

ROOF-TOP SEARCH ENDS IN DISASTER

P.C.'s TRAGIC DEATH FALL

THE funeral of PC Peter Wringe took place last Friday at the Church of St Mary The Virgin in the small village of Great Bentley, near Colchester. Over 100 police officers from all over the county attended the service, and the tiny church, set on the edge of the village green, was filled to overflowing.

In brilliant sunshine officers in full uniform lined the churchyard paths as six of his shift colleagues from Southend carried Peter's coffin to the service.

Peter Wringe's death occurred as a result of injuries he received in a fall from the roof of a warehouse where he was investigating an alarm call. In the early hours of the morning of Friday, July 2, with other officers of B1 shift, PC Wringe responded to an automatic alarm at a furniture warehouse in Southend. Knowing that the premises had been previously attacked through the roof, Peter made his way on to the asbestos roofing. Colleagues below heard a loud noise, and on forcibly entering the premises found he had fallen through the roof on to the concrete floor 20 feet below.

Life-support

Although PC Wringe was taken immediately to the Southend General Hospital with serious head and leg injuries, he was

very quickly transferred to St Bartholomew's in London where he underwent emergency surgery. His critical condition was stabilised, but he had to be put on the life-support machine, and never regained consciousness. Peter died not long after midnight on Sunday — just two days after his fall.

Peter Wringe was 23 years old, a single man, who lived in lodgings in Westcliff. His home was with his widowed mother, Mrs Frances Wringe, at Brightlingsea Road, Thorrington. Mrs Wringe went to St Bartholomew's in the early hours of the day of the accident and did not leave Peter's bed-side throughout the long ordeal.

Peter Wringe joined the Essex Police in December 1981, and after initial training was posted to

Southend in April. He had previously worked for the Magistrate's Clerk in Colchester and as a civilian employee of the Metropolitan Police. He had made an immediate impression and was settling down to the job. His Sub-Divisional Commander Supt Trevor Naylor, said: "He was a conscientious and enthusiastic officer and he was making good progress. He had not been with us long, but he had a very pleasant personality, and will be missed by his colleagues."

Grateful

Mrs Wringe, who lost her husband about two years ago, is with relatives in London until things can be "sorted out". She is proud of her son's involvement with the police force and grateful and overwhelmed by the response of Peter's colleagues, and the obvious concern and affection felt for her son. She will continue to live in Thorrington.

The call answered by Peter Wringe and his colleagues turned out to be a false alarm.



PC Peter Wringe in a photograph taken two days before the accident.

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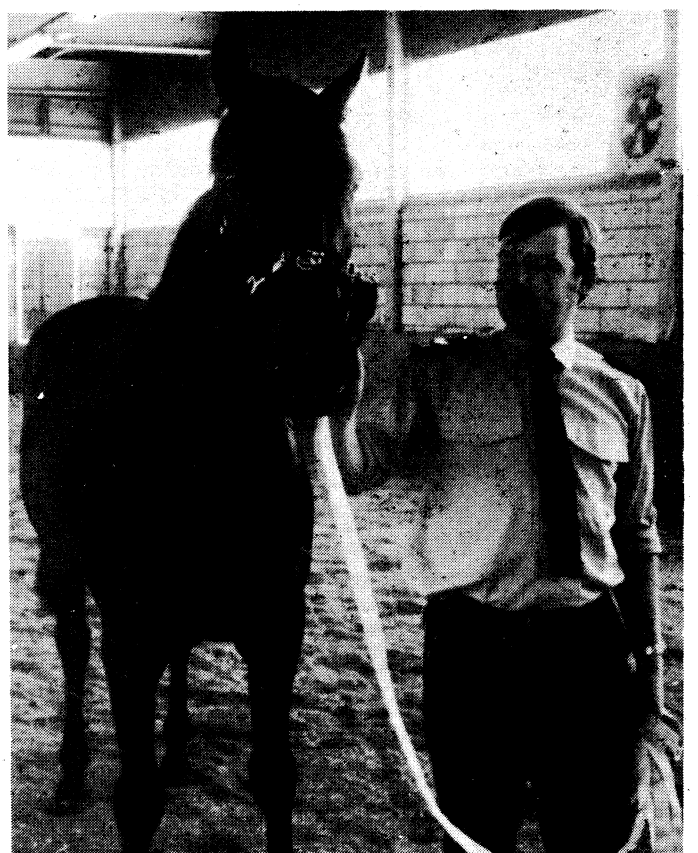
THE FORCE'S mounted section has been brought up to strength again after the sudden and unexplained death of 'Grace' last April.

The new horse, 'Conquest' has started his training and has already taken part in a full-scale operation. He was involved recently with the other horses when Hatfield Forest was searched for a missing man. This was an ideal role for the horses and the new-comer behaved very well.

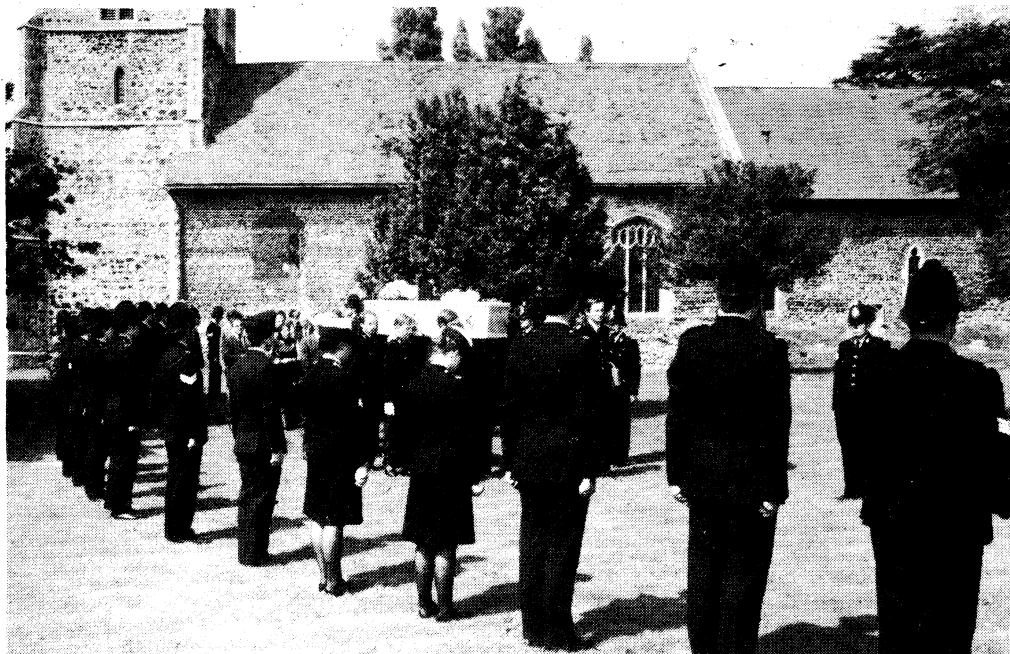
"He's great," said Mounted Section Sergeant Paul Hemmings. "From what we've seen it's very promising indeed."

"Conquest" was bought in Bushey in Hertfordshire and is a four and a half year old gelding. He is a dark bay and stands 16 hands and 2 inches high.

"It was nice to get a quick replacement for 'Grace' says Paul.



'Conquest' goes to school with his rider PS Paul Hemmings.



P.C. Peter Wringe's shift colleagues act as pall-bearers at his funeral.

Editorial

'YOU JUST CAN'T WIN'

OUTSIDE agencies often accuse the police force of suffering from some sort of organisations paranoia, an institutionalised suspiciousness that affects our relationship with the public and our response to the various problems that come our way from time to time.

If it's true, then it could have something to do with the fact that we seem to spend an awful lot of our time getting kicked in the teeth, not necessarily by obvious opponents, but more by the nature of our situation.

Take the last year for instance. There's never been a more determined effort within the service to put the policeman back where he belongs. The "British Bobby" has been resurrected, the beat-man has returned to the streets, and the concept of Community Policing has become the "new" ideology. And what happens? Rioting youths smash up the city centres and attack the police who respond; in our own county a hi-jacked international flight puts down in the middle of the idyllic Saffron Walden sub-division; and now in North Yorkshire armed and armoured police officers are forced to shoot down a gun-crazy killer in the streets of a normally peaceful rural hamlet.

You just can't win — can you? There can be few things as distressing as the sight of British police officers tooled up like shock troops — except, of course, the condition of the victims of violent crime or their surviving relatives.

No matter how we feel about our job; no matter how we would like to define our role we still have to take on anything that comes our way. And if society throws up messy problems, then there'll probably have to be a messy police response.

If you accept the old adage that a society gets the police force it deserves, then you could say that the people will get a totally community style police force when we get asked to police a totally community style community.

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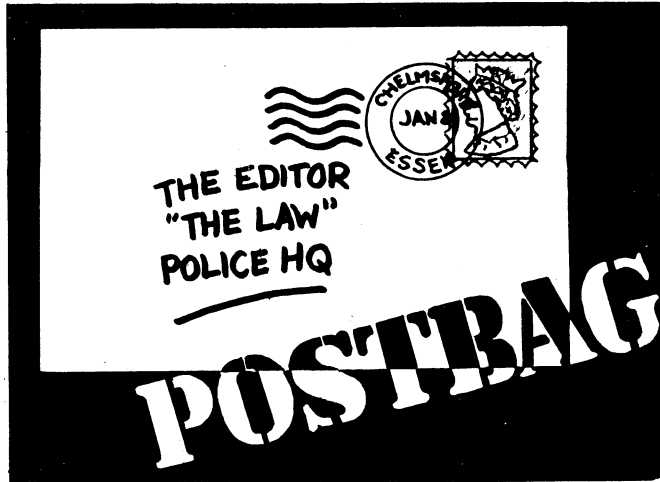
I refer to your item page 5, June issue 'Cash For Ideas' which indicates a lack of interest in the Force Suggestion Scheme.

Perhaps my own experiences with the department at Headquarters responsible for accepting the ideas may be of assistance to produce a greater response from those at the sharp end.

Since the Scheme's inception I have from time to time forwarded suggestions to which the initial response was Memos from ACC level thanking me for both my idea and interest shown in the scheme. These later became cards from Superintendent level but these at least proved that someone still thought sufficiently of the idea to at least acknowledge its receipt.

More recently however the response from the 'blunt end' has declined to a point where one idea connected with the revision of the A264 drink drive form did not initiate any reply to me personally but later a tersely worded hand written note to my Inspector from a Chief Inspector then directly involved with the rewriting of that form. This note indicated that my idea was unacceptable and anyway the suggestion should have been submitted through the usual channels.

Thus ended my interest



in the scheme. Perhaps if it returns to the 'Suggestion Box' system with direct contact to Headquarters more interest will be shown by those at the sharp end.

After all we could all do with the money. I do not object to being notified that my idea is impracticable or otherwise unsuitable as I can always look back on the suggestion which I made which was rejected and which is now the Home Office Form HO/RT2 offence report in standard use nationally.

STAN DAY
Pc 607

Courts Office
Police Station
Colchester

Ed: A spokesman for the Planning Department tells us, all suggestions properly submitted are acknowledged and the ACC ALWAYS contacts the Chief Superintendent concerned to pass on the result to the officer making the suggestion.

Bearman, retired now, as he would remember me. I am in my 89th year. See what Devon air does for one. Thanking you.

Thank you for publishing
F. B. WATERFIELD
Newton Abbot
Devon.

Ed: Ron's address is on its way to you.

THANKS

Dear Sir,

By the time you receive this letter I will have been installed in my chair at the City of London Police Headquarters a matter of a few days.

Through the medium of your paper, I would be grateful if you would extend my sincere thanks to all my ex-colleagues who attended my farewell evening on Saturday, 5th June. Both my wife and I had a thoroughly enjoyable evening, one which we shall remember for many years to come; it was so nice to see so many members past and present. I would also like to thank the Senior CID Officers and the Central Detective Unit for their very lovely gifts.

May I finally wish the Force success in the future and if colleagues are visiting my new Force area I would be delighted to see them.

Yours sincerely,
BARRY TARBUN
City of London Police.

MEMORIES I

Dear Sir,

No doubt you receive many contributions from Police Officers past and present for publication in The Law, and this paper I am always delighted to receive and thus keep abreast of matters legal pertaining to the organisation and running of the Essex Force. The administration covered by civilians appears to be a force on its own. Nearly five decades ago things were not quite so complicated regarding the enforcement of the law, but then, of course, the population was quite smaller with no ethnic groups we now read so much about.

The aftermath of the last war has created so many problems and it's always the Police that has to sort it out. With the way of life today — thank heavens for the "thin blue line."

Now to other matters in lighter vein, I would like to draw your attention to the June issue of The Law and

trust you will forgive me if I say:

Oh Mr Editor, they've done it again,

They've ruined my limerick so who is to blame?

I said '34 was the year I joined up and Not '35 as stated.

Now I won't waste your time in trying to rhyme

Further letters to you in like manner,

But a letter today from a colleague of mine

Said he too, had noted the error.

Well, there it is, a little humour in your columns won't go amiss, I'm sure, for I'm no poet.

Perhaps more "Shades" from Ralph Jones, lovely old English writer!

Sincerely,
G. HOVEY
Hornchurch,
Essex.

MEMORIES II

Dear Sir,

I can think only that Gordon Hovey alias Honey—letters May and June—had his tongue in cheek when he wrote that he joined the Force in 1935. Perhaps he was provoking correspondence.

It was during the morning of 9th March 1934 that Mr. George Sutton, then i/c "training" marched 23 of us from Old Court to The Shire Hall to be sworn in. We had been training for about a month, and one of the original 24 had already been dropped, and on that day our pay rose from £2.10p to £3.10, in modern coinage. It is a long time ago but I'm sure that GH was among the ex-Guards contingent up front leading an unguardsmanlike bunch from civi-street. It was some years afterwards that Mr Sutton, then a Supt. watched the latest batch boarding a personnel carrier for the same function and was heard to say in disgust: "They should march like any other body of self respecting men" or words to that effect! Those who remember can picture him slapping cigarette ash from his tunic as he spoke.

The Force has changed in many ways, I think, for the better, but we had to stay single for two years then, that gave us something missing today.

By the way I have confirmed dates with another of that class living here.

Get in step Gordon, sure you haven't got your collar number round your neck too!

B. STONEHAM
Seaford,
East Sussex.

Ed: Nice to see a wrong date stir old memories and friendships. We've checked our copy, and good manners prevents us from saying who made the mistake!



ONE of PC Barry Wright's "parishioners" at Thaxted has loaned him this post-card picture of Saffron Walden Police Station. Barry would like to know the date of the photograph and the name of any of the officers shown. Any-takers?



GUARDS

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you recently with an old-soldier story of my inglorious career as an army cook with the Guards, bemoaning the fact that that I could not join their exclusive club. Recent events in the Falklands, in which I had no way of knowing that the Guards would be involved, have made me wish I had been a better cook a quarter century ago. I wish all the units a safe and speedy return to tell better old-soldier stories.

FRED FEATHER
Rayleigh

Ed: Thanks Fred. One or two people did seem to find your letter a little untimely. It can only be assumed that they don't know you as well as we do, and realise that you were laughing at yourself, rather than the Guards who have just written another chapter in their glorious history.

REMEMBER?

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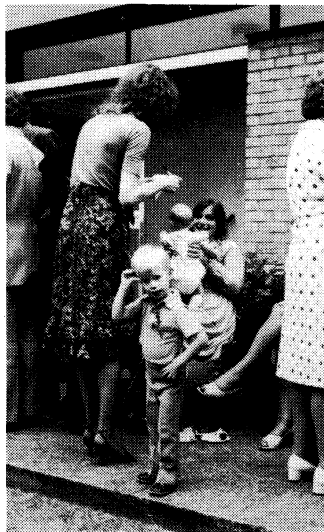
Thankyou for publishing my letter re the old mounted Police Force of 1913. I trust Mrs Yeulett was satisfied and it gave her pleasure knowing someone remembered. I don't think there are many left now. I enjoy reading The Law each month.

I would like to get in touch with Insp Ronald

PENSIONERS' GARDEN PARTY IN PICTURES



Senior party-goer, 92-year-old ex-PC Len Clements and wife Elsie. He retired in 1937.



David Flack's got to be the youngest pensioner — well next to his 5 month old sister Gemma.



Mick Brangham and Derek Thomas reminiscing about their Driving School experiences.



Father and son ACC(P), Mr Peter Simpson with ex-Ch Supt Arthur Simpson.



Tea on the lawn. And the rain actually held off. That's one up on Wimbledon any way.



It wouldn't be the same without the Force Band providing the background music.



An unusual sight. Jim Rodgers in uniform! Ex-boro' men Paddy Duffy and Hugh Conroy and their wives seem to find it funny too!



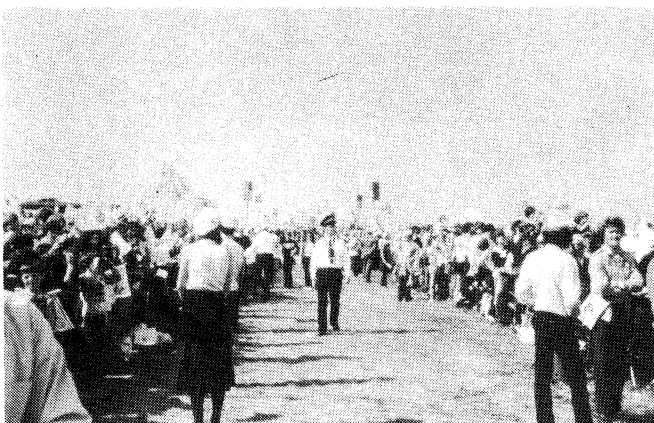
Essex's latest pensioner Doug Rampling (2nd left) and his wife Pauline celebrate the days retirement.

ESSEX HELP WITH POPE'S VISIT

ONE hundred and fifty Essex officers were amongst the 3,500 police and their support services thanked by the Pope for their efforts in controlling the 400,000 crowd which came to see him at Coventry. The officers, from all over the County, and of all ranks, went northwards under the command of Supt George Harris on the Friday before the, now famous, Whit Sunday Papal Mass which was held at the city's airport. They didn't spend much time in their crowded 4-star hotel

bedrooms though. They were up at 4.30am on the Saturday, but the expected crowds did not appear, and the sheep-pen like enclosures were almost empty by tea-time. The dawn on Sunday showed a completely different situation. By 6am 200,000 people were on the airfield, and every police officer had two of the 'pens' to police, each of which held 1,000 spectators. The Pope arrived at 10 o'clock and made his customary tour of

the crowd in his 'Popemobile' without any problems. The whole 400,000 crowd stayed put and caused the police no trouble at all. The police operation was described as a masterpiece of organisation, smooth as silk even down to the feeding of 3,500 at each sitting by the Metropolitan Police Canteen Service. As one officer said: "It was a unique policing experience and very nice to have been a part of."



Ch Insp Mike Curtis patrols the pathway between two of the 1,000-strong "pens".



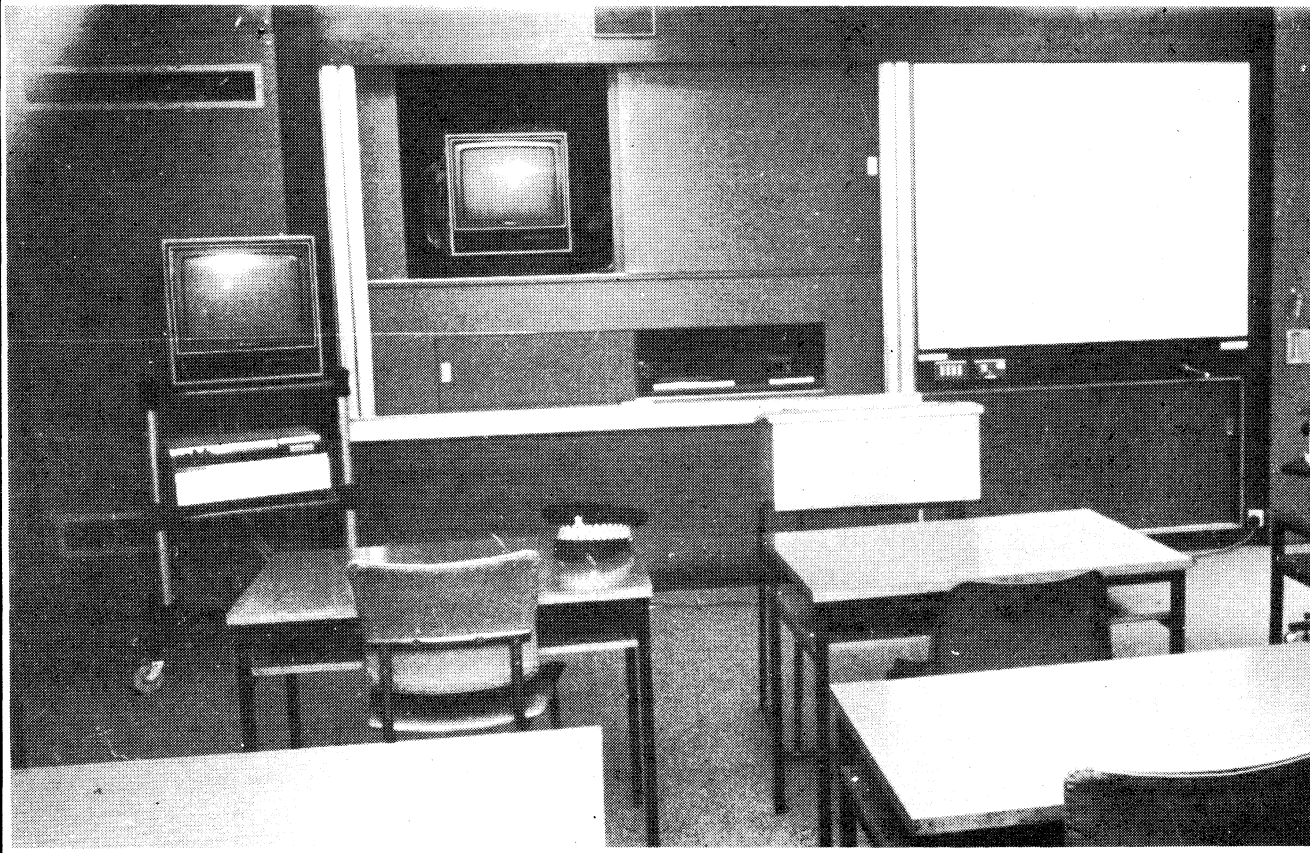
The now famous, 'Popemobile' makes its way through the massive crowd.



Relaxing in the sun after those early morning starts.

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A student's view of the classroom, showing some of the built-in teaching aids available to staff.

A message from Chief Superintendent Keith Hunter of the Force Personnel Department..

"... AS A former Commandant I have a soft spot for Grosvenor Hall, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to recommend a stint there as an instructor or course commander to any of our constables with promotion 'tickets' or any sergeant with or without a ticket. There is still no better way of broadening one's professional skills and knowledge and acquiring that extra 'edge', especially as promotion board systems in most forces now ensure that these posts go only to officers of proven practical ability and supervisory potential. For the officer with the right experience and qualifications I need not beat about the bush by denying that the reluctance of others to put themselves forward for either Central Service or Force Training posts can lead to early promotion and avoidance of re-appearance before the PAB. There is, of course, the hurdle of an eight-weeks'

Instructors' Course at CPU Harrogate, one of the hardest of all police training courses, but by that token a worthwhile and considerable accomplishment. I appreciate that absence from home can be a bind, and nobody should volunteer for central service without family support, but there are many compensations, as I hope this article has shown. For those who do not have children at a critical phase of their education, the option of house purchase or occupation of a police house in the Ashford area is available. The opportunities are there to be seized — but it does mean getting off one's proverbial backside to show one's mettle, something that those who purport to want promotion or to do something different find it increasingly hard to do nowadays. I hope this article can galvanize some of our most capable officers into action."

'You have to be a totally confident policeman to handle training these days'

TOGETHER with the other Forces in the South-East, Essex Police are required to provide an annual quota of the Instructors for the Police Training Centre at Ashford in Kent. Concerned that there are not enough applicants, the Force Personnel Department suggested that 'The Law' team might like to take a look at the centre, and pass on the good message to potential instructors.

The centre is set in 55 acres of the Kent Countryside, about a mile from the town of Ashford itself, and is centred on the Victorian country house known as Grosvenor Hall. The Hall was built in 1875 by a local banker whose hobby of arboriculture is evidenced by the fine woodland which can still be seen on the estate.

In 1961 the Metropolitan Police bought Ashford as a cadet training school and added the gymnasium, classrooms and dormitory blocks. When Hendon opened in 1973 the Home Office took over the Kent estate and it was used for the continuation training of male recruits from the South East Police Region.

In 1975 Sandgate ceased operations, and in 1981 Eynsham Hall closed its doors for the last time. Ashford now takes the responsibility for initial and continuation training of all male and female recruits from the twelve forces in the South of England, from Hampshire to Norfolk and including the City of London.

Instructors for the centre are selected from all the Forces involved, and Essex has to supply 6 sergeants and one Inspector. In addition senior posts can be applied for, and the present Commandant is Essex Chief Superintendent, Ken Hambleton.

Tough Course

Potential instructors must be Sergeant or Constables qualified to Sergeant, and they have to get through the arduous Student Instructors course, which is held regularly at the Central Training Unit at Panel Ash. This 8 week course is tough, and designed to bring out the best in you. Insp. John Kelly summed up the Essex contingent's feelings about it, "If you've got it, the Panel Ash course will find it.

There are 45 Sergeant Instructors at Ashford and 8 Inspectors, and the staff is completed by the Commandant, his Deputy, the Chief Instructor, who's a Chief Inspector, and a Physical Training Instructor.

The teaching conditions today are a lot different from those suffered by both students and instructors at the older training centres like, say, Eynsham Hall.

There's room for 335 students at Ashford, although there are only 240 there at this time, and they get the very

best in equipment and reduced to 10 weeks the course now relies on individuals ability to instead of the old 'pre rote. John Kelly said reflect on their initial going back to training improved and if some about being an Instr should come and have

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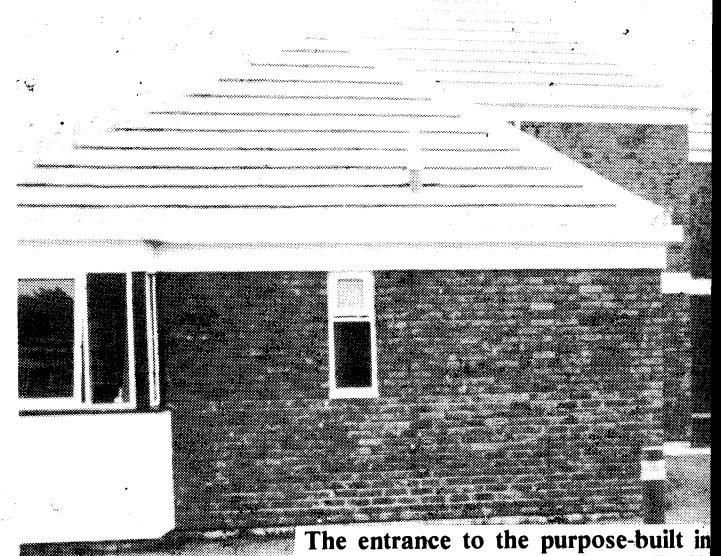
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Most of the instructors live in bachelor quarters and go home at weekends. They leave for home at 5.15pm on Friday one week and 1.30pm the next. It only takes one and a half hours to get to the South of the County, and the Essex lads were surprised how little living away affected their family lives. PS Mike Toogood from Chelmsford says, "Surprisingly enough I've found I've had more time with the wife and children than when I was on shiftwork."

The amenities provide excellent compensation for those times spent away from the family. Each instructor has a modern, well-appointed room with wash basin and fitted wardrobe. The rooms are arranged in blocks of four, the occupants sharing a kitchen a bathroom and two toilets.

Twice a year, on average, each instructor has to spend a duty weekend at the centre. Of course, his family is invited to come and stay and accommodation is provided for spouses and children. Wives are always welcome at the centre and are usually much in evidence at the passout parades.

Recreation

Recreation is also well catered for at Ashford. The staff bar is luxuriously appointed with comfortable fittings and stereo equipment, and a separate lounge has a remote control colour television with a video recorder. Snooker room and kitchenette complete the leisure complex with a sandwich toaster and microwave oven for evening snacks.

The new swimming pool heads an impressive array of sporting facilities, including tennis courts and a massive gymnasium with a sauna. All the Essex contingent agreed that they'd never been so fit in their lives. "We work hard and play hard" they said.

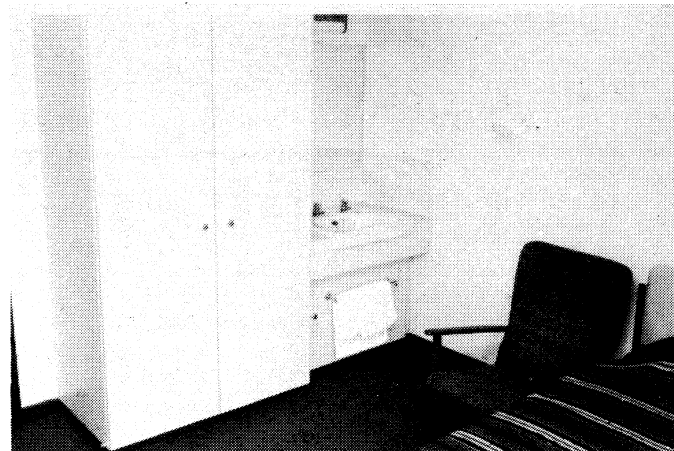
The Training Centre's Commandant, Ch Supt Ken Hambleton summed it all up. "The work here is very fulfilling. The instructor can get tremendous satisfaction from being totally involved with the new students — and seeing them grow in stature throughout the course. We need very experienced police officers who can teach. You have to be a totally competent policeman to handle training these days.

It's a difficult job — today students are intelligent and inquisitive — you have to be a confident person — as well as being a competent policeman."

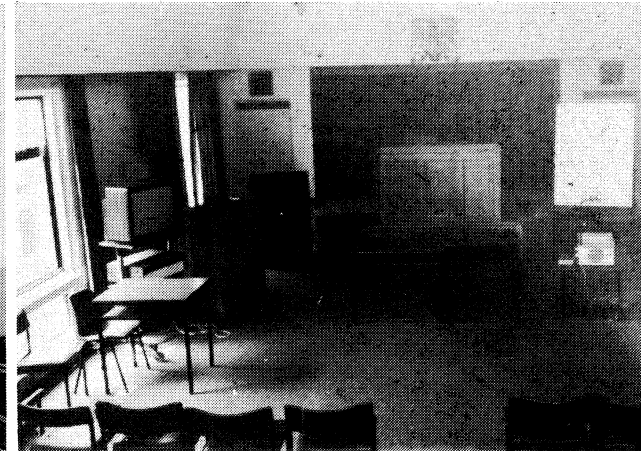
He concluded with an invitation: "Of course, seriously interested potential instructors are welcome to come and have a look."



Some of the Essex instructors with Essex Commandants — past and present.



An instructor's self-contained room in one of the modern blocks of flats.



The mock courtroom where students practise their court procedures.



The new indoor heated swimming pool — available to students and staff is the pride of the Training Centre.



Instructors' accommodation blocks.

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Bert Brinkley

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Treasurer informs me that some subscriptions are still outstanding for 1982 and also a few for 1980/1. Reminders have been sent out and it is essential that subscriptions are received promptly. The Annual Precept levied by the N.E.C. in accordance with the Rules is based on 40 per cent of the subscriptions for the total membership of all members, including Hon. Life Membership. This year the Precept for Chelmsford Branch is in the region of £290. Apart from the additional work involved by the Treasurer and Secretary, there is, of course, additional postage which we try to avoid.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 1982

The list of Motions have been received and a Committee meeting will be convened very shortly for discussion so that the Delegates are aware of the wishes of the Committee. The Motions are varied and promise for lively discussion, the full result will be published in 'The Law' after the Conference and the quarterly bulletin which follows. An important motion will be a proposal to increase the annual subscription, one

can see a lively debate especially when the balance sheets of the Association are produced for 1981. Already there are two amendments.

Conference will be asked to vote on the issue of the Bulletins to **THREE** issues per year as against four at present. This certainly would reduce postage, but whether this will be accepted remains to be seen. To quote one instance, the cost of posting bulletins to Chelmsford Branch members is £55.00 per quarter, the cost of posting bulletins to the Chelmsford Secretary is £2.50 p.q. this is only one Branch out of over 200. On the other hand there are matters of great importance which members should be acquainted with and not have to wait another month before the news becomes history. My own personal view is to retain the quarterly issue otherwise I see some members losing interest in the proceedings. The issue of three bulletins would certainly save postage, envelopes etc, not to mention the time taken in writing over 450 each quarter. However, Conference will decide but I can see many snags arising if the Motion is carried.

GARDEN-PARTY

By the time these notes appear the Annual Garden Party will be over but not forgotten. It is hoped the weather improves so that all can enjoy the walk around and meet old colleagues for the annual natter. I have been asked to represent pensioners on the Garden Party Committee. I am quite agreeable to serve if that is acceptable — I think pensioners should be represented. Any point that is deserving of bringing to the notice of the Committee should be submitted to me and I will bring it to the notice of the organisers.

I.P.A. notes

THE SUMMER BREAK is now upon us, with little activity on the social scene apart from the Headquarters' section Barn Dance at Roxwell which took place in June when about 150 members and friends happily cavorted to the sounds of "Lumps of Plum Pudding"!

On April 29, about 250 members of 10 Region joined together at the Caledonian Suite, Hanover Street, W1, for a Caledonian Evening, enlivened by the sights of many respected members of the IPA in kilts. A memorable evening, regrettably marred on the following day by the sad news of the death of "Dic" Batten, a most respected friend and colleague of the Harlow branch, and a member we could ill afford to lose.

Merrymaking continued at Southend in May when Chico and Joan Bates organised a friendly social evening with visitors from Ministry of Defence and Romford. One of those rare evenings when a financial loss was made — Chico is still looking for the £1 he was down! (and a baby kangaroo — but that's another story).

I mentioned in the last notes about the Headquarters' visit to

Holland when from 13 to 18 April, 24 members and families visited friends at Arnhem they had hosted in 1980. Panic set in on the Thursday prior to the trip when Sea Link Crew Members at Harwich went on strike, and hurried alternative bookings had to be made for the seven-car convoy. However, all was settled in time for our trip and the weather held good.

Our hosts laid on an excellent programme for us, and our visit firmly cemented previous friendships. At a social evening on the Saturday a framed Force crest was presented to Arnhem IPA who, in turn, presented a beautiful Delft Blue plate to Headquarters' IPA which we hope eventually to display at Headquarters. A most memorable visit relived in May at Headquarters when slides of the trip taken by Mick Stanbury and Vic Davis were shown.

Conference

Points to note for the future — an evening at the Rivenhall Motor Inn for a meal on a date to be announced in October, and a "Cockney" Night along the same lines as the Caledonian Night, to be organised by 10 Region, on a date to be notified in the Autumn.

Brighton Conference note — perhaps the main decision emanating from this Conference was the decision to raise subscriptions, full details of which will be notified to you via "Police World".

By Mick Stanbury

Force lottery

RESULT of the draw held at Colchester on Monday 7 June, 1982. 1st prize PC 1147 E. Greene, Stansted, £1,355.17; 2nd prize Mrs S. Abrams, HQ, £677.58; 3rd prize PC 635 P. Kilby, HQ, £338.79; 4th prize PC 290 J. Anderson, Harlow, £169.40. Consolation prizes at £33.88 each — WPC 3117 J. Rawlings, Tilbury; PC 991 M. MacDonald, Colchester; DCI R. Barrington, HQ CID; DC 481 R. Madden, Chelmsford; PC 770 K. Innes, Westcliff.

LARGE AMOUNT of perfect Scalextric for sale, includes bridges, sound, crossovers, lap-counter, chicanes, reversing cars etc, will sell separately — offers? Contact DS 78 E. A. Watson, at HQ or tel Chelmsford 83790.

FOR SALE: Large German made circular glass top coffee table on chrome metal stand — £35 ono. Contact PC Heyes at Ingatstone 2715.

FOR SALE: Hammond organ rhythm unit twin Lesley speakers, £550 when new, 1974, hardly used since. Good condition. £350. Contact Ch Supt K. E. Hunter, HQ Personnel, or tel Ingatstone 2777.

FOR SALE: Car or van gas conversion kit 100 ts gas tank made by Landi Hartog, runs on gas or petrol. Kit complete — £65. Contact PC 1584 Sharpling, Westcliff, or tel South Benfleet 56823.

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FOR SALE: Ford Capri 2.0S, 1979, black, sunroof, radio, tinted glass, vgc, new tyres, new exhaust, long MOT — £3,000 ono. Contact PC 28 G. Banks, at Harwich or tel Colchester 68031.



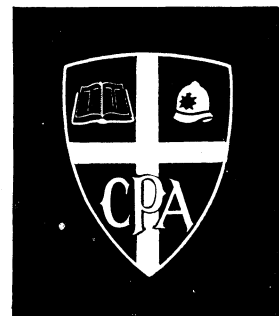
THE SUMMER period is always full of problems for the band because people tend to go away on leave now that they get paid so much but we did manage to rustle enough manpower with the help of a few army 'Guests' to take on the following performances this year.

On June 5, we played at what could be the last Summer Fayre at Trueloves School for the handicapped in Ingatstone; the school is threatened with closure because of the Government cuts. Then on June 20, we played at one of three London park engagements we had this year. These are always pleasant to play at, there's something terribly British about a band playing in a park on a Sunday afternoon and the band always seems to attract a good appreciative audience. The other two parks were at Golders Green and Victoria Park, and the first was at Burgess

Park, which I had never heard of until we played there.

On June 24, the band went to Ashford for the ceremonial Pass-Out parade on the 25th. So that we were not idle, we played a concert in Sittingbourne Town Hall on 24th and although the audience was small, they seemed to enjoy the performance nearly as much as the band. The parade went well, led as usual by our press-ganged Drum Major Malcolm Hasler from Braintree. (I'm sure he wished that he'd never mentioned the fact that he used to be a Drum Major at Chelmsford Grammar School!) and the accommodation was first class, our thanks to the Kent Police for that.

On July 2, one of our favourite jobs, the pensioner's garden party at HQ. As always the weather stayed fine despite the forecasts and I like to think that we added a little something to the proceedings. Wendy Norton has asked me to particularly thank Chief Superintendent Markham, the Band Chairman, for ensuring that she got a large portion of strawberries and cream again this year... now you know what Band Chairmen are for.



is extended to all interested friends living in the Colchester area and, if the response is good, consideration will be given to the formation of a 'mini-Branch' of CPA in that area.

We are grateful to the Chief Constable who has kindly approved our use of the facilities at Headquarters for our Third Annual Dinner this year — watch this space for details!

Opportunity is taken to remind all interested friends that CPA membership embraces both police officers and civilians.

I would be pleased to supply details, and can be contacted at Grays Police Station (Ext 203) or on Southend 557147.

Alan S. Clarke
Inspector
Grays.

IT IS some years since the Branch met in Colchester, so I am pleased to announce that our next Branch Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, July 29, at the home of Peter and Doris Clarkson, 24 Wesley Avenue, Colchester. The speaker will be Aubrey Bradfield, a Church Army Captain currently attached to St Ann's Church, Colchester. This meeting is open to all, whether members of CPA or not. A special invitation

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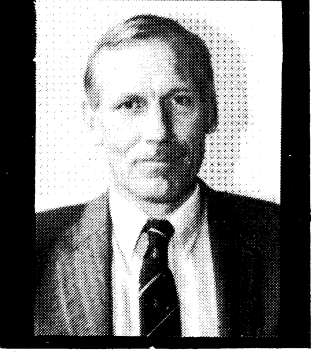
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Federation Notes



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MURDERED ON DUTY

AT THE time of writing news has just come in about the murder of Sergeant David Winter, a North Yorkshire Officer, which closely follows the murder only a week or so ago by the same fugitive of Constable David Haigh. This brings the total number of officers murdered on duty within the first six months of this year to FOUR.

Our heartfelt and sincere condolences have been sent to the families of these officers, and although the Joint Branch Board did not send, nor will we send, officers to attend the funerals of these murdered colleagues, we have sent a donation to the appeals which have been set up by a grateful public — in the name of the Federated ranks of Essex Police.

In between the two series of murders, the Police Federation set up a campaign for the re-introduction of Capital Punishment, the resultant Parliamentary decision you well know. How much higher must the death toll get before we are given the protection of a Capital Deterrent?

OPEN MEETING

This year's Open Meeting, held at the Lion and Lamb, was a very well attended one. Especially when one considers that we were competing with the World Cup as well as a James Bond film on the magic box.

Ted Davidson gave his usual 'State of the Force Address', followed by the Chief Constable anticipating his antipodean adventure, then a maiden speech by Mr Geoffrey Waterer, the Chairman of

the Essex Police Authority. The latter struck just the right tone of praise, encouragement and support, fitting his speech into the timescale provided by the Agenda, and came across as a very honest straightforward man.

Jim Jardine gave his last performance at our Open Meetings, and surpassed his many previous visits. He completed his speech to a spontaneous standing ovation, which was genuinely wrought from the floor of the Meeting.

During question time the J.C.C. Secretary — Peter Tanner — gave a very illuminating insight into what we in the service can expect over the ensuing few months.

After a very well presented meal the two professional entertainers rounded off a very enjoyable evening.

A venue has yet to be decided for the next Open Meeting, but the date has been arranged as Monday, June 20, 1983 — put it in your Diaries now!

by
*Jim
Rodgers*

SOUTH ATLANTIC APPEAL

Several enquiries have been made to this office concerning donations to the above fund, set up for the relatives of military personnel killed or wounded in the Falklands Incident. The Joint Central Committee have been approached, and it is their intention to discuss the matter on a national basis at their next statutory meeting early in July. One of the proposals they will consider is that donations should go to a fund, as a donation from the Police Federation rather than individual forces, and that the forces should send their monies to one central collecting point. Another is that because the above fund is so well established at the moment that perhaps our donation should go to the SSAFFA (Soldiers, Sailors & Air Force Families Association) which will enable more people to benefit than just those involved on the Falkland Islands.

This seems reasonable to me since there has never been an appeal of a similar nature, set up for the benefit of the Armed Forces injured and killed in Northern Ireland, or any of the other hostile places they have had to garrison over the years.

I will publish details of the Branch Board donation as soon as this has been decided.

MOTOR INSURANCE

Pamphlets and posters have been circulated regarding a Police Personal Motor Insurance, PPI, which has its operational set up in Chelmsford. I am given to understand that they have made several quotations for members of the Force which have been much less costly than the Paul Childs Scheme. I have been asked what sort of service one can expect from this firm. I must be brutally honest and say that we shall have to wait and see. Paul Childs have given very good service over the years, but at the outset, we were left with the same dilemma. Who knows, perhaps PPI will prove to be just as good. Apparently 30% of those who have made an enquiry have taken up the new scheme!

Within the proposal request form that PPI ask one to fill in there is a question which relates to Total Annual Mileage that it is anticipated the vehicle will travel. I understand

that there will be a discount for LOW anticipated mileages, and possibly a loading of premium for HIGH mileages. One thing is certain, if you quote low mileage and subsequently perform high mileage without having notified the Company of the change in expected usage of the vehicle, it may affect subsequent claims against the insurance. This is not spelled out on the proposal form, nor is it mentioned within the notes on the scheme. We have requested PPI to arrange for an addendum to be affixed to this form in the future setting out this information.

We would be interested in hearing of any problems any one may experience — indeed we would welcome news of good things to say in favour of the scheme after it has been in operation a reasonable period of time — so that this information can be shared.

SALE OF POLICE HOUSES

THERE IS still no agreement back from the Home Office with regard to the scheme agreed for Essex Police, however, steps are in hand for the publication of a list of houses which the Force will NOT consider selling within the FORESEEABLE FUTURE. As soon as it has been compiled it will be published on Force Orders. This does not mean that all those houses which are not listed will be available for sale or even offered for sale. It will merely indicate to the occupants that the house they are in will NOT be for sale, so that the occupant will be in a position to either use his discount entitlement to buy another house which is advertised as surplus to Police requirements, or, set his sights on buying on the open market.

At the same time, and in preparation for the anticipated approval, it has been

agreed that officers who are nearing the end of their service, or are in accommodation which they believe will be declared surplus, may indicate their interest in purchasing the Police house in which they live. This will provide the Property Management Department with a selection of houses which the Chief Constable can consider should be disposed of, or retained. In this latter category will be the officer who is living in a Police house which he is aware has been previously marked as surplus, but retained because it has not been policy to move officers out merely to put the house on the market. Similarly, there are officers living in groups of houses which were formerly Police houses but have been sold over the years, leaving Police houses isolated in a private estate.

So things are at last on the move — and about time, too!

UNIFORMITY

IT IS hoped that within the not too distant future a standard issue of Police Uniform and Equipment will be designated for the Force. At that time certain items previously issued for use will be banned for normal police duties. Out will go the odd items which have been sent out for trial purposes; the greatcoats; the old style leggings; the old style gaberdine raincoats (especially those kerb sweeping Boro' ones which are still occasionally seen) and anything else which is not on a general issue — unless it has been approved for "specialist use".

Quite clearly, this will mean that some cost will fall to the Authority in ensuring that officers have their Regulation issue of uniform, and equally clearly we as a Force must ensure that we never get into the state we are currently in, ever again. The Joint Negotiating and

Consultative Committee, at their meeting in July have agreed to circulate all members of the Force to obtain as quickly as possible a full and accurate list of members' physical measurements, and requirements. When collated these returns will enable an accurate financial estimate to be made for future uniform needs, as well as providing a basis upon which ordering of the uniform should be made in years to come. The Joint Branch Board urge you to complete the forms as rapidly as possible, but ensure that the measurements you are required to provide are as accurate as possible, so that we can get things moving towards a better turned out Force.

In the long run, we shall all benefit by being able to request issue of uniform and expect delivery of it within the same year of the request.

ONE-OFF RECORDER GIFT PRESENTED TO C.P.O.s



The tape-recorder's handed over.

THE ESSEX Crime Prevention Department has been presented with a unique recording system, specially designed to their specifications.

The machine was built to complex police requirements by two Electronic Technician Apprentices from Marconi Communications training department, and was the brainchild of Mr Brian Overey — their Director of Personnel, and a member of the Chelmsford Crime Prevention Panel.

The Force's Crime prevention Officer — Inspector John Deal — was delighted with the gift. "It uses will be numerous", he says. "One of the first things we will use it for will be recording advice for circulation to various talking newspapers for the blind, and it will be a boon at exhibitions in the future."

The equipment was produced without cost to the Police Authority — all expenditure being carried by Marconi Communications.

WHOOOPS!



Last month's deliberate mistake wasn't difficult to spot! When Beverley Gunson of the HQ Typing Pool got married, her friends decorated her desk and the photograph of the result found its way into our Rayleigh Open-Day feature. Sorry Beverley, it happens sometimes! Can we offer you and your husband all the best for the future!

FORCE SPORTS AND ATHLETICS

IN THE SPACE of seven days in early June the Force athletics squad undertook four events which left them feeling as if they had been through the mill. The first of these competitions was the Force Championships at Chelmsford on June 3. A Southern League match at Hornchurch Stadium followed on the Saturday, the walkers had an Essex championship at 20 kms on the Sunday, and the Regional PA Championships followed at Luton on the next Wednesday.

For the Force event the eventual team winners, Colchester, turned up with a team of only eight. And as two of these were Hedgethorpe and Fairweather who kept busy all afternoon but didn't score too many points, the other six must have worked hard.

Chris Turner, with wins at 1500, 3,000 steeplechase, and 5,000, a new event this year, and a second place at 800 mts, was Colchester's main points scorer. Bob Bourne had a good day at field events which, added to a shot victory for Susan Watson and javelin second place for Anita Golding, gave Colchester their best ever year in this department.

Colchester finished the day by winning the relay and finishing second in the men's. Hedgethorpe was the starter and everyone else had to run.

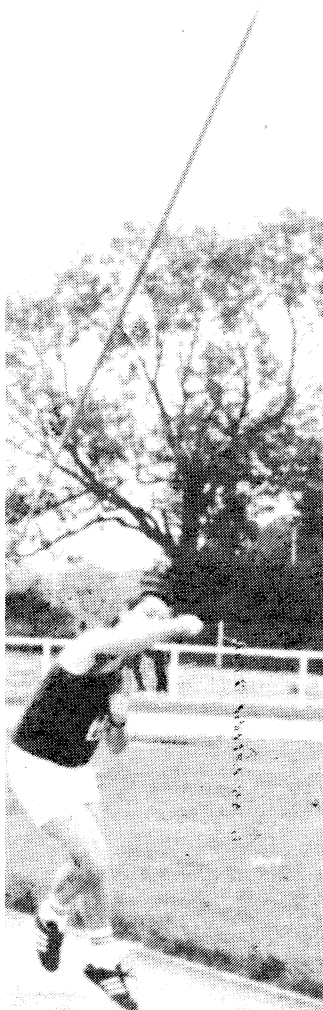
Other Divisions tried hard, none more so than Rayleigh where Ch. Supt Shepherd took a hand when interviewing two new recruits to the Division on the morning of the championships. Robin Wyatt and Elena Foster ended up detailed to run — and both scored points for Rayleigh, Miss Foster winning the 800 mts. Mr Shepherd must have reflected on what his Division might have achieved with half a dozen recruits.

STRONG MATCH

Police began their league match at Hornchurch on June 5 handily placed near the top of Division 4. But with two of the four teams against them standing above them in the table it was a strong match.

There were some absentees from the Police ranks and as the afternoon wore on the pressure began to tell and in the final event the four remaining uninjured runners completed the 4 x 400 mts relay.

Police lost the lead with only a few events left and in the end just hung on to equal second place.



Bob Bourne displays his talents with the javelin.

REGIONAL

Essex have a great tradition in the Regional athletics championships and had carried off the team title thirteen times in succession. Under the captaincy this year of Bert Wallace they were keen to make it 14.

The early events gave Essex some anxiety as, with no Essex entrants, other forces were scoring points. And when Paul Pratt, usually a source of points, strained a leg in the 100 mts and took no further part things looked black.

Phill Barrett took a sprint double, Chris Turner won the steeplechase and was second at 5,000 mts, Len Perrott and Dave Britton had a tremendous battle in the 400 mts though both just missed the gold.

As usual the walkers, with four in the first five, kept up their end, and the

scoreboard showed Essex ahead.

Then it was just a matter of the jumpers, Simon Halford, high jump winner, Glyn Evans and Dave Pike, and the throwers Alan Husk, winner of the shot, Bert Wallace, Andy Thorpe and Elaine Partridge, piling on more points to make sure.

So the afternoon ended with the usual ceremony of the Essex captain being handed the team trophy for another year.

WALKING

On June 6 Police walkers contested the Essex 20 kms championships at Chigwell



Chris Turner on his way to the 5,000m title.



Competitors on the first lap of the 3,000m walk.

round a hilly course they do not like much and in humid conditions which were even less welcome.

In the end Peter Ryan, who has won a couple of Essex titles this year, had to be content with third place in a moderate time of 100.26. Denis Sheppard finished 9th in 112.24 and John Hedgethorpe 10th in 114.36.

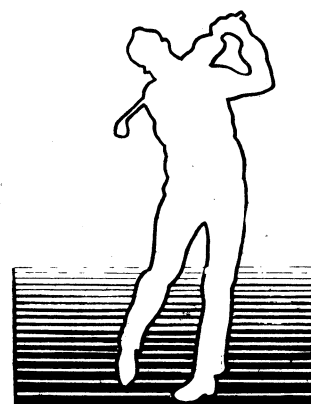
Sheppard won the Regional event at Luton just easing under 14 mins (13.57.2) while Mike Dunion made a welcome return to just hold 3rd place from Hedgethorpe who almost sneaked up on him in the home straight, the difference being only .4 secs.

At greater distance Ryan contested the national 35 kms at Kenilworth on June 19 where he finished an excellent 9th in 2hrs 57mins 27 secs.



Alan Husk, the strong man of the shot event.

Police of Essex Golf Society



ON MONDAY, June 29 at Braintree Golf Club, Stisted, PEGS Summer meeting was held. Seventeen members and three guests attended. Although the weather was rather changeable, the course was in excellent condition and was playing well. The "Scratch Cup" was won during the morning by Alec Mackman with a gross score of 79.

Peter Rouse was runner up with gross 80. The best morning handicap score was John Lindow with a net 68.

In the afternoon Ken Smith and John Woods won the Vice President's Cup with a combined total of 67 points. Roger Culham and Peter Rouse were runners up with 64 points. Pat Davies won the guest prize with 34 points. Despite the dubious weather most players enjoyed the day, and the golf was of a high standard, with Alec Mackman being cut by two shots.

Unfortunately the support could, and should, have been much better. With a total of 50 members I look forward to better support at our Autumn Meeting, to be held at The Warren, on Friday, September 17, particularly as the A.G.M. will be held that evening.

R. W. Hayes
Inspector

Chelmsford.

Search For Talent

THE FOOTBALL season is only just around the corner and preparations are in hand to ensure that the Force team have a good season. However, it is often thought that the Force Football team is a 'closed shop,' this is not the case and the manager would like to hear from any person who would like to play for the Force team so that arrangements can be made for them to attend training. Anybody interested in playing football for the Force or merely training with the team should contact Inspector Clark at Chelmsford Police Station.

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