

# END OF THE HARTLEBURY CRIME WAVE

THE crime wave that gave the sleepy village of Hartlebury a rude awakening looks like coming to an end today. It all started when the village policeman went off on a crook-catcher's spree. While the bobby was away, the trouble-makers came out to play.



At first, it was just a case of rowdiness at the Worcester village's Saturday night "hop."

But later crime began to blossom like the flowers in May.

The law-breakers got bolder. A series of break-ins gave the garden-wall gossips something worth talking about.

There was only one thing for it—a crisis meeting of the parish council.

At the meeting, thorny topics like footpaths and the water-rate were forgotten for once.

The Great Crime Wave united the councillors.

### Protection

They demanded protection . . . in the shape of a man in blue.

Last night the village's prayer was answered.

The local policeman, Constable Alan Mahon, was back in the village.

"I couldn't be more relieved," said the parish council chairman Victor Moule.

Today Constable Mahon goes back on his beat.

And Hartlebury—population 2,219—can go back to sleep.

## TEN-YEAR TORY PLAN FOR HOMES

By VICTOR KNIGHT

TORY leaders are preparing to make housing the biggest single plank in their policy for the next General Election.

The blue-print of their new ten-year "House-building Offensive" will be published tomorrow in a Government White Paper.

It is expected to include: A PLAN for giving State aid to people who form co-operative housing associations, and

PLEDGES for speeding slum clearance, and for helping local councils to expand schemes for renovating old, but still serviceable, houses.

Labour Party chiefs are getting ready to launch a counter-blast to this election threat.

They will say that no housing policy can succeed until action is taken to curb soaring land values and high interest rates.

### ATTACKED WOMAN LOSES HER BABY

A 23-year-old woman lost her baby at the week-end—thirty hours after she had been attacked by a hospital porter.

The man broke into the maternity wing at Harlington, Middlesex, Hospital and assaulted two expectant mothers. The other woman, aged 28, had a normal birth.

## SHIPSHAPE ANN AHOY

WHAT a glorious SUNDAY it was for sailing in the super Daily Mirror dinghy.

Attractive Ann Will, 20 (above), was one of the competitors who sailed in the first open meeting for Mirror class dinghies held on Saturday and yesterday.

Ann, of Welwyn Garden City, Herts, skimmed her dinghy, "Willow," into third place in one race.

Bill Jermy, 57, of Eversley, Hants, became the Mirror dinghy champion after scudding into the lead in every race yesterday, on the River Medway.

### Runner-up

Bill said: "My 'Mirror' is just the thing. It's so easy to cart around on my van."

Twelve-year-old Christopher Scoble, of Hoo, Kent, was runner-up and miner Brian Taylor, 26, was third.

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