

'C accusations Chief



Gavin Merrison
Danny Parham
Sian Dutton

Bouncing Gavin Nicholas Landall Merrison is the winner of the "bonny baby" competition run by the Lincolnshire Free Press.

Gavin, who is eight months old with bright blue eyes, lives with his mum and dad, Valerie and Kevin Merrison, at "Orara", Jarvisgate, Sutton St James.

Competition judge, Miss Tulipand Wendy Johnson, picked his smiling face out from almost fifty entries.

The cheery chap has won his proud parents a £20 first prize gift voucher, which is to be spent with one of the advertisers in the feature.

According to his dad, Gavin is always happy and smiling — and so very "Merrison" is very appropriate for him!

Second prize winner is seven-month-old Danny Trevor Parham, of 46 Hawthorn Bank, Spalding.

Like Gavin, Danny also has big blue eyes and a cheerful smile. His picture was sent in by his mum who gets a £10 voucher.

Sian Elizabeth Dutton made sure the letters didn't take all the limelight by coming in in third place.

Eight-month-old Sian lives with her mum and dad, John and Delyth Dutton, at 2 Cavendish Way, Spalding, who will receive a £5 voucher.

Library shock: Builders go liquidation

For the new £268,000 library extension at Spalding at least a month because the firm carrying out the work has gone into liquidation last week.



The site on Friday morning — not a workman in sight.

Worried about safety of council houses

A council house in Sutton Bridge has such enormous cracks in the walls that the property will have to be vacated until experts can discover the cause of the problem.

Now housing officials fear that other houses on the same estate may soon be just as bad.

Jim and Viv Kennedy, of 7 Charles Road, have been given the option of moving out of their home while investigations are carried out.

For the last three weeks they have been sleeping in single beds in one tiny room while their three teenagers share another.

South Holland District Council asked Mr and Mrs Kennedy to empty the worst bedroom so that they could carry out preliminary investigations.

The window sill was removed and a breeze block with the iron fastenings out, but no defect has yet been found. One of the cracks is a quarter of an inch wide.

LARGE HOLE

In the bedroom where Mr and Mrs Kennedy have been sleeping, there is a large hole with a breeze block showing through. The window sill has been removed.

Mrs Kennedy said that the house was built about 25 years ago and she has lived there for 16 years.

"We have had this problem for several years. Every time we decorate, the cracks keep re-appearing."

It has been particularly bad for the last three years and she is really worried about how far the cracks were appearing.

"I wrote to Mr Tweddell, the housing manager at the district council, and he sent someone down to look at it."

Three weeks ago we were asked whether we could empty the back bedroom and now we have been asked whether we want to be rehoused while they find out what the problem is.

"The work could take months and we don't really want to stay here among all the upheaval."

Mr and Mrs Kennedy wish to emphasise that they do not have any criticism of the district council over the matter.

DECLINED

Mrs Kennedy said that the council offered to put them up in a guest house, but they declined to accept.

At Wednesday's housing committee meeting it was also resolved to pay for removal costs and to find alternative accommodation for the couple as soon as possible.

After the meeting, principal assistant in the housing de-

Policeman John Bates has accused the head of Lincolnshire CID and another senior officer of masterminding a conspiracy against him.

He has alleged that Detective Chief Superintendent Ray Moyses and Detective Chief Inspector Bob Warner plotted with boys he is accused of assaulting.

In the witness box at Nottingham Crown Court, Bates accused three of the boys of making the original allegations and claimed investigating officers put words into the mouths of the eight other young complainants. He accused them of perjury.

Bates (35), of 75C Pinchbeck Road, Spalding, has denied 11 offences of indecently assaulting boys and four of committing serious sexual offences with boys.

Bates, a Spalding parish church choir member and town scout leader, told the jury: "I don't know why they are doing this — perhaps to cover something else up in the force."

"I wish I knew why this was happening to me. I have tried to think of the reasons for the past 13 months. I have been good to everyone in my life, as far as I know. I have taken the oath and I am telling the truth," he said.

'A PLANT'

Mr Desmond Fennell QC, prosecuting, asked Bates if he was suggesting an exhibit was a plant when he said he had never before seen pornographic pictures he was asked to look at.

Mr Fennell said the pornographic material had been seized by officers from Bates' flat but he denied ever having seen the pictures and said they were not included in the collection of books and magazines he was asked to identify as his property when he was seen at Spalding police station.

Mr Fennell asked Bates why Mr Moyses and Mr Warner would want to "conspire on a grand scale" against a serving officer in their own police force.

Bates agreed with Mr Fennell when he said the masterminds behind the conspiracy must have been very careful to put together the script, rehearse actors and make sure the plot was accurate.

And Mr Fennell described as "a preposterous suggestion" the theory advanced by Bates that one of the complainants — a choirboy — was jealous because Bates had other friends and harboured that grudge for five years.

Bates has been alleged to have shown the boys pornographic magazines and blue films.

He told how some of the pornographic books taken from his flat had been given to him by the father of one of the boys. He said the other magazines came from another policeman's locker at Holbeck police station.

He emphatically denied dozens of allegations of sex with the boys and said he never showed them any pornographic material.

REVENGE

Bates said the three boys who made the original allegations were trying to get back at him after he had to tell them off.

A girl spent the night in their tent on a scout camp and Bates found out about it.

"The boys denied it had happened before admitting to Bates that the girl had slept the night in their tent."

He told the court: "I was very upset about it. They were supposed to be looking after younger boys — they were in a position of responsibility. A scout is taught to be trusted and always tell the truth."

He added: "They decided to get back at me like this and it went too far. They could not go back on the allegations they made."

When Bates finished his evidence on Friday, he had

Driver did not stop

Police are appealing for witnesses to an accident outside Gosherton. Clough school during Sunday night.

A vehicle collided with the school fence and then drove off. The vehicle will be extensively damaged at the front end and is believed to be a bronze coloured saloon car.

Anyone who saw anything is asked to contact Spalding police station.

Injured

Pedestrian Mrs Hilda Murray, of 233 Winsover Road, Spalding, was treated at Johnson Hospital after she was involved in an accident on Saturday with a moped in the Market Place, Spalding.

Moped rider Mr Arthur John Chamberlain, of 7 Stockhouse Lane, Surfleet, was unhurt.

Attempted robbery

Two men appeared before a special court at Spalding on Friday charged with attempting to rob the Halmergate Post Office.

They were Nigel Victor Duncan (22), of no fixed abode, and David Laird (22), who gave his address as 10 London Road, Boston.

Duncan and Laird are accused of jointly attempting to steal a quantity of cash from postmaster Geoffrey Alan Sutherland by force on Thursday.

Laird was granted bail with conditions.

Duncan was remanded in custody. Both are due to appear before Spalding Magistrates' court today (Tuesday).

Export 'winner' boosts jobs

A start has been made recruiting workers in the Bourne district for a company manufacturing a brand new product.

Grantley Wells of South Street, Bourne, is on the verge of winning an export order from Norway after a successful launch in London of its unique Paper Miser.

Mr Edmund Marshall, one of the company's five directors, said on Friday that initially the company was looking for about 25 workers.

But he was confident they would be winning further contracts from Scandinavian countries as well as on the home market, and would need more labour as the company expanded.

He explained that the idea for the Paper Miser — a system of storage and dispensing of all types of stationery — grew from a conviction by his father, Mr Victor Marshall, that his company was wasting a lot of money on



Marshall senior.

It was quickly realised that they had a winner, said Mr Edmund Marshall, and it was decided to set up a new company to manufacture and market the product.

But it took two years to reach the stage where they were ready to manufacture the product.

It was actually designed to solve a problem rather than produced in the hope that it could be marketed, he said. The product was not seriously taken up until it was marketed.

Firms all over the country have been conscious for a long time they had been wasting a lot of money on their stationery, Mr Marshall said.

"We believe there is a great potential for our product as today anything that stops waste and saves money has to be taken seriously."

After the highly successful launch in London and the

Drink warning at inquest on crash couple

A coroner has repeated a warning not to drink and drive after hearing from two cars collided head-on along the Gosherton to Quadding Road.

Mr Marcus Guinness, Boston coroner, warned that alcohol can play a major part in road accidents when he recorded verdicts of accidental death on husband Kippas King and Irene Evelyn King.

The inquest, held at Boston on Thursday, heard that the driver of the car was travelling towards Gosherton when it was involved in a head-on crash with a Simca estate being driven by Mr David Richard Barnsdale, of 7 High Street, Donington.

High Speed was heard from a

statement by Mr J. A. Wright, higher scientific officer based at Huntingdon. He examined samples of urine taken from Mrs King and calculated she would have had at least 90 mg of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The legal limit for driving is 80 mg.

WORK

A sample taken from Mr King, who was a semi-invalid, showed he would have consumed the equivalent of at least four pints of beer or eight measures of whisky.

Mr Barnsdale (18), who escaped the smash with only slight injuries, explained how he saw the Kings' car veer sharply across on to his side of the road as he was driving home from work 3-400 yards away when he first saw the car, which crossed to his car-gate way about 200-250 yards away.

"My immediate reaction was that someone was fooling about," Mr Barnsdale said. "I tried to avoid it by going on to its correct side of the road."

It was too late to avoid a collision, Mr Barnsdale said he could not remember more about the accident until a friend arrived to help and gave him a cigarette.

Mr King was certified dead at the scene, but Mrs King, 40, was taken to hospital.

PART-TIME FIREMEN WALK OUT

Fire Brigade union officials have been called in to settle a pay dispute which led to a strike by Spalding firemen on Friday.

The 12 part-time men walked out at 5 pm after a franchise chairman, said he had no comment to make about the situation.

A spokesman for Lincolnshire Fire Brigade said on Saturday: "We lost cover from some of the retained men at Spalding last night for a short period."

"It was not detrimental to the fire cover at all and it is over now."

None of the smaller stations in the area were affected by the dispute.

The last firemen's strike was in 1980, when FBU members threatened strike action nationally in support of an 18 per cent pay claim. The dispute was settled in December of that year.

Police seek house intruder

Police forces throughout Lincolnshire are trying to trace a man who entered a house in Grantham and attacked a woman occupant at the weekend.

It is believed that the man comes from the South Lincolnshire area and may still be in the district.

He is described as 21 years of age, 5 ft 9 or 10 in tall, with dark hair brushed back at the front.

He was wearing faded denim jeans, a denim sleeveless jacket with white T-shirt, white underpants, white socks and black training shoes.

A tattoo on his left arm has two birds with the words "Mother" and "Father" underneath.

Any information to Stamford police, telephone Stamford 52222.

Sudden deaths

A 66-year-old Spalding woman was found collapsed on the floor over her kitchen by a neighbour on Saturday afternoon.

The sudden death of Mrs

Man found hanging in house

Police called to the home of Mr Herbert Hare at 6 Charles Close, Bourne, on Thursday afternoon, found that Hare had been dead for some time.

Aged 54, Mr Hare lived on his own.

The facts have been reported to the coroner and an inquest will be held.

Police said on Friday there were no suspicious circumstances involved in Mr Hare's death.

Narrow escape

An angler cheated death on Saturday morning while he was fishing in Low Road, Fulney.

Mr Geoffrey Hartley, of 26 Longfield, Fretton, had been using a new-style thirty-foot carbon fibre rod. As he cast the line into the river, it caught in the overhead power cable and he received a shock.

Ambulance and police rushed to the scene but by the time they had arrived Mr Hartley had recovered. He was taken to the Johnson Hospital for a check-up.

Short cut

A 36-inch Atco mower worth £50 was stolen from the British Spargal Corporation's premises in West Marsh Road, Spalding, some time last week. Spalding police are investigating.

Vandalised

A garden fence belonging to Mr Roy Marriott, of 30 Woolfram Wygate, Spalding, was damaged by vandals during Friday night. Police are investigating.

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