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BOASTING about the event to such good purpose that probably all Basildon (let alone Lee Chapel) will want to join in the fun.

SHOUTING at shoppers in the town centre on Saturday so as to leave no doubt that the Fete starts at 2 p.m.

SNEERING at apathy, and unsoberly to prove that new town and old town people do like to join together and have fun.

FAILING to keep secret that the CA has arranged a baby, fancy dress, contest, candid camera show, Twist contest and a Mr Lee Chapel South contest plus a dance—all on the same afternoon and evening.

Where the money goes

An information leaflet explaining how the Council spends the rate money has been prepared and will be circulated as widely as possible.

Stan takes over

Mr. Stan Smart has taken over the Leadership of the Basildon Boys Club from Mr. David Cook.

Mr. Cook is relieving himself of some of his Boys Club responsibilities to devote more time to his summer hobby of bowling.

Mr. Smart, of Great Spenders, Fryerns, has been connected with boys clubs for over eight years at Spenders Club, St. Chads and since the new Fairview-road premises opened, he has acted as secretary there.

Mr. Tom Saunders, assumes the secretary's job.

Wrong name

IN an article on the FOR THE RECORD page (11) entitled "Passing Stars" the gentleman referred to as Fred Wall is, in fact, Fred Shaw.

We apologise for this typographical error.



WAVE OF CAR THEFTS

INVESTIGATION into the thefts of cars or parts from cars occupying the Basildon police.

On Saturday morning a Zodiac belonging to Mr. F. Keeling of Billericay, was stolen from a Town Centre car park. Earlier an attempt to steal another Zodiac from Landon station car park was abandoned because the thieves found unexpected difficulty in opening the doors.

An Anglia car belonging to a Mr. P. Cooch of Dagenham, who was visiting friends in Witchards, Kingswood, was missing after being parked in Witchards, Kingswood.

During the week a spot-

lamp was stolen while the owner was in the Basildon Bowl and a spare wheel

was taken from a car left in the market car park.

Another Anglia, belonging to Mr. J. Livingstone of Long Riding, Barstable, was discovered missing on Sunday morning. The car had been parked behind the house the previous evening.

An outing for the youngsters

CHILDREN from County Homes in Basildon were special guests at an Easter party given by the "Locarno" on Friday afternoon.

Cllr. Alfred Dove, J.P., Chairman of the Council, dropped in to say hello, — Henrique, the magician, entertained, — and Coco Cola supplied free drinks to go with the other refreshment.



NO bus cuts or road closing, says Cllr. Douglas as MP and fellow councillor study form.

MP HEARS "BRIGHT IDEA" FOR LAINDON

TRAFFIC Lights at the junction of Landon High-road and the A127 (Arterial-road) was the "bright idea" supported by Landon residents who met Mr. Edward Gardner, O.C., MP, at a meeting on Thursday.

Purpose of the meeting was to protest about the proposed cuts in the bus services along Landon High-road and the anticipated closure of the High-road at the Fortune roundabout.

Regarding the bus transport difficulties, the meeting headed by Cllrs. Arthur Douglas, Ron Rice and W. C. Rebond was promised the MP's support of a "strongly worded covering letter" to accompany the residents' complaint and the petition which they intend to forward to the bus company.

Speakers said the re-routing of the 53 service from the High-road, to main feeder roads and the Town Centre would starve Landon people of transport particularly to the railway station and the hospitals.

NO LINK-UP ...

Cllr. Douglas who presided, then introduced the question of the High-road closure by suggesting that it was bad policy to have only two access roads from the new town to the trunk road.

"Landon people would be marooned if the road was blocked" he said. "Traffic lights on the Arterial-road could be handled by the police to solve the problem."

All Landon residents present supported the no-closure speeches, but Mr. Gardner suggested the two items should be kept quite separate and the High-road closure question be left until a definite proposal was forthcoming from the Ministry of Transport.

Cllr. Rice said he did not anticipate a definite proposal to close the road for at least six years.

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FIRST Buckingham Palace, now St Paul's Cathedral—what next?

I could never understand why, with all the high Authorities whose business it is to see that building conventions are kept immune—fail to operate at the opportune moment. One could understand commercial enterprise having no scruples, but for the "dog-collar" Church Commissioners to be impugned it doesn't make sense.

We are said to be a Royalist, democratic and historic nation, loyal to our form of Government by Queen and Parliament, why then have our Authorities allowed these two "slights" to be perpetrated? Would commercial building be allowed to obscure St. Peter's, Rome or Notre Dame, Paris?

We are now compelled to appoint a "Supremo" with powers to vote—whose word is law, an omnipotent Ombudsman responsible for conventional development with power to order instant demolition of offensive building.

EDWARD A. LUTHER,
Member of The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

READERS SOAPBOX

WHAT ABOUT HOUSING?

YOUR columnist, **TANGENT**, 24th March, referred to the two million young people who would qualify to vote for the first time at the next General Election, and outlined various reasons why he considers they should vote Tory.

I am sure it was not by accident that he omitted to make any reference whatsoever to Housing, and yet it is generally considered this is going to be one of the main issues.

Scores of thousands of these young people are wanting either to buy or rent houses and are now realising that the Tory Government's disastrous Housing Policy is making this almost an impossibility. They now recognise the Tories' persistent refusal to do anything about exorbitant land prices puts the cost of new houses out of their

reach. Those wanting houses to rent see that the Government's Policy of high interest charges on Housing Loans, together with these high land costs, has resulted in far fewer houses being built for renting.

The Socialists hope to solve these problems by introducing further nationalisation. Fortunately, the majority of people now accept that nationalisation solves nothing.

Many of us still remember the economic chaos during the late 30's when following nationalisation under the Socialist Government drastic measures had to be taken which included devaluation of the pound in order to avert a complete breakdown of the Nation's economy.

We Liberals believe that in order to deal adequately

with the great housing problem two steps are imperative, (i) stabilisation of land prices (ii) increased productivity within the building industry. We would introduce a Capital gains tax on all land transactions. Also a site valuation tax; this latter tax would make it unprofitable for land owners to hold on to land badly needed for housing in the hope of making fantastic profits. Much could be done to achieve increased productivity in the building industry. At present the welfare and other conditions for the manual worker, on many large sites, are nothing short of disgraceful and certainly not conducive to maximum output.

JIM SKINGLEY,
22 Quendon-road,
Basildon.

Association for safer drivers

WE have received many enquiries from your district for details of this newly formed Church Motoring Association.

Most of us are saddened by the mounting toll of road accidents. Every year on our roads thousands of people have their bodies ripped open skulls smashed in, tens of thousands are crippled, and many thousands more are left fatherless and widows. The price we pay for mobility in the 20th century.

Legislation directed towards imposing all kinds of restrictions can play an important part in reducing road accidents, but in the final resort, it depends upon the attitude and moral responsibility of the individual both motorist and pedestrian.

It was for this purpose of emphasising the personal aspect that the Star Drivers' Association was formed. By displaying the badge of the Association the owner will publicly show his horror and disgust at the mounting toll of the roads. It will also indicate the owner's personal commitment to drive with greater care, patience and consideration towards all other road users. The problem is a personal one, and must be tackled at this level.

the interest and concern in the problem of road safety. Full details of the Association can be obtained from the Hon Sec. Lt Col F. A. Arnold at the Headquarters address (as below).
The Rev W. R. RODDA
 Chairman
 Stars driver's Association
 Corfe Mullen Wimborne Dorset

Mr. Marples is taking a personal interest in our Association and hopes many will be prepared to display our badge. Your readers will be interested to know that since the Association was formed eight months ago more than 14,000 membership forms have been sent out to all parts of this country. We now have members in most parts of Europe, also in Canada, America, S. Africa, New Zealand, Maita, Australia, Gibraltar and elsewhere. This gives some indication of



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Prison promise for Publican bashers

LET it be known that if (public house) licensees are assaulted when they refuse drinks the people responsible will be going to prison," said the Chairman of the Billericay Magistrates, Mr. H. R. Dunning, on Tuesday.

Before the court Alfred Stapleton, a 53-year-old stevedore of King Edward road Laindon, pleaded guilty to causing actual bodily harm to Mr Robert Richards, licensee of the Laindon Hotel.

Stapleton was said to have swept articles from the counter onto the floor and when Mr. Richards escorted him outside the accused tried to provoke a fight. When he did not succeed he struck the landlord in the face.

UPSET

Stapleton said he was upset because he had been refused a drink in a pub he had been using for 25 years. He was fined £15, plus £2 19s. costs.

Mr Dunning told him although he had no previous convictions the incident could have had serious consequences. The Chairman stressed "Time and time again we ask for co-operation of licensees in refusing drinks to people who they think have had enough—if they are going to be the subject of an assault when they are really doing their duty, you deserve to go to prison."

THE WAY THEY QUARREL — SAYS LIBERAL

NEVER let us hear again that Liberals don't know what they are doing—do not speak with a single voice and so on and so on," said Mr P. M. T. Sheldon, Williams prospective Liberal Candidate for Billericay.

"We are in the middle of witnessing the annual picture of the year—the Conservative Party doing the splits. This time it is RPM. Last time it was the squabbling leadership struggle. Others will recall the Common Market, even the Profumo Scandal, and those with memories—Suez.

"What a quarrelsome lot they are! Just like Labour—unable to agree about defence, unable to speak to each other about Clause Four and the rest of the nationalisation wrangle.

"Liberals by contrast are united. It's easy for us, we have a series of principles to believe in, and we all believe in them—just because we are Liberals. But!!

BUT!

"Take RPM and the 30-40 Tory Rebels. Of course RPM should be abolished—BUT and it is a very big BUT—you must run the monopolies and cartels out



ARTISTIC MISS

An artistic young miss with a future is 11-year-old Audrey Piper of Church road, Dunton. Her large contemporary painting brought many congratulatory messages when it was shown at the Easter Arts Festival.

Taylor Woodrow gets £1³/₄ Million contract from Yardley

ON a 19-acre site at Basildon Industrial Estate Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd. is to construct new production and warehouse buildings for Yardley of London Limited, manu-

facturers of perfumes, soaps and cosmetics at a cost of about £2 million. This is first phase on a long term development.

The architects are John D. Morgan and David C. Branch, A/ARIBA, the quantity surveyors, Gardner & Theobald, the consulting engineers, John Bunce and Associates and the heating, air conditioning and electrical consulting engineers W. D. McGrath and Partners.

Phase one, which started on Wednesday, is scheduled for completion by September, 1965.

FIRST PHASE

The two-storey production building will be 410 feet long by 140 feet wide by 35 feet high.

The warehouse, of structural steel construction, will be mainly one-storeyed with a portion of the lower ground floor providing car parking facilities and is to be 420 feet long by 300 feet wide.

The first phase of an office and administration block, together with a separate boiler house all of reinforced concrete framed construction are also included in the contract. Ancillary works comprise a road system, paved areas and landscaping.

The new factory will concentrate under one roof the manufacturing and warehousing activities previously carried on at various Yardley premises in the Stratford area, other than soap production which has already been transferred to Aycliffe in the North East.

Incorporated in the production block at Basildon will be extensive analytical and perfumery laboratories.

SURPRISING DECISION BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

THE Commission looking into Secondary education in Basildon and alternative comprehensive systems has been ordered to submit a report to the Committee of Education as soon as possible.

"This surprising decision was taken at a recent meeting of the Committee for Education when Cllr. Joe Morgan suggested that some members of the Commission are opposed to comprehensive education and are delaying others who are ready to submit recommendations.

Cllr. Morgan, who is not a member of the Commission, said: "We must ask for a final report now according to my information the minority on the Commission are the only ones to put forward any

ideas."

Strong objections came from one of the Teacher representatives, Mr. E. E. Haynes, who said he had hoped the Commission would be given proper time to finish its full report.

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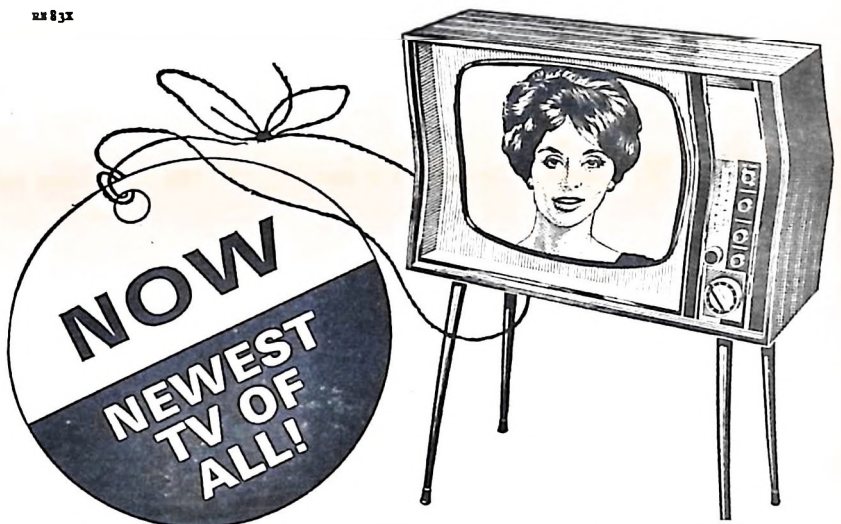
This view was taken by other members, but County Cllr. Harry Turner supported the proposal, who said the Education Committee was 'fed up waiting.' Education Committee Chairman Cllr. Alfred Dove reminded members that in Manchester a recommendation to adopt a comprehensive education system had been taken after a six week investigation.

Chairman of the School's Committee Mr. K. G. Stone said he would welcome

call for a report, but not necessarily a final report. "I believe the Commission still has important work to do, after a report has been submitted and if the accepted District decides to have a comprehensive system."

Mr. Stone added that the people to finalise such details should be those who favour a comprehensive system and that the commission should not be held back by members who have made up their minds that Basildon has the finest system possible and are not prepared to change.

Mr. Stone's amendment to delete the word 'final' was accepted and the Committee agreed to call for a report. When the vote was taken only two members voted against the proposal.



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A £1,000 appeal is being made on behalf of Basildon Boys Club to comp the club headquarters at Fairview-road, which was opened at the end of last year by Sir John Ruggles Braise Lord Lieutenant of Essex.

President Mr. C. A. C. Bulpitt, who is deputy managing director of Carreras, Ltd. has written to fellow Basildon industrialists and local traders, to ask for their support.

"The splendid building is the result of many years of great endeavour and we are very proud of it," said Mr. Bulpitt. "What we now require is a variety of equipment which is needed for the many activities which take place or are planned to take place in the club.

"Whilst a great many people have helped us already and often very generously, we feel that the only way we can obtain at all

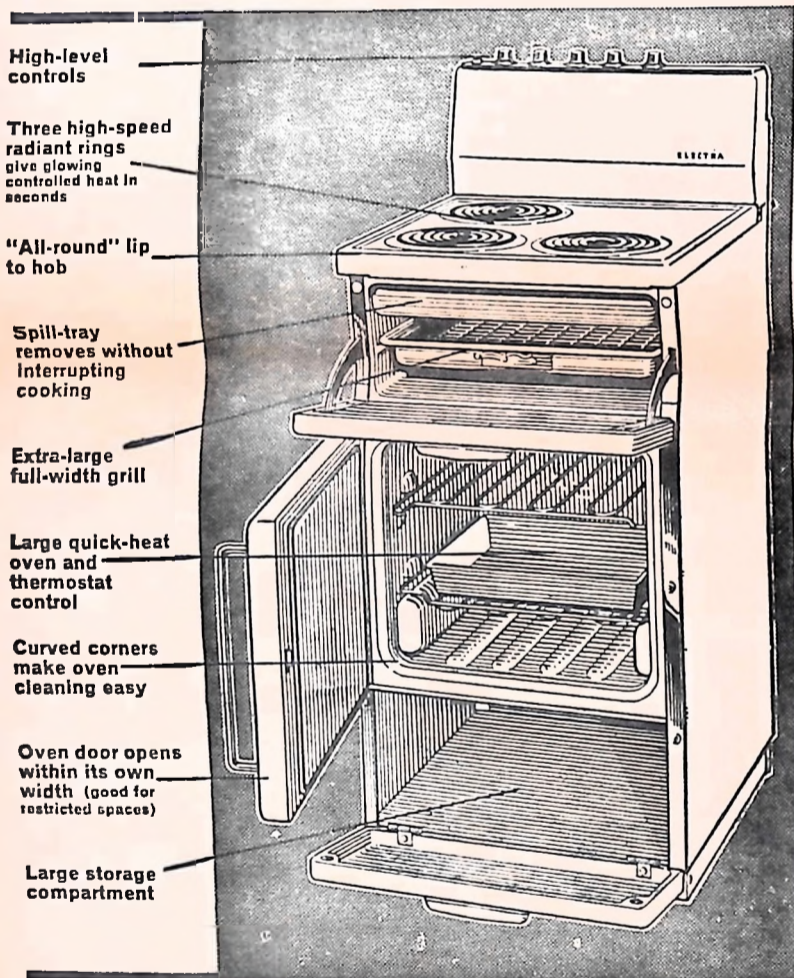
quickly what is needed for the boys, is for us to ask our many friends if they will be so kind as to help us once more."

The money received from the appeal will help to buy such things as a boxing ring, boxing gloves, football, PT and table tennis gear, a portable stage typewriter and duplicator.

Early response to Mr. Bulpitt's letter has already brought in nearly £100.

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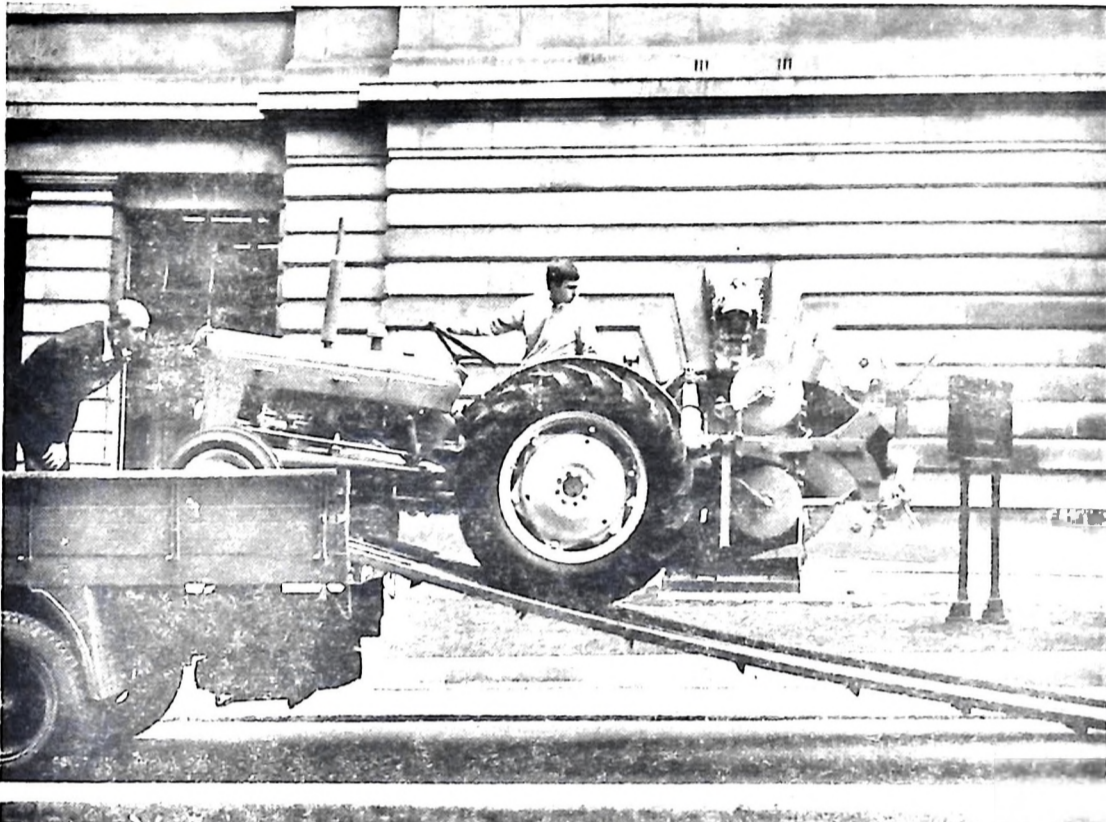
Cllr. Alfred Dove, Chairman of the Basildon Council, showing the chairman and their ladies from neighbouring authorities some architectural exhibits.



Cllr. and Mrs. Joe Morgan with Mr. Alma Hatt, Clerk of the Council, and Cllr. Mrs. Josephine Lunt.



Arts Society President Mr. Joel Watford (left) and Secretary Ronnie Watts take tea with the chairman and his lady.



On arrival at London's Science Museum the Fordson Super Dexta is driven off by Ford apprentice Raymond Tunney, one of the students responsible for the electrical conversion.

ELECTRIFIED FORDSON TO BE SHOWN AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

HARDLY a museum piece, but the latest arrival at London's Science Museum is a Fordson Super Dexta with the Ransome TS 1015 single furrow reversible plough attached.

A gift from Ford of Britain's Tractor Group and Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies,

respectively the tractor and plough will be exhibited in the new extension of the museum's collection to be

opened later this year. By simply pressing a button visitors to the exhibition will be able to watch

the reversing action of the plough, operated by a 5 hp electric motor connected through the tractor's power take-off shaft.

The electrical conversion was carried out by second-year students of the Ford Apprentice Training Department at Dagenham.

COUNTING THE COST ... ALREADY

ANYONE seen those huge advertisements of STRAIGHT TALK with the face of the Prime Minister occupying a prominent position therein.

Whatever one may think about Straight Talk and the Member for Kinross's part in such a performance, the impression remains that this looks pretty much like political advertising mixed up with a promotion drive to get the ex-Earl of Home over to the electorate. The cost of the whole advertising programme must be staggering.

These thoughts are prompted by a strange tale for which I am indebted to Mr. Edward Rosier, the Chairman of the Billericay Liberal Association.

According to Mr. Rosier, a letter was sent to Sheldon Williams, the Liberal prospective Candidate by none other than the chief agent of the Conservative Party in the Constituency. Leaving aside for the moment the reflections on the professional impropriety of such an action, it is worth considering what brought the Tory Agent to take such an ill-advised step.

AWKWARD QUESTIONS

It appears that he was nettled by small stickers that have been appearing all over the Constituency saying WHO IS SHELDON WILLIAMS? He wrote to Sheldon suggesting that this was electioneering. Worse, it was pressing the case of a particular person and the policy for which he stood.

The Tory Agent (who may yet have to answer some awkward questions about the cost to Kinross Constituency of the Conservative national poster campaign making free with

Home's face and even mentioning a political party by name in the same context) wanted an assurance from the prospective Liberal Candidate that the cost of these offending WHO IS SHELDON WILLIAMS? streamers would be entered upon his election accounts for the 1964 General Election Campaign — all two pounds fifteen-shillingsworth of it!

True, he made no reference in his letter to propaganda about his own candidate that has been shovelled through local letter-boxes in recent weeks, but it has long been an old Tory policy that there is one code of behaviour ruling the Conservative Party and quite another for Liberals, Labourites, and other lesser breeds beyond the law.

THROUGH HIS HAT

A suitable reply to this strange letter from the Tory Agent is being prepared by officers of the Constituency Liberal Association, who—despite Mr. Greer's apparent lack of experience in these matters—have taken legal advice on the position (which happily confirmed their first impression that the Tory Agent was talking through his hat).

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SURELY LIVES MEAN MORE THAN PRESTIGE

THE subject regarding the closure of Landon High road has again reached gigantic proportions

It must be admitted it is one question which goes way above party political level but then dives head-

first into the quagmire of unreason.

I suggest the proposed withdrawal of the 53 bus service will not make the slightest difference to the ultimate decision of whether to close the High road or not. I further suggest that any MPs or local politician who makes a promise to keep open an outdated junction with a major highway thinks more of political ambition than the safety of people.

If the 1,500 Landon politicians who say they do not want to be "cut off" would buy themselves a road map and compare their alleged isolation in terms of safety for their children perhaps they would have second thoughts.

Not much imagination is needed to see fast moving and heavy traffic from the industrial estates and the refineries ripping through not only the High road, as we now know it but also short cutting from one fast road to another.

For instance an alternative route to the Arterial road for a tanker in a

hurry and when the industrial feeder roads are busy could well be Nicholas-lane, Basildon-drive, Holst-avenue and on to the Forting roundabout. Surely there are Landon residents who can see merit in forcing heavy traffic off the estate roads by ultimately closing the High-road—or does prestige mean more than lives?

AMAZING THE amazing thing to remember about the Clacton affair is that had we have had another Royal baby that weekend its quite possible we would have never heard a thing about it.

WHAT NEXT? If the Town Square is not a footpath to the extent of bicycles how long will it be before a pedestrian is arrested for jaywalking? **EFFICIENCY HINT?**

WE don't like the new system but we had better give it a try before we throw it out. **NOT EVEN A THANK-YOU**

I EXPECT the Council will overdo the occasion on

April 16 and present Sir Humphrey with something to remember us by.

Such a tribute should not be begrudged although it must be remembered that the Corporation Chairman did get paid £40 per week for taking an interest in the new town. Many others have contributed far more time and effort, at their own expense to build up a community and have not even qualified for a thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TORIES

WHAT suckers Labour Councillors are. Six years ago when they controlled the purse strings they made a modest grant to the Basildon Civic Arts Society to organise a Festival of Arts. Not a very stupendous effort, but some thought hopefully, a good start.

Since then we have had six years of local Tory management and naturally enough to Festivals of Art. About this I do not complain everyone to their own taste.

Now here we are again

with a Labour Council and of course the usual request from the Arts Society for a grant to guarantee an Arts Festival against loss.

What a surprise when the request was granted—£250 to be exact. Hence the Easter Festival and hence the 1964 lesson in gratitude.

"A ludicrous sum," says the Basildon Arts Review Magazine. Another extract reads: "There is no other way of running a festival on £250 than by being mean and parsimonious—"

No councillor in his right or left mind expects thanks but I must congratulate the Tory councillors on this artful technique which reduced to simple terms means "Give 'em now! and they won't even be able to afford the paper on which to print their criticism!"

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LIBERAL SAY RATES CAN BE CUT - BUT TORIES & SOCIALISTS DON'T WANT TO KNOW

THERE is now ample evidence—and let no one try to deny this—that the Liberal plans for replacing the Rating System with a new method of Site Value Rating would result in a tremendous easing of the ratepayers' burden.

To the private householder or flat dweller it would mean a cut in the rates by at least one third. Yes—at least 6/8d in the £1 reduction!

The independent survey carried out by the Rating & Valuation Association at Whitstable has shown beyond any doubt that this is a fact.

One would have thought that the Tories and Socialists would have swallowed their pride and accepted the fact that this important and beneficial Liberal reform is something to be carried through without delay.

But what do we find? From the Tories, complete indifference, accompanied by a piece of clap-trap about the present system having stood the test of time!

And from Labour—currently strutting round and parading themselves as a dynamic political force—a string of excuses and alibis completely bereft of any validity.

Oh, I know there will be a chorus of squawks from the Socialists, and they will rush to point out that they're asking for an enquiry into Rating Reform in 1960. But here we are in 1964, and they haven't got any further!

They still pay lip service to the idea of 'an enquiry'

but they haven't a single concrete proposal to make. And when an independent and expert enquiry is made—as at Whitstable—producing sensational results, the group about to find excuses why nothing should be done about it.

A CHALLENGE

RELIEF for ratepayers—through the medium of Site Value Rating—WILL come because the people will demand action and an end to this shilly-shallying. In the last few weeks I have discussed the matter with a great number of householders in the area and I know the feeling of the people.

The trouble with Labour is that it spends far too much time engaging in political squabbles, both national and local, on subjects which are only a secondary consideration at best, and which, in many cases Labour doesn't really care two hoots about.

Their leader dodges committing himself on any

major matter, and runs round seeking to present a 'favourable image' to the public. In the local Government field, we see Labour's political manoeuvring at its worst.

All right. Now let me say this. We are not going to permit this issue on Rating Reform to be shoved aside. I challenge the local Labour group to get on the same platform as Liberals, at a public meeting, to accept Site Value Rating, and say why they refuse.

And I warn them that a great many people in the district will be asking the question: "Does Labour really want to do anything about the Rates?"

As far as the new Greater London Council is concerned, the only thing we have to go on is a statement from a Labour LCC member that the Socialists would put the rates up by 2/- in the £.

He did add that he said this without having any real information to go on, so we can only accept the

threat as an indication of the way Labour thinks.

A nice outlook for Havering and the other Greater London Boroughs if the Socialists are allowed to get control after the election on April 9!

MORE OF LABOUR'S NEW MORALITY

TO alleviate unemployment resulting from the slump in shipbuilding and heavy industry in Scotland, men have been retrained for the building trade, to help in the important job of slum clearance.

But the old Socialist cries of 'Working Class Solidarity', etc., seem to have given way to 'I'm all right, Jack', because the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers has objected very strongly to the scheme. The union would prefer, it seems, for the unfortunate to remain unemployed and for slum clearance to proceed at a slower rate!

Lyndon Jones

CHILDREN SHOULD BE SEEN

"SCHOOL ENTRANCE"

carriageway markings must have been provided outside the entrances to various schools in the district. These are to Ministry of Transport requirements and approval, and are intended to prevent vehicles

waiting on the space covered by the markings.

It is obviously essential that traffic approaching school entrances should be able to see children going to and fro and that traffic should be seen by the children, and yet even where

carriageway markings have been provided, vehicles frequently obstruct school entrances.

In order to avoid serious accidents, the Council therefore seek the co-operation of drivers in keeping clear the entrances to all schools—whether or not entrance markings have been painted on the carriageway.



Straight talk on your child's education

MORE THAN EVER BEFORE we owe it to our children to see that they get the best education we can give them. Tomorrow's world is going to be a highly competitive place. It will need people whose talents and abilities are developed to the full, people who are alert and adaptable enough to seize the opportunities that new conditions are bound to create. That is why Education is a top priority of this Conservative Government. We are devoting more of our resources to Education than any country in Western Europe. And our spending is going on the vital things: not only more schools, but better schools; not only more university places, but more trained teachers to help more children to enter them.

It's a fact that during the past ten years with the Conservatives we have almost doubled the number of pupils receiving Higher Education. It is my definite aim that during the next ten years we shall nearly double that figure again. Like yourself, we are ambitious for your child. We intend to educate him as far as his talent can take him.



MR. QUINTIN HOGG
Secretary of State for Education and Science, Lord President of the Council.



SIR EDWARD BOYLE
Minister of State for Education.

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LABOUR STARTS LOCAL CAMPAIGN



Cyril Thirkettle (Fryerns)

LABOUR candidates for the local elections on May 9 have started campaigning.

Two of the candidates pictured here Cyril Thirkettle



Geoffrey Bond (Vange)

and Tony Sykes, are seeking re-election and the other Dr Geoffrey Bond, is standing for the Council for the first time contesting the Vange ward



Tony Sykes (Fryerns)

FOR FLOATING VOTERS?

A mobile polling station will probably be supplied for electors in Lee Chapel

North of the Community Hall is not completed in time for this year's elections.

CLUB APPLICATION

APPLICATION is to be made to the Magistrates for a Club Registration for Wickford Community Centre which if granted will allow for the sale of alcoholic liquor.

This move to establish a licensed bar in the recreation room of a Community Centre is expected to create considerable interest and may be approved by local licensees



RE-UNITED SO SOON

A memorable send-off to Mr. Dennis Denton who left Basildon last week to take up an appointment as Banquet and Catering manager of the Locarno, Leeds.

Mecca Ballroom manager Mr. Roy Winkfield and many staff members sur-

prised Mr. Denton by being at Laindon Station at a comparatively early hour to say cheerio

Only one little snag marred the occasion — as the cameras flashed and the peeches rang out and promises of joyful reunions were

expressed, no one noticed the London bound train sneaking in AND OUT of the station

So Mr. Denton lost his train, upset his timetable, but still smiled as the 'News' suggested that it was as good a time as any to hold the first staff reunion party

THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST IT — BUT BE CAREFUL

THERE is, apparently, no law which prohibits people cycling on the pedestrian precincts of the Town Square, Basildon, but if a pedestrian was hit a case could be brought against the cyclist for causing a breach of the peace

This was decided at Billericay Magistrates' Court on Tuesday when, after a long legal exchange between the Chairman, Mr. H. P. Dunningo, and the County Prosecutor, Mr. Malcolm Simons a test case brought by the police against a youth who rode his cycle in Town Square was dismissed.

Mr. Simons said the case against John Redicon of Whitmore Way, Fryerns, had been deliberately

brought because of the pressing problem of riding cycles on the footpaths in the new town

COMMON SENSE

The Prosecutor said the 1835 Highways Act was introduced long before new towns and pedestrian precincts came into being and looking at it from the common sense point of view

there was no reason to assume that footpaths should be used by people on foot

Ruling that the area defendant was accused riding on was not a footpath within the meaning of the Act, Mr. Dunningo also warned that Town Square not the place for vehicles to be ridden on and could cause a serious summons if an accident took place

PETITION FOR TEA

LIGHTY NINE members of the Council Office staff, Keay House, signed a peti-

tion requesting that lunch time provision of tea be not discontinued. The service cost the Council £175 per week. Now the matter is referred for consideration and in the meantime lunch time tea service is kept on.

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A QUICKER WAY TO THE COAST

WORK on the £32 million Brentwood by-pass, recently inaugurated by Mr. Ernest Marples is expected to take two years to construct

The existing A12 trunk road will be made into a

dual carriageway nearly a mile on the London side of Putwell Bridge, Harold Wood and will then completely by-pass Brentwood and Shenfield for five and a quarter miles to Mountnessing

All adjoining roads will be taken either over or under the new trunk road and access to it prohibited over the entire length of its frontages

W & C French are the contractors. The work includes the construction of nine overbridges, two underbridges and the realignment of several streams and culverts

To allow work to commence on the by-pass 13 dwellings had to be compulsorily purchased

COUNTING HOUSE

The recently opened Council premises at Folderswick Town Centre, are to be used

to count the votes after the local elections of May 9

CHURCH FILM

A film which features Margaret's Bowers Giff has been made by one of the church members, Max Miller

Called "The Church in the Marshes" the film shows the work of the Pat Church, its Rector and people, and also the school which is attached to Margaret's



A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH



A GREAT DAY for the Irish Football team. They won the Basildon League's Division 11 final defeating Teleflex 5-1.

Basildon League Chairman Ron Moorcroft, who presented the trophy (left) said it was one of the best finally he had seen.

After the match the team and supporters were treated to champagne by Mr John Phillips, manager of "The Commodore" where many of the Irish Club members meet.

Another £50

A further grant of £50 is to be made by the Council towards the administrative expenses of the 1964 Basildon District Show

THREE MORE BID FOR CROWN

MORE local lovelies bidding for the Carnival crown —

CAROL BURDEN (top) lives in the Upway, Fryerns, and works in a London bank. She is 17.

The evening Carol decided to enter the contest she had her photograph taken with Billy Walker.

Margaret Jones (centre), a 17½-year-old brunette of Kathleen Ferrick Crescent, London.

She is an insurance clerk. Her favourite pop star is Dave the Rave.

Rosemary Whithead (bottom), only just 16, of Holst Avenue, London, is a machinist who likes a game of netball and adores Cliff Richard



IS IT FARE?

As a result of the recent wage award Eastern National Omnibus Co. Ltd have applied for an increase of fares.

Objection to an increase will be made by the Basildon Council

SAFETY STEPS

THE attempt by the Basildon Schools committee to build extra accommodation at Kingswood Primary School instead of Lee Chapel South's to reduce the number of Kingswood children who now have to cross the busy Nethermayne is still being pursued

Latest move is that a delegation will meet County Council Officials to discuss the problem



An appeal for teachers

AT a recent public meeting of the local branch of the Association for the Advancement of State Education emphasis was made of the acute teacher shortage in schools all over the country (60,000 more are needed).

Two members of the audience who are "unemployed" qualified teachers, were so impressed they have since returned to the profession and are now teaching in local Primary schools.

This incident has encouraged the Association to launch an "Appeal for Teachers" an effort which has

already resulted in the Ministry of Education writing to express appreciation.

By every means possible the Secretary Mrs Margaret Linahan, Blackmore Farm, Noak Hill-road, B'leicav, is seeking to contact—

(a) Qualified teachers who wish to work full-time but are not so employed because of quota restrictions or

pupil-teacher ratios set up by local education authorities.

(b) Qualified teachers who wish to work part-time;

(c) Qualified teachers who would like to work but are deterred for various reasons.

(d) Graduates who, though technically qualified, would like some form of training

for teaching:

(e) Mature men and women who wish to train for teaching as non-residential students.

All replies will be dealt with strictly confidentially. Mrs. Linahan says: "If we find sixty teachers it will take some of the desperation out of the shortage in our district."



Theatre Notes

by
Sydney Charles

IT STILL PROMISES

DELIGHT

A note about the current production at the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch, has been held up by the Easter holiday. Noel Coward's sophisticated comedy "Present Laughter" opened there on Tuesday.

Of it the management writes, "After the success of Private Lives last year, it is obvious that Noel Coward's plays still have the appeal and charm now that they had thirty years ago. "Present Laughter" is considered one of Coward's best plays: its wit is as sharp as ever, its characters still as funny. Garry Esmond is still vain and pompous, sentimental and witty and altogether delightful in a way which will guarantee audiences their enjoyment for many years to come. "We are delighted to welcome Terence Bayler, who

will play Garry; also among the cast will be Stephanie Cole, Arthur Cox and Davyd Harries, plus some new faces as well."

Terence Bayler first came to Hornchurch to play the German tutor in "Five Finger Exercise."

The Queen's management feel that they may have started something by staging "Dandy Dick" by the now little performed author Pinero. His play "The Schoolmistress" opens in London very shortly.

On Sunday, April 12 another Sunday Evening at the Queen's takes place. The programme will be a classical concert arranged by Manager Ian Clarke and Romford drama critic Peter Halstead. This aims to bring together well-known local professional musicians in what is hoped to be the first of several such concerts at the theatre.

CANNED TRIBUTE

After the Noel Coward play ends the annual Shakespeare production goes on at the Queen's. It is the popular romantic comedy "Twelfth Night."

In this fourth centenary year Shakespeare lovers may like to know that Decca records have produced a comprehensive folder of all their recordings (and those of their subsidiaries) connected with the first man of English letters. Heading the list is a new LP entitled Homage to Shakespeare.

One side consists of scenes and soliloquies by the most prominent names in the theatre of this country.

Tributes made to the Bard down the ages are read by actors and scholars on side two. Argo, a subsidiary of Decca, has also finalised mammoth arrangements to fully record all the plays and poems of Shakespeare but meanwhile the folder gives details of the many recordings of songs, opera and ballet already available from Decca.

BEHAN MEMORIAL FOR AUTUMN

DESPITE the fact that Joan Littlewood would have dropped some of her film work, casting difficulties have prevented Theatre Workshop's planned tribute

to the late Brendan Behan. It had been hoped to stage a one-night guest performance of "The Quare Fellow" the play with which Brendan made his

name in this country, at the famous Stratford East Theatre events on Sunday, April 19, atre. But other theatrical have made it necessary to postpone the memorial performance at least until the Autumn.

How tragically topical of the Queen's to have staged a Behan play in Hornchurch this year.

BREEZE IN THE SALAD

THE record breaking musical by Julian Slade and Dorothy Reynolds, "Salad Days" played to full houses at the Palace Theatre, Westcliffe last week. In the present touring company, which has been taking

the show to seaside resorts all over Britain is Olivia Breeze, well known to local theatregoers as a one-time member of the Queen's Theatre, Hornchurch company. Olivia is of course even better known as the daughter of Alan (Wakey-Wakey show) Breeze.

REAL PERIOD

ROMFORD Saturday Morning Theatre now present a full production of the play from which they entered an excerpt in the recent Drama Festival.

The three acts of Aubrey Danvers Walker's "Heaven and Charing Cross" will be performed on May 2. This comedy thriller takes place in pre-war London, and is set in the back parlour of Ma Norman's paper shop in Charing Cross.

A warm Sunday in June is also called for in the setting, and that if anything, should establish it as the pre-war period!

ON RECORD

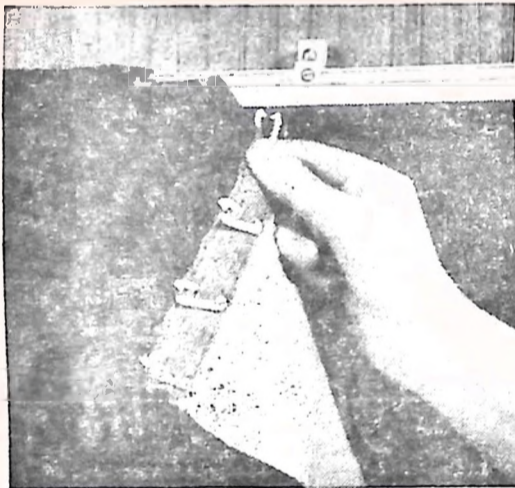
A very full and interesting report of the public meeting which set up the steering committee for the proposed Havering Arts Council has been published by County Drama Secretary Frank Everett.

The well condensed account of the proceedings even then covers a page and

a half. Two more foolscap pages are required to record over 60 names and offices of people representing authorities and organisations who attended this dynamic and stimulating meeting.

The committee which it set up has less than a month in which to report back to a further meeting.

Women's Interests



Snap Into Action

Spring is here with the inevitable spring-cleaning. You will perhaps be brightening up your home with new curtains or, at the least, have your present curtains cleaned and there is always the problem of hanging. This is where Snapgliders come in. Shaped something like a chicken's wishbone and cunningly contoured, they slip through the curtain tape like lightning. They do the job of both hook and runner and snap on any part of the rail (no wrenching at a rusty end-stop): snap off again when you take the curtain down for cleaning. And they'll never come off just by accident: they're made of plastic so strong and flexible that they'll keep their grip on the heaviest material. They're silent, too—however fast you whoosh the curtains you'll never wake the lightest-sleeping child.

The Beacon Snapglide system comes complete with plastic rail and fixing brackets, and the same clever design theme goes into these parts too. The rail looks conventional, but it's strengthened with a metal insert to resist sag and buckle.

The system looks so good and performs so well that we were sure it would be expensive—until we learnt it costs only 2/4 a foot: you could convert every room in the average house for under £5; you'll find Beacon Snapglide stocked by your local ironmonger or hardware store.

Stuffed Cabbage Leaves

The Greek dish Dolmades (stuffed vine leaves) sounds very exotic, but here is an adaptation, both economical and tasty, which will earn praise from your family and guests:

Blanch 12 large cabbage leaves in boiling, salted water for about one minute until just pliable. Cut out coarse stem. Fry gently 1 medium onion, finely chopped. Add 1 lb minced meat and 3 oz. Patna rice, continuing to cook for five minutes. Season with salt, pepper, paprika, etc., over-seasoning slightly as the rice absorbs much of the seasoning during cooking. Divide the mixture between the 12 cabbage leaves, wrap into parcels and pack closely together in a single layer in a large frying pan. Pour a small can of sieved tomatoes over. Cover closely with lid or heat-proof plate and cook gently for 1 hr., adding a little water when necessary. Serves 4.

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New Baby?

New Food!

The birth of every baby is a "royal" event—especially this year, with four new additions to the Royal Family.

Welcome news for busy mothers is the arrival of the first baby cereal containing the vitamin C of orange juice plus the vitamin A of cod liver oil. Should a mother forget to collect her Welfare foods, this cereal protects her baby by providing all the required vitamins, including the more usual B and D.

Called Earlene, it is a protein-rich cereal with a low fat content preventing digestive upsets. Unsweetened, it can be mixed to a thick cream with hot or cold milk, sweetened, or flavoured with jam or fruit juice; or it can be made into a savoury dish by adding gravy, thus providing scope for a varied diet. Earlene is available at clinics, chemists, grocers and supermarkets, and is priced at 1/6d. for an 8 oz. packet.

SUNGLASSES WANTED



The Effect is Dazzling

In winter we just don't really notice what the outside of our homes look like—we are so busy getting into the warmth inside. Once the days start lengthening and the sun, however watery, shines down, it is often a shock to see our outside walls. It is then our thoughts, however reluctantly, have to turn to painting them.

A coat of paint absolutely transforms a house and the colour you choose will be important. What colour are you thinking of for your outside walls this time? The modern trend is for pastels and, if you want a good choice of architect-selected colours, Snowcem have a really attractive selection which will provide a dazzlingly beautiful effect.

But whether you are a whiter-than-white fan, whether you purr over Cream, or whether you like to express your personality in colour, you will certainly want the results to last a good time. In this department too, you will find that Snowcem is the right choice. It is a water-proof cement finish, which means it will stand up extremely well to the weather.

Often the cost may be a deterrent to painting, but here you will receive a pleasant surprise. Surface texture of your walls is a factor, naturally, but the cost of Snowcem for a 2-coat finish is not likely to be more than 2d. a square foot! Snowcem is one of the numerous Blue Circle products.

After-Winter Care

Now is the time to start repairing the ravages of winter, and the remedy lies in keeping your skin well greased. If your skin is very dry, drink lots of water as well. It moistens the skin from the inside.

When applying night cream, be sure to use it plentifully over and around the lips for those tiny cracks round the mouth. You know how your lipstick tends to run into these cracks so blot your mouth or dust it with powder after applying lipstick.

Journey to the Sun

Looking forward eagerly to your holiday in the sun? Many of us will be going abroad. If you are going to a really warm climate don't buy nylon clothing. Choose natural fibres or cotton blended with man-made fibres which can absorb perspiration and keep you cool. You will find cottons and silks the most comfortable materials.

The mistake most women make is to lumber themselves with far too many garments. Be careful to choose clothes which will travel well and which can be adapted to several purposes—for these separates are ideal. It is always wise to take two bathing suits with you, which will also ensure that different parts of your body are exposed to the sun.

The Owl Look

On off days dark glasses can be very useful to skulk behind and to hide the ravages of wear and tear. This year fashion decrees that sun-glasses should be enormous and round—the owl look is in and the butterfly out.

But if you are going to wear sun-glasses as they are intended—to protect your eyes from glare, especially when sunbathing on those wonderful beaches we are all dreaming about—do remember to remove them whenever possible so that you don't land up with enormous white circles and a ridge over your nose, and really resemble an owl! Eye pads or cream will allow your face to get evenly tanned. And, for goodness sake, don't forget to take it easy in the sun.

FOR THE RECORD

BEATLE OF THE WEEK

PASSING STARS

SPOTLIGHT ON FREDDIE GARRITY



HAVE you ever yearned to meet a particular pop star in person? Twenty-one year old Fred Wall of Pitsea-ville grove Vange, did his favourite has always been Cliff Richard. "No special reason," Fred told the 'News' "Except that I've admired everything he's done and if I can

say hello when he visits Romford it will be a great thrill." Nothing is impossible for this page—Here is Fred and his friend, NewsPhoto caught him listening as Cliff talked about newest film (14 songs) and then posed them for a picture Fred will long remember.

SINCE starting as a professional group, Freddie and the Dreamers have built up an enviable following with a fresh and cortical approach to the somewhat stereotyped 'beat' scene. Freddie likes food and fast cars as well as singing he also plays guitar. He dislikes—humourless people and his ambition is to write (and record) a big hit.

GOLF
Freddie and the boys individually and collectively are natural comedians as you may well have noticed. Freddie has been told to take it easy—overwork is the old trouble. A day a month off if he's lucky, is the price he and others pay for their success. He also likes to play golf. He has said his only expensive hobby is his wife.

Sammy Davis Jr., Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, sentimental songs, make his favourite listening.



A smile for you from Paul—for no other reason than that

JOCKEY'S CHOICE

Your DJ's choice by **JOHN COOPER**
Locarno Ballroom



I SOMETIMES wonder why some American greats never seem to get their state-side hits into the charts in this country. A particular idol of mine is Arthur Alexander—he has never had a hit in our top twenty yet his records continue to be covered by British artists. One typical example: "You better move on" is the main track on the latest Rolling Stones EP and is, on my reckoning, the main reason why this EP is in the charts. The flip side of Arthur's original "A Shot of Rhythm and Blues" has been recorded by Johnny Kidd and the Pirates as well as Gerry and the Pacemakers—plus others. The Beatles feature one of Arthur Alexander's hits in their stage show. It's a number called "Soldiers of Love" and was the flip-side of his disc "Where have you been" recently recorded by Gene Vincent.

ANNA
The Beatles borrowed another — this one actually written by this young American star when they waxed their first LP— You may remember "Anna" sung very nicely by George Harrison. Arthur's most recent

record "Go on Home Girl" You're the reason, is the only one of his releases not yet covered by a British effort, but I'm wondering how long it will be before someone over here records "Go On Home Girl" which is my idea of a great song and again penned by Arthur himself. This fine Rhythm and Blues singer and composer is all of 22 years old and was born in the State of Alabama. Since I began to spin his discs at the "Locarno" more and more people have asked about him, and beg me to play more. If you haven't heard his discs give yourself a treat — you will find it worth while.

Your views and suggestions will be welcomed — write: FOR THE RECORD, 209, Whitmore Way, Basildon, or telephone — **KEN ROPER** — at **BASILDON 20660**. Also wanted, information and dates of local Beat groups and other popular entertainers.

BITS AND PIECES

CLIFF BENNETT and the **REBEL ROUSERS** have "Got My Mojo Working" and will probably work it right up the charts. Mojo means good luck charm.

Next release from **CLIFF RICHARD** is entitled "Constantly". There is something nicely familiar about it which will please his fans, but the disc is probably not strong enough to restore Cliff to a number one spot.

SILLI TOPS
ELVIS PRESLEY, still tops to millions, drew gasps of sympathy which echoed around the world when he fell in a film studio and had six stitches inserted in his handsome face. It is denied he tripped over a beetle.

Even with the **SWINGING BLUE JEANS** off to Russia and the **SEARCHERS** taking "Needles and Pins" back home to America and hundreds of other groups popping off everywhere we are still not likely to be left with a group shortage.

To keep the balance the Americans are sending us some of their top groups, but how the Russians intend to return the compliment is anyone's guess.

AMBITION
A four-week booking at the London Palladium starting at the end of this week is another ambition come true for the **BACHELORS**.

This likeable Dublin trio plus the one and only **LENA HORNE** will prove that pleasing sounds have many variations.

To keep this engagement the **BACHELORS** turned down a chance to do an **ED SULLIVAN SHOW**. This famous Sunday TV programme is still regarded

as the top booking in American show biz and it is a great thing to know 'our kind' is in such demand.

New LPs sure to attract include "I Remember Buddy Holly" by **BOBBY VEE** — Blue Gene by **GENE PITNEY** — "Hootenanny" with the **HIGHWAYMEN**, and "Star Eyes" by **SARAH VAUGHAN**.

Did you know that by adding one letter to the illustrious name "BEATLES" the result gives an exact opposite meaning. (Answer foot of column.)

Which is enough to remind you the famous four some now tops every known Hit Parade chart in the world.

It may sound incredible, but they have achieved more momentary fame than any character in the whole history of the world. Not a bad record in more than one way.

And to the long list of credit of four ordinary lads, who without wealth, privilege, or favour, have conquered the universe without hurting anyone.

NO SPACE ...
Cinemas and theatres all over the country are finding they have insufficient space to provide accommodation for the beat groups and other stars who are receiving live entertainment.

Back stage in some other-wise ample premises resembles a family of fifteen living in a one-bedroom flat.

Question of the moment is whether to add extra dressing rooms etc. in the hope that stage shows have come back again to stay. Perhaps it still depends, as it always did, on whether the patrons enjoy what they expected to pay for.

(Answer to Beatles riddle) — Just add a "S" at the end.



A young lady from Cavendish-gardens, Hornchurch, also received the VSF (Very Special Fan) treatment. 18-

year-old Petra Beck, a telephonist got the right number as Cliff held her hand for this picture.

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HANGING

PERHAPS I love you and the rest of the country something of an explanation this weekend. Certain personal views of mine, favouring Capital Punishment, have been seized upon and given wide publicity in the national press—especially my opinion that the death penalty should be extended.

Some of the many letters I've had assumed that no Christian particularly an ordained minister, can possibly be a supporter of Capital Punishment: there just aren't two ways about it. And a man who disagrees with this should resign from the Ministry, for a Minister is supposed to be a humble servant of Jesus Christ, and it was He who said 'Thou shalt not kill!'

I respect anyone who cherishes human life so

much that they cannot see any circumstance in which one may be taken. But I happen to think that there is a difference between what an individual may do and what the State may do.

The State is bound to be invested with greater power than that which is given to any of the citizens who go to make it up, whether we like it or not! And one of those powers is that of Capital Punishment.

WICKED

When Moses was called to the summit of the mountain to be given God's Commandments he heard the voice of God saying: 'Thou shalt do no murder.' And yet, in that same interview, God is recorded as laying down the death penalty for a series of crimes of great gravity — for murder, for sodomy, for kidnapping and

so on.

You may say, "Well, that's in the Old Testament! But what about the New?" Didn't Jesus teach us to love our neighbours? Didn't he say, "If a man strike you on the cheek offer him the other cheek also?" Doesn't his own fearful death under Capital Punishment teach us once and for all that the death penalty is wicked and unjust?

Jesus also taught us that he did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfil it. Never once did he encourage his disciples to challenge the authority of the State to make laws and enforce them.

His crucifixion was certainly wicked and unjust, but he said to Pilate just before his death, "You could have no power at all unless my Father had given it to you" and he died uncomplaining. Unjust in the way it was executed upon him, certainly, but Pilate's right and power to do this grim thing was not questioned.

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And later on both St. Peter and St. Paul were to teach that 'the powers that be are ordained by God', and that they are there to make laws for the maintenance of proper order including, if it were really necessary, laws carrying the death penalty. Indeed Paul once said to the authorities 'If I have committed a crime worthy of death I will not refuse to die.'

In other words, the Old Testament confers upon the State a right to exact the death penalty which is not abrogated by Jesus or by his earliest Church. There are many Christians today who find it abhorrent including incidentally the Church of England's Clergy. Parliament. But the official position of the Church of Eng-

land is still as far as I know, that 'the laws of the Realm may punish Christian men with death by heinous and grievous offences.'

And I have come to the reluctant conclusion that in the present situation it is

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- 1962 (Sept) FORD CLASSIC 2 door, 1500 cc engine heater, one owner blue £495
- 1960 (Oct) FORD ANGLIA de luxe heater, one owner, wing mirror, maroon £345
- 1958 FORD ANGLIA, heater, taxed w mirrors, blue £225
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SEVEN-YEAR-OLD Tony Fordham, whose skill on the drumkit is still astounding everyone, entertained at an Easter party for the children held at the 'Locarno'.

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tion unless the Council are prepared to protect it with a preservation order.

At present the building is empty and derelict, a target for vandals who have broken windows and lit fires on the floors.

Parts of the building are still in good condition and as Laindon Hall comes within the Gloucester Park area the Council may decide to restore it for some useful purpose.

ONE-TWO-CND.

TOMORROW (Wednesday) evening at the Fryers Community Centre Whitmore way, the Basildon branch of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will attempt to hold its annual general meeting.

On two previous occasions a hall has been booked and a balance sheet prepared, but the minimum number of 20 people needed to make a quorum were not present so the meetings were postponed.

The local CND branch started with only 13 members and now has supporters which are numbered in hundreds, says the branch news sheets announcing the meeting.

It recalls that large contingents have been sent to Aldermaston marches and the branch has arranged many meetings and exhibitions in support of CND as well as helping to raise money for the world's hungry.

The count-down tomorrow starts at 8.30. Less than a score of supporters present this time could mean the end of the branch.

FOR CHARITY

— BILLY AT DANCE

Friday's charity dance in aid of Polio Research was attended by Billy Walker, seen here with Organiser Mrs. Marable and 'Locarno' Manager Ray Winkfield.



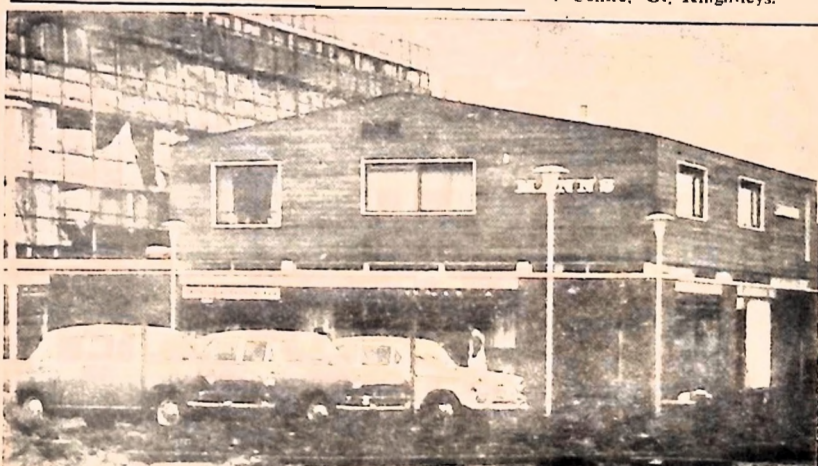
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BASILDON C.C. held their first open road race of the season at South Hanningfield on Saturday. It took the form of a Junior and 3rd Category event over 33 miles.

Run in atrocious weather conditions the 34 starters were whittled down to 13 at the finish. M. Horn of the Lion R.C. won the bunch sprint from W. Thomas, Elite C.C. and D. Stroud of Hainault E.C.

The club promotes a two-day three-stage Road Race at South Hanningfield on May 23/24 which is hoped will attract a top class field.

MAY DAY

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OF COURSE THERE WILL BE BUSES

EASTERN National Traffic Manager, Mr. R. Handley, told the "News" on Thursday that reports of the London protest meeting about bus services may have led readers to believe there will be no buses along London-road at all after next Sunday (see page 13).

Mr. Handley pointed out that 258 and certain 157 buses will continue to operate from London Station along the length of the High-road giving a total of 31 buses each way Mondays

to Fridays and 18 on Saturdays.

In addition other services will continue to provide about four buses per hour and two per hour on Sundays over the section of the High-road that the protestors claimed was being "cut off".

Far from London being "cut off" says the Traffic Manager, Eastern National is endeavouring to provide for every public need and are planning even more buses in the London area.

PAGES OF JOBS INSIDE

THE END FOR THE TOWN?

THE end of football for Basildon Town at Burnt Mills-road is definite unless a new ground can be found.

This announcement from Secretary Bert Handley surprised few people who know the number of times the isolated club headquarters has suffered damage from vandalism.

Another wrecking this week, estimated at £200, was the final straw.

Club officials have almost lost count of how many times their HQ has suffered this type of damage not only at the Burnt Mills-road ground, but on their old ground before they moved.

"It's broken our hearts and our club funds" said Mr Handley.

M/C STOLEN

A motor cycle combination (LGF806) was stolen from outside the home of Mr. Sidney Cross, Penfle-drive, Fryerns, on Sunday.



MUM WANTS TO BE A QUEEN (TWICE)

VALERIE TRIES FOR CARNIVAL AND TOWN SHOW QUEEN CROWNS

MEET the liveliest bunch of loveliness ever to enter a "Queen Contest".

Valerie Joan Bell is the name and she lives in Little Heath Shaw, Kingswood.

You may not think it, but Valerie is 27 and the mother of two girls, Tracy aged

three and Nicki who is 18 months.

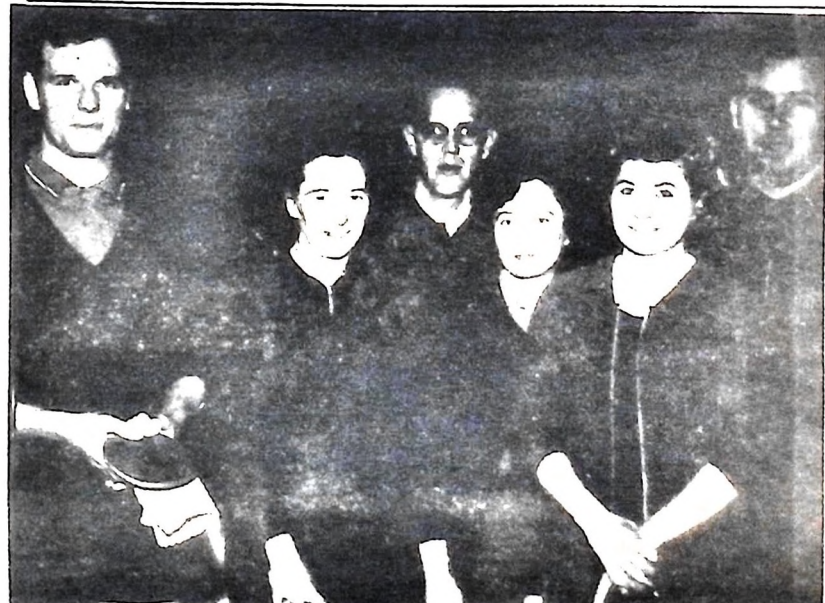
She married at 17 and

intends to enter both the Carnival and Show Queen contests.

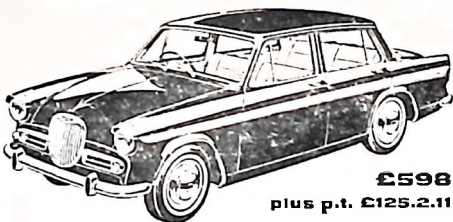
Hat Trick and Tripple Crown

Fred Lockwood of Cray Hill won the Men's Singles final in the Billerica and District Table Tennis Championships held on Saturday.

This marks the third year in succession he has won the singles title and the large crowd who attended the finals night at Rotary Boes, West Horndon, gave him a resounding reception as he went on to add the Mixed Doubles and the Men's Doubles titles to make it a Tripple Crown victory.



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ANOTHER FAIRY STORY WITH PICTURE PROOF

"It's scandalous" say Landon petitioners. "It's got to be pulled down before it gets put up", agreed Cllr. Horace Lughops, who is leading this week's "Fight for Freedom".

"It" of course, is the ghastly looking DOUBLE pole that blocks the view of St. Nicholas Church to anyone who looks that way while standing in the middle of Pound Lane ditch.

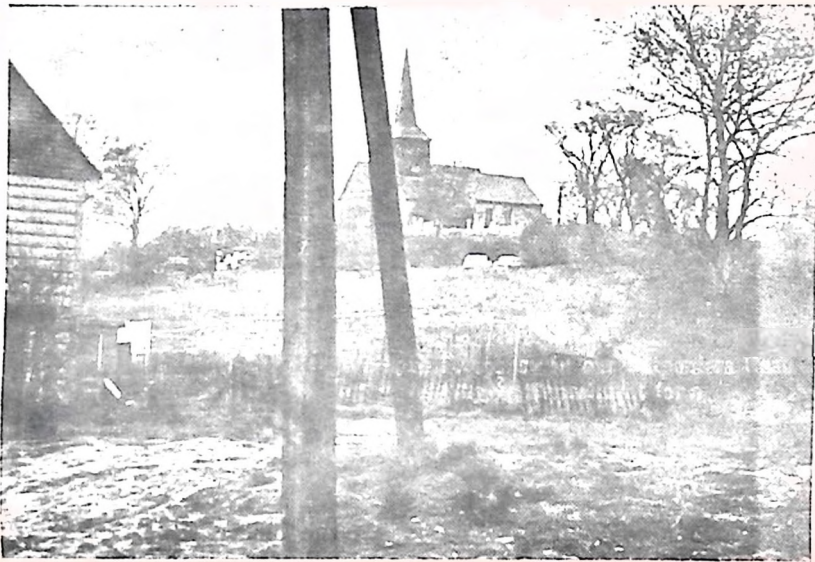
"Quite clearly the entire blame lies with the Socialist Development Corporation" explained Sir Claud Chickweed who lodges in a nearby council house.

"Only complete idiots would plan like this. The Brigadier is a well-known Landon personality being a former vice-president of the Regal Club, an appointment he took up after his retirement from the 3rd, Landon Hills Footlanders.

REGULAR TREAT

Sir Claud's fellow freedom fighter, Cllr. Lughops said he remembered that before the Newtown commenced the only clear view of the ancient parish church was from the top of a 2a bus or from a window in the public bar of the 'Fortune of War'.

"Now since many houses



have been wantonly demolished a glimpse of the parish church was becoming a regular treat", he added.

"Until some eagle-eyed resident noticed the pole spoiling the view"

The MP was the first person to be approached by

the protesters, but he declined to comment until he had seen his solicitor although his agent bravely asserted "Because they did it to St. Paul's, let them not think they can do it to St. Nicholas's."

Meanwhile public opinion

in the western part of the district reaches new heights of indignation.

Already it is rumoured that unless the pole or the church is moved within the next two weeks the resignation of the entire Essex River Board, and of course

Mr. Marples, will be demanded.

A spokesman for the Development Corporation insisted that if anything was wrong they would immediately take the full blame. — "It's the first complaint we have had from Landon" he added.

FREEDOM

So they are going to announce an election date to "put us out of our misery" Just another term for Conservative freedom.

A GESTURE

Through its council local ratepayers contributed this year, £100 towards the administration costs of the Basildon and District Old People's Welfare Committee.

Not an exorbitant sum, you may think but a least it is a gesture. In addition to this donation our elected representatives decided to send one of their members to Devon this month for the national conference for the purpose of exchanging and gathering information on how councils can help increase civic responsibilities in the care of senior citizens.

The cost of sending a delegate to the conference will be about £25 and few ratepayers would begrudge the expense.

The reason I throw in my twopennyworth on this subject is because for some reason, best known to themselves, the Old People's Welfare Committee has decided to duplicate the council's effort, and they too are sending a delegate to the same conference and presumably at a similar cost of £25.

Surely the Committee can trust the councillor member to bring back the required information, instead of spending a quarter of its annual grant for this purpose.

NO BANDITS

Wickford Community Association has turned down a suggestion that a one-armed bandit should be installed in their centre.

Ghyllgrove Community Association do not want to encourage "professional" Bingo players.

Hold on at the back, there is always hope.

NON SAYING of last week — Mr. Charles Boniface did not, repeat **NOT** attend the opening of the Plough and Tractor and say "This is the finest public house in the Newtown"

READERS SOAPBOX

PROGRESS OF CHRISTIANITY

I, as a pagan, would never make the mistake of accusing the Rev. Keith Wood of being un-Christian. Not at all. He is really "Representative" of Christian thought and practice for many hundreds of years. "Thou shalt not kill," I can understand and respect those, such as the Quakers, who really try to live up to it. Admittedly, I don't subscribe to it myself. The idea of taking a man's life in cold blood, for wages, is to me most revolting.

Many of the criminals are not deserving of sympathy, but this in itself is not much of an argument. It could be said that hanging a man for a crime is probably more excusable than burning him for his opinions, and this represents progress for Christianity.

What is most incredible is the desire to render unto Caesar more than Caesar ought to have. It shows

that the Churches have to do their (real) Masters work, by acquiescing in any piece of villainy the State deems necessary.

A hangman does retail what Auschwitz and "The Bomb" did wholesale, because "The State" wanted it that way. And their apologists said nothing, and probably approved of it.

Even the best type of State with the finest ideals, is a necessary evil an overhead

charge if you like to put it that way. At the worst, a State can be a bloody tyranny! To invest it with superhuman powers, and even to invent divine justification for it is just ridiculous.

A study of the political implications of religion makes the reasons for this attitude quite clear.

KEN SHALES
8, Braybrooke
Ghyllgrove.

PATRON SAINT OF HANGMEN

Let the Rev. Wood hang as many people as he likes. Let him excuse himself by blaming his reason for enforcing this barbaric revenge on his church, on the State whoever he chooses.

But please, please stop teaching my children that gentle Jesus is the patron saint of hangmen.

NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED.

RELIEF FROM THOSE RATES

THE Council are permitted by the Rating (Interim Relief) Act, 1964 to grant to domestic ratepayers relief in the cases of hardship caused by rate increases after March 31, 1963.

Relief can only be considered where the rates on a dwelling have increased since 1962-'63 by one-quarter or £5, whichever is the greater.

Relief is available to persons paying rates with their rents as well as to direct ratepayers.

The Council have formulated a scheme to assess hardship, an outline of which has been circulated to all domestic ratepayers. Application forms and full details can be obtained from the Treasurer, Council Offices, Keay House, and any further information may be obtained from him.

I would stress that the scheme is designed mainly to assist retired and other people with household in-

comes below about £1, per week, and that no relief will be given to persons in receipt of National Assistance as grants from the Assis-

tance Board take rate payments into account.
R. R. RICE,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

WE ARE GOING TO WIN AGAIN

MR. LINFOOT is quite right in the fact that the Liberals made a gain in Warley last year, which I did not mention when speaking a few weeks ago on the Liberal Party's wild claim in this Constituency.

I do hope, however, that Mr. Linfoot has not based his prospect of an Election Win entirely on this Victory. If so he is going to be very disappointed.

Perhaps no one told him that although the Liberals gained a seat from the Tories

in May 1963, they lost the same Ward in January 1964 with an overwhelming vote against them.

As far as Mr. Linfoot's claim that I am a worried man, of course, I well realise that we are going to have a tough fight in this Constituency to secure again the return of Edward Gardner. But let the Socialist Party and the Liberal Party both be assured we are going to WIN.

IAN B. GREER
Agent and Secretary

WE'RE IN AT LAST

BASILDON is on the map! Or at least the name is gazetted in the A A handbook for the first time.

Whereas, since motoring time began the yearly handbook showed a conspicuous omission between Barwell (Leics) and Basingstoke (Hants) the 1964 edition makes up for everything by devoting four whole lines to the purpose of letting the motorists of the world know that Basildon (Essex) exists.

The new town is credited with a population of 64,000 an early closing day is listed for Wednesday and the opening days for the market are thrown in for good measure.

Below this extremely vital information now available to all A A members and at no extra cost, is the reason for its inclusion.

It has nothing to do with Basildon's size, population or importance — the name is included simply because the two local garages have been "A A Appointed"

CHANGE OF NAME

N V Machinery Co a factory producing graphic arts equipment at its Billericay Industrial estate premises, has changed its trading name to that of its parent company, S. R. Littlejohn (Machinery) Co.



LITTLE CLUB WITH A BIG HEART

A club with a membership of less than 25 entertained over 150 guests to their annual dinner on Tuesday

Langdon Hill Cricket Club, formed in 1948, is the proud little organisation with the big following.

Chairman Mr. Peter Toomey, welcomed the guests at the dinner held at the Masonic Hall, Hutton, and the presentation were made by club president, Mr. A. A. Henbest

Maurice Tooke received the presentation bat, Don Smith, the club captain, was given the ball and Alf Shead, received the honour of being voted "Sportsman of the Year"

THE COST OF A CLEANER NEW TOWN

The Minister of Housing and Local Government has now confirmed the Basildon No. 2 Smoke Control Order.

This order will come into operation on October 1, and applies to an area bounded by the south side of Cranes Farm road, the west side of Timberlog lane to Whitmore way, the north side of Whitmore way to Ghyllgrove the west side of Ghyllgrove to Broadmayne, the south side of Broadmayne to Turberlog

lane, the west side of Timberlog lane to the railway, the London/Southend railway to the east side of Nethermayne and the east side of Uppermayne

From October 1 it will be an offence to cause smoke to be emitted from any chimney in the area and any occupier who does so will be liable to a fine of up to £10 for any day during which

smoke is emitted.

It will be necessary to use an authorised fuel, the list of which includes anthracite, coke, carbonised fuels, gas and electricity. Oil is also allowed in certain cases.

It should be noted that wood and paper are not included on this list and it will be necessary to light fires by means of gas or electric ignition.



CHAIRMAN STANDS

THIS year's Chairman of the Council's Finance Committee, Cllr Ron Rice, is

seeking re-election in May for the Laindon Ward

He was first elected to the council in 1956 and represented Vange.

His decision to change wards was partly due to him moving from Vange to the western part of the town.

TENANTS PROTEST

LEE CHAPEL North Tenants Community Association becomes the second new town organisation to oppose a betting shop in its Neighbourhood Centre

Two meetings of the Executive have already been held and it's quite confident the C. A. will clearly demonstrate the public feeling in Lee Chapel North if they officially oppose the application which has been submitted to the local court.

Another trading shop will be a greater amenity, say the residents.

Kingswood C. A. successfully led a similar protest a year ago and an application was rejected



Joyce wants to meet Dave again

JOYCE ONIONS of Rantree Fold, is 18 and has lived in Basildon a mere three months.

She likes dancing and football, (watching not playing) and hopes to meet her old schoolfellow in Blackpool if she wins

Her schoolfellow?—Why our Dave Clark! Joyce went to the same school in Tottenham. Dave was in a higher form

GENTLE GIANT

BOXER Billy Walker who trains at Pitsea, is making innumerable friends throughout the new town and district by finding time to attend charity functions.

After every visit people speak very highly of the 'gentle giant' who obviously believes in taking an interest in his adopted town and helping good causes.

Billy's patience in answering the call of autograph hunters seems to have no limit as young David Stone found out when he asked for the famous signature.



FOR THE RECORD

-A WEEKLY 'NEWS-LOOK' AT THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL WORLD OF POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT

BEATLE OF THE WEEK



GEORGE HARRISON the youngest Beatle, and although not one of the famous song writing department many regard George as the finest musician of them all

MEET THE INCA-SOUND OF 64'

NOT as yet widely known under this name, but well known under the name of "Karl Anthony and the Nomads" this group changed their name in January following the departure of their previous vocalist

They played the Winter Gardens, Great Yarmouth, The Flamingo Ballroom, Redruth, The Nuffield Centre, The Wembley Town Hall, the Pavilion Ballroom Gillingham and the Chislehurst Caves in Kent

FROM ROMFORD
They have also played at the Basildon Locarno, can anyone remember when?
The group features two

vocalists, Lynn Barrie, a secretary from Kings Cross, and Lee Raven, a shutter maker who hails from Romford.

Other members of the group are Dave Robinson a diamond mounter, also from Romford Dave is the drummer also drives the bandwagon.

Terry Hardy, a printer from Barking is the rhythm guitarist and does occasional lead vocals.

Then there is Brian Johnstone, a photographic technician from Ruislip, who plays lead guitar.

Bass guitarist and manager is Ron Bull, an ac-

counts manager from Romford.

STYLE CHANGED
Since changing their name The Inca have also slightly changed their style and are confidently looking to the future.

They are handled by two local agencies in Romford and also have an eager fan club

This is rapidly gaining strength - Secretary is Mrs. Sheila Carter of 39 Ravensbourne crescent. Harold Wood.

Free newsletters and photographs are sent out at regular intervals to fans Don't forget to mention the 'News'

when you write in.
The group travelled over 12,000 miles in 1963 following bookings up and down the country

They performed at the Harold Hill Carnival Dance last year and were judged really good

All reports indicate they have improved since expanding, so expect them to make the grade (recordwise) any time now

On April 24 they are booked to appear at the Woodlands Youth Club, Takely End Basildon They also may take up a two-week spot at the Locarno if their rapidly filling engagement book allows

BITS AND PIECES

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Pender, The Searchers' lead guitarist, who was married recently. His wife, May, comes from Mike's home town, Liverpool.

Also in on the marriage stakes is Alan Clarke, - He lies singer on Tuesday he married Jen Bowstead, a Coventry girl. They met at a dance last year and became engaged in January, typical Hollies pace

Muriel Douglas-Home (24) the Prime Minister's daughter, has been offered a contract by Pye Records. She plays the guitar - and no doubt prefers the "blues".

FUNNY BUT IT'S TRUE

A year ago The Searchers went along to Phillips Records and wanted a test. They were told - "Sorry - but you are not up to the required standard!"

The Syndicates, a new group from Tottenham have recorded "Maybellene" the old Chuck Berry classic. This is their first disc and has been arranged in a style described as "rhythm and blues" with a strong blue beat influence

30 A MINUTE
The Beatles records during the past three weeks have been selling at the rate of one every two seconds in the States.

The Beatles have been described there as "the most exciting invention since girls (There are other opinions as well)

This year the British public are likely to buy 90 million records for more than £23 million!

British records are top sellers among 332 million people of nine countries

POWER PACKS
Hold on to your seats! Beatles have set trend to louder amplifiers with equipment made especially for their U.S. trip by Vox.

Now the Dave Clark Five are using similarly powered ones.

Anyone disappointed at not having a ticket for The Searchers' booked for the Locarno on Friday April 24 may find the INCA sound at Woodlands Youth Centre an interesting comparison

Two top groups on the same night



JOCKEY'S CHOICE - Your DJ's choice by John Cooper - Locarno

STILL the record you request most is "Can't Buy Me Love" by none other than you know who. But it only just makes it and could lose its number one spot on my turntable mainly because it is fast for dancing.

The flipside "You Can't Do That" seems to be just the right speed at the right moment - a great favourite with the dancers.

Next in popular demand come the Hollies' "Just One Look", a real pop record by a real pop group.

Then you are demanding the Roulettes' "Bad Time" and why it is not at the top end of the tops surprises me, every time I spin it everyone seems to want to dance and sing to it.

BLUES
Millie and "My Boy Lollipop" deserves special men-

tion. This must be one of the best blue beat hits so far.

Millie, a 16 year-old Jamaican, gives a real boost to the blue beat records which were gaining many local fans just before Christmas, but then for some reason dropped over some.

Now with some major record companies pushing them and great discs such as this one by Millie, with "King of Kings" and the Migil Five's "Mocking Bird Hill" in close pursuit any time may now become Blue Beat time

RHYTHM AND BLUES

Still everyone talks about it, thousands have different opinions and I say it is virtually impossible to explain its real meaning and origin.
The great Chuck Berry

in a straight answer to a straight question "Do you play R & B?" replies "NO"

Bo Diddley was asked the same question "Bo too sad" "NO!" Bo added "I play Jungle music"

Yet DJ's, announcers and crowds of so-called experts call Chuck and Bo as the Kings of R & B

The subject becomes even more complicated when artists such as Muddy Waters, Howlin Wolf and Lightning Hopkins describe their records as "folk blue"

Other stars, Sonny Boy Williamson and the ever great Jimmy Reed play "Country Blue" so they say

THE LEADERS

If we look for the true exponents of Rhythm and Blues, I put James Brown and the famous Flames Marvin Gaye, The Miracles

Rufus Thomas and Arthur Alexander (plus many more) up with the leaders.

And to conclude, still on a R & B note, watch and listen to Tommy Tucker with "High Heel Sneakers" and George Fame and the Blue Flames with "DO-RE-MI" pushing two typical examples of R & B further up the charts.

Your views and suggestions will be welcomed - write FOR THE RECORD, 209, Whitmore Way, Basildon or telephone - LEN ROPER - at BASILDON 20660

Also wanted, information and dates of local Beat groups and other popular entertainers.

Answers to readers letters

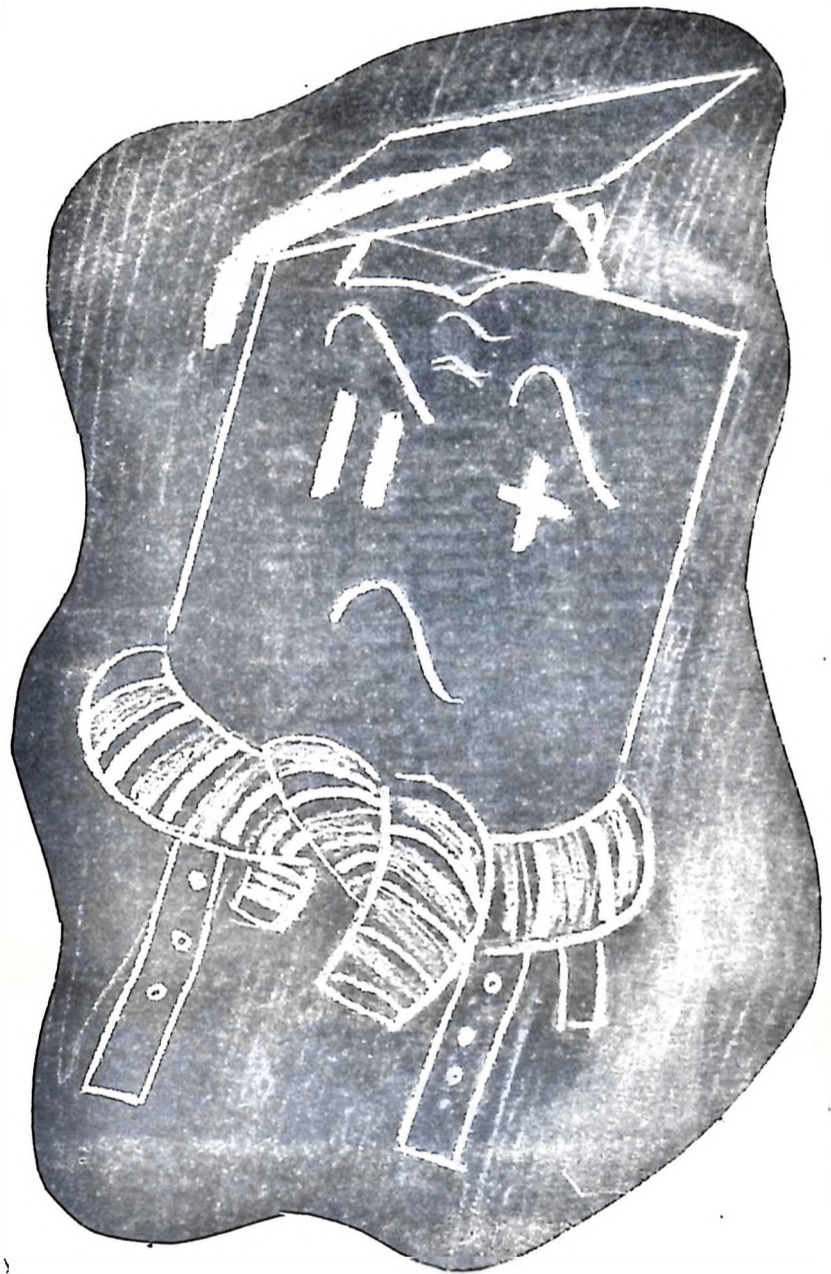
JEAN: It's true that Jack Jackson does not play the Beatles records on 202 - because his programmes are sponsored by a rival firm - Decca!

SANDRA: The Beatles' Birthdays are PAUL 18th June, he'll be 22. RINGO 7th July, 24 this summer, John 9th October, he'll be 24. GEORGE 25th February, 24 on that date.

JOE: Leroy, Washington, Wild Cherry, Sals Helen, You're Too Late Babe, Whispering Smith, Meet Wanda Blues, - Really Great Stuff, on local radio. Thanks for letters, will help if I can on 1, 2

A LOCAL MAN TAKES

A COOL LOOK AT THE 11-PLUS



THE 11 plus, the most controversial time in education and object of many parents' anger, is described in a refreshingly cool and factual way in the April newsheet of the Association.

The only comment included are quotations from the National Foundation for Educational Research, a body which produces many of the standardised tests used in the exam, and these are used to show the calculations behind present procedures.

The newsheet points out that "some of the Foundation's suggestions are not followed in Essex, for example spreading the tests over a fairly long period in the primary school in order to detect any striking irregularities of intellectual growth."

50 PER CENT ENTER MAIN TESTS

In Essex, there are three written tests, all of which are chosen by a board of Head Teachers appointed by the County Education Committee. There is a Verbal Reasoning test (similar to an intelligence test) taken as a preliminary test in the Autumn Term prior to the year of allocation to secondary education.

Children who reach a cer-

tain and any other children whose parents wish them to enter will be asked to take the main tests of English and Mathematics in the following Spring Term. About 50 per cent of the age group enter the main tests, which like the preliminary, are as far as possible set for in their own primary school.

Preparation for the tests including homework was discouraged by the County.

The primary Head Teachers submit assessments of the children, taking into account not only children's work, but also application, stability, and other factors. These assessments carry equal weight to the total mark of the test papers.

The National Foundation holds assessments in high regard, declaring they "give a prediction which is equal and sometimes superior to the triple battery of tests" if suitably set, usually against a Verbal Reasoning test.

AT LEAST 10 PER CENT WRONG ALLOCATION

The Foundation further maintains "that by almost any method of allocation, the 5 or 10 per cent of pupils clearly suitable for grammar school education are unsuitable for it".

The real problem lies on

the borderline and "there is a margin of error which in the most favourable circumstances cannot be expected to be less than 5 per cent, either side of the borderline allocation and re-allocation at 13 plus with openings into academic streams all the way along seems to

them the test results, worked papers, Head Teachers' assessments but not—though recommended by the Foundation—specimens of ordinary school work.

Essex holds a second series of tests for children of 13 plus consisting of Eng-

General Certificate of Education results are known.

An interesting point is that children attending comprehensive schools at Romford and Harlow can be transferred to a selective stream within the same school at the discretion of the Head and without taking the 13-plus.

PARENTS HAVE THREE CHOICES

Essex Education Committee expect 20 per cent of the age group to go into selective education at 11 plus.

The standard varies from year to year, so presumably in one year a child of a certain ability might go to grammar school but in another year might go to a secondary modern.

Both Grammar and Technical schools are selective schools. And the individual child's allocation is dependent first on the parents' choice and secondly on his or her position on the order of merit list.

Essex Education Committee has 60 County free places annually at both the Brentwood school for boys and Brentwood Ursuline High School for girls. These are direct grant schools, and take fee-paying pupils as well. Parents of children allocated by the County to selective education can opt out of

demand for the places is very heavy.

BOARDING SCHOOL ...

There are a number of boarding places available for children whom Essex Education Committee consider would especially benefit from it. There are also a total of eight boarding scholarships at the two Brentwood direct grant schools and at Chelmsford King Edward V., Grays Palmer's Endowed, and Brentwood County High for Girls.

These are awarded on the results of the 11 plus together with an interview. The parents of a child who secures a boarding place by scholarship or because of special circumstances receives assistance with the boarding fees in accordance with a scale of income.

THE ALTERNATIVES TO 11 PLUS ...

The newsheet's account ends: "Even educationalists opposed to 11 plus will probably agree with the Foundation that: 'If the pressure to abolish any form of allocation be allowed to succeed without considerable change in the whole structure of our educational system the remedy may well prove more mortal than the disease'. Our Association will be taking a look at some of

JOHN ALLARD REPORTS

JOHN ALLARD belongs to the Labour Party but it was as an individual enthusiast that he joined with others in setting up the local non-party, non-

sectarian association for the Advancement of State Education. Here he summarises the Association's most recent report.

be the best adjustment to be made in a system of selective and non-selective schools."

In Essex, borderline cases in the 11 plus are considered by area panels of Head Teachers who have before

them the test results, worked papers, and a General Paper. In 1963 transfers as a result of these tests were one per cent of the age group. Normally there is not another opportunity to transfer until 16

A STONE AGE!

100 YEARS IN THE MARKET PLACE

FROM small town drapers shop existing on a capital of £500 to one of the largest departmental stores this side of London.

That is the story of Stones over the past 100 years.

This year the store is celebrating its centenary and looks back with sentiment to its small time birth.

Mr. Denny Stone, with just a few years of background in a Woolwich drapers, rented number 62 Market Place, Romford, as a drapers in 1864 when only 27.

Romford was then a small market town where many local farmers bartered their animals once a week and their wives sold produce from stalls set up on the cobbles.

COFFEE SHOP ...

In 1865 the coffee shop at number 69 was vacated and Mr. Lennard Stone,

PLACE

working with his father, secured the shop and expanded the business.

Father retired and left the management of the store to his son who expanded the business further by renting and later purchasing number 64.

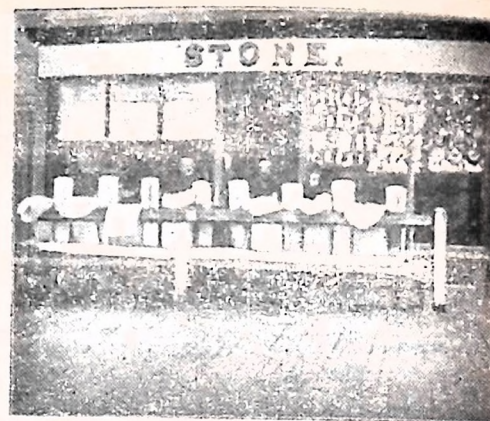
Yet another generation joined the business, the present directors Lennard and Kenneth G. Stone.

On VJ night followed by a burglary, the whole building was destroyed by fire and because of shortage of materials for building and complete loss of stocks no future was seen for rebuilding.

Business houses and local organisations lent temporary accommodation and gave



Mr. Denny Stone, who founded the business, was born in 1837 at Thaxted and was the son of a baker, the youngest member of a family of 12.



A TRIBUTE TO THE STORE THAT HAS SERVED ESSEX WELL FOR THE LAST CENTURY

part of their stocks to the store.

Business built up and soon the store purchased numbers 96 - 100 Market Place and the new store grew up.

DINNER DANCE

The firm later was taken over by the Debenhams group.

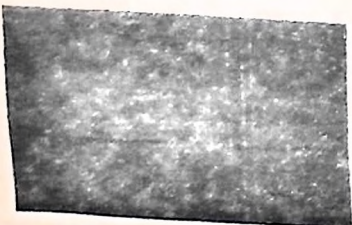
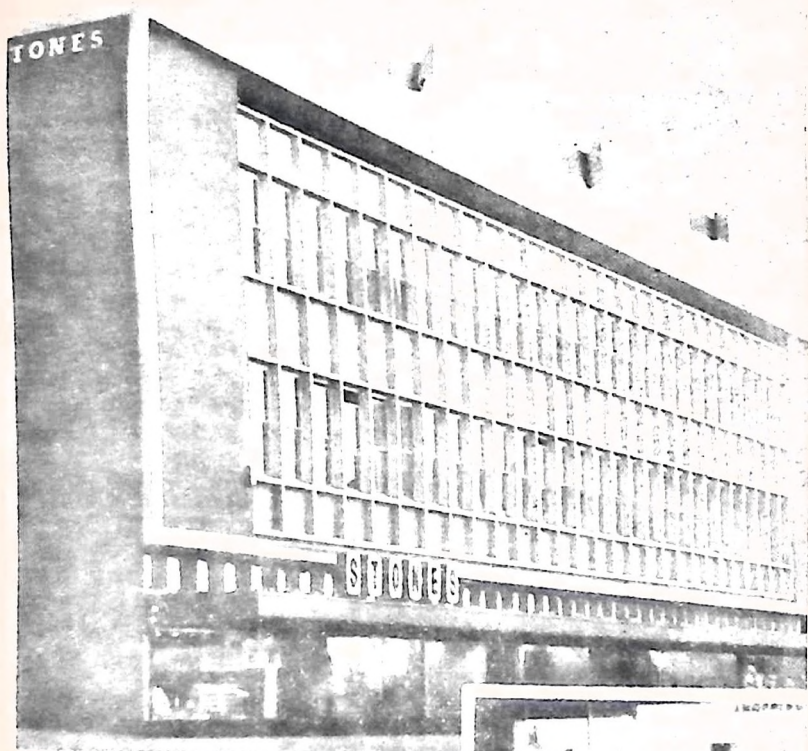
Stones is at present a multi-storey departmental store which serves nearly all needs of people in Havering and draws shoppers to Romford from all over Essex.

Stones delivery vans can be seen as far away as the new town of Basildon almost daily.

To celebrate their centenary the management held a grand dinner dance for staff at the Baronial Hall, Colonial House, Mincing Lane, this month.

Dancing was to the Benny Gold Orchestra and Miss Betty Lunn presented the cabaret.

As a souvenir of the birth Stones have published a historical booklet entitled "100 Years in the Market Place"



A LINE - UP OF CHAMPS



MOST SUCCESSFUL PRESENTATION DANCE

BONALLACKS Social & Sports Club held a most successful Presentation Dance at the Locarno on Friday evening. The only disappointment was that the President of the Club, Sir Richard Bonalack was unable to attend

because of a family bereavement. The prizes were presented by Mrs Nera Anderson, whose husband is a Vice-President.

The large number of trophies displayed in the ballroom showed how the vari-

ous sections of the Club are progressing and competition for the shields and cups becomes keener each year.

Winners and runners-up:
Badminton D. Blackett—R. Whyte Men's Rifle—B. Shead—W. Knight Ladies

Rifle: Brenda Spurling—A. Chapman Dart: H. Hawes—E. Robinson. Angling: W. Wood—S. Ballard Tennis: J. Morris—R. Wilkin Pike Cup: T. Reynolds—W. Wood Largest Pike: T. Reynolds. Footballer of the Year: P. Barney.



Bonalack Tennis Champion and Table Tennis Champion Johnny Morris has his arms full of trophies after winning the double.

On the receiving end of a presentation is an unusual experience for a Carnival Queen so Brenda Spurling had a special smile when she was awarded the Ladies Rifle shooting trophy.



Works Manager Mr B. Shead won the rifle shooting trophy.



Mr. D. Blackett receives the Badminton Trophy from Mrs. Anderson.



NO SPECIAL FAVOURITE

Carnival Queen entrant Brenda Sartain is 18. She is a telephonist typist, has a regular boy friend

and lives in the Frennels, Fryerns. Brenda says she has no special favourite pop-star. **NEWSPHOTO**



MIKE MISSES HIS FAMILY

MEET Mike Durkin, recently appointed Catering manager of the Locarno Ballroom. He comes to Basildon from Coventry where he held a similar position with Mecca Ltd. Mike says he likes being here, all except for one very big snag—being away from his wife and two

young children. Because of the present housing shortage he has had to leave his family.

"You've no idea how much I miss them," he told the "News." "I'm spending all my spare time trying to find somewhere where we can all stay until we get our house."

READING AND BOWLING

Daphney Percival is 20 and has lived in Fairview-road, Vange, for the past 9 years. She has fair hair and blue

eyes, and likes reading and bowling. Her family came originally from Wolverhampton. **NEWSPHOTO**



TERRY—THE BOY WHO MADE A SHIELD

BONALLACK apprentice, Terry Reynolds made a polished wooden plaque as an "unaided example of his own work" when he entered the Basildon Industrial Group's Apprentice of the Year competition. Terry did not win the title, but obviously someone at Bonallack's regarded

—AND CAUGHT A PIKE

Terry's handwork as worth preserving and hit upon the bright idea of asking Mr A. J. Cox, the Pilsea "trophy king" to utilise the plaque as the base of a new sports club trophy. So the Apprentice compet

ition entry, adorned with silver scrolls and shining plates, became a handsome shield and the club committee decided it would be the ideal trophy to be awarded annually to the Bonallack angler who caught the big

gest Pike. This is not supposed to read like an angling story, but it must not be concealed that when the name of the largest pike catcher was announced on Friday evening up stepped Terry Reynolds. And we are reliably informed—the happy ending was a pure coincidence

A TRIO OF GOODWILL

LIONEL HYATT of the "Prince of Wales," George Walker of "The Crane" and George Baker of the "Winged Horse," were among the many visitors on Tuesday to the

"Plough and Tractor." The idea is to wish the new pub good luck and naturally enough to compare the taste of the liquid refreshment. **NEWSPHOTOS**





★ **TONY HARDING** ★
LEAD GUITAR



★ **TONY CHURCH** ★
BASS GUITAR



★ **COLIN HARE** ★
RHYTHM GUITAR



DAVE AND THE STROLLERS



AIM FOR THE STARS

★ **TOP** Essex rock group "Dave and the Strollers" who learned they would have to break up when losing one of their best artists, have re-formed with four of their original number.

Drummer, Len Harding, was forced to leave the group last year because of plans to marry and the group feared that they could not replace him.

Bringing the new lease of life to the group is 17-year-old Roger Dedman of Phillip-avenue, Rush Green who has joined this former all Hornchurch team.

Other members of the group are: lead guitarist,

Tony Harding (17), of Crescent-avenue; vocal Dave Church (17), of Southdown-road; rhythm guitarist Colin Hare of Eyhurst-avenue, and bass, Tony Church (22) of South-down-road.

ORIGINAL IDEAS Recently the boys had to rush from a booking at the Elm Park Hotel to weekend bookings in Stoke Newington and the West End.

Several of the ideas for songs in the group's repertoire are original, the ideas for which were discovered by Colin Hare, and built upon by the rest of the group.

Although as a group their

sound is new each of the group has a yearning to be like one of the Stars.

Vocalist Dave bases his style on that of Cliff Richard and uses many of his songs. Lead guitarist, Tony, is fond of mimicking Buddy Greco while Elvis Presley fans may see the

likeness in Colin.

The group have made a tape and are awaiting an opportune moment to give it a run through for a recording company.

The group's plans are to stay semi-professional until an opportunity is foreseen for them joining many other surtax paying pop stars.

ESSEX

IMMIGRANTS

Three hundred overseas scouts will be travelling to Essex in August for the 5th Essex International Jamboree to be held at Belchamps near Hockley.

The Grand opening will take place at 7 p.m. on August 8 and camp will be

closed on August 15 at 11 a.m.

Visiting scouts will come from Austria, Eire, Denmark, France, Germany, British Guiana, Greece, Holland, Italy, Libya, Scotland, Switzerland, Sweden, United States U.S.A. (Germany) and Wales.



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TOP FORD-ON-SHOW TEAM

SEM

"Oh, to be in England..."

THE Chairman, Directors and Service Manager of South Essex Motors (Basildon) Ltd, main Ford Dealers received awards for being the top Ford-on-Show team in the whole of the area during 1963.

In their opening week in May 1963 South Essex Motors of Cherrydown, Basildon, carried out no less than 857 free inspections and over 8,000 members of the public visited the garage.

The awards were made on behalf of Ford's by Mr. S. H. Skirrow, Mr. George Jacobs, Chairman of SEM together with Mr. Joe and Mr. Alex Jacobs were presented with a portable cocktail case, and a special award of a desk pen and stand were made to Mr. George Clemens, Service Manager of SEM.

Our picture shows, left to right Alex Jacobs, Joint Managing Director SEM, George Jacobs, Chairman, Joe Jacobs, Director, George Clemens, Service Manager, Ernest Poole, Joint Managing Director, and S. H. Skirrow, Manager, Ford's Department.

Let it rain, let it blow... let it! You can't stop it. Nevertheless it takes ingenuity to live in Britain. Perhaps that is why, as a race, we are so resourceful. The weather here is the craziest in the world, which puts a big tax on the imagination.

We need a more varied wardrobe than any other race. We also have to take more trouble over hair styling, which can be ruined in two minutes rain. This is where native resourcefulness comes in. More and more girls have given up perms and are learning to "manage" their hair and control it better than ever before. This came about for several reasons: perms can be expensive, curly heads are not as fashionable as sleek ones; and, most important, the advent of really good hair sprays that can "hold" that set.

One of the most popular at the moment is Wonder Set Hair Spray, designed for just such a life as is led by active girls battling against the weather-odds—girls who have a job, play games as well as watch them, who dance far into the night and who often go off to work the following day looking enchanting on a scooter.

For them this particular hair spray is the answer. It not only holds the set but no matter what climatic conditions prevail, the hair swings back into line at the toss of a head and it will stay that way through the day and on to an evening of dancing.

Girls these days know that the secrets for a well-groomed head are threefold: find a hair style that is becoming; that can be set at home; then spray with Wonder Set to hold it. It is important that the hair should be brushed back into the set each morning and sprayed carefully.

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It is not surprising that British girls are getting all the compliments—a well-groomed head of shining hair that looks thoroughly natural is seen at its best in our temperate climate. We have learnt that no matter what clothes or make-up is worn, if hair is a mess the effect is ruined. So—a girl's best friend has become—a good hair spray.



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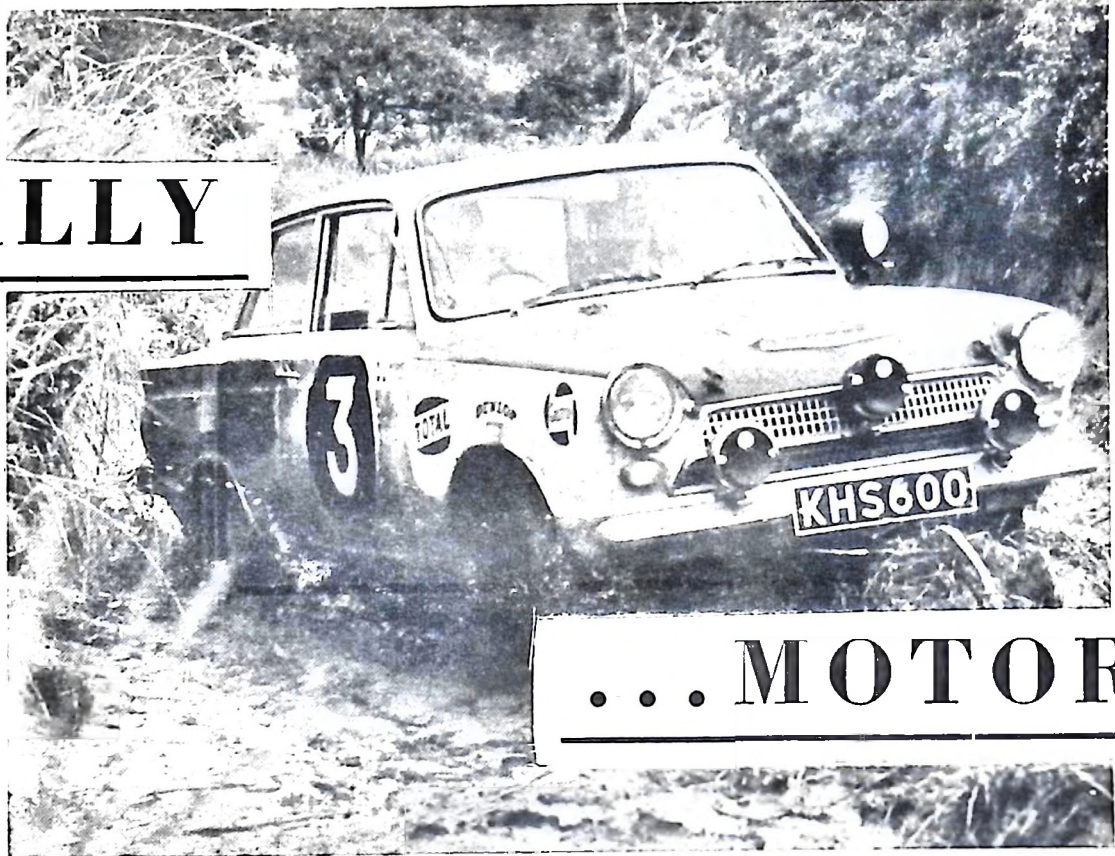
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CORTINA'S

PETER HUGHES, the 29-year-old son of a Ford dealer, who won the East African Safari—the world's toughest rally—in a locally made Ford Cortina GT, came back to Britain this month at his own request—to say thank you to the

men on the line at Dagenham who "made the Cortina unbreakable and unbeatable."
The winning car was also flown back to Britain. Hughes and co-driver Bill Young drove a Ford Anglia to second place in last year's

Safari when only 7 cars finished. This year they set out from Nairobi on March 26 with 93 other starters to cover 3,189 miles of the worst terrain in the world. Although the cars competing included the cream of the British, German, Japan-

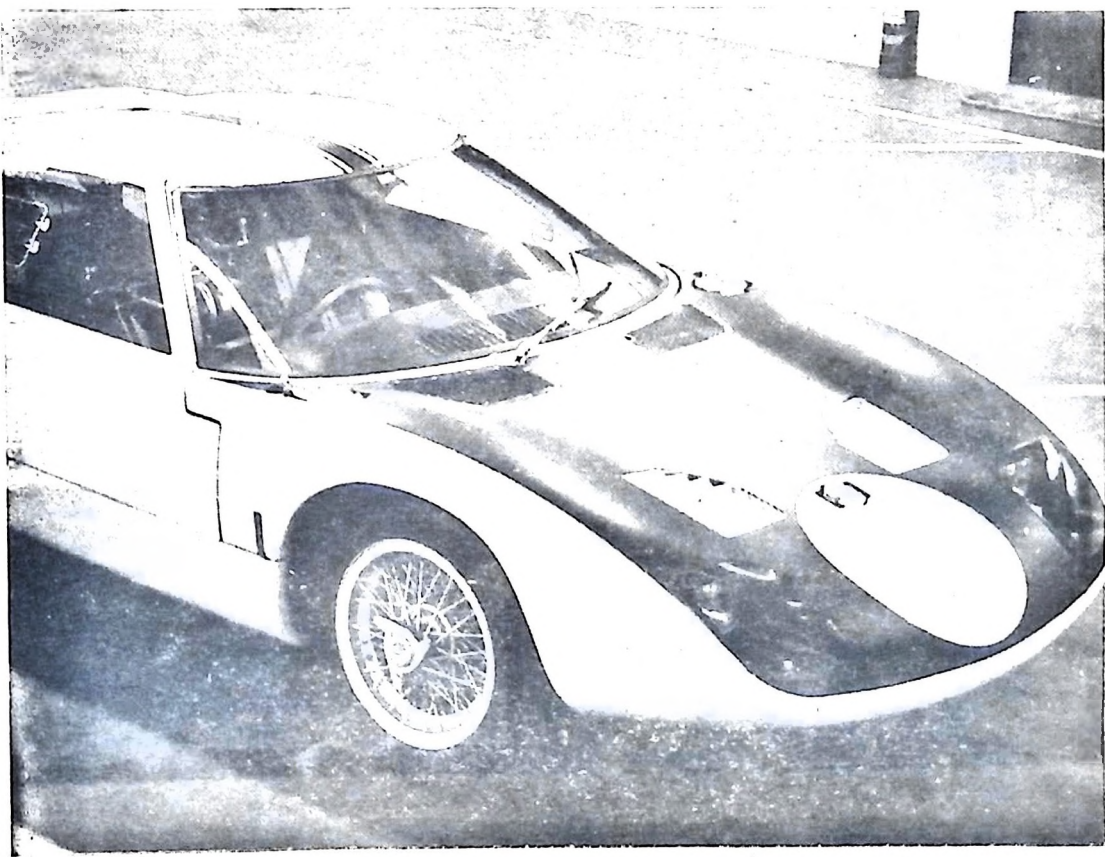
ese, French and Italian industries, only 21 finished. Of these six were British—all of them Dagenham Fords. Cortinas came 1st 3rd 10th and 15th and Zodiacs finished 5th and 13th.

Allen Barke, Managing Director of Ford of Britain said of the result: "The performance of our cars in this event has demonstrated their reliability and durability against the toughest competition there is. The

result is a substantial tribute to the men who designed and build this top selling British car." Peter Hughes said in Nairobi: "I never had a moment's anxiety so far as the car was concerned."

SCOOP SAFARI PRIZES

Apart from outright victory the Cortina GT's won the coveted Manufacturers Team Award—by a very big margin—and took first four places in their class.



FORD FLIES NEW GT TO NEW YORK

THE Ford GT—the new 200 mph Ford racing car which is due to make its debut at Nurburgring in May—was flown to New York this month for a sneak preview in connection with the New York Motor Show.
The car was shipped by BOAC on this lightning trip—it returned to England two days later—in a CL44 fast cargo plane.
The flight is another example of Ford's increasing use of trans-Atlantic air-freight. Since 1960 the Company's air shipment of service parts to America has doubled every year. Apart from the obvious time saving, air shipments reduce the need for large stocks in overseas locations and pro-

duce valuable operating economies.
EAST AFRICA
BOAC have recently conducted an intensive study of Ford's requirements for trans-Atlantic parts supply. Surveys of this kind, coupled with the recent growth of business, have enabled air lines to reduce their freight rates to America from April 1 and regular bulk shipments may well become normal practice in the near future.
A similar BOAC study in East Africa has already satisfied Ford that regular air-freighting of parts is the most economical method for this area. Bulk air shipments to Southern Rhodesia will begin this month.

NEW TOWN VISIT BY NEW TOWN MEN

A party of Basildon Council members and officers visited Wales on Monday week as guests of the Cwmbran Urban District Council.

There is a new town at Cwmbran, building began in 1951, about the same time as Basildon new town, and the visitors were keen to see the progress in this smaller new town.

Cwmbran has almost reached its new town target population of 45,000 and now has an estimated new town population of 35,000.

In twelve years the Cwmbran Development Corporation has completed nearly 5,000 houses, less than half the amount built in Basildon during a similar period.



WORKS PROGRAMME

As well as new town development the Basildon visitors were also interested in the Council works programme in the small Welsh Urban District. They saw the road improvement scheme, council housing, Community centres, OAP accommodation and the provision of sports centres.

The Councillors' day trip repaid a visit made by Cwmbran Councillors a few months ago.



NEW Town councillors Cyril Thirkettle and Joe Morgan visit a new town house a few hundred miles away in Cwmbran, Wales.

RENTS UP

-AN EARLY WARNING

COUNCIL house rent increases, none more than 4/7 per week and some as little as 1/6, were announced at Thursday's Council meeting by Cllr Joe Morgan.

He said it was only honest to tell tenants well in advance and blamed the cost of land, construction and maintenance and the very high interest rates as the reason for the increases.

The review of rents will take place at the June Housing Committee meeting.

From the opposition side Cllr Mrs. Christina Gadsdon said with rising prices and the cost of land Council house rent increases were

inevitable. Mrs. Gadsdon, who also a member of the Development Corporation, added that the same applied to Corporation house rents.

VAST PROFITS

Here Cllr Morgan agreed and reminded Mrs. Gadsdon that some Corporation rents were up to 10p per week.

He charged the Corporation with making vast profits from industrial undertakings which if the Corporation were fair would be ploughed back to help tenants — not the Cllr, add "They keep it in a separate fund."



CWMBRAN CHAIRMEN



DEBATING rivals Cllrs. Joe Morgan and Mrs. Christina Gadsdon. One from Basildon was looking when they had a meeting in Cwmbran — BUT SOMEONE FROM THE "NEW TOWN"

MEMO

TO *Everyone who runs a business*

SUBJECT *1st August 1964*

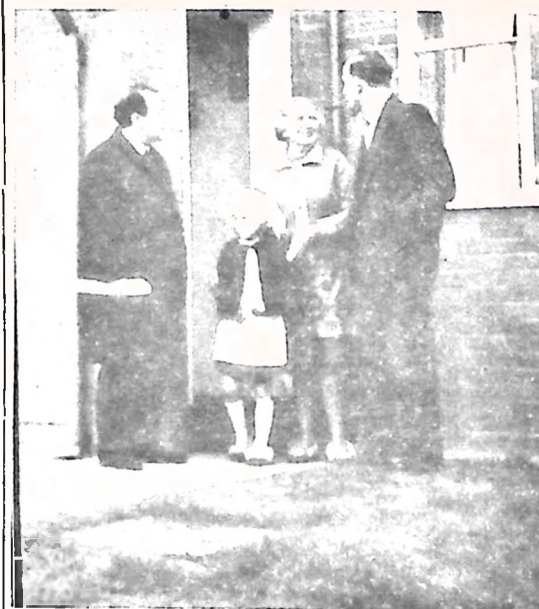
On this day, the Offices, Shops, etc. (1963) Act comes into force. Under it you will be obliged to observe certain standards of heating, lighting and ventilation on your premises. You will also have to provide running hot water if your premises are without it.

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Cllr. GEORGE HURD in a familiar pose — this time with a Welsh senior citizen.

SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATIONS TO LOCAL SERVICES



CLLR JOE MORGAN -- "it would not be honest to keep quiet"

SUBSTANTIAL alterations to Eastern National bus services come into operation on Sunday. Pamphlets outlining the alterations in routes are being widely distributed and full details of timetable alterations affecting the Basildon area are on sale.

Among local changes the 15 and 15A services will be withdrawn and the Southend to Basildon route will be covered by a new service, 151.

More buses will be routed through Basildon Town Centre. It was two services, 53 and 53A, being re-routed through the Upperway underpass that caused the protests from Laidon residents last week.

NEGLECTED Eastern National claim the re-routing will now provide frequently requested facilities to Basildon for Langdon Hills and Horndon



CLLR STUART—NOT SO SERIOUS.

♦♦♦♦♦ residents previously unable to make the journey without changing buses.

The "neglected" part of Laidon High-road between the Link road and the Fort of War will be covered by a new service 26, a direct run from Canvey to

Romford via Basildon Town Centre and Laidon Link.

A further improvement is promised when the 241 service is extended as far as Laidon High-road via St. Nicholas lane and Gt. Knightleys.

Commenting on the Laidon residents' protest, Cllr.

Athol Stuart said at Thursday's Council meeting "the bus service alterations are not so serious as reports in local press indicates."

He added that it was policy to divert services through the Town Centre, but Laidon would enjoy the same frequency of buses as before.

MORE HOUSES FROM PRIVATE BUILDERS

Review of Development

A REVIEW of development throughout the Urban District presented by the Chairman of the Council on Thursday surprisingly revealed that private house building exceeded dwellings erected by the Development Corporation.

Of a total of 1,517 houses built last COUNCIL year, 764 were privately built compared with the Corporation's 704. The Council erected 49.

All aspects of local affairs were touched on by Cllr. Alfred Dove.

A hope was expressed that Sir Basil Spence will be instructed to recommence work on the Town Hall project.

SWIM POOL

Works on new parks and recreation grounds including the progress on the first phase of Gloucester Park was reported and plans for a further three acres to be developed for use as a Council Nursery were announced.

The Chairman said the Town park would undoubtedly be of regional importance in the future.

Tenders will be invited for the swimming pool during the latter part of the year.

The council's expenditure for the past year was approximately £4,950,000.

WASTING RATEPAYERS MONEY

Accusation

THE Commission on Comprehensive Education, which was instructed last month to make a report to the Basildon Education Committee at the earliest possible date, had not done so by Thursday when questions were asked at the Council meeting.

Accusations that the Commission had been wasting its time and ratepayers' money, were hurled across the Chamber and countermanded by charges that

the Labour members of the Commission had received "directions from a certain place."

After a debate the Chairman of the Education Committee said he would personally see County Councillor Mrs. E. Coker, the Chairman of the Commission, and ask for an early meeting and a report.

THERE TO HELP

Basildon Council has received six petitions in six weeks.

Chairman Cllr. Alfred Dove JP said he welcomed them as it proved some people realised the Council was there to help.

SINCE 1954 Cllr. P. S. (Bert) Saunders has served on the Council.

On two occasions he has worn the ribbon of the Vice-Chairman of the Council and now has every prospect of being elected to the top position as Chairman.

It is now no longer speculation that the Labour Councillors, determined to go into the May elections with complete unity, have

selected Cllr. Saunders as Chairman-Elect.

This is the first time the Labour group have made a choice BEFORE the local elections, although it is a common practice in many other Councils and Boroughs.

LONGEST SERVING

Cllr. Saunders is believed to have been chosen because he is the longest serv-

ing Labour Councillor and the decision to invite the senior group member to take the Chairman's badge may now be perpetuated.

Cllr. Saunders of Goldings-erecent Vange, is not due to seek re-election this year although his promised position as Chairman of the Council still depends on Labour retaining a majority vote in the Council Chamber.



CHAIRMAN ELECT



BASILDON

MEET



Gads-on thought that friendly handshake and chat WAS THERE.



We all want to get rid of unemployment, wherever it may remain, and the unhappiness it brings. In the past four years the Conservative Government has done more to bring new jobs to our older industrial areas than has ever been done before.

Straight talk on JOBS

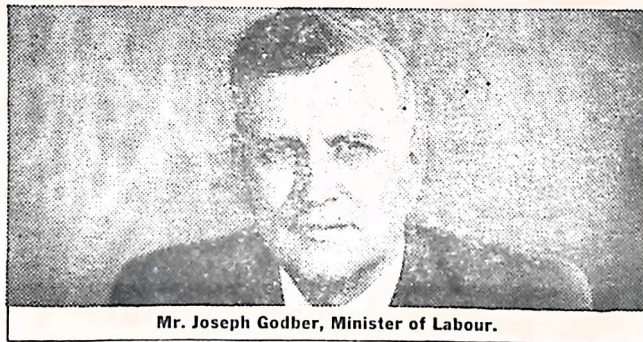
We should remember that there are about *two million more jobs today* than there were when the Conservatives took office in 1951; that we have maintained higher employment than almost any other industrial nation; and this despite major changes that have taken place as our industries advance into the age of automation.

To meet the problem of redundancy, we are providing eighteen new Government Training Centres which will more than double the number of places available to help people get new—and better—jobs. We have also taken action to provide greater security for men and women in industries that are affected by change.

But the Conservatives are just as much concerned with the quality of jobs as with the number. Earnings have risen spectacularly—and that means actual purchasing power. School leavers, better qualified than ever before, are getting better jobs. And the

opportunities for good jobs will improve dramatically when our Industrial Training Bill overhauls the whole system of training and apprenticeship.

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Mr. Joseph Godber, Minister of Labour.

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WOMEN

LEAVING NO STONE UNTURNED

OFF to Keswick shortly for the annual Conference of the Women's Liberal Federation, Ann Sheldon Williams, President of the Brentwood and Basildon Women's Liberal Association, will be putting forward a Resolution on behalf of the Executive of the WLF calling for a substantial Government aid for the Marriage Guidance Council, the Family Service Units and the Family Planning Association.

The Resolution also calls for the setting up of Government subsidised Family Welfare Bureau to co-ordinate existing services which seek to preserve the social fabric of families threatened with emotional and/or other sorts of breakdown.

Ann, who was originally the seconder of the motion, now finds that she will be presenting it herself because the original proposer Mrs. Anna Harman, prospective Liberal Parliamentary Candidate for Hertford is unable to go to Keswick.

ON THE ROCKS

This has meant plenty of homework, and the Sheldon Williams household has been full of literature from multitudinous different organisations pledged to help avoid broken homes for weeks. These range from Fabian Society comments on the Ingoldby Report to massive dossiers from Child protection associations.

Ann feels very strongly about the present position in Britain where so many families go on the rocks through lack of knowledge about existing facilities that could help them. (She has even applied to become a Marriage Counsellor herself.)

She points out that even though the Government does literally nothing to help the existing organisations, local authorities of their own bat have come forward with grants to keep them solvent and in some cases have even provided office accommodation free.

Liberals think that this kind of Tory laissez-faire is outmoded and dangerously out-of-date. At a time when psychological strains have been founded to be the basis of so much suffering, and when the sufferers are overcrowding our hospitals (if we are lucky enough to have one!), the time is overdue for action to prevent further deterioration through trouble in the home.

Here as never before is an example of PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE, and the Women's Liberals are out to underline to the Nation and prod the sleepy Government into tackling this super important subject without further delay.

MALINDINE TOUR CONTINUES

EDWIN MALINDINE ex-President of the Liberal Party, whose term of office was conspicuous for his frequent visits to all parts of Britain (and even the USA where he went as a guest of the Kennedy administration to put the Liberal view to American citizens), is continuing his tireless way.

Malindine, a people's radical, took the North Cornwall constituency to within a couple of hundred of a Liberal victory before giving up his career as a Liberal Candidate. He expects—and so do we—to see North Cornwall fall into Liberal hands this General election.

A great knocker on doors, he told local Liberals who went to hear him speak at the Girls County High

School, Shenfield Common that during his stint as Candidate for North Cornwall (fifteen years ago) he of them twice and three times—in this manner.

Lucky Eddie who did not have to contend with the outrageously large electoral roll of Basildon and Brentwood.

Sheldon Williams took the Chair at the Malindine meeting and Mr. Malindine was introduced by the Constituency's Liberal Secretary Roy Bambridge, a famous North Country Liberal who now lives in the Billericay Constituency.

WAKE UP!

No prizes for giving the name of the famous figure in British history who said: "A Tory Country is a Tired Country!"

JIMMY RADICAL

"NOT JUST FOR THE BIRDS"



Springtime — sunshine . . . strictly for the birds! But birds aren't the only ones; honeymoons are in the air . . . and holidays just around the corner. In light-hearted mood she waves her wand and hey presto! he materialises in an Arrow casual shirt that is just right for the occasion. Seriously, it is a random striped print with long sleeves, in tan, grey or blue. In shop jargon it is made in small, medium, large and extra large sizes, and it costs 39/6— or with short sleeves, 32/6. Parties or picnics—it is made for leisure-wear . . . it puts her in a light-hearted mood, too, because it's a 'King Cotton' shirt made in cotton which never needs an iron, whether it's spin-dried, tumble-dried or wrung by hand.

Pastel Shades are Fashionable



No doubt about it—the trend of Spring and Summer fashions towards the use of sweet-pea colours is going to mean a big re-thinking of accessories. Wise girls will think of dramatising the effect of a soft-toned outfit with a splash of deeper colour in gloves, scarf, and so on, or, as in this picture, with a contrasting simulation fur collar.

Britain's spectacle designers are well up with the new fashion moves, too, for it's obvious that those mannish black or tortoise-shell glasses, so popular over the last two years, are not going to mix at all well with the ultra-feminine appeals of pastels. Still, since two or three years is quite long enough between sight-tests, fashion-conscious spec-wearers who went in for the big, bold look in glasses have every reason to budget for a new pair with a clear conscience.

Still a feature of the newest specs is the all-round rim, but those angular, deep lenses have given way to a true oval shape set in a frame that stresses gentle curves that blend attractively with the contours of the face. New moves, too, in frame colours. The latest plastic materials offer a fabulous range of subtle shades, quite different from the hard tones we usually associate with plastics. In an attractive satin finish, bronze and gold will prove popular and capable of harmonising with almost every colour scheme. But for the girl who is looking for a really stunning effect, the newer blues, greens and reds, worn with an outfit of the same colour will be really eye-catching.

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DIRECTOR of the British Humanist Association, Mr. Blackham, spoke to members recently on "Our Moral Confusion—Is there a Remedy?"

He pointed out that we were passing from an authoritarian social order into a permissive one. It was necessary to distinguish between what was obligatory and what permissive.

He went on to explain that in our society all interests were free to go all out to get what they could regardless of other interests. We need a central planning body to consider long term as well as short term interests.

"Without a new climate of foresight we shall not be able to live together in harmony."

Mr. Blackham suggested that moral education began in the home rather than in the school. The first seven years was all too important and during the latter school years a child should be taught how to become a good parent and care for children.

Replying to a question on the recent riots at Clacton Mr. Blackham said that no attempt was made to develop the lower education stream.

"Of course they will rebel. They know their schools are inferior. They know that the more highly endowed will get the key jobs."

"Children have to be enabled to become competent. Encouragement is one of the main things in moral education. If children are allowed to fail they have no reason to be moral."

BEEHIVE BAKERY

WIN AGAIN

GRAYS Co-operative Society's Beehive Bakery were prizewinners again, this time at the National Co-operative Bakery Exhibition held at Eastbourne last week.

With a total of five prizes the Society secured First Prize for the Long Roll Loaf (London Bloomer), Third Prizes for Vienna Roll, Small Tin Virolust and Oval Top Tin Loaf and Sixth prize for a Coburg loaf.

This latest series of successes brings the total of awards to more than a dozen in the past few months.



"Mark my words, Brothers, when the day of freedom comes, no one will be allowed to defend himself against nationalisation." An Aims of Industry cartoon.

A LETTER TO A THIEF

Dear Thief,

I don't suppose you know whose moped it was when, on Wednesday, March 25, you took a quick look round and wheeled it away. I don't suppose you cared either, for you wanted transport quickly and took the first machine that presented itself.

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Perhaps you only took it to get to the station to catch that tram, because you'd missed the bus. Or perhaps you were fed up with hanging about for buses, and took it even though there wasn't any real urgency.

I can't believe you took it to sell later on. No decent thief with a practised eye would have looked twice at that machine for selling purposes.

And if by chance you are caught, you'll very likely plead 'Not Guilty' to larceny, because you never intended to deprive the owner of his property — you're guilty only of 'Unlawful Taking.'

NO MOD

You didn't mean any harm to the owner—whoever that might be. Probably you never even gave the owner a serious thought, but if you did, well, who on earth would own a ropey machine like that?

Certainly not a 'mod' or a 'rocker'; nor anybody with an ounce of pride in quality bicycles. Perhaps a youth in a new job. Or a housewife visiting her mate for a

haired. Or an insurance agent on an evening call.

The thought that it might have been a mid-wife's wouldn't have crossed your mind—or a probation officer or a health visitor, or any of the dozen or so social workers part of whose job it is to pop from house to house over a scattered area trying to be of some help to the people of the town.

YOU MAY NEED HELP

As a matter of fact, it didn't belong to any of the people I've just mentioned, though it did belong to somebody whose job it is to go from house to house over a scattered area of Basildon. It belonged to me. Yes, a parson!

Part of a parson's job is in the Church, part in his study preparing talks and sermons, writing articles, answering letters from people needing advice.

But a large part of it is also in the homes of his parishioners and because my parish stretches from Timberlog-lane to Churen road and from the Arterial road to the railway, I need something to get me from one corner of the area to another quickly, to visit the sick, perhaps to minister to the dying, to comfort the bereaved, to take Holy Communion to the aged to help people of all ages and all faiths with all sorts of problems.

You have inconvenienced me, and you have hurt them. One day you, young man, may need some help. How about returning my moped as quickly as you took it?

Rev. Keith Wood



CLLR MRS GADSDON—A SURPRISE OF RED ROSES TIED WITH BLUE RIBBON.

MRS GADSDON RETIRES

CLLR MRS. CHRISTINA GADSDON, who attended the final Council meeting on Thursday before her announced retirement received a surprise when Chairman Alfred Dove JP, handed her a bouquet of RED ROSES.

Mrs. Gadsdon, Conservative representative for Wickford since 1955, is not seeking re-election. She has served on every Council Committee, holding various

Chairmanships and in 1961 became the first woman chairman.

Thanking Cllr. Dove Mrs. Gadsdon said it was one of the nicest things that ever happened to her.

Two other women Councillors, Mrs. Violet Palmer and Mrs. Brunie Taylor, also finished their terms of office—they too will not be seeking re-election. Both were presented with bouquets.

Basildon's tenth new Public House opened last week

"THE Plough and Tractor," Basildon's tenth new public house, was opened on Tuesday, in Lee Chapel North Centre.

With four public rooms and an off-sales shop, it is one of the largest houses built for Mann Crossman & Paulin during recent years.

Mr. A. G. Mann, a director of the London brewers, drew the traditional first pint and introduced the manager, 33-year-old Mr. Jerry Stovell and his wife

Joan. The largest bar is the lounge, 800 sq. feet, second comes the public bar with a bar counter 22 feet long.

As well as a Saloon bar the Plough and Tractor has a room on the first floor called the Havloft, large enough to provide catering facilities for parties and weddings, etc.

Heating throughout is by gas. The pub has taken 46 weeks to build.

NEWSPHOTO



THREE BANDS IN TOWN SHOW PROCESSION

THREE Bands have been booked to March in the District Show procession in June.

The three bands are Dagenham Girl Pipe, the ATC Band from Colchester and the Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps which were finally selected from a long list by the Committee at their meeting in the Basildon Bowl on Monday night.

COST

The cost to the Show will be at least £15

£100 will go to the Colchester and the ATC's expenses which come to about £15.

The ATC, Colchester took part in last year's Carnival procession and were very well received by the crowds.

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H.P. OVER THREE YEARS

Show Jumping in Gloucester Park

THE Basildon District Show will have as one of its main attractions, a show jumping competition in Gloucester Park on Sunday, May 31.

It will be organised by the "Foxhounds Riding Club," of Orsett and it is hoped some well known county riders will be taking part.

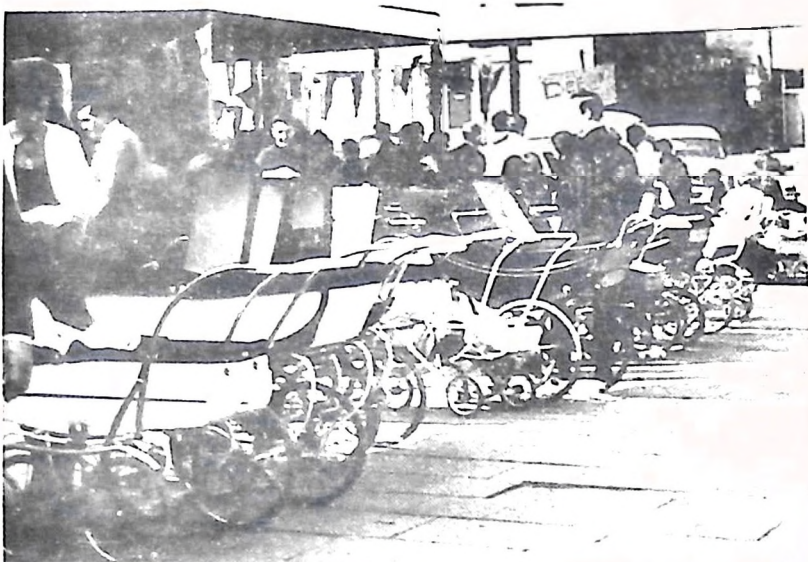
The winner of the Essex Open Handy Hunter Competition, Mrs. P. Metcalf will ride her champion 'Mississippi' in the Open Competition.

Show officials hope that show jumping which has recently become very popular because of television coverage will draw the crowds.

It will certainly attract the many new-owners who have taken up horse riding since moving to the area.

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MR LEE CHAPEL SOUTH WAS NOT FORGOTTEN - SEE NEXT WEEK'S 'NEWS'

Theatre Notes

by
Sydney Charles

THE OLDIES ARE BACK

THERE are mixed feelings about the current trend to revive "old time" British music hall entertainment. Attempts of various kinds are being made all over the place with varying degrees of success.

The British Music Hall Society has done much to encourage this, though one of its patrons, ninety-year-old Ada Reeve, has said the music hall is a corpse that should be allowed to rest in peace.

The Society's President, Don Ross, had great success at Brixton with a bill which brought Marie Lloyd junior, Sandy Powell, Billy Danvers and Hetty King again before the public.

As well as the long established Players Theatre, the Prince Charles and the Richmond Theatres are currently presenting entertainment based on old style variety. And at Hornchurch the Queen's Theatre had great artistic success, if not an overwhelming box office, following for a Victorian farce presented in a music hall setting.

RECIPE

The recipe for success in balanced one and maybe ingredients are not so easy to find. Of all the presentations I have recently seen I think that at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff, was perhaps the most successful.

In a show called "Fifty Years Ago" in aid of Southend Spastics Association, a professional cast really loaded with talent and with the additional attraction of Miss Jessie Matthews achieved that remarkable degree of audience participation which is a sine qua non for real music hall.

FOR EYE AND EAR

SPEAKING of the production which opens there on Tuesday for two weeks, the Queen's, Hornchurch, announces.

"To celebrate the Shakespeare 400th Anniversary, we have chosen 'Twelfth Night' — one of his most delightful and charming comedies.

"That well-loved character Sir Toby Belch and his friends, their guying of pompous Malvolio, and all the fun of Viola, wooing dressed as a boy, make 'Twelfth Night' a joy to the eye as well as the ear.

"Edward Burnham returns to play Sir Toby with Bridget Turner as Viola, Arthur Cox as Malvolio and Roger Brierley as Ananias. The play will be produced by Jane Howell, designed by Paul Mayo, and have incidental music specially composed by Robert Long.

There were four parts to the programme. In the first act a number of talented personalities, and the accent was on personality, performed traditional music hall acts in the style accustomed. Then followed a costumed play set on the eve of the French revolution acted in the grand manner. For the third act the individual performers returned and as a kind of epilogue, bringing us over the hump of the First World War and linking up with the present, came that fabulous entertainer Jessie Matthews with songs from her heydays of the 1930s and some from the best musicals of post World War Two.

SECRET

The secret of the success of this show, especially the case of individual performers who re-created the songs of fifty years ago, was

in the fact that each song was a real "performance," calling for great skill in mime and expression as well as care in lighting and accompaniment to provide dramatic atmosphere.

Notable in this context were the performances of Miss Pauline Garner with "Little Yellow Bird" and Peter Bridge, who also produced, with "The Ballad of Sam Hall."

As Chairman, Mr. Michael Reeves had a winning grace that immediately captured the necessary involvement of everyone on the other side of the footlights. I think the trend to re-create the atmosphere of the "halls" will be with us for some time and expect, during the next season of Sunday Evenings at the Queen's, Hornchurch, something on these lines will be included.

COMING TO HORNCHURCH

HERE are news of the programmes at the Queen's Hornchurch, following the next production of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' — which will serve jointly as a Hornchurch contribution to the author's fourth centenary celebrations and a means of letting GCE students see a performance of the play they are currently reading for examinations.

On May 5 comes "The Keep" by Gwyn Thomas, that dry Welsh wit occasionally seen on TV's "Tonight" programme.

This play, we are assured, contains all the pungent wit, delicate irony and gift for epigrams which reaches our screen from Mr. Thomas in the Cardiff studios. The story is of a Welsh family five sons and a daughter, all of whom are pushing on into middle age, organised and held together by Con, their forceful Town Clerk brother. There is an ultimate

rebellion against his domination.

Since first presented at London's Royal Court Theatre, the play has been consistently successful elsewhere.

FIRST

After this, actor-playwright producer David Perry, who has a big following in Hornchurch will direct that sophisticated American comedy "Mary Mary" in which Ilford born Maggie Smith scored such a success at the Queen's Shaftesbury Avenue. Hornchurch will have one of the first repertory performances of this play.

The play, in which Albert Finlay finally secured his reputation as a leading young British actor, comes to Hornchurch after this "Luther" will be the strongly dramatic play of this season. "Rattle of a Simple Man", which originally starred Sheila Hancock, completes the season's lists.

Nineteen—years on

THE amusing play by the Prime Minister's brother "The Chiltern Hundreds" set at the time of the 1945 General Election, was creditably presented by the Uppminster Methodist Players in their splendid "home" at Hall Lane, recently.

Rather devoid of true upper crust accents, performances were nevertheless good. Several excellent lines tended to be thrown away to ill-effect, but some of the characterisation, especially that of Bob Cartwright as the cranky Earl of Lister, was praiseworthy and not slav-

ishly imitative of the original actor.

Best performance in the play, which moved at a fine pace, came from Pam Vincent as the American girl taking a rather partisan interest in British politics. Miss Vincent's use of gesture and movement as well as of accent and idiom was fully redolent of the transatlantic.

ENGLISH RUSSIAN

TRUE English comedy style on screen at the Queen's Theatre when Hornchurch Film Society shows "The Lavender Hill Mob" on Monday, April 27, Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway star.

Next production on May 25 is Eisenstein's classic — "October", depicting the Russian rising of 1917 through Soviet eyes.

HINTING

Peter O'Toole in a radio interview on an offer of the part of Dylan Thomas in the biographical film about Dylan: "Why should a tall thin Irishman play the part when a short fat Welshman could play it so much better?"

Could he be hinting at a friend of Elizabeth Taylor?

S. E. A. T. Q.

NEVER given to over-enthusiasm, Queen's, Hornchurch, manager Ian Clarke, is nevertheless, very pleased with the general result of the first series of Sunday evening entertainments at the Theatre.

This is being pretty carefully analysed so that the next series can be designed to suit most demands. One thing seems to stand out Sunday evening theatre-goers want music more than anything else.

Speaking of the series Ian tells me 'April finds us presenting 'Rehearsals While U Wait. We hope this will be a light hearted entertainment showing methods of rehearsal and the day-to-day life back-stage in the theatre.

"Our final Sunday in the present series will be a production on May 10 of Pinter's 'The Dumb Waiter'

and 'The Stronger' by Stindberg. Both these plays show the control one mind can gain over another and the terror of the power people can wield over each other.

"I think anyone who enjoyed Pinter's 'The Lover on the television will be interested in 'The Dumb Waiter' which tells the story of two gunmen waiting for

their last victim.

"There will be a new series of Theatre Club Sunday evenings in the autumn. The nature of this will be decided when we have studied the results of the present series. At the moment I would say that those presentations with a high musical content have been most successful."

AMATEUR STAGE

ROMFORD Civil Defence Players present Andre Obey's "Noah" at the Laurie Hall, Romford, on Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. Romford Children's Theatre collaborates and Edwin Rudd directs.

The May and Baker Club

will perform Austin Steele's "Friends and Neighbours" a comedy which recently ran at the Queen's, Hornchurch. The amateur production is on stage at the Dagenham works from Thursday, April 16, to the following Saturday, Curtain up at 8 p.m.



STAGE STRUCK

"Take Chekov!" cries the stage struck fan from Uckfield as he tries to explain his obsessions to the friends of matinee idol Garry Essendine.

Davy Harries provides the laughs in this scene from "Present Laughter" now at the Queen's Hornchurch. Brenda Peters, Arthur Cox and Harriet Reynolds are also in the cast.

DOUBLE COWARD

ASSISTANT Producer at the Queen's, Hornchurch, Mr. John David, is to direct Noel Coward's recent play "Nude with Violin" for the combined Thurrock Amateur Dramatic Societies.

Mr. David has another Coward production running at his own theatre this week — "Present Laughter"

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IT STARTED WITH BONNY BABIES— AND FINISHED WITH BOUNCING DADS LEE CHAPEL FETE

LEE Chapel South Community Association excelled on Saturday with its organisation of a bumper Spring Fete.

The event was blessed with excellent weather and the crowds turned up in hundreds to mill around the open air stalls or crowd into the community hall to enjoy a full programme which went on all the afternoon.

The "Bonny Baby Show" was the first indoor competition and attracted 24 entries from babies between the ages of 6-18 months.

The judges had to call back seven babies and take a second look before they finally decided Lorraine Bates (8 months) of Rantree Fold was the Bonny Baby of Lee Chapel South 1964.

Second was Michale White (7 months), Ingaway, and third Colin Giles (10 months), Great Gregorie.

Special consolation prizes were awarded to Olu Lawson and Bayo Laval, two coloured babies, who are in fact cousins.

TWIST ...

A novel extra was introduced when the prizes were presented—all the proud mothers were given a bouquet.

Next came the Children's Twist contest and dozens of youngsters including a rush of last minute entries de-

monstrated that Lee Chapel youngsters are 'right with it' and the audience showed no sign of dissatisfaction with the beat-sound or the contortions.

Winners were Billy Murray of Cross Green, partnered by Dawn Bigden of Whitmore way. Runners up Andrew Gardner and Crystal Divia with Scott Wilson and Elaine Harding third.

FANCY DRESS

A fancy dress contest judged by representatives of local newspapers, "News" and "Standard" brought 12 children on parade.

All the efforts deservedly received loud applause but the choice of Debra Hegarty—the first prize—was almost unanimous. Debra, aged 4 of Rantree Fold, was dressed as a "tourist".

Susan Regan as the "old lady who lived in a shoe" came second and another Hegarty, aged six year Dean glided into third place in his "Dalek" suit.

During the evening's well supported grand spring dance, a candid camera film show was shown. This was

followed by the Mr. Lee Chapel South contest.

Fifteen married males entered the contest, but whether the event was intended to be humorous or serious it was difficult to decide.

Frantic efforts by the "sky lark department" to persuade the Hemen to disrobe to at least waist-level were counteracted by the reticence of some competitors. Surprisingly most of the audience agreed so whether the muscles of Mr. Lee Chapel South entries were real or not was left to the imagination of most of the onlookers.

The first winner declared was youth club leader Maurice Hogan, but this announcement was correct and Mr Stanley Blackbourne the popular CA chairman, was given the title.

Next week the "News" will feature the contest on the centre pages, with surprising revelations and an answer to the question "Are there two Mr. Lee Chapel Souths?"

More Newsphotos this week on page 19.



Want's nothing to cry about?—then meet Lorraine Bates. She made her Mum and Dad the happiest parents in Lee Chapel South by winning the Bonny Baby contest—and then decided to voice her own opinion.



CHARRILOCKS

THE Charrington Charrilocks held their annual Challenge Trophy presentation in the Basildon Bowl on Saturday.

The winners, Imco Diamonds from Bristol were presented with the Charrilock Trophy and each member of the team received a miniature.

The presentation was made by the Charringtons Social President's wife Mrs Boffin.

BUSY READERS

ODD thefts last weekend included £5 10s worth of Sunday newspapers stolen from outside town centre newsagents and a door mat from the Van Gogh public house, Newendon.

HOSPITAL LATEST

A model and layout plan of the Basildon Hospital were inspected by members of the Basildon Development Corporation on Thursday. Work is programmed to start in 1967.

ROGER DOMINATED

BASILDON C.C.'s 30 Mile Time Trial on Sunday was travelled along the Southend Arterial road at speeds up to 30mph. Roger Barton dominated throughout.



UP IN SMOKE

AN increase in duty on cigarettes and tobacco will be announced in today's budget. Who says so? AN. DROCLUS.

He could be wrong, but seldom is Read more of his controversial comments on page 2.

COMPLAINT

A genuine accusation against Lee Chapel South Community Association—Please turn the right hand Union Flag up the correct way.

We know Chairman Blackbourne has retired from active politics. But surely he remembers his training!



DEBRA HEGARTY—the much-travelled miss who found her brother Dean had transformed himself into DALEK.

NOT THERE AFTER ALL

A Council Minute giving approval for the use of the new offices at Feddersick for the Urban District Council elections on May 9 led the "News" to the wrong conclusion that the vote

counting will take place there. This is not so—Cavill's School, Timberlake Lane will again be used for the count and announcement of results.

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VANDALS DESTROY LAINDON HALL — NO MORE TO ARGUE OVER

THE END — of Laindon Hall, and the building which survived 500 years of history to become the centre of a controversy between the Council and Corporation on whether its ancient structure should be preserved. Now there is nothing left to argue about. A vandal's match settled the affair on Wednesday night at about 11.30 p.m. and the building went up in flames. Five Fire engines rushed to the scene, but arrived too late to save the oldest building in the new town area. On Saturday a bulldozer completed the tragedy and razed the charred remains to the ground.

SOCIAL EVENING

AS a new venture the social committee of the Ghyllgrove Tenants and Community Association is organising social functions in the hall every Thursday. Starting at 7.30 these evening functions are intended for members above the age of 16 and the evening's programme will consist of two parts beginning with either a whist drive or bingo and finishing with a general social

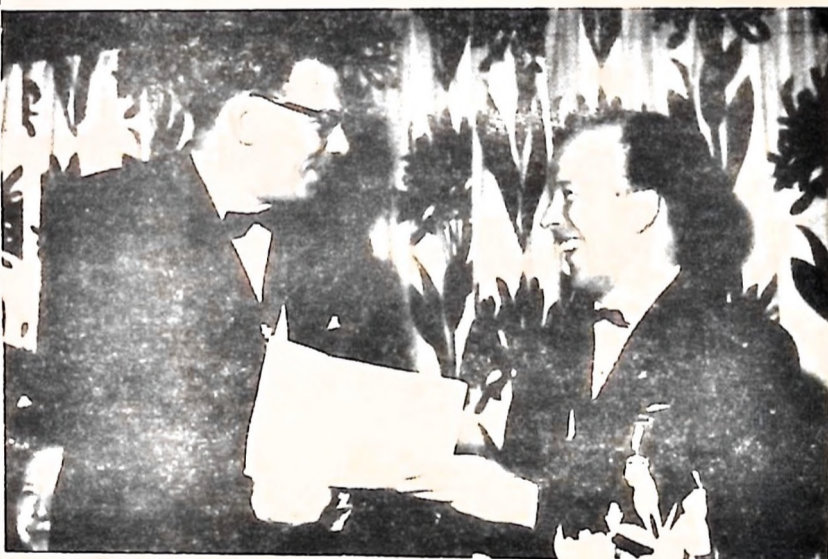


CHARTER FOR BASILDON ROUND TABLE

At a dinner at The Commodore on Thursday Chairman of the Basildon Branch

of the Round Table, Dr. Geoffrey Bond was presented with the Charter by the

Chairman of the Area Council, Mr Jimmy Eaton. Guests at the dinner preceding the presentation included Chairman of the Basildon Council, Cllr Alf Dove, JP, and professor F E Camps MD.



"PIPED" TV WELCOMED BY NEW TOWN RESIDENTS

NEWS of the "piped" TV and radio system announced by the Corporation last week (see page 12) has been welcomed by everyone in the new town — except the television dealers.

The prospect of getting a

better TV reception with receivers costing less and without the problem of renewing or adapting the equipment and aerial every time transmission changes are introduced was greeted with acclamation. The "News" spoke to

The "News" spoke to

Several newtown tenants during the weekend and all praised the initiative of the Corporation in introducing the service.

RED LETTER DAY

One tenant said: "I still

can't believe it, it's a red letter day for Basildon. Corporation tenants are to get an amenity without campaigning for it, without having to prove it is essential, and as far as we can see, without having to pay four times as much for it than

people who live in normal towns."

TV and Radio dealers called to Corporation HQ on Wednesday were told by Mr. R. C. C. Boniface that the decision had been reached in the interests of

the community and not just one section of it.

The General Manager sympathised with the dealers but added that any loss they may suffer must be regarded as a commercial risk.

BEWARE!

NEW TOWN MOTORISTS TARGET FOR THIEVES

REPORTED thefts from vehicles parked in the newtown reached a new high on Saturday night/Sunday morning. One car, a Zephyr, was actually stolen from a Town Centre car park. But it was the stealing of accessories which prompted police to again remind owners to protect their property. Reversing lights and wheel trims were stolen and two attempts to remove spot

lamps were also reported. Scooters did not escape the attention of the thieves. Batteries, footrest mats and a spare wheel were among items stolen. One car even lost a distributor cap and leads. "Make everything more secure," warn the police. "When you have locked everything look around and see if there is anything more you can do to prevent this type of theft."

FILM OF CHURCH

ONE of the highlights of the Bowers Gifford Teaching Week, April 29—May 3, is a film about the little church of St. Margaret's in the Marshes and is a sound film in colour, with music specially written by Albert Angier ARCO, ARCM Senior Music Master at Ockendon Court School.

As well as scenes shot in the village there are some taken in St. Margaret's School, and parents will be interested to see how their offspring have grown since they were first photographed

two years ago. **ACTOR** The Church in the Marshes has been made by Cameron Miller, a professional actor and writer, and will have its premiere after the service in St. John's on Wednesday night, April 29, at 8 pm. The Teaching Week Services, held throughout the week in St. John's by Father Illtyd, of the Society of St. Francis, will be most unusual. They will consist of mime, parables, and discussions and even non-church-goers should find them interesting.

ANDROCLUS SAYS EVEN THE LITTLE FELLOWS LIKE TO BE

AN irate correspondent dipped a pen in poison and took me to task because I suggested that other people were as deserving of fare-well gifts as Sir Humphrey Gale.

I didn't imply that the chairman should not receive the new town's thanks plus a little something to remember us by — all I meant to say was the council with other authorities and organisations should not limit recognition to the top crust when it comes to handing out bouquets.

Amid a maze of other unhealthy suggestions, my fan sought to remind me that people who engage in social and voluntary work do not expect thanks.

This is a load of dribble — any person who does not enjoy hearing the words "thank you" must be kinked.

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

This doesn't mean that voluntary work should be undertaken with the sole prospects of reward or hopes of being permanently acclaimed. It merely hints that "little people" can be just as "surprised" and "overwhelmed" when their efforts are recognised as our leading figures. I repeat, the big ones are no less deserving.

THANKED

ANOTHER correspondent wrote to ask if it is possible to take a child away from a school where the curriculum includes corporal punishment.

She omitted to mention whether her son was being taught how to receive the cane with a stiff upper lip or to learn how to administer it with a thorns me more than you attitude.

The answer, I imagine, is NO. Even in the good old pre-Clacton days it must be remembered that the best families willingly allowed their "correctly" brought up offspring to taste the pain which one day it will be their duty to administer to others.

If the belt and stick technique is not demonstrated in schools where else will our little perishers learn what an effective method it is perpetuating the rule of violence.

FOOLS TO LEAD

Anyone who was called a "fellow traveller" in the immediate post war days because they predicted that

war was not the method the Communists would willingly choose to spread their doctrine must be feeling quite proud of their prediction.

All the leaders of the free world now agree with that view.

If only we had chosen fools to represent and administer our country instead of the customary genius we would have saved this country alone £11,000 million worth of useless weapons, heavens knows how many men and women hours and a certain amount of embarrassment on the part of Mr. Ferianni.

JUST PERKS

WITHOUT giving an opinion as to whether the Chancellor was sensible in putting the extra penny on a pint of beer or was inspired with original thought when he stuck £d on a packet of fags — let us assume that he is entitled to impose those extra taxes and we must pay because the country needs the

cash.

But, will someone tell us what right some sections of private enterprise has of diverting the pennies and fourpences levied for tax purposes into private pockets?

When can the Exchequer cashiers expect the increases to reach their tills? Does anyone seriously believe that the majority of those extra coppers extracted last week will ever be paid in?

Of course note — that is perks. Mind you — if anyone apart from us chosen few were found guilty of misappropriating monies on this scale there would be trouble. As it is, we all have a giggle and console ourselves by admitting we would probably do the same if we had the chance.

A LEAK

WORD has leaked out that the Fryerns Community Association Executive have admitted they were wrong. Which was all I said in the first place.

There is even promise of a council meeting to be convened before the next AGM so as to put everything right, neat, and correct, but I'll be very much surprised if all individual members of the FCA or BCA are notified about it.



SWEET SEVENTEEN

Judy Taylor is sweet 17 and is another candidate for the Carnival Crown. She is a typist, lives in Cross Green, Lee Chapel South. She likes bowling and entertaining O.A.P.s.

**readers
soapbox**

INTENDED TO DECEIVE THE

PUBLIC

In your article about Council house rents and housing progress last week, you reported Joe Morgan, Labour's Housing Chairman, as saying it would not be wisest to keep quiet about rent increases. May I point out to Mr. Morgan that most Councils announced their 1964 rent proposals many weeks ago, so obviously Basildon Council have kept quiet just about as long as possible.

When the Corporation last gave notice of their rent increases Mr. Morgan was full, and they would not be put into operation for several months.

Yet he immediately made a statement giving a guarantee that Council rents would not rise this year. This statement may not have been made under the influence of a large amount of alcohol, but it was certainly intended to

deceive the public in general, and Council house tenants in particular. Surely this is hardly the thing expected from a responsible public servant.

The announcement that only 49 houses had been built during Labour's year in control no doubt caused dismay to many people on the waiting list, and also those in the second generation group wanting a house.

Last year several Labour spokesmen criticised the small number of houses they built. Now, we find their own efforts have produced only 49 houses.

Write to Morgan and

other Socialists were making excuses and blaming the Tories, our neighbouring Councils have been producing houses. Thurrock Council, for instance, built over 250 houses in Basildon's 49. Several other Councils nearby have also well exceeded Basildon's figures. One would not be quite so surprised, were it not for the fact that we were told so much about Labour's housing proposals how they were going to speed house building, and slash the waiting list.

HIM SKINGLEY
(Laying Liberals)
22, Queen's Road,
Basildon.

RENT KEEP GOING UP?

I have read a lot about the increase of rents and why they have gone up, construction, maintenance, interest rates and goodness knows what other excuses.

Can any councillor, Labour Tory or Communist, give me the answer to why has my rent doubled since I lived in my house (which is 12 years this year)? It did not cost £2,000 to build.

I have no outhouse, no back boiler, to obtain hot water there is an Ascot heater fixed in by the Corporation that costs 6/7 1/2 per week so that boosts my rent and water to £3 12s a week.

If a married man living in my house without any one else working in the home and he was getting no overtime or bonus etc may

the Lord help him because no one else would or care.

After the way my rent has gone up and not one Councillor to my knowledge has done anything about it except talk I think I can safely retire from voting for any party as the way things are going I won't

have enough money to be food to give me strength enough to get round to the Polling Station.

Up to date I think Corporation has collected from me £1,500 or more.
A. J. THOMPSON
17 Rippledale
Bassible

HANGING?

I am astonished that Rev. Keith Wood, whom I had supposed to be a man of fairly progressive views, should put himself right back among the Blimps by advocating the retention of capital punishment and even its extension — to whom?

The case for capital punishment as a deterrent has been repeatedly demolished by the fact that in none of the many countries that have abolished it was the murder rate increased, and in some it has declined. And since the Homocide Act in Great Britain in 1957 (in so far as so short a period can prove anything) the rate for non-capital murder has not gone up in comparison with capital murder.

This leaves the advocate of hanging without a leg to stand on — unless he supports it from the emotional kick he gets by knowing that a sounder has met his deserts — which Mr. Wood will hardly consider a Christian attitude.

His only argument seems to be that the state has the right to take life — a prin-

ciple that Hitler and Sta would have applauded is based on a view of Jewish Law abandoned practically all O.T. scholars. To suggest that a man's readiness to die implies approval of the power to shed death is fantastic. Jesus's and Paul's statements that God may allow power to a civil authority in way imply that this includes the death penalty.

In fact, Jesus specifically said that we were to give Caesar what belonged to him, and to God what longed to him — which surely includes power of life and death. On one occasion when he was faced with a case involving capital punishment (JN 8 v 11), he refused to countenance it, and said "He is without sin among you, let him cast the first stone."

I would not presume call Mr. Wood un-Christian for holding his view, I do say he is using Christian arguments.

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LET'S HAVE MORE SIRENS

If these air raid sirens are to be taken seriously, then we want more of them, War or no war wives have their housework to do.

During the last war many did not hear the siren. The wives complained that the sirens are situated too far apart, and are inaudible, especially on a windy day and the wind carries the sound away.

Drivers also complained that the noise of the traffic drowned the sound of the siren.

George Bramley,

TELEPHONE SERVICE WILL BE IMPROVED

— SAYS MINISTER

CONSTITUENCY MP. Mr. Edward Gardner, QC., has been told by the Assistant Postmaster-General, Mr. Ray Mawby, MP, that "as a result of the further steps" which are being taken by the Post Office "there will be an overall and lasting improvement in the telephone service provided by the Basildon Exchange."

Mr Gardner wrote to

the Assistant Postmaster-General as the result of complaints which he had received from the Basildon and District Chamber of Trade and Industry and from the Basildon Industrial Council.

In a letter to Mr. Gardner Mr. Mawby explained that "the rapid growth of telephone traffic in the Basildon district over the past few years has overloaded the Exchange equipment during the past few years and this has, I regret to say, contributed to a deterioration in the service at these times."

"The rise in the demand for calls to London has been so rapid that we have not been able to keep pace to provide additional trunk lines quickly enough to keep pace with the traffic and calls to London have, on occasions, had to be booked for later connection."

SECOND RELIEF

Mr. Mawby went on to say that "on March 17 how ever we opened a second re-

lief exchange at Basildon. This has been introduced primarily to serve the second industrial site, but we were also able to transfer some existing subscribers' lines to this new exchange at the outset, thus affording relief to the existing exchange.

"This second exchange is equipped with sufficient apparatus and lines to London and to Southend, to cope with the expected demand until the new automatic exchange is brought into service."

The Assistant Postmaster-General told Mr. Gardner that "building of the new automatic exchange to serve the whole of Basildon started in December last and we hope to be able to open this exchange in mid-1966. In the meantime, we are pushing ahead with the provision of additional lines from the old exchange to Southend and also have the provision of additional lines to London in hand."



A GIFT FOR SIR HUMFREY

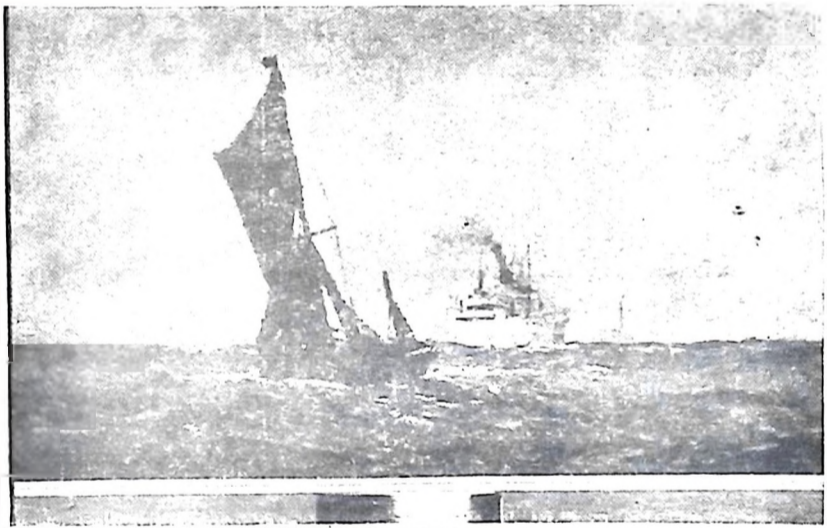
IN appreciation of his services to the people of Basildon the retiring chairman of the Development Corporation, Sir Humfrey Gale was presented with a painting depicting a scene in the Thames Estuary by Vic Ellis, a member of the Basildon Civic Arts Society. The gift was made on be-

half of the people of Basildon by Council Chairman Alfred Dove JP, seen here with Mr. Alina Hatt, Clerk of the Council, making the presentation.

The event took place on Wednesday when Sir Humfrey said cheers at a small reception.

Speaking of the gift the retiring chairman said "You will never know how deeply I appreciate it, it goes to my heart"

Earlier Cllr Dove, who has been a new town tenant longer than the ten years of Sir Humfrey's appointment, expressed the thanks of the Basildon people.



DENNIS NAMED TOP MANAGER

"LOCARNO" catering manager Mr. Dennis Denton left Basildon at Easter to take up another appointment.

A few days later the news came through that he had been chosen by Mecca as the Outstanding Catering Manager of the Year. He won a gold cup award.

ded annually for this outstanding achievement.

Now the catering staff at the town centre ballroom are hoping that their former manager will return to Basildon for the presentation. As one of them put it "An outstanding manager must have an outstanding staff."

NOT OFFICIAL

— SAYS GTA

THE monthly newsletter of the Ghyllgrove Tenants and Community Association is the latest voice to inform its members (and all parents) that representatives of certain publishing companies are again active in Basildon.

Representatives are distributing forms which may imply that the books they are attempting to sell have some official recognition by the Education Authority.

This is not so, says the GTCA, and parents are warned that neither the books or the method of selling has official support or recognition by the Basildon Committee for Education or individual schools.



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THE CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

Half-day Conference on 28th April 1964 for personnel and industrial relations managers.

PRODUCTIVITY ACCOUNTING — COST REDUCTION

One Day Conference on 7th May 1964 for financial executives and senior line managers.

TRADE UNION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Half-Day Conference on 28th May 1964 for trade union officials, shop stewards and works council representatives.

Further details and forms of application from — Lyndon H. Jones, B.A., (Com), Head of Department of Business Studies.

ESSEX POLICE EMPLOY TRAFFIC WARDENS — TO HELP THE MOTORIST

TEN Traffic Wardens commenced duty in uniform in the towns of Chelmsford and Colchester on Monday of this week. They will operate under the authority of the Chief

Constable of Essex and will be directly supervised by a Regular Police Sergeant specially appointed in each of the two towns. The primary function of the Traffic Wardens will be

to help vehicle drivers in streets where waiting is the unwitting commission of offences and by advising drivers of the parking facilities available. Prosecutions will only be

taken against deliberate or persistent offenders.

TRAINING

The aim is to achieve uniform enforcement of the law by help and guidance and to promote a better traffic flow in the areas concerned. At present there are no parking meters in Chelmsford or Colchester and the Traffic Wardens will not operate a fixed penalty system.

The Wardens have attended a fortnight's training course at Police Headquarters, Chelmsford. This course is designed to equip them with a full knowledge of the laws concerned, and of their powers and duties.

Special attention is being directed to their relationship with members of the public and it is hoped that all road users will co-operate fully by acting on the advice given by the Wardens, says the Chief Constable of Essex, J. C. Nightingale.



EASTERN NATIONAL bus crews were presented with awards by Chief Inspector A. J. Clarke earlier this month.



LOCAL GIRL JOINS B.O.A.C.

BARBARA ELIZABETH TUCKER of Perry-street, recently joined BOAC as a stewardess, and now flies on Boeing 707 jetliners.

She qualified after an eight-week course at the airline's cabin services training unit at London Airport. The course is designed to teach girls how to prepare and serve meals, mix cock-

tails, care for invalid passengers and young children and deal with the documentation encountered by international airlines.

Miss Tucker, whose hobbies include music, swimming and dancing, was educated at a convent grammar school in North London and was a courier for British travel agency Paris before joining BOA-

STAMPS WILL CELEBRATE BARD'S ANNIVERSARY

-SPECIAL HAND STAMP AT ROMFORD

LOCAL philatelists will be well catered for on Thursday this week, the first day on which the anniversary 3d., 1s. 3d., 1s. 6d and 2s 6d stamps will be on sale at local post offices.

The stamps are to celebrate Shakespeare's 400th

festival and first date of issue is on the date of his birth.

Romford Post offices are to instal a special posting box to enable enthusiasts

who make up their own "first day" covers to have them stamped with a special First Day of Issue hand stamp which is new to the post office and collectors

alike. The posting box will be available for members of the public between the normal office hours of 8.30 a.m. till 6 p.m.

LONDON NOTEBOOK



BY HOLBORN

WHEN so many of our readers complain that they travel from here to the City each day, it was decided to devote a small corner of the newspaper each week exclusively for their readings on the way to town.

NASTY

You were lucky, it did not swallow the

magistrate to the motorist who claimed that a parking meter went berserk and swallowed his ignition key.

So now the truth is out! The dreadful scandal of the man eating parking meters, which has been hushed up by the courts, and the police, has at last been exposed.

I can now reveal that the police have been worried about motorists who have disappeared without trace and who, by some strange coincidence have always left their cars parked at meters.

The only clues the police have had to work on have been the shoes and hats lying on the pavements.

But what are the authorities doing about it?

Are the meters being fed with meat until vegetarian meters can be installed or is some form of meat flavoured stipence being devised? Or has Lumble bureaucracy just produced one more monster like rates or income tax whose vorac-

ity it cannot control? The public wants to know **I'VE HAD ENOUGH**

"Yes," drones the face on the television set, desperately trying to make it sound exciting, "it's an autumn election."

Although it is only a few days since it was first announced, we have now heard the news in one form or another, on radio and television 2,463 times. At any rate, it seems like that number of times.

I have had enough, and it is not surprising that I am now suffering from "election fever."

What has the affair shown us of the party leaders? Sir Alec has shown his fascination for sick jokes—at least I thought they were sick — Harold Wilson has

played it rather straight with a good deal of rant and bluster, and "Hone Jo" Grimond has tried hard to look as though he cared. Now that it has been announced at least, Sir Alec will be able to get down to the more serious business of attending to the marriages and christenings of his children and grandchildren.

But October is a long time to wait.

We are going to have speculation about the day who'll win why, by how many and for how long. The only possible way to make all this interesting is to run it as a race with the wedding of Prince Anne with her Prince Charles. Let's face it. That's the second biggest yawn in history.

FREE COSTA

BRAVA HOLIDAYS

FOR S. T. C.

EMPLOYEES

EVERY Monday morning from now until the autumn a party of employees of Standard Telephone Cables Limited, the company that is in the process of moving into Basildon New Town, with wives or husbands, will fly from Stanstead Airport, for a free one-week holiday in the Costa Brava in Spain.

This year about 500 free holidays will be provided under a merit award scheme introduced by the firm in

1963, when 309 men and women enjoyed a week on the Spanish coast in addition to their normal paid holiday.

The choice of award winners is made from among the company's 30,000 employees at its 20 major U.K. factories. The first party, which left Stanstead last Monday, in STC's own DC-3 executive plane, included men and women from Paignton, Footscray, New Southgate, Newport (Mon.), Southampton, and Enfield.

YOU TELL US

IN the course of a week several hundredweights of 'handouts' are sent in to this newspaper office by publicity consultants etc. in the hope of securing 'space' for their clients.

The various forms this publicity takes are numerous each company seeking to outdo the next.

It is often very difficult to tell from the picture what point the 'copy matter' hopes to make. And this photograph we thought a good example.

See if you can guess what item is being 'sold' in this picture. — hats? eye make-up? hair styling? Crufts? jewellery? Answer at the foot of column six on this page.



READY TO GO!

"THE LONG RIDERS" have been going strong in this area for many years. They are currently playing regularly at the Crown Hotel, Langdon Hills, on Saturday night each week in the dance hall.

Their engagement book is becoming quite full as their fame spreads and they are becoming one of the best known groups in the South

Essex area.

CHANGE STYLE

They have the rare ability to change their style to cater for any audience and can, at a moment's notice, change ballroom music to rhythm and blues to country and western.

TWO NAMES

They are led by Dan Sheppard on drums, George Wallace is on bass Tommy

Wallace is vocalist and lead guitar, and as an extra attraction lovely Joyce Robertson plays the electric organ.

By the way, they must be one of the few bands with two names, for Country and Western they are "The Long Riders" and for Mod music they are "The Versalettes."



LOCAL AIRCRAFT APPRENTICE GRADUATES

AMONG those who took part in a Passing Out Parade of Aircraft Apprentices at No 1 School of Technical Training, R A F Halton, Bucks, last month was John Rees, aged 18 whose home is at 93 Southernhay Basildon.

Educated at Southend-on-Sea Technical College, he entered the R A F as an apprentice, Airframe Fitter and passed out of his course with the rank of Junior Technician.

Over 120 apprentices, all members of No. 98 Course were in the parade at which the Reviewing Officer was the Secretary of State for Air, the Right Honourable Hugh Fraser, MBE.

Since the RAF Apprentice Training Scheme began in 1922, well over 30,000 boys have passed out of Halton into regular careers in the RAF many of them subsequently attaining high commission rank.

Wherever it has served throughout the world the RAF, in peace and war has depended on the ground technicians, trained at Halton, to keep its aircraft operational and through the years Halton apprentices have become known as the "backbone of the RAF".

ANSWER!

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Focus on the wrist is the
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13) Ringed with diamonds
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Straight Talk on our Health Services



The Health of the Community is, with Social Security, Housing and Education, one of the main responsibilities of this or any Government.

Our Health Services have made enormous strides forward with the Conservatives. Our hospital system is being revolutionised at a cost of more than £800 million. There are more doctors and nursing staff than ever before. We are providing new maternity beds at an unprecedented rate. New training centres for the mentally handicapped are coming into use all the time. We are providing more and more specially designed homes for the elderly; and, with our encouragement, voluntary services are achieving more than ever before. In all that we are doing, we are concentrating on the human approach which can make all the difference when a person is sick or handicapped or lonely.

A fine record—the result of far-sighted planning in the 1950s. But what has been achieved is only a start. Our job now is to increase still further the rate of advance; to see that our Health Services, already the envy of the world, are expanded just as fast as the economy allows. This is the task we have set ourselves; this is what we are going to do.



*Mr. Anthony Barber,
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Reply to Ken Shales

IN his letter last week, Mr. Ken Shales attacked my article on hanging. He did so courteously and reasonably, but I must dispute at least some of his arguments.

He says that the Church has always been a reactionary body, and that hanging a man for a crime being preferable to burning him for his opinions, 'this represents progress for Christianity'.

In thus conjuring up the nightmare vision of the Inquisition and the Reformation massacres, he effectively conceals the teaching, the healing, the service which represents the real

contribution of the Christian Church to the world.

Name me a really civilising influence in which the Church has not provided at least the initial driving force Mr. Shales, and I will take my clerical hat off to you! But you wouldn't be able to.

He then suggests that, because there is a Christian doctrine of the State, 'the Church has to acquiesce in any piece of vileness the State deems necessary'. He quotes Auschwitz and the Bomb, and says 'their apologists (the Church?) said nothing and probably approved of it'.

Really, Mr. Shales! Have you so soon forgotten that the German Confessing Church figured prominently in resistance to Hitler and his policies?

That many hundreds of its leaders were imprisoned in concentration camps because of their vigorous and open hostility to these 'pieces of vileness'?

That some of them were so deeply involved in the plot on Hitler's life, the were executed when the plot misfired? Is this what you call 'saying nothing'. Is this what you call 'probable approval'?

And have you never

heard of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament? Or of Canon Collins? Or of the Pope's denunciation of the Bomb? Or of the debates and decrees and documents issued by different branches of the Christian Church saying (as many of them said in 1945, at the very beginning) 'this thing is evil and must stop'.

ORDER AND CHAOS
NOT everything that the State decrees is good. Nobody has said that, least of all me. The State as an institution is divinely ordained for the simple reason that it preserves order in the face of chaos, and God has a very orderly mind. *Prima facie*, therefore, its decrees must be obeyed, for rulers are not a terror to the good but to the evil.

But if its decrees are corrupt, they must be fought and changed—that's why every Christian should be an embryo politician; as with Hitler, it becomes Church's duty to try to overthrow a corrupt Government even by force.

Mr. Shales's remark about the 'political implications of religion mirrors the very common misconception that the Church of England is a religious branch of Whitehall. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I am not paid by the State or by your taxes. Nobody can prevent me saying what I believe, and I cannot be dismissed by the Church (except for heresy or immorality), let alone by the State.

Practically everything he has said, therefore, is wrong! He is entitled to disagree with me about hanging, but not by using spurious arguments have nothing at all to do with the matter in question.

DISGUSTING TREATMENT OF YOUNG GIRLS

A Hornchurch window cleaner who parked his van in a Basildon newtown road and then committed an indecent act in front of three young girls appeared before Billericay Magistrates on Tuesday.

The man, James Smyth, aged 26, of Harrow-drive, pleaded guilty to a charge

of indecent exposure and added in his own defence that he neither said or did anything to the girls.

Mr. T. Holcroft, prosecuting, said: "It is distressing that girls of this tender age are subject to this disgusting treatment."

The hearing was adjourned 14 days to await a probation officer's report.

Talking of youth

Talking of the Young Liberals, Sheldon Williams had some interesting points to make at a Young Liberal meeting the other day about the Young Socialists.

"How embarrassed Mr. Wilson must be by the junior branch of his party," he said, "These young zealots are asking for out-and-out Socialism, the full Clause-Four treatment, nationalisation of everything regardless of merit or otherwise."

"How should it be different! The Communists belong (if they are good boys) to the Communist Party. But the Trotskyists have nowhere to go but to Lab-

cur.

"The Young Socialists in their more self-destructive moments admit that the Trots, as they are affectionately termed occupy important positions upon the Young Socialist Executive and indeed throughout the movement. These young zeals advocate unashamedly World Revolution, Annihilation of every shred of capitalism. A grand bonfire of bank accounts."

"Poor Mr. Wilson, He has tried so hard to make his Party look sane and attractive to wage and salary earners alike. Young Socialism won't have it that way!"

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All prices include fixing if there is gas and water in the kitchen.

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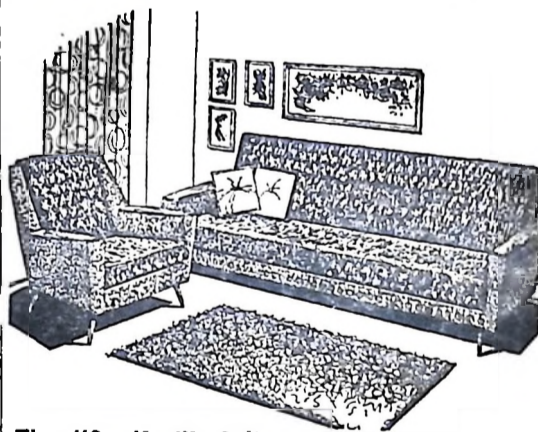
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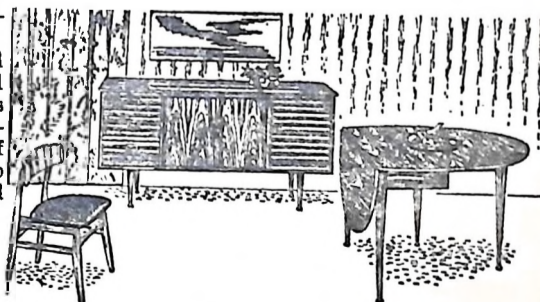
The two easy chairs have sprung backs upholstered with fibre and wool felt.

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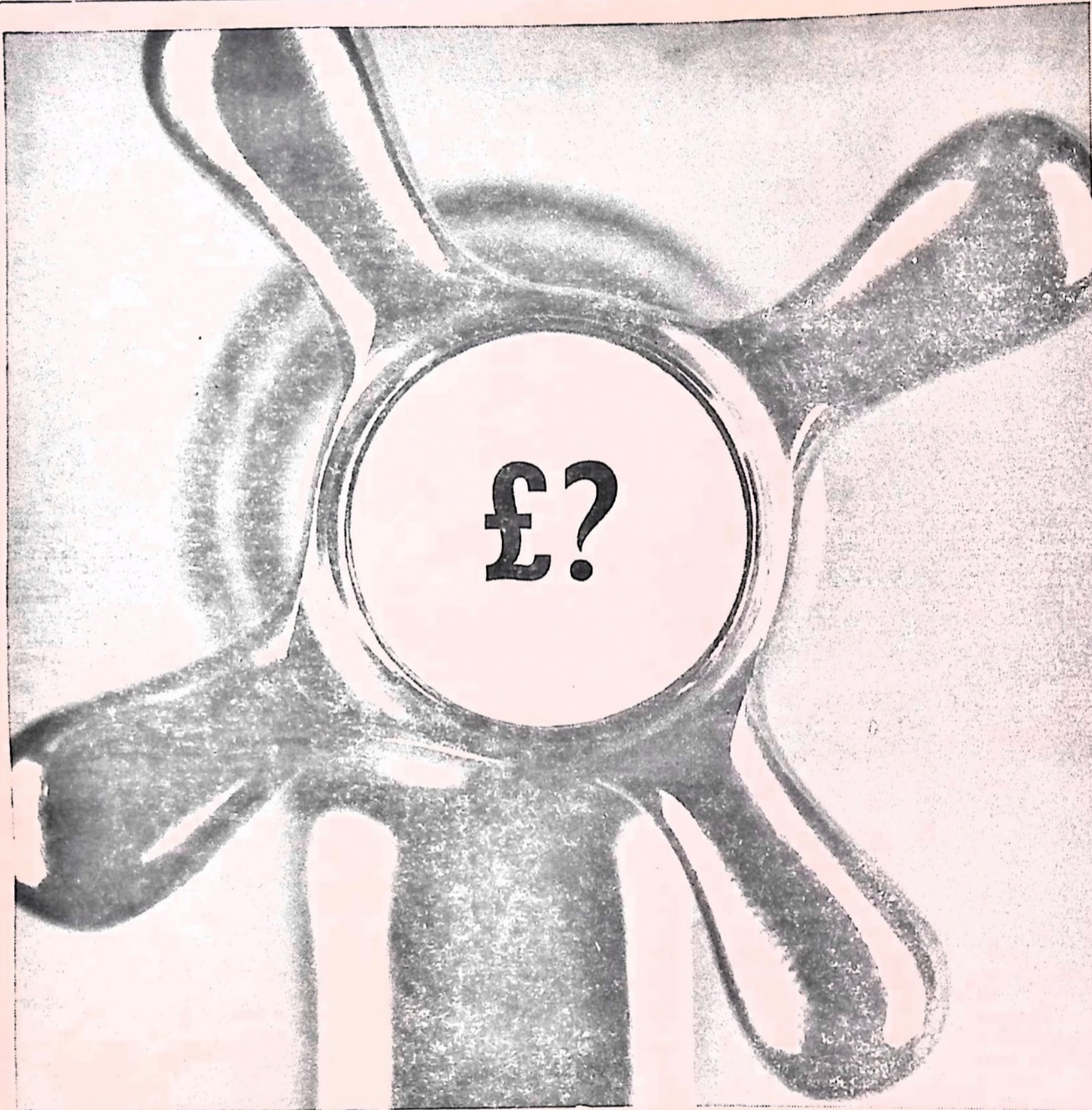
The "Sandford" Suite 5ft. 1ins. long SIDEBOARD. GATE-LEG Table 2' 9" x 1' 7" closed open to 2' 9" x 4' 9" and 4 panel back dining chairs The cupboards in the sideboard are fitted with half width shelves and the top drawer is divided and lined for cutlery.

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PLEADING A VALID CASE



EDWIN MALINDINE, veteran Liberal fighter of five General Elections and an ex-President of the Liberal Party, at the Liberal Rally in Brentwood was quick to point out the fantastic undemocratic anomaly for Liberals of the GLC Elections.

Thousands and thousands of Liberals in the Greater London area voted for Liberal Candidates, but because they were not all living in the same district, their votes had no bearing upon the ultimate results. What those who seek a different basis of representation want—said Mr. Malindine—is that these people should receive a proportion of the elected councillors as a token that their views are represented on the new GLC.

Sheldon Williams, the local parliamentary Liberal prospective Candidate, has never made **PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION** a platform of his campaign in the Constituency, because he believes (rightly or wrongly) that this is a measure that Liberals should bring in AFTER they have achieved power.

Nevertheless Malindine's forceful presentation of the case for the lost representation of Liberals on the GLC gives Liberals everywhere cause for thought.

Another point about the GLC results, and one which psephologists are only now beginning to investigate is that in every area where Liberals fought, comparative figures in the past show that the Liberal vote has vastly increased.

Even in Fulham where Labour workers had good cause to be sarcastic about the opposition and where politics have been Liberally speaking moribund for decades, the top Liberal polled over 2,000 votes, possibly the lowest in the GL area.

Another interesting factor, Ted Gardner and the Smear Campaign please note, is that wherever Liberals fought in districts new for them in the Greater London area, Labour and Tory votes were reduced in equal proportion. Just another proof that any suggestion that a standing Liberal favours either Labour or Conservatives' chances is **UTTER BUNKUM**.

The Liberal climb to the top in Greater London is going to be long and arduous but progress is being made. Here in Billericay, this October the electoral goal is already within touch for Sheldon Williams and his 25,500 friends.

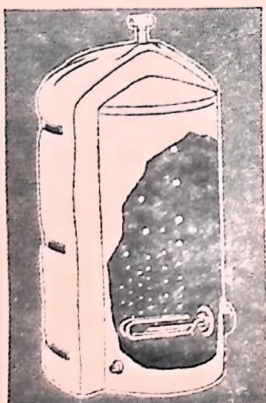
JIMMY RADICAL

NEW MANAGER

GRAYS Co-operative Society have appointed a new Traffic Manager. He is Mr J. J. Cunningham, Traffic Manager of Folkestone Society for the past nine years and will take up his appointment on May 4.

He replaces Mr C. H. Farrow who has relinquished his position on health grounds.

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All hot water requirements for a typical household of 2 adults.	120 gals. at 140° F.	5 6 a week	4 0* a week

*These figures prove electric hot water is cheap at normal rates - 4d. per unit on "off-peak" though this may require a larger hot water tank, say 50-gallon capacity. If you already have an adequate supply of electricity, these figures will be a good deal less.

They are typical figures and will naturally vary up or down according to the individual use made of hot water and the length of pipe runs. But for a constant supply of hot water, gushing for you whenever you turn the tap, you will find them hard to beat.

As well as being cheap to run, immersion heaters are so clean and effortless and require no attention whatever. A boon all the year round and particularly so in summer (hot water without a hot house). Just a word of advice. Your hot water tank must be really well lagged or heat lost from it can add considerably to the cost.

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FINAL SPLASH NEEDED

THE "Summer Fair" being held at Craylands Secondary School on Saturday afternoon is an effort intended to raise funds to complete the amenities surrounding the school swimming pool and possibly the temperature of the water.

The swimming pool itself is established and paid for, thanks to the voluntary work and financial contributions from parents, staff, and pupils and well-wishers — plus a grant from the Basildon Committee for Education.

The pool is also very popular — Craylands swimmers are building up an enviable reputation in local competitions, but without any heating equipment and most inadequate changing accommodation — the use of the pool is inevitably restricted.

So it was decided by the Craylands swimming pool committee to organise this additional grand event hoping to raise enough money to pay for all the 'necessary extras' and at the same time offer all the fun of a Summer Fair — even though it will still be spring.



Mr. Bunn (centre) meets Housing Committee Chairman Joe Morgan. Also in picture is Mr. N. Trew, a former Councillor, who was chosen as an alternate representative in the event of Mr. Bunn not being able to attend the meetings.

Arthur Bunn to represent tenants

MR. ARTHUR BUNN of Fonteyn-close, Laindon a Basildon Council house tenant for the past nine years has been chosen to represent the Laindon Council estate at meetings with the Council's Housing Committee.

Mr. Bunn was one of about 12 Laindon Council house tenants who attended a meeting called on Monday and presided over by Council Chairman Alfred Dove JP.

Cllr. Dove said that by having their own representative on each estate the Council will be able to keep in touch with the feelings of the tenants.

The representative is not intended to take the place of Ward Councillors, said the Chairman.

NINETY...

houses completed by the Corporation in March brings the Newtown total up to 11,864. Over 1,700 are also under construction.

DAIRY MAID OF BASILDON

THE young lady who will represent Basildon in the National Dairy Queen Contest does not (as usual) live in either the town or district.

She is 20-year-old Kristine Kawthorn of Goodmayes and on Thursday evening at the "Locarno," she won £5 and the first stage of the contest by being selected as the Dairy Maid of Basildon.

The visitors did not have it all their own way on Thursday. Sixteen-year-old Joan Hull of Long Riding, Barstable, was among the nine contestants and gave local pride a boost by winning second place and £3

PRINCESS

The winner of this contest, sponsored by the National Dairy Council, can go on to become a Dairy Princess. This entitles her to join the other regional winners for a week end at Woburn Abbey where the Dairy Queen will be chosen.

Last year Basildon did well in the contest. Our representative won through to the final stages, and almost became the first girl selected at the 'Locarno' to go on to win a National contest.

Basildon's representative was a Scottish girl living temporarily at Chelmsford



Careless drivers

A Basildon man who has held a clean driving licence for 32 years, pleaded guilty at Billericay Court on Tuesday to careless driving even though he said he had no recollection of the incident.

Henry Kavanagh of Little Dodden Lee Chapel South was alleged to have overtaken a stationary van in the face of oncoming traffic causing a car to swerve and suffer damage.

Kavanagh, who holds a PSV licence was fined £5 and had his licence endorsed.

Richard Williams of Luemes road Barstable, was fined £10 plus 1 ga costs after pleading guilty to a charge of careless driving at Billericay Court on Tuesday.

PALMER SAYS 'YES' TO CARRERAS

ARNOLD PALMER, one of the 'big three' of American golf will be playing in the world golf tournament sponsored by Carreras Ltd. the new town firm.

Palmer, who is now playing the U.S. annual Masters Tournament, which he has won three times, commented: "I am very pleased to have been invited to play in the very first Piccadilly World Match Play Tournament.

"There is no other match play event in the world with this international flavour and I am sure it will become one of the world's great championships."

The Piccadilly tournament, with prize money totalling £12,000, will take place at the Wentworth Club, Virginia Water, Surrey on October 9 to 11. Eight professional golfers of world standing will be invited to compete.

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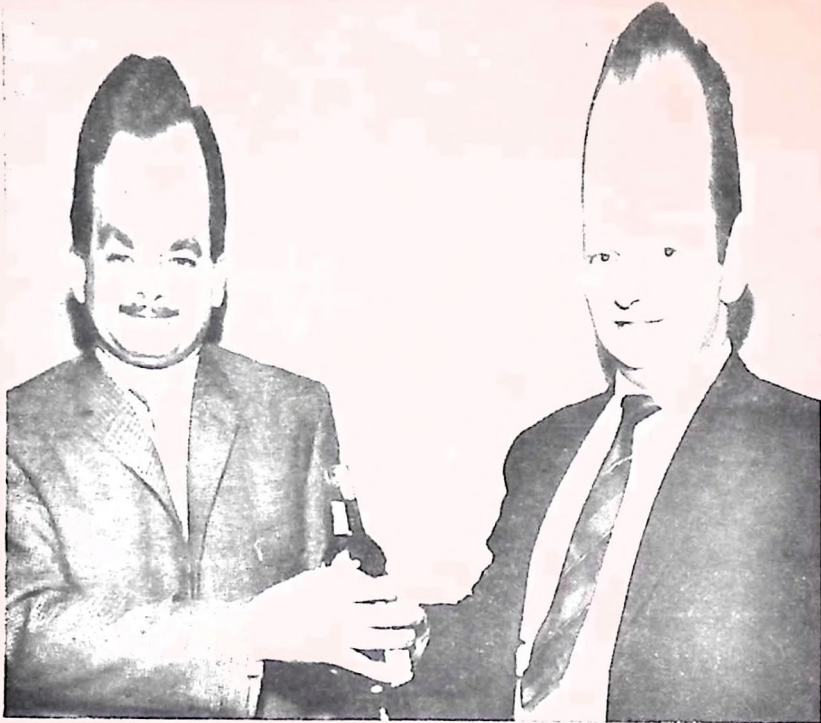
"Get away!"

"Then there is a display of caravans and camping equipment, an amateur photographer's evening and Look! Get next week's copy of this paper for full details. Oh! before you go there's a competition with the first prize a weekend in Paris for two — Hey! Where're you going?"

"I'm going home and put a big notice on the wall to remind me that it's ACCESSORIES FORTNIGHT at SOUTH ESSEX MOTORS (Basildon) Limited, Cherrydown, Basildon, starting on May 2nd. What's their phone number by the way? Might as well book a service for the car?"

"Laindon 3451 and it's ESSO FLOWLINE service".

YEAH! YEAH! YEAH!



Believe it or believe it not but these are the same two men who entered the He Man contest AFTER they had been declared winners. It's amazing how this sort of thing can go to a man's head isn't it?



Jean Wallis — the "Glamorous Mum" with two male musclemen both announced as Mr. Lee Chapel South.



Mr. Lee Chapel No. 1 Maurice Hogan with his pre-budget priced prize.

THE DAY THE

ON THE 'PARADISE

The 'Ne

pointed

WHAT fascinating powers have the ladies of Lee Chapel South got over their menfolk? Last week the rest of the town listened aghast as a rumour that fully developed males were actually preening themselves in public.

You may still be undecided so at the behest of Professor Elivor Nerf, President of the League Against Cruel Customs for Men, the "News" covered the entire contest and leaves it to you to decide.

2. Why were the nails of one of the judges filed to points might have injured the delicate male skin when

EVIDENCE

Here is the actual evidence together with glimpses of what went on behind the scenes — and all the awkward questions compiled by the Professor.

1. Why did some competitors remove their clothing while others did not?



AND what do you think of this all male contest? Velly good idea. I like Mr. Me cackle mouth.

leaked through to the outside world. As the "Newsphoto" team rushed through Check point Charlie at Nethermayne female screams of delight pierced the night air around the Community Hall — the place chosen to stage the spectacle which may one day take the place of Bingo. Is it a good thing or not?



It is not generally known that one of the contestants was once a Sever Weakening.

Then one day, beach at Southend, he had a thirteen stone built past and kicked his face. What was he doing?

Obviously take a building course. He

inspection took place. 3. Were the rules Geneva Convention upheld by the judge



IT JUST
DEPENDS

A man's body should not be shown off like this.

on whose body you are thinking about.

I simply worship

MEN MUSCLED IN IN PUBLIC' LARK

ws' asks questions

4. Was it absolutely necessary for the band to play "In a Persian Market" while the men paraded?
5. Who mixed up the

6. Was it all a deliberate mistake intended to hasten further embarrassing moments for males?
7. What was Lee Chapel's

TOO CAN E A BODY LIKE . . .



And in less than a year he transformed from a Seven Stone Weakling into a strapping Fourteen Stone He-Man.
Two days ago he returned

to the beach at Southend and stretched out his well developed form. This time a nineteen stone bully came along and kicked sand in his face.

"Glamorous Mum" doing in the committee room with the winners after the result was announced?
z

You must excuse us, we are not old enough to have opinions
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competitors numbers resulting in two men being declared Mr. Lee Chapel South?



Don't care if I am a run ner-up says Bill Huke, who else gets this treatment?.

We've been here before

THE Tories must go. That was the message spelt out by the electors last week. And I agree wholeheartedly with them.

So great is the pressure for a change—as indeed, it was in 1945—that many seem willing to risk putting in the Socialists. But if the Socialists prove as incompetent as they were between 1945 and 1951, then the price of change will be high. The Labour Party, in its years in opposition, has—like the Bourbons learned roving and forgotten nothing. It remains wedded to the idea of widespread nationalisation, high taxation and inflationary policies. Behind its front of solidarity it is as disputatious as ever it was.

SKELTONS IN THE LABOUR CLOSET

If you are among the many who want a change, stop and think for a moment. You have a choice. Either you back the Liberals, who want reform without socialism, and who have clearly outlined their policies as the means of implementing them, or you support the Socialists who have failed to state clearly how they would run the country. It just won't do for Labour to say that they believe in planning. The statistical

services in this country are so bad that it is impossible to plan in detail as suggested by Labour. A couple of illustrations will show what I mean.

In 1948, we were told, Britain had a balance of payments deficit of £120 million. But in 1954, the final figures revealed that we had actually not had a deficit but a surplus of £1 million!

In 1960, Britain had a payments deficit of £308 million. But at the same time, statisticians admitted they had "discovered errors and omissions" worth £304 million. Will the original deficit disappear in the same way? We won't know for another year or two, but meanwhile major shifts in economic policy are based on these figures!

Not only are the dials and gauges used for checking the position and progress of the economy faulty or non-existent, the machinery of government is antiquated. In consequence, it is extremely difficult for any party to govern the country satisfactorily. And this is why Liberals have called for a major structural change.

There is another important reason why Labour must not be allowed to get

away with vague talk about 'planning.' You cannot plan without controlling incomes and wages. The trade unions regard collective bargaining as sacrosanct. If they will not abandon their smash and grab, how they Labour plan? Or do they intend to end the unions' right to bargain on wages? Let's have a straight answer!

FAIR SHARES FOR ALL?

Britain's creaking electoral system produces grossly distorted results. An analysis of the aggregates of the highest votes received by each party's candidates in each Greater London Borough gives the following figures:— Labour 1,095,351 Liberal 255,575.

But Labour finished up with two-thirds of the Council seats and the Liberals none. Yet Labour spokesmen have pointed out that we mustn't think in terms of Boroughs—we must think of representation for London as a whole!

If Labour really supports the principle of 'Fair Shares for All,' will they back up their talk by pressing for a modern electoral system giving proportional representation?

Lyndon Jones

COPPED WHILE COPPING COPPER

THE removal of £50 worth of copper wire from a British Transport compound at Putsea Station was prevented by two railwaymen who spotted the thieves during the early hours of the morning.

The three young men concerned, Thomas McBride, William Tibbles and William Challis, all from the Grays area, got away in a

van, but were chased and as a result of information given to the police, were quickly arrested.

All the accused, who appeared at Billericay on Tuesday, pleaded guilty and were said to have had previous convictions.

Tibbles was sentenced to six months imprisonment and McBride and Challis fined £25 each.



If I hear anything I'll let you know.

IT'S TV ON TAP FOR BASILDON NEW TOWN

WIRED television and systems for all new town Corporation dwellings has been decided as the best method of providing a domestic TV and sound radio service.

Last week the Corporation accepted a tender for the installation work expected to take 12 months to complete.

No charge will be made to tenants for the service.

which will not only mean the end of individual aerials throughout the town but will provide TV and sound radio "on tap".

The installation will be an H.F. multi-pair wired system capable of distributing a total of nine programmes, six of which may be television.

Both TV Line Standards colour and pay TV may be received without modification of the system.

On Wednesday the Corporation invited dealers in the new town to present to them full details of the service.

A display of cheaper and simpler TV receivers were on view all of which can be used with the new system.

Mr. R. C. C. Boniface, Corporation General Manager, explained that tenants will be able to use ordinary

TV sets fitted with an inverter which will be provided and fitted free of charge.

Some new town houses may expect to have the wired system in about three months time and each tenant will receive notice advising the date the system is likely to be available.

One novel advantage is that the company installing

the system will also provide standby power facilities which will enable distribution of TV programmes to

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- 1962 AUSTIN A60 Cambridge de luxe saloon heater, one owner £365
- 1962 FORD Anglia De luxe saloon heater, one owner £395
- 1961 WOISELEY 6/99 Saloon, heater, one owner, duo tone, immaculate £495
- 1961 FORD ANGLIA Saloon, heater, choice two from £300
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- 1961 SINGER VOGEL de luxe saloon, heater duotone blue £545
- 1961 MORRIS MINOR 1000 Saloon, heater, one owner £345
- 1961 AUSTIN A40 Farina de luxe saloon heater one owner £365
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- 1960 VAUXHALL Cresta saloon heater, duo-tone, radio etc £295
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- 1960 MORRIS MINOR 1000 Super, power steering, automatic drive; immaculate £465
- 1960 JAGUAR 3.4 Mk II saloon heater over-drive, excellent £665
- 1960 AUSTIN Mini De luxe heater; immaculate £295
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- 1959 MORRIS Minor 1000 Saloon, heater choice 2 four-door models from £265
- 1958 59 JAGUAR 2.4 Saloon, heater; taxed, excellent £395
- 1958 MORRIS MINOR 1000 Traveller Estate car, heater £265
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- 1957 MORRIS Minor 1000 4 door saloon htr £225
- 1957 FORD Consul Saloon, heater choice 2 from £245
- 1957 VAUXHALL VELOX saloon, heater £175
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- 1957 SINGER Gazelle de luxe saloon heater etc £265
- 1957 MORRIS MINOR 1000 Traveller heater £245
- 1957 VAUXHALL VICTOR Super saloon, heater £165
- 1957 AUSTIN A35 de luxe saloon, heater, immaculate and low mileage £245
- 1956 MORRIS MINOR four door saloon; heater £165
- 1955 MERCEDES-BENZ 220 Saloon, radio, heater £395
- 1955 FORD PREFECT, saloon, heater, one owner, since new £145
- 1954 5 ARMSSTRONG SAPPHIRE saloon radio, heater; immaculate condition £155
- 1963 AUSTIN A35 Van 1100 cc engine, low mileage, immaculate condition, fitted heater £275
- 1963 FORD 7 cwt. van, heater, low mileage £20
- 1962 AUSTIN MINI Van, heater, choice two from £210
- 1960 MORRIS MINOR van heater, one owner £165
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- 1963 FORD CORTINA, 2 door de luxe heater; wing mirrors, 1 owner duo grey £545
- 1962 (Sept) FORD CLASSIC 2 door, 1500 cc engine heater, one owner blue £495
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- 1962 (May) SINGER GAZELLE Saloon heater taxed, w mirrors 1 owner duo/Blue £575
- 1960 TRIUMPH HERALD Saloon, heater taxed, blue white flash £335
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- 1960 mod. FORD CONSUL one owner grey heater immac. cond. £365
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- 1961 HILLMAN MINX one owner de/luxe heater beige many extras £425
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- 1959 THAMES 12 seater one owner duo blue heater immaculate £295
- 1960 RENAULT DAUPHINE red heater many other extras snip £265
- 1959 VAUXHALL VICTOR super heater duo tone many extras snip £295
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A MUSICAL MECCA

Theatre Notes by Sydney Charles

KEEP THE PEOPLE IN TOUCH

ONLY a few people will find much to quarrel with over the so-far-reported plans of Hornchurch Council about the future of the theatre in this district.

The sub-committee looking into the matter seems to have an awareness of the danger of losing the present Queen's Theatre under Central Area Development before a new building can be provided. If this happens the fault lies not with them but with the Central Area Development Committee and the Council as a whole for not getting down to the problem sooner.

Public and Press can not be blamed for the Central Area Committee proceedings have been shrouded in secrecy and we have all been compelled to hope that foresight was being employed.

Only a fanatical purist for the legitimate stage will object to the proposed municipal embracement of mass popular entertainments and catering facilities in connection with a replacement for the Queen's.

LESS DANGER

Admittedly if these are provided to the exclusion of high quality professional repertory, there is cause for alarm, but this does not seem to be the case. The subcommittee has already come out in favour of continuing the present policy of the Queen's Theatre, although, alongside this, there may be multi purpose accommodation for public dinners, receptions, dancing, amateur shows, concerts, films, conferences and perhaps even boxing and wrestling.

As well as the present

management of the Queen's Theatre, the Council's subcommittee is taking advice from the Arts Council of Great Britain, the Theatre Advisory Council and the Association of British Theatre Technicians.

After its shortly to be held inaugural meeting the Havering Arts Council should also be linked up

with what is going on. If local opinion is consulted throughout we stand in less danger of finding ourselves in another situation like the present one where it is virtually certain that some time will elapse between the final curtain at the Queen's in Station-lane and the rising of the new one at the proposed Central Area theatre building.

FASCINATING reminders of the musical theatre fifty years ago and before will be the experience of those who attend this year's main exhibition of the British Musical Society on May 9.

The exhibition will fill 20 rooms in the Variety Artists Benevolent Fund Home in Staines-road, Twickenham.

Last week I saw a fraction of the vast number of exhibits in the tiny West End flat which is the home of the Society's Chairman and Secretary, Ray Mackender and Gerry Glover, who founded the society less than two years ago.

Ray and Gerry, two dedicated young men, were appalled at the apparent death of traditional musical variety when the old Metropolitan in Edgeware-road closed down. On the journey home after the final performance, they began composing ad-

vertisements designed to preserve and collect souvenirs from the golden past of the British musical theatre and to bring together all those with similar ambitions.

After their notices appeared in the press the response was fantastic. Famous names from the past still surviving stocked to their home and scrapbooks, photographs, playbills, props and recordings of all kinds came pouring in to found the museum into which their home has now been converted.

COLLECTORS PIECE

From floor to ceiling rooms and staircases are covered with an engrossing display. Cupboards and alcoves are overflowing with other exhibits and stage magazines of the day.

Last week I held in one hand a suit once belonging to Cheekie Chappie Max

Miller and in the other the cane and topper which once graced the act of Ella Shields as she created the song that made her famous "Burlington Bertie". The stock of discs and tapes many brilliantly refurbished from pre-electrical recordings, would provide a continuous entertainment for weeks on end if played one after the other.

The home of Ray and Gerry is now a Mecca for all researchers of the literary and musical world. The visitors book is an autographed collectors piece. One visitor who shortly preceded me was Lionel Bart.

The exhibition at Twickenham is open to members and their guests. It will be a meeting point for theatre lovers and old timers still with us. From the modern theatre world celebrities present will include Max and Anthony Bygraves.



VICTOR MADDERN and Andrew Ray are currently starring together in a West End production. But this photograph was taken at the Corbets Tey Country Club, Upminster, on Sunday last week where the stars gathered to meet the public after taking part in a Show Biz XI charity match.

SOUTHEND CELEBRATES

THE County Borough of Southend celebrates its fiftieth birthday with a Festival from May 4 to May 9. The Golden Jubilee will be marked by a series of musical concerts.

On May 4 the first of six concerts begins at the Kursaal. This will feature the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Istvan Kertesz with soloist Peter Frankl and music by Weber, Beethoven and Dvorak.

On May 5 there is a concert by Max Jaffa and the Linden Singers. The next evening features Vic Oliver and the British Concert Orchestra in "A Night in Vienna" with Marion Studholme and David Hughes.

Modern music enters the scene on May 7 when Kenny Baker and Monty Sunshine with Ted Heath and his band present a programme called "The History of Jald". The following evening brings the Western

Theatre Ballet in classical and modern ballet including Mods and Rockers material.

FESTIVAL BALL

The series ends on May 9 with a Kursaal Festival Ball to be attended by celebrity guests and other attractions during a modern dance evening.

Special events, including fund-raising record concerts in the Victoria-avenue Civic Centre, continue through the season. Future concerts include the BBC Concert Orchestra on July 5 and the Halle conducted by Barbirolli on July 26.

There are All Star Family Concerts on August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. On September 6 Rudolph Kempe conducts the Royal Philharmonic and on October 25 Sir Adrian Boult conducts the London Philharmonic.

Full details of concerts and other entertainments are available from the Southend Civic Centre.

LIBIDOS, LIFE BACK STAGE, AND LAUGHS

THE results of a "not quite sublimated libidos" may soon appear on the walls of the Queen's Theatre Hornchurch. This is how local artist Charles Hollington of Mill Park-avenue described some of the paintings

he has offered Queen's manager Ian Clarke, for exhibition.

Paintings by members of the company have been exhibited there before. Now perhaps it is the turn of the members of the audience

Mr Hollington, living a stone's throw from the Theatre doors, is a regular patron.

On Sunday evening those in the theatre audience will get a private view of actors at work. In an evening called "Rehearsals While U Wait" the company hopes to show what happens on the other side of a curtain before a play actually opens.

They will be seen in rehearsal and dealing with some of the problems encountered. A real evening of free expression because the audience too will take part in the improvisations and discuss what they have seen in action.

STIMULATING

The management are hoping that a lively and youthful audience drawn from some of the school parties booked for the current run of the Shakes-

peare comedy "Twelfth Night" will come along to make it a stimulating evening.

On the following night, Monday, April 27, Hornchurch Film Society takes over the building for its one night showing of the famous Michael Balcon production of "The Lavendar Hill Mob" starring Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway.

Filmgoers may remember that a certain Mr. Holland has an ambition to live the rest of his life in luxury. When a Mr. Pendelbury enters his life, plans take shape for the appropriation of a million pounds in gold bars, to be transported to Paris in Eiffel Tower paper weights. From then on mishap follows mishap in true English comedy style. Supporting feature will be "Rig 20", a truly exciting film about one of the most dramatic jobs in oil history.

DAVID PHETHEAN

IN LONDON

A revival of the successful satirical revue "Beyond The Fringe" took place last week when an entirely new production opened at the Mayfair Theatre.

Director of the new version is ex-Director of the Queen's, Hornchurch David Phethean. Mr. Phethean's popularity and well-founded local reputation is bound to win the revue much support

from this District.

Mr. Phethean told me when I met him on an underground train last week (he had been on a short visit to Hornchurch during which he attended a Sunday Evening At The Queen's production) that there is a lot of new material in the show and a completely new cast. One of the items is about the Great Train Robbery.

Mr. Phethean is temporarily directing in London and is still with the Bristol Old Vic Company.

MUSICALS AT THE PALACE

THIS week and next the attraction at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff, is the Wimbledon Theatre company's presentation of "It's a Funny Thing" with Sally Barnes, Roy Hudd and Danny Purches and guest stars the Hedley Ward Trio. It's a different programme

every week, they assure me.

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THIS week none other than the Dave Clark Five who appeared at the ABC Romford on Wednesday and the Odeon, Chelmsford on Thursday.

Both occasions were sell-outs and we all agree Dave the Rave on the stage is sensational. Be warned you local fans — if you want to see the show in Southend on May 12 get booked up early.

Thanks to the kind co-operation of Mr Harvey, the manager of the ABC (Ritz) Romford, the 'News' was able to take three youngsters back-stage to meet Dave and get the group's autographs.

'News' reporter Lyn Watford (left) got into the picture too.

—A WEEKLY 'NEWS-LOOK' AT THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL WORLD OF POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT



BITS AND PIECES

CHUBBY Checker has a new disc due for release today "Hey, Bobba Needle" with "Spread Joy" on the flip side.

It's a fair guess that Chubby Checker will be on top of the world's hit charts again in under a year, the trend is moving his way.

Tomorrow the **MERSEY BEATS** will be recording "I Think of You" in German and in May the group will be in Dusseldorf where they have been chosen to represent British Pop Music during U.K. week at the Dus-

seldorf Fair. There are those among us who regard the MBs as truly the greatest and the Germans will surely agree.

... **NEW GROUP** A new group with a unique name **THE SERENDIPITY SINGERS** hail from the USA. They were all students together at the University of Colorado, and combined to give us "Crooked Little Man".

The word 'serendipity' means a discovery of a new end happy event — let's hope so — number 14 in the US charts.

THE DAVE CLARK FIVE are to top the bill

again at the London Palladium — June 21.

HARMLESS An almost unbelievable situation has arisen in Israel, the **BEATLES** have been banned from appearing there. Maybe they are having trouble with beetles of another sort. So why doesn't someone tell them that our's are the nice harmless type who only attack record charts and sales records.

Mickie Most's Columbia revival of "Money Honey" is a real gem. Marvellous frantic guitar breaks.

THE DAVE CLARK FIVE's first L.P. is now in the shops if it is not already

in your album. Dave, with Mike Smith and Lenny Davidson who work well together writing new numbers and deciding which others to revive, spent anxious months preparing this session.

When they did get down to cutting the disc the five surprised everyone (including themselves) by completing the recording in a single day.

The L.P. is great enough to keep them way up, where it matters. Don't expect a DCS single before May — these boys have a reputation of not rushing things and who is going to argue it hasn't paid off?

BEATLE OF THE WEEK

THERE is only Ringo left. And he doesn't mind because he is quite the shyest Beatle.

Is there anything about Ringo Starr you don't already know? Our information extends from his school.

days with classmate Billy Fury to the fact that he doesn't like onions and that his ideal type of girl must be blonde, well-built and '55" tall!

Ask L.R. if you want to know more about Ringo (or any other pop star).



JOHN COOPER — the "Locarno" DJ reviews the "Hot Hundred" — America's Hit Parade. Don't miss his expert review of the 19 British Hits which are selling fast in the USA where 12 months ago only one British star was shining.

Your views and suggestions will be welcomed — write **FOR THE RECORD**, 289, Whitmore Way, Basildon, or telephons — **LEN ROPER** — at **BASILDON 26660**.

Also wanted, information and dates of local Beat groups and other popular entertainers.

ANSWERS TO READERS LETTERS

MARY, Pitsea. The cards here are managed by Brian Epsom, the names of the lads are: Carson, John St John, Alan Holmes, Tony Newman, Griff West and West.

DORA, Hornchurch. Wilfred Brambell (Steploc Sr) plays the part of Paul's granddad in the Beatles' film **SHEILA**, Basildon.

The Merseybeats first record was "It's Love That Really Counts" followed by "I Think of You".

MICHAEL, Basildon. Elvis Presley has made a new L.P. "Elvis' Golden Vol. 3" "Love Me Tender", "Long Tall Sally" and "Keep A-Go-Go" are to be revived as E.P.s.



HOUSTON WELLS AND THE MARKSMEN

COUNTRY and Western favourites. Houston Wells and the Marksmen, may be remembered locally

as Andy Smith and the Coasters. That is the name they used in 1959 in and around

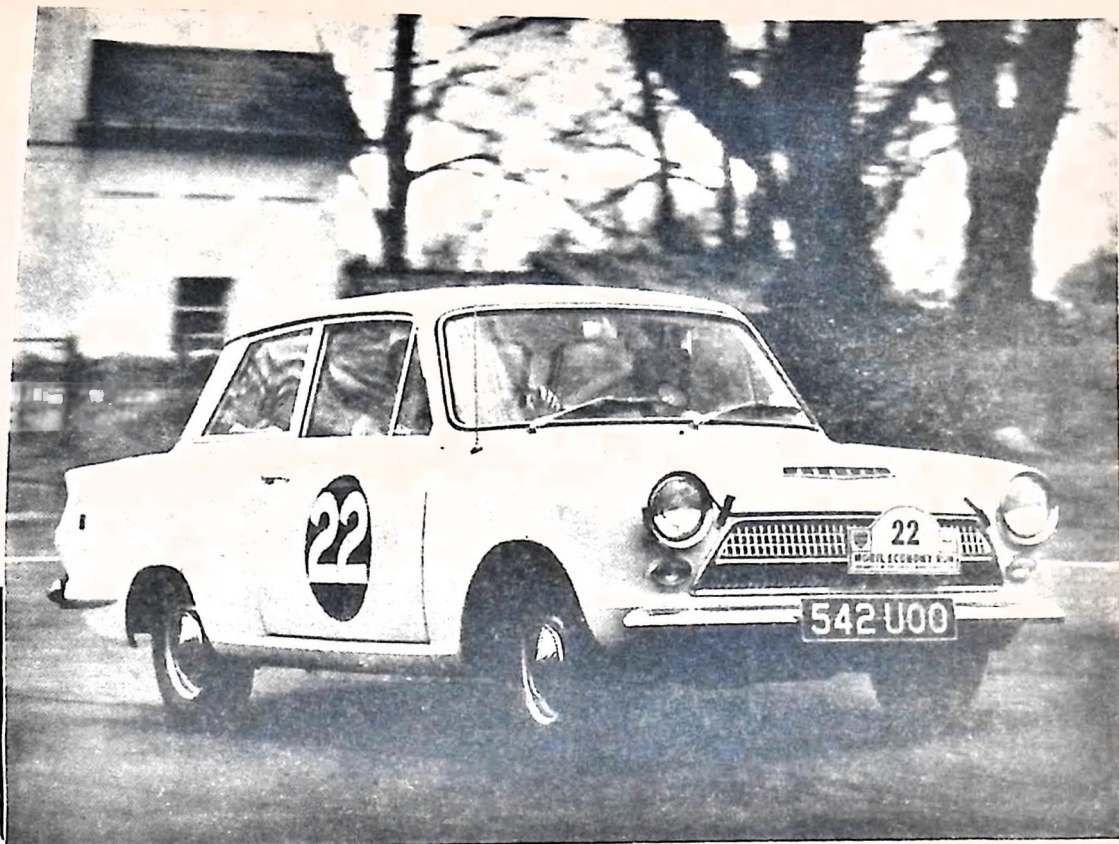
this area where they became the local attraction. After trying for the big time, the group changed its

name and has enjoyed considerable success with the four records they have made.

TRICKY CORNER

ONE of the highlights of this year's Mobil Economy Run was the special stage on the second day (Monday, April 12) at the Oulton Park racing circuit. Dr K. W. Giles, of Uppminster, Essex, driving a Ford Cortina GT, is pictured here negotiating one of the many tricky corners on the circuit. Competitors had to pay special attention to this part of the Run for it required an entirely different technique from the normal road

sections. **PENALTIES** They couldn't afford to relax for penalties were incurred if their average lap speed fell below 50 mph. Shortly afterwards they had to face a rugged mountain section in Snowdonia. By the time drivers reached the finish at Bourne in the early hours of Wednesday morning, they had covered 1150 miles in three days, through Southern England, North Wales and the Midlands



MOTORING NOTES

CASES containing Fordson tractors are stencilled in Russian and English before shipment via Leningrad to the British Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow.

FORD ANNOUNCE NEW APPOINTMENTS

DIRECTOR of Ford's Tractor Group Mr. W. B. Batty has announced various appointments this week.

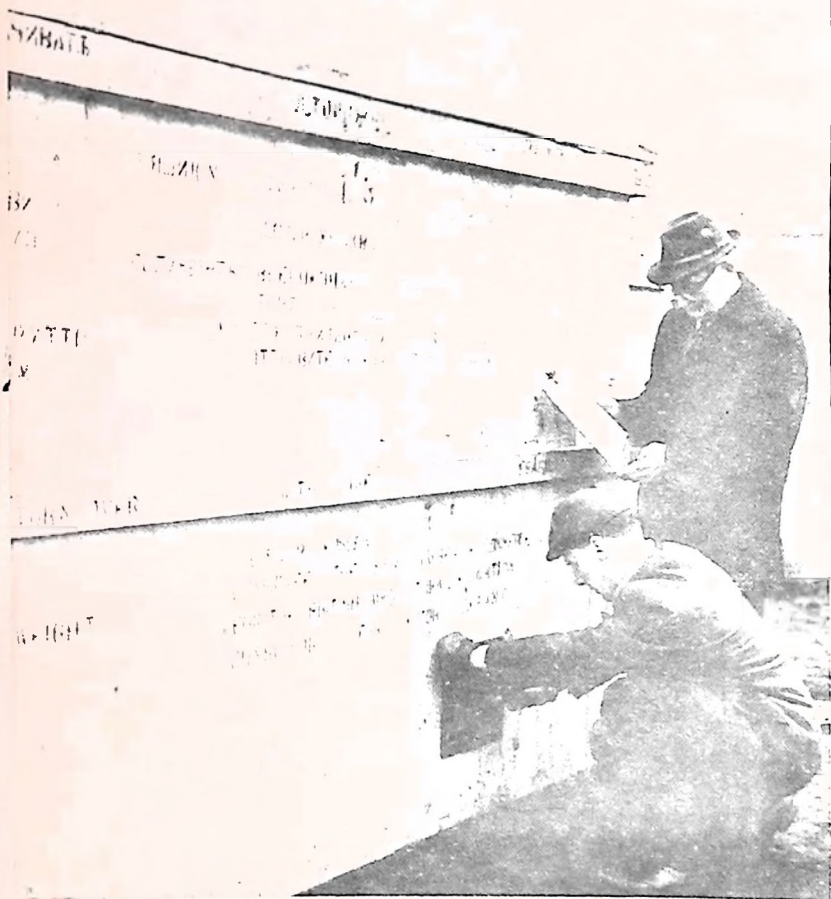
Mr E. L. Richardson has been appointed as Public Relations Manager. He has long experience with the company and was for a number of years manager of the Press and Information Department at the Dagenham headquarters.

In his new position he succeeds Mr. J. N. Lampson who has taken up an important new appointment with the company's Public Affairs Central Staff.

Mr. I. Travers-Smith has been appointed Sales Promotion Manager, Tractor Group.

Mr. Travers-Smith is highly experienced in sales promotion in many fields and has joined the company from a management consultancy organisation.

He succeeds Mr. Tiplady, who has been appointed Marketing Manager, European Tractor Operations.



DESTINATION MOSCOW

FIFTEEN large cases consigned to the British Agricultural Exhibition in Moscow swung aboard the SS Baltic Arrow in London last week. The crates contained Fordson tractor exhibits to be shown on Ford Motor Company's Stand at the exhibition which is open from May 18-31.

Because of Russia's need for the larger unit on her

collective farms the Fordson emphasis will be on the Super Major and its derivatives.

Occupying the 5,000 feet of open air exhibition stand will be three new Performance Super Majors, one fitted with a Horndraulic loader and a Howard Rotator, another with an FR TS 83 three-furrow reversible plough and the third with an FR TS 78 five-fur-

row semi-mounted plough. **DISC PLOUGH**

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SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS SCHOOL GOES PART TIME

SHORTAGE of Teachers has forced the Headmaster of Woodlands Boys' Secondary School to cut the school day by 35 minutes. Mr J. Woodward said: "There was no alternative—we have reached rock bottom."

The school is nine teachers short out of a total of 35 and although a shortage of qualified teachers is an increasing national problem this is the first time a Basildon school has had to take this type of action

Chairman of the Education Committee, Cll. Alfred Dove JP said he regretted it has been necessary to cut the school day, but added that every effort was being made to attract teachers to Basildon and also to persuade "retired" women teachers to return to teaching at least until the present position improves.

He also revealed that the Schools Committee has called for a full report on the staffing situation and this will be presented at the next meeting.



FLEET STREET MAN

DISTINGUISHED Fleet Street photographer Mr. J. Jarche, FRPS visited the Basildon Photographic Society on Thursday and gave an interesting talk to a large audience of photographers.

Mr. Jarche was for many years chief photographer to the Odhams group and took many press pictures which made history. He now lectures for Ilford and travels intensively throughout the country.

In our picture he is being welcomed to the club by Basildon P. S. chairman Mr. R. Keel.

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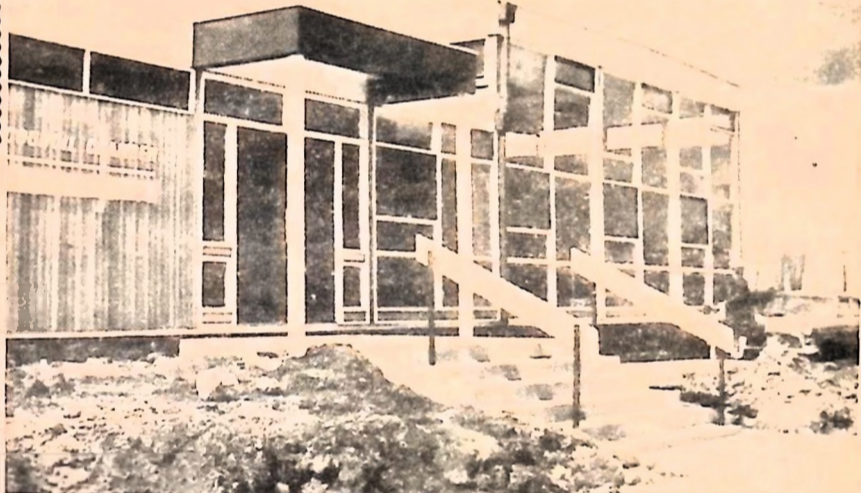
The County Library branch in the Town Centre will be open on Monday next week. It is a temporary building forming part of the Coun-

cil's temporary premises in Fodderwick.

The library is intended to act in a provisional capacity pending the erection

of the central library. All the usual services will be provided including a reference section and a selection of periodicals.

Mrs. J. M. Bassett, F.L.A. is the librarian and will open from 9 am to 7 pm each weekday except Wednesday when it will close all day.



To help you locate the new library.

NEWSPHOTO

UNA INTEREST FALLS AWAY

A disappointing response to attend the AGM of the Basildon Branch of the United Nations Association has set the Chairman Cllr. Dai Evans, and the other officers, the problem of how to increase interest.

Only nine people were present on Monday to hear

the Secretary, Mr. K. Ridgewell report a membership of over 50 and a healthy bank balance.

A programme of activities was outlined for the coming year. Officers elected chairman, Cllr. Dai Evans, treasurer, Cllr. M. C. Power, secretary Mr. K. Ridgewell.



RATEPAYER RETIRES

CLL. HORACE WILKINS, the Billericay Ratepayers' Association candidate who sensationally topped the poll three years ago by defeating a Conservative candidate in the Billericay ward election, is to retire from the Basildon council.

The Conservative opponent Cllr. Wilkins defeated in 1961 was Mr. W. H. Davies JP, who was Chairman of the Council at the time. Since then the Billericay Ratepayers have maintained their success and held all five Billericay ward seats.

Cllr. Wilkins was the Chairman of Finance in 1962-63 when control of the council was evenly balanced between Labour and Conservative.

His seat will be contested by another Ratepayer candidate, Mr. C. B. Druy. The Conservative candidate is Mr. H. Warrington. Labour adopted Mr. Stan Dwyer and the Liberals Mr. Peter...



PARENTS WELCOME

PARENTS and others interested in local education are invited to attend a meeting tonight (Tuesday) at Lee Chapel South Community Hall, organised by the Association for the Advancement of State Education.

Speakers include Mr. F. G. E. Manns, District Education Officer, and Mr. E. E. Haynes, Headmaster Craylands Secondary School. The object of the Association is to extend its activities to the new town area of the district.

ELEVEN DEATHS

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WAIT FOR IT - STATE VISIT UPSETS PLANS

SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-Home, the Prime Minister, will NOT be visiting Basildon on Friday, May 1. The visit was planned and the news was spread by a leaflet called the "Tory Challenge", which was widely distributed throughout the constituency via the Post Office "Unaddressed Letter Service".

Now a state visit by a Monarch has caused the Prime Minister to change his plans.

Conservative agent Mr Ian Greer said it is still the wish of Sir Alec to visit

Basildon and it is hoped that new arrangements will be made for this to happen during the course of the next few months.

LABOURS' CHANCE

The postponement of the P M's visit may give the Labour Party a chance to 'get in first'. Yesterday (Monday) Labour Agent Brian Kiddell announced that he had been asked to make arrangements for one of the leading figures in the Labour Party to visit Basildon and address a meeting on the Industrial estate. Could the leader be Har-

old Wilson? asked the News.

"We are very hopeful" replied Mr Kiddell. "The constituency has asked for him to make an early visit and so are making preparations with the possibility in mind".

Further evidence that this parliamentary seat may attract extra attention from all political parties is the visit next Tuesday of the "Shadow" Minister of Health, Mr Kenneth Robinson, M P for St Pancras North. He will be speaking at Lee Chapel South Community Hall.



TONY JACKSON was missing from this Searchers group — but Apprentice Committee Chairman Paul King stepped in to make a memorable picture at the Locarno Ballroom on Friday — story page 20.



POLICE SEEK YOUTH

POLICE are looking for a youth who grabbed hold of a young girl as she walked through the subway between The Gore, Ghyllgrove and Great Oaks at about 8.25 p.m. on Saturday.

POP SWOPPERS

A school fete is an excellent place to sell second hand pop records and fifth former Stephen Jacobs of Craylands, had little difficulty in attracting customers to his stall.

The fete, held on Saturday afternoon, was in aid of the school swimming pool fund and the proceeds will be used to provide heating equipment.

NEWSPHOTO



THE first social function organised by the Basildon Federation of Community Associations attracted some happy dancers to the Kingswood C.A. hall on Saturday.

RECTOR RESIGNS

The Rev. Frank James, Rector of Dunton is to resign as a governor of Fryerns Grammar Technical School because he believes in the 11-plus examination and disagrees with comprehensive education.

FULL TIME

Mr. W. T. Davies, the Warden of the Laindon Youth Centre is transferring to Woodlands Youth Centre as Full Time Warden and the Laindon vacancy will be filled.

ELSIE'S WEDDING

Well known to patrons of the Basildon Bowl, Elsie Ryder, catering assistant married Mr. Joseph Butcher on Wednesday.

Elsie was presented with a tea service by her colleagues at a reception held in the Bowl restaurant on Wednesday evening.

In our 'Newsphoto' the happy couple pose with relatives and some of the staff.



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- 1959 Model HILLMAN MINX de luxe heater, w mirrors, blue ... £325
- 1959 MORRIS MINOR 1000, htr, w/wash, grey ... £275
- 1962 (May) SINGER GAZELLE Saloon heater taxed, w mirrors 1 owner duo ... £550
- 1960 (Sept) STANDARD 10 Companion, htr taxed, Coffee White ... £262
- 1963 (June) TRIUMPH TR4 radio heater taxed, w/wash, window wash, White ... £795
- 1961 TRIUMPH HERALD FHC heater, taxed green/white ... £395
- 1960 TRIUMPH HERALD Saloon, heater taxed, blue white flash ... £335
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H.P. OVER THREE YEARS

THESE LEADERS FUNNY LOT

WHAT a funny lot these Church leaders are! There is one Rector who wants to hang a few more sinners—a Baptist minister seriously tells us that when he reproves children who wreck his flower garden the police are against him and now we have the Rector of Dunton who says he is going to resign from the Governorship of a Grammar School because he is against Comprehensive Education.

Few people expect the clergy to be ahead of public opinion and thought but there was hope in this town at one time that they would at least keep up with the rearward.

Even some Tories (in fact lots of them) are enlightened enough to abhor murder even when committed on our behalf by the state. Not many people really believe that the police and other authorities, always sympathetic with the vandals and wreckers against the interest of decent folk who try to protect property.

And as for the uncomprehensive Rector perhaps it is a good thing he is withdrawing his participation in educational affairs. Surely there is no educationalist in the country who doesn't believe in some form of comprehensive education.

Exactly what degree, shape and measure will occupy the minds of Basildon and other Education Committees and administrators for years to come, but all shades of opinion agree that the principle allowing equal opportunity for all children and all stages of school life is the accepted ideal.

That is accepted by all except the Rev. Frank James. Perhaps it is a good thing that local vicars don't have to offer themselves for

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election.

STILL HAPPY

HOPE all you smokers and drinkers are still happy about filling the middle men's pockets with the extra pennies which you fondly imagine is the extra tax. As I said last week perhaps the coppers will reach the intended collectors one day—but you may be interested to know that at least one cigarette manufacturer was making bags with Old Duty tobacco long after Budget Day. When will these packets reach the shops?

And why are you paying increased tax now?

NON POLITICAL

ANY organisation which trumpets painfully repetitive guff about being non-political becomes immediately suspect in many eyes including mine.

Do the Advancement of State Education people really imagine that education is going to get better without political action?

Do they suggest the present sorry state is the fault of the teachers?

Can blame be attached to the administrative side surely not because presumably in a democracy the Education department is directed by politicians. Any of the vitally necessary improvements will be made by politicians, either nationally or locally.

So probably the quickest method of advancing education is to join the political party, one considers to be the most advanced and start applying pressure.

ANDROCIUS

THE WOODLANDS CRISIS

—CASH IS NOT THE ONLY ANSWER

THE Headmaster of Woodlands Boys School will perhaps get a lot of criticism for sending some of his boys home early each day because of staff shortages. But he certainly has my sympathy.

There are two problems which have together led to the 'Woodlands Crisis'. One is a national problem — how to attract men and women to the teaching profession. I'm not entirely happy that the answer to this lies simply in increased salaries. They are not all that appalling at the moment (compare a teacher's starting salary with a newly-ordained clergyman's) and if there were a deserved substantial rise, might there not be a danger of attracting people totally unsuited to teaching?

Teachers must be given adequate salaries and comfortable homes certainly, but basically the teaching profession should remain a 'vocation' I believe — something to which a person is called by vision of service. Would not this be obscured if salaries were in any way competitive with those in science and industry?

TOP GOD ...

In other words if the call isn't there, we should not seek to substitute something else for it. A country will get the teachers it deserves.

If the country, from the Government downwards, fails to inspire its young adults with an ideal of service then the schoolchildren are bound to suffer. And there is nothing anybody can do about it. Overthrow Mammon (Money) as Top God and you might again be able to get the public servants (including teachers) the country needs.

The second problem is a local one. Two factors contribute to it. First, the high birth rate in Basildon and therefore the large school population. And secondly the queer 'ghost' status of

the New Town itself. This, I think, is the most disturbing thing of all.

There is a gradually-growing hard core of 'Old Timers' in Basildon — people who have been here ten or twelve years and have settled down and sunk their roots and made friends. These people are clearly going to spend the rest of their working life here.

TRANSIT CAMP

But the hard core is tiny. There is a much larger number of listless, floating people for whom Basildon will never be 'home'. It is a place to get a house in, they get their house, but, if they are in industry, they often go back to the higher-paid City jobs in no time — they live here work there.

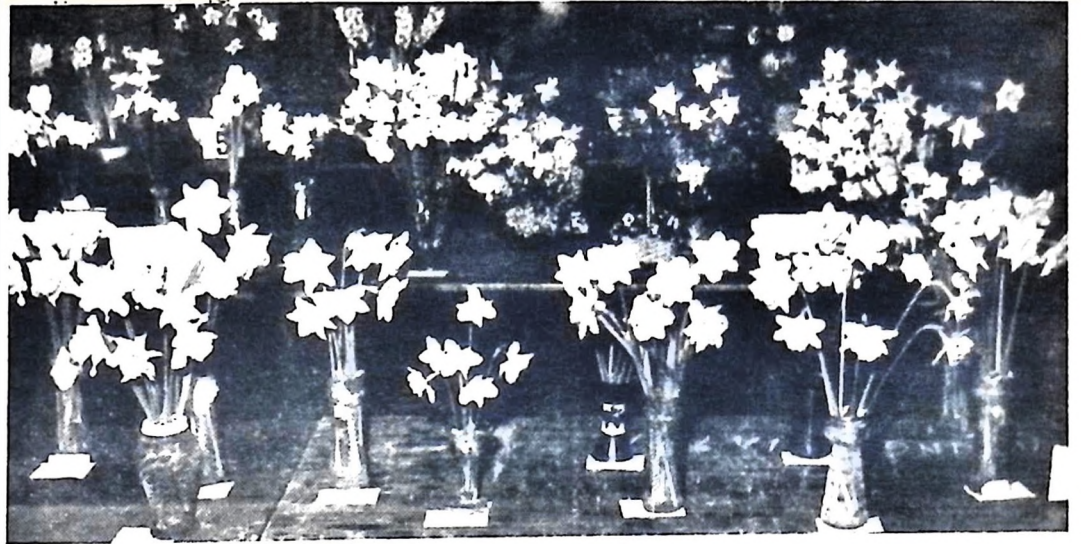
Or, alternatively (and this is true of many young teachers), they come here to start a home together and to save for the day when they can move away and buy their own house. They don't even come here with the faint possibility that they will stay. For them, Basildon is a temporary stopping place — a transit camp.

The result is that everybody suffers — the local community, because everybody knows that they will never be part of it, the Churches, who sometimes come to leave very heavily upon these folk before they disappear and the children.

What is the answer? I don't profess to know. But perhaps it would help if there were greater opportunities of promotion and of circulating from school to school than I understand exist in Basildon at present.

Perhaps it would also help if Corporation houses could still be bought as used to be possible. And it would certainly help if Basildon folk would thaw out a little and work to make a community where at present there is none.

Rev. Keith Wood



A touch of Spring

LAINDON Horticultural Society cocked a snoot at the cold wet weather last week and held the first of its monthly flower shows on Tuesday.

A large number of members attended the event which was preceded by a meeting held at the Memorial Hall. Mr. F. L. Berry of Hornchurch judged the exhibits of Spring flowers.

Results — Mr. V. Natush was awarded the highest number of points and also showed the best exhibit. Mr. Adams, Mr. Goldsmith, Mr. Manning and Mr. Dowling carried off the first places.

FIRST MEETING IN THE NEW TOWN

THE first meeting in the new town organised by the Billericay and District Association for the Advancement of State Education was fairly well attended.

Mrs. A. M. Garton, the Chairman, presided at the meeting held in Lee Chapel South Community Hall on Tuesday and introduced the

speakers, Mr. F. G. E. Manns the District Education Officer, Mr. E. E. H. Jones, Headmaster of Woodlands Secondary School, and Mr. H. Fry, Secretary of the Federation of Community Associations, who spoke as a parent.

Among the items discussed

were the cost of education, the size of classes and the shortage of teachers.

The Association is organised to obtain and disseminate information about all aspects of State Education and where necessary to take action to try to secure improvements.

WATCH THOSE DOGS

DOG owners in the district are to be urged to exercise greater control over their pets.

The appeal will be made by the Council and results from a number of complaints received from Council house tenants who called attention to the nuisance and annoyance caused by owners permitting dogs to run loose.

LOAN

THE 4th Basildon Company of the Boys Brigade is to receive equipment on loan estimated at £103 from the Basildon Education Committee.



Mrs. Garton introduced the platform, left to right, Mr. Fry, Mr. Manns and Mr. Haynes.

TAKE-OVER

BARRINGTONS, the tailors in East Walk Town centre, is one of 19 retail shops in Southern England which has been taken over by Courtleigh Tailors (London) Ltd.

The sum involved is approximately £150,000 and negotiations began some five months ago.

Behind the take-over were Harry and Leslie Greenfield, well known personalities in the men's tailoring trade,

who, about five years ago, were joined by Leslie Leventon to form Courtleigh Tailors.

Mr. Leventon said the group will retain its freedom to buy in any market and continue to give all accounts the same efficient service for which Courtleigh Tailors are renowned.

BABY DIES

Stephanie Louise, the 2lb baby born three months prematurely to Mrs. Lucas of Landemere, Ghylgrove, nearly a month ago, died in Rockford hospital on Thursday.



THE usual empty row of chairs in the front, but otherwise fairly well attended.

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On Saturday morning most of the losers will be at Swan Mead School to cheer on the teams that beat them.

Better luck next year girls!
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THERE was certainly plenty of good advice for the administration on how to put its house in order at the Women's Liberal Federation Conference last week in Keswick, Cumberland.

Right up to the last moment when Ann Sheldon Williams, well known in local Liberal circles brought the resolution on Stability of the Family, the Women Liberals were putting forward some of the best commonsense solutions to everyday problems that have come from any forum in a month of Sundays.

Anne's resolution read: "This Council of the Women's Liberal Federation, regarding the stability of family life as fundamental to the welfare of the country calls upon the appropriate authorities at local and national level to assume greater

allround responsibility for (1) Marriage Guidance Councils; (2) Family Service Units; (3) The Family Planning Association; this Council also presses for the establishment of Family Welfare Bureaux to co-ordinate Aid and Advice to families"

In her speech, Ann described the aims and functions of each of these organisations. Of the Marriage Guidance Council she said "About 12,000 marriages a year now have counsel. Compare this with the comparative divorce figures. In 1962, 33,818 divorce petitions were heard.

"In addition many thousands of couples separated. Strangely, few of these were legal - the figure is small, 215. It would seem that the prevailing attitude for countless couples with problems

is to solve them without enough thought in divorce courts, and it is this attitude as well as the social, economic and temperamental difficulties encountered by couples that social workers have to combat. The seeking out of a Marriage Counsellor is an encouraging sign."

Turning to the family service units she commented "to maintain one child for a week at public expense costs on an average £10. One child in institutional care for 15 years costs upwards of £6,000. The F S U claim that they can provide skilled help for at least six families with at least 30 children for this amount for the same period"

On the Family Planning Association's work and valuable research, she said, I

think that almost everyone now agrees on the principle of planned families. That is not to say that the accident is not often the best loved of children, or that some of the largest families are not the happiest.

"The point is that the family that plans its life together should be able to regulate as much as possible the number of its children to its circumstances and capabilities of good upbringing. What is the alternative? 60,000 prosecutions a year by the NSPCC? 100,000 illegal abortions (three-quarters of which are of married women who already have children)? Physical and mental breakdowns for women who have too many children and not enough money and perhaps no home?

"Children in care, children fostered, disturbed children - better say it - UNWANTED children?"

Passing to the desirability of setting up Family Welfare Bureaux, she envisaged them as being the co-ordinating body which act uniquely for the Family. "The aim is to prevent duplication and delay when parents often go from department to department finding sometimes actual contradictory policies and advice being given to them.

"It must be emphasised that the success of these Bureaux will depend largely upon the co-operation of all organisations concerned with the welfare of the Family and its Children. The Bureaux should be staffed by experienced social workers

"I am, may I say, not unaware of the desperate shortage of such people. It is, however, felt that the very duplication avoided and short cuts to solution will ease this shortage. Further Governmental aid and the recognition of the importance of Family Life to the future of this country will lead to larger and better training schemes. The sooner that it is realised that prevention is not only better, but cheaper than cure they will save their thousands, they will save them on their Borstals, their prisons and their Mental Homes."

This resolution, which was put forward by the Home Counties Union of the Women's Liberal Federation was debated by the Conference and passed, nem con

LONDON

NOTEBOOK



BY HOLBORN

"RIGHT, now you chaps with the muskets, go up the hill and you other chaps with the pikes go up that hill opposite. When I say 'Go' you charge each other and the last one back to Catterick Camp is a cissy."

Yes, this is Britain's modern army fighting it out on the bloody battlefields of England.

No secret conferences in hushed underground operations rooms with missiles, men and armaments being moved around the table and the world like pawns in a sinister game of chess.

No, British generals prefer the outdoor life to keep the chaps healthy.

So 32 officers of the Third Royal Tank Regiment stationed at Catterick Camp spent a lay in the rain on Marston Moor imagining the battle which took place there between the Parliamentarians and the Royalists on July 2nd, 1644.

NO NEED TO WORRY

And five officers just to get the feel of the thing donned armour and carried weapons of the time. "I say, Carruthers I think that helmet with the plume on it does things for you".

But it does say something for the army's ingenuity if these five men can impersonate the 42,000 who actually took part in the battle we have no need to worry about the poor recruiting figures.

MONUMENTS TO WASTE

Now London has its "shadow" cabinet—the new Greater London Council which will gradually take over government from the London County Council—a rebellious ratepayer might wonder what is going to happen about all those grandiose council offices put up at his expense since the war.

Many of the old boroughs have disappeared, swallowed up in greater units. So it looks as though one or two out of

three town halls will be rendered surplus.

They might be turned into flats, bingo halls, or prisons without bars, or just kept as an awful warning to the young on the dangers of extravagance.

But I've a sneaking feeling that a new Parkinson's law will take effect. Staff will expand to fill available accommodation. The old town halls will be overflows from the new central town halls—and may even have to take their place until suitably grandiose local government centres can be built.

I suspect that there's going to be a heavy demand for official office quarters anyway for the new bureaucracy if we get a Left Wing Government in Westminster.

With more public ownership, nationalisation or whatever they like to call it, and Government controls affecting every aspect of our lives—as George Brown told us they would—there are going to be an awful lot of new officials looking for places to rule us from.

THE END

Norman Dennis Sharver, of Bognor Regis, who promoted the sale of a new type of "handit proof" money bag with a built in smoke bomb told the Ipswich bankruptcy court that his business was ruined when one of the bags was snatched. Newspaper report.

DIVI UP AGAIN

THE Committee of Management of Grays Co-operative Society have recommended a dividend of 4d in the £ on members purchases for the past half year's trade.

This is the second half year in which the Society has raised the dividend by a penny and is twice what it was a year ago.

Total sales are down for the half year by £22,000. This drop in sales is accounted for by closure of branches as part of the Board's streamlining process by loss of tobacco sales as a result of the cancer scare and by a reduction in the sale of bag fuel from branches.

The corresponding period of the previous year included the hard winter of 1962-1963 when many thousands of bags of pre-packed fuel had been sold from grocery shops.



An Aims of Industry cartoon

MEMO

TO Everyone who runs a business

SUBJECT 1st August 1964

On this day, the Offices, Shops, etc. (1963) Act comes into force. Under it you will be obliged to observe certain standards of heating, lighting and ventilation on your premises. You will also have to provide running hot water if your premises are without it.

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your own family. This experience of bringing up children would be a great advantage. Working hours and holidays need not clash with your family responsibilities. If you cannot manage full-time teaching, regular part-time service will be very welcome.

In the last three years 15,000 women have returned to teaching. Many combine their careers with running a home. Why not give it a try?

Please get in touch with one of the following Education Officers who will tell you how and where your help will be most valuable. They will also advise you about the possibility of Refresher Courses.

**Divisional Education Officer,
Upminster Court, 133 Hall Lane, Upminster.**

**Borough Education Officer,
90 Eastern Road, Romford.**

WICKFORD Community Association held the first stage of its 1964 Carnival Queen Contest on Saturday last week.

Eight young ladies who live north of the Arterial road volunteered to take part and were brave enough to parade in front of a large audience and undergo the scrutiny of the panel of

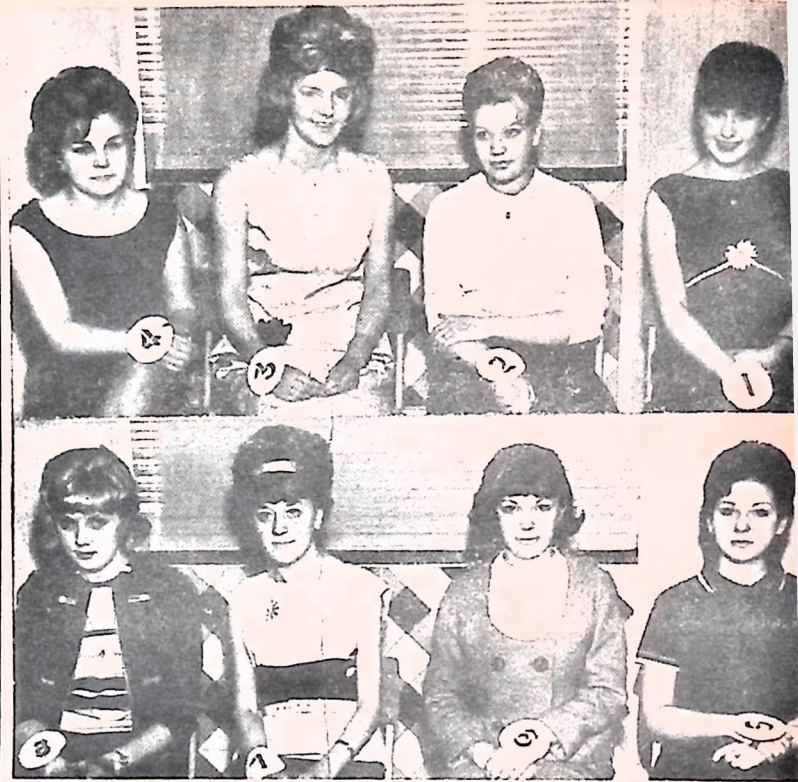
judges, headed by the Chairman of the Council, Cllr. Alfred Dove and his wife.

This part of the contest was judged on appearance and poise only and the object was to select three finalists one of whom will be selected Wickford Carnival Queen on a future occasion. "Newsphotos" could not help with the poise, but it

does bring you the likeness of the eight would-be queens and invites you to pick your three for the final.

8. Brenda Pritchard, Christine Umbleby 6. Jacqueline Wright, 5. Yvonne Vincent 4. Valerie Harris, Carol Stachcombe, 2. Maureen Harman 1. Eileen Symons.

Judges choice on page



BOY STOLE FROM METER

—GAVE CASH TO MEN

FOR receiving money stolen by a 16-year-old lad from a meter in his parents' home three young men appeared before Billericay court on Tuesday.

One of the defendants was William Grimsey, aged 21, of Culverdown, Ghyllgrove, a married man with a record of several previous convictions.

Grimsey pleaded guilty and after hearing an appeal

from his wife the magistrates decided to place him on probation for a period of two years and ordered him to repay the money.

The two others, William Cluck, of Manor Avenue, Pitsea, aged 18 and James Laey of Clay Hall Road also 18, also pleaded guilty.

Both were fined £20 and ordered to repay the money.

All three told the court in their defence that they received the money, £6 each, because they were unemployed at the time, but they also admitted they had given up previous jobs on their own account.

PLANS FOR GOLF COURSE

PLANS for the Basildon Golf Course at Kingswood were shown to the Council Development and Planning Committee at its last meeting and no objections were raised.

The plans include the 18 hole course on 153 acres with a possible 9 hole course on another 40 acres in the future, plus a club house and car park for 150 vehicles. All access will be from Sparrows Herne.

BIGGER AND BETTER LIGHTS

BIGGER and better Christmas illuminations are planned for the Town centre next Christmas.

Prompted by the success of last year's effort, Town centre traders who pioneered the first scheme, have endorsed the initiative of Mr. Jim Bews, (the one man sub-committee) for instigating preparations at this early stage.

Mr. Bews is negotiating for some of the set pieces that have attracted thousands to London's West End. His idea is to make some

purchases and build up a stock of these attractions to form the basis of Basildon's Christmas carnival of light.

Last year the effort shared between most of the Town centre traders cost in the region of £1,000.

Mr. Bews has set the target at £2,500 and the members of the Town centre Shop Committee of the Chamber of Trade who heard the professional plans at last week's meeting offered full support and are confident the scheme will receive even more support next Christmas.

INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCES AT THE COLLEGE

THE Department of Business Studies of Thurrock Technical College is running three conferences during the course of the next few weeks.

The first two conferences on April 28 and May 7, are intended for managers, and the last, on May 28, is intended for shop stewards and works council representatives.

A one-day conference for financial and line executives

SHAGGY DOG STORY

AN electrician working for Eastern Electricity was amused when he visited a house recently and found a note instructing him on the job to be done.

The final paragraph read: "Please make yourself a cup of tea and help yourself to biscuits and please give our dog one. Make sure he is safely locked in the kitchen when you leave please."

The dog duly received his biscuit

will be held on May 7 when the problems of cost reduction will be considered by Mr. F W Myerscough M. Eng., AMI Mech. E, Works Manager of Proctor and Gamble Ltd. and Mr. G. Taylor, FCWA, Divisional Accountant, Chemical Plant Division, British Oxygen Company.

This conference is the second one in this year's series on Productivity Accounting.

On the afternoon of May 28, local shop stewards and works council representatives will consider the place of the trade union in relation to economic growth.

Mr. Victor Feather, Assistant General Secretary of the Trades Union Congress and Mr. Richard Bailey B Sc (Econ) Business Consultant and Advisor to the National Economic Development Council will be the speakers on this occasion.

It is hoped that this conference will have the support of other employers and trade unions.

CARD FROM A QUEER BIRD!

THE queerest postcard ever received by Eastern Electricity recently came to their showroom.

It was addressed to the "Estimate department of the Service department" and on the other side was a drawing of an object which resembled a Chinese lantern suspended by a butchers' hook, resting on a bunch of bananas and trailing a slice of lemon.

More puzzling still was the small drawing of a daisy which was designated a "correct diagram". There were various arrows and an intimation that the "total weight" was one stone.

On the address side was this message:

"Suspend it from a joint in the ceiling that it shall never collapse, hence also on power lest it become alive by a short circuit.

Put in corner above piano, nobody can risk danger if it collapses".

The office translated the card as a request to wire up an old oil lamp for electricity, but they are open to hear other suggestions

EX-CO-OP MANAGER

DIES

FORMER Bakery manager of the Grays Co-op Mr. R J Bessant, of Chestnut avenue, Grays, died on Saturday, April 18

Mr. Bessant retired from his position as Bakery Manager in 1957 having served the society for 38 years.

He joined the bakery staff of the society after demobilisation from the First World War and was appointed Bakery Departmental Manager in 1938. During World War Two he had the

problem of serving the many thousands of society members with bakery products and at the same time fulfilling contracts from service units stationed in our area.

His biggest task was probably the planning for the change over of the arrangements for the new bakery built in 1952

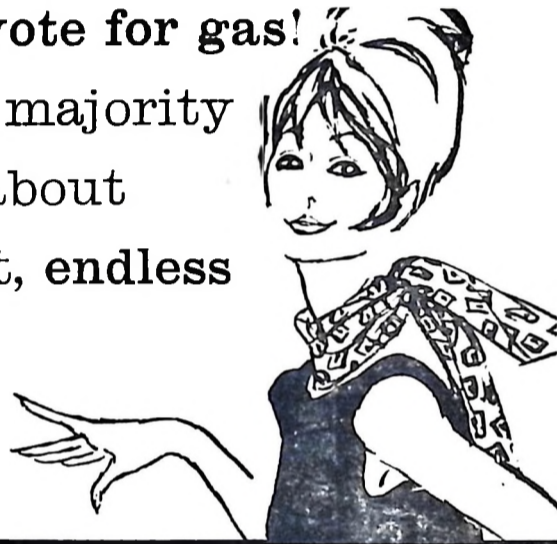
From an early age Mr. Bessant had been a trade unionist, and he was presented with a long service medal in 1962, by his union for

50 years service. He recalled the time when to belong to a union was to court unfavourable opinions from one's employer. He was well known in local trade bakery circles.

He is survived by his widow and two sons and a daughter.

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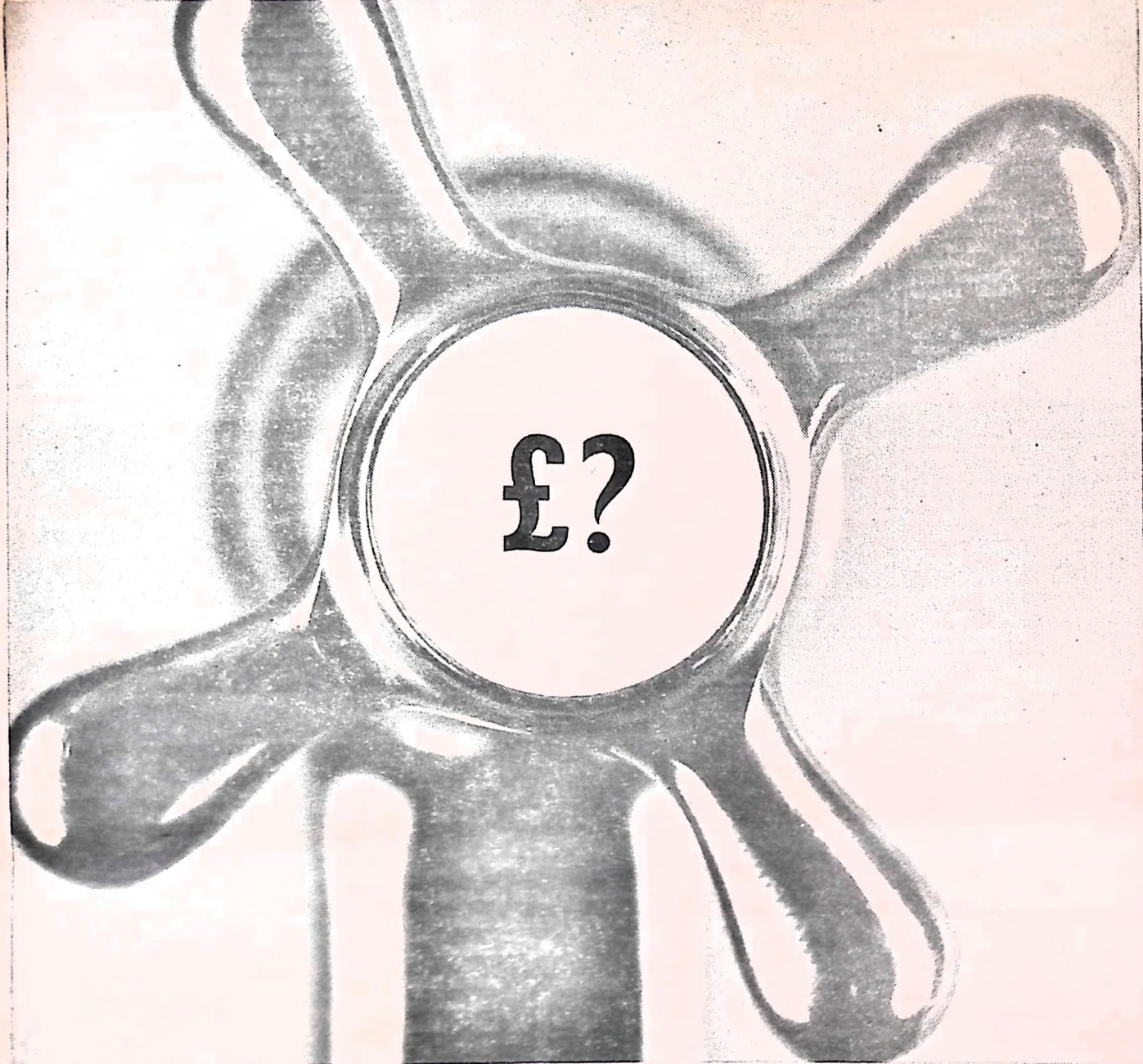
RECOGNIS

TWO Havering men have each completed 25 years' service with North Thames Gas. They have been given awards by their employers in recognition of this fact. They are Mr. John A. Everest, who lives at 146 Gorseway, and Mr. Leonard C. Harris, of 6 Hastings Road, Park. They were presented with their awards by Mr. Noel Milne-Watson, Chairman of North Thames Gas.



Fifty-eight years of Mr. Everest works on gasfitting staff at Ilford has worked at practical the offices on the Eastern Division. In spare time he is keen gardening and car maintenance.

HANDICAPPED Mr. Harris (59) is at Ilford - he is a tele office there. His father, too, was employed by Gas Board. Well known local Scouting circles. Harris is an Assistant Commissioner. He has particular responsibility for handicapped Scouts. He also undertakes the duties of Badge Secretary for his long service. Mr. Everest chose an engraved gold wrist watch. Mr. Harris a pair of cufflinks.



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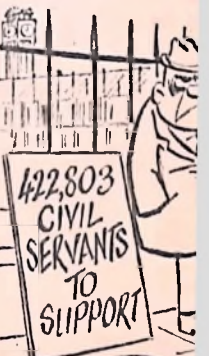
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UNIVERSITY COLLECTION STARTED ANONYMOUSLY



THE University of Essex has received its first gift of a collection of pictures.

A private collector has presented anonymously 22 pictures to the University as well as an interesting collection of manuscripts relating to the artist Gaudier-Brzeska. The 22 pictures include a number of works by three important artists, Christopher Wood, Gaudier-Brzeska and Alfred Wallis.

There are also two drawings by Poussette Dart and an interesting composition in blues and yellows by the Indian artist Avinash Chandra. Both Ben Nicholson and Winifred Nicholson are represented. Ben Nicholson by a yellow tinted drawing done in Majorca and Winifred Nicholson by a restful oil painting of Vera Moore playing the piano. There is also a fascinating picture by David Jones of Eric Gill's printing press.

... CURIOUS
Perhaps the most curious pictures in the collection are the five oil paintings by Alfred Wallis. Alfred Wallis was a fisherman at St Ives and it was not until he was approaching 70 when he developed an interest in painting.

For his canvases he used the cardboard of sugar cartons and his paints were mainly scrounged from workmates. As a result, his pictures are usually in greys, whites and dark brown. He had, of course, had no art school training and he simply painted things as he saw them with no sense of perspective but with tremendous vitality. On the left-hand side of one of the pictures the heuses by the quay are shown side ways on.

SENSITIVE

Christopher Wood also painted harbours and sea-scapes in Cornwall and Brittany, but his life as an artist was cut short when he was killed by a train at Salisbury station at the age of 29. In his sensitive romanticism he has often been compared with Keats.

One of the pictures in the collection shows a harbour scene with tree clad hills beyond, the repose of the hills and the characters in the foreground contrast pleasantly with the movement of the sea and the boats. One of the other Christopher Woods is striking and unusual — it represents a ballet design for one of Cocteau's revues.

GENIUS

Like Christopher Wood Gaudier-Brzeska never lived for his genius to mature for he was killed in action in the French army in 1915 at the age of 24. In the three or four years of his working life as a sculptor he produced a ray of sculpture and drawings which are quite unparalleled in our time.

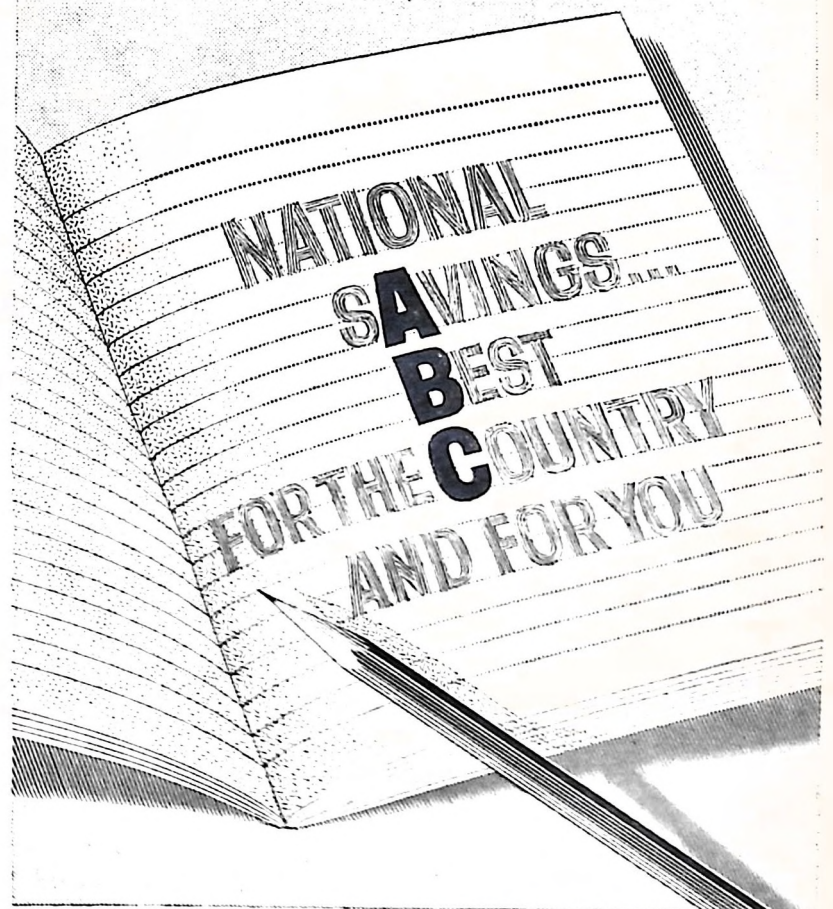
His forebears were said to have carved some of the figures on Chartres cathedral and most of his work is of the human figure, although he did a number of charming drawings of animals and birds. One of these, a study of birds in the Chinese manner, is the University's collection.

Also in the collection is this charcoal drawing of a man with his hands in his pockets, a composition which very clearly comes from the mind of a sculptor.

The pictures are temporarily housed at the Minorities Colchester where they will be shown from August 17 to October 3.

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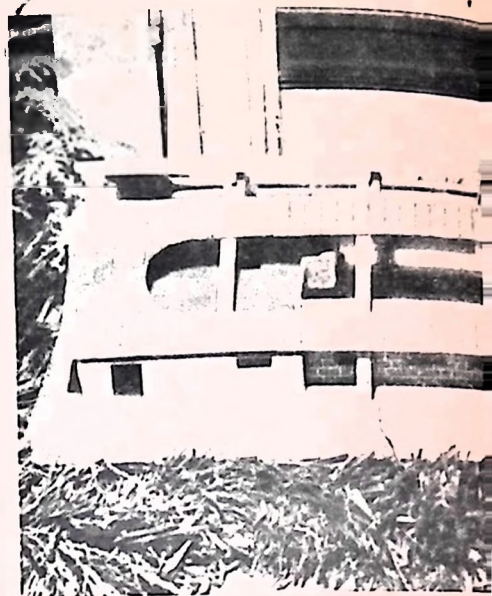
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Mr. Hedley Wall JP and grandson Andrew seen here opening the Scout Show at The Liberty School.

Essex Scouts show their arts



Proposed Scout Training Centre at Thriftwood

HEADMASTER SPOKE OF AGE OF UNCERTAINTY

THE Annual General meeting of the South Essex Marriage Guidance Council took place in the Council Chamber of the Corporation Urban District Council and was well attended.

The Guest Speaker was Mr. Hugh Lyon, MC, MA, who is Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Marriage Guidance Council and an eminent personality having been Headmaster of Rugby School from 1931-48, 5 years principal of the Edinburgh Academy and Director of the Public Schools Appointments Bureau 1950-61.

Reverend Richard Watson, Vicar of Hornchurch was pleased to introduce his next Headmaster.

He spoke of the "Age of Uncertainty" — of the years between the assurance of childhood and the maturity of adulthood.

He suggested ways in which the older generation could help young people to attain maturity and avoid the pitfalls which are lurking in unseen places to lure the youth of today to experience the more exotic pleasures of life without weighing the responsibilities. They must learn respect for themselves as well as for others and they must learn to love in its truest sense.

SPECIAL PLACE

He told his audience of an experiment in Education for Personal Relationships being undertaken by the Gloucestershire Education Committee and he hoped that other counties would also find ways of training people to help the young. Marriage Guidance was behind this venture and many others throughout the country, and had a very special place in this field of education.

The Chairman of the Hornchurch Urban District Council thanked Mr. Lyon for his informative talk and was in turn thanked for Chairing the meeting and offering hospitality to members present by Mr. J. J. P. Bouden, JP.

New appointments to the Offices for the ensuing year included David H Wilcoxon, Divisional Education Officer of South Essex as Vice-President, Mr. C. J. Rawlings, Solicitor, to Executive Committee and Mr. E. J. Peckers as Treasurer in place of Mr. F. Hedley Wall JP who has served the movement in this capacity since its inauguration. Marriage Guidance is grateful to him for his many years of unflinching service.



—and prove that be



Looking from the inside out — Young Cub seems to be enjoying themselves at the exhibition

A YOUNG Brentwood Physically Handicapped Scout determined to keep up with other boys of his age, has taken up various types of handicrafts associated with his Scout training.

On Saturday the Scout, Lynn Dobson, a member of the 1st Brentwood Troop submitted his hand-made stepladders in the Essex Scouts Arts and Crafts Exhibition.

and won the with flying colours. Hosts for this year exhibition were the Romford District who chose as venue the Royal L School, Gidea Park.

The opening ceremony was performed by Hedley Wall, the chairman of Romford Association, his son Andrew, who refused to leave his father's side.

FOURPE WON'T

THE Tory mountain went into Labour and it produced a miserable many mouse of a Budget.

No wonder a Tory Prime Minister, Disraeli could write: "It is a barren thing this Conservatism, the mule of politics which engenders nothing."

And Labour's counter-proposals, as put forward by their shadow Chancellor, Mr. Callaghan were equally sterile.

Does this worry you? It ought to. Just consider the position.

A great deal needs to be done to bring Britain up to date. Much needs to be done to improve the infrastructure of the economy, to use economic jargon. There are a whole lot of things to be done to strengthen the competitive ability of industry and to create an economy conducive to growth. And so one could continue.

Party feelings left neither the Tories nor Socialists have to muddle a clue as to how to do the job. Certainly pence on fags and a pint — the main sales in the Budget — do the trick.

If the Tories or are to be called upon to form the next Government and they are as bankrupt as they appear to be, the outlook for country is bleak indeed.

IDEAS FOR THE CHANCELLOR

Speaking on TV the evening, the Chancellor that if anyone has ideas for tax payers he would be delighted to accept them. Good. But what a notion of his own. Let me remind Mr. Callaghan that a Liberal Committee presided over by Professor Wheatcroft of the foremost tax

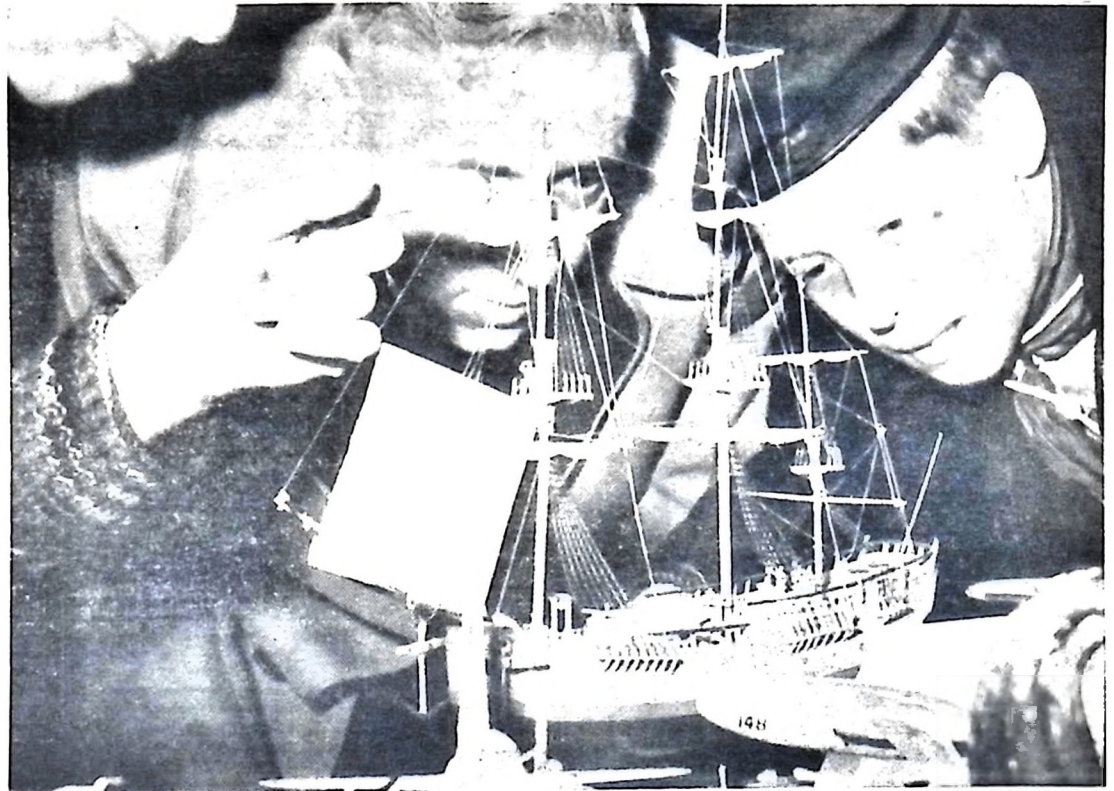
LABOUR PROPOSE CHAIRMAN

THE Labour Group has decided to recommend to the first meeting of the new Greater London Council that it should elect Mr. Harold Shearman as Chairman and Mrs. Muriel Forbes as Vice Chairman.

Mr. Shearman was elected to the G.L.C. or Lewisham and was Chairman of the London County Council in 1961-2. He has been a member of the L.C.C. since 1946 and Chairman of its

Education Committee from 1955 to 61. He was a member of the Robbins Committee on Higher Education.

Mrs. Forbes was elected to the G.L.C. for Brent and has been a member of Middlesex County Council since 1934. She was Chairman of the Middlesex County Council in 1960-61, and has also served as Chairman of its Education Committee. She is a retired teacher.



Having a close look at the exhibits, Mr. Sorrell and Graham and Steven Bevis.

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competing in this annual... were Cubs, Scouts... Semiors from 25 dis... throughout Essex who... mitted a total of 1,300... ries.

res in which Scouts showed... their skill and imagination... by using their hands and... brains.

The exhibition, open for... an hour and a half during... the afternoon, brought 500... visitors to the Gidea Park... School to inspect various... entries by relatives and... friends.

Final results proved that... the Romford district had... found time not only to or...

because this extensive event... but also to exhibit some ex... cellent entries.

They were winners of the... Scout and Senior section but... the Cubs section was won... by the Epping and Ongar... district.

The prizes were given by... Maurice Crutchshank, the... County Commissioner.

There were no successes... by groups from the SE... Essex area, Basildon H... igh and onwarls.

500 VISITORS
Scouts and Cubs alike... proved to be not only excel... lent at wood and metal... work but at the home arts... such as cookery, needlework... and other hand crafts.
There were 55 main clas...



The Beatles were there of course. This little group was made by Cubs of the 5th Shoeburyness group

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CEASE ON FAGS

DO IT!

to date the county would... be in real trouble. He isn't... big enough for the job. Even... George Brown would be... preferable. And that's say... ing something.

Lyndon Jones

its in the country. has put... forward some very construc... tive proposals for tax re... form. Even the tax special... lists in the other parties have... acknowledged the quality... of these proposals. Now... what about implementing... them?

If our political opponents... such Liberal policies, it... does not worry me one whit... I am all in favour of any... government implementing... the best policies, regardless... of their source. We want... the country run well, no... matter which party is in... office.

BY THE WAY

Why is the Government... budgeting for a 9 per cent... increase in defence spend... ing when other major coun... tries such as USA and... USSR are reducing their... defence bills?

If Labour won the next... election and Mr Callaghan... became Chancellor, ... to... judge from his performance

MR MAUDLING'S Bud... get is honest finance... It squarely faces the fact... that the new roads, schools... hospitals and universities... that we are getting cost a... lot of money, and that the... money must be found by... the taxpayer.

The Conservative Party... has never tried to hide that... simple fact or to kid the... voters into thinking that... there is some magic way of... getting benefits without... paying the bill. Be in... creasing taxes by £100m... a few months before an... election the Chancellor is... treating the electors as in... telligent adults. As such

they will respect him.

Mr Maudling's budget is... sensible as well as honest... It is sensible in the... methods by which it raises... the extra revenue needed... There are two broad ways... in which you can bring in... more revenue. You can... tax what people earn and... you can tax what people... spend.

INCENTIVES REMAIN
Wisely the Chancellor is... not adding to the taxes paid... on earnings. In that he is... following the precedents of... every Conservative Budget... since 1952.

Most of them have cut... taxes on income, and not a

single one has increased... them. All the incentives... to the individual to earn... more all the incentives to... industry to keep up-to-date... and efficient, remain intact.

The extra money needed... is being raised by taxing... what people spend.

That is sensible. The... Chancellor has also been... fair in his choice of what... sort of expenditure to tax... He could, of course, have... spread the net wider to... cover more items. But in... practice would have... meant an extra tax on pet... rol or an increase in pur... chase tax.

To have increased the

patrol duty would have hit... a number of trades and... industries as well as the... private motorist. It would... have hindered the nation... by raising its economic costs... To have raised purchase... tax would have been to... reverse the process previous... Conservative Budgets have... carried on of both simplif... ying and lowering that com... plex tax, and it would have... hit some goods that are... not luxuries.

Clearly to put the burden... on drinks and tobacco was... the fairest course. Nobody... has to drink or smoke, and... if the extra tax on cigarette... reinforces medical warnings

about the health dangers in... smoking them nobody... ought to complain on that... score.

STAYING PROSPEROUS

Finding the money to pay... for the public services is... not the only job the Chan... cellor has to do in the Bud... get. On him rests a heavy... responsibility for seeing that... the country stays prosperous.

Thanks to sound Conserv... ative policies Britain is... going ahead fast. It is the... policy of the Government to... see that it continues to do... so.

Tangent

HONEST, SENSIBLE, FAIR

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE TO BUDGET

A Basic Wardrobe

For the many of us who have to budget and to think first of finding money for the children's clothes, summer's wardrobe will have to be carefully chosen. To fit yourself out with clothes which will form a good basis, here are some ideas.

You will need an outfit for smarter occasions and for this a practical buy is a washable linen dress and matching coat. The dress can be worn without the coat or the coat teamed up with a matching skirt and suitable top. You will want at least one crease-resistant dress for everyday use, comfortable to wear and easy to wash and iron. Linen or denim skirts and the ever-popular separates are also good buys.

A must for our weather, even in summer, is a knitted dress, which can also be worn all the year round, and a shift is ideal for this purpose. Teamed up with a knitted blazer it can also serve as an all-purpose outfit.

With these few basics you will have a reasonable and economical wardrobe for the summer, which will stand you in good stead for some time to come.

Say Something!

Although we cannot all be brilliant conversationalists, it is never too late to become a good conversationalist. The first golden rule is to listen and you will find that, even without saying much, people will value your company. Then start tactfully trying to draw people out. The best way to do this is to get them to talk about themselves (always a fascinating topic!)—their work and interests.

If you don't know something, don't be afraid to ask since that is the only way to learn. Nobody will think any the worse of you for not knowing and, indeed, people appreciate being asked questions.

The most important thing to remember is that it is quality not quantity that matters so don't force yourself to speak when you have nothing to say. And do give other people a chance to express their views as well.

Spring is Here

Golden daffodils, bluebells, the lovely pink and white blossoms and the gorgeous colours of rhododendrons and azaleas. But these lovely harbingers of Spring bring with them an ominous note—the seasonal spring-cleaning! If you are out to work during the day spring-cleaning will have to be done at week-ends and spread over several weeks. Or if you have a young family spring-cleaning will also take some time.

However you go about it, now is the time to start on the advance jobs. Turn out cupboards, drawers and bookshelves, sorting papers and dusting books with the crevice tool of the vacuum cleaner or a soft nylon brush. Wipe out the insides of polished wood cupboards with vinegar water (one tablespoonful to a pint of warm water) and then wash with mild detergent suds, rub dry, polish with silicone grease. Re-line drawers.

Start early on the small jobs and then there will not be so much to do later on.



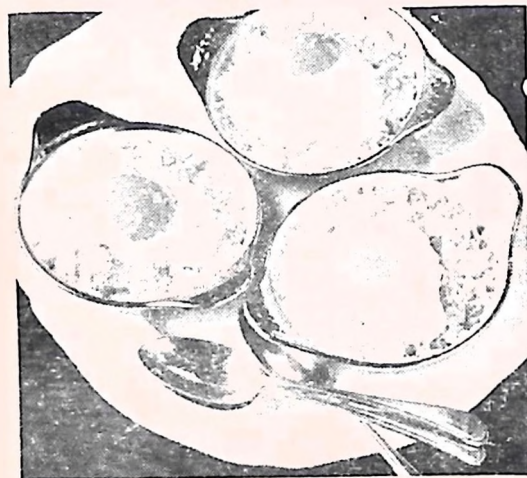
How Gay is your Garden?

We can't all be expert gardeners, but even when the garden is in full bloom it is nice to have an extra touch of colour. This you can achieve by brightening up sheds, fences and garden furniture with a splash of special paint. Just the thing for the job is a new, revolutionary product both cheap and easy to apply. Cuprinol Timber-gay actually brings out the grain of the wood instead of hiding it as orthodox finishes would, and the final result is really most pleasing. It is not a paint but protects and decorates at the same time.

The do-it-yourself housewife will find this product a special boon. There is no laborious preparation and you only have to give the timber a quick brush down before applying straight from the tin. A second coat applied before the first is dry gives a deeper tone. And, when the time comes for redecoration, all you have to do is to add another coat.

You can get Timbergay in nine exciting shades, but those who have their own ideas about colour can mix any of the shades or blend them with white to give a pastel effect. Although mainly for use out of doors, it is equally successful when used inside the house. Since a quart size tin costs only 12/- you can be sure of getting value for money.

Timbergay is on sale at all leading ironmongers and hardware stores, but in case of difficulty just contact the Cuprinol Preservation Centre, Terminal House, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1.



Cheese and eggs are excellent standbys for mouth-watering dishes to make at a moment's notice.

Nest-eggs

- 1 lb. potatoes
- 1 clove of garlic (optional)
- 1/2 pint single cream
- 4 eggs
- 2 oz. grated Cheddar cheese
- salt and pepper

Parboiled peeled potatoes for 15 minutes. Drain, cool and slice thinly. Rub 4 small buttered fireproof dishes with cut clove of garlic and arrange layers of sliced potatoes in them, sprinkling each layer with salt and pepper. Add 2 tablesp. of cream and place in a moderately hot oven (375 F. Gas No. 5) for approx. 20 minutes until potatoes are soft. Poach eggs lightly, drain and slide carefully on top of potatoes. Sprinkle liberally with the grated cheese and brown lightly under the grill. Serve immediately.

SHOULD SCHOOL CHILDREN WORK?

THE PART TIME JOB PUZZLE

SHOULD schoolchildren take on part time jobs? This question was posed recently after a Northampton headmistress had asked parents to discourage their children from doing so.

The problem is a real one for many parents. As any psychologist can tell you, normal children start to take an intense interest in money round about their early teens. They covet it, love to save it and to spend it on things they want. It is a status symbol for them, signifying that they are growing up.

But hard pressed parents are probably unable to give them all the pocket money they yearn for. Nor do they think it wise less the children think money is easy to come by. They fear they may become "spoilt".

The alternative, very often, is for children to earn it. They do paper rounds,

help out at housework, do anything to earn a few shillings a week and get that wonderful feeling of independence.

In America it is a recognised thing. There, high school girls do nearly all the baby sitting and afternoon pram pushing to help harassed mothers — and a very profitable business it is, too.

In this country, too, "paying your way" extends right up the ladder to students working their way through external university degrees.

NEED FOR MODERATION

In London there are many families who swear by their treasured "houseboys" — all of them intelligent young actors or students earning a few pounds a week to keep them going.

One housewife I know had a serious young student of child psychology looking after her children for a few

hours a week while she was out — and was delighted with the result.

Apparently, his theories worked, and bedtime came and went with never a murmur.

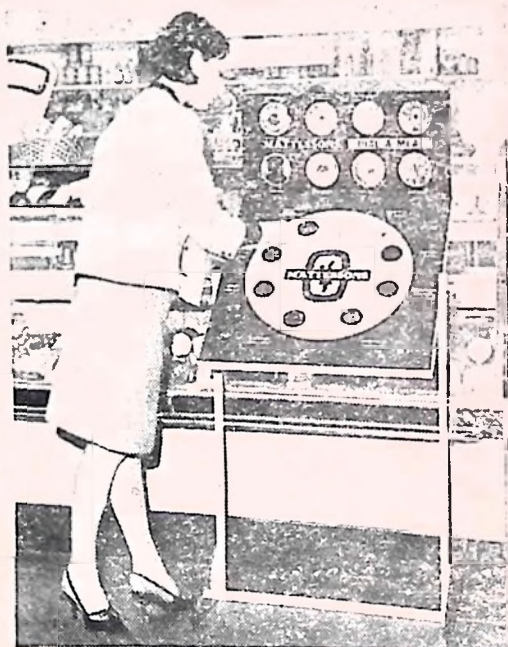
Can one possibly find anything wrong with the wish of young people to earn their way in the world?

The Northampton headmistress stressed that she was all for girls working to get abroad on educational visits or older girls taking jobs so that they were not too financially dependent on children take on jobs that make it a 12-hour day for them, it is quite ridiculous — no grown-up would put up with it", she said.

Moderation in all things is obviously the answer. Clearly, some of these young free enterprisers are in need of a little restraint — for their own sakes.

JOAN BEST

MODERN WOMEN



Dial-a-Meal

Seen in London recently, a do-it-yourself meal planner to make light work of those tongue-twisting Continental meats. So that housewives will know whether Lachschen goes better with Blutwurst or Suszosa, Mattessons, the leading British suppliers of Continental meat products, have dreamed up this Dial-a-Meal Service. Light recipes are offered, named after telephone exchanges of course, and the housewife simply dials one she fancies, reads what the ingredients are, and the cost, which will be between 1/3 and 2/- per head.

If she dials HAMpstead, she gets cold salad of orange, cucumber and endive, served with Ham Sausage, Garlic Sausage, Strasbourg Liver Sausage and Blutwurst. She can then buy exactly the right number of slices of each meat, and will know in advance (before the meats have been irrevocably sliced up) exactly how much it will all cost. This is the first time a scheme for buying Continental meats by the slice has been available to the housewife in this country.

The Dial-a-Meal Service will be in the shops and supermarkets this summer, it will mean that the thousands of people who have picked up a taste for Continental meats on their annual holiday abroad will no longer feel they have to wait until next year to sample them again. Indeed some of the meats featured in the Dial-a-Meal are now made in Britain from the best ingredients available in the world, and will make an exciting change for summer suppers or picnics.

New French Liqueurs

The House of Contreau, famous for over 100 years for their crystal-clear refreshing liqueur, are bringing a new range of liqueurs into Britain—Regnier Raspberry, Cherry, Apricot and Creme de Menthe, in beautifully designed bottles. Shops up and down the country are planning special fashion shows with dresses from Dorville in the same colour as the liqueurs, for next Autumn Harper's Bazaar is host to the introduction. Monarch collectors should start asking for Regnier liqueurs in September—cost 3/6 and 5/-. Your wine merchant will be able to obtain them from Davis, Hammond & Barton, 5 Pall Mall East, London, S.W.1. A drink fast gaining popularity is Contreau with ice, served in a larger glass than usual. Highly recommended for a party is vanilla ice-cream in your best glasses, with Contreau poured on top.

Clothes Sense

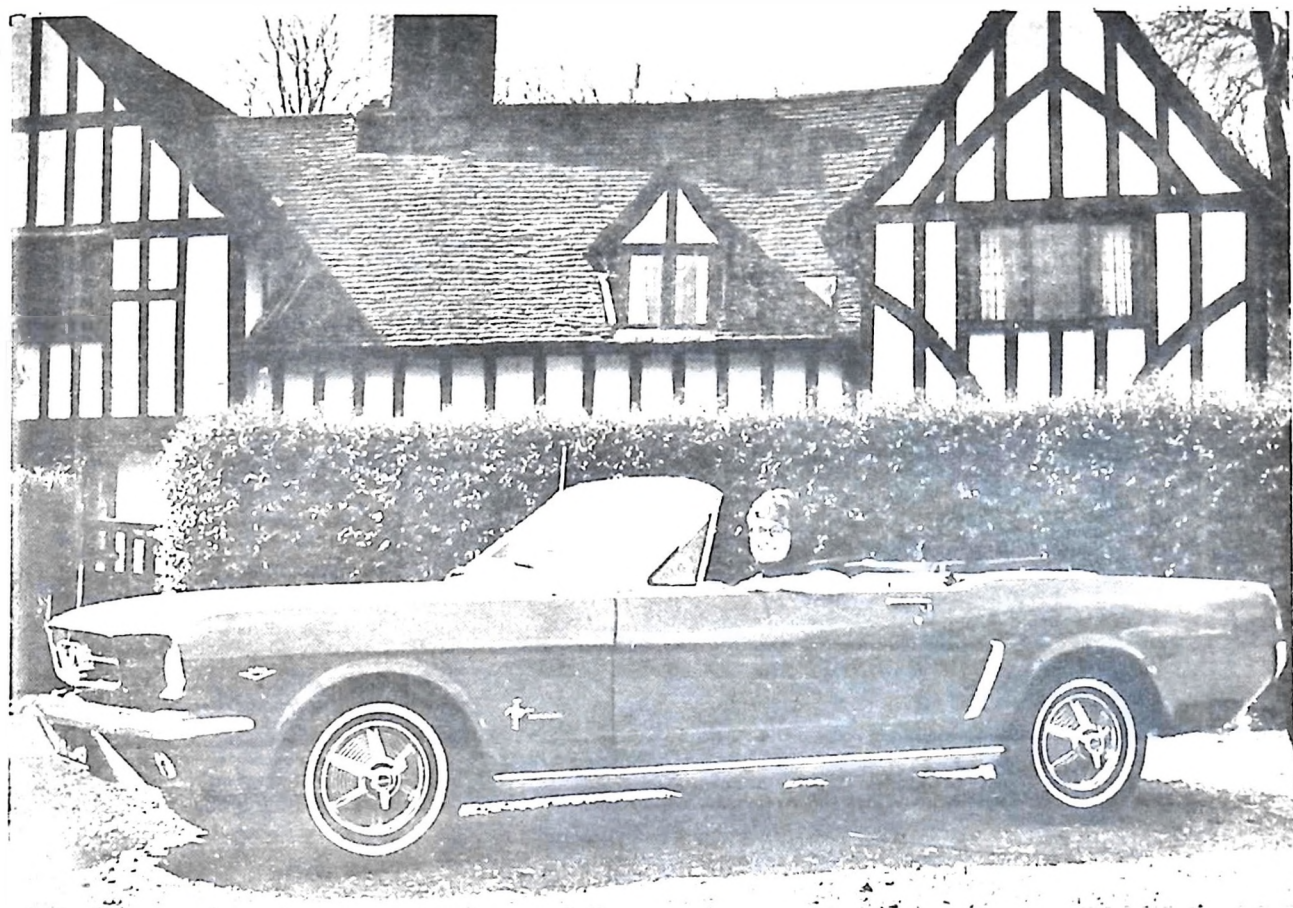
Are your winter clothes ready for spring? Are you ready to get rid of them safely until you need them again in the autumn? Are you in a hurry to get rid of your winter clothes (even and soot to meet the spring and early summer heat of day)? Dirt not only dulls the colours but disguises stains which may attract moths during the warmer summer weather and can cause the fabric to rot if allowed to remain. Perspiration, which contains acids, causes untold damage even to new fabrics when it is not removed without delay.

So before putting away your winter clothes for the summer see that they are perfectly clean and free from all stains. Take them to a local cleaner who is a member of the National Federation of Dyers and Cleaners for cleaning, spotting, retexturing if necessary, and pressing. This is the only way to protect your clothes against deterioration and the best way of preventing moth damage.

When in Doubt

Want to know how to fill your garden with butterflies? This was one of the 21,000 queries that The Good Housekeeping Institute dealt with last year on every possible home management subject. If you want to take the brains of the Institute, the address is, Chestergate House, London, S.W.1. Telephone number VICTORIA 2331.

FORD INTRODUCES



THE MUSTANG

THE Mustang—a brand new Ford with a distinctive sporty flavour—was unveiled at the New York World's Fair this month.

A spacious four-seater, the Mustang is an elegant car with a clean low look—it is only 4ft. 3 ins high—and

it is available either as a hard-top or a convertible. The wheelbase is 108 inches and the length a little over fifteen feet.

The standard power train consists of the 170 cubic in (2786 cc), six-cylinder engine with three-speed manu-

al transmission. This 101 horsepower engine offers the buyer low initial cost, maximum operating economy and good performance.

But the Mustang is, in fact, three different cars.

In this new thoroughbred Ford has created three different personalities to make it truly unlike any other production car to come off an American assembly line.

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THE PERFORMANCE

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PRICE NOTE

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Although no U.K. price

is yet available, it is expected that the six cylinder hardtop will cost around 2,300 dollars in the United States and the six cylinder convertible, 2,600 dollars, both prices including Federal tax, delivery charges, etc.

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FOR THE RECORD

—A WEEKLY 'NEWS-LOOK' AT THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL WORLD OF POPULAR ENTERTAINMENT

JOCKEY'S CHOICE

Your DJ's choice
by John Cooper

Locarno Ballroom

THIS week the American charts show 19 British hits up in the money-making hat — fourteen of these are by the Beatles.

No. 1. "Can't Buy Me Love" is said to be the fastest selling disc ever put on the Stateside record market. And a pointer that Americans will buy anything with a Beatle stamped on it is "Twist and Shout" at No. 2.

Only two years ago in the fabulous ISLEY BROTHERS sold over a million discs with the same title. Ex No. 1 spot and still at No. 4 is "She Loves You" and at No. 7 "I Want to Hold Your Hand".

"Glad All Over" by our own Dave Clark Five, is still selling fast and is now at No. 7.

Further down at the moment, but coming up fast is my tip to topple the Beatles from their USA perch is Dave the Rave's "Bits and Pieces", this week it's at No. 11.

Back again to the chart, and at No. 9, it's the Beatles again with "Please, Please Me" and then at No. 13 the Searchers are in with "Needles and Pins" a familiar number to American ears who still remember Jackie De Shannon bidding with it last year.

More you-know-who at No. 14 with "Do You Want To Know a Secret" Remember Billy J. Kramer doing this?

The Swingin' Blue Jeans hold the No. 24 position with "Hippy Hippy Shake". Danny Williams latest, not in our charts, gets in at No. 27 with a catchy number "White on White".

"I Saw Her Standing There" from a Beatles LP fills the No. 39 place and at No. 40 the Carefrees cash in with "We Love You Beatles".

Clever piece of opportunism this — the number was written as "We Love You Conrad" and came from the musical show "Five By Five Birdie". I wonder if Conrad minds!

At 41 the DC5 "Glad All Over" LP which was only released two weeks ago.

For the remainder of the Hot 100 the pattern is Beatles at 48, 50, 53, 61, 74 and at 81 where their famous first and still my favourite "Love Me Do" completes the fantastic success story.

Bobbing to get in this latest chart in the record world are The Bay City Rollers with "Diana" the Hollies with "Just One Look" and Billie Jean "The Children".

Amazing fact is that this time last year there was only one British disc in the USA chart — good old Rolfe Hart and "Sun, Arise" — and Rolfe is an Australian.

CHRISTINE WITH THE PASSING STARS



OUR CHRISTINE WITH HER LATEST SHINING STAR



FREDDIE WITHOUT THE DREAMERS



EDEN KANE HE HAS 64 OTHER SHIRTS

REMEMBER our Christine? the girl who interviewed the Beatles for the news when they visited Southend. She was out again with her notebook when the Adam Faith show was at the Queen, Southend.

As well as having a long chat with Adam, Christine found Freddie Garrity very friendly and lots of fun. She also said hello to the Dreamers and had a Coke with Eden Kane.

Eden, says Christine, is rated as one of the best dressed stars in the Popworld. He has a wardrobe of 63 shirts and in the suit line prefers black made of pure silk or mohair.

THAT QUESTION

The question everyone wanted the answer to—you know, the one about Eden and Dusty Springfield—well Christine was so busy sorting out her stars she forgot to ask.

After putting on a wonderful stage performance Adam Faith relaxed in his dressing room and licked an ice cream as he talked to Christine.

He told her of the Jaguar Mark 10 he owns, but said he has never done a 'ton' in it yet Adam also has an MG sports.

They chatted about the strain of keeping up the pace of one-night stands and all the other commitments of a pop star. Adam also gave his opinion on what he regards as the most important thing to a pop star "To have a record in the hit parade".

Adam Faith wished "For the Record" page good luck and autographed a photograph to pass on to one of our readers.

Your views and suggestions will be welcomed — write FOR THE RECORD, 209, Whitmore Way, Basildon or telephone — LEN ROPER — at BASILDON 20660

Also wanted, information and dates of local Beat groups and other popular entertainers.

Photo' for you

ADAM FAITH has given us a wonderful 10 x 8 inch photograph of himself, especially autographed for a FOR THE RECORD reader.

If you would like it write and say why you think Adam has stayed at the top so long. No more than 100 words please.

Address your entry to: Len Roper,

A.F. Contest, 209 Whitmore Way, Fryerns, Basildon

Next week you have a chance to get an autographed Rolling Stone photograph. More about it next week.

BITS AND PIECES

THIS week the column brings you the story of what exactly did happen at the cocktail party held in the British Embassy in honour of the Beatles' visit to America.

Things were going well and smooth, and although tired the boys were still smiling and signing autographs, until a VIP character thrust an autograph book at John Lennon with the words: "Sign this for my daughter—although I can't think why she thinks anything of you—she must be silly."

That was enough for John he downed tools, turned his back and headed for the bar where he was heard to say "I prefer screaming fans to these people—they have no bloody manners."

A young Embassy official went over to John to pacify him and was told by the upset Beatle: "I like the Ambassador, we talk the same language but some of his friends . . ."

RINGO RESCUE

Things were made worse when someone said: "Come on and do your stuff." The "stuff" was to draw the charity raffle, but unfortunately the tone of the request to John sounded more like a command and more displeasure was felt. Conflicting views were expressed until John said: "I'm getting out of here."

It was Ringo who came to the rescue and persuaded John to help him 'get it over with' and the crisis passed.

Our American informer tells us that Ringo holds a special place in American hearts because he reminds them of Harpo Marx.

After his peace-making success at the Embassy he could also get a job with the United Nations Association.

KEEP UP

This column has received an invitation to attend the London reception for Chuck Berry and also another offer to visit "Ready Steady Go" programme. So keep in touch and tell your friends too—if you want to keep up with the world of pop.

YOUTH HAS FOUND NEW FRIENDS

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Edwin Hobbs now living at Kilm Farm, Pitsea, admitted at Billericay court to charges of breaking into the Gilbarco factory canteen on the No 2 Industrial estate and stealing £15 11 6d from automatic machines and taking a radio valued at £12 12s.

JUKE BOX
Hobbs also admitted breaking into the Mayflower cafe, Nevendon, on two occasions.

Answering the charge before the court, Hobbs admitted stealing 30s from the juke box on this occasion, but although he admitted and asked for a similar break-in to be taken into consideration he strenuously denied that he took the amount of £7 mentioned in the charge.

An admission that he stole £1. 2s. 6d. was accepted by the prosecution.

Speaking on behalf of Hobbs, Mr Brian Gammon

said the youth lost both his parents at an early age and had not enjoyed an ideal upbringing. He was now happy to repay £29 13s 6d. at living with newly found

friends and showed a great interest in farming.

He was placed on probation for two years and ordered the rate of £1 per week.



WERE YOU RIGHT?

THE 1964 Wickford Carnival Queen will be chosen from — No. 3 Carol Stinchcombe, age 20, No. 4 Valerie Harris, age 18, and No. 6 Jacqueline Wright, age 17.

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And what a ball it was. Because one of the groups booked was none other than the famous 'Searchers' and the bill for the four Liverpool lads alone was a cool £350.

Tom Willett, the committee treasurer did not have a line of worry on his 20-year-old face as he said — 'We sold out months ago, and at 12/6d a ticket that means a nice profit'

There must have been a risk of a financial upset, said the 'News'

QUITE CONFIDENT
"We did have a guarantee against loss" replied the treasurer, although we were quite confident because we tested the reaction of local teenagers last year when we booked the Dave Clark Five for a private dance and that too was a sell out"

NO INCIDENTS
Hundreds of teenagers queued for early admission and waited in the town centre hoping to see the 'Searchers' as they arrived. But owing to a transport breakdown, most of the fans were inside the 'Locarno' when the group turned up and the extra police on duty had no difficulty in getting the pop stars inside

A barrier of hefty attendants wedged between the 'Searchers' and their fans was an adequate precaution during the two half-hour occasions when they were on stage and there were no incidents'

As part of their organisation members of the Apprentices Committee gave themselves passes to get backstage with their girl friends and were able to meet the 'Searchers' as well as 'Peter Night and the Nightriders' plus the Denny Holland Band. Quite a crowd but quite a night.

Chris Curtis drummer and leader of the 'Searchers' said, "We really enjoyed ourselves. It's a nice change from being on tour with the show



WHEN pop stars eat everyone is interested. Searcher guitarist John McNally and Mike Pender tackle sandwiches while Brian J B Oakes (left) and Vic Isaacs, two of the Apprentices Committee, try to keep fans at a reasonable distance



A barrier of hefty attendants, protecting the pop stars.



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ing, Barstable and is a copy-typist. If she wins the national final she will become Britain's "Get Up and Go Girl" and will visit New York as part of her prize.



CONSUMER GROUP MADE A PROFIT

OVER £5 profit was made by the Basildon and

House progress

This quarter 292 dwellings have been completed by the Basildon Development Corporation bringing the total to 12,043 since the new town began. A further 1703 are under construction.

District Consumer Group resulting from the sale of its first Buyers Broadsheet. This was reported when the group held its first Annual General meeting on Friday week.

Reports given by the officers indicated a very successful start to the local consumer group activities. Its aims to assist the enlightenment of consumers and to identify and promote

their interests.

Since the group has been formed investigations have been carried out and reports published.

A resolution carried at the A.C.M. welcomed the formation of a Joint Committee made up of equal numbers of members of the Consumer Group and the Basildon Chamber of Trade and Industry.

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NEWTOWN WOMAN FINED £250

NEWTOWN married woman Mrs. May Brennan of Grimstone-road Fryersn, was fined a total of £247 5s. at Billericay Court on Tuesday. Mrs. Brennan pleaded guilty to 23 summonses of

not having "B" licences for two vehicles engaged in carrying excavations from road building sites to the tip. Miss S. Norwood, prosecuting, said the summonses were only "a sample" and that loads were transported by the lorries at 2/9 per yard during June and July. Mrs. Brennan was said to have run the business as a side-line for her husband who worked as a catering manager.

Neither of the lorries had ever held a "B" licence and it was pleaded that the defendant was "unaware of the regulations". Chairman Mr J. Baucher said this defence was "very difficult to believe bearing in mind the experience of the other members of Mrs. Brennan's family". She was ordered to pay the fine and costs at a rate of £5 per week.

Two other defendants were charged with similar offences that took place on newtown contracts. Mr. George Hayes of London-road, Fobbing, was fined a total of £212 12s. in respect of two vehicles.

Mr. Hayes said he would have to pay the fine out of his old age pension. The magistrate ordered him to pay at £5 a week or go to prison for three months.

Maryon Transport Ltd. of Romford failed to licence six vehicles and failed to comply with the licence conditions in respect of another vehicle. The firm was fined a total of £1,092 and ordered to pay off at £100 a month.

WHO'S FIDDLING ?



PHOTOGRAPH KAREN AND WIN A PRIZE

Amateur photography is not only snapshots of the missus paddling at South end, the bath-room sink

bugged up, and printing and developing time. Sometimes it means an

opportunity to show off skills photographing models like Karen Burch. And at the same time given a

chance to win some equipment. Read about it on page 3



—DAVID HAMBER

PETITION FOR 'THE EMBERS'

A petition intended to persuade the Manager of the Locarno, Mr. Roy Winkfield to invite a local group, David and the Embers, is being organised by Sylvia Scott and her husband Michael.

Twenty three-year-old Sylvia who lives in Brooke House, is a regular patron

at the town centre ballroom and feels that the Embers to take the place of the Dave Clark Five

Four of the group were former members of the now disbanded Espresso Five the Basildon boys who packed the Locarno before the Dave Clark era.

RIGHT: Sylvia (and others) want David and the Embers



GRAYS CO-OP PRESIDENT TOPPLED

FORMER President of the Grays Co-op, Mr. P B J Rudlin, failed to get re-elected to this top position when the Society's elections took place on Saturday.

Mr P Chapman, with 784 votes, won the presidency with a 15 majority.

Elected as board members were three candidates Mr. H. Farrow, Mr. H. Fletcher and Mr. J Fletcher, who ran on the "same ticket", and Mr. A. S. Dunn who topped the Progressive candidate poll.

Mr. Rudlin and progressive candidates fought the

election on the grounds that the Society interests should not be so confined to the Grays area. Mr. Rudlin told the

'News' — "Unfortunately, members living outside Grays who we are so anxious to fully represent, did not support us quite as well as Grays members supported our election opponents".

CASH DISTRIBUTION NOW COMPLETED

THE distribution of a £50 collection made at Christmas time for local elderly folk has been completed.

The money was contributed by customers at "The Crane" public house, Pendle-drive, Fryersn, and the Fryersn Boys Club. "We tried to find the old people where the money

will really help out" said Mr. George Walker, the tenant of the Crane.

The money was given to OAPs in both the newtown and the Pitsea, Vange and Bowers Gifford area

Most of the letters received saying thankyou, said the extra money was either put to good use at Christmas or it helped to stock up the fuel bunkers.

PARTY NIGHT

A MOST unusual thing for the Locarno ballroom is that there is no private dance booked for Friday evening.

But there will still be a dance! Manager Mr. Roy Winkfield has decided to hold a party night.

MEMBERSHIP RESTRICTED FOR BASILDON GOLF CLUB

IN future only people who live or work in the new town area will be eligible for membership of the Basildon Golfing Society.

This decision was taken at the Society's annual general meeting held last week following a report that in one year the membership had reached 155.

Sir Richard Bonallack, CBE the president, predicted that a limit of 300 to 350 members may have to be imposed.

Specifications for the 6,300 yard, 18 hole course, will be going out to tender soon and it is hoped to start work this Spring.

The Development Corporation has agreed to build

a clubhouse.

Play at the new town golf course may be possible in the Autumn of next year.

Amateur champion Michael Bonallack again agreed to be captain of the club.

Other officers:— Dr. J. Mitchell, vice-captain; Mr. Alan Henbest, chairman; Mr. Harry Schwarz, secretary and Mr. Ray Hoskins, treasurer.



THE VERSATILES — MAKE ENJOYABLE MUSIC

A TRIO making enjoyable music to drink to are the Versatiles who perform every Friday at the London Hotel.

Leading the group is Roy Richards with his wife Shirley and drummer Pete Holmes in support. An unusual sight in present day groups (right)

is a girl guitarist, Shirley Richards not only plays well she is the star vocalist.



DID WE HELP?

THE adverse press and public reaction to last week's lightning bus strike that stranded Basildon is thought to have played a large part in the busmen deciding not to repeat the dose "exactly as before".

In support of an outstanding wage claim the local garage is supporting the remainder of Eastern National crews in banning overtime and working to rule.

This action may, in the long run, cause more inconvenience to the public than one-day no-notice strikes.

It also calls for a big loss in earnings by the crews concerned, most of whom rely on overtime payments to take home a 'living wage.'

GOLFERS' NIGHT OUT

CHAIRMAN of the Council Alf Dove and his wife, extreme ends of 'Newsphoto', were guests at the Basildon Golfing Society dance held on Fri-

day

Mr and Mrs. Harry Schwarz, secretaries of both the men's and ladies' clubs entertain.



STILL IN THE 'NEWS'

If there is anything you wish to know about the Dave Clark Five the 'News'

is still the best source of information. Staff reporter Ken Stone,

seen here having a chat backstage at the Royal, Tottenham.

FOR THE RECORD

— A WEEKLY NEWS FEATURE

THE sale of a million "Glad All Over" discs is a near thing, even though the Dave Clark Five hit fell from the top to fourth place last week.

As sales in this country expectedly slumped the record leapt to the top of the Swedish Hit Parade and, as a result, Dave and the boys will dash across the North sea shortly for a three-day visit.

In America sales have exceeded every reasonable

hope and the Dave Clark Five is almost sure to follow the Beatles' fantastic visit — perhaps sooner than expected.

NO RUSH

Next Sunday night at the London Palladium the group will introduce their Valentine Day release "Bits and Pieces".

Look out for it on Juke Box Jury next Saturday and also listen to the flip

side — some may like just as well if not better.

Dave tells us that the F.P. has exceeded the 10 thousand mark, but you will have to wait a little longer for the first long player. This lad is not going to rush it.

More dates to remember and more exclusive info on the Dave Clark Five and other groups next week. Some lucky home towns may get a surprise on Thursday.

WHEELS STOLEN FROM 'SPURS' PLAYER'S CAR — MAN AT COURT

SPURS centre forward Frank Saul who lives at Canvey Island, left his car in Linford-drive, Barstable, whilst visiting some friends and when he returned the rear wheels, carburettor and air filter were missing.

A man was seen in the

bushes and was detained until the police arrived.

At Billericay court on Tuesday David Sanderson (23) of Feering-drive, was charged with stealing the parts valued at £22.

He pleaded guilty and was put on probation.

BODY ON TRACK

A dead body found on the railway track near Laindon station on Thursday morning was identified as Mr. Percival Friswell of Enfield.

