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LONDON'S THIRD AIRPORT COMES TO ESSEX

STANSTED

The sky's the limit!!

STANSTED is to become London's third airport handling up to 8 million passengers by 1990, with an ultimate capacity of 15 million per year. The effect of this on the policing of the area will be governed to a large extent by the phasing of the scheme.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Government Transport Secretary, and the Environment Secretary Mr Patrick Jenkins have given the go ahead for the building of a new passenger terminal and associated facilities at Stansted. It is envisaged that this will eventually provide up to 9,000 jobs with a consequent housing and population increase. Communications links with the Capital will have to be improved, requiring up to £2 million to be spent on local roads and raising the possibility of a new high-class railway line.

Legislation

Mr Ridley told a press conference that the phased expansion will be controlled by proposed



Air Traffic movement legislation. Obviously as the airport and surrounding area become more densely populated the

policing needs will change. This does not call for immediate plans to expand or change policing boundaries.

What it does require is careful liaison between all the interested bodies so that policing priorities can be appropriately

assessed and introduced in the most cost effective manner.

For all the fuss, one would think that expan-

sion at Stansted was a new experience. It isn't.

Traffic

On August 18 1957 Pc 501 Martin reported on the rise in numbers of vehicles using the A120 road and stated that "The increased volume of traffic is from (the recently expanded) Stansted Airport." He goes on to say that he "kept observation" between 5pm and 6pm on Friday, August 2 and counted "200 vehicles." It's interesting to speculate how many of those were juggernauts?

At the recent Federation open evening, the Chief Constable remarked knowingly that "Stansted will have a considerable effect on this Force as anyone who has been to Gatwick will know." He also said that "work has already begun on planning the policing requirements."

So, the 25-year dispute is apparently over and Essex must police London's third airport. We will no doubt do it, as always, in a manner appropriate to the prevailing circumstances.

Southend Borough's last Chief dies

ON 15 MAY, 1985 the death was announced of Mr Henry Devlin, QPM. Affectionately known as "Harry", he had



Mr Henry Devlin QPM reviews the golden Jubilee Parade of Southend-on-Sea Constabulary in 1964.

faithfully and proudly served the Southend Borough Constabulary for more than 38 years. For the last 4 years of his service he held the rank of Acting Chief Constable.

Prior to joining Southend Police in October 1930, Mr Devlin had been a member of the Lifeguards. This had kindled in him a love of horses which was to become his hallmark in the police service. He took a particular interest in the Mounted Section at Southend. For many years he led Southend carnival procession mounted on a magnificent police horse and in 1964, he reviewed the Force on horseback during their Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Mr Devlin was awarded the Queen's Police Medal in 1969, following his retirement on the formation of the Essex and Southend-on-Sea Joint Constabulary, in April that year. In his final Annual Report he made reference to his pride in having been able to serve in the Borough in every rank and every department of their Police Force.



The cortege arrives at Southend Crematorium

Rent allowance agreed-p7

POSTBAG — Letters to The Law, Force HQ

CQ DX, CQ DX, CQ DX

Sir,
 Calling all Police Radio and Computer operators, from G4SPF, the club radio station for the Surrey Police Force, operating from the Force headquarters in Guildford, Surrey.
 The Surrey Police Radio and Computer Society, has been in existence for four years. During the past year we received many enquiries from officers in neighbouring police forces wishing to join us due to the limited amount of Police Radio or Computer clubs in existence. Since January 1985, we have been allowing serving and retired police officers to join us.
 Our society runs its own award scheme entitled "The All Surrey Award", which is available to all radio amateur's and short wave listeners for working or hearing the required amount of radio amateurs within the county boundary of Surrey.
 We hold meetings once a

month and have regular visits outside the force to places of interest. Visits last year and so far this year included: Air Traffic Control at Gatwick Airport, Air Traffic Control at RAF West Drayton, Rediffusion Flight Simulators of Crawley and UOSAT, the Satellite Tracking Station at the University of Surrey.
 Regular radio nets are held once a month on the 144MHz 2m band and we are in the throes of starting an HF radio net.
 During August 3rd and 4th, 1985, we will be operating a special event radio station from the new Police Motorway Control Room at Godstone, using the special call-signs GB4SPF and GB8SPF (SURREY POLICE FORCE) it is hoped that all HF bands will be in use on phone and RTTY as well as on 2m VHF. Special QSL cards will be sent to confirm all contacts.

If you would like to know more about our society, why not drop the secretary a line at the address below.
 Best 73s,
 Richard J. Hook (G8LVB)
 Secretary,
 c/o Operations Room,
 Surrey Police Radio and Computer Society,
 Surrey Constabulary Headquarters,
 Mount Browne,
 Sandy Lane,
 Guildford GU3 1HG.

Overwhelmed

Dear Sir,
 On behalf of our son David and myself, I wish to thank everyone and especially the Force for all their help and generosity since Brian ("Bill") was shot last August. The fund set up to help us, the Force collections and all the events that have been organised have just overwhelmed us.

I cannot start to write down how much all this has meant and how it has helped David and I to get through this time. All I can do is to say thank you!

Yours very sincerely,
 Sue Bishop
 Chelmsford.

Hadleigh memoirs

Dear Sir,
 At the suggestion of WPSgt M. Scollan of Tiptree, we are contacting you to ask for your assistance to trace relatives of some of the former policemen who served in Hadleigh, Essex.
 We are currently researching for a book to be published next year, by Phillimore and Co of Chichester, on the history of our village. A small chapter on the police is to be included and we have uncovered quite a lot of detail about the constables before the turn of this century, via police records in the Essex Records Office. To date, however, we have drawn a blank with constables who served in the 1910/1939 period — although we know some of the names. We have had letters published in all local newspapers requesting information, and if possible photographs, but to date we have had no response.
 Therefore we wonder if it would be possible for you to include our request in a future edition of your paper. We would particularly like photographs/more details of the following:-
 PC130 (later promoted) Walter A. Rolfe who left the Hadleigh area on the 8th April, 1908 (we are given to understand that he had at least one son who followed the same career).
 PC56 James Totterdell

(Later Sgt). Left Hadleigh on 2.4.1901.

PC426 George H. Pledger. Came to Hadleigh on 7.1.1918 — nothing else so far known except he is buried in local churchyard.

Should any of your readers be able to assist with these, or any other constable who served at Hadleigh at any time, we would be most grateful.

All letters will be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,
 Mrs S. Harvey and
 Mrs M. Hancock
 16 Seymour Road,
 Hadleigh,
 Benfleet,
 Essex.

Happy memories

Dear Sir,
 On behalf of my daughter Claire and my son Ian and myself, I wish to thank the Chief Constable and members of the Essex Force, for the beautiful floral tribute and messages of sympathy received on the sudden and sad loss of my husband "Mc" Ex-Sgt 65, who died on May 1st.

Although I am living down here in Devon, I have very happy memories of all our years in Essex.

Yours sincerely,
 Margaret McHardy
 Sidmouth,
 Devon.

Investments

Dear Editor,
 I was delighted to see a letter from Mr Allan Collins regarding investments, and grateful for his kind remarks about my article. He goes on to echo a lot of my own views.

I know he's enhancing rather than criticising but I ought to mention that the sophisticated computer system we use to monitor some 120 trust and bond funds, together with key economic indicators, does not make good "copy" for The Law and therefore I haven't gone into any detail about it.

As far as choosing an investment, there's a whole lot more than could be described in this journal.

One point I would take issue with was the fact that I am not retired but resigned. The difference is critical. I have no pension to fall back on. That

means I have to keep learning and expanding all the time, because when I stop learning, people stop buying. A massive part of our expenditure therefore goes on making sure investments are more than just "luckily selected."

I'd like to extend the hand of friendship to Allan Collins and invite him to ring me with a view to popping down here to see what we do. I believe he only recently retired and, if that's the case, I'd be only too pleased to share some ideas with him to help him on his way in the industry.

Yours faithfully
 Tony Warren
 Anthony Warren
 Insurance Services

Memorable

Dear Sir,
 May I, through your newspaper, please thank the Chief Constable and all the serving and retired officers of the force who have been so kind to me since my husband's death.

It was very pleasing to see so many of his colleagues at his funeral, and the guard of honour and the police horses made it especially memorable for me.

Thank you again
 Yours sincerely
 Mrs Elvira Devlin
 Westcliff on Sea

Heartwarming

Dear Sir,
 I am most grateful to all those friends and colleagues who joined my wife and me on the evening of May 31, for a farewell drink to mark my retirement from the Force. It was heartwarming that so many people, some of whom had travelled long distances, were able to be present.

The kind remarks, gifts and cards were very much appreciated, as too were the many letters sent by those unable to attend and too numerous

to mention.
 The happy recollection of that evening will remain with us both for a very long time.

It is reassuring to know that the legendary "police family" image is still evident in Essex and I thank you all most sincerely for your kindness.

Yours faithfully
 Bob Storey
 Boreham
 Chelmsford

Heartfelt thanks

The Law,
 In January, 1985, I was suddenly taken ill and following medical tests, I was found to be suffering from total kidney failure.

Through my illness, I was overwhelmed by the kindness shown by both police officers and civilian employees, who went out of their way to help my wife and family.

Please would you all accept my heartfelt thanks that your kindness and generosity has brought me back to good health.

Michael Simister
 PC37
 Rayleigh.

Sincere thanks

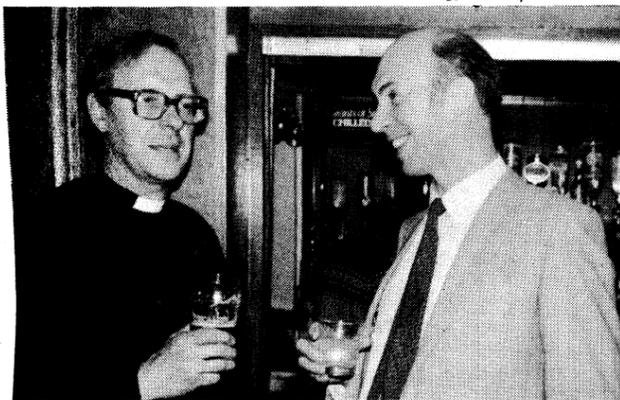
Dear Sir,
 On behalf of all the Golden Oldies who were able to attend Headquarters, may I express our sincere thanks for a wonderful day.

On a personal note may I express a sincere thank you to all who sat down to the luncheon for the lovely flowers they sent to my wife in Moorfields Hospital, who was having her tenth eye operation on the day in question. I have just had a call informing me that the Surgeon is happy so far with the operation. The growth has been removed and a quick lifting of the eye pad shows that some sight has been regained.

Thank you again to all the Headquarters staff for a lovely day.

Yours sincerely,
 Douglas F. Andrews
 Harwich.

Another first for Harlow DIVISIONAL CHAPLAIN



THE Reverend Brian Birchmore, for two years the Industrial Chaplain for Harlow, has been informally adopted as the Divisional Chaplain. Very much a Man's man, Brian, who does enjoy his pint now and again, is delighted with the situation.

Harlow's Chief Superintendent John Watson openly supports Brian in his efforts. He has made it plain that the Chaplain is welcome in the station whenever he wishes. He told 'The Law' "I've known Brian for some time and I believe that he's got a lot to offer here. He walks around the station at will and people can take him or leave him, but I know that he is proving to be helpful in a number of ways."

As for Brian, he says "I get a very open response. I look after two small local parishes and have some responsibility to everyone who works in industry and commerce and a few other places in Harlow. The 'nick' is one of the 'other places' and very important with the stresses and strains of today's police work."

Although Brian is ordained in the Church of England, his role as Industrial Chaplain spans the denominational divides. He is but one of a team whose aim is to represent as broadly as possible the commitment of the churches to people at work.

The team are a lively lot. They are not tub thumpers but they certainly believe in their calling and they find themselves welcome at all levels from management to the shop floor. They seek to interact in a positive way whenever they are needed and they don't draw distinctions between regular church goers and anyone else.

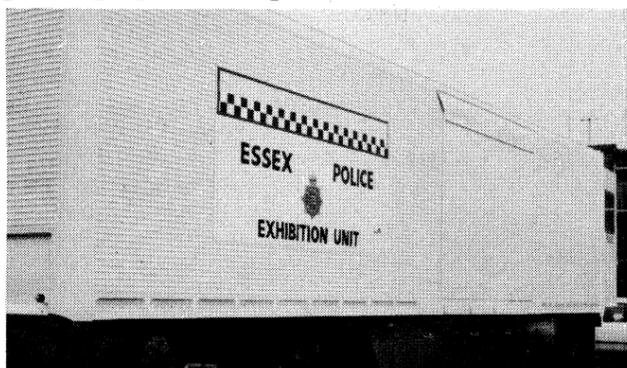
Industrial Chaplains crop up all over the Country. Throughout Essex there are more than enough for the Divisions to have one each.

At Harlow 'The Law' met a couple of people who were against the idea but otherwise the general consensus was that Brian Birchmore was a welcome addition to the station scene. As one PC said, "At worst he does no harm and I know that he has helped a couple of my mates when they were down. That can't be bad can it?"

SHOW VAN

USING a trailer which was due to be scrapped, a new display vehicle has been produced to present the Force at shows and fetes throughout the county.

The new mobile exhibition unit houses a back projection slide show, and various static displays. It will be used to promote crime prevention, recruiting and to generally enhance Essex Police and public relations. Wherever it goes, officers will be on hand to speak with visitors and put across our message.



Crime Prevention unit with Headquarters Garage staff have been largely responsible for designing and fitting out the trailer. Crime Pre-

vention will also be responsible for all bookings for the vehicle. Don't all rush at once, however, it's virtually fully committed this year.



"EXCUSE PLEASE — BUT IT'S SOMEONE CALLED SERGEANT — CANCELLING TOMORROW'S REST DAY — WHATEVER THAT MEANS ???!"

BILL'S WALNUT TREE

IN A SIMPLE but touching ceremony at Sandon Dog Section, a brass plaque has been placed next to a walnut tree dedicated to the memory of Constable Brian (Bill) Bishop, who was shot at Frinton last August.



Bill served with the dog unit from November 1969 until August 1975. His first dog, 'Storm' was retired in harness. Next came 'Kim' but this dog had to be destroyed, through ill health. Bill's luck didn't change when his third dog 'Justice' collapsed during a train-

ing session and Bill asked for a move.

The tree and plaque were presented by his

dog section colleagues. Mrs Sue Bishop, with son David, placed the brass plate near to the

tree. Also there was Bill's original Chief Inspector, Ian Clarke, and Sergeant Dan Hare.

NEW ASSISTANT WELFARE OFFICER

FOLLOWING the retirement of PC George Sage, a new assistant has been appointed to help the Force Welfare Officer, Charlie Howlett, carry out his more than worthwhile task. The new man is PC Neville Leach.



PC Neville Leach

Neville is a family man who lives with his wife in Chelmsford. They have two sons, one at University and the other just sitting his 'A' levels.

to "The Law", "I feel that it is very important to keep the 'police family' together. We are one big family in this job and I hope we remain that way. What I can do now is to let these people know that we still care for them and this way we can make sure we do as much as possible for them."

WIDOWS

A very experienced police officer, Neville has 25 years' service, sixteen of which were spent as a village bobby at Roxwell. He has also served at Maldon and latterly at Chelmsford, where for 3 years he was the Divisional Enquiry Officer.

KINDLY

By the way of 'initiation', Neville will spend his first months making contact with all the Police Widows in the County. He hopes to visit each and every one during the next 4 or 5 months or so, which is no mean task but one of immense value. He said

If anyone is suited to this role, it is Neville. He is well known for having a kindly word for anyone in need and his gentle but firm manner inspire trust and confidence. He also likes a cup of tea and a chat when the chance crops up!

Jack Carrington shares 25 years on the Special beat A SPECIAL NOTEBOOK

IT HAS become fashionable for Chief Constables to write their memoirs on retirement. So far I have not seen Special Constables rushing into print, but like myself many have had a good tale to tell.

Almost 25 years ago, after a number of years in the Territorials I decided to join the Special Constabulary. Firstly, you had to supply two character references, these were scrupulously checked, then followed an interview and if accepted an appearance at court to be sworn in, followed by my first of many encounters with the clothing store which made you realise that you were not being welcomed exactly with open arms. In charge was Les Smith, ex-Great Leighs village policeman and a firm believer that if you were a Special Constable clothing sizes were immaterial. He had a rack of reconditioned uniforms and selected one off the peg which was then either taken in or let out. This method of selection did not appeal to me at all and from that moment on Les and myself never saw eye to eye.

The only new items issued were your cap and a shirt with two collars. You were now ready to be let loose on the streets. You either doubled up with another Special who would show you the ropes or accompanied a regular on his beat. Training took place during the winter months and consisted of memorising sections of Moriarty — the then policeman's Bible.

Firstly though I had to sort my uniform problem out. I contacted just about every regular who was about to resign, retire and in those days even emigrate, did a swap, and within a very short time Les had all his cast-offs back and I had a wardrobe second to none.

My first arrest was made at Chelmsford City Football Ground. Imagine my surprise when the lad I had just arrested turned out to have the same surname as myself. Over the next twenty-odd years I was able to follow his progress into the big time via the Collator's Bulletin.

Shortly after joining I moved from Chelmsford to Broomfield village and found myself transferred to the rural section. The section sergeant went white when he found out and told me to report back from whence I came immediately. However, after a friendly word from higher up and the arrival of Sergeant Vowles (now retired) I was accepted. The village was patrolled on bicycle while the other village policeman had 'Noddy' bikes with one van, which at night was always double-manned. Soon, at a moment's notice I was filling the observer's seat. In those days all radio traffic had to be logged and its content circulated to the other members of the section when they came on duty in the morning. At times the radio signals broke-up so badly it was impossible to decipher what was coming over the airwaves, so you reverted to your worst handwriting and hoped for the best.

CARNIVAL

Looking back over the years many humorous moments come to mind, although they were not so funny at the time. One incident was a Battle of Britain Service at Chelmsford Cathedral attended by all the civic dignitaries. A car had been parked just where the RAF Regiment Band was due to halt. The superintendent gave orders that its owner must be found immediately and the offending vehicle removed. Well, we searched everywhere without success. Eventually I mounted the pulpit in Chelmsford Cathedral and addressed the assembled congregation. Still no response! In desperation the superintendent told me to go over to the police station and round up everyone I could find and tell them to move it bodily. I have never been told so forcibly by so many in so short a time what I could do with myself... but the superintendent got his car moved. On another occasion at a carnival the police car which was going to lead the procession could not get through due to traffic congestion, so I lead the procession myself on

foot and for an encore with traffic at a standstill, had a worried husband trying to get his wife, who was in labour, to hospital.

Road accidents are not generally attended by Special Constables, but over the years there have been many exceptions to the rule, during the course of which I must have swept up more of the A12 than any road-sweeper. Which just goes to show that Specials do have their uses. Another aspect of policework which I didn't take into consideration when I joined was attendance at a sudden death, of which the rural section seems to have more than their fair share, ranging from suicide to death by natural causes, but always it seems just as you are about to 'book-off' for the night. On one such occasion we arrived at what can only be described as a dirty hovel. The body was still laying on the floor covered by a dirty piece of blanket. The family even at this late hour had gathered and the whisky was flowing. We were greeted with "The silly old sod would be alive now if he had done as we told him and stopped in bed." We were then asked if we would like a cup of tea. Before I could reply "No" my colleague said "Not for me thank you, but I am sure my mate would." What a sense of wicked humour some regulars have. Then for my sins I was bitten by the old man's dog when radioing for the undertaker.

DOMESTICS

Domestic calls, although unpopular, can have their funny side. One night we were called to a bus shelter near a busy main road where an inebriated Irish roady was in full voice surrounded by beer bottles. How much longer are you going to be here we asked. "Well I am just contemplating how to get across that bloody road" he replied. With that we waited endlessly for him to light up a dog end while he used up one match after another without success. Eventually my colleague handed him his gas lighter to speed up the process. Unfortunately paddy, not being familiar with such high technology, ignited it and at the same time turned up the flame full volume. It shot straight up his nose like a V2 rocket. I have never seen an Irishman sober-up so quickly.

It always intrigued me that there was a Special Sergeant at Chelmsford who didn't have a section. When I enquired into this I was told that during the war he had been the milkman to the police station who at some stage had promoted himself and over the years this had become accepted. I too was promoted when my section sergeant received a suspended sentence for shoplifting, but within a very short time for one reason and another there was just myself and one other, who was a long-distance lorry driver and his wife would not let him do any duties anyway.

Returning to domestics, another involved a woman who had been sent home from hospital early because of an industrial dispute. The woman though ill was expected by her husband to resume the normal household duties and a row developed. Prior to our arrival the gas meter had been emptied and a rebate given in 10p pieces. These were scattered everywhere when we arrived, in the jam, the butter, the chair. It almost gave you criminal tendencies when you sat down in a sea of silver. Eventually all was resolved with me helping a very portly lady up a very steep staircase to bed, switching on the electric blanket for and tucking her up for the night. I was about to switch off the light when she said, "Would you be a dear and empty my plastic bucket for me in the toilet which is downstairs in the cellar."

DINNER

On one occasion at the end of a tour of duty I called at a country mansion regarding some silver which had been recovered. All the family were in evening dress ready for dinner. Despite our protestations we were persuaded to stay for dinner because in their words they welcomed some fresh conversation at dinner. Imagine our

surprise on being escorted into dinner to see our host mount what can be only described as a throne. The table was so long that it was like a scene from a Western as the port and sherry was slid down the table. We were a little apprehensive when our host informed us that the previous week he had entertained the Chief Constable!

One of Broomfield's old boys, Stuart Rigg, now an Inspector at Dunmow, could always beat any officer from the town to an incident bordering our section, but his one challenge in life was restarting any broken down car he came across while on patrol. I must have spent hours holding a torch for him as he tinkered with engines. One Sunday night we came upon a Vicar whose car had broken down out in the sticks. All Stuart's expertise could not get the car started. There was nothing for it but a push-start. This we did until we, or at least I, was completely worn out. Eventually the engine spluttered into life. We could not believe it when he suddenly stopped his car further down the road to thank us and we had it to do all over again.

CEMENT

It's funny how all the disasters occur at night. On this occasion we were patrolling a building site, when unfortunately for us we were spotted first and the culprit got away leaving us with a cement mixer in full production. After disappearing down a hole on the building site my colleague informed me that we would have to empty the cement mixer before departing, otherwise by the morning the cement would be set and the machine ruined. That little episode used up quite a number of cleaning vouchers! Another time when an early morning raid had been planned on a derelict house in the village to catch a couple of villains, the reserve dog handler, who came from Grays, invited me to run up the road when his dog started to get edgy because he wasn't in the action. Having once been chased by a Securicor alsatian while on observation I declined the invitation, even though he assured me I wouldn't get bitten.

On Sunday, May 12, after a British Legion Parade at Great Waltham I retired from the Special Constabulary leaving behind many friends, especially Mick Blows the Great Waltham policeman with whom I have been doing duties for at least 18 years, his wife Pat, the Melbourne Section, all those now retired officers with whom I shared most of these adventures and many more. I say thank you. It has been a privilege to serve and be associated with you.

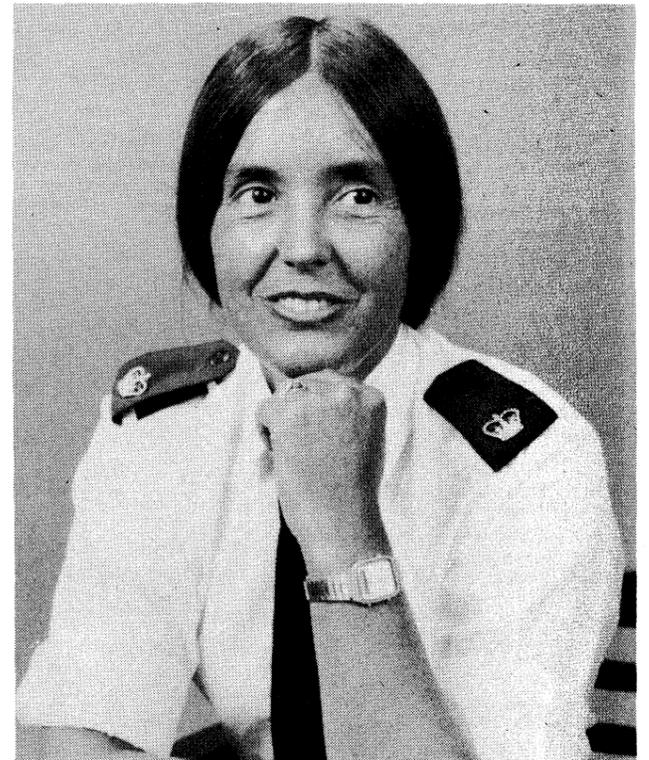
By: Jack Carrington

A DATE
for your diary!

Sat 30 November

"The Welsh Concert"
with the
TREDEGAR MALE VOICE CHOIR
and
ESSEX POLICE BAND
at
Civic Hall, Grays

Lady in the Crown



FOR THE first time since 1976, Essex Police have a Woman Superintendent. The new recruit to the non-federated ranks is Mrs Lorna Baker, head of the Community Services Branch.

Lorna, with 19 years service, is a Special Course officer with wide ranging police experience gained operationally at Southend, Grays, Basildon and latterly the CSB.

Mrs Baker was part of the now disbanded Women Police Department prior to the introduction of equality in every sense with the men. Remembering the changeover, she says, "I had mixed feelings at the time. Generally I felt that the girls could benefit by it but some service to the public was lost, especially in the specialist areas involving women and children."

Now some 10 years on she says "Policewomen are still struggling in open competition against the men to get onto the promotion ladder. The Force is forever looking at, and trying to improve, its response to serious sexual offences and the CSB has filled some of the gaps, especially in the area of child abuse. Really though, I think we are still settling down, even after nearly 10 years."

Time for Old Time

THE Essex branch of the International Police Association celebrated VE Day in style at a dance in Boswells School hall, Chelmsford. Organised by retired Assistant-Chief Constable Roger Richardson, the event was a sellout; and what a night!

A parade of World War II vehicles in the school playground set the scene, as revellers arrived in an array of uniforms and other costumes evoking memories of the 1940s. An 18-piece band hit all the right notes throughout the entire evening and the only time the dance floor wasn't packed was when everyone was eating.

Apple Pie

In fine "British Restaurant" style, refreshment of corned beef hash, spuds and beans, followed by apple pie, was the menu of the day. It looked good, tasted good and by golly . . .

Repeat Performance

At the end of the day, no one wanted to go



Sgt Ralph Young with lovely wife Sue mixing the Airforce and the Navy at the International Police Association VE Day Dance.

home. It will be a few years before the same excuse for a celebration crops up, but rumours are circulating about a

repeat performance of some sort in the not too distant future. It will surely be another night not to be missed.

BRIGHTLINGSEA UPDATED



PHOTO COURTESY PATHIMBA LTD

THIS MONTH has seen the completion of a very modern architect designed, purpose built police station in Brightlingsea, to replace the existing antiquated structure which has been in use since 1908. The new building features many up to the minute construction techniques, intended to produce a pleasing working atmosphere. These include partial direct glazing to the ceiling, walls and floor and a variation in materials and textures used in the interior decoration.

Local Constable John Cross told "The

Law", "It's quite nice but I don't suppose it will make much difference to us unless they man it all the time with an office man."

OPEN DAY

Sergeant Derek Robinson is delighted with the new building, although he said "We'll be sad to leave the old place in many ways. We've been here a long time." He is planning an open day so that local people can see the improved conditions and discuss the service they will get from it.

Anniversary Showtime

By Sandie Cotton

WRITING ABOUT Anniversary Showtime, performed at Police Headquarters, is a little different for me this time, as I saw the show from behind the scenes.

The exuberance of everyone concerned is something which I will always remember; this bunch of troupers, all amateurs, but giving a 100 per cent professional performance. The troupe has been giving pleasure and laughter over the last 21 years for no reward other than making their audiences happy.

I hear snippets of many stories that have happened, such as, in the "Vagabond King" Johnny Johnson lost his wig on stage while raising his hat and when in "Kiss Me Kate" John Hart and George Lambert were doing a scene, John turned to George to say his lines and found that George had to stay in the wings and hold up the scenery. This might have thrown a lot of others, but not this bunch.

Reading through Roger Richardson's notes, I see that in the show "Desert Song", the male lead was Ted Davidson, now of the National Police Federation. In those days Roger was Det Supt on the Fraud Squad and (these are not my words) "certainly not a sylph-like figure", came out on stage with a label on his back

advertising Watney's Red Barrel.

Everyone in showbiz will tell you never work with children or animals, but would this lot listen? Not them. In the show "White Horse Inn", there was this goat, and someone had to keep it at home. On show night it was brought up the rear stairs of the Assembly Hall and on to the stage where it kept leaving little messages and tried to eat everything in sight. What these people will do for entertainment is beyond all bravery!

Twenty shows in all have been staged, and the 21st is going to be "Half a Sixpence", but this will be somewhat sad, as Roger Richardson has now retired as Chairman; a man who you may say has given his all for the "Musical Society" and I, on behalf of everyone, would like to thank Roger and Norma for everything they have done to make Police Headquarters Musical Society such a great success.

Again, our thanks go out to Clara Smith (Producer and Director), Brian Cass MD, Don Bailey, Bob Giles, Tony Smith and Jackie Lee.

The charities which will benefit from the efforts of all the Company are the NSPCC and the Essex Physically Handicapped Association.

IPA FROM NUREMBURG

THE INTERNATIONAL hand of friendship was once more extended in May when a party of international Police Association members from Nuremburg visited East Anglia.

The trip, which was organised by the IPA No 10 Region Chairman, Essex Inspector Paul Adams, precedes an anticipated return visit in 1987 for 30 year celebrations of the Landesgruppe Bayern police area of Bavaria. The idea was born when the Essex Police Band visited Germany last year.

With the careful interpretation of Paul Adams and PC Ken Bailey from Great Horshesley, who was born in Berlin, the visitors were variously hosted by the Police of Essex, Cambridgeshire, the City of London and "K" Division of the Metropolitan. They stayed in the Essex Force Training School and spent their time socialising and visiting places of interest including Blenheim Palace.

Another shining example of the IPA motto — Service with Friendship.



Essex Chief Constable Mr Robert Bunyard extends the hand of friendship to Karl Heinz Strauss, chairman of Nuremburg International Police Association.

Grays Police are heroes



Photo courtesy of Thurrock Gazette.

ON SATURDAY, June 1, Grays officers were given permission to try something completely different. Certainly never tried before in the Grays area.

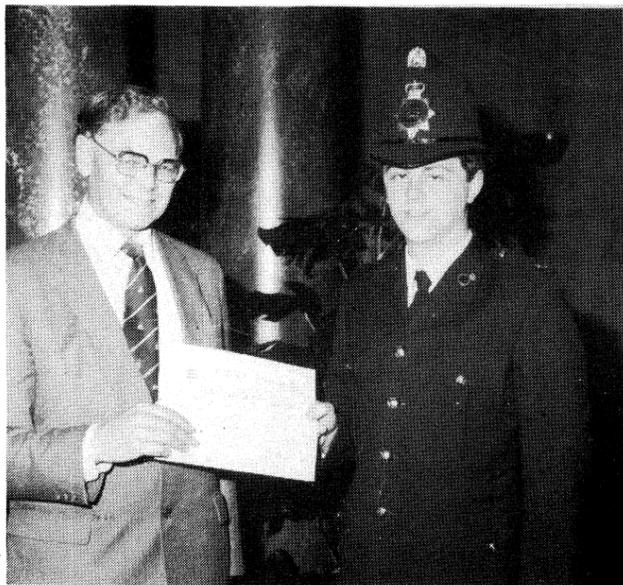
To enter a float in the Grays Carnival and play their part in the fund raising activities of the town.

It went down very well indeed with the minimum of attention from the flour bomb throwers and the water sprayers. The theme for the float was 'Childhood Heroes' and the photograph shows the end result.

Although completely unrecognisable, the 'heroes' are: back row from left to right, PC Andy Barker, PC Tony Ashkettle, WPC Debbie Fordham, Sgt Mick Johnson. Front row left is WPC Angie Parker, centre WPC Kay Chaplin and the two young girls left at the front are Alison and Vicki Johnson who helped out on the day.

Courage and determination highlighted at Police Committee meeting

ESSEX OFFICERS HIGHLY COMMENDED

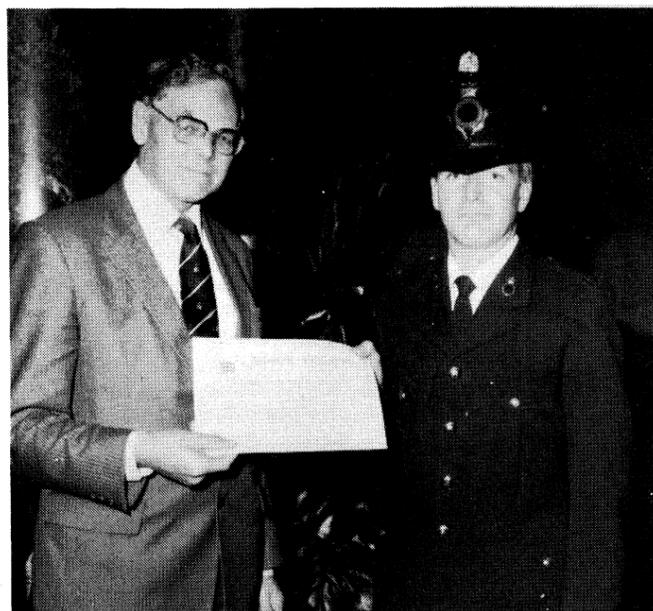


PC Anthony Spong received his certificate of commendation from the chairman of the Police committee Mr G. Waterer.

AT THE June meeting of the Essex Police Committee, the Chief Constable publically awarded his High Commendation to two Essex officers. This rarely-given accolade is a hard-won honour and does credit to the constables who risked their lives in the course of their professional duty.

PC David Pike who is stationed at Rayleigh, attended an intruder call to the Hullbridge Community Centre during September, 1984. He was very seriously injured when he was attacked about the head with a hammer. It was then nine long months before he returned to duty. David is now well on the road to full recovery, which even more serves to illustrate his "tremendous courage and determination" which the Chief Constable cited in bestowing his high commendation.

The second tribute was paid to dog handler PC Anthony Spong of Brentwood. Shortly before Christmas 1984, Tony and his dog Reagan, went to check an alarm bell in Basildon. They found themselves confronted by a man armed with a pump action shotgun. In the true traditions of the service, Tony persuaded the offender to give up the gun. The chief Constable praised him for his "... courageous actions in calmly and professionally disarming and dealing with an extremely dangerous and delicate situation ..."



Also at County Hall Mr Waterer presented PC David Pike with his certificate of commendation.

KEEPING PACE

By Sgt Mike Todd

WELL it's here at last! On the 1 January 1986 the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1985 fully comes into force. Unless you have been in outer Mongolia for the past eighteen months, I've no doubt that you have your own ideas about what PACE means to you in particular, and the Police Service as a whole. Having looked at the Act, I'm pleased to say that the prophets of doom are wrong and it isn't the end of the World. For while the Act does lay down new responsibilities and duties for us, it tries to balance these with our new powers as we will see.

In this series of articles I want to give you a basic insight into PACE, but this isn't all. On the 1 July a daunting training programme begins with the whole force attending a five day course over an eighteen week period. The training even includes the Special Constabulary at weekends, so don't worry, wherever you are we will get to you! Anyway enough of the commercial and on with PACE.

Arrestable and Serious Arrestable Offences.

The legislators have tried to tidy up the tangle of common law and statutory powers of arrest that have grown over the years. As part of this we have a re-defined Arrestable Offence (AO) and are introduced to the new concept of a Serious Arrestable Offence.

An AO is now one where: (a) the penalty is fixed by law; (b) on first conviction a person may be sentenced to five years imprisonment, and (c) certain listed offences.

(a) hasn't changed, and (b) is similar to before, but by dropping the word 'statutory' it now extends to common law offences such as, attempting to pervert the course of justice, which up to now hasn't been an arrestable offence. With (c), these listed offences are now AO's. These include TWOC, Going equipped, indecent assault on a woman and certain other less used offences. (c) helps to clear up some loopholes in the law, especially the indecent assault on a woman, which has caused problems in the past. Also conspiracy, inciting, aid, abet, counsel or procuring, and attempting to commit any listed offence is also an AO.

The new term 'Serious Arrestable Offence' affects our powers to set up road checks, obtain search warrants and detain persons, so it's important that we get to grips with what is a serious AO.

In addition to these any AO may be a serious AO if it has led, or is likely or intended to lead to certain consequences. These are: (a) Serious harm to the security of the state or public order; (b) Serious interference to the administration of justice or investigation of offences; (c) Death of any person; (d) Serious injury to any person; (e) Substantial financial gain to any person; (f) Serious financial loss to any person.

So for example, wound is an AO and if it involves serious injury it would be a serious AO. If £200 is stolen from an old age pensioner it may be a serious financial loss to her. However, if

£10,000 was stolen from ICI although it probably wouldn't be a serious financial loss to them it would be a substantial financial gain to the thief, and so becomes a serious AO.

Road Checks

We've all used our power to stop vehicles under S159 of the Road Traffic Act for years, not only for traffic offences but also in connection with crime. PACE brings in controls of this power when used under certain circumstances. The Act defines what is a 'Road

check', but put simply this means the stopping of all vehicles or selected vehicles on a road by a Police Officer in uniform. The road checks that PACE regulates are those set up to see whether a vehicle is carrying a person; (i) who has committed an offence other than a Road Traffic or Vehicle Excise Offence; (ii) who is a witness to such offence; (iii) who is intending to commit such offence, or (iv) who is unlawfully at large.

So if a road check is set up for one of these purposes, ie to detect stolen

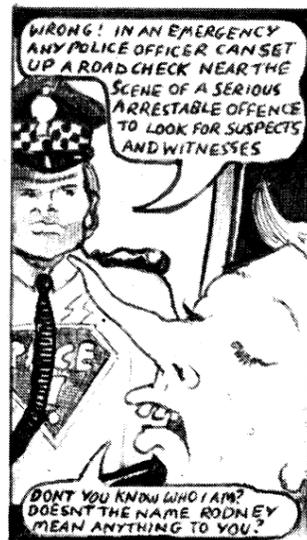
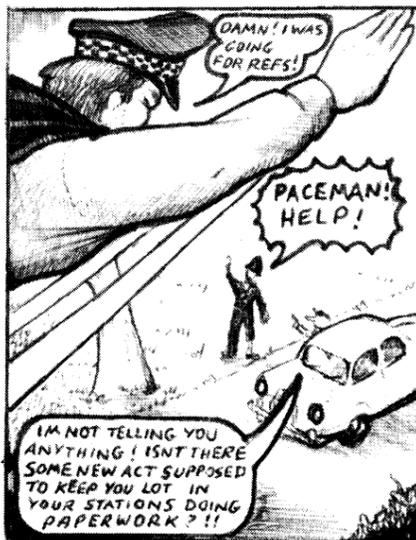
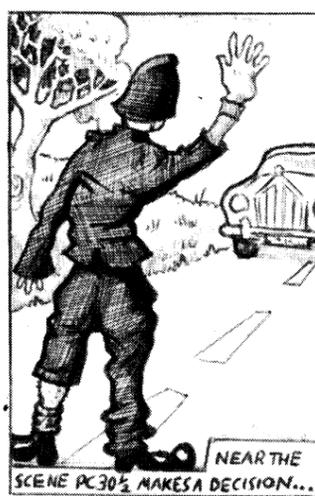
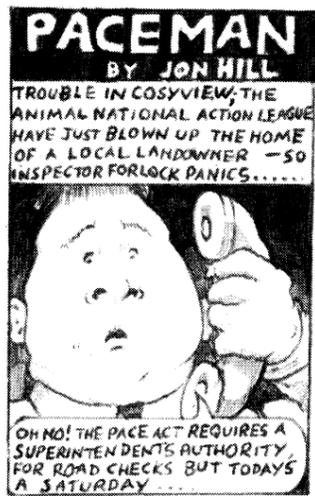
cars it will be regulated. But a road check set up at the same location to detect road traffic offences will not be regulated.

If our road check is regulated it can only be set up on the written authority of a Superintendent or above. He may only authorise it if (in the case of i, ii & iii) he had reasonable grounds to suspect that it is a Serious AO and (in all four cases) that the person is likely to be in the locality of the road check.

So what happens, I hear you ask, when there is a robbery at 2am in

Basildon. Don't worry, if it is a matter of urgency any officer may authorise the check. So in the example, the Constable on Basildon Control may authorise it, but he must take into account the same conditions as the Superintendent. He must also, (a) make a written record of the time of the authorisation, and (b) inform a Superintendent or above as soon as possible to get the check authorised in writing.

I've crammed as much as possible into this month, but don't worry I'll be back next month with your new powers of stop and search.



MONEY MATTERS

FIRST SUBJECT up this month is a riddle. What sounds like a disease and hurts Governments? Answer . . . SERPS. Otherwise known as State Earnings Related Pension Scheme.

Police and civilians are treated alike on this subject, all except civvies who are NOT superannuated (part-timers, etc).

I was asked how the Government Green Paper on SERPS affects the pensions of police and civvies: Worry not. Employed people pay National Insurance through their pay and some of that provides their Old Age Pension. (About the same benefit as a student's grant!). Employees also pay a bit out of their wages to SERPS, which tops up the old age pension.

If the employer (as is the case with Expol) has a jolly good pension (superannuation) scheme which is acceptable to the Government, then that employer can use that pension scheme INSTEAD OF SERPS. That's called contracting OUT.

Just as well really, because the Government has just realised that by the time we all get old and penniless, they won't be able to afford the thousand million pounds a year to pay us the SERPS benefit we paid for.

They've cured the problem though, they won't have to pay SERPS benefit because



by
Tony
Warren

they're knocking the scheme on the head for people under 50. They think you should buy your own pensions privately from people like me, and who am I to argue with that!

In future, this industry sees the Government allowing people in pension schemes being allowed to buy a separate pension as well. I hope I'm around to see THAT!

Bit of advice coming up — a midlands broker has a police client injured in a car accident. Twenty-nine years old, and he was cast from the Force because of brain damage. With one child and one on the way, it looked a bit grim as he only had four years' service, so the pension was negligible and his mortgage protection only paid up if he died. The DHSS were paying his mortgage interest and the Building Society deferred action on the capital.

His wife was going through their files and she found he had a Permanent Health Insurance. That is now paying £150 per week, indexed at five per cent until he reaches 60.

My advice is — when you're thinking of mortgage protection, don't forget that more people lost income through disability than through death.

SPECIALS' LAW

Muster Parade Special

SUNDAY, June 9 and this year the weather couldn't make up its mind what it wanted to do. In the end, apart from one shower, the sky remained overcast with the sun peeping out at odd intervals to see how things were going.

Still, we had it beat, we had both dry and wet weather programmes prepared. Due to the clouds we played safe on the day and used the wet weather plans.

Each Division paraded individually in the Training School dining room. There was only limited seating space so a marquee accommodated the remainder of the guests with the "goings on" relayed on closed circuit television. The Inspecting Officer was our own Chief Constable, Mr Robert Bunyard QPM.

TROPHY

The Norman Dooley Trophy this year was presented to Section Officer D. Hopkins, of Chelmsford Division.

MEDALS

Six Long Service Medals were presented for 9 years' service to Section Officer J. Dench, Woman Special Constable G. Francis and to Special Constables R.

Hayes, A. Marshall and K. Wilby. Special Constable F. Mussard was awarded a bar to his Long Service Medal for 19 years' service.

EVENTS

Following the presentations and speeches by the Chief Constable and our Commandant, Assistant Chief Const-



couldn't help noticing that some of the visitors came out of the cars looking just a little green!



The Chief Constable Robert Bunyard QPM was the inspecting officer

able Mr Geoffrey Markham, everyone went outside for the "field events." There were displays by the dog section (I was glad that I was not the actor who the dog got hold of) and the mounted section. The driving school demonstrated the skid pan and I

The new exhibitions vehicle was there and last but not least, our usual bun fight which was the usual fun.

That's it for this month. If you have any news, views or comments do let me know. (Via internal mail to Brain-tree).

National Association of Retired Police Officers by Doug Rampling

I AM still awaiting with baited breath the Government announcement of the pension increase awards for this year, perhaps by the time this article appears they will be known so it's keep your fingers crossed time and hope for the best.

There is little to report on a countrywide basis this month. I have just received the latest bulletins from National Office and will be sending them out in all probability before you read this so there is little point in duplicating what is already in print. Chelmsford Branch held their AGM on Saturday, 11 May, 1985. All the Branch officers were re-elected so I can only assume that we are giving satisfactory service.

Now, to use the words of that well-known

To Mr C. Howlett, Force Welfare Officer, Police Headquarters, Chelmsford.

I would be interested in attending the BAR-B-Q on 20.9.85 and would need () tickets.

Name

Address

phrase, "and now for something completely different." It has been suggested that the Comrades Association under the guise of Charlie Howlett, would, if sufficient support was forthcoming, run a Bar-B-Q at Headquarters, on Friday, 20 September, 1985. This event would be held, weather permitting, outdoors with a fare of steaks, sausages, spare ribs, beans and jacket potatoes, washed down with beers and wines at an all inclusive price of £7 per head with nothing else to pay all evening.

Seems like a good bargain to me, how about you? Everything would be arranged for your comfort with ample covering should the weather decide to play up, which of course it wouldn't! Everyone would be welcome so why not make it a family evening. Obviously, with any new venture it would be nice to be able to gauge the possible response for such an event, so please if you would like to come along, complete the slip below and return it to Charlie Howlett, Force Welfare Officer, Police Headquarters, as soon as you have read this column.

I hope that by next month I shall have received the Annual Conference Motions so more of that next time.

RETIREMENTS

PS Peter M. Terry stationed at Chelmsford retired 31 May, after 18 years 203 days service.

Supt Cyril M. Rand, sub divisional commander at Colchester, retired 23 June after 30 years 1 days service.

Insp Philip W. Millichip, stationed at Basildon retired 23 June, after 30 years 1 days service.

PC John E Crew, stationed at Clacton retired 31 May, after 29 years 10 days service.

PC Adrian D. Howell, stationed at HQ retires 30 June, after 29 years 247 days service.

Supt Robert J. Storey, stationed at HQ retired 2 June, after 30 years 218 days service.

PS James F. Woolnough, stationed at HQ retires 30 June, after 32 years 244 days service.

PC Michael J. Sullivan, stationed at Colchester retired 8 June, after 17 years 43 days service.

OBITUARIES

May 30, Henry James Devlin, ex Acting Chief Constable of Southend Borough Constabulary, who retired 1969.

June 9, ex Ch Supt Victor Harry Cook, 71 years, who retired from Basildon in 1967.

FORCE LOTTERY

RESULTS of the draw held at Rayleigh on 11 May, 1985: 1st prize PS Hollington, Rayleigh, £1,500; 2nd prize DC Gurney, Chelmsford, £700; 3rd prize PC Lane, Tilbury Traffic, £300. Consolation prizes at £50 each: DS Hughes, Chelmsford; PC Simmons, Writtle; PS Bramhill, Basildon; PC Odell, Grays; WPC French, Harlow; PS Markham, Maldon; DC Box, Southend; DC Wilkins, HQ; DC Bray, HQ; DC Potter, HQ.

Market Place

NORTH WALES, Penmaenmawr. Luxury 6 berth caravan, small family site on working farm. Superb views. Full services March/October tel 0492 622300, 0492 623695. PS N. Seymour, Driving School, Canvey 693255.

SAAB 900 GLS, red, excellent condition, 1979, 58,000 miles, £2,100. C/I M. Hargreaves, HQ ext 472, or 0206 212181.

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STEREO RADIO-GRAM. Record storage area. Teak cabinet — doesn't fit into home. £20 ono. Transport possible. Ex PS T. V. Davis, Chelmsford 361371.

ELECTRIC FIRE, coal effect, timber surround — surplus in super warm house, £20 ono. Transport over reasonable distance. Ex PS T. V. Davis, Chelmsford 361371.

FOR SALE, New — front offside wing/headlamp bowl/headlamp retaining ring for Morris/Austin 1100/1300 series £18 ono. D/I Cook HQ ext 542.

BONTEMPI ELECTRONIC twin keyboard organ can be converted to table model. Has built

in rhythm section. Cost £399 new, for quick sale £200 ono. Rita Hoskins HQ I/R switchboard or Billericay 22787.

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GREY VELOUR (washable) child's car safety seat suit up to 5 years. Fits standard seat belt mounting points. 2 sets of straps enabling easy transfer for a 2 car family. Cost £74, £25. PS Beaveridge HQ ext 374.

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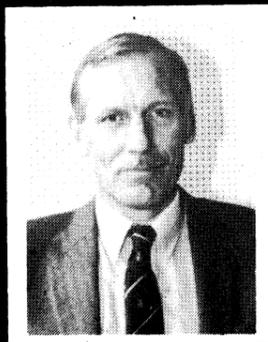
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Federation Notes



by

Jim Rodgers

POLICE AUTHORITY AGREES INCREASE

Rent Allowance

THE District Valuer has now reported his calculations with regard to the maximum Limit Rent Allowance for the Force.

Approval

The weekly Rent Allowance for Federated Ranks will be £50.73, and the new Multiplier will be 6.38. These figures have been agreed by the Police Authority at their Meeting on Monday, 10 June.

All that remains now is for the Home Office to give it approval and County Hall will start paying. It must be anticipated that the Home Office will take a while to forward their decision but we are hopeful that the new rates will be included in pay Packets

STOP PRESS — Rent allowance at this rate has now been approved by The Home Office.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THE Joint Branch Board's own Press Attache — Roger Parker — has reported on this page his independent views on the Annual Conference with regard to the reception given to Mr Leon Brittan the Home Secretary.

I will not comment further on that subject, but several other matters did come from Conference, which may be of general interest to you.

Plain clothes allowances

Plain Clothes Allowance for all ranks from Constable to Chief Superintendent has been raised to £213 per annum.

Pay reviews

The Pay Review for 1985 is based upon the underlying index of Average Earnings from May 1984 to May 1985, the February figure which is the last one published so far stands at 7¼ per cent. It may well be that the May figure will be slightly up on that which bodes quite well for September!

The new Regulations on Rest Day Working and Overtime have still not been agreed, but it is hoped they will be ready for July or August.

Negotiations are still going on with regard to Recall from Annual Leave, but no settlement seems likely in the near future.

Dirty money

The Essex Motion which related to the searching for bodies in unhygienic conditions was not debated, because a decision was made that the principle involved was new in its concept. As a result we shall be taking a motion to next years conference which will take on board the added requirements that to search for anything in unhygienic conditions should attract a compensation in much the same as "dirty money" is paid in other industries or employments.

Federation delegates make their feelings clear.

HOME SECRETARY AT CONFERENCE

HOME SECRETARY Leon Brittan was left in no doubt that the police in England and Wales have feelings when he attended their conference in Blackpool on Wednesday May 15.

Political pawns

Mr Brittan sat through a speech by Police Federation chairman Les Curtis which lasted nearly an hour, during which Mr Curtis told the Home Secretary that the police were not going to be used as political pawns in any dispute. Mr Curtis was referring to the use of the police in the miners strike, during which the police were said by some to be Gestapo — a phrase to which the police strongly objected, as they also did when they were called Nazi Stormtroopers.

Civilianisation

Mr Curtis's speech covered a lot of ground, and at the end of it Mr Brittan did not seem too worried as he rose to give his speech. But he must have wondered if the Conservative Party were doing the right things as far as law and order were concerned.

He had heard that the police did not like the idea of more civilianisation in their offices, that they were not happy with regard to the rent allowance or the backing that the police were being given with regard to law and order.

Mr Curtis let rip over the Police And Criminal Evidence Bill which he regarded as a retrograde step in policing a nation which was showing more violence than ever before.

PACE

Mr Brittan, although politely clapped by those assembled, left the stage a shaken man after he was heckled several times during his speech which tried to defend his actions on, particularly, civilianisation and PACE.

He began by giving praise to those brave people who had fought the blaze at Bradford, and those who had gone into the burning stand to try to rescue those who had not got out. He thanked the police for their efforts during the miners strike.

As he tried to justify his actions for more civilianisation he came under a small amount of heckling which was stepped up when he

spoke about PACE. When he said that there would be mistakes by officers during the early days of PACE but felt sure that these would not be dealt with too harshly by senior officers he was almost drowned out by cries of derision.

Earlier in the week Eldon Griffiths, Parliamentary advisor to the Police Federation, had also attacked PACE and said that it was a stupid Act which did not allow for a person to be asked to remove his hat in the street. It was left to little imagination, said Mr Griffiths, for the dimmest villain to realise that he could put a knife or drugs or a gun beneath his hat in order to escape arrest.

Law and order

The question now arises: With the police in such a loud voice against the actions of a government elected on a promise of law and order, what will be the result in government circles? They have obviously made themselves unpopular with the force responsible for keeping law and order in a Kingdom which is becoming more conscious of its record of violent crimes and attacks against property. **By Roger Parker**

Police Pensions Scheme

HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR PENSION AND COMMUTATION LUMP SUM

THE LAST few editions of "The Law" have carried a condensation of the Police Pension Regulations. Set out below is a simplified method of calculating Pension, Commutation Lump Sum, and Residual Pension.

To calculate Commutation for Service 25 and 30 years, not age or ill health:- Multiply the Average Pensionable Pay (APP) by Years Service Multiplier for the appropriate length of Service, 25 years, 90/80ths; 25½ years, 93/80ths; 26 years, 96/80ths; 26½ years, 99/80ths; 27 years, 102/80ths; 27½ years, 105/80ths; 28 years, 108/80ths; 28½ years, 111/80ths; 29 years, 114/80ths; 29½ years, 117/80ths. The answer will give the lump sum appropriate to his or her service and pay.

To calculate (i) Pension, (ii) Lump sum and (iii) cost of Commutation for service between 25 and 30 years (not being through age limit or ill health):- (i) Pension is calculated in sixtieths of APP. For each of the first 20 years service an officer is entitled to one-sixtieth, for subsequent years service an officer is entitled to one-sixtieth,

for subsequent years two-sixtieths of APP (ii) Lump sum is an application of the years service multiplier to APP (iii) Cost of commutation is arrived at by dividing the lump sum by the figure shown in the commutation tables at age next birthday, multiplied by 100. Legend:- (a) APP (b) Service yrs = 60ths; (c) Years Service multiplier 80ths; (d) Age next birthday yrs; (e) Commutation table figure. Eg. (i) Pension is (a) multiplied by (b); (ii) Lump sum is (a) multiplied by (c); (iii) Cost of Commutation per year is (ii) divided by (e), multiplied by 100. There the Residual pension is (i) minus (iii), shown as an annual pension.

To calculate pension, commuted lump sum and residual pension for a member retiring with 30 years service or on age limit:- Pension is calculated on 60ths of APP subject to a maximum entitlement of 40/60ths, regardless of whether an officer has served over 30 years. Lump sum is calculated by taking ¼ of the pension and multiplying that figure by the figure shown at the officer's age next birthday on the commutation tables, divided by 100. If an officer is on age limit, the

"age next birthday" is his age limit age (ie 55 years for Constable and Sergeant, 60 years for more senior ranks). The residual pension is that which is left after the quarter has been deducted from the gross pension entitlement. So using the previous legend:- Pension is (a) multiplied by (b); Lump sum is (a) multiplied by (b), divided by 4, multi-

plied by (e), the whole divided by 100. Residual pension per annum is (a) multiplied by (b), multiplied by ¼. Monthly pension — divide by 12; weekly pension — divide by 52.1666.

These calculations are given as a general guideline only, they are not guaranteed to be totally accurate, but are believed to be reasonably so.

RUPERT'S CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH

The above match was held on Sunday 28 April, and there was a Lucky Programme prize draw. The details of the winning numbers have been extensively publicised, but to date the following have not been collected.

Programme No.

35 — 2 Litre Bottle of Gin
687 — Weekend for Two in Paris
908 — Box of Glasses
1429 — Bottle of Sherry
2011 — 3 Bottles of Wine
2027 — Giant Teddy Bear
2130 — First Aid Box & Contents
2492 — Personal Stereo
2579 — 7 Piece Place Setting
2915 — £30 voucher for Bolingbroke and Wenley, Chelmsford

We have made a decision that if the above prizes are not claimed — by production of the winning program — by the 31 July 1985, we will assume that the winners have re-donated the prizes to be re-raffled for the same worthwhile charitable cause.

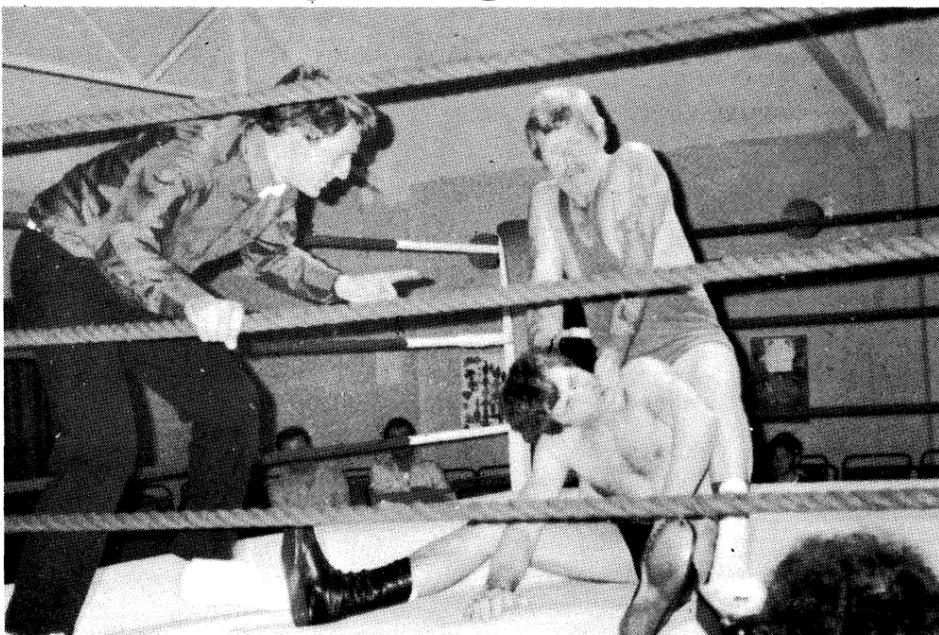
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DEREK GETS TO GRIPS

BEING "carpeted" by his Sergeant holds no fears for Chelmer Village neighbourhood Beat Officer, Constable Derek Sewell. He is quite used to being "on the mat" — the wrestling mat that is! An ex-grappler himself, Derek has now turned to refereeing.

For several years Derek has been going the rounds under a number of guises as a freestyle wrestler. In fact he built himself quite a reputation both as a solo performer and, so we are reliably informed, as the tag partner of another Essex officer who serves not a million miles from Great Leighs. He has also appeared on the same bill as all time greats such as Mr TV Jackie Pallow and Johnny Kwango.

Now just to ring the changes, so to speak. Derek has exchanged his leotard and wrestling boots for the bow tie and



PC Derek Sewell really got to grips with the contestants.

soft shoes of the referee. He is also a member of the Chelmer Village Hall Social Committee, so it's hardly surprising that his idea to bring the sport to his home patch was grabbed with both hands. Of

course Derek refereed the contests which included "Busty" Sue Keegan vs The Masked Black Widow and TV star Tom Thumb vs Bob Collins.

Derek told "The Law" "You can't always please

the crowd and quite often the poor old Ref gets all the jeers." He wouldn't give away any secrets though. "It's a tough sport" he said meaningfully "and people can get hurt."

Golfing diary

BY THE time you read this our season will be well under way with nearly half our matches played. So far the weather hasn't been too bad and one can only hope for an improvement. No claims to fame to date but I must congratulate both Roger Culham of Canvey Island and Bob Hayes at the Training School for their efforts in the recent No 5 PAA (South East) Golf Championships at Burnham Beeches GC on May 9. Both took equal 4th places in the morning and afternoon respectively.

On May 13 we held our Spring Meeting at Cannons Brook Golf Club, Harlow, an attendance of 32 was very pleasing. Had 'work' not reared its ugly head the number attending would have been in the mid 40's. However after a dull and wet start, the rain held off and everybody enjoyed their golf. Winner of the morning round for the Vic Brooker Trophy was newcomer Louise Austin from Clacton. Runner up was John Kreyling from Leigh (CID).

The afternoon round for the Presidents Trophy was won by Dave Rogers of Braintree and runner up was Bob Hayes from the Training School.

Other prizes were won by Peter Rouse (Rayleigh) for the best all day scratch score and Ken Smith (Southend CID) for best all day handicap.

Our Summer Meeting is being held on Friday, July 19, at The Warren GC, Woodham Walter and I will be circulating details of this meeting to all members, non members are welcome, just contact me for details.

Just one final note, this year as all members of the Society are aware we have started off a Knock Out Cup amongst our members. I ask that those participating please let me know after each round who the winner is by the last date of each round without fail, otherwise you will be liable to disqualification.

Andy Smith (Harlow x 264)

Force Sports Notes

IN THE first few months of becoming the Sports Association Secretary there have emerged one or two problems. Some are of my own making and others are not. The ones of my own making, naturally, I will endeavour to rectify by increased efficiency. The others relate to communication with me concerning forthcoming events in the sporting sections. I find that in some cases I am not being informed quickly enough of certain events within the County.

My sports circular, which I try to publish on a weekly basis, does not always contain the information I would like it to. I find that I am informing you of events that have taken place rather than informing you of forthcoming events which may be of interest. I am also very interested in victories which I am not always getting. The Football and Rugby sections are a little bit guilty of this. I would like to report on ALL achievements. The circulars are produced at HQ Print Shop and from my pen to your eyes can take up to four or five days.

The other minor pro-

blem is for team captains to let me know well in advance of their trophy requirements. So far so good, but I would not like to let anyone down.

It gave me pleasure to



Some of the victorious Grays officers who won both the Force Athletics Cup and the Tug of War Cup for the first time since the early seventies.

Back row left to right: WPC G. Jenkins, PC T. Houghton, PC M. Shelley, PC R. Young, PC J. Cuthbert.

Front row left to right: PC C. Odell, Team Captain Insp B. Wallace, PC T. Newcombe.

attend three Croker Cup events recently. First, the six-a-side cricket at HQ. A good day of cricket, glorious weather, with victory going to Harlow. Basildon was second and Chelmsford third.

Thanks to John Stonehouse the organiser and regrets to Divisions that didn't turn up. Secondly, the Force Athletics at Colchester Garrison. Another glorious day with the overall winners being Grays and the runners up being Colchester. Well done Grays, the first win since the early 70s. Grays also took the Tug-of-War Cup too. Again some Divisions didn't bother to attend.

By
John
Barratt.

You were the losers, believe me. Lastly I called in on the first round of the Bowls Competition which was between Colchester and Grays at Grays. My first experience of watching a complete game all the way through. A very competitive sport with victory on the day going to Colchester. Well done.

Finally, by the time you read this column the Regional Athletics Championships would have taken place. I know we are sending a strong team and I shall be there to cheer them on.

The Dennis Watts Trophy 1985

THE DENNIS WATTS is an annual event open to all members of HQ sports and social club.

This year some 30 entries were received, with players competing in any 5 of the 11 indoor sports. The competition was intense, particularly in snooker, table tennis and darts.

The finals were held on Friday 10 May, after some 7 weeks of elimination rounds. Play started promptly at 7pm with Nick Hunt playing the snooker final against Simon Marshall. Some events were run concurrently, but the attention of everyone present was taken up by the pool final. This event was crucial as Simon Marshall needed to beat Nick Hunt in order to prevent a play-off situation with Dave Treacy for the runner-up trophy. Fortunately, after missing 3 difficult pots into the top pocket, Simon clinched the final frame after Nick failed to take advantage of being the first on the black. The cheer that went up after Simon potted the black was as loud as when Dennis Taylor won the snooker world championships in April!!

Here is a list of the final results as well.

Backgammon winner Dave Treacy, runner-up Anne O'Leary; Billiards winner Ian Hockley, runner-up Alan Turner; Chess winner Dave Treacy runner-up, Simon Marshall; Cribbage winner Nick Hunt, runner-up Peter Evans; Darts winner Norman Pease, runner-up Wayne Campbell-Harvey; Dominoes winner Jeff Ellis, runner-up George Allen; Draughts winner Dave Treacy, runner-up Kim Capon; Pool winner Simon Marshall, runner-up Nick Hunt; Scrabble winner Adrienne Brown, runner-up George Allen; Snooker winner Nick Hunt, runner-up Simon Marshall; Table Tennis winner Alan Turner, runner-up Simon Marshall.

I would like to express my thanks to all those entered. Without you, we couldn't have the competition.

Finally, I would like to thank Adrienne Browne and Kim Capon for their help on the night, and particularly to Kim for helping to organise the finals when I was unavailable.

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