Jim Panting (Witham), Mick Kohler (Chelmsford) and Keith Simpson (Sandon Dog Section), caught between them 113 lbs 6 oz of fish. Southend Division was second with 86 lbs 11 ozs, and Rayleigh Division 3rd, with 85 lbs 3 ozs.

Winner of the Barkway Cup for the heaviest individual catch was Keith Mower (Southend) who caught 40 lbs of fish.



IPA notes

VERY little news has reached me this month. From Harlow I hear that on the 4th June they will be entertaining a party of 32 persons from Friedberg in Germany. All are welcome in the bar that evening.

From Southend, I hear that at present the house is empty, but will soon be occupied again without a break until October.

I also have news of three trips being organized by "Met K" Branch, which are also open to Essex Members.

The first is a day trip on Saturday 23.6.79 to Peterborough by coach. Cost to be finalised, but children will travel half price. A full programme will be arranged with a social during the evening.

Next is a holiday week to Como in Italy from 23rd to 28th September 1979. Cost of flight £66 from London to Milan. Como are paying for three double rooms at a hotel. Cost in excess of six persons will be shared between the whole party.

Finally a minibus trip to Bonn in West Germany 27th to 31st October 1979. Accommodation with German families. Overall cost about £60.

Further details and booking all three trips to Pc Dave Massey at East Ham Police Station.

Customs checked at

Driving School

FOR the first time, last month, Driving School ran a three-weeks motor cycle course for Customs officers. It is hoped that more will follow.

The last day of this course is spent on trials riding and the students are seen with their instructor during a break. A day in the pits at Danbury is not

for the faint hearted. Alas The Law failed to record a single tumble — of which there were several — having always just that second pictured something else.

The group includes, from left, Dick Pearce, Dave Thomas, Geoff Hughes, instructor, and Reg Low. All the Customs men are senior officers based in London.



Cake marks wardens' 15 years.



TO MARK the 15 years since Wardens took to the streets of Chelmsford in 1964, a celebration was held at the town Police Station last month.

Our picture above shows the present staff — only one missing, though they are several under strength

— with Supt. R. Storey, sub-divisional commander.

Demonstrating their durability, five are originals, or founder-members, having been among those who began the Traffic Warden era back in 1964.

Pictured below, these are

from left: Ray Brown, Harry Morgan, Len Taylor, Jack Francis and Roy Baker.

The occasion doubled as a farewell gathering for Traffic Warden Supervisor, Len Taylor, who retired on 3rd May. He is seen below with gifts and a scroll signed by all his colleagues.



who competed, one of whom had never taken part in a motoring event before.

Billericay Motor Club are holding an autocross at Jenkins Farm, Navestock on 27 May. If you are interested in taking part or offering your services as a marshal contact Tony Campen at HQ Garage as soon as possible. Talking of marshals, the Lancia Pointer Stage Rally (Night Stages) takes place overnight on Saturday and Sunday 7 and 8 July. This event is organised by the Sporting Car



Club of Norfolk and enthusiasts are needed to act as marshals for the whole rally. If you are interested in marshalling on this type of prolonged event, contact Tony by 15 June.

Back on the social scene, a disco will be held at the Training School from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Contact John Hart for tickets.

The annual Seaxes rally, scheduled for 2 and 3 June has, for various reasons, had to be postponed. This fixture has been provisionally re-arranged for 11 and 12 August. Contact Brian Jaggs for further details.

On your visits to the shop, you may not have noticed the T-Shirts on sale. They have the Seaxes motif on the front in blue and red on a white background. Available, in small, medium and large at £2 each. Ties, car badges, key fobs and car stickers are also available.

On a final note the Seaxes Auto book should be available around mid June. Copies are free so keep your eyes open for them. If you have any enquiries regarding Seaxes, your committee members will be only too willing to help.

Radar "gun" tested

PEOPLE who live in and around Harlow were given plenty of warning about a new type of speed detecting device being brought into use in the area.

On 6th April, members of the local Press were invited to Harlow Traffic Garage for a demonstration in the use of the Muniquip T.3 hand-held radar device by Inspector John Johnson, Harlow Traffic. Stressing that this was not just another device to persecute the motorist, Inspector Johnson said that its introduction was a genuine effort to reduce the 1978 figure of 170 fatal and 9,411 injury accidents in the County.

Magistrates in Epping, Ongar, Harlow, Dunmow and Saffron Walden had already been given a short talk and practical demonstration and the equipment was brought into use on 17th April.

The hand-held radar device has been used in America for many years. The Traffic Committee of A.C.P.O. — Association of Chief Police Officers, looked at various models and their working party published a document which said that three of the



Inspector Johnson of Harlow Traffic Sub aims the Muniquip T.3 apparatus: picture by courtesy of West Essex Gazette and Citizen.

devices were suitable for police use. Sussex and Cleveland Police Forces were chosen to try them out.

Inspector Johnson attended a three-day seminar in Sussex together with Sussex and Cleveland Officers who had been using the equipment, and returned to this force to start a training programme here. Most of Harlow Traffic Sub-Division officers have been taught how to use the Muniquip T3, and if it proves successful in Harlow, its use will spread county-wide.

The Muniquip T.3 is light, easy to carry and runs off a 12-volt battery, or the cigarette lighter in the car. Its accuracy is easily checked by using a tuning fork pre-set to oscillate at 65 m.p.h. and the equipment works when pointed at a vehicle up to 300 yards away.

The advantages are that it is portable and simple to use. It is ideal for detecting speeding offences in confined areas, for example housing estates where it is impractical to use the old devices, there isn't enough distance to pre-feed the vascar and you cannot follow with a police car.

Happy memories of Social Hut

28 April 1979

Dear Editor,

I am sure the photograph in your April issue of the New Court Players will conjure up happy memories, not only amongst the ex-Players but also all those at Headquarters who

attended or took part in the many activities in "the social hut".

The photograph is of the play "The Devil Was Sick" by Kenneth Horne which was staged in December 1962. It shows, from left to right, Bill Docker, Ralph Hagger, Peter Hagger (Ralph's son), Audrey Hagger, me and Iris Ponder who was a telephonist at H.Q. Sue Clark and Dorothy Morrison (not in the picture) completed the cast. The show was produced by Ralph Hagger.

The New Court Players' first show, "See How They Run" was produced by Les Manning in 1952 and, altogether there were some eleven or twelve productions.

Yours sincerely,
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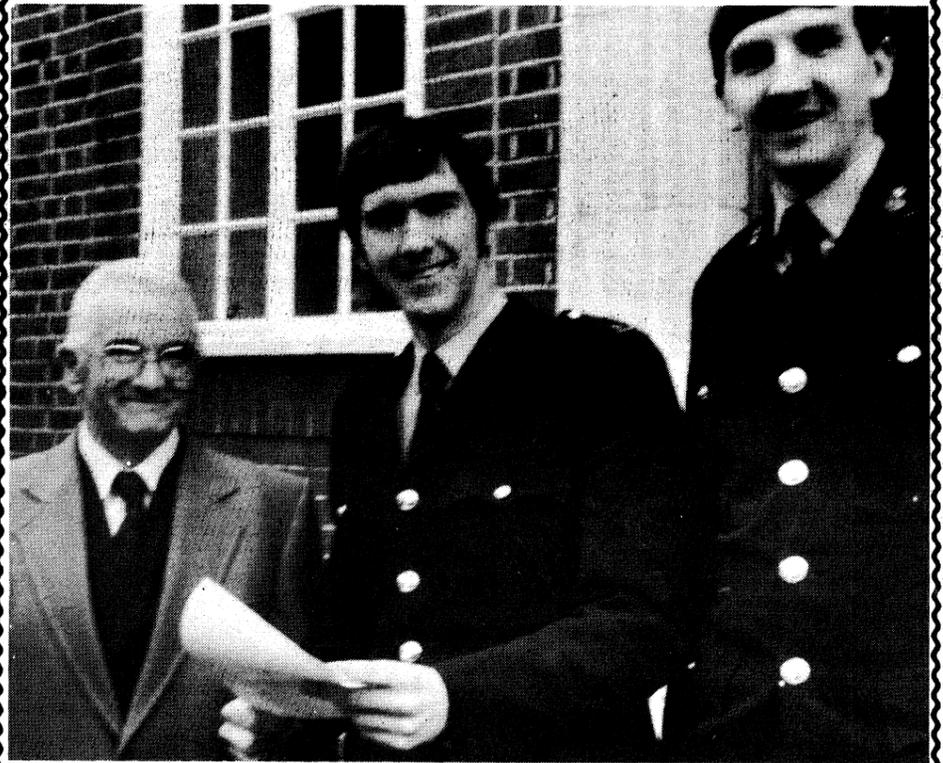
No different

DEAR SIR,

I feel I must comment on the article by John Glasscock in the April edition of The Law, criticising the new Information Room.

As an ex-member of the force, and one who served some 22 years in the Information Rooms at Headquarters, I say rooms, as in those 22 years there were several changes, each one a little

Awards for Billericay two



NOBODY was more delighted to be at Billericay Court on 17th April to see the presentation of Royal Humane Society Awards to P.c. Kevin Nowell, now stationed at Chelmsford and P.c. Trevor Hewitt, stationed at Billericay, than Mr Charles Rich, the heart attack victim whose life they saved.

In October last year, the officers were called to the scene of a road accident in London Road, Billericay where a car had collided with a traffic island. The

driver, Mr Charles Rich was slumped over the wheel and there was no indication of pulse or heart beat. The officers removed him from the car and laid him on the ground, loosened his clothing and started resuscitation. Trevor Hewitt applied mouth to mouth resuscitation and Kevin Nowell, a member of the force life-saving squad, attempted heart massage. They continued this first aid for several minutes until breathing was resumed. Mr Rich was taken to hospital, placed in

the intensive care unit and has now made a good recovery.

Presenting the Awards, Mrs Grist, chairman of the Bench said "the officers attended the scene of a road accident in the normal course of their duty, but because of the nature of the accident, their actions far exceeded their normal course of duty. This incident highlights the scope and ability of the Police Force of this country. P.c.s Hewitt and Nowell are worthy members of the Essex Force."

LAGER ONE YEAR OLD

OPERATION Lager celebrates its first birthday this month.

The operation, a massive

drug ring busting exercise — huge both in relation to the police operation as well as the ring which was smashed — broke on May 20 last year in Chelmsford. It involved over 100 Officers in the early weeks, but has since continued to run on a slimmer staff, though still the biggest long term job this force has undertaken.

There are currently 37

officers involved under the command of Det. Ch. Insp. Barry Tarbun, including three who do nothing but collate, index and secure exhibits.

"Enquiries are continuing and the most optimistic assessment puts the end of the various committals and trials at not sooner than mid-1980," says Barry Tarbun.

In fact it could be a year longer than this depending upon charges and pleas.

BEST MATE

IS IT a case of man's best friend? A recent force order asked for applications to fill one vacancy on the dog section, and Chief Inspector Clarke in charge of that department has been inundated with requests from would be dog handlers.

He said: "I have only twenty-five men on the section at the present time, but have received thirty-two applications from all over the county from officers with varying lengths of service.

better than the last, which must follow with improved technology.

The only thing that surprises me about Mr. Glasscock's article, is that he still works at Headquarters. I worked with him for several years at H.Q. and I can remember distinctly how he used to moan about the old Information Room — it was dirty, it was too hot and the equipment was old and inadequate. I wish he would make up his mind what he wants, personally I do not think he does know. His article to me, is a kick at the establishment.

To put it in his own words, I am not being destructively abusive, to Mr. Glasscock, just wishing him well with the Fire Brigade.

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Korea Vets

DEAR SIR,

May I through the courtesy of your column bring to the attention of your readers the formation of The National Association of Korean War Veterans, and in particular to the above Branch.

The Association is open to all Ex-Servicemen who served in the campaign and were awarded the Korean and/or United Nation Medals.

It is considered that many

Servicemen who left the Forces between 1950 and 1953 may have joined the Essex Constabulary and may now be on the point of retirement.

We would be pleased to hear from any of your readers irrespective of his intention of joining the Association for we undertake to forward if possible the names of men who served in the same unit.

Those interested in the Association would they please write to the above address.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

A letter purporting to come from "a group of Southend civilians" has been received by the Editor, complaining about the Federation's attitude to civilians. It is our policy not to publish unsigned letters and if the writers will contact the Editor he will give their views adequate space in the next issue.



Wartime crash — Dornier 217

Dear Sir:

I was most interested in the photograph on page 3 of the current issue of "The Law" depicting a part of the Dornier bomber shot down at Layer Breton Heath in April 1943.

This "unidentifiable flying object" is in fact a quarter segment of a ring mounted fan having a total of 12 blades which served to improve the air-flow round the radially mounted cylinders of the B.M.W. engines used on this particular series of Dornier 217 bombers. The fan ring was mounted on the airscrew drive shaft between the prop. hub and the front engine casing. It therefore rotated in the same direction as the airscrew and at the same speed.

From the inscription on the ring mounting it would appear that this example was fitted to "No 2" motor (port-side) and the German characters, typically embossed in their DIN 1451 style lettering which was universally adopted by the Luftwaffe and

German aero industry for servicing instructions, indicate that it was necessary to reassemble the fan on the correct motor as originally supplied.

Further to the above incident and the request for information by John Linn I am pleased to be able to tell you that I have about 98 per cent of the whole story and can supply him with crew names of the Dornier, its target, the map ref. of the crash site, the aircraft's identity number, etc., etc., but would prefer to supply him direct if you don't mind as I am about to collate this particular tale into an article for the Essex Police Magazine and would not wish to pre-empt your pleasure in reading this by telling 30 per cent of the article at this stage.

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