

SECRECY VEIL ON GIPSY CAMP SITES

BASILDON COUNCILLORS were sworn to secrecy this week over the location of two sites being recommended to the County Council for accommodating Basildon's growing number of gipsy families.

The secrecy veil was clamped down after Tuesday's meeting of the Council's Executive Committee, who considered the study group's report on gipsies compiled over the last six months.

The reason given for the secrecy is that the Council do not want to cause unnecessary worry to people living near the proposed sites before the County Council have considered the recommendations.

"It could be that the County will not like either of them," said a Tory councillor. "In any case, only one of the sites capable of accommodating 12 families is likely to be approved."

"Standard" investigations on Wednesday gave reporters the impression that Billericay and Wickford need not worry about being affected. The most likely sites are in Basildon and Laindon.

It is understood that the secrecy requested by the Executive was opposed by Labour councillors, who felt the public ought to be told and given an opportunity to voice objections prior to the sites being considered by the County.

A councillor rapidly becoming the Labour Group's gipsy spokesman is Coun. Kenneth Tyson. Prior to reporting to the Group he visited over a dozen gipsy families in the area to ascertain their views about a permanent camp. He told the "Standard":

that very few suitable sites are available in the area. "The County asked us to recommend a site for 12 families," he said on Wednesday. "If every local authority in the County follows suit, this problem can be overcome."

"But at the same time we must be careful to see that these people do not become a burden on the ratepayer. Other councillors were not so enthusiastic. Several were asking what will happen to families not allocated a place on the permanent site. In any case how will the selection be carried out?"

With the Council's lips sealed, these questions remain unanswered for the time being.

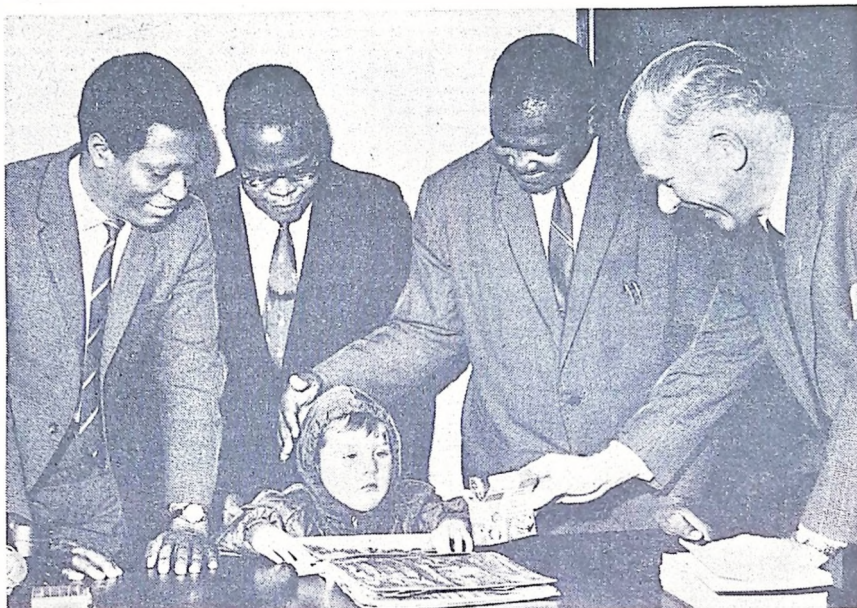
"Thanks this week came to the residents of Tylers Avenue, Laindon, who have been plagued with gipsies for many months."

"Thank you for spotlighting our plight," said a letter. "We are glad to say that the gipsies have now been moved on."

The writer goes on to refer to a petition sent to the Council in November over the make-up of Tylers Avenue and the gipsy problem. "So far we have only had an acknowledgment and no news of action," he says.

A Council spokesman said yesterday that the matter was due to be discussed at the next Works Committee meeting.

V.I.P. treatment for one lost boy!



Jamaica Flying Squad were so helpful!

Schools wanted

Basildon Deanery have asked for two Church of England schools in the New Town. They will shortly make detailed application and hope to have the schools included in the 1970 estimates. Sites are being considered at North Pitsea and Laindon Hills. The Diocese will pay 20 per cent of the cost.

THE LITTLE boy had finished crying by the time he was carried into Basildon Police Station on Wednesday morning. "We found him in the bus station," said the bus conductress who put him on the counter.

"Come on, son. We'll find some nice books for you to look at," said the sergeant. And in next to no time, the three-years-old piece of Lost Property, still refusing to tell anyone his name, and still sniffing at five-second intervals, was installed behind a huge desk armed with a packet of sweets and a cut-out book.

Now, it does not usually take Basildon's eagle-eyed Policemen long to find parents who have been mislaid by their young sons or daughters. But on Wednesday they were able to declare the case closed in 30 minutes flat.

This was not really so surprising, for the investigations had the personal attention not only of Basildon's top Policeman, Chief Superintendent Victor Cook, but also of the Jamaica Flying Squad, the St. Lucia Police Force and the West Cameroons Constabulary!

When Little Boy Lost arrived, Chief Supt. Cook was busy showing three visiting Policemen round the station. In Britain for a nine-months course at Hendon Police College, Sub-Inspector J. S. Tumenta, of the West Cameroons, Sgt. P. Prosperi, of St. Lucia, and Det.-Insp. R. W. Robertson, of Jamaica, spent the day in Basildon.

Our picture shows Chief Supt. Cook, the Police visitors—and the lost boy!

Free parking to continue

FREE car parking is to continue in Billericay and Wickford.

This decision was taken by Basildon Council's Executive Committee on Tuesday.

They also set up a study group to consider car parking in the urban district on a long-term basis.

TALK ON BIRDS

Ingatestone resident Mrs. Upton gave a talk, illustrated with coloured films, on wild birds at Tuesday's meeting of Billericay British Legion women's section. She was thanked by Mrs. Lawton (President). Mrs. Cornwell presided, the area convenor was discussed and Mrs. Bartlett was appointed delegate. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Boughtwood and Mrs. Juett.

The lucky chap seen below is Chris Miller, and with him are Janice Thurley and Margaret Downs. They are in "The Entertainer," being produced by Wickford Community Players tonight (Friday) and tomorrow.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON

COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION
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RIGHT ASSISTANT CARETAKERS for about 100 during term time and day duty during school holiday periods. Normally 40-hour week. Wage £12 1s. 6d. plus additional £3 0s. 0d. a week allowance while on night shift, superannuation

Woodlands Boys School, Tackley End, Basildon.
Mayflower Secondary School, Stock Road, Billericay.
ASSISTANT CARETAKERS, 40-hour week, wages £12 1s. 6d. Vacancies as follows:—
Greensted Primary School, Kirby Road, Basildon.
Woodlands Boys School, Tackley End, Basildon.
Landon Secondary School, High Road, Landon, Basildon.

Alternating shift scheme in operation at Woodlands Boys School and Landon Secondary School for which additional 10s. 10d. per week is payable during term time. Superannuation.

PART-TIME CLERICAL ASSISTANT, Priced Junior School, High Road, Priced, Basildon, for 22 hours a week for 42 weeks a year for full-time duties. Must be competent shorthand typist. Salary within scale 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, depending on age, qualifications and experience. Closing date 28th January 1967.

PART-TIME ANCILLARY ASSISTANT for Welfare Duties required at Priced Junior School, 15 hours a week for 42 weeks a year. Salary 5s. 3d. an hour. Closing date 28th January. Application forms for above posts available at the post for which application is being made from District Education Officer, Bill Town Square, Basildon.

SOUTH ESSEX HOSPITAL MAXWELL COMMITTEE ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL BILLERICAY

COOK, full or part-time, in evenings and meals for nursing staff. Rate of pay 6s. 3d. per hour (Males), 5s. 1d. an hour (Females), plus 20% allowance for night duty.

COOK, full or part-time for day duties. Rate of pay 6s. 3d. an hour (Males), 5s. 1d. an hour (Females), plus 20% allowance for night duty.

SIX MONTHLY TYPIST, For Medical Social Work Dept. Interesting work for 38-hour, five-day week. Salary, age 20 years, £238. Resting annually. Entitled at 25 years and over commencing at 267 per annum.

MATERNITY WARD CLERK General clerical duties associated with Maternity and Ante-natal Dept. Working week of 38 hours. Commencing salary £253 at 21 years rising annually to £740 per annum. Applications in writing to Hospital Secretary.

BASILDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the undermentioned superannuable post in the Housing Department.

SENIOR SHORTLAND TYPIST - required for clerical duties in the Housing Manager's office. Salary dependent upon qualifications, spread, age and experience. will be in the following ranges:

(a) £170 per annum to £200 per annum - shortland 120 w.p.m., typing 35 w.p.m.

(b) £110 per annum to £210 per annum - shortland 80 w.p.m., typing 35 w.p.m.

rising to £210 per annum in certain cases (review of salary scales pending). Applications, stating age, details of education, experience, 1 letter with the name and address of two referees, to reach the General Manager, Basildon Development Corporation, Gifford House, Basildon, Essex, by February 2nd, 1967.

NEW TOWNS ACT, 1965 EXTINGUISHMENT OF PUBLIC RIGHTS, OF WAY, BASILDON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under Section 23 of the New Towns Act 1965, proposes to make an Order extinguishing the public rights of way over parts of highway known as Wood-bridge Avenue, Victoria Avenue, and Nightingale Avenue which parts are shown coloured blue on the map hereinafter referred to and described as follows:—

(a) That part of Wood-bridge Avenue which starts at a point on the north side of Lee Chapel Lane at point B on the map and runs generally north-north-east between the properties known as the Lighthouse and Colliers' Wood for a distance of approximately 210 feet to point A on the map.

(b) That part of Victoria Avenue which starts approximately 30 feet from the northern boundary of the property known as Alexander Lodge at a point marked D on the map and runs south for approximately 100 feet to the eastern boundary of the property mentioned property to a point marked C on the map.

(c) That part of Nightingale Avenue which starts at a point on Lee Chapel Lane at the south-western corner of the property known as Nightingale Farm and marked D on the map and runs north-north-east for a distance of approximately 70 feet to point E on the map.

(d) That part of Nightingale Avenue which starts approximately 33 feet north of the point mentioned point C on the map and runs north-east for a distance of approximately 70 feet to point E on the map.

A map showing the rights of way proposed to be extinguished and the alternative route of way to be provided may be inspected at the offices of the Solicitor, Basildon Development Corporation, Freemans House, 1A East Square, Basildon, Essex, during normal office hours.

Any objection to this proposal must be made in writing clearly stating all the grounds of the objection and addressed to the Minister of Housing and Local Government, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, before 27th February, 1967.

H. J. RYAN, Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION

YOUTH CENTRE VACANCIES PART - TIME DEPUTY WARDEN, Timberley Youth Centre, Timberley, County Secondary School, Basildon.

This Centre opens five evenings weekly from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The successful applicant will be required to attend a supervisory capacity three evenings weekly. Salary approximately £200 per annum. Only qualified persons need apply. Application forms obtainable from the District Education Officer, 88, Town Square, Basildon, returnable by February 16th, 1967.

Jesus Christ, The Same Yesterday and Today. For Ever. Do you believe in Him? We have printed a leaflet for you at the Elms Protestant Church, GUN HILL, FISKEA. Hear some more of his name each Sunday at 4.30 p.m. — ALL ARE WELCOME —

THIS IS OUR OPINION A STICKY POSITION WHICH SHOULD BE CLEARED UP!

WHENEVER DEVELOPMENT takes place it is bound to cause mess and inconvenience to people living nearby, and the development at Barn Hall, Wickford, is no exception.

Extending as it does into the parish of Runwell, it is causing more trouble to the parishioners than any they have had for many years. Individual residents, organisations and now the Residents' Association have made complaints to this newspaper, and, by what reporters have seen, their complaints are justified.

Where does the fault lie? At whose door should the blame be laid? It is extremely difficult to find an answer to these questions. It could be that it is the industrialised building system which is being used. On the other hand, it could be the virgin land on which the houses are being built.

Nevertheless, it is up to Havering Council, Basildon Council and the contractors to see that the whole area is tidied up — and quickly.

Resentment felt now by local people could have a repercussion on those who will come to live on the new estate. So swift action to clear up misunderstandings — and the mess — will not only engender goodwill among the existing people, but will help them to give a warm welcome to the newcomers.

TACKLE THIS PROBLEM OF OVERLAPPING LORRIES

THREE MORE lives were lost last week on an Arterial Road intersection. This time the Harrows cross-roads at North Benfleet was the death crossing.

Not long ago two more people were killed in a similar crash at Dunton. In both instances lorries standing in the intersection and overlapping into the overtaking lane were innocently responsible for the deaths.

To cut out all such intersections all over the country and to replace them with roundabouts and fly-overs is a process which is obviously going to take a great deal of time and money. In the meantime accidents will happen and people will continue to die.

The overlapping lorry has been a problem for years on our roads. Yet, in spite of the numerous accidents caused by them, no law has yet been passed compelling lorries to have lights on the sides of the tailboards as well as the rear.

It is reasonable to wonder how many accidents would have been prevented and lives saved if such a law operated.

A system of flashing warning lights, which could be operated by the driver in a similar way to winking lights, would be cheap to install on vehicles already on the road. The cost, if fitted by manufacturers as a standard fitting, would be hardly noticeable.

If the lights prevented 50 per cent of the deaths they would be very much worth while.

Buses: Will there be an eleventh hour agreement?

TODAY (FRIDAY) is crisis day in the pay dispute between the private bus employers including Eastern National and the bus unions.

A last-ditch meeting has been arranged in an endeavour to reach agreement at the eleventh hour.

If no agreement is forthcoming on Friday, then the Transport and General Workers' Union plans for official one-day strikes throughout the provincial bus undertakings of the nation will come into operation.

At the moment nobody knows when the strikes will take place.

A section of the Union bus crews favour giving the public at least 48 hours' notice that a strike is to be staged.

Another element, however, argues that the strike weapon is blunted without the element of surprise.

Whether the public are to be told the dates will be one of the matters decided by the Bus Council.

Every week — varying days

These official one-day strikes will then be staged every week on varying days.

The private provincial busmen want an increase of at least 8s. 6d., and they want it payable immediately.

The bus crews employed by the municipal undertakings have already received an increase in their wages.

In the event of the official one-day strikes, ALL routes operated by Eastern National will be affected. Services operated by the Southend municipal undertaking will run according to time-table.

New members

TWO NEW members, Mr. Pittman and Mrs. Tuck, were welcomed at Buttsbury School Club's meeting on Monday in Buttsbury Primary School. Mrs. Hawes presided and a 15th day greetings were accorded Mr. Williamson, Mr. Lickley and Mr. Cook. Mr. There were 49 members present. Arrangements were made for a holiday at Palsington from May 20th to 27th.

Skid result

A MOTORIST was driving along Nethermayne, Basildon, at night in pouring rain when a car travelling in the opposite direction swerved to avoid some road works and skidded broadside into him. Billericay Justices heard on Tuesday.

Before the Court was William Howe, of Sparrows Herne, Basildon, who pleaded guilty to careless driving. He was fined £5, with £1 ls. costs, and had his licence endorsed.

Prosecuting, Mr. D. Madams submitted that Howe was not paying attention to his driving, and that he did not see the road works until the last minute.

Replied Howe in mitigation: "I did see the obstruction, and I was just pulling out to pass when I saw the other car coming. I braked ordinarily and the car just went into a skid — it was the sort of thing that could happen to anybody."

PURCHASE APPROVED

FORBIDDEN by Basildon Council is a plot of land in Queen's Park Avenue, Queen's Park, Billericay, which has been valued at £250. The plot has been approved by the Executive Committee.

£6 thief

About £6 in cash was stolen by a thief who broke into a shop in Basildon on Thursday. The thief was seen by the premises via a faint light window.

SHOPLIFTING —SLIMMING TABLETS ARE BLAMED

A BASILDON housewife said by her husband to be unduly disturbed by the effects of a stringent diet, walked into a Sainsbury's store and stole groceries worth 48s. 7d. it was stated at Billericay on Tuesday.

She was Ethel Wise, 48, of Whitmore Way, who pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined £5.

Prosecuting, Mr. D. Madams said defendant was seen by a Sainsbury security officer to take a bag of nuts out of a wire collection basket and place them in her own shopping bag. She did not pay for them at the cash desk, and when stopped outside the store she tried to throw them away.

Later, however, she admitted the offence and also to taking a portion of cheese.

Said her husband in mitigation: "I put it down to her diet. She has been having trouble with slimming tablets and lost two stone in a month. The worry of all this must of affected her, there can be no other reason for it."

LETTER TO EDITOR

Arts Centre

SIR.—Having been closely associated with the Basildon Amateur Operatic Society (previously the Laindon Operatic Society) for over 20 years, I was delighted to read your recent article concerning the proposed civic arts centre for Basildon.

Naturally, my interest was primarily concerned with the provision of facilities for stage presentations. From the sketch plan shown this seemed to be dealt with in a most adequate fashion. However, it now transpires that the auditorium, in which it is proposed to seat 500 people, will have a completely flat floor, which will, in one stroke, nullify all the advantages of the excellent accommodation backstage and the seating accommodation, which is far in excess of that in other local halls.

The Operatic Society are not alone in their concern on this score and at a meeting of interested bodies under the auspices of the Basildon Civic Arts Society, in response to requests for a sloping or raked floor, the Town Manager stated that the provision of a raked floor would restrict the letting of the premises, which at a hotel will produce revenue to pay for the running costs of the centre. Before a final decision is made on this point I would request the hospitality of your paper to address a public appeal to the interested parties to avoid making a mistake which will inevitably be financed from the ratepayers' pockets.

There are very few activities for which a flat floor is essential, apart from dancing and dinners, which are already catered for by other buildings within a stage area. On the other hand, all the activities involving the use of the stage, whether by local societies or professional entertainers, demand that the stage shall be clearly visible to the audience. In other words, where large halls with sloping floors have been provided, audiences have attended and decided not to go away and societies have returned to their existing restricted accommodation, playing to a smaller audience who have a better opportunity to see the stage.

It will be most regrettable if a short-sighted policy, of insufficient consideration leads to the provision of a building which may prove a disastrous White Elephant. W. J. BRIGGS, Vice-Chairman, Basildon Amateur Operatic Society.

★ MEMORABLE DAYS FOR TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH ★



NEW YOUTH CENTRE OPENED AND A NEW HOME FOR MINISTER

FOR METHODISTS at Vange the third week of 1967 will go down as a memorable one. Saturday saw the official opening of their new Youth Centre next to Trinity Church in Clay Hill Road. And on Tuesday their Minister, Rev. William Holden, moved from The Manse, which has housed Basildon Circuit Superintendents for ten years, to a flat over the Youth Centre.

Back in Basildon to open the new premises was Rev. Ronald Gibbins, Minister from 1957 to 1964.

"This Youth Centre really began with a phone call from Mr. Boniface early in 1962," recalled Mr. Gibbins after 200 people had crowded into the hall on Saturday.

"He asked me if we could use £200 for adding a small room to the existing building at Trinity. Of course, we said 'yes.'"

The new Youth Centre, with its main hall, two storerooms, kitchen, lounge, classroom and self-

contained flat, was the result of thought and work which began then.

It was Mr. Gibbins, accompanied by his wife, who unlocked the Youth Centre's main doors to admit the crowds to the Service of Dedication.

The new Youth Centre adjoining the Trinity Methodist Church.

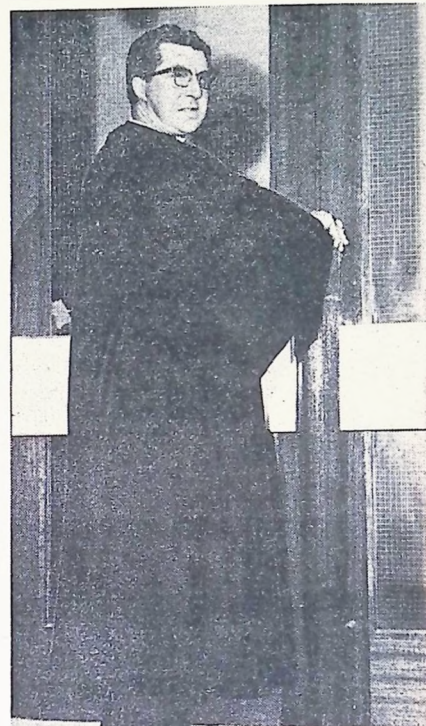
Corporation Manager Mr. R. C. C. Boniface presided.

"People often tell me how fast Basildon is progressing," said Mr. Boniface. "They are usually talking in terms of bricks and mortar. But many years ago, when we started building this town, I almost despaired of seeing any sign of progress of the social entity."

"This was not really surprising. The new people were occupied with their new homes and their new way of life. We were told of loneliness, Basildon Blues and New Town neurosis."

When people first came to the town they might well have looked a little lost. But they soon got over this initial feeling.

"The greatest reward we have for building the New



Former Minister at Trinity, Rev. Ronald Gibbins turns the key to a new way of life for Methodists at Vange.

He was the Minister when the project began in 1962, when the Corporation offered £200 to the church.

Town is just to drive round it and see the happy faces of its young children," said Mr. Boniface.

"I am not sure what people mean when they say the town has no soul. But what I do know is that for many years young people coming to Basildon

STANDING ROOM ONLY!



Above are some of the people who packed into the new hall for the dedication service.

On the left is a scene at the opening. Rev. William Holden welcomes the guests, including Corporation Manager Mr. Boniface and Rev. Frank Eden (Chairman of London North-East District of the Methodist Church).

and youth organisations joined in a short display which followed.

Three organisations are already using the hall: On Tuesdays, the Girls' Brigade; on Thursdays, the Youth Club; on Fridays, the Boys' Brigade.

"But the hall opens up many new possibilities," said Mr. Holden. "We hope to have a coffee bar one night a week before long."

have been putting something back into the town. They have fallen into a way of life in which participation plays a part.

"We see youth clubs opening—some in new buildings like this one; some in old dilapidated premises. But what the clubs really depend on are their leaders. Many standards for life have fallen away. These standards have to be restored and the way to do it is through youth."

The Service of Dedication was conducted by Rev. Frank Eden, Chairman of London North-East District of the Methodist Church. Congratulating Trinity on a fine new building, he hoped it would never lack leaders.

Mr. A. E. Jenner proposed the vote-of-thanks

In the chair



Mr. Boniface speaking at the dedication service.





IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN!



Parents and children are seen above at Wass Pritchard's party held at Lee Chapel North Community Hall on Saturday.



JULIE AND JOAN MACKIN, AGED 10 AND 8 RESPECTIVELY, AWAIT THEIR TURN FOR TEA AT THE ILFORD, LTD., CANTEN BEFORE THEY LEFT FOR THE PANTOMIME.



Members of Kingswood Baptist Church Sunday Club, seen in the picture above, went to Laindon Baptist Church on Saturday for a combined social with young people of that church.



LABOUR CANDIDATE FOR PITSEA WARD



On the left, Mr. W. Dorrington, Labour candidate for the Council by-election in the Pitsea Ward. On the right, his Agent, Mr. George Elder, who will be standing for election himself later in the year in the Burestable Ward.



HOW MANY BEANS MAKE FIVE? THIS WAS ONE OF THE PARTY GAMES AT WICKFORD CONGREGATIONAL JUNIOR CHURCH PARTY IN THE CHURCH HALL ON SATURDAY. AND IT OBVIOUSLY CREATED PLENTY OF FUN.



ON THE LEFT ARE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF SORRENTO FOOTBALL CLUB AT THEIR DANCE AT THE LOCARNO BALLROOM, BASILDON, ON FRIDAY.

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SO IRATE RESIDENTS TURN TO "STANDARD" FOR HELP

IRATE RUNWELL residents contacted the "Standard" this week in a last attempt to get something done about a "filthy mudbath" that exists in Swan Lane.

The 25 foot stretch of quagmire is centred on the Moorland Road stretch to the new Barn Hall council housing estate, and it is caused by mud left behind by lorries leaving the site.

"We are just not prepared to put up with it any longer," Residents' Association Chairman Mr. Len Woollard told our reporter.

"Pedestrians, including children and women with prams, are forced to walk through the ankle deep sludge, or alternatively they must step out into the middle of the road and take their chance with the traffic."

Full-time warden:

As from April 1st a post of full-time warden is to be established at Wickford County Youth Centre in substitution for a similar post at Craylands County Youth Centre, Basseton.

YOUNG WIVES

Guest speaker at last week's meeting of Bitterley Congregational Young Wives' Group at the Mayflower Hall, Mr. Nathan, a wine representative gave a talk on German wines. Mrs. J. Nash presided.

New President for B.T.E.

New President of the Billerica, Rayleigh and District branch of the Eastern Federation of Building Trades Employers is Mr. M. G. Kemp, of Hill Avenue, Wickford. Mr. W. E. Parrish, of Norsey View Drive, Billerica, is Vice-President.

SHERRIES TASTED

About 90 members of Balericay Wine Makers' Society on Tuesday week had a talk and film by two wine firm representatives on making and blending sherries. High spot of the evening was a tasting session. Mr. R. Kersey presided.

"Now we just don't know who to turn to or what to do next and we contacted you (the 'Standard') in the hope that the adverse publicity will galvanise one of these bodies into action over the problem and prevent them continually passing the buck."

Commented a Basildon Council spokesman: "We agree there is a problem. We have made representations to the contractors and we are now considering closing the Moorland Road entrance to avoid further inconvenience."

Also in for 'copter training

SECOND LOCAL Police Officer to be chosen to take part in training as a helicopter observer is Insp. George Manning, of Billerica. The other local officer, announced two weeks ago, was Insp. John Poston, of Laindon Traffic Department.

Insp. Manning is no stranger to flying. During the war he was in the 6th Airborne Division. He took part in the D-Day landings and also in the Rhine crossing.

£2,720 diner

A prefabricated dining room costing \$2,720 is to be provided at Langdon Hills Primary School.

WHEN HE came home from holiday 17-years-old Michael Olley was hard up. He did not like to ask his parents for money, so he made an alteration in his Post Office Savings Bank Book and withdrew

He later made another alteration, but the sub-Postmaster at Lee Chapel impounded the book when he noticed what appeared to be a change in figures. Billericay Justices were told on Tuesday by Mr. Basil Corcos, prosecuting for the G.P.O.

Olley, of Ardleigh, Basildon, pleaded guilty to two charges of forgery. He was placed on probation for three years on payment of three guineas costs.

Olley said he was very sorry it had happened. He had paid back the money, said Mr Coreos.

UNDERWEAR THIEF FINED £15

BILLERICAY JUSTICES
on Tuesday fined Kenneth Nutley (33), of Friern Gardens, Wickford, £15 for stealing women's underclothes.

He had been on remand for reports, and at the first hearing it was said that when Nutley was stopped by a Policeman in Wickford he had two pairs of pants in his saddlebag. He admitted he had stolen them.



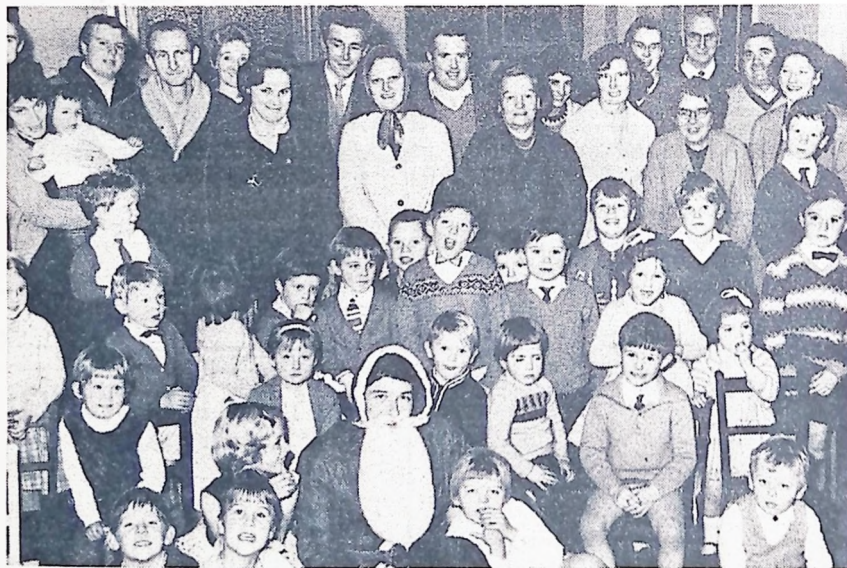
Helpers and children in the picture above were at Basildon Congregational primary and beginners' party held in the Church Hall on Saturday.

FOUR JEHOVAH WITNESS MINISTERS MARRIED



Nearly 250 people attended a service at Laindon Kingdom Hall on Saturday, when four Jehovah's Witness full-time ministers were married. They will be continuing their voluntary work and hope to become missionaries and travel abroad. The two couples, seen above at the reception, are (left) Mr. Peter John Hayes, of Chelmer Avenue, Rayleigh, and his bride, the former Miss Danica Pavlovic, of Little Burstead. She was given away by her father, and Mr. R. Mann was best man. The other couple were Mr. Robert Mills, of Liverpool Road, N.1, and the former Miss Janet Margaret Vinton, of Takely End, Basildon. The bride was given away by her father and Mr. Ray Eden was best man. Both the brides wore full-length white brocade dresses trimmed with white fur. They had white fur head-dresses and carried white Bibles. There were no bridesmaids and Mr. L. Tiller officiated.

(Photo by Frides Photographic)



Children, helpers and parents pictured around Santa Claus at Laindon Baptist Junior Sunday School's party held in the Church Hall on Saturday.



Vange Ladies' Get-Together Club held a children's party at the Scouts' H.Q., Beach Road, Vange. A fancy dress competition was part of the fun, with prizes for the most attractive.



Above are teachers of Wickford Baptist Church Sunday School, who worked hard to give children a good time at the Sunday School party at Shotgate Community Centre.

Below: Billericay Methodist Church held their beginners' class party at the Church Hall on Saturday. Some of these young people seem most eager to begin their tea!



Billericay Secondary School sixth formers paid a visit to Billericay Police Station on Wednesday. P.s. Snow is explaining the radio car patrol system.



It was a white wedding in more than one sense at All Saints' Church, Vange, on Saturday week, and it was a pity the bride's train dragged in the snow! The couple above are Mr. Richard William Owen, of High Pines, Upper Warlingham, Surrey, and the former Miss Patricia Vivienne Haggerty, of The Slades, Basildon. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress with a lace veil and train lined with blue satin. She carried green orchids and white freesia. The bridesmaids were Barbara and Jacqueline Sewell, Debra Eily and Iris Taylor. Mr. Colin Packman was best man.

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Your cinemas

Century, Pitsea
(showing for one week) is an off-beat romance of a plain girl. The girl is George, big, ugly and honest, brought up by a wealthy businessman as his daughter. All the characters are unsavoury, with the exception of George.

Radion, Laindon
A Western adventure of revenge "Ned Smith" (Sunday for two days) is the story of one of the characters from "The Carpetbaggers", who was originally called Max Sand. He spends all his time tracking down the three criminals who brutally murdered his parents. Colourful full-length record of the 1966 soccer World Cup "Goal" (Thursday for three days) has no story except in so far as it traces the success or failure of the 16 nations which contested the final stages.

Ritz, Billericay
"Fantastic Voyage" (Sunday for four days) is a medical science-fiction thriller about a group of medical men who are reduced in size so that they can be injected into a patient's bloodstream.

Assault on a Queen
"Thursday for three days" tells of a daring plan to hijack the liner Queen Mary. This crime and piracy adventure starring Frank Sinatra and Yvonne Littlewood revolves round the hunt for lost treasure.

ABC, Southend
Set in desolate and menacing scenery "One Million Years B.C." (showing up to and including Wednesday) is a prehistoric adventure featuring some exploits of early man. It is a semi-serious attempt to recreate the elemental experiences of primitive man who had at that time progressed only in cunning beyond the beasts.

Ritz, Southend
"I Was Happy Here" (Sunday for one week) starring Sarah Miles and Cyril Cusack, is a romantic drama told in flashback against the background of the Irish countryside.

Odeon, Southend
"Gambit" (showing up to and including Wednesday) is a high-class crime comedy about a plot to steal a priceless piece of statuary. Starring Michael Caine and Shirley Maclaine, the story is well balanced between excitement and laughter.

Rio, Canvey
Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "Modesty Blaise" is a special-interest adventure based on the well-known strip cartoon of the same name. "Fantastic Voyage" (Friday and Saturday) is a medical science-fiction thriller about a group of medical men who are reduced in size so that they can be injected into a patient's blood stream.

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Entertaining at Wickford



The cast of "The Entertainer," to be produced at Wickford Community Centre by Wickford Community Players tonight (Friday) and tomorrow — report in our next issue.

Tory apology —
Labour deplore it

A shindig?

The date for Basildon Carnival Association's annual meeting is still unsorted. "But think it is likely to be held in February," said a Carnival Officer this week.

Seven members — but not the Chairman — turned up to what was to have been the Association's annual meeting last week. "It caused a bit of a shindig," said the officer.

LANGDON HILLS W.I.
Members of the Laindon Hills W.I. enjoyed a visit on Thursday from Mrs. Betty Wrenn, Area Chairman for the W.I.V.S., who gave a most interesting talk on the various activities of the movement. Her talk was followed by an International Questionnaire and out how much contact the W.I. has with countries overseas. Congratulations on the birth of a daughter were sent to the former President of the Branch, Mrs. Mudd.

AN APOLOGY by Basildon Council's Conservative Chairman sparked off another Labour Group attack on the controlling Tories this week.

Following the Labour Group announcement that they would boycott future liaison meetings with the Corporation, only five councillors — all Tories — attended Thursday week's liaison.

A Council Press statement on the meeting disclosed that "Coun. Burn expressed to the Board his apologies for the fact that only five councillors were present, as it had been hoped that both sides of the Council would have been represented as resolved."

Commenting on the release, Basildon Labour Group say they "deplore the apology."

Their Press Officer, Mr. Len Roper, told a reporter: "We made it absolutely clear that we would not attend these liaison meetings set up by Mr. Mellish, the Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Housing."

"Coun. Dove suggested an informal meeting between members only, with no agenda, to see if common ground could be found for settling differences between Council and Corporation."

"Coun. Morgan was

amazed when he received a formal agenda for a liaison meeting and immediately objected to the Town Manager's Department stating we could not attend and asking for our point of view to be put over to the Corporation. We understand this was not done."

The Labour Group were trying to safeguard tenants' rights in the New Town and would not be pushed to any monthly meeting with the Corporation, where the Council lacked equal rights.

"If the Tories want this, let them have it," says the Labour Group statement.

"The Council will be taking over some responsibilities from the Corporation."

"Is it too much to expect that councillors should be on the Board now?"

"We have made our point of view absolutely clear to Mr. Mellish that we will not be party to his idea in its present form."

THEIR TREAT
FOR THE
OLD PEOPLE

OUTWOOD Common Residents' and Community Association's sections held one of their rare get-togethers at Sunnymede County Junior School on Saturday — to provide the Association's O.A.P. members with their annual dinner treat.

The Sports Club provided a turkey cooked by Mrs. Thelma Webster, a member of the Ladies' Club, who also contributed home-made mince pies and sausage rolls.

Entertainment was by the Outwood Bouncers Concert Party and there were also parcels of groceries for the old folk from the Youth Club.

To round the evening off the Association's new Camera Club turned up to snap the old folk and film them.

There were 32 O.A.P.s present, and Association Treasurer Mrs. Edith Lind-sell said afterwards: "They all enjoyed themselves tremendously."

Folk Club

The emphasis was strongly on English tradition at Billericay Folk Club on Friday, when guest singer Tony Bone gave members a programme of songs with origins in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries from his native West Country. Tony accompanied himself on mandolin and guitar for some songs, but others needed only his rich and melodious Devon voice. Also singing were 'The Redpolls', an Essex group of three young men who contributed an English traditional song, 'The Green Tree', and the resident group, 'The Redpolls', sang in their customary relaxed, yet polished, style.

HOT ICE

A fire in an ice-cream van at Wenden, Basildon, was put out by Basildon firemen on Saturday. Damage was only slight.

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DECREE FOR MOTHER OF SEVEN

MOTHER of seven Mrs. Alice Ada Amelia McCormack, of Salesbury Drive, Billericay, was granted a decree nisi at Southend Divorce Court on Tuesday on the grounds of her husband's adultery.

She married Mr. William Walter McCormack, formerly of Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, at West Ham in 1925.

Evidence in support of the petition was given by private inquiry agent Mr. Stuart Palmer, of Perry Street, Billericay.

Matters of maintenance were referred to chambers and Mrs. McCormack was granted costs.

Access road problems

BILLERICAY 2383 A.T.C. Squadron's new Headquarters, near the Ambulance station off Laindon Road, which went up last week, should be ready for occupation in 6 or 7 weeks' time.

And this could give rise to an awkward situation for the access road to their site starts and ends, but has no middle.

Basildon Council have laid a length from the entrance and the Air Ministry have laid a length outside the A.T.C. site. But there is a gap of some 45 feet to be filled by the Fourth Billericay Scouts, who are also to have new Headquarters next to the A.T.C. building.

And on Thursday the Group Parents' Committee Chairman Mr. Phil Benewick revealed that there was little chance of work on it starting before April.

Reason? The Group have applied for a 50 per cent grant towards the cost of the £2,500 buildings from the Ministry of Education. And the Ministry always stipulate that work cannot start on any project for which their aid is required before it is approved.

Said Mr. Benewick: "We have provisional approval and we hope to get this grant and others from Basildon Council and Essex County Council within the next few weeks, but there is still another snag—we cannot tie our contractors to a firm starting date on the road."

"They will do it as quickly as possible, but they have told us that if they can do it at their convenience it will be cheaper for us. Obviously a small group like ours must take advantage of the offer."

But he added that he hoped the road would be ready before the A.T.C. opened their Headquarters. "If it isn't the two organisations will have to get together to find some temporary solution," he said.

Patch is home —thanks to the "Standard"

PATCH IS home! The lost mongrel, reported in the "Basildon Standard" last week as being a stray who would not approach anyone who would have befriended him, is lost no more!

The report on the dog straying in Paslowes, Basildon, was seen in this paper by Mrs. Mary Tollhurst, who works at Carreras, and she recognised the dog as one her mother had lost three months ago. Accordingly, she went over in her lunch hour and collected him.

Although he had refused all offers of friendship, he recognised her instantly, and his joy at being reunited with his mistress, Mrs. Phyllis Stevens, of Kimberley Road, Laindon, was boundless (see picture below).

Patch disappeared from the cage into which he was placed when a veterinary surgeon in Cherrydown, Basildon, had him overnight to stitch a torn paw. Although the Police and the P.D.S.A. were informed, there was no trace of him, and inquiries and searching by friends and neighbours proved fruitless.

"He never goes away as a rule," Mrs. Stevens told us. "He doesn't need to be taken for walks—he just goes out into the fields. I suppose he just didn't know how to get home."

When Patch was taken to the veterinary surgeon he had a collar, with his name on it, but it appears to have been lost somewhere along the line. Now the first priority will be a new collar, engraved with name and address!



AS IDEAS BECOME REALITY...

BASILDON COUNCIL are thinking about forming a new department to look after recreational and cultural activities.

As ideas become reality—the swimming pool, golf links and arts centre—the Executive Committee view is that a new Recreation Department is needed.

This department would also take over the existing parks section. When set up it would come under the Parks Committee, but this would be renamed the Recreation Committee.

Two jobs are now vacant in this line. The Council need both a parks superintendent and a baths manager. Eventually a chief officer will be put in charge of the new department.

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS SIAMESE KITTEN?

FOURTEEN-YEARS-OLD Vicky Gurdan gave a series of lectures to youngsters at Fryerns Playleadership centre on caring for pets. Everything went well—till a Siamese kitten escaped.

The cat was borrowed by Vicky from a neighbour for her talk on Cats. She slipped from her collar and vanished at Quilters Straight.

Home for the eight-months-old cat is at Roodegate, Basildon. She escaped over a week ago and Vicky—with other children from the centre—have searched the area, but without success.

So, if you have recently found a kitten with a very dark brown mask, feet and tail of the variety called Scalpoint, and dark blue eyes—please take it to Vicky's home at 129, Roodegate (phone Basildon 474).

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BASILDON No. 1 O.A.P.

Basildon No. 1 O.A.P. met at Vange Community Hall on Friday with Mrs. F. Pantland presiding. Members stood in silence to mark the death of Mr. Holt and Mrs. Newitt. A sale of articles brought by members was arranged by Mrs. Plumb, who also ran the social part of the afternoon with Mrs. G. Cooper at the piano. Soloists were Mrs. V. Futtner and Mr. C. Dobbinson. Tea hostesses were Medames Bridger, Eley and Williams and Mr. Jernyn.

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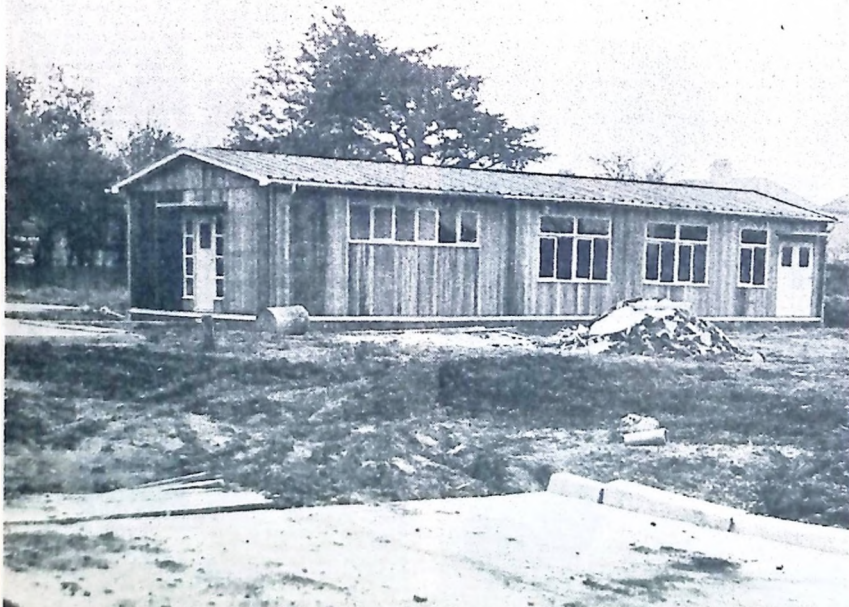
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WILL THIS BE A BIG HIT FOR GRAHAM?

BASILDON'S OWN Graham Bonney, a young man who shot to fame nearly a year ago with his own composition, "Supergirl," has a new release, "Thank You, Baby" (Graham is seen above).

It was written and co-produced for him by Bruce Johnstone, one of the Beach Boys, whom he met during a late autumn tour of Germany in 1966, when they appeared on the same bill.

Graham's new release is scheduled for issue today (Friday) and he has every hope that it will surpass "Supergirl," which reached No. 19 in the national charts in the United Kingdom and is at present at No. 3 in Germany.

It has provided him with well over a million sales there. It topped the charts for six weeks in succession in the autumn of 1966.

He also has a record currently at the No. 4 position, "Das Girl Mit Dem La La La," which he recorded in Germany.

All of this can't be had for Graham and it would be great if he could hit the charts with his new recording, which has an attractive backing and deserves success.

Queen's Guides

LAINDON County Secondary School are especially proud of their two deputy head girls—they have both passed all the tests necessary to become Queen's Guides.

The two girls are Pamela Robertson, whose home address is Worthing Road, Laindon, and Molly Richardson, who lives at Berry Lane, Laindon Hill. They are both aged 15 and are working for their G.C.E. "O" levels.

Molly has been in the Guide movement since she was seven, when she joined a Brownie pack. Now she is with the 1st Laindon Guide Company, which is attached to the Methodist Church. She hopes to pass her "O" levels well enough to go on

She is well experienced

BASILDON'S new W.R.V.S. Centre Organiser, succeeding Mrs. Margaret Phillips, of Stock Road, Billericay, who, as the "Standard" revealed last week, retires at the end of the month, is a woman who lives outside the district!

But there is a good reason for this appointment—nobody inside the district wanted the job!

Not that the new Organiser, Mrs. Frances Gentry (51), of Oak Road, Downham, lives far outside, and she certainly brings a wealth of experience to the job. Married to a builder, with a son and daughter also married, she has been the W.R.V.S. Deputy Centre Organiser for Chelmsford rural district for the past four years and a W.R.V.S. member for six years.

The job she gives up this month included keeping the accounts and looking after W.R.V.S. activities in 26 villages, and this included supervising the running of 15 Meals-on-Wheels Services!

"Luckily I am a car driver, or I would never have been able to cope," she told the "Standard." "There was always a crisis of some sort blowing up somewhere that needed my attention."

Mrs. Gentry expects her new job to be different from her old one, but she will not "wade into changing things" left, right and centre. She explained: "Basildon W.R.V.S. have a very smooth organisation and it would be silly of me to interfere with it."

Apart from her W.R.V.S. activities Mrs. Gentry is also on the St. Andrew's Hospital Staff Recreation Hall Appeal Committee and the Ramsden Heath Y.M.C.A. Hall Management Committee and she is President of Ramsden Heath Women's Institute.

This is her second year as President. She helped found the Institute five years ago and was Secretary for three years.

She also belongs to Ramsden Heath Anglican Church and for five years was Secretary of their Mothers' Union until it was disbanded 18 months ago in favour of a new club called Women's Help Organisation.

"Obviously, my W.R.V.S. work keeps me very busy," she said. "It's my life."



Mrs. Gentry, who has become Centre Organiser for the W.R.V.S. at Billericay.

really. Even the housework goes by the board until I can get round to it in the evenings."

Mrs. Gentry was born in Huddersfield, but has lived in Downham for about 20 years.



Here is Mr. Eric Batchelor, who, as reported in our last issue, has been appointed the new Agent for Billericay Labour Party.

A gift to Aberfan

A **HIGH** pressure auto-clave unit and trays for it, costing a total of £915, is to be the South-East Essex Aberfan Appeal Fund Committee's gift

He's after the highest award



An 18-years-old Billericay youth may soon gain the distinction of holding the Royal National Life Saving Society's Diploma—its highest senior award.

Awaiting the result of a written examination taken in November and covering artificial respiration, various forms of shock, anatomy and physiology is Peter Brown, an apprentice car fitter, of Morris Avenue.

He has already passed the technical examination held at the South-East Essex Technical College, Barking, in October with very good marks. And, if he fails, then Peter will have another go in May, for he has worked towards the coveted award for years and is determined to win it.

Peter moved to Billericay from Walthamstow with his parents about eight years ago. And, mad on swimming from an early age, he joined Walthamstow Swimming Club when he was nine—the lack of a local pool failed to dampen his enthusiasm for his hobby.

He now travels at least twice a week and often more frequently to Romford, where he is a member of Romford Life Saving Club.

Over the years he has acquired the Amateur Swimming Association's Gold Standard for Personal Survival and the Bronze Medal and Award of Merit of the Royal Life Saving Society.

Recently he took an examination which he hopes will earn him his instructor's certificate.

His father, Mr. Harry Brown, told the "Standard": "Peter has achieved a lot and he gets a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction from his hobby."

He added: "He wouldn't speak about it, but his greatest pleasure is on Sunday mornings when he and other Club members help the physically handicapped who use Romford pool for remedial exercise."

Peter's achievements get a mention in this month's issue of Outwood Common Residents' Association's magazine. One of the editors, Mr. Ernie Fitzpatrick, of Betsyne Close, comments: "This, I feel sure, is only one of the cases of what our youngsters get up to."

He asks members to let him know of others. "We will gladly publish them."

to Merthyr Tydfil Hospital, and the Committee Chairman, Police Insp. George Manning, of Billericay, has been asked to present it to the Hospital Management Committee.

The Committee, through a charity ball and donations from individuals and organisations, raised £220. Money remaining following the purchase of the auto-clave machine will also go to the hospital.

On the machine will be a plaque with the wording: "This machine is donated by the people of South-East Essex as a token of sympathy to those bereaved as a result of the Aberfan disaster of 1966 in memory of those who lost their lives in this tragedy."

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Molly Richardson (left) and Pamela Robertson, both 15 and both Deputy Head Girls of Laindon County Secondary School, have both passed their Queen's Guide Badge examinations. They are seen in the school library.

Optimistic Chairman

MALCOLM Lindsay, aged 19, of Greenway, Outwood Common (seen below), has been elected Chairman of Basildon Youth Council.

He is also Treasurer of Outwood Common Youth Section and works at Ford's, Dagenham, as an apprentice toolmaker.

Last year was the "worst so far" for the Youth Council. But Malcolm hopes to see improvement this year.

"I would like to see more



ALERT CLERGY

Basildon clergy are drawing up a rota to ensure they miss nothing at the Master Plan inquiry which opens on February 14th and is expected to last over a week. "We want to be informed on any matters which may concern the churches of the area," said a spokesman.



THE LABOUR PARTY IN ACTION

MR. DICK TRAVERNE, Under Secretary of State for the Home Office, was at Laindon on Sunday with local M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman to discuss and explain current Labour Party policies to a hard-core group of about 50 Labour supporters.

Mr. Traverne spoke of a "certain remoteness" which used to exist between the Cabinet and Party members, and of decisions which were delivered rather like "tablets from the mount." This meeting, one of about 40 organised in the Eastern Region, was to cover that gap.

Mr. Moonman spoke for about 10 minutes and the Under Secretary for about half an hour, after which the meeting was thrown open for discussion. At that point the Press were excluded from the meeting.

Mr. Moonman, speaking first, said that the Minister of Housing had only last week informed him of a planned expansion programme for London people.

"One million people should move out of London between 1964 and 1981," said Mr. Moonman, "and more than half the total—say 650,000—will be accommodated in new and expanding towns." He then gave figures of

the capacity of each New Town for expansion. And foremost of the towns was Basildon. In the present plan there was room for 4,500 more houses, 16,000 people, and from 1966-81 the Government intended to put up another 10,000 houses—room for another 35,000 people.

Mr. Moonman went on to speak of the housing problem which affected most of the country, referring to the questions raised by the "Cathy Come Home" programme on TV.

Finally he spoke of the three or four months' hard work which awaited Parliament in their new session.

"Not headline-making work," he said, "but very necessary."

He also referred to Britain's efforts to enter the Common Market. "I still remain unconvinced that there is good cause for going into the Common Market," he said.

The picture above shows Mr. Moonman, Mr. Traverne and Mr. Peter Clyne, President of the local Labour Party.

Chance given to bigamist

"THIS MAN must be given the greatest possible chance to make a success of his lawful marriage," the Chairman (Mr. J. Roland Adams, O.C.) at Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford on Thursday said of Peter John Becker (31), sales executive, of Spurrers, Basildon, who

pleaded guilty to bigamy. Said to be now living happily with his legal wife, Becker was bound over for five years in the sum of £25 and ordered to pay the cost of the prosecution.

He pleaded guilty to "marrying Miss Maureen Toomey at Newbigga Mears, Scotland, during the life of his wife Margaret Becker. The Court was told by Mr. W. Gage, prosecuting, that the matter came to light in April last year, when Miss Toomey was granted a decree of nullity in the High Court.

The legal marriage was in January, 1957, and there were two children. Defendant left his wife in 1964 and subsequently went through a formal marriage with Miss Toomey at a Scottish registrar's office. It was alleged that Becker put the description "bachelor" on the certificate. They returned to London and Miss Toomey became pregnant.

Counsel went on to say that in July, 1965, Miss Toomey gave birth to a child and since that date he had been making a voluntary payment of £5 10s a month in respect of the baby.

After telling her he was taking a job in America they separated. Instead of going to America, he went back to his legal wife, and became reconciled with her. They had since lived together and were apparently quite happy.

"Nagging"

When questioned by Det. Sgt. Clifford, Becker admitted the matter, but said the baby was not his, although he was making a maintenance allowance in a statement he said he met Miss Toomey two months after leaving his wife. He told her he was married, but they became engaged on the understanding she would wait until he was divorced. The statement went on to say that Miss Toomey kept nagging and nagging him about

DAMAGE FOLLOWS SAFE THEFT

THE FRONT door was smashed, alarm wires cut and telephone cables interfered with at Martin's shop in Honeywood Road, Basildon, at the weekend.

Early on Thursday week thieves removed a safe with £150 from the shop.

Stock was also disturbed. Allied Retail Trade, of Woodford, are owners of the shop.

The empty safe was found by Police at Bowers Gifford.

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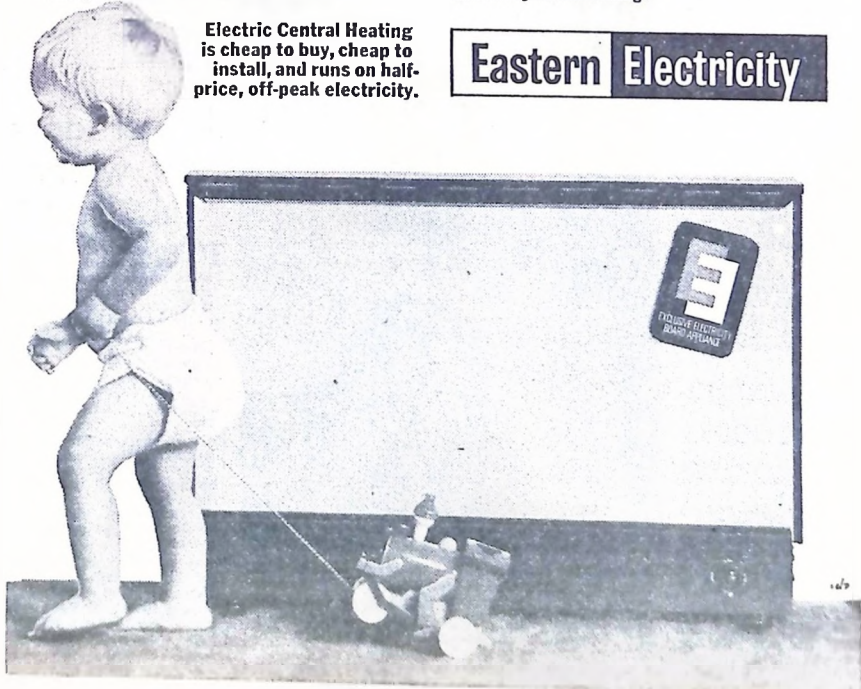
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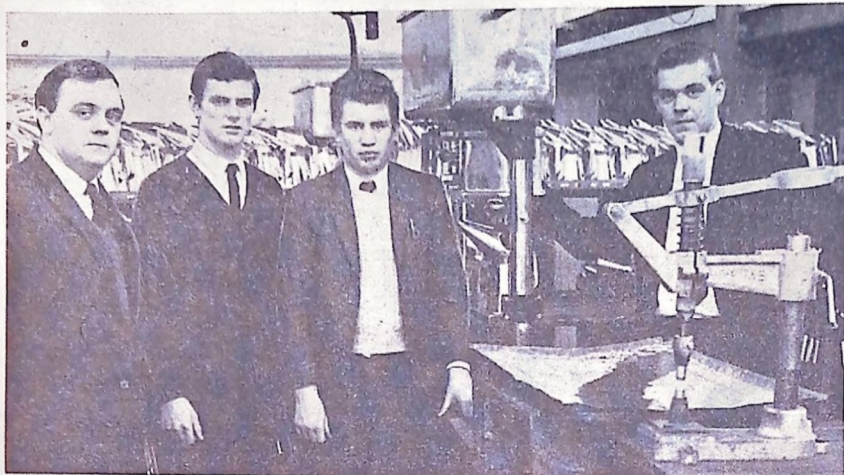
Mr. Harvey, of Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, had 5 electric storage radiators installed in 1964. He was so pleased with them, that when he extended his house this summer, he added two more. The 5 radiators cost £44.8.2 to run over a full year, or 17s. 1d a week. Mrs. Harvey says "Our one wish is that we could have installed the radiators years ago when the children were younger. As a housewife, I find the system extremely labour saving."

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FACTORY GOSSIP



Our picture above shows Weights and Measures inspectors on parade at the Paramount metal work factory.

ALMOST A NIGHTMARE JOB FOR THE INSPECTORS!

THE WEIGHTS and Measures Department are people you hear about but don't often come in contact with unless it's part of your job.

But at the Paramount Metal Work factory in Paycocke Road there is so much for the Weights and Measures inspectors to do that they have practically become part of the building.

For Paramount produce an average of 1,200 measuring cans every day. And the law lays down that each individual can must be tested and stamped by Weights and Measures inspectors. The cans which Paramount manufacture come in five sizes, ranging from the half-pint to the gallon. They end up in the hand of fore-court attendants in almost any garage you care to choose in Britain.

And checking the new cans adds up to something approaching a nightmare for the Essex County Council inspectors.

"We do it on rota," explained one of the five inspectors hard at work on the day we called, "and this means that a man will be here for five days once every four weeks. It shouldn't be that often, but we are short-staffed."

"We work a rota because if you did it for longer than a week at a time it would drive you barmy!"

A dispensing machine pours a precise half-pint, or gallon or whatever it may be, into as many cans as the inspectors can feed it. Cans passing the test receive the crown stamp at the neighbouring machine.

"It's all very nice knowing the cans are accurate," said Paramount director Mr. S. Lewis. "The only trouble is we have to pay duty of 9d. or 1s. 6d. on each can which goes through!"

New range of brooders

MAYWICK Appliances, Ltd., of Wickford, have put the first of a new range of radiant poultry brooders on the market. Called the "Triple-O", it is designed for up to 1,500 broilers, or 1,000 pullets where stocking density is lower. Further units in the range will be for 1,000 and 500 broilers, and 500 and 350 pullets, respectively.

last Friday from Carreras, Ltd., after 45 years' service with the company. Miss Batchelor joined them in 1921 on leaving school, and started in the hand packing department. She has also been in the inspection and other departments, and was a chargehand in cigarette making when she retired.

She was presented with a spin-drier, on behalf of the firm, by Mr. A. Gould, Production Manager, and her colleagues gave her a magnificent sheaf of spring flowers.

Miss Batchelor, who lives in Basildon with her brother, has no immediate plans for her retirement.

She is a keen golfer, and hopes to play more often now; she also enjoys gardening, and will have more time to devote to it in future. She will "have a think" about places of interest to visit, but she has no interest in foreign travel.

She served Carreras 45 years

It will be a real wrench to leave—I've made so many friends over the years!" said Miss W. M. Batchelor, who retired

SPIN-DRIER GIFT



A spin-drier was the gift of Carreras, Ltd., to Miss Batchelor when she retired on Friday. Picture shows her with Mr. A. Gould (who made the presentation), Mr. T. Mills, Mrs. B. Wright, Mr. J. Wardell and Mr. M. Banyard. She had been with the firm 45 years.

Another big party

ABOUT 200 children of the Social Club members had tea at the factory on Saturday before going on to a pantomime.

Aged between eight and 12, the children had tea in the canteen and then went by coach to see "Dick Whittington" at the Palace Theatre, Westcliff. Volunteers boosted the canteen staff at tea time.

The Social Club annual meeting is on Tuesday, January 31st, at 5.45 p.m.

When time counts

RACING to beat an April 1st deadline, Marconi's have already delivered the first four units in a massive transportable communications system for Nato.

Worth about £1M., the order was placed in September and—say Marconi's—involves one of the tightest time limits ever set for so large a project.

The twin systems will provide high communications for Nato in Belgium and Afloat in Holland.

A 'war' does not worry this firm!

THERE'S a bit of a war going on in the window-blind-making world at the moment. But William O'Hanlon and Co., Ltd., of Heron Grove, Wickford, who make cloth and wood-veneer blinds, are far from worried because their steady progress in the 23 years they have been based at Wickford is the cause of it.

Factory Manager Mr. A. E. Arlett explained last week: "Our blinds have been selling so well we have hit the venetian-blind manufacturers and they are coming back at us in our market."

"But we have no worries at the moment. We are making great progress. In our first year here we made about 6,000 blinds and employed about a dozen people. Now we

EXPERIENCED MACHINISTS SO DIFFICULT TO FIND!



A Basildon firm who moved from Bowlers Croft to Robert Way, Wickford, in November last year are not finding it an altogether successful change. W. Rayner, Ltd., ladies' jerseywear makers, moved from an 1,800 sq. ft. building to one three times as large in order to meet the demands of a 10-year contract signed with an important customer.

But now they have the space they are finding experienced machinists harder to come by than a Victorian thimble.

"We are having the devil of a job to find them," Managing Director Mr. Willfred Rayner told the "Standard". "When we moved we brought about 20 women with us, providing them with free transport to and from work and most of them have stuck by us. But local women are scarce."

"We have taken on a few, but we have found others lack the experience we require if our standards are not to drop."

Labour problems apart, though, Mr. Rayner is finding life in his spacious new factory a great improvement. He has been able to equip it with the latest in machinery, with a proportionate increase in productivity, and is proud of the other facilities available to his workers. "If I had another 20 machinists things would be fine," he said.

Our picture shows his managers, Mrs. Dolly Farmer, of Whitmore Way, Basildon, with a three-piece costume produced for the home market.

The firm also make garments for export and have been given a big order for Russia. "There's nothing unusual about the order except that the garments seem to be in larger sizes than usual. Russian women are big women, it seems," said Mr. Rayner.

are approaching the 20,000 blinds a year mark and employ 23 people.

"In fact," he added, "in a few weeks' time we will be working at maximum capacity here and it could be that we will consider expanding into another building if we continue to make progress at our present rate."

O'Hanlon's have only been in Wickford 21 years, but they are not a new firm. Manchester-founded, they have been in the blind-making business for 75 years and export all over the world.

The Wickford factory was opened principally to provide better service for customers in Southern England.

Their cloth blinds are made mainly from cotton fabrics and now include colourful

and highly popular prints treated with Vinyl to make them spongy.

Some of the patterns are shown in the picture below. On the left in the picture is Mrs. Joan Reed (39), of Brunwinds Close, Wickford, who has been with the firm since they started manufacturing locally.

She is showing the ropes to the firm's newest recruit, Mrs. Gwen Green (48), of Smugglers Club Ground, Althorne, who is on the right.

Most of the firm's employees are married women. "We find them much the most satisfactory workers," said Mr. Arlett. "It takes them only a fortnight or so to pick up what they have to do and they gradually speed up. We are very pleased with our ladies."





Ilford, Ltd., Sports and Social Club organised a trip to the pantomime at Westcliff on Saturday. Before the children left for the performance tea was laid on in the works canteen. After tea they left for Westcliff in a fleet of buses. Our picture shows some of them waiting for their tea.

Past year had nothing to please builders

The industry is burdened with problems

THE PAST year was the bleakest in memory for the building industry, says Mr. S. C. Shipton, President of Billericay, Rayleigh and District Association of Building Trades Employers, in his annual review.

It was impossible, he says, to recall any year in which so much had happened to burden the industry with problems.

Despite the setbacks at national level, the Association were encouraged by the increase in indentured apprentices in the area from 139 to 160.

This was in a period when obvious economies in labour force placed some firms in a less favourable position for training apprentices.

The report submitted to the Association's annual meeting at Construction House, Runwell Road, Wickford, on Thursday, painted a gloomy picture of Government "floundering" in introducing fresh legislation.

Confusion had been created by the introduction of Acts and Bills with little or no notice.

The Building Control Bill, the Government White Paper on the National Housing Plan and other forms of legislation calling for redeployment of labour made it obvious that the target housing figure for 1970 would not be realised.

It was difficult to see how the construction industry could be classified as a service industry under the Government's Selective Employment Tax.

"Even to those sections of the industry attracting a rebate or premium, this Tax is, in effect, an interest-free loan to the Government for six months of capital that could be put to much better use," Mr. Shipton says.

Of the freeze on prices and incomes, Mr. Shipton asks if future demands for increases in wages would

show signs of catching up with the standstill period.

He reveals lengthy consideration had been given to the organisation of the Eastern Federation and a new title - National Federation of Building

Trades Employers, Eastern Region - chosen.

Association membership was the same as in the previous year.

Mr. M. G. E. Kemp, of Hill Avenue, Wickford, was elected to succeed Mr. Shipton, and Mr. W. E. Parrish, of Norsey View Drive, Billericay, was elected Vice-President.

A raider's thanks!

A SMASH and grab raider left the word "Thanks" in large red lipstick letters on the window of a Basildon store.

Early on Thursday morning a large hole was smashed in the window of Rumbelows in the Town Centre, but only one transistor radio was taken from the large display of sets and record-players. It was a 42 guinea Phillips radio. "It's a good radio—and wasn't the nearest to the hole," said Store Manager Mr. J. Simmonett.

TWO FIRES

Basildon firemen dealt with two fires on Tuesday evening. The first was a grass fire in Whitmore Way; the second a chimney fire in Rectory Road, Pitsea.

A manor house stood within this moat seven centuries ago

ON THE west side of Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse, on the hill near Ramsden Heath, is a moat surrounded by trees and bushes. In Norman times this encircled the manor house of Ramsden Barnton or Barrington, for there were anciently two manors in Ramsden Bellhouse, Ramsden Bellhouse and Ramsden Barrington.

Ramsden Barrington manor had its own free church or chapel (not attached to the benefice or subject to the mother church) and according to tradition it stood on the corner of Short Lane and Park Lane. Until recently two old cottages stood on its site, but now bungalows have taken their place. On the opposite corner was the chapel burial ground.

In 1281 there was a dispute about tithes between Theodore Bellhouse, who was a member of the family who gave their name to the parish, and then rector of Ramsden Bellhouse, and Walter Oting, rector of the church of Ramsden Barrington. The dispute was settled by Richard Gravesend, Bishop of the Diocese. About a hundred years later there was another dispute between Roger Button, rector of the church of Ramsden Bellhouse, and Robert Marston, rector of the church of Ramsden Barrington, which was settled by the Bishop of London. The charity certificate

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J. K. PAYNE

of c.1545 give the name of Edward Atkinson, who was 56 years old as the incumbent of this chapel.

In the 18th Century the place where the chapel stood was known as Mumfords Green. By 1768 the chapel had been destroyed and a cottage erected on its site.

Council Cottages in Park Lane stand on land from which 20s. a year was given for providing bread and wine for the sacrament in Ramsden Barrington chapel. There was a well in the garden with remains of Virgin and child.

Ramsden Barrington took its name from Sir Nicholas Barrington of Barrington Hall, Hatfield Broad Oak; it came to him through marriage with Alice, daughter of Sir Richard de Belhouse.

Now nothing but the moat of this ancient manor remains, with the usual tradition of an underground passage.

DRIVER BANNED

PLEADING guilty at Billericay on Tuesday to driving under the influence of drink, Ian Murray of Sutton Dwellings, Islington, was fined £40 with £12 10s. 0d. costs and banned for a year.

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A page of party pictures



These youngsters were at Waterloo Grill's children's party held at St. Michael's Church Hall on Saturday.



This happy crowd were at Basildon G.P.O. children's party held at the Head Post Office canteen on Saturday.

Boys' Brigade have fun



Members of the 3rd Basildon Boys' Brigade junior section at their party held at Kingswood Baptist Church last week.



Youngsters from St. Nicholas' and St. Paul's (Methodist) are seen above at their joint Junior Sunday School party held at St. Nicholas' Church Hall, Laindon, on Saturday.

JOEY, THE CLOWN, WAS A VERY POPULAR CHAP WHEN HE VISITED THE SECOND CHILDREN'S PARTY TO BE ORGANISED BY THE STANDARD TELEPHONE COMPANY ATHLETIC AND SOCIAL CLUB IN THE FACTORY CANTEN ON SATURDAY. HE IS SEEN IN THE PICTURE ON THE RIGHT.

A NAVAL THEME WAS ADOPTED BY THE MEMBERS WHO HELPED—THIRTY UNIFORMS WERE OBTAINED FROM PORTSMOUTH—AND THE FACTORY'S OWN DRAMA GROUP PUT ON THEIR Pantomime, "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK." THE MOTIS BEAT GROUP FROM RAYLEIGH ALSO ENTERTAINED, AND THERE WERE FILM SHOWS.

OVER 250 YOUNGSTERS WERE AT THE PARTY, AND AT THE TWO PARTIES—THE OTHER WAS HELD LAST WEEK—ABOUT 550 CHILDREN WERE ENTERTAINED.

MUCH OF THE SUCCESS OF THE PARTIES WAS DUE TO THE WORK OF THE CLUB'S SECRETARY, MR. ALBERT BURNS.

JOEY, THE CLOWN, WAS POPULAR!





School magazine experiment was very successful

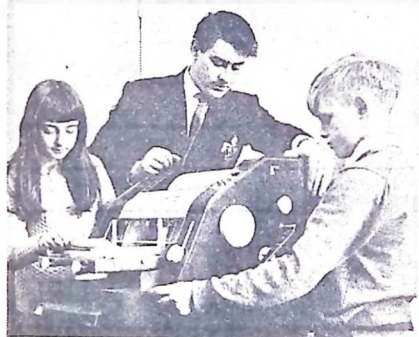
"AN EXPERIMENT with a surprising sequel!" is how Mr. J. O. D. Bland, master in charge of visual aids at Manor Junior School, Basildon, describes the production of the school magazine, issued just before Christmas.

The picture above shows the magazine being printed by Hazel Mancey, Peter Harris and Steven Groves under the direction of Mr. Duckworth.

What commenced as a test of what a new electronic printer would do was pronounced as the best junior school magazine out of the 120 inspected by the National Schools' Magazine Association at their conference last Saturday.

Mr. Bland attended the conference and was more than a little alarmed to hear producers of other magazines talking in terms of production costs of £400-£500.

As Manor's had only cost about £60 to produce, he felt hopelessly out-classed!



Christopher Hemmings and Susan Matthews operate the duplicating machine while Mr. Bland superintends.

He was more than thrilled at the high praise his magazine received, for besides being chosen as the best junior school exhibit, it was also placed 11th in competition with professionally produced work from all over the country, including some executed by the publishers of a national daily newspaper.

Headmaster of the School Mr. K. H. Duckworth was not only anxious to try out the machine, which was bought by the Basildon Education Committee for use by all the schools in the Division; he also felt uneasy to produce the School's first magazine would show the parents what their children were doing in their daily work. Accordingly, "Operation Magazine" was launched.

About 100 children had a hand in the producing of the magazine.

A large number of the drawings and essays are from the children's school work and range in subject from the commonplace to the school tuck shop.

The magazine took three weeks from start to finish and sold 400 copies. They hope to produce another magazine next June.

Head teachers—appointment procedure

IT WAS reported at Monday's meeting of Essex Education Committee that the Schools' Committee had met Basildon Committee for Education and discussed the procedure for appointing head teachers of new comprehensive schools.

As a result it had been agreed to continue the existing procedure for this special object so that appointments could be made as soon as possible.

This, it was explained, was necessary both to facilitate the planning of the new schools and to allay uncertainty among Basildon teachers.

Poultry house in the news again

THE POULTRY house at 171, Noak Hill Road, Billericay, which cost Mr. A. C. Clarke, several thousands of pounds to build and stock, is in the news again.

Over the years it has been the subject of planning appeals and Court action. Now again it has become a planning inquiry matter.

Mr. Clarke has appealed to the Minister of Housing against Basildon Council's decision, on behalf of the local planning authority refusing planning permission for the building.

The appeal has been accepted by the Minister and an inquiry will be held at the Council Chamber, Fodderwick, Basildon, on February 7th.

The Council refused planning permission saying the building was inappropriately sited in relation to existing dwellings and its retention would constitute a source of nuisance to the residents of nearby dwellings.

Left hospital same day

Mrs. Constance Buer of Great Gorge, "Don, collapsed in Cornish and Wat-on's shop in South Walk, Basildon, on Saturday. She was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, and released after treatment the same day.

HE OFFERED 60 OR 70 PER CENT INTEREST ON SHORT LOANS

Basildon man placed on probation

A 28-YEARS-OLD man, who was said to have offered "fantastic" rates of interest to induce his work-mates at Ford, Basildon, to lend him substantial sums of money to finance a lampshade-making business at Southend, was put on probation for three years and ordered to pay £50 prosecution costs at Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford on Friday.

He was John Michael David Lintern, of Churchfields, Woodford Green, who pleaded not guilty to obtaining sums totalling £782 15s. 6d. by fraud or false pretences at Basildon, Hadleigh and Ilford.

At the close of a nine-day trial he was found guilty of obtaining sums of £75 and £300 by false pretences at Basildon and obtaining about £55 by fraud at Hadleigh.

Mr. John Turner, prosecuting, said the charges covered a period over the first four months of 1965 during most of which Lintern was employed by Ford Motor Co. Basildon.

At the time he and his brother took over a small business in making and selling lampshades. The method of financing this business led to the charges.

Inducement

As an inducement to people to provide sums of money for the business, accused offered somewhat fantastic rates of interest. Counsel went on: "For example, he was borrowing money from his fellow employees and offering to pay back with interest as high as 60 or 70 per cent over a period of about two weeks."

On the first of two transactions he did, in fact, repay the money with interest but afterwards when sums were invested in the business they were not repaid. It was alleged that when questioned by Police, accused admitted that at the end of the period he was borrowing money to pay his other creditors.

Lintern told the jury that when he borrowed the various sums of money referred to in the charges he was running a genuine business, which was progressing and expanding as he had planned and hoped. There was never any intention of defrauding the lenders or of behaving in any way dishonestly in respect of the business.

He spoke of his experience in designing and selling lampshades and other lighting equipment in association

Postman tried to cheat bookie

A BOOKMAKER'S firm became suspicious when a letter date-stamped for Saturday, August 27th, arrived and contained stakes of £1 10s. for four horses running on the Saturday.

All four won and the bet stood to win £62 8s. 10d. Billericay Justices were told on Tuesday.

Frederick Purchase (52), of Alfred Road, Brentwood, pleaded guilty to forgery.

A postman higher grade, suspended since the offence came to light, and a man of previously good character, Purchase was fined £40 with 10 guineas costs. He was given a month to pay.

The Chairman, Mr. H. R. Dunnico, said the Bench had taken into account the state of Purchase's health and the fact that because of his act he had lost his job.

It was stated that when the winning betting letter was received in the name of Mr. C. Wiggott, of Alfred Road, the writing was examined and bore a marked resemblance to Purchase's writing.

He was interviewed and admitted putting an envelope through the time-stamping machine then writing his bet after the races had been run.

He said he put the letter in the Glasgow collection. He used Mr. Wiggott's name without him knowing.

Purchase told the Court he was distressed at the time because of an accident he had had.

SHOTGATE WIVES

Shotgate Wives' Social Group held their first meeting of the New Year at Shotgate Community Hall on Wednesday week. Traditionally, members were hosts to the committee and provided the evening's entertainment and catering. The entertainment, a comedy fashion show and a "Batman" skit, was by Mesdames Brown, Harvey, Lons, Sayward, Pettit, Angland, Mason, Martin, Parker and McVann. Mrs. Long and Mrs. Sayward sang a duet, accompanied by Mrs. Parker at the piano, and each committee member received a box of chocolates. Ten hostesses were Mesdames Harrington, Hughes and Johnson, and the evening concluded with a competition won by Mrs. Warren.



Christ Church, Perry Street, Billericay, held a party for the Sunday School children on Saturday afternoon. Our picture shows the young guests waiting eagerly for the film show.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

A party for Guides and Scouts



The Scouts and Girl Guides in the picture above were at a combined party held at St. Teresa's School Hall on Saturday.

A "Happy Pal" has written an exciting story

ONE OF our Happy Pals is a budding authoress! She is nine-years-old Lesley Rugg, who lives at Victoria Road, Laindon, and she has written an exciting story about smugglers and treasure.

Lesley tells me she has been writing stories since she was "about six" and she has written lots of them. She loves reading, composition and English, and she reads a good many books, which give her ideas for her own stories. Apart from writing the stories Lesley illustrates

them with her own drawings, and very good they are. She has won three essay competitions and says her mother is always very pleased with her efforts. I'm sure she is very proud of you, Lesley!

Lesley has an elder sister who will be 12 next month, and who is also good at stories. They seem to be a talented family, don't they?

The story Lesley has written is called "The Mysterious Bag," and she has made it into a book. Each page is hand written and pasted on to a large sheet of paper, and these sheets, together with the cover and illustrations, are all stitched together very neatly.

The cover itself is beautifully done. Lesley has pasted triangles of coloured paper — pink, lilac and peach — on to it, and in the spaces between she has drawn gold coins, bags of brightly coloured jewels and old-fashioned Gladstone bags.

AUNTIE LIZ.



Lesley Rugg (9), who has written a story. She lives at Victoria Road, Laindon, and goes to Blue House School, Leo Chapel North.

WILL YOU BE RECRUITING OFFICERS FOR OUR LEAGUE?

AS YOU will know, if you read our page last week, we shall soon be celebrating our Happy Pals' League's first birthday. Already we are nearing our 500th member and there will be a special prize for him or her when we receive the membership form.

How would you like to recruit some members? You know lots of children — you go to school with them, you play with them, they may even be in your own family, and not yet enrolled.

Ask them to fill in the form on this page, and

and take part in our competitions.

We may be getting some severe frosts and, perhaps, snow in the weeks ahead, and I want you to think about the birds, who often have a very bad time in wintry weather.

Scraps of food are very necessary for them, and when frost is about see there is a shallow bowl of fresh water for the birds.

Do you have a bird-table in your garden? It can be just a flat piece of wood on a leg or something very elaborate, but birds can have a meal without being worried by cats or other enemies. You can have fun by spotting the different species of birds who come to your garden.

Love from,

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Secret message

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Do you know?

A plough is used for turning over the earth so that fresh soil comes to the surface for the next crop to grow on. The importance of ploughing the land has been known since the earliest times. Even the ancient Egyptians used ploughs.

The skeleton of a shark, unlike that of an ordinary fish, is made of gristle instead of bone. Its body is long and the skin is covered with tiny tooth-like scales which make it rough to the touch. The largest kind of shark is the whale shark, which may measure 40 feet in length. The man-eating shark of the Tropics is often 30 feet long.

A plover is one of the strongest flying and running birds. It can fly at the rate of about 40 miles per hour and is still used occasionally to carry messages and for racing.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

NOT SO many birthday greetings this week, but, nevertheless, very many happy returns of the day to: Frederick H. Mint, of Ethelred Gardens, Wickford, seven on the 21st; Hazel Ricketts, of The Avenue, Billericay, seven on the 23rd; Daryl Leon Smith, of Woodbrooke Way, Cressingham, five and Jean Stanton, of Danbury Down, eight, both on the 24th; Roy Douglas Peck, of Danbury Down, Basildon, 10, and Karen Elizabeth Maude, of Cladwyns, Basildon, four, both on the 25th.

Happy birthday, Happy Pals!

'Standard' Happy Pals League

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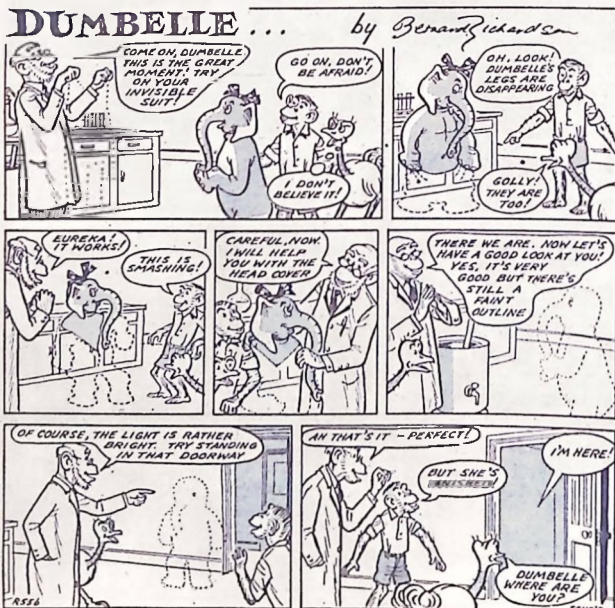
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Helping hands



We found Janet Phillips (11), of Falcon Way, Basildon, and Suzanne Parker (11), of Codenham Straight, Basildon, helping out with the chores at the party given for old people at Pembury Hall, Basildon, on Saturday. They made themselves generally useful and afterwards watched the entertainment.





SOME OF THE VISITORS TO THE PARTY FOR HOUSEBOUND OLD FOLK GIVEN AT MARCONI'S CANTEN ON SATURDAY. OUR PICTURE SHOWS (LEFT TO RIGHT) MRS. BETTY WRENN, TOWN MANAGER MR. DAVID TAYLOR, MRS. TAYLOR, COUN. A. BARON BURN, MRS. BURN, DR. ANGWIN AND MRS. EVE BAYLIS.

HOW TO HUSH THAT BARKING GUARD DOG!

Give him port and brandy at bedtime!

HOW DO you stop a dog from barking? To judge by South Essex Motors' mailbag this is a question which has given food for thought to half of Britain this week. It was Barrack, S.E.M.'s Alsatian guard dog, who set people writing.

Letter after letter has local residents protested and claimed he "has a

arrived at S.E.M.'s since about Barrack's barking thing" about breakdown lorries.

"We answered 50 yesterday, but letters are still coming in," said a spokesman for the firm. "We have had all sorts of suggestions, from the cranky to the sensible. But almost without exception people have been in favour of retaining the dog—some for sentimental, some for practical reasons."

- A 78-years-old woman proposes giving Barrack a nightcap of port and brandy each bedtime!

- Another woman, who claims she keeps 14 dogs in her bedroom, recommends wax earplugs to S.E.M.'s neighbours!

- Another claims that an inch square of Sellotape stuck on Barrack's nose will keep him from barking!

- A titled lady living in Suffolk, who has kept Alsatis all her life, says all that is needed is "plenty of exercise and a very warm bed."

- A signaller, serving with B.A.O.R., offered to find a home for Barrack. "So far as we are concerned," said S.E.M.'s spokesman, "Barrack still

does NOT bark unduly. And I'd like to assure a lot of worried people that he is not kept chained up. He has the freedom of the compound at night."

Thought it was "big" to steal

AFTER A boy was seen to pick up a diary in a Basildon shop he left with two other boys and was stopped outside.

All three were taken back to the shop where the boy, aged 15, said he had taken a diary, a notebook and two rubbers.

On Monday at Billericay Juvenile Court the boy admitted the theft and said he had committed the offence because he thought it was "being big."

The boy was conditionally discharged. An order was made for the payment of one guinea costs.

SUNDAY MEETINGS

Sunday meetings at Wickford Salvation Army Corps this week were led by Captain and Mrs. Brian Taylor. Singing Company member Judith Stock was commissioned at the morning service.

Services to be held in homes

ON MANY days no one goes to early morning service at St. Martin's—the Basildon Town Centre church. So evening services will now be tried out away from church... in the home.

Writing in his parish magazine the Rural Dean, Rev. Arthur Dunlop, has this to say about those who do not go to church at seven o'clock in the morning: "Nobody can blame them very much because this is not a convenient time and place to have a public service."

He goes on to review daily services in the parish: "It is imperative that we offer these services at a time and place suitable to the busy people."

"We believe that the

most practical place is in people's houses and the most practical time is during the evening.

"So we are to try an experiment based on St. Martin's for the moment."

This experiment is to hold a 7.15 Thursday evening service in someone's home every week. House communion will be given at these hour-long services. The first will be on February 2nd.

But, stresses Mr. Dunlop, "Of course, these weekly services must in no way suggest that we need not come on Sundays."

JAW FRACTURED AS TEMPER FRAYED IN SOCCER PRACTICE MATCH

A 24-YEARS-OLD Bowers United footballer, who lashed out at a team mate during a practice match, fracturing his jaw in two places, appeared at Billericay on Tuesday.

He was David Yates, a £75-a-month radiographer of The Knare, Basildon, who was charged with assaulting and causing actual bodily harm to Mr. Alan Scott, of Great Mistley, Basildon.

Found guilty, he was fined £20 with £2 2s costs and given 28 days to pay.

Prosecuting, Mr. D. Madams told the Court the incident occurred during one of the club's regular

training sessions at Timberlog County Secondary School.

A four-a-side football match was in progress and Mr. Scott was involved in a tackle with Yates. A moment later, as Mr. Scott was turning away again, he was struck on one side of his face by Yates and then again on the other side.

They were separated by referee Mr. Peter Jones, a Hadleigh schoolmaster, who sent both men home, not realising the extent of Mr. Scott's injuries.

Mr. Scott, who normally runs from his house to the School, staggered home, whereupon his wife arranged for him to be taken to the hospital and then called the Police.

Defending, Yates' advocate, Mr. B. J. Gammon, submitted that three times during the match Mr. Scott viciously tackled Yates, who has broken both his legs playing for the club, and he retaliated purely to defend himself.

Giving evidence on his own behalf, Yates explained: "Scott was deliberately trying to hurt me. I have been a bit sensitive about my legs since they got broken and eventually I felt that the only way to stop the rough-house from going on was to hit him."

SPACE WANTED

Negotiations with a developer in Oak Road, Billericay, for the acquisition or dedication of approximately 83 sq. yds. of land for use as a turning space have been approved by Basildon Council's Works Committee.

This Ford Classic ended upside down outside York Shipley's factory in Gardiner's Lane, Basildon, on Friday, after a collision with a 4-ton lorry. The driver, Mr. Charles Gudex (69), of Woodward Close, Grays, was slightly injured. The lorry was driven by Mr. Harry Brazley (47), of Nether Priors, Basildon.

PEOPLE NEXT DOOR

IN A WEEK when better relations between the English and Roman Catholic Churches over "mixed marriage" is a major talking point, Christians in the Billericay area are getting together to discuss the problems facing the churches.

"It's all part of a scheme of study known as 'The People Next Door'" said Mr. Trevor Kerry on Tuesday.

Billericay's P.N.D. Organiser, Mr. Kerry, explained: "Small groups of ten or a dozen men and women will be meeting in homes throughout Billericay and Great Burstead, and their task will be to look critically at their denominational differences and to consider the points of view of their agnostic and atheistic neighbours."

"From this they hope to discover how the Christian faith in this country and this town can be made more effective and how they can attain a greater measure of unity."

"Whatever the outcome," he pointed out, "the very fact that it will involve nearly 200 local people, and will be supported by similar meetings all over the country and by a television advertising campaign, will bring home the truth that Christians are very much alive in the everyday world."

The home groups will start after an inaugural meeting at St. Mary's Church in the High Street. Baptists, Congregationalists, Methodists, Roman Catholics and Quakers will attend.

Just missed approved school

TWO BASILDON boys who had previously admitted five cases of housebreaking and theft, four in the New Town area and one at Billericay, appeared at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday after being on remand in custody for reports.

One boy, already on probation of eight hours, and his father was fined £10 with £2 compensation.

"You have just escaped being sent to an approved school," the Chairman, Mr. H. R. Dunnic, told the boy.

The second boy was put on probation for three years and his father was fined £5 with £2 compensation.



A "welcome home" social was held at the Langdon Hills Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. H. Cockshaw after their stay in Australia. Picture shows (left to right), Mrs. Warren, Mr. Cadwell and Rev. J. Rooney, with Mr. and Mrs. Cockshaw seated.

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Cockfighting was held here!



The White Hart, High Street, Billericay, is Billericay's oldest pub. At one time it was used for cockfighting. Mrs. Christine Jennings and barmaid Miss Annaliese Krow are seen behind the bar in the tiny saloon. The bar display is built into a 100-year-old fireplace and is decorated with ancient weapons and fine examples of pewter.

THE SEVEN PUBS OF BILLERICAY ARE STEEPED IN HISTORY

STEPPED IN history, Billericay's seven town centre public houses provide an opportunity to drink in different and uniquely interesting surroundings every night of the week.

They are the legacy of a score or more beer houses which played a prominent part in moulding the character and atmosphere of Billericay for over four centuries, writes GREGORY BARNES.

In more recent years, however, many of these pubs have undergone a face-lift to bring them more into line with modern standards of comfort and luxury, but they still retain the architectural beauty, oddities and absurdities for which they are famous.

Built in the 16th Century, the Chequers, a real "olde worlde" roughcast building with a long low tiled roof, has been substantially altered inside and out at various times.

The owner, Mrs. Elsie Savegear, the only

woman licensee in Billericay, happily acknowledges the fact that it is the hot favourite with the under 25's in the area.

"There's nowhere else for them to go in Billericay, and they don't cause any

trouble," she explained. Besides, they are just as good business as anyone else," she added—and Elsie ought to know, for she has been in the town for 21 years, longer than any of the other licensees.

The Red Lion is also extremely old. Built in 1593, it is probably one of the oldest buildings in Billericay, and certainly the oldest licensed public

house, although through the years it has doubled as an insurance company's agency and an inland Revenue office.

GOOD FOOD

Licensee Mr. Albert Bevis, who moved to the Red Lion from the Railway Tavern, Stepney, in 1963, puts the popularity of his pub with magistrates, high ranking Police officers and businessmen down to his wife's cooking.

"My wife, Ada, is a very efficient cook, and I think that by building



The Vaughan family, of The Coach and Horses — Fred and Dorcas, the licensees, and their daughter Margaret — relax in the corner of their newly decorated and attractive saloon.

up a good reputation for our meals we draw in a lot of customers at lunch times, who then find they like the pub and become regular evening drinkers as well," he explained.

At the Crown, which also carries on a licence of at least 400 years' standing, we meet Mr. Ken (37) and Mrs. Fessie (38), and their huge pet, Sheila, a Great Dane.

In the 16th Century the Crown stood in the centre of the town as a flourishing coaching inn. Eventually, however, the dawn of the railway era brought an end to its prosperity and it moved to smaller premises in High Street before its licence was finally transferred to the present building erected in 1809.

Ken, Vice-President of Billericay Town Football Club, moved to Billericay with his wife nearly three years ago. A former employee at Ford, Ltd., it is his last pub.

The Railway Hotel is the only residential hotel in Billericay. It replaces the Dog and

THE CHEQUERS IN HIGH STREET



The Chequers — a delightful old-world inn in Billericay High Street.



Mr. of The Chequers, Billericay's see, takes cellar work in his stride.



D. Bloxham, of The Railway day's only residential hotel.

Then there are relative newcomers to the district. Mr. Frederick Vaughan, his wife, Doreen and their two children, Pat (20) and Margaret (17), at the Coach and Horses. Billericay was a welcome change for the family when they moved from Tredegar, in Bow, 15 months ago, after a hot baptism into the trade. The Coach and Horses is a modern descendant of the Crown, which used to stand on or very near the same spot before it moved to the bottom end of High Street. And last, but not least, is the Rising Sun, run by Mr. Tom Molyneux, who is also Chairman of the Romford, Brentwood and Billericay branch of the Licensed Victuallers' Association, and his wife, Lil. They took over the Rising Sun 15 years ago when they moved from the Coach and Bell at Romford. Little is known of the present roughcast building, which was probably built during the 18th Century, but during its lifetime it has served as a commercial hotel, and a meeting place for the Ancient Order of Foresters.

gives an impression of gracious carpets and rearing fire. Sheba, the dignity of her breed to the ten Beer is mine host.

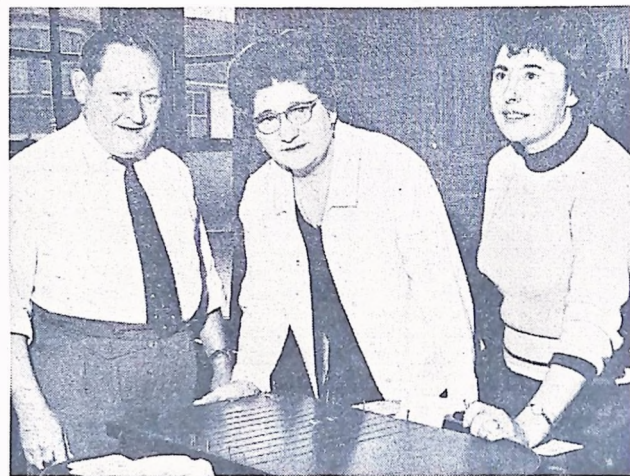


Time for dominoes!



In the public bar at the Coach and Horses we found Mrs. Doreen Vaughan, wife of the licensee, playing dominoes with Mr. Eddie Childs (77) and still active as the local chimney sweep.

... AND FOR SHOVE-HA'PENNY!



A game of shove ha'penny is enjoyed by landlord Mr. Albert Bevis and his wife and daughter Peggy (Mrs. Anderson) at the Red Lion Inn.



Mr. T. Molyneux and his wife, of The Rising Sun. Tom is Chairman of the Romford, Brentwood and Billericay branch of the Licensed Victuallers' Association. The couple have been at The Rising Sun for 15 years.

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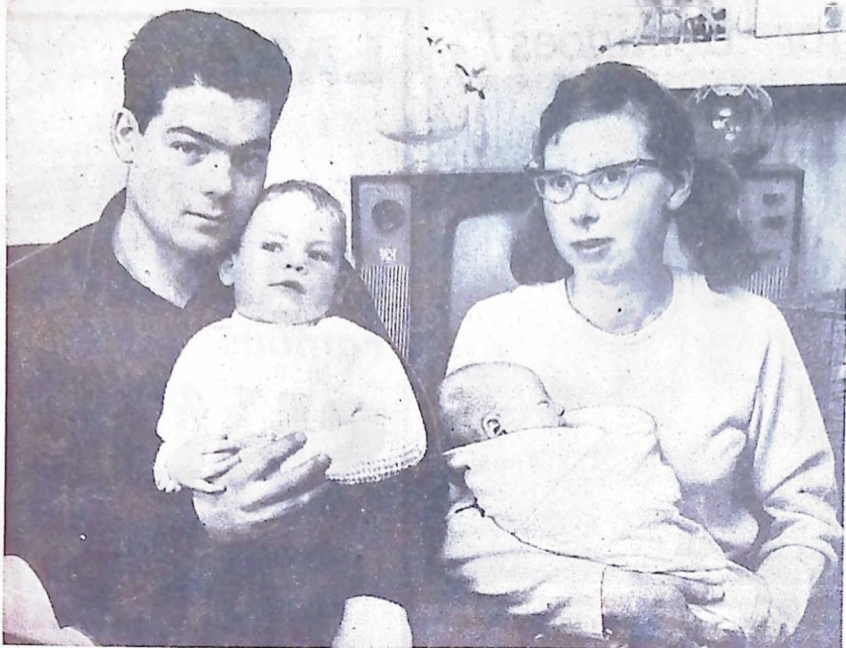
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THEY FACE EVICTION FROM POLICE HOUSE

EX-POLICEMAN Dave Buckley, his wife and two children (seen above) will be homeless next week when they are evicted from their Police house in Roodegate, Basildon.

They must get out to comply with a Court order obtained by the Police for possession of the house now that 24-years-old Mr. Buckley is no longer in the Force.

He resigned in October last year, after serving since 1964, to take a job as a refinery operator at Shell because he found it difficult to exist on Police pay.

Mr. Buckley was born in Pitsea and for many years lived with his parents in Maud Road. His wife Janet (23) has lived in Basildon since she was eight.

Prior to resigning from the Police, Mr. Buckley twice applied to the Development Corporation for housing, but was refused on each occasion as he did not qualify.

He then made a bid to stay in the Police house in Ghyllgrove, where he has lived for 12 months, but his application was rejected by the County Council.

Then steps were taken by the Police to get him out, and in December, at Chelmsford, January 23rd was fixed as the eviction date.

The breathing space allowed by the Court was because Mr. Buckley was expecting their second child. A boy called Tim was born seven weeks ago. Their other son Robbie is two.

"It seems ridiculous," said Mr. Buckley this week, "that all these Londoners can get houses while the people born here are not considered."

What will he do when the crunch comes on Monday? "I shall send my wife and children to live with her mother and I'll move in with a sister at Clacket Hill," he said. "But goodness knows what I am going to do with the furniture."

COUNCIL'S ATTITUDE
The Buckley case was considered by the Development Corporation's Housing Committee on Wednesday. Afterwards a spokesman said:

"This is a case where the man, by reason of his long association with the area, might have a claim for a council house, while his wife, by reason of our second generation policy, would normally qualify for a Corporation house."

"The Committee were told that there is a good chance that Mr. Buckley will be allocated a council house. If this does not prove to be the case, his application will come back to us and is likely to receive favourable treatment."

"At the moment the ball is in the Council's court," he said.

The Council's Housing Manager, Mr. J. Bates, said that in view of the Court order and the closure of the eviction date, emergency action was being taken.

"I hope to give Mr. Buckley a decision within the next few days," he said.

Seven-day licence

A SEVEN-DAY licence to replace the present weekday one for Kershaw and Cressy's off-licence at 63, High Street, Billericay, was granted at Billericay on Tuesday.

It was stated that the opening hours would be from midday to 2 p.m. The Chairman (Mr. H. R. Dunlop) questioned evening opening as the premises were opposite the parish church.

He was told that if evening opening was required it would be at such times as not to interfere in any way with church services.

PULPIT EXCHANGES AT LAINDON

An exchange of pulpits marked the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christianity at Laindon this week.

On Sunday evening Rev. Anthony Abbey, parish priest of St. Nicholas', Laindon, preached at Manor Mission. On the previous Sunday Rev. Karel Kulik, from the Mission, preached at St. Nicholas'.

On Saturday night Mr. Alan Kreider, of Harvard and Heidelberg Universities, spoke at Manor Mission on the "Reformation and its Relevance Today."

Grant payments

THE EXISTING method of paying grants to the sub-committees of the Old People's Welfare Committee is to be retained.

This decision was reached at a meeting of Basildon Council's District Welfare Committee when the request of the Basildon Urban District Old People's Welfare Committee for the Council to pay the annual grant direct to the main committee was discussed.

Members were reminded that the whole question of grants to the Old People's Welfare Committee was investigated about a year ago, both by the District Welfare Panel and Health Committee, when it was decided that a grant of £50 be made to each of the sub-committees and the main committee.

The Committee were informed that the Old People's Welfare Committee had been asked for their reasons for making the request, but they had not replied.

SUB-POST OFFICE MOVE

Addition of a sub-post office to the tenant of shop premises in Grange Road, South Green, Council Housing Committee. The Council own the premises and the sub-post office is being transferred from a supermarket a little further down the road.

Laindon Memorial Hall

CHARITY COMMISSIONERS HAVE ALL THE MONEY

THE MAN who recently sold Laindon's Memorial Hall to the Development Corporation to make way for redevelopment spoke this week of his plan to have the proceeds shared among the organisations who patronised the hall.

But according to the man, Mr. Eric Purkiss—one of the two trustees of the hall still living—the Charity Commissioners were turned down the suggestion.

"They now have all the money from the sale, and attempts to get it released for the benefit of Laindon must be directed at them," he said at his home in East Tilbury.

Mr. Purkiss took over as a trustee of the hall on the death of his father some years ago. The other remaining trustee lives in Devon.

The Memorial Hall was built in 1920 by voluntary help, on a site given by a local farmer. It was intended as a memorial to those who lost their lives in the 1914-1918 War.

In 1936, the hall was handed over to the Charity Commissioners and a management committee was appointed to run it on their behalf.

At one time the hall was Laindon's social centre. But when Laindon's new Community Centre was opened out by one of the organisations deserted it for the more comfortable conditions of the Centre.

"Nobody seemed worried about the fate of the hall at all at that time," said Mr. Purkiss. "It's only recently, since it was demolished, that people have suddenly become interested."

Warden of Laindon Community Centre Mr. Ron Moorcroft said this week that the Charity Commissioners have asked his Association to contact the

trustees to ascertain their views about the money being released.

"I gained the impression the Commissioners were not unsympathetic," he said.

Boy tore down part of ceiling

THE WOMAN owner of an unoccupied bungalow in Goatsmoor Lane, Billericay, received a telephone call. A boy gave his name and told her that horses belonging to her had broken loose. He had found them in Norsey Woods and had returned them to the field near the bungalow.

The woman made arrangements to see the boy, but could not keep the appointment.

When she eventually went to the bungalow she found a faint light broken wires pulled out and part of the ceiling torn down. It was stated by Mr. P. K. Watkins, prosecuting, at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday.

A boy of 16 admitted wilfully damaging the property to the extent of £61.

He said he had committed the offence because the woman had not come to see him. "I am sorry I did it," he added.

The Court adjourned their decision for three weeks to receive reports about the boy.

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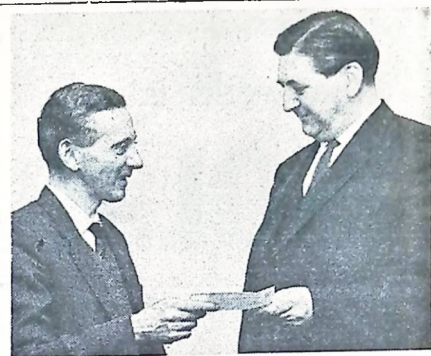
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Another £100 for research

THE BILLERICAY and Basildon Group of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation Trust presented the Trust's General Secretary, Mr. R. Tucker, with a cheque for £100 at the Vale, Billericay, on Friday.

It was the second £100 the Group have raised for the Trust since their inauguration about a year ago. The money is used for research into cystic fibrosis, an incurable child-killing disease.

Said Group Secretary Mrs. Beryl Clark, "We are doing all we can to get people interested in the fight to find a cure for this terrible disease. We are proud of the fact that so far our little group have been able to raise £200, but it is not enough, and we are hoping that the Trust's National Appeal Week (May 6th-13th) will stimulate a lot more people to subscribe to our cause."

Group Treasurer Mr. L. Nichols is pictured above handing over the cheque to Mr. Tucker.

Rest Centre hold-up solved for now

THE HOLD-UP which arose when Basildon Council refused to administer the £1,600 Aged Persons' Rest Centre at Lake Meadows recreation ground, Billericay, may soon be solved temporarily.

On Tuesday, Mr. Vic Lowman, Chairman of Billericay Round Table, who provided the Centre, disclosed that the pilot committee set up to run it in its infancy were hoping to see it open next month.

The Centre was officially opened on December 3rd and Mr. Lowman commented, "Obviously we want to see it in use as soon as possible. The pilot committee are trying to arrange a rota of volunteers to man the Centre every afternoon except Sundays, although this is far from satisfactory."

Help for the clubs?

EXPENSES incurred by old people's clubs in the Basildon urban district for rent, electricity, etc., might be reimbursed.

A resolution was passed at the recent meeting of the Council's District Welfare Committee which recommended that £100 should be included in the draft estimates for 1967-68 for this purpose. The amendment was approved to be referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

The Welfare Committee have also recommended that the Public Health Committee should include in their estimates a sum to cover the emptying of Eisan closets in dwellings occupied by old people.



Councillors, prospective candidates and guests pictured at Fryerns Ward Labour Party's dance held at Fryerns Community Centre on Saturday.

Mr. Moonman is now a P.P.S.

BILLERICAY M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman has been appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Rt. Hon. Patrick Gordon-Walker, Minister without Portfolio.

The work of Mr. Gordon-Walker's secretariat will cover every aspect of government.

All Ministers in the Cabinet, with the exception of the Prime Minister and Minister without Portfolio, have specific responsibility for a Department or Ministry.

The task of Mr. Gordon-Walker is to co-ordinate what is done by the Departments and to deal with subjects which do not fall within the normal areas of any department. One of these special subjects is research into the future scale and scope of the social services.

Mr. Moonman (36) was before becoming M.P. last year, a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Manchester. He was Human Relations Adviser at the

British Institute of Management.

On his new appointment Mr. Moonman commented: "I would have preferred this post to being attached to any particular department. It will give invaluable experience."

SUITABLE SITE FOR HOUSING

APPROVAL has been given by Basildon Council Housing Committee Chairman to the acceptance of terms negotiated by the District Valuer for the acquisition of a property in Park Drive, Wickford.

The Council already own two adjoining properties; the acquisition of the land will make a suitable site for housing.



Awaiting the arrival of Father Christmas are these children pictured at Basildon Development Corporation's party held at Kingswood Baptist Hall on Saturday.

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With the new cheaper fares a holiday in New York has become a reality

FOR GENERATIONS OF Europeans, New York has been the gateway to the United States. Until a few years ago, its towering skyline welcomed millions who came to the New World to seek a new way of life. Today, New York is poised for another European invasion. Only this time it will not be immigrants that the city will welcome, but an army of tourists who are discovering that it is becoming increasingly possible to take a holiday trip of two, three or even four weeks in the United States.

Why?

While wages everywhere have been rising, fares have actually been coming down. These two factors have enabled countless more people to be able

to afford what was recently only a dream — a transatlantic holiday.

The new extensions of cheap fares just agreed by International Air Transport Association are helping this trend even more. With these fares (which are still subject to government approvals), it will now be possible for travellers to fly from London to New York for between two and three weeks for only £107.3.0 return all the year round, except for very short "high season" peaks. This fourteen to twenty-one day excursion fare was previously limited to the summer.

Package Deal

Better still, new inclusive tour fares have been agreed. These enable

travel agents to offer "package holidays" including jet air fare and hotels (usually without meals), all for an inclusive price. What does this mean? It means that a fortnight's holiday in New York for just over £120 will be possible from April 1, 1967.

The jet age has transformed transatlantic travel to a matter of a few hours. Western Europe is in the midst of an economic miracle that portends great material benefits and limitless opportunities to exploit leisure time.

What constitutes a successful visit to New York is a matter of personal interest and preference. But one thing that will concern all would-be trippers is how to get there. From Britain this is an easy matter. B.O.A.C. has frequent direct non-stop jet flights daily from London, Manchester and Prestwick to New York, which take about seven-and-a-half hours.

JUST BECAUSE the Joneses always go to Majorca doesn't mean that you have to go there, too. Why not try something quite different this year? Or at least go away at a different time of year. There are so many exciting things to do—you could try pony trekking in Cumberland or learn to glide, or sail, or play golf or even climb a mountain.

If you make contact with the Central Council for Physical Recreation in London you will find many holidays for people of all ages, at very reasonable prices indeed.

You can charter a sailing boat in Malta or a power boat in Gib., go on a safari in East Africa or explore the Irish countryside in a horse-drawn Romany caravan—or just stay in a simple English farmhouse in the Cotswolds. Or how about shark fishing off the Cornish coast? These are just a few suggestions—your travel agent will have many more ideas.

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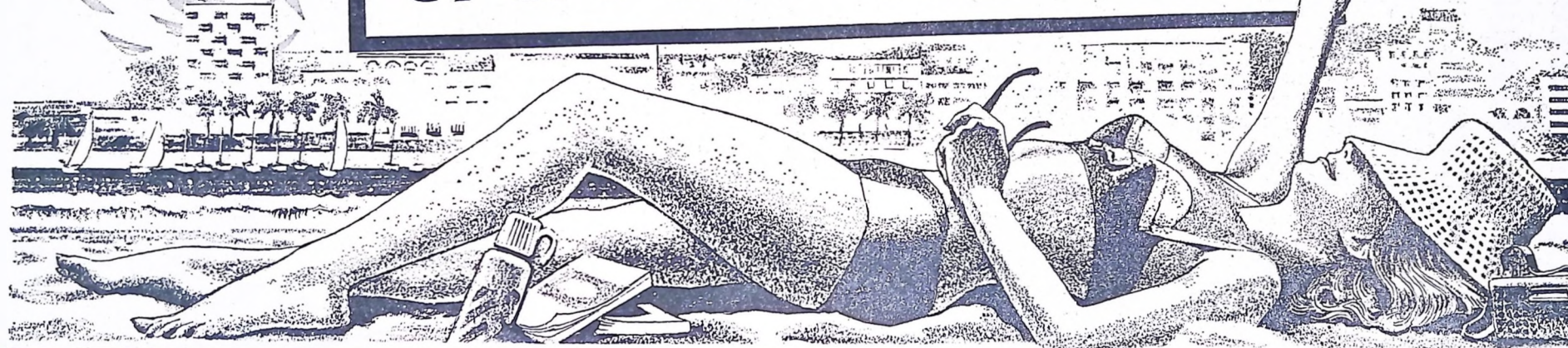
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LAINDON FAILED TO PRECE S. C. B. C. IN DEFENCE

SORRENTO 2, LAINDON HOTEL 0
LAINDON HARDLY deserved to lose this Basildon Sunday League (Premier Division) game by two clear goals. They dominated long periods of the game and went close on several occasions, but were finally defeated by a close-knit, hard-tackling Sorrento defence.

Laindon went into the attack straight from the kick off, and during the first 20 minutes forced three corners as well as hitting a post on one occasion. But Laindon were relying on the short-passing game, while Sorrento flung the ball about.

Their policy gradually paid off, and the Laindon attacks began to lose their tempo. Sorrento centre-forward Flint collected the ball after 25 minutes and drove a fierce shot across the face of the goal. Hamlyn saved but could not hold the ball, and Groom ran in to bang it home.

Laindon put on the pressure after this, but again they were foiled by some good keeping from Manning, and by generally massed and resolute defence. Then, with five minutes to go to the break, Flint again broke away, and he shot fiercely as he cut in from the left wing. This time the ball hit an upright and bounced out for Duffin to score.

The second half was played at a slower pace on the sticky surface, Laindon claiming a penalty when one of their players was brought down, but the referee gave a kick from the edge of the box and the ball was cleared.

Season, Wilmere and Hampshire all worked hard for Laindon in midfield, but the whole Laindon side kept the ball too close and played into the hands of the tough Sorrento defence. They failed to get within striking distance of goal again.

Groom, at the other end, came nearer with some efforts, but the match ended with the score still 2-0. Considering the conditions, the sides can be proud of the football they produced.

ROUSED BY INJURY

SORRENTO "A" 3, CANVEY "A" 1
SORRENTO "A" looked like losing their unbeaten record against an "A" side at Pitsea on Sunday.

They made a shaky start and allowed a Canvey start to dominate the early exchanges, but thanks to poor finishing they turned round at half-time still level, the scoresheet being blank.

In the second half Canvey got the goal they deserved, their right-half hitting a neat shot from the edge of the penalty area.

At this stage things really looked grim for Sorrento, but on injury to O'Connor, who left the field, proved to be the turning point.

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Chesterhall United 5, Double Six 3
EVERYTHING WENT wrong for the Double Six in this Sunday League game. They were 3-0 down after 20 minutes and then had Geoff Pockett sent off in the second half.

Chesterhall scored their first goal after some neat football out of defence. Clench collected a through ball and scoring with a cross shot.

The second goal after 14 minutes came when Sharpe picked up a long free-kick and fired the ball home from outside the box.

Another free-kick six minutes later saw them increase their lead to three. This time Skinner collected the ball and hit a first-time shot past the goalkeeper.

Ron Williams was the Double Six's most dangerous forward and he had several good efforts stopped by the mud before he was rewarded with a goal — a great shot from a yard or so.

In the second half the Double Six made it 4-1 through Sharpe, the ball bouncing in the only hard patch in the goalmouth and over the goalkeeper's head.

Armitage pulled another goal back for the Double Six before the visitors lost Geoff Pockett for arguing with the referee who was booking him at the time.

Soon afterwards Sharpe got his third to make it 5-2 and near the end Hucker ran down the gap for the Six with a well-placed header.

HOW THEY STAND
BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE
positions:—

Premier Division	W	D	L	Pts
Corringham	9	1	0	18
Sorrento	7	2	1	14
Canvey	6	3	1	12
Pitsea Utd.	5	4	1	10
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Laindon H.	3	6	1	6
Pitsea A.H.	2	7	1	4
Chesterhall	1	8	1	2
Chilgrove	1	2	10	0

Division I	W	D	L	Pts
Canvey "A"	7	2	1	14
Dunston H.	6	3	1	12
Sorrento "A"	5	4	1	10
Canvey "B"	4	5	1	9
Corringham "A"	3	6	1	6
Pitsea "A"	2	7	1	4
Laindon "A"	1	8	1	2
Chilgrove "A"	1	2	10	0

Division II	W	D	L	Pts
Canvey "B"	7	2	1	14
Dunston "A"	6	3	1	12
Sorrento "B"	5	4	1	10
Canvey "C"	4	5	1	9
Corringham "B"	3	6	1	6
Pitsea "B"	2	7	1	4
Laindon "B"	1	8	1	2
Chilgrove "B"	1	2	10	0

*Points deducted by league for default.

Top scorers for Basildon
Rugby Club: Tony Lawrence 84 points and David Rees 84 points.

HOW THEY FARED
BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE
results:—

Premier Division	W	D	L	Pts
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Division I
Canvey "A" 7, Dunston H. 2, Sorrento "A" 5, Canvey "B" 4, Corringham "A" 3, Pitsea "A" 2, Laindon "A" 1, Chesterhall 1, Chilgrove "A" 1.

Division II
Canvey "B" 7, Dunston "A" 6, Sorrento "B" 5, Canvey "C" 4, Corringham "B" 3, Pitsea "B" 2, Laindon "B" 1, Chesterhall "B" 1, Chilgrove "B" 1.

Division III
Canvey "C" 7, Dunston "B" 6, Sorrento "C" 5, Canvey "D" 4, Corringham "C" 3, Pitsea "C" 2, Laindon "C" 1, Chesterhall "C" 1, Chilgrove "C" 1.

Division IV
Canvey "D" 7, Dunston "C" 6, Sorrento "D" 5, Canvey "E" 4, Corringham "D" 3, Pitsea "D" 2, Laindon "D" 1, Chesterhall "D" 1, Chilgrove "D" 1.

Division V
Canvey "E" 7, Dunston "D" 6, Sorrento "E" 5, Canvey "F" 4, Corringham "E" 3, Pitsea "E" 2, Laindon "E" 1, Chesterhall "E" 1, Chilgrove "E" 1.

Challengers share spoils

BARDSWELL "A" and Hutton "A" lost ground to Grays Hill "A" at the top of the Billerica and District Table Tennis League last week by drawing with each other.

The Hill forged further ahead by taking maximum points from a 9-1 victory over Hutton "B," for whom only D. Little could score with a win against Harry Spragg.

Spragg, best scorer, however, John Morris and Bill Murray beat John Sack and Reg Lines, and the Hill took both doubles.

In the Bardswell-Hutton "A" match, Ken Venle beat Horrie Dawson and Eric Davy for Bardswell, but Gene Ryan hit back for Hutton with victories over Mick Jarvis and Brian Warren.

Ray Moody also beat Davy, but lost to Dawson, and Chris Thompson, beating Jarvis, went down to Warren. Both teams won a doubles, victories in the Billerica Recreation "A" and Old Brentwoods also drew.

For the Rec, Eric Newson took the first defeat, and Tony Porter, Arthur Triggs beat Phil Godbo, and Cliff Palmer beat Martin Fraser. Triggs lost to Fraser, however, and Palmer to Godbo, while Whitcomb and Porter both beat Graham Gator. The doubles were won by Whitcomb and Porter.

In the other match in the Premier Division, St. Joseph's 2-2 beat Ingatesone 2-2.

Hoes beaten
Billerica Recreation "B" won one better than their "A" team by defeating Hoes "A" 3-1 in Division I. Hoes only had three men and went down despite winning the only doubles played and scoring singles victories through Dennis Morgan, who beat Cliff Taylor and Steve Taples, and Fred Richardson, who beat Mike Maples. For the Rec, Peter Penk and Tom Alden beat Gorman, and Taylor beat Richardson.

The other fixture ended in a 2-2 draw between Hutton "C" and Ingatesone "B". In Division II, Wickford drew with Warley Boys' Brigade — for the second time this season — and beating Thermos 10-0.

The Brigade did well as they only had three men. Ray Phillips and Richard Clark beat Peter Young and Terry Dowling, and Brigade won the only doubles played. Wickford winners were Ron Conkhan and Ken Lloyd against Bob Gammon.

Wickford had no trouble against Thermos, Lloyd and Conkhan defeated A. and R. Smith. Young and Dowling defeated Barry Bonner and Peter Sinden, and Wickford won both doubles.

Top of the table still are Bardswell and Hutton, their winning run to 10 in Division I.

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TWO ORKANS QUALIFY
BASILDON'S CYCLING team, the Orkans, now have two riders through to the final of the East London Cycle Speedway Championships. Dave Tulloch, who qualified last week, has now been joined by Colin Wheeler, who scored 12 points at the Whips Cross track on Sunday.

Terry Russell, the other Orkan rider, did not manage, he was unlucky not to qualify. He collected eight points, and lost the chance of more when his chain came off while second in his first race.

Next Sunday the Orkans travel to Newham to race the Newham Hammers in a challenge match at Little Ilford Park. The Orkans will give new signings John Strong and Ian Mercer a ride in this match. Unfortunately star John Spooner will not ride due to a leg injury.

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Late goal robbed 10 men of victory

DUNTON PARK "A" 4, CHESTERHALL "A" 3
TEN - MEN DUNTON Park almost took both Sunday League points from Chesterhall on Sunday. They led 3-2 and then 4-3 with 10 minutes to go only to concede the equaliser with a few minutes left.

Considering the muddy conditions the game opened at a fast pace with play swinging from end to end. O'Connor opened the scoring for Chesterhall with a shot in the 15th minute and two minutes later added another after a good run and pass from McKnight.

Dunton replied from a free-kick just outside the penalty area and made it 2-3 shortly afterwards, when their left-winger sent in what looked a hopeless centre, but which was converted by the right-winger.

The second half saw Chesterhall on the attack, but without reward, the ball sticking in the mud and time after time would not run in.

During the run of play Dunton made it 3-3 with a free-kick about 10 minutes after the half.

Chesterhall replied with a hard shot in the 3-3 minute, but this time both sides were feeling the worse for time and Dunton should have won.

Dunton scored again, the ball falling past the Chesterhall goalkeeper who dived backwards and finished it. The

referee awarded a goal despite protests from the Chesterhall players.

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MOTORMEN TROUBLE
SOUTH ESSEX MOTORS 1, DOUBLE SIX "A" 3
DOUBLE SIX "A" are still on top of the Sunday League's Division II without dropping a point, but at one time their record looked in jeopardy at Wickford on Sunday.

It took the six long time to settle and the game was well into the second half on a slippery pitch before they produced anything like championship-winning form.

The Motormen played well out of defence and in midfield, but while left-winger the six continued to split the line passes, the three inside men failed to take advantage of them.

For the rest of the first half both teams played some good football and the spectators were provided with some excellent entertainment.

In the second half both sides had their attacking bursts and hard work in front of goal. The Motormen were particularly unlucky in the first 15 minutes, several shots being scrambled away.

Gradually the Six urged on by skipper Dave Tate took a grip on the game and from one of several corners, Canvey headed them into the lead.

At the other end Bates made several shots including one from a powerful effort by Gregory which he tipped round a post.

In the last 15 minutes the pair touched-up on considerably. The Double Six standing no nonsense in a bid for another goal which eventually came from Ellery, whose shot was deflected home by a defender.

S.E.M.'s best players were their left-winger and centre half.

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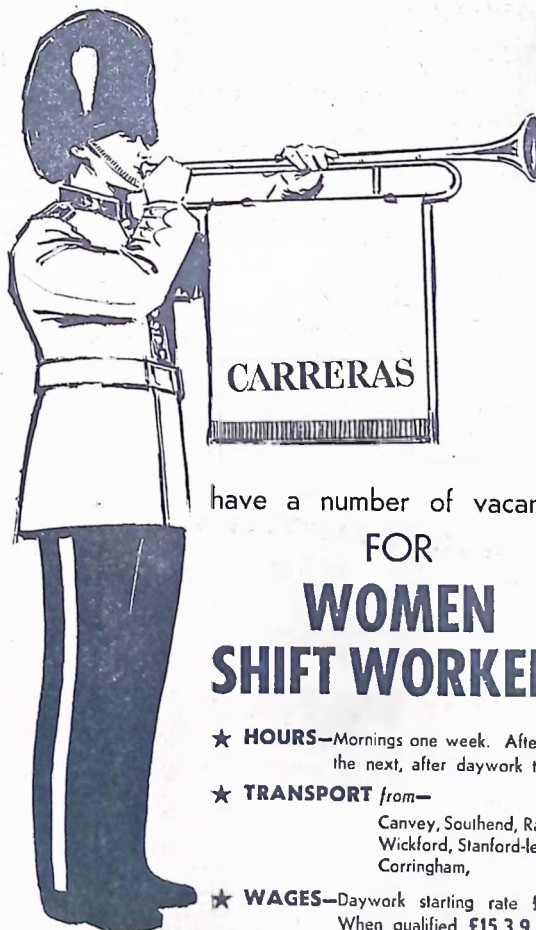
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When the teams met recently Pitsea led by the odd star until the last few minutes when Corringham scored twice to snatch a dramatic win.

It is too much to expect a similar finish this week, but undoubtedly the match should be worth watching.

Chesterhill United have Chelmsford League opponents in Little Waltham who from all accounts are having a hard season.

Priors take on an unknown quantity in Lakeside United as do Sorente who travel away to Spartan Athletic, another Chelmsford side.

The Double Six also travel, their opponents being Arlec at Deri Park, Ruislip, while over at Herd Lane, Penzance who had a good run last season, take on E. and K. Sports.

The only Basildon League club left in the Essex Sunday Junior Cup, Outwood Common, go to Harlow to meet St. Hare in the quarter finals.

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Sorrento "A" (away to Stability); Smith, Holgrave, Payne, Ayling, Clary, Elliott, Bird, Baddeley, Barrett, Lee, Marriott.

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