Mr Richardson (52) first donned the police mantle on 3rd January, 1949 as a police cadet. He was born, bred and educated in Saffron Walden and came straight to the service from Newport Grammar School. Asked what had originally motivated him, he said: “I was following the example of my brother. He was a cadet before me and then joined the Essex County Constabulary at the age of 20. His career ambitions were thwarted. Mr Richardson wished "Good Luck" to his successor!

Mr and Mrs Roger Richardson recall happy memories with ex-Essex Constable and actress Anne Williams.

FORWARD LOOKING ESSEX TAKES THE POSITIVE APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT
May I take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy, successful and prosperous year.

Sincerely,
Joe Allen
Humbert, Chichester
Brigadier

Dear Sir,

You have a very much look forward to “The Law” each month and it does keep us in touch with what is going on in the Force and how ex-colleagues and friends are faring. We do still see a few down here from time to time as our guests, although predominantly re-

members now. Needless to say, serving or retired members are always among our most welcome guests and a lot of

yarning usually goes on.

Thank you for your letter and the enclosed copies of “The Law” — it was very good of you to bring it up-to-date. Clem and I do very much look forward to “The Law” each month and it does keep us in touch with what is going on in the Force and how ex-colleagues and friends are faring.

Throughout this column I shall try to pass on messages of sympathy to my mother. I accept the enclosed cheque which my mother would like to put in the Bishop Fund.

Yours Heartily,

Chris Jacob PC 158

Kindly thoughts,

Dear Chief Constable. Superin-

I tend to think that you and those who are employed by the Southend Police Force and

where.

I am 82 years of age and my wife is 76. I used to drive a London Omnibus and lived in London at Highgate and when I was on the last train in my life I had to walk home and I met many nobodies in the street, but on that night showing their oil lamps in the shop doors I didn’t sleep a wink the night then from you the Bobby. I saw girls in the shops drunk at twelve o’clock at night, but none of them insulted you, though half the streets were in darkness because the street lamps were out.

Policemen were respected then. No one would have said anything. Now things have changed, people are more spoilt and perhaps a little selfish. The dogs, selected from many that don’t make the grade, had been donated from members of the public for a variety of reasons. The sheepdog hounds in the Southend, aided and abetted by PC Pete Barrow, give me a Chihuahua. PS Rod Taylor is also at Southend with his new dog boss, given by Mrs. Hallett after her own dog took exception to a neighbour in the house.

All the dogs are German Shepherd, and to qualify for performance, must be physically capable of the job, with a critical ability to retrieve and a good even temperament. Whilst they must not be nervous, they must not be shy either. Many people think that the German Shepherd and the Alsatian are different breeds. Well they’re different, but, as the Alsatian is a large dog, they are quite different in size, one being a smaller dog.

On another note, I obviously enjoy being surrounded, put on a wonderful display, and then, of course, tackling an armed assailant. After their performance, the dogs were treated to a curry and appeared happy and contentful.

On Sunday morning, the Force bought breakfast, better known as “Jaws”, who has served with PC Mick Mercer for nearly eight years. The nickname came from his metal teeth, fitted because he wore his ‘Santa’ duty at Earcroft in Yorkshire.

John was a very nice fellow who had attended the training school, and I trust that he will continue to be a great asset to the Force.

A considerable sum has also been raised by various police forces throughout the country as a result of the “Joe” public appeal. The police forces have used a variety of methods to make the public aware of the appeal, and the success of the campaign has been quite remarkable.

The Force has managed to raise a considerable amount of money, and the money will be used to support the families of the officers who have been killed in the line of duty. The families will receive financial aid, and the Force will also provide them with a memorial to honor their loved ones.

Thank you for your support and the efforts of all those who have contributed to the appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Smith
Police Force

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ON MONDAY, January 7, Harlow Police Station was visited by a Very Important Boy in the shape of Robert Aplin (10) from Blackmore, whose quick thinking helped the police to capture a team of high-class burglars operating in the Essex, Surrey and Kent areas. His parents' home was burgled last November. Robert saw one of the burglars leaving the house. He followed him, and, seeing him getting into a car, noted the index number. As a reward a special visit to Harlow Police Station was arranged. The Dog Section proved very popular with Robert and his family. Sergeant Phil Taylor and PC Dave Knight with their dogs put on a special display. Sergeant Taylor gave Robert a photograph of himself and police dog "Max".

Lunch was laid on at the Police Station. This was followed by a trip up the motorway in a Granada driven by Sergeant Ted Stanley.

After tea and goodies at the CSB office, Inspector Joan Eason presented Robert with a Certificate of Merit for "Outstanding Service to the Public". Robert wanted to be a policeman before this incident and is even more sure that he does now. His brother David (14) wanted to join the Army, but is reconsidering, and little brother Matthew (7) couldn't close his mouth for long enough to say anything! by Sue Watts

Robert and David spent some time with Sergeant Ted Stanley, who took them for a ride in a Traffic Ford Granada.

ON WATCH

Detected by SD

DESPITE what many people think, Essex is a progressive Force in terms of management techniques. For instance, a form of Joint Negotiating and Consultative Committee is in being well before the renowned Edmunds-Davies report recommended that such bodies should be set up. The problem is that the body is not enough. People make use of the options that are open to them. It is just apathy, or lack of confidence in the worth of speaking out, or that members of the Force do not know what machinery exists for them to have their say or how to use it?

In point of fact it is Force policy to consult as widely as possible before any significant changes are made. Obviously with more than 2,600 officers it is not practical to approach individuals so their elected representatives are consulted. Elected representatives that is in the form of nominees from the Police Federation, the Superintendents Association and the Association of Chief Police Officers.

These people should be in a position to state the point of view of the officers they represent in respect of any matter under consideration. Of course, they can only do that if they know what that point of view is and they are not mind readers! It is futile to grapple with a particular point which is made, or not made strongly enough, if the representative is elected by default or if no-one keeps him or her informed of the feelings of the Force members.

The Joint Negotiating and Consultative Committee meets every month and any matter that is ordinarily non-negotiable and all major policy items can be discussed. For instance, last year the mutual aid arrangements resulting from HQ Training School would welcome items for the Training Advisor Sub-Committee. The Chief Constable also gave advance notice of the new crime prevention strategy so that its implications could be talked through.

SPEAKING to members of the committees, they are convinced that the chance is there to influence Force policy procedures. Their frustrations rest not with the system but with those they seek to represent. For example, Chief Inspector Eric Finch at HQ Training School would welcome items for the Training Advisor Sub-Committee. If anyone needs any information at all about these organisations Inspector Graham Dossett has all the details. He is the Chief Constable's Staff Officer and can be reached at HQ, extension 346.
It's the Roger Richardson Show!

Retiring Assistant Chief Constable Roger Richardson is also the retiring Chairman of The Police Headquarters Musical Society. He has been an active member since 1968, when the Society superseded a drama group who used to perform in an old hut on the site of the existing Headquarters Octagon.

Roger and his wife Norma are still with the Society which has an enviable reputation for the excellence of their shows. They are currently in rehearsal for the 18th production of the group 'Fiddler on the Roof', with Roger prominent in the chorus line, "I'm always in the chorus", he joked to "The Law", "I know my place".

Full House
The Musical Society is so popular that no seats are left for "Fiddler". In fact there is a waiting list. Book early for next year.

Viva Mexico again but spot the 'Police Chief' doing his undercover "master of disguises" bit.

Not always in the chorus, here Roger Richardson plays Tristan, "hit-man" to Louis XI (Roy Clark) (left) in a scene with Francois Laran (Derek Lee) — The Vagabond King (1981).

Roger and Norma Richardson (right) in the 1968 show 'New Moon.' An early production where the musical potential of a future 'A.C.C.' was recognised — in the chorus line.

Basildon Bobbies beat their target

Marcus gets his electric wheelchair.

Young Marcus Dawes (5) is the son of Constable Dave Dawes, the Station Clerk at Basildon. Dave's colleagues have been fund raising for months to buy Marcus an electric wheelchair. This is the story.

It all began Christmas 1983 when Sergeant Ray Burman first met Marcus and saw how disabled he was. Marcus had been handicapped during heart surgery when he suffered brain damage. This caused physical and mental problems and some uncertainty about his life expectancy.

Ray and some of his shift colleagues, with the help of Sergeant Maurice Brazier and Chief Inspector Mike Benning, decided to run in the London Marathon to raise funds for the project. With the marathon completed they realised that more money was needed. Weeks later Ray was on his way to lunch when he met Chief Superintendent Alan Gilling and jokingly said, "We want to run in the Berlin Marathon." Much to his surprise he was promptly told to go ahead. Transport was supplied by H. W. Stone and Pc John Seavers was commandeered to drive the team across Europe to Berlin. The run was completed and over £2000 raised.

A wheelchair has now been purchased from J. Pinkney who will carry out modifications for Marcus.

JENNY PUTS THE BRF

WP Jenny Mahoney, of Melbourne Park, Chelmsford stopping time of Oke Chigbu (16) on a motorcycle tester at a Home Office police recruitment drive in
about blowing

own trumpet!

**ES ON KIDS**

Popular Melbourne Park WPC Jenny Mahoney was recently selected by the Home Office to help run the police stand at a careers exhibition in London.

It would be difficult to think of a better person for the job. As the picture shows, Jenny certainly projects the right image and she has the personality to go with her good looks.

She is also a dedicated neighbourhood beat officer. More than one attempt has been made to lure her away from "her patch", which is not one of the easiest in the county: but she resists them all.

Even a three months attachment to the Crime Prevention Department couldn't hold her!


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**MONEY MATTERS**

If the Government leaves commutations alone, a 10-year service retiring officer will receive upwards of £25,000 from it. I'd like to address the vexed question often asked:

"Should I pay off my mortgage with my commission?"

Being charged with the job of providing financial advice in the circumstances, this is how we approach the subject better than that with investment:

"What do YOU WANT to do, and what would make you most comfortable?"  

Every one of you (Us!) views his mortgage in a different aspect and I believe there are two extremes, with everyone spread between the two.  

On the one hand, you have Constable Doo who feels his shoulders crushed in an ever-increasing vice by the pendulous burden which drags with him as he bathes his way to that inevitable drip in the grim reaper.  

Constable Hoocair on the other hand takes a philosophical approach. "Mortgage? What mortgage?... Oh, THAT mortgage. Well it’s cheap money and the house is getting more valuable, so why worry. What’s on TV tonight?..."

Whether you are Doo or Hoocair, here are some simple facts:

Your mortgage costs between 8% per cent and 9% after tax relief (MIRAS—January 1985).  

The best Building Society rate is 9.2 per cent for term deposits but leading unit linked insurance bonds and life annuities have a long record of turning in 20 per cent to 25 per cent a year as long as you recognise that:

It’s reasonable to expect that you can make more out of your money as an investment than you can by paying a mortgage. On the other hand, you’ll end in debt.

You could, of course, postpone your decision and “see how it goes.” If you DO decide to clear the mortgage, though, I recommend that a small amount is left owing, say £50 or so. This enables you to approach the lender for funds later, should you wish to improve the house and raise a small fortune for the works.

There you have it then... although we have plenty of clients who are turning their bricks and mortar into investment capital we are well aware that some people simply aren’t happy with what is financially advantageous. For those people, the best action is the one which makes them most comfortable.

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**FORCE LOTTERY**

RESULTS of the draw held at Rayleigh Police Station on December 7, 1984: 1st prize £1,683.29; 2nd prize £1,560.75; 3rd prize £1,270.81; 4th prize £1,069.50; 5th prize £858.60; 6th prize £657.06; 7th prize £465.35; 8th prize £262.91; 9th prize £130.71; 10th prize £92.55.

May I kick off the new year by wishing you all a very hearty and prosperous one. It is now 1985 and we are well on our way to cleaning up the streets of Essex. It is a hard task, but one we have not yet done so to return to us as soon as possible so that I can formulate a despatch procedure for the new 10 Region Newsletter.

The Annual General Meeting of the Force Branch will be held in the Quiet Room at Head Quarters, Rayleigh Police Station on Saturday, May 4, with buffet provided, to be held by the 10 Region AGM, to be held on Saturday, May 4. Buffet will again be provided.

A Valentine’s Dinner/Dance will be held at the Force Training School Cantons on Saturday, February 16, starting at 8pm, with chicken and chips upper. Tickets are £2 each from Paul Adam, HQ. From May 25-31, we are entering, in association with the Force Band, a large group of forma officers from Nurnburg, who must say good night to us there in 1984. A full programme has been arranged, with accommodation in the stunningly beautiful Nurnburg. Although our dates are not sure, we require to entice the guests on Sunday, May 26. If you can assist, please contact Paul Adams of myself.

Amsterdam will be holding their "Flower Friendship Meet- ing" from September 17-19, at a cost of approx £25, excluding hotel which itself will be £5 per night bed and breakfast. Having a large meal, this Flower Parade is included, I fully recommend this trip.

Amsterdam will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary from May 8-12, at a price to be announced. Also celebrating their 20th Anniversary is the Swedish Section, at Helsingborg from May 29—June 1, at a cost of approx £45 plus accommodation.

The Greek Section announced their 20th Anniversary celebrations in a Friendship Week at Athens from September 7-14, at the resident cost of approx £100, including accommodation. I have some full details of these celebrations, so please contact me at home, Braintree 20600, or at Whitman 512200 if you require details.

PC 113 George A. Sage, stationed at Leigh, retires January 31, 1985, after 26 years 318 days service.

PC 842 Robert W. Meade, stationed at South Ockendon, retired January 22, 1985, after 25 years 382 days service.

PS 216 Gordon A Thake, stationed at Rayleigh Police Station, retired January 26, 1985, after 30 years 237 days service.  

PC 535 Robin J. Rickett, stationed at Harwich, retired January 27, 1985, after 35 years 365 days service.

Sir John E. Page, stationed at Braintree, retires March 1, 1985, after 31 years 124 days service.

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**SWEDISH CRUISE**

Enjoy yet another relaxing three day cruise to Gothenburg in Sweden from Harwich, on Friday, March 1, 1985, with FDTS Dor Line. The timetable is as follows:

1630 hours Friday, March 1, 1985 — Depart Harwich (Parkeston Quay)  
7000 hours Saturday, March 2, 1985 — Arrive Gothenburg  
2000 hours Saturday, March 2, 1985 — Depart Gothenburg  
1830 Sunday, March 3, 1985 — Arrive Harwich (Parkeston Quay)

The cost will be £18 per person. (Children under 4 years travel free).

Accommodation will consist of two or four berth cabins (as required), each with shower and toilet. Inclusive of the fare will be £25.00 per person. Employees and their immediate families.

The ship, as previously, will be the MS Tor Scandinavia, 15,500 tons, which is illustrated above. The vessel has the luxury of a five star hotel which includes a restaurant, cafeteria, bars, night club, disco, two cinemas and a sauna.

If you are interested please complete the reservation slip and return to PC 236, Peter A. R. Spence, stationed at Grays, Rainford Service, Essex, ROYAL MAIL, Post Office Branch, 17050, Essex, for confirmation. Please note that an additional £20 per person will be due to cover the port tax.

The Treasurer reports that subscriptions have been arriving for 1985 for which he is most grateful.

If you have not yet sent your in, do so as soon as convenient. We are not a rich organisation and every little helps.  

I look forward to see you there in 1984. A full programme has been arranged, with accommodation in the stunningly beautiful Nurnburg. Although our dates are not sure, we require to entice the guests on Sunday, May 26. If you can

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**-******NAME AND RANK**

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**Home telephone ** Signed
THE question of whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will or won't tax the lump sum which officers can commute from their pension on retirement is still wide open, as far as I can see.

I suppose we have become accustomed to the never ending attacks on the rewards for being Police Officers. After successfully fending off disaster for the F.R.P., the negotiations with regard to Rent Allowance have now lasted for over two years, we now seem set to do battle over our Pension expectations.

With the ever growing alarm, discussion and rationalism of what was suggested to be the Chancellor's policy — there was talk of mass retirements of senior officers to the extent that there would have been many understrength Police Forces and they all caught the fever at the same time. There have no doubt been many who, not being prepared to gamble, decided to take their pension, lump sum and all, and go.

The Staff Associations at National level sought assurances that the Treasury were not going to put an additional burden on public sector pensions through the aegis of our Federation advisor — Eldon Grifiths. None were forthcoming. Other interested parties also made the same approaches and reluctantly, Mr Nigel Lawson made the following announcement. "There is no need for any officer to contemplate retirement because of rumours currently circulating that lump sums earned by occupational pensioners are to be taxed. Those who have "already qualified" can be assured that nothing will be done to take what they will regard as their life saving provision away from them."

Now, you make up your own mind. What does this really mean? If you have achieved 30 years service, you will have qualified for a maximum pension, and an ability to commute up to one quarter of that pension into a substantial lump sum. If you have over 25 years service — and joined the police before August 1961 — you will have qualified to take a pension of at least a half salary, with a much smaller lump sum capability. Do the Chancellor's comments mean that a man with 30 years in at the time of his change in policy for public sector pensions, will be able to take his entitlement in full? Do they mean that an officer who has not qualified for the full pension will only be able to take what he has earned up to the point where policy is changed? Your guess is as good as mine.

I certainly don't see that his comments can give any of us a pleasant feeling of relief because they do seem to confirm that the "rumours" have a very sound foundation within the minds of the Exchequer. And that can't be good for any of us.

Even though the Chancellor may be under some pressure not to tax commutation THIS TIME — he hasn't ruled out the possibility of doing so in the future!
They’re angling for success

FOR the first time the Essex Police Angling Team were able to celebrate winning the S.E. Police Fishing League when winning the fifth and final match of the series where Sussex pushed for the top spot right to the end.

The season got under way at Mucking - with the home side finishing second on the day to Sussex, good results from Phil Parker, Mick Pennock and Dave Ruff meant only a slight deficit to carry to the next match on the River Rother in Sussex.

Here the tables were turned on the hosts with fine performances from Bob Neale, Mick Dole, Roy Rout, Bob Meade and Dave Ruff to put Essex in front in the Angling Team were able to celebrate first success of their season.

The match in Surrey started. With the wind blowing a gale on a very fast running water it was obviously not going to be a day for heavy weights of fish, but with Essex men pegged next to their Sussex opponents for the day everyone knew what had to be done.

The result although close eventually went the way of Essex with Kevin Taylor, Chris Jacob, Peter Layzell, John Barham and Ann Williams.

Consistency over the season was the winning factor for the county with Neale, Rout, Hunter and Newsteed all finishing in the top ten over the five-match period but with excellent but patchy form of the team the long-awaited success was achieved.

Final league table: Essex 180 points, Sussex 191, Surrey 306, Kent 373, City of London 552.

Our reward for this victory is a third-round fixture at home against Kent. This unfortunate not to score more points.

Spirited defence in the second half Police proved that we can play good football next season which should give us much better opposition in the future. The club is definitely on the up and up!

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