

## THE FLYING SQUAD

— 1980 STYLE



THE Government decision to send a detachment of British Police Officers to Rhodesia in a demonstration to show the fairness of the elections was a pat on the back for the Service.

It seems that the sight of a bobby's helmet still emphasises the feeling of fairness and justice all over the globe.

Some of our critics would do well to consider that the "rotten apples" in our midst are so few in number that they become headline material.

The Essex Squad, all volunteers, are pictured leaving Headquarters en route to Heathrow. A feature special appears on pages 4 and 5.

### NEW DEPUTY TAKES OFFICE

"I HOPE to take a keen interest in all aspects of the force" said Mr. Ronald Stone, new Deputy Chief Constable, during his first week in Essex. He has no previous connections with the County, but will be living in Danbury.

#### Police family

A somewhat "police orientated" family man, Mr. Stone met his wife Jean when they were both police officers in Devon. He has one son aged 16 still living at home, and three daughters. One is married and living in Devon, one married to a Met. Police Sergeant, and one daughter a policewoman in Bedfordshire. He has two grandsons.

Joining the Devon Constabulary in 1949, Mr. Stone was a Constable for thirteen years, spending time in a variety of departments throughout the county, including C.I.D. coroners officer and rural beat. Then came what he describes as a "meteoric rise" from Sergeant to Superintendent in five years, with a spell in training. He was Commandant of Bruche District Training Centre from 1970 to 1972.

#### Town and Country

As Chief Superintendent, Mr. Stone was Divisional Commander of Oakhampton Division —

what must be the largest rural division in the country — with the fewest men. He then moved to Plymouth where he was Divisional Commander for two years prior to his move as Assistant Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire.

#### Sporting Type

An ex-physical training instructor with the Lancashire Fusiliers, Mr. Stone has represented Devon and Cornwall Police at rugby, cricket and water polo. He still plays tennis, badminton and swims. Headquarters staff have been amazed this last few weeks to see the new Deputy Chief Constable running around the Headquarters playing fields to keep fit. He hopes to follow Essex County Cricket Club and is looking forward to attending some Sunday matches in the John Player League.

### MAX VOTED TOPS AT CANVEY



Pic by courtesy Evening Echo

### Research Team



JUST returned from the Junior Command Course at Bramshill, newly promoted Chief Inspector David Taylor will take charge of a new section of the Training School.

The section will examine and hopefully rewrite Standing Orders. The current copy was first brought into use in 1970 and indexed in 1972. It has expanded over the years to allow for new laws and changing needs in policing, but is in need of an overhaul, if not a completely new format.

#### New developments

Chief Inspector Taylor will head a team of two Sergeants and also be responsible for research for the training school. Recent legislation, stated cases and court decisions will all be looked at, and the force made aware of new legal developments.

The section has been set up following discussions and agreement by the Standing Advisory Committee.

### BRUCE LOSES DOGGY TOOTH

BRUCE, the police dog whose artistic dentistry received nationwide press and television coverage, recently lost his new nickel chromium tooth whilst training in a field at Stow Maries.

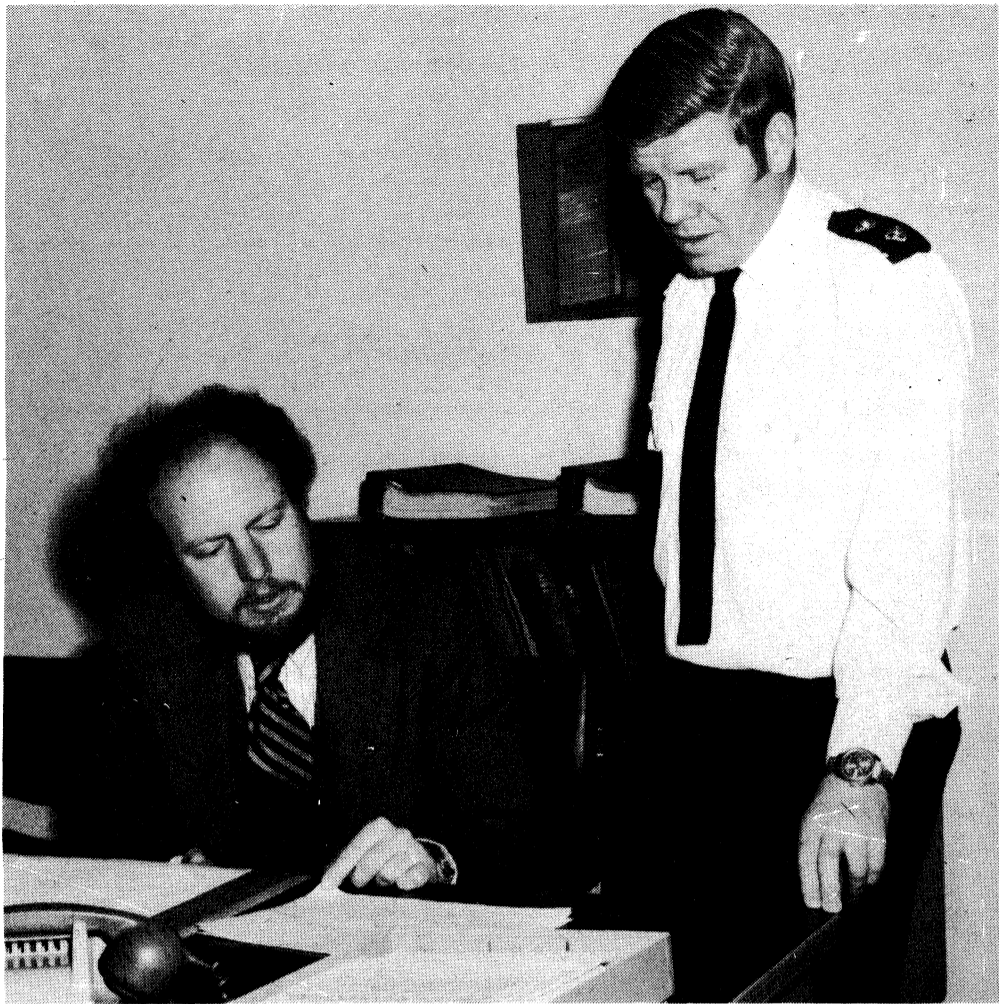
Handler Mick Mercer, stationed at Sandon Dog Section, borrowed a metal detector and painstakingly searched the field with great success. The tooth was recovered and replaced. Bruce once again sports a perfect set of (false) teeth.

WITH children on Canvey, P.C. Max Bacon is firm favourite. Neighbourhood bobby and schools liaison officer for the last two years, Max has recently transferred to Leigh, but the children of Canvey County Primary School decided to give him a special send off.

Summoned into his

Sergeant's office at the beginning of a late turn, Max was completely taken by surprise to see a group of children from the school accompanied by Headmaster Mr Haisman-Baker and Headmistress Mrs Phillips. Each class in the school made its own card to present him with and they bought him a

lighter out of school funds. P.C. Bacon has moved nearer home to reduce travelling, but misses the contact he had with children, visiting schools to talk on the role of the police, road safety and the danger of going with strangers. He says that he feels that "the police cannot do enough in this field".



Phillip Winberry in discussion with Colchester Process Inspector, John Chidwick.

HOW OFTEN has it been said that "the wheels of justice turn exceeding slow" — now an investigation into why this happens in minor cases being brought before Magistrates Courts has been instigated by the Home Office. An American lawyer, Phillip Winberry, employed by the Vera Institute of Justice of New York has been studying the problem in selected areas of England since last summer.

One of the towns chosen was Colchester, and Phillip has spent many weeks in the Magistrates Clerk's Office, collecting data. Now he has turned his

attention to the police side of things, interviewing Prosecutions Department staff and supervising officers. Hopefully he will be producing a programme to improve the situation which may mean many of the systems we have known for years will disappear.

Originally set up to investigate the problems of jail overcrowding in Manhattan because of the bulk of pre-trial prisoners, the Vera Institute has investigated Community Service and Victims Aid Programmes in the United States and Pre-trial Release programmes in Paris. Prior to coming to England,

where he has also been working to produce Work Schemes for the Probation Service in London, Mr Winberry studied the problem of report writing for police officers of the 43rd Precinct (beloved of television writers) in the Bronx.

Understandably guarded when asked for his opinion of the present system, Mr Winberry listed that one of his observations to the Home Office would be that there was far too much paperwork involved in minor criminal matters and that there were ways to eliminate much of this. Amen to that!

## POLICE MEDICINE

AN INTERESTING item from the periodical 'Doctor', a circulation for General Practitioners, has a bearing on the increasing work being carried out in schools by Police Officers. David Cargill, a retired doctor from a village not too far from Maldon, relates the following story in his article discussing "preventive medicine" as not being wholly the prerogative of the medical profession. We are indebted to David for his authority to quote this passage, he withholds the true name of the village although we hope he does not reach "the village gates" for many years to come.

"Our County police force has an important role in preventive paediatrics. It gives valuable training in pedestrian and cyclist survival but doesn't stop at that.

Take the case of Trilling County Primary School which is out in the country but has several hundred pupils. A policeman comes there twice every term to tell the kids about the facts of life, off the road as well as on it. The school, with equal worthiness, likes to get the children 'involved in the community' and the nine-to-elevens were out leafletting for charity when a kind gentleman in a nice car came along to offer them lifts.

It would, he pointed out, make it so much easier to cover the ground and increase the effectiveness of their work during the short period before winter dusk.

The copper had visited recently and all the children declined the kind gentleman's offer. One even took the registration number of his car, but it proved to be obsolete. I guess the kind gentleman to have been a roving paederast.

Since sexual assault on children quite often ends up in their deaths, the copper's role in preventive medicine deserves commendation."

receipts are always issued and will show the year for which payment relates.

### Association Diaries, 1981.

It has been decided to issue another Diary for 1981, the information contained is very helpful for members and full details will appear in the next bulletin as to where and when to order. The cost will be 35 pence plus postage.

### Private Patients' Medical Scheme

The Scheme has been thoroughly investigated and Insp. Ted Davidson, J.B.B. Chairman has gone to great lengths to explain the Scheme in the last edition of "The Law". It is now for each pensioner to decide what action to take as soon as the proposal forms are received.

As 'The Law' is going to print a week earlier than expected, news for our column is somewhat scarce, but nevertheless the work still goes on behind the scenes.



THIRTY YEARS of Sergeant Basil Shoulders' police service has been spent at Headquarters. He joined Essex County Constabulary in 1947 and was posted to Colchester before coming to Headquarters in 1950, working in various departments including administration, training school and for the last six years, in stores.

On his retirement this month, Mr Taylor A.C.C. 'A' presented Basil with a carriage clock on behalf of his friends and colleagues. He started work the following Monday as a progress chaser at Stanway Traffic Garage.

His wife Lorna who has been employed in Crime Statistics Department for the past six years also resigned this month.

## Reversed Roles



Pic. by courtesy Evening Echo

A GREAT DEAL of argument has taken place within the police service these last few years about integration and women's lib, but Rayleigh warrants clerk Agneta Hesketh and her husband Cecil have recently dealt a body blow to every male chauvinist.

Now 58, Agneta got her job with Essex Police about seven years ago. Originally at Southend Police Station and then moving on to Rayleigh, she enjoys the work and didn't want to leave when husband Cecil, a gas worker retired.

The couple decided to reverse their roles rather than try to make ends meet on one pension. Now Cecil

aged 69 is the man about the house, while Agneta continues with her job. He is an excellent cook and knows where to find the bargains at the shops. He also spends time driving for the meals-on-wheels service and visiting other pensioners who have retired from the gas industry.

Celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in April this year, Agneta and Cecil have to admit that at first their new relationship took some getting used to, but they decided it was the only sensible thing to do, and would recommend it to any other couples, particularly those where the wife is younger than her husband.

## Off to Brazil



RAYLEIGH police officer Ray Burman is soon leaving this country for a six week visit to South America on a Rotary-Foundation Scholarship.

Residential Beat Officer Ray was invited to talk to Benfleet Rotary Group and was later nominated by them for the scholarship, awarded annually. He was one of fifty non-rotarians whose names were put forward by Rotary Groups throughout Essex, and after a series of interviews, was one of five successful candidates.

P.C. Burman will be touring South American cities including Rio, Brasilia and Sao Paulo,

studying all aspects of local communities including local government, industry, hospitals and schools.

Arrangements have been made for him to spend a week studying the police force in Sao Paulo, a city with approx. fourteen million inhabitants. Headed by a General, the police force is 55,000 strong. Ray will be staying with a member of that force, a Colonel, and is looking forward immensely to his trip and to the insight he hopes to gain into another country and another country's police force.

## Family effort

£60 HAS been raised for this year's pensioners' garden party by the Thurgood family. As previewed in the last edition of The Law Chief Inspector Wally Thurgood, wife Sylvia and their son and daughter gave a concert of light operatic and instrumental music at Maldon on Saturday, 15th March.

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**O**fficers *by Bert Brinkley*

### Enrolments

Will intending new members please note that subscriptions should always accompany the enrolment form, delay in sending can cause unnecessary telephone calls and postage. It would also be appreciated if the forms could be sent to the Branch (Chelmsford, Colchester or Southend) to which the pensioner wishes to be enrolled.

Whilst on the question of subscriptions, the Treasurer has issued reminders to members in arrears. It would seem that on occasions some members through paying late conclude payment is for the current year instead of the year just ended (31 December). However,

## Vital Statistics



MRS JENNIFER Luscombe was recently appointed as the Force Statistics Officer. This is a new post, she is responsible for co-ordinating and collating the work of what were three separate departments, crime statistics, accident statistics and data

processing, and for the production of statistics and returns for Essex Police and the Home Office.

Married with one daughter, Mrs Luscombe lives in Chelmsford. Her previous post was Information Officer to Essex Social Services.

## HOLIDAY FUND

Subscribers to the Holiday Fund are reminded of the following points:—

- (1) The summer entitlement is three-quarters of the annual total;
- (2) At least 7 days' notice must be given for withdrawals;
- (3) Applications for withdrawal will NOT be accepted over the telephone;
- (4) Cheques can be cashed at any branch of the Trustee Savings Bank in the Essex County, or paid into an officer's own bank account. They should not be used for payment elsewhere.

## Who Laughs Now?

CAR SQUAD officers at Basildon had little difficulty identifying cheeky thieves who taunted them with a postcard — they signed it with their initials.

Addressed to Dave and Co — a reference to Detective Constable David Lowe, they wrote "Hi you mugs. Having a great time.

## C.S. Branch Seminars

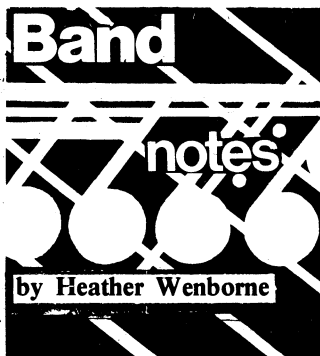
IN RECENT weeks, the Community Services Branch have embarked on a series of one day seminars held at Headquarters, which will be attended eventually by all Sergeants in the County.

At the end of the day, it is hoped that those officers

Got some more cars. Now try to find us. How do you feel (sick) P. S. Write back soon, mugs."

Now it's the villains turn to feel sick. They were arrested and recently appeared at Crown Court. The judge wasn't amused either — both men received custodial sentences for taking cars!

enthusiastic about the C.S.B. will find it interesting, those who accept the scheme will see the philosophy behind it, and those policemen who view the scheme with cynicism, can take the opportunity to express their point of view and get their doubts answered.



### Visit To Ryton

On 13th March 1980 (this sounds as if it should begin "To the duty Sergeant") the Band gathered at Headquarters and set off to Ryton-on-Dunsmore, the Band's first visit there, although not for myself and other female members. When we arrived we noticed that the buildings had certainly taken a change for the better.

It had been arranged that we would play for the Passing Out Parade on Friday afternoon and also provide music at the Dining In Night. We were not sure how the students would react, having a full brass band blasting away in the dining room, but any fears we had were soon dissolved after a good deal of cheering and rousing applause, which was followed by table banging, glass tapping and clapping in time to our performance of Floral Dance and Post Horn Gallop.

We also played later in the evening, but a good deal of intoxicating liquor had been consumed by then — no, not by the band!

It was hard work and a lot of blowing but our labours were rewarded. We were treated to excellent hospitality and entertainment by the instructors, and our thanks goes to them for making our overnight stay so enjoyable. (Just mention The Dambusters or Lancasters to a band member, the result could be amusing.)

The Parade on the next day went very well, although it was rather cold and wet, but I feel I must give a special mention here to John Waddington for a beautiful, clear, perfectly pitched note that echoed from his trombone, it was a shame the rest of the band forgot to play!

I think I can speak for the whole band, and say it was one of the best engagements we have undertaken. We received many favourable comments for our trouble and hope that we will be asked again.

Now back to Essex, the Princes' Theatre, Clacton, to be exact, the Essex Police Band are giving an evening concert there on Wednesday, 9th April, your support will be welcome. Good listening.

## DATE AT BUCK HOUSE

ON 12th May, W.P.C. Wendy Spoons of Corringham has a date at Buckingham Palace. Not with Prince Charles we hasten to add, but to be presented with a Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Her parents, brother Richard and sister Pamela, a student on the police vocational course, all hope to be there.

## COMMUNICATIONS FOR SCHOOLS



CONSTABLE Geoff Bendall explains the lay-out of the Information Room to programme presenter Jill Lidstone. Sound man is Robin Spicer.

HEADQUARTERS staff recently co-operated with a B.B.C. Schools Broadcasting team to record a radio programme to go on the air in the Autumn.

Planned for an audience of 11-15 year olds, the entire programme will feature Essex Police Communications, and include the information room, mobile units and the

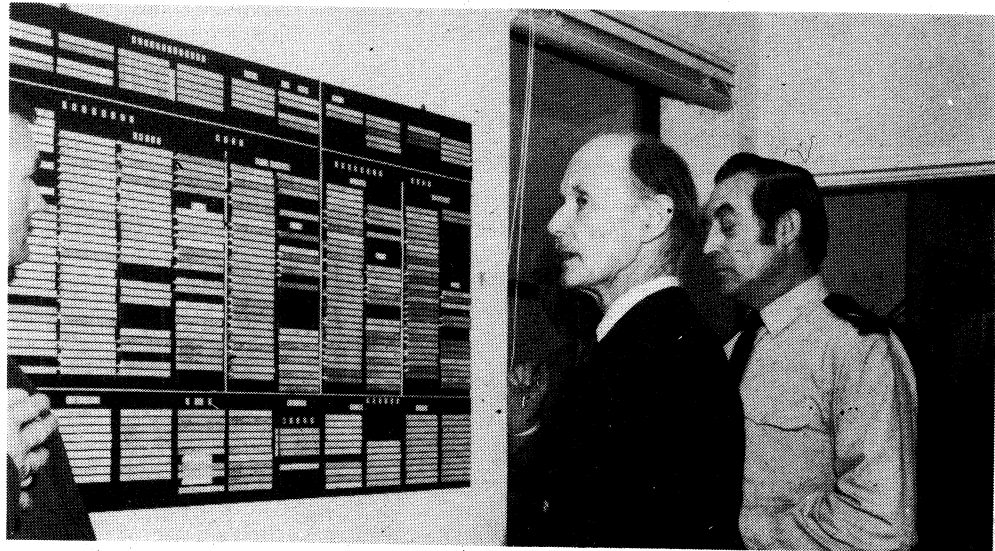
launch.

Planning and Communications Superintendent, Mike Blackwell arranged for the team to spend three days in Essex studying our facilities. They went on patrol with Traffic Division's Pc Don Barrell, visited the launch with Marine Inspector, George Thurkle, and spent a considerable amount of time recording in the information room where In-

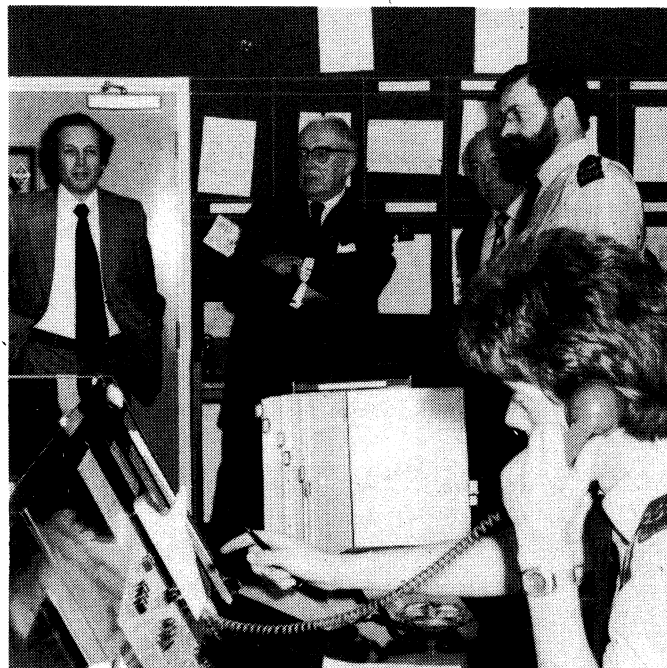
spector Colin Dibell, WPC Alison Ablewhite and Pc Geoff Bendall were all interviewed.

"Essex were asked to participate in this programme" said Superintendent Blackwell, "because not only do we have an excellent communications system, we also reflect the problems of policing both urban and rural areas".

## Verdict—Money Well Spent



Brigadier Collins discusses manpower distribution.



Ps Brian Snipe explains the Control Room set up.

TAKING the chance of getting away from County Hall for a change the unusual venue for the Quarterly Meeting of the Police Committee on 17th March was Grays Police Station. The members took advantage of the opportunity of seeing how they were spending everyone's money and were given conducted tours of the new building by the senior officers of the Division. The chance to speak to the staff on duty, both police and civilian, was obviously very much appreciated and difficulties in keeping to the timetable reflected the interest which was shown in all aspects of the work.

After a buffet lunch ably provided by the Force Catering Officer and his staff, the Meeting was held in the Assembly Hall under the chairmanship of Brigadier Collins. The Chief Constable answered many questions arising from the recent publication of his Report for 1979.

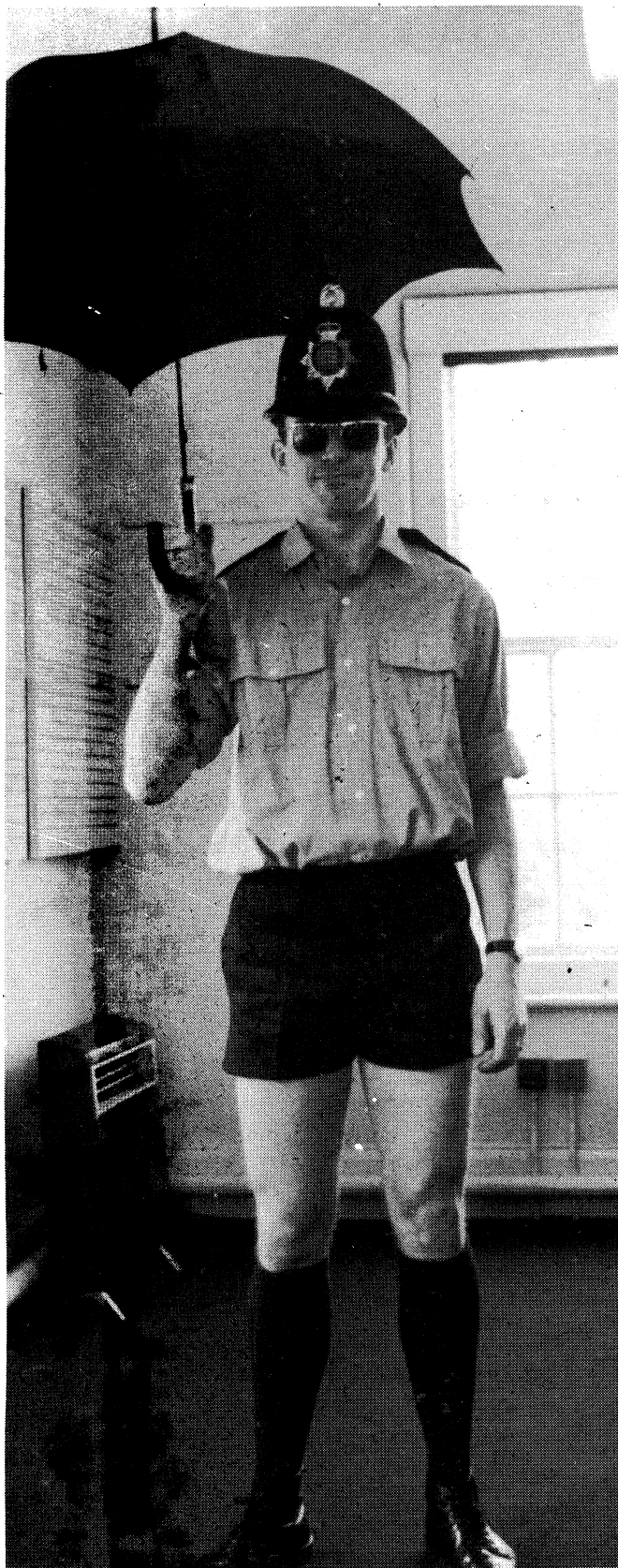
## NOTICE

### To Thirsty People

As the H.Q. Bar does not open on Sundays, any officer who doesn't want to wait until Monday will be made very welcome at the Chelmsford Police Station bar.

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# On the Afr



How about this for Summer uniform 1980? John Weatherley tries out his recommended kit.

ELEVEN Essex Officers were amongst 500 "British Bobbies" flown to Rhodesia from Heathrow Airport on 22nd February to supervise polling stations in rural areas when that country's elections were held on February 27th. They were Sergeants Graham Harvey, Tony Davies and Peter Brown with Constables Colin Wookey, Adrian Smart, Ken Delgado, John Weatherley, Brian Waugh, Martin Channen, Ian Walker and Nigel Hirst.

All volunteers, the men realised they faced a considerable element of danger, but most admitted that it wasn't the thought of attack by armed guerillas that worried them so much as the fear of snakes, spiders, insects and the risk of tropical disease. Indeed, some did spend time off sick when they returned to this country with an attack of fever, and all shared their living quarters at one time with frogs, lizards, mice and even a deadly poisonous snake.

### Washed out.

Anticipating a week in the sunshine, the British policemen spent their first night under canvas at Salisbury Police Barracks. Their illusions about African weather were soon shattered. Caught in a torrential rain storm, the tents were soon awash, their belongings soaking wet and several spent the night sleeping in the shower block — the only place that was dry!

The next day, the Essex contingent were flown by

R.A.F. Hercules to Shabani, a mining town in the Midlands Province reputed to be one of the hottest in Rhodesia. This was to be their base for the rest of the week. The life of the town revolved around its asbestos mine, the largest in the world and the officers were housed in the mining camp.

The British election supervisor was Mr. Reg Thomson from Surrey. There were five urban polling booths in African villages outside Shabani. The police officers allocated to these rural stations travelled there every day.

### Bogged down.

Two of our contingent, Adrian Smart and Tony Davies were taken in armoured vehicles each morning to isolated farms and settlements where they set up polling stations. Tropical storms meant that the slightest deviation off the hard surface of the roadway left the vehicles up to their axles in soft oozing mud. Some of the drivers hadn't had an Essex Standard Course so stoppages for rescue operations were frequent. Adrian and Tony now have the greatest admiration for Essex County Council Highways Department.

Voting was spread over three days and the ballot boxes from these areas returned with the officers each night to Shabani where they were placed in the vault in the Town Management Board under armed guard. The presiding officers made certain that their boxes were not tampered with by spending the night outside the vault.

### Country Polling.

The policemen who had a real taste of primitive living were those sent to supervise voting at little villages out in the bush, Graham Harvey, Brian Waugh, Martin Channen and Ian Walker. They were accommodated in derelict buildings whose roofs had been removed by the army to facilitate the spotting of

terrorist hiding places from the air. These men guarded their own ballot boxes — by sleeping with them.

Each polling station had its share of people trying to vote twice and would be under-age voters, and some of the electorate were reluctant to put their hands into the ultra violet scanning boxes, believing they contained dangerous rays. Adaptable as only the British Bobby can be, the men soon got used to the "sky-shoots" — planes flying overhead playing tribal chants over their loudspeakers, and dropping leaflets, but the sight of African voters greeting each other not with handshakes, but with loud cock crows, always raised a smile.

### Gun toting.

Surrounded by evidence of a country recently at war where even the women and children carry guns, and travel between towns is in armed convoys, the sight of a British policeman resplendant in his blue uniform and helmet must have evoked many reactions, but none of our

officers had any hostility directed towards them.

### Hospitality.

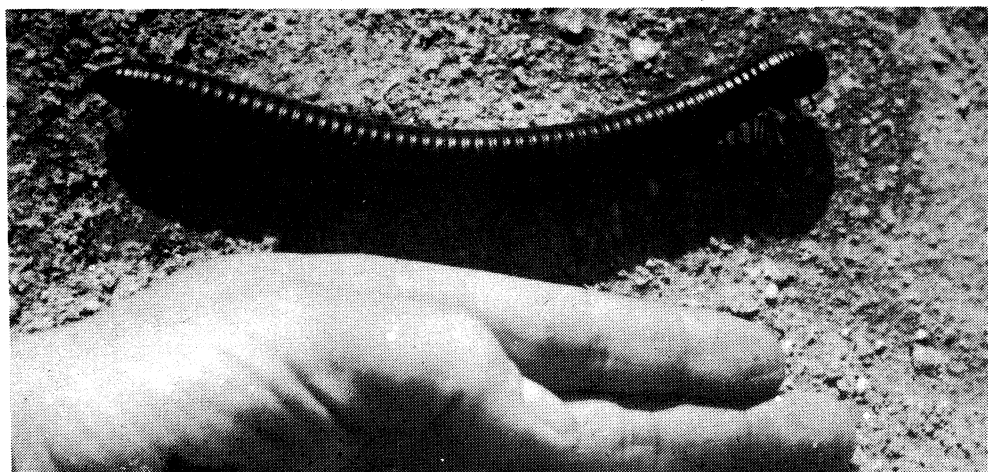
Returning to England laden with souvenirs and with a fund of stories, the men voted the trip a chance of a lifetime. They were delighted to have been present when history was made, and enjoyed the foreign travel, but what impressed them most was the fantastic welcome and hospitality they received from the people of Rhodesia.

On their arrival in Shabani, the Essex Policemen were welcomed by three people, a police Chief Inspector, an Inspector and the local magistrate, but on their departure, over one-hundred townspeople turned out to say goodbye — a magnificent public relations exercise.

**THE LAW is grateful to John Weatherley and Graham Harvey for these pictures. Our intrepid reporters volunteered to cover the operation at first hand, but the Chief declined the offer.**



The village bobby, Graham Harvey confers with a parishioner.



How would you like to share your bed with this little chap?

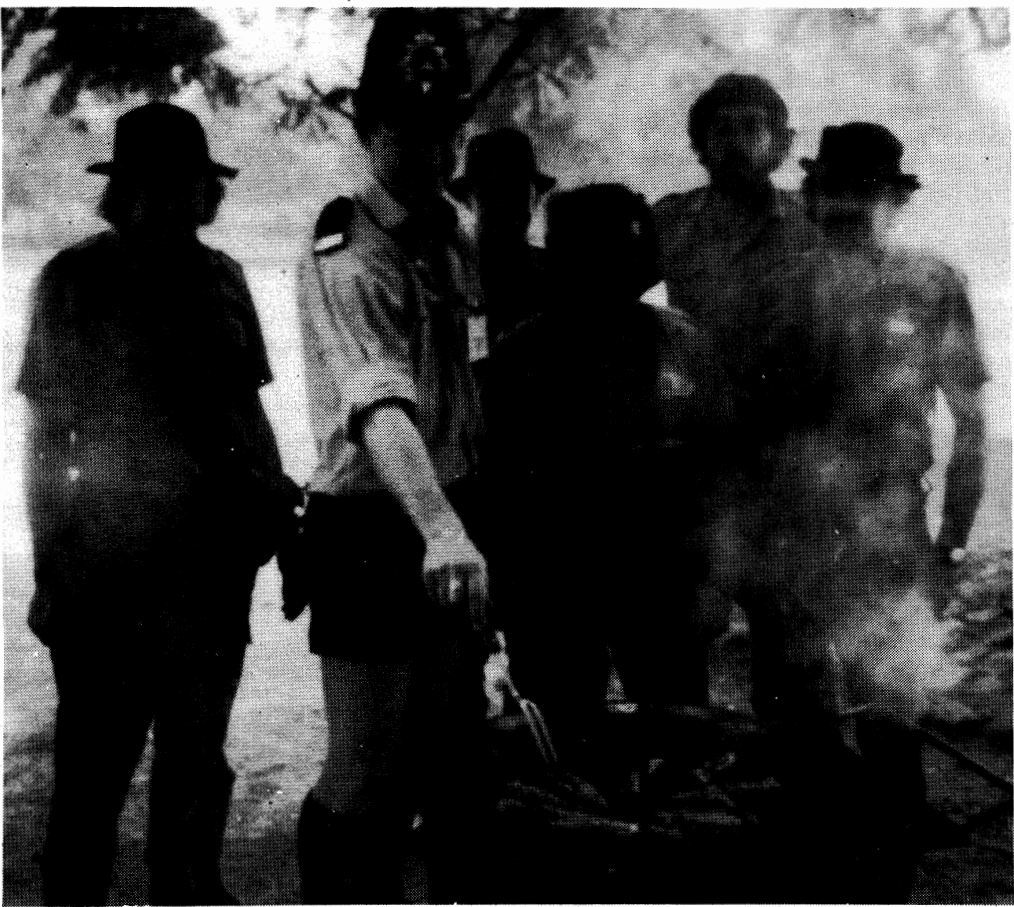


He ain't heavy — he's a Sergeant. Given warnings of going into stagnant water Tony Davies obtains the help of a Game Warden.



Living quarters in the bush — a bombed out clinic. The officer slept in the Maternity ward.

# ican Beat



Refreshment breaks — lunch cooked in the open.



POLICE TRANSPORT, RHODESIAN STYLE.  
...RAF Hercules provided a journey to remember.



...A personnel carrier heavily armoured to withstand attacks by guns and land mines.



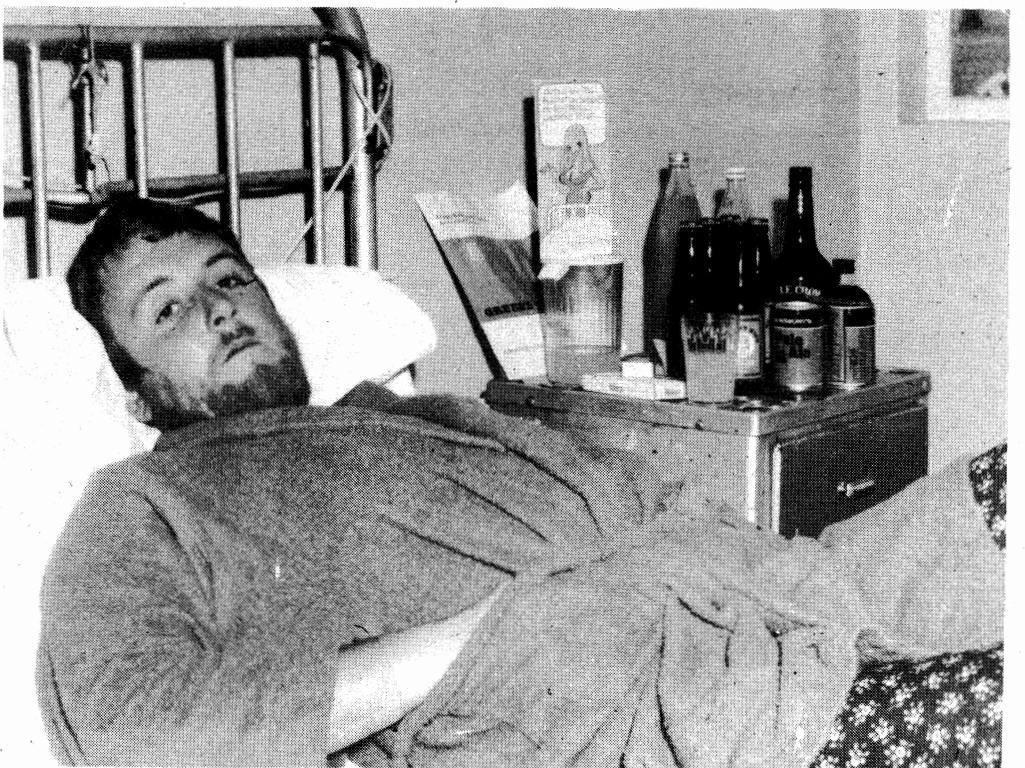
The 'Specials' take to the road. Police Reservists equipped for trouble.



... A converted pick-up for convoy protection; a Browning machine-gun from a Spitfire is mounted on the tower.

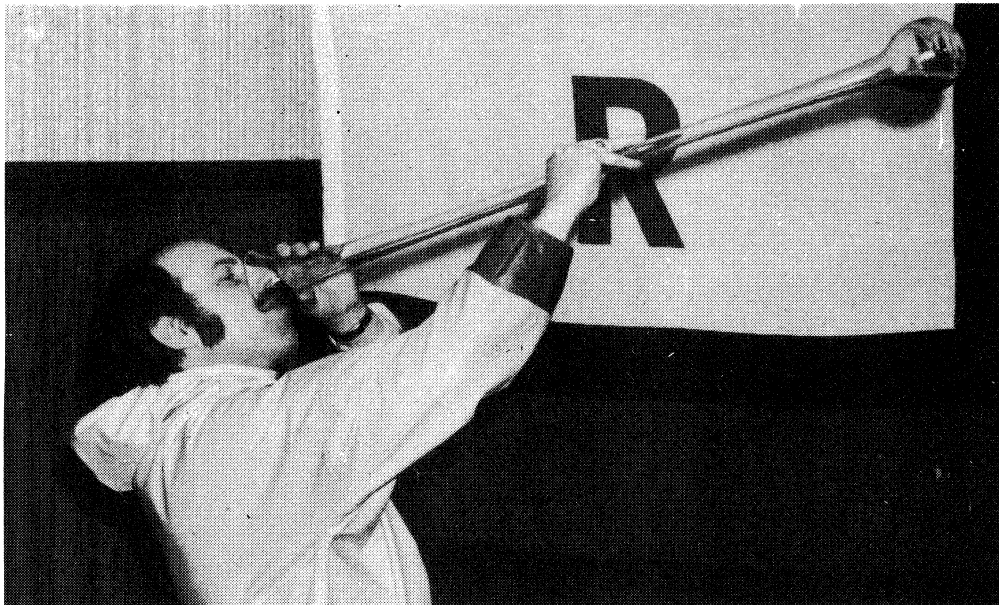


Part of a queue of 8,000 people waiting to vote.



Did it have to end like this? — Adrian Smart is kept in hospital for a few days but appears to have plenty of the comforts of home.

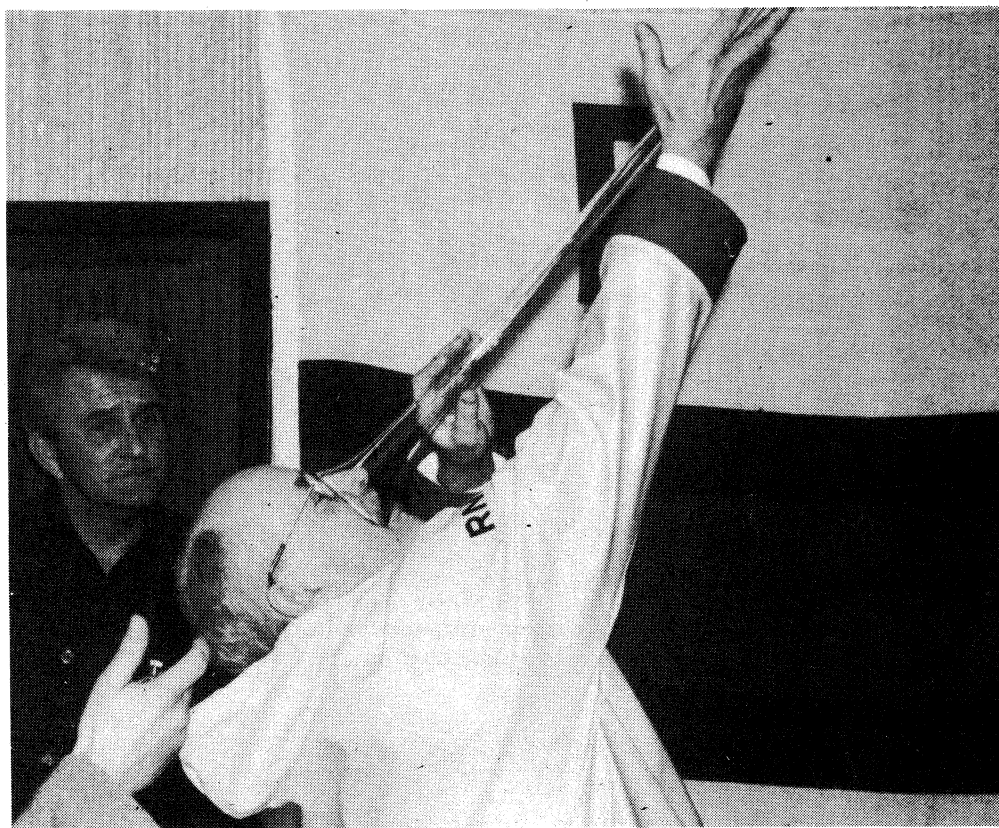
## SOUTHEND AID THE LIFEBOAT



Going . . . David Groom nearly there, and needing that oilskin.



Going . . . Gary Edwards being timed by Peter Hyem.



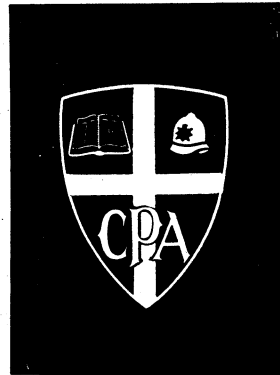
Gone. The winner, Frank Parkin.



FUND RAISING by the Yard — no, nothing to do with the Met — this was the effort of Southend Division in organising a social evening on 8th March at the Police Club in aid of the local branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. P.c. Peter Hyem, who is a crew member of the Southend Lifeboat, was the guiding light for the evening's entertainment, the highlight of which was a Yard of Ale drinking competition which really sorted the men from the boys.

Guests were other crew and committee members and the eventual winner was Frank Parkin, BEM, an ex coast-guard with P.c. Gary Edwards the leading Police contender. Some shamefaced, nameless officers failed to finish the course but one of the biggest cheers was reserved for the contestant who proved the old saying that what goes down quite often comes up again — quickly!

Dart competitions and a raffle ensured the success of the evening and at the close the sum of £65 was handed over to the Chairman of the Local Appeals Committee, Eric Kidwell, himself a former Sergeant in the Borough force, by Ron Irwin.



FULL information on Christian Police Association membership and activities can be obtained from Inspector Alan Clarke at Grays Police Station. Details of the April programme are as follows: Friday, 11th April, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 6.30 p.m. — 97th London Annual Meeting, at Guildhall, London.

Sunday, 13th April, 6.30 p.m. — Team witness, Rayleigh Baptist Church.

Friday, 25th April, 7.30 p.m. — Branch meeting at home of Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, 22 London Road, Lexden, Colchester.

### The Law Shop

**WANTED:** To complete a collection of Essex Police Magazines, 4 issues Winter 1972, Summer 1973, Winter 1973, Summer 1977. No reasonable offer refused. Rob Wolton, S.O.C. Colchester.

**FOR SALE:** Sprite Musketeer Caravan with full awning and oven. In perfect condition, £1,000 ono. D.c. Ballard HQ Ext. 524.

**FOR SALE** — 3-bed semi-detached chalet, Rochford. Lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, separate w.c., gas central heating, garage and reasonable garden. £24,250. Contact P.c. 1112 M. Macauley at Rochford, Rochford, Southend 548268.

## Force lottery

RESULT of the draw held at Southend on Saturday, 23rd February, 1980.

First prize Ds A. Stamp, Southend, £1,019.72; 2nd prize Wpc L. M. Odell, Brentwood, £509.86; 3rd prize Insp B. Ladd, Harlow, £254.93; 4th prize Wpc C. D. Jones, Westcliff, £127.46.

Consolation prizes, at £25.49 each — Ps I. Cotgrove, Saffron Walden; Helen Sutherby, Rayleigh; Pc B. Barlow, Laindon Traffic; Barbara Franzem, Harlow Traffic; Ds A. Smith, Colchester.

## Federation Notes



by Jim Rodgers

### London Transport

As a result of a specific enquiry from a member of this Force, Inspector Davidson has contacted London Transport to see if facilities are available for officers from this Force to benefit from the same free travel facilities afforded to Metropolitan and City of London officers. This arrangement is simply the production of a warrant card to effect free travel.

A reply has been received which makes it quite clear that the facility is enjoyed by the London forces only, which means officers from this Force — even if seconded to NSY, or attending Courts or courses in London are barred from using them.

The enquiry may result in a tightening of control of this facility — so forewarned, is forearmed!

### Income Tax Allowance

Information has been received from the Joint Central Committee to the effect that the Flat Rate Expense Allowance for Uniformed officers, to take account of the expenditure on Black Shoes and Socks for duty purposes, will be increased from £27 to £31 with effect from 6th April, 1980.

Those Income Tax Returns will soon start to drop through letterboxes — take note!

### Private Patients' Plan

As I write there is furious activity in the Federation Conference Room, as Ted Davidson parcels up the application and information forms connected with the Force Medical Scheme which was reported in depth in last month's Law. The commencing date is fixed as the 1st May, 1980, and by now these parcels should have begun arriving at Divisions. If you don't receive yours within a week or so, ring my office and we will despatch a duplicate to you.

### National Federation Office

Branch Board Chairman has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Inspector's Central Committee, which affords him a seat on the National Executive of the Police Federation. This post not only reflects on Ted's ability, but indicates a growing involvement by the Essex Police in Federation affairs, something which is long overdue. Congratulations Stavros!

### Convalescent Home

Incidentally — and not wishing to boast — I have taken over a vacancy on the Management Committee of the Convalescent Police Seaside Home as a result of the retirement of Sergeant Peter Gear of Sussex. Peter has not been a long-serving member of the Committee but has worked long and hard during his term of office, and has even on occasions assisted in the running of the Home. He has set a standard that I will strive to maintain for as long as I am in office.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Peter well in his well-deserved retirement.

### Conference 1980

This year's Conference will be held at Scarborough, and promises to be a fairly quiet one for the Police Federation. Only some seventeen motions remain to be debated in the Joint Conference, of which Essex have sponsored five.

These relate to an Annual Review of Rent Allowance; changes in the casual Plain Clothes Allowance Regulation; Prohibition of night duty for 45-year-old officers; Medical and Dental Treatment, and Legal Assistance from Federation Funds in Criminal Offences. With this number of motions the Branch Board will take the opportunity to "blood" some new speakers at Conference, and I am sure they will acquit themselves, and the Force, well.

### Force Open Meeting

A Force Open Meeting has been arranged for Monday, 9th June, 1980, to be held at the Lion and Lamb Banqueting Hall, Chelmsford. It is hoped that a member of the National Committee will address the Meeting, a similar plated meal will be provided as that for last year's meeting. We will provide a drink token as before, to whet your thirsts and again entertainers are being introduced since last year's venture was such a success — however it won't be the Saffron Sounds, nor will Stavros try out his comedy routine.

Watch this space for

**Football**

THE COUNTY team are going through their most difficult time so far this season. Although collecting seven points out of a possible eight this month their performances have been very erratic. Injuries to Paul Gamman and Charlie Clark together with sickness and duties have stretched the squad and even manager John Rhymes has had to turn out to fill gaps.

**Two Victories**

The month started well with a victory at home over Burnham with two goals by Paul Gamman settling the match early on. The game became a scrappy affair with the County side content with their lead. The visit to Bishops Stortford was likely to produce more problems as they had gained one or two good results in previous weeks. As it turned out the Police side dominated the match and ran out victors by 4 goals to 1. Gamman again scored twice with Brian Fenn and Alan Rusbridge adding the other two.

**Regional Cup**

In midweek the Kent Police side visited us for the semi-final of the Five Region Cup. Although Essex beat Kent three times last season they are not the sort of side that can be written off. A weakened Essex side did not appear

to believe they could win and consequently lost to two scrappy goals without putting up a fight.

**No Punch**

Harold Wood came to Headquarters in the Olympian League and played a now familiar pattern used by teams trying to grab a point from the unbeaten Essex team. Their packed defence held firm against a Police attack lacking the penetration of Paul Gamman. The Police piled on the pressure in the second half but the nearest they came to getting two points was when a visiting defender forced his goalkeeper to save brilliantly from a misdirected header.

**Badminton**

THE South-East Region Championships were held at Banbury on 22nd February and proved to be something of a 'plateful' for the Essex team. Unfortunately our members were knocked out of each event in the first round but thereby qualified for the Plate competition and came home with four out of the five consolation prizes.

Details — Mixed Doubles: Ps Read and Wpc MacIntyre, Ladies Double, Wpc's Blake and MacIntyre, Men's Doubles P.c. Bendall and P.s Read, Ladies Singles, W.P.c. Blake.

**Back to Form.**

Finally the County side went to Upminster knowing it would be a difficult game and by now the failure to score in two games running was affecting the players. The Police played some good football to collect two very welcome points. The absence of Paul Gamman, Charlie Clark and Alan Rusbridge in this game meant John Scott had to show his paces in midfield and he rose to the occasion with an excellent game.

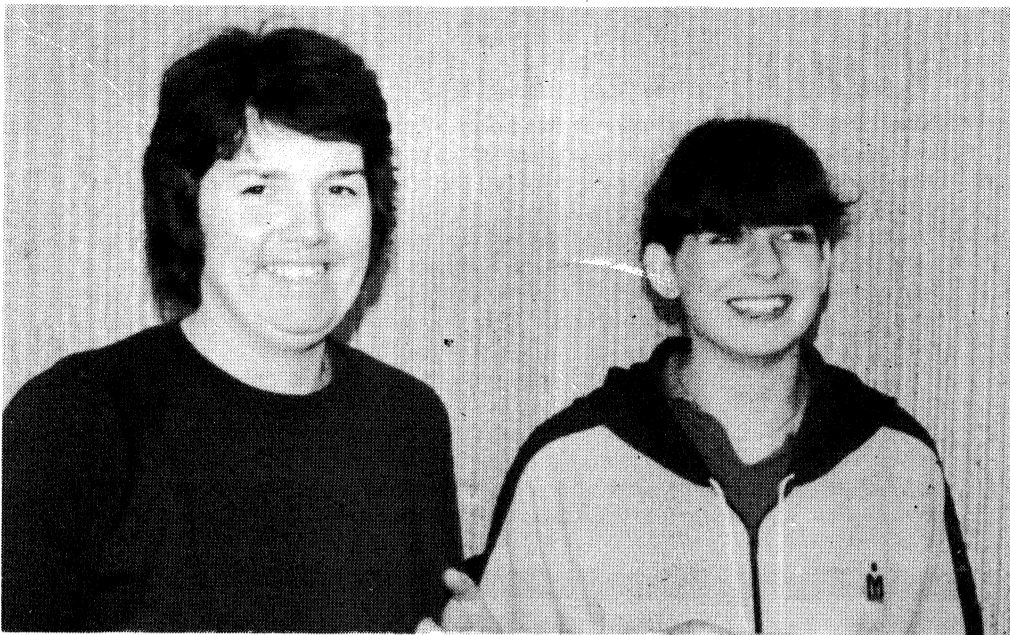
**Cross-Country**

A MATCH against eight army teams on 13th February saw the Force squad do very well and finish in first place. A very wet course with plenty of standing water and good opposition provided an interesting event with Andy Hayman being the first Essex man home in second place overall. Twenty-two minutes for the 4½ miles was a good time. Andy Down in 6th place with 23 mins. 10 secs., also did well.

At Rayleigh on 20th February a match against Post Office Telecoms, saw a close decision going to the opposition with Hayman again being the leader and tying for first place.

Encouraging results for the younger members of the team augur well for the future if they continue to pull together as a unit.

**ESSEX HOST CHAMPIONSHIPS**



Regional champions Mo Chaplin and Anita Moss.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, P.C. Ron Irwin of Southend has organised half the P.A.A. Regional Championships — one year billiards and table tennis and the next snooker and darts. This year, however, ably assisted by Doug Anderson from Southend Traffic Garage, Dave Box and Les Smith from Southend and a number of volunteer referees, he undertook to organise all four championships at Southend Police Station.

The table tennis and billiards took place on Thursday, 13th March. Most successful Essex pair

in the table tennis were Anita Moss and Mo Chaplin who won the women's doubles by beating two Sussex ladies in the final. They go forward to the national P.A.A. championships to be held in Kent. Mo Chaplin narrowly lost to Valerie Taylor of Kent in the final of the women's singles.

Keith Lythgoe in the men's singles and Peter Rouse in the men's veterans event were both beaten finalists, whilst Kevin Price and John Graham in the men's doubles and Anita Moss and Chris Jacobs in the mixed doubles lost in

the semi-finals.

The following day, the darts players were less successful. Sue Woollard in the ladies' singles, Bob Fugl and Brian Palmer in the men's doubles and Linda Chipper and Jackie Baker in the ladies' doubles all reached the semi-finals before being eliminated whilst Peter Higham and Jackie Seal were knocked out in the first round by a Kent pair, the eventual winners.

Phil Marriage the Essex snooker and billiards representative was eliminated in an early round of each competition.

**...and Cadets' Lifesaving**



ORGANISED by Inspector Eric Scott, Essex Police hosted the Southern Region Male Police Cadet life-saving competition on Saturday, 15th March.

Teams taking part were

from as far afield as Devon and Cornwall, Avon and Somerset, Thames Valley, Kent, Hertfordshire, Sussex, Metropolitan and City of London.

Pictured at the

Pic by courtesy Evening Echo swimming pool, Waterloo Lane, Chelmsford are the Essex Cadets, from left to right, Gary Green, Ian Archer, Mark Bloxham, Glenn Caton, Ian Dunn.

**ESSEX POLICE ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Melbourne Stadium, Chelmsford

Thursday, 29th MAY 1980

First Event 1.45pm All Usual Events

Full Details obtainable from

CHIEF INSP. J. HEDGETHORNE, COLCHESTER

CON. G. SAGE, FORCE SPORTS SEC.

**Grays Best at Snooker**



Grays and Chelmsford teams with Supt. Harper and the Gardiner Cup.

QUALIFYING towards the Croker Cup, the inter-divisional snooker competition was held at Southend on 10th March. All Divisions entered teams and the closeness of the competition was such that

the event ran about four hours over prediction!

The final was contested by Grays and Chelmsford with the result in doubt until the very last frame — Grays being successful by

three frames to two.

The A. W. Gardiner Cup was presented to the captain of the winning team by Supt. Harper, Deputy Commander of Southend Division.

**SUPPORT HANDICAPPED CHILDREN GALA CHARITY BALL**

*In Aid Of Elizabeth Fitzroy Homes*

**THE MILL HALL RAYLEIGH**

**FRIDAY, 30th MAY 1980**

*Dinner/Dance/Disco*

**Tickets £7.50 obtainable from**

**Ch. Insp. Cameron Insp. Wright Ps. Feather**

## Can We Do More?

FOR MORE years than I care to remember I have heard the story of the old-time copper clipping the ears of youngsters who stepped marginally across the legal guidelines. If only half the stories are true there must have been plenty of instant justice.

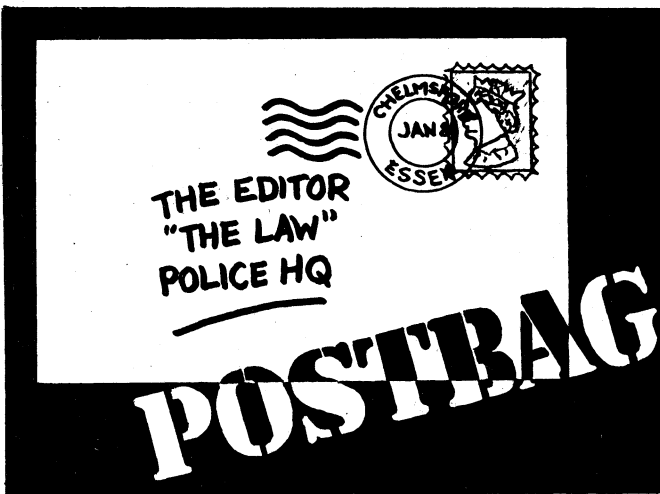
Now I was no better or worse than the rest of my era during, and just after, the war, but I don't ever recall being the recipient of one of these "cuffings" — perhaps we could run faster than the law in those days. What I do remember though is the relationship brought about by the involvement of the local police in the sporting life of the district — they played football, cricket, table tennis and snooker in the junior competitions, and by this means got to know, and were known by, the young people of the area. It was no good yelling about police brutality as a short-pitched bouncer fizzed past your left ear — you waited, it was their innings next! Now the breakdown in this relationship can be laid fairly in our court. It has been the fault of the police service for various reasons that we seldom participate in this type of public relations work.

Dare I suggest to the Community Service Branch that it would not come amiss to arrange sporting fixtures with the schools of the area — dare I suggest to Divisional Commanders to encourage them?

## Travellers Return

THE LATEST foreign expedition by a detachment of British police officers has ended in a blaze of publicity. A superb political manoeuvre, and another battle honour to be added to the "colours". Cyprus, Anguilla, Rhodesia — where next? But let it not be forgotten that more and more of our colleagues are going on secondment to Hong Kong, Fiji, The New Hebrides, Persian Gulf and other such far-flung places.

Will they ever want to settle back in Essex or is this the last the County will see of them? I hope not, otherwise the schemes may well be "blacked" as being contrary to recruiting and cost effectiveness. Then we would all be the losers.



### Essex Police Magazine

Dear Sir,

The recent edition of the Force Magazine is selling well, but a few copies can still be obtained from the Editor, a phone call to Harlow 39011 Ext. 36 will result in immediate despatch.

Looking to the next issue, I will be pleased to receive articles, funnies and in particular, photos of interest for the Picture Gallery.

Readers Letters will be welcomed particularly ideas for improving the Magazine, and most, if not all, Letters to the Editor, will be published in the next edition.

BILL PIRIE  
Editor

### A Broad Hint

Dear Sir,

Imagine my surprise when browsing through the local seedsman's shop to find a packet labelled "Bunyards Exhibition". What could this exhibition be, I wondered, which merited immortalisation on a packet of seeds?

The seeds were broad beans, so gardeners of the Force unite behind Bunyard's beans. I bought them, of course, (ahem) and will later hold a PAB (progress analysis: beans) to see if they are indeed exhibition specimens or just has beans. I shall probably write and let you know.

Yours sincerely  
John Hedgethorpe  
Colchester

### Thanks Friends

DEAR SIR,

I wonder if you would be kind enough to print a letter of thanks from my wife and myself to say a very sincere thank you to all friends and members of Essex Police who have been so helpful and stood by us both since my unfortunate attack of multiple sclerosis in late September of last year. The help, advice and friendship of so very many people has been so great that it becomes impossible for us to thank them all personally. Therefore I hope that thanks may be extended via The Law. We did not realise that we had made so many good friends during my service, throughout the county—had it not been for their reassurance and aid I am certain that things would not have turned out as they have.

I have resumed light duties at Clacton and am hoping before too long to make a complete recovery. Once again, please extend our most sincere thanks to all those, too numerous to mention, who have extended more assistance and friendship to us than we thought possible.

Dick and Elaine Jones,  
(Weeley)

### Congratulations

DEAR SIR,

I write to you from an island in the midlands called Ryton-on-Dunsmore Police Training Centre. As the only Essex Police instructor on the staff I would like to say how

proud I was of our force band when it played here on 13 and 14 March. Innumerable favourable comments were made by students and staff on the variety and performance of the music played for the dining-in night, and this was a major factor in the unusually relaxed and successful atmosphere of the evening as a whole.

Unfortunately no one could do anything about the weather for the passing-out parade, but the band's performance ensured that despite bitter winds and pouring rain everyone marched with a spring in the step — even the instructors!

To members of the band I say thank you. Your hard work does you and the force credit, and your performances on this occasion certainly raised the morale of the Essex officers who were present.

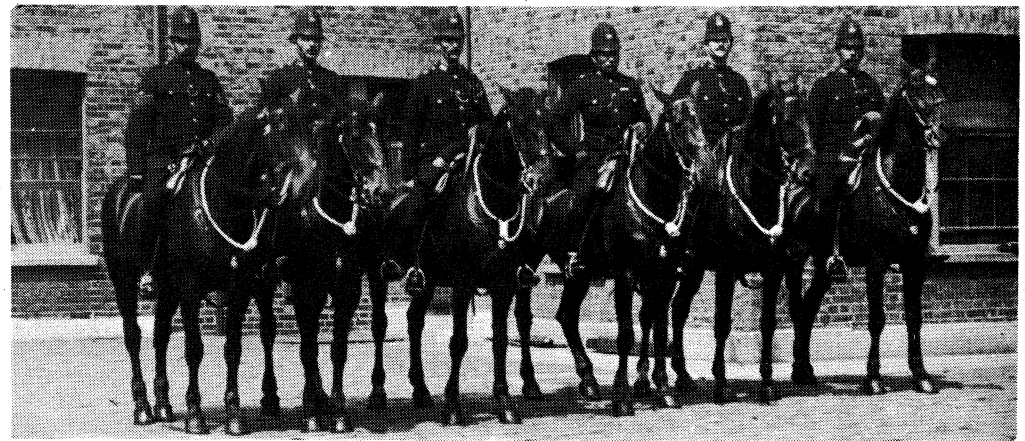
Yours truly,  
Maureen Scollan  
Woman Police Sergeant  
3003.

## Seaxes

THE Civil Service Motor Club held their rally on Saturday, 8th March. Seaxes were invited to enter and the successful Jaggs/Gravestock crew decided to try their hand at this one, as did John Vallance and Ian Weatherley. Unfortunately, Brian and Roy's luck did not hold and only a couple of miles from the finish, their car left the road and they had a very good view of the ditch which ran alongside it. Neither of them were hurt and they will be back on the scene at the next rally. John and Ian fared rather better and finished second in the novices class.

### Dinner Dance

THE highlight of the month must surely be the FBPMC dinner, dance and cabaret which took place at the Airport Hotel, Southend. Five of the six regions were represented, the only exception being Scotland, who decided it was too far to travel. The evening was a



### Mystery Solved

Dear Sir,

I was very interested in the Photograph of "Strike Duty 1912 Style" published in the February issue of 'The Law' as the fourth man in the back row from the right was none other than my grandfather, William Charles Chaplin who originally joined the old Maldon Borough Police and then joined the Essex Constabulary on the 23rd January, 1889, retiring at Layer-de-la-Haye on the 31st July, 1918. Died on

the 20th November, 1945.

I possess a copy of this photograph and I enclose an additional photograph of this Strike Duty in 1912 which will help as to the reason for the 'Spurs'.

He was the first of the Chaplin 'Police Family' and had two sons. — Herbert William (my Father) who retired as an Inspector from the Essex Constabulary on the 21st August, 1937, and rejoined the service during the 1939-45 War. The other son, Alfred Edward, served in the "W" Division of the

Metropolitan Police.

I served in the Essex Constabulary from 1933, retiring as a Detective Sergeant at Colchester in 1963, and my brother, Sidney served in the Essex and Wiltshire Constabularies, retiring as a Chief Detective Inspector.

I regret that I cannot assist as to the rank of other officers on the photograph, but I suggest that it may have been the Superintendent's groom who was included.

R. H. CHAPLIN Ex D.S.

great success and this was all due to the organising committee of Derek Arber, John Hart, Peter Johnson, Derek and Christine Stone and Alan Weatherley not forgetting Dudley Lay or Moore as he has recently become known.

### New President

At the conference the following morning, Sunday, 16th March, the Chief Constable of Essex, Mr. Bunyard was inaugurated as the President of the Federation, a position he will hold for a year. Looking at the silverware with which he was presented to go with this office it was surprising that he did not ask for a police escort back to Chelmsford. The conference continued until late afternoon and all too soon it seemed that for those with long journeys ahead of them, such as Durham and Northern Ireland, the time had come to point the car homewards. For the ladies, Myra and Alan Weatherley had arranged a cosmetics demonstration by a representative from Boots

and their No. 7 range. This proved to be very interesting and entertaining especially when Christine Stone 'volunteered' to be made up.

### Congratulations

There is no doubt that this event was one of the most successful that Seaxes have organised. Compliments regarding the venue, meals and other facilities were forthcoming from every contingent which attended and everyone who played a part in the weekend is to be congratulated.

### More rallies

On Sunday, April 13 the Ted Cleghorn Memorial Stage Rally takes place, organised by the Sporting Car Club of Norfolk. They have asked Seaxes to provide marshals, so if you feel that perhaps you could assist, contact Tony Campen at HQ Garage.

The following Friday, April 18, is the date for the Seaxes Blossom Rally. This takes the format of previous 12 car rallies and is being organised by John

and Linda Vallance. If you are interested in entering contact Linda at HQ Data Processing. Offers to marshal would also be appreciated.

Wickford Auto Club are promoting an autotest at Maldon on Sunday, April 27. This is usually an entertaining day's sport so why not bring the family? If you want more details, contact Tony at the garage.

### Belgium again

Finally, after the success of the last 'Boat Trip' to Belgium we are organising another for 27th September. This may seem a long way off but the holiday season will very soon be upon us. At present this trip is open only to Seaxes members and guests, and there is a limit of 120 people. Any empty seats on 1st April will be offered to outside motor clubs. Cost is £10 per person plus £2.50 return transport to Felixstowe. If you require an application form contact Derek Arber, Traffic Management or John Hart, Chelmsford Traffic. Remember closing date is 1st April.

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