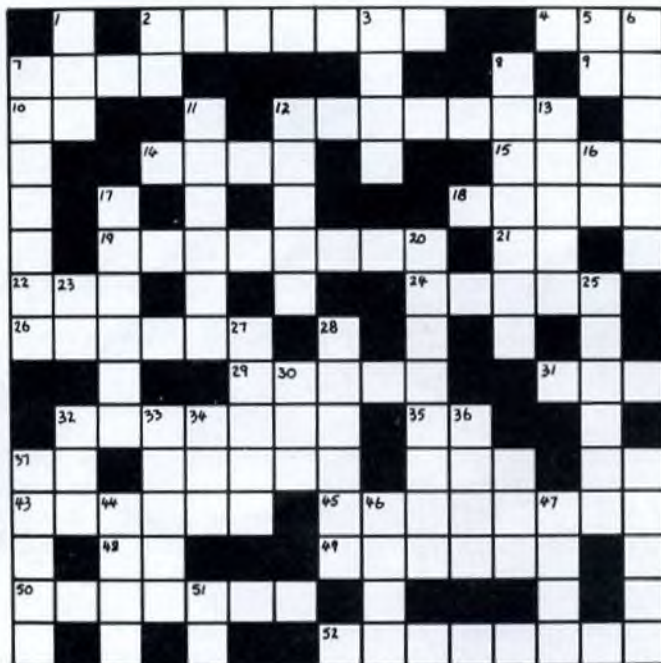


This month PLATYPUS has included a specially developed CROSSWORD for its readers. We warn you now that it is not an easy one but it should test your vocabulary skills and knowledge. We hope to make this a regular feature and if any reader has examples of crosswords they would like published (answers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



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

#### ACROSS

2. Warrens
4. Reservoir
7. Legal body
9. Third note of a scale
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
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
5. The forenoon
6. Interfere
7. Religion
8. Nest
11. Coterie
12. Forests
13. Pronoun
16. Primitive
17. Agriculturist
20. Illegal
23. In other words
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

## 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 Louisiana.

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.