

This month PLATYPUS has included a specially developed CROSSWORD for its readers. We warn you now that it is not an easy one but it should test your vocabulary skills and knowledge. We hope to make this a regular feature and if any reader has examples of crosswords they would like published (answers to be supplied too, of course), we would be happy to include them.

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ACROSS

- 2. Warrens
- 4. Reservoir
- 7. Legal body
- 9. Third note of a scale 5. The forenoon
- 10. Ourselves
- 12. Authorisation
- 14. Writing instrument
- 15. Dull blow
- 18. Pertaining to fingerprint
- 19. Unforeseen event
- 21. Exist
- 22. Titular prefix
- 24. Lubricant receptacle 23. In other words
- 26. Part of.
- 29. Merit
- 31. Recurring
- 32. Island
- 35. Preposition
- 37. Carry out
- 38. Pertaining to the theatre
- 39. Cricket term
- 41. Condition
- 43. Prisoner
- 45. . . . of the sea
- 48. You and me
- 49. Silkworm
- 50. Upholds
- 52. Fall

DOWN

- 1. Articulated vehicle
- 2. Aside
- 3. Give notice
- 6. Interfere
- 7. Religion
- 8. Nest
- 11. Coterie
- 12. Forests
- 13. Pronoun
- 16. Primitive
- 17. Agriculturist
- 20. Illegal
- 25. Ligature
- 27. Forcibly deprive
- 28. Zealous
- 30. Learning institution (abbr.)
- 32. Charged particle
- 33. Obliterate
- 34. Permit
- 36. Legumes
- 37. Thermionic valve
- 40. Fetter
- 42. Visible combustion
- 44. Warm covering
- 46. Spontaneous
- 47. Harvest 51. Sodium

Don't hold your breath waiting, but the answers to this crossword will be published in the next edition.

Cop dies — at 105!

NEW YORK. - Fagan "Pop" Gibson, said to be the oldest active duty policeman in the U.S., has died at Lake Providence Loui-

He died aged 105 - after about 70 years on the small Mississippi river community's police force.

"We kept him on because the man knew his job," police chief Stewart Marshall said.

Mr Gibson, whose parents were slaves, worked mainly in his later years as a school crossing guard and at school functions until he became ill last October.

Mr Gibson had waited until he was 83 to marry. His wife, Mary, survives him. MELBOURNE SUN.