

BILLERICAY HIGH STREET — THE SECRET IS REVEALED!

ONLY AFTER unprecedented scenes at Basildon Council's meeting has the secrecy on the Comprehensive Report on Billericay High Street been broken. Defying a Tory decision not to publish the report, Coun. Joe Morgan, Basildon's Labour Group Leader, handed the report to the "Standard" at the end of Thursday's Council meeting. It was an exclusive report in this paper on January 6th which gave some indication of the plan in mind.

It must be remembered that at present this report, produced by experts, is nothing more than that. The controversial suggestions will undoubtedly be keenly debated by the local and County Councils, but the report does provide a guide to what the shape of Billericay's High Street could become in the future.

MORE THAN one-third of all the shops, offices and houses in Billericay High Street would be demolished if the controversial Comprehensive Report were ever to be fully implemented. But this is only one of many startling suggestions.

The report, aimed at turning Billericay's traffic-plagued High Street into a quiet pedestrian precinct, talks, however, of preservation and reconstruction, not wholesale destruction.

Building Design Partnership, Ltd., the firm of architects who prepared the report, want to see the appointment of an architect-planner, who will supervise and control overall development.

They make recommendations covering all new development in the town and suggest that these be printed and issued to all architects, designers, developers and builders who require them or make outline planning applications.

They also make recommendations for individual buildings, which, they say, should be sent to each owner with an explanation of the overall plan for the High Street and "townscape" principles.

Because of the cost their proposals could not be carried out at one time, they disclose, but they add:

"We believe that the complete proposals are necessary to create a town which is satisfactory in every way and it is possible to achieve improvements by partial development."

It is these recommendations that will shock High Street property owners, Building Design

Partnership pull no punches.

Where a building should be knocked down they say so, and they evaluate the architectural worth of every building in the High Street!

In their brief the Partnership state that their initial studies showed any analysis or proposals which dealt only with the immediate High Street area would be superficial and unlikely to benefit the rest of Billericay. It was also necessary, therefore, to examine the High Street with its environs.

Their report is based on the assumption that all through traffic is planned to bypass the High Street.

Billericay, they say, has become overcrowded with traffic. There is congestion and lack of parking or garaging.

Assembly areas are dominated visually and audibly by traffic.

Many of the traffic problems arise because the one-way street pattern encourages all kinds of vehicles to penetrate areas of the town whether they have business there or not. "The main road route any chance of a safe and pleasant environment."

the town and lack sympathy for "the townscape individuality". They believe its character can be continued despite the change of historical context, materials available, eco-

nomies and building methods.

Their main proposals are that:

• Through traffic be excluded from the High Street while making possible adequate servicing to all buildings from surrounding roads.

• The existing pattern of commercial and residential buildings in the High Street be strengthened by the introduction of more offices, shops and houses, as well as cultural and other amenity buildings.

• These buildings be planned to create a series of pedestrian squares and spaces along the High Street.

• New buildings be placed to open up the "backs" of the High Street to create a town centre of greater depth.

• Pressure to convert the existing scheduled houses in the High Street into commercial premises be relieved by providing development land in the wider town centre.

• An opportunity be created to plan car parks on the lower land at the back of the High Street with the possibility of providing housing above these when pressures demand.

• A colour scheme be introduced based on black and white and natural materials.

However, Building Design Partnership state: "This plan must be examined in terms of an ideal which can never be achieved in this



This sketch shows the Cater Museum (far right) and the "Standard's" Billericay office (second right) on the east side of the High Street. Note that a section of the west side of the street at this point has been demolished.

form because of the changing circumstances. It must also be remembered that the plan allows for a Billericay greatly increased in size and with much stronger commercial pressures than now."

They add that the town centre must provide a definite identity and atmosphere — a human scale and an enclosing, familiar environment. People should be able to meet friends, go shopping and sit and enjoy their surroundings, work, eat, shop and do business together.

They advocate breaking the long thin line of shops in the High Street and clustering shops together with houses and offices between.

Offices should be evenly dispersed, sited with easy access to car parking and architecturally integrated with other buildings.

Integration of commercial, residential and social buildings should have few commercial or economic ill effects. They believe: "The overall economic object is to foster the maximum commercial opportunity compatible with social benefit and to achieve an even distribution and integration of commercial property, housing and social facilities throughout the town."

One of the dominating problems is car parking, say the Partnership. They advocate parking provision off

the service roads and 100 per cent integrated parking provision for all housing.

At this point in the report they suggest the introduction of two-storey car parks near distributor roads, bypassing the High Street on either side — possibly with basement stores and housing on top.

In many cases these should be integrated with services connected to a distributor road and they instance ambulance, fire and bus stations, and petrol and service stations.

From them there would be easy pedestrian access to all parts of the town and surrounding countryside.

They envisage that the alleys which run east and west from the High Street, under and between buildings, would, in many cases, be exploited and lengthened.

A walk through them would be "an experience of complete variety, of space and enclosure, high buildings, low buildings, shadow, light and cobble."

On vehicular circulation, they say surviving to all buildings would be on service roads running from distributor roads up to the High Street between the alleys.

Properly designed provision for refuse storage, parking and servicing areas would avoid a backyard appearance. This area should be as well designed as the

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A VIEW ALONG BILLERICAY HIGH STREET AS ENVISAGED BY BUILDING DESIGN PARTNERSHIP, LTD. FRIZZELL HOUSE CAN BE SEEN IN THE BACKGROUND, WITH A MODERN NEW BUILDING JUTTING ACROSS THE STREET AT RIGHT ANGLES FROM IT.

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THIS IS OUR OPINION CUT OUT THE RED TAPE AND GET ON WITH IT!

HOW MANY more months will go by before a solution is found for the dangerous road crossing in Nethermayne, Basildon, which has already claimed the life of one child?

Before Christmas petitions were under way in Lee Chapel South in an attempt to push the authorities into action. The matter was considered by Basildon Council and was passed on to the Development Corporation. They decided it was a Council matter and referred it back to Kew House.

This week the Council, who could get as much as a 75 per cent Ministry of Transport grant if they decided to erect a footbridge, decided at a Works Committee meeting to investigate the possibility of installing a light-controlled pedestrian crossing.

At least another month will go by before the results of this inquiry come before the Committee again, and then a further period will elapse before something is done, one way or the other.

While the days tick by Basildon Council are dicing with the lives of the children who are forced to cross dangerous Nethermayne to get to school.

It is time they cut out the red tape and took emergency action before another tragedy hangs heavily on their conscience.

A CONTROVERSIAL, BUT SO COURAGEOUS REPORT

CONTROVERSIAL BUT SO courageous is the Comprehensive Report on Billericay High Street. The secrecy has been lifted and at last the public know how expert planners would transform the High Street area.

It is a report of much merit, and, although all its suggestions may not be implemented, there is a broad working basis for future development which would bring credit and renown to the area. In the past Billericay's main thoughtfare had a rural charm of its own. Some of that charm remains, but in these days of haphazard development aesthetic values are often overlooked and it could be that, without wise planning, Billericay High Street could suffer badly from hotch-potch schemes.

There are many features in the report which are worthy of serious study and support. The pedestrian precincts, for instance, are unique and other local authorities in Essex—particularly big brother Southend—might well study these suggestions and adopt them in their own areas.

Billericay's future High Street could be a shining example and what is needed by the Council is courage to go forward with many, if not all, of the suggestions contained in the report.

David, just like 2,000 others, wants to be Oliver

TAKING HIS courage in both hands, 11-years-old David Austin went after his first job on Monday.

A newspaper report? Not on your life! Like Oliver Twist, David is asking for more than that. The job he and 2,000 other boys are after is the leading role in the film of Lionel Bart's "Oliver".

David, who lives in South Colne, Vange, and goes to Woodlands School, was given the idea of asking for an audition by one of the leaders at his Scout Group.

County Councillor Joe Buckley, who lives near David's home, and is Treasurer of 3rd Basildon Scouts, saw the advertisement for would-be Olivers and sent off David's photo.

When the interview came up on Monday Mr. Buckley went with David and his parents to Romulus Films' marathon auditions at the New Theatre, Leicester Square.

"They were taking us six at a time," said David. "We stood on the stage and they asked us questions. I wasn't really nervous, but it was very exciting."

One of three brothers in the Scout Group, he has taken part in several plays and sketches both at school and with the Scouts, and sings with the school choir, but this is the first time he has tried for a professional part.

Now David and his parents have to sit back and wait for a letter. "It could take us six to eight weeks to get through the first interviews," say Romulus Films. "We've even got applications from Canada."

Said David's father, Mr. Brian Austin, a setter for Teleflex: "You never know I might finish up as his chauffeur yet!"

Blanket fire
Wiring to an electric blanket caused a fire in a bedroom at Mr. George Reynolds' home in Wickham, Basildon, on Thursday week.



Could this be the boy who will ask for more in the film of Lionel Bart's "Oliver"? Eleven-years-old David Austin hopes so.

Treated with leniency

A £20-A-WEEK Basildon railway worker with eight previous convictions for shop, house and office breaking pleaded guilty at Billericay on Tuesday to stealing paving stones.

John Mansie (28), of Whitmore Way, was fined £5.

Prosecuting, Mr. T. Lavello told the Court that Mansie was seen one night by an off-duty Policeman outside a Landon building site loading paving stones into the boot of a car.

When the Policeman called on Mansie the next day he found the paving stones still in the boot of the car.

Said Mansie in mitigation: "I didn't really look on it as stealing as the paving stones were lying in the open at the edge of the site."

Pining him, Chairman Mr. J. Watford said: "We are considering your leniently we feel you should have a last chance to make good."

LETTER TO EDITOR

Visitors' complaint

SIR.—Would you publish the views of a visitor to Landon. On arriving at the station on a recent visit I tried to get a taxi to take me and my wife to Tyler's Avenue, but was told no taxis were available on account of the road and, on setting off to walk, I soon saw the reason why!

Carrying two heavy suitcases and trying to miss the holes and pools of water, we passed a risky escapement with all the usual litter they leave. We eventually arrived at our destination.

We have been going to Landon for the past 11 years and have been told the Council are going to do something about the road. No doubt the residents are getting a little impatient, but 11 years is only a matter of 572 weeks!

As my wife and I were not prepared for walking into Landon, having no wellingtons, we had to resort to the game of hop, skip and jump, but both of us being in the mid-sixties we found we were not as fit as we used to be.

In the meantime give the residents our sympathy... we wish to congratulate them on the patience they have shown.—ROBERT DOBSON, 8, Aberdeen Road, Lancaster.

Radar dish stays

The Marconi Company has been given permission by Chelmsford Rural Council to continue to keep a dish mounted on a large radar screen at Woodham Ferrers for another year. The structure, used for testing purposes, was built in 1960.

Hit M.P.'s car

A Wythenshawe man who collided with the rear of a car driven by local M.P. Sir Eric Moonman at Wythenshawe while under the influence of drink was fined £15 and lost his licence for 12 months.

FOLK EVENING

Wickford Methodist Wesley Guild held a "Folk Evening" at the meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday week. Miss Rosina Griffin gave a talk on traditional English folk music, illustrated with a selection of records.

BILLERICAY BRIDEGROOM



Mr. Raymond James Gibson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, of Perry Street, Billericay, and Miss Norma Henrietta Newbery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newbery, of Toledo Close, Southend, were married at St. John's Church, Southend, on Saturday. The bride wore a gown of white lace with a short veil secured by a pillbox head-dress, and carried pink roses, lilies of the valley and white freesia. She was attended by Miss Lesley Weavers and young page boy, Mr. Kenneth Gibson was best man. (Photo: Regency Studio)

Tories make their choice



THE TORIES this week named their candidate for Pitsea Ward in the by-election which will take place on February 25th. He is 33-years-old insurance broker Mr. Fred Mercer, of Highlands Road, Bowen Gifford.

Youngest of a family of ten, he was trained as an accountant and followed this career for ten years until being called up into the Royal Artillery.

Five years managing a large hotel in the Channel Islands came next and he became Secretary of the local Licensed Victuallers' Association. He then moved to the Basildon area and started the insurance brokers business of which he is now Chairman and Managing Director.

His spare-time activities have included five years as a special constable, three as a fireman and three in the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He is Chairman of the Westcliff Cine and 35mm. Club, has a teenage daughter, and attended the weekend course for council candidates.

Mr. Mercer told a reporter: "I don't believe in catching statements, but I will make two promises. I will not be writing to the Prime Minister and I promise not to hand any confidential reports to the Press!"

Mr. Mercer is seen above (left) with his Agent, Councillor F. B. Laine.

FATAL COLLAPSE

Mr. Christopher House, Eastern National bus inspector, collapsed in Basildon bus station on Wednesday. He was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, where he was found to be on arrival. He lived at Cottrell, London Road, Gifford.

WHY COUNCIL AGAIN GAVE REPORT TO THE PRESS

BASILDON COUNCIL LABOUR GROUP LEADER COUN. JOE MORGAN ON THURSDAY WEEK CARRIED OUT HIS THREAT TO GIVE HIS COPY OF THE CONTROVERSIAL COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON BILLERICAY HIGH STREET TO THE PRESS IF ITS RELEASE TO ALL COUNCILLORS AND THE NEWS-PAPERS WAS REFUSED.

He did so after the majority Tory Group squashed the idea and then turned round a Labour censure motion—aimed at two of their spokesmen—to reprimand him for a "grave breach of Council etiquette."

When the meeting ended Coun. Morgan immediately handed the report to the "Standard," whose exclusive disclosures about its contents sparked off one of the stormiest Council debates for years.

"If I am going to be censured for something I did not do," he protested, amid uproar in the Chamber and a jam-packed public gallery, "then I am going to do it."

The original censure motion was tabled by Labour's Deputy Leader, Coun. Alf Dore, who criticised the report to the Council. Coun. Harry Witherington and Planning Committee Chairman Coun. F. J. Champ, He claimed they had made "elaborate and detailed comment" on the report to the "Standard" only a week after their own Group had voted against its circulation from Executive and Planning Committee members to all councillors and the Press.

He proposed that they be reprimanded for their grave breach of etiquette before councillors or the new High Street Study Group had had an opportunity to read the report.

He further proposed that all councillors should receive it "now that a large number of items are public knowledge," and that it should be made available to the Press.

White papers, too

The Tories' handling of the whole affair had been a "muck-up," he said. They should have realised it was impossible to keep the report secret when so many councillors were in the know.

And when it was leaked and the Leader of the Council and the Planning Committee were asked to comment they should have refused.

He was in favour of the Press having access to everything that went before the Council and also to their being notified with copies of Council "white papers."

"But this was not a 'white paper,'" he said. "We were told it was secret and it was very wrong that comment on it was made to the Press."

As everyone in the district

now knew what it concerned it was only right, he believed, that all councillors should have it and that it should be given to the Press.

Afraid

Coun. Bill Chalk, Labour's representative on the Study Group, said the report was of "momentous significance" to people of Billericay and should not have been kept secret.

"I have read it and cannot praise it too highly," he said. "I think the examination of the possibilities of development in Billericay has been dealt with in great detail and with great vision."

"It should have presented to you with the opportunity to herald to the public at large, and the citizens of Billericay in particular, your intention to preserve those amenities and shops in Billericay which, in your opinion, were best worth preserving," he told the Tories.

"Instead, you endeavoured to draw a veil of secrecy across it and the reason you did this would appear, was that you were afraid of the electorate you will have to meet in May."

First Tory speaker Coun. Tony Stockley pointed out that the report had not even been considered by the Study Group. "As to whether we are proud of it or not, we have not even met to discuss it," he said.

Then he brought Coun. Morgan to his feet by stating that he thought it "at least highly probable" that the opposition leader had given interviews to the Press.

"I object to that," retorted Coun. Morgan. "I only commented on statements by the Tories."

Coun. Stockley was understood, however, and announced that he intended moving an amendment to the motion—adding Coun. Morgan's name for reprimand.

"I don't mind," said Coun. Morgan. "The main point as the Press and public know is that the original information came from the leader of the Council and the Chairman of Planning."

"If you want to reprimand me over that I welcome going into this motion. I am sure the public will recognise your sincerity in reprimanding the people who originally commented."

"I hope you won't have this party whip withdrawn for it," he added.

Labour councillor W. Archibald seconded the amendment and it was carried without dissent.

Then Tory "new boy" Coun. John Tobbert moved a second amendment deleting the names of the leader of the Council and the Planning Committee Chairman and also the proposals for distributing the report to all councillors and the Press.

Despite Labour protests that it negated the original motion, it was allowed by Chairman Coun. Arthur Brown Burn and carried 14-11. Later, as the new motion, it was carried again, by 14 votes to nine, with names recorded at the request of Labour councillor Ken Tyson.

Uproar followed, with Coun. Dove leading the protests. "Where is the morality, the justice, the etiquette, in this?" he demanded.

The Tories' action, Coun. Morgan claimed, gave him the right to hand the report to the Press when "the chips were down."

Coun. Champ said, asked about the report by a reporter who already knew some of the contents he was

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MORE ABOUT THAT BILLERICAY HIGH STREET SCHEME

(Continued from Page 1) High Street frontage, they stress.

They propose raising the town centre density by using the large open spaces to the west of the High Street and between the High Street and Chapel Street. Developed to the maximum the scheme would create a new town centre a heart to Billericay.

Where loose-knit suburban housing exists the density will be gradually raised, thus preventing sprawl at the fringe of the town.

An important decision—they are opposed to recommending a kerbside parking of cars to cope with the population rise.

They must be the easier answer, but in Billericay they would be socially and aesthetically objectionable. A more satisfactory solution and urban character can be created by new forms of low light-knit housing.

In their views on development control, the Partnership Council on the use of building and ground surfacing materials, design and colouring, lettering and advertising, lighting, trees and planting, and what they call "street furniture."

On building materials they say these are often used in the wrong way, badly detailed and inconsistent with their locality or building use.

Discussing materials they recommend the use of hand-made bricks of the traditional orange or reddish colour, or a dark grey.

Metals, they say, must be used with care in the overall effect is not to appear garish. They believe various metals are unsuitable, mentioning brass and bronze as too pretentious, and zinc, copper and other shiny metals as inappropriate.

The use of satin-finished aluminium or stainless steel in small amounts is "not recommended."

They also disapprove of stone as "alien to Billericay and unsympathetic to the town's appearance and producing an appearance of 'monumentality' and pretentiousness."

Clayware and ceramics, such as glazed tiles, mosaic and terrazzo are not traditional Essex building materials and "should not be used."

Also taboo in their eyes is plastic. Glass, which, they say, should be used judiciously, is also unsuitable, and should not be used in large quantities, and should not be used in large quantities.

However, they approve of stained glass in small quantities, and "if properly used, stained glass is a traditional Essex timbering."

—as opposed to comparatively "garish" natural coloured timbering.

Glass as used in the largest departmental stores would be "garish to the scale of the town."

They recommend that no shop front be higher than 8ft. from pavement level or wider than 12ft. without a break.

Bottled or coloured glass is not recommended.

Ground surfacing materials should be chosen in sympathy with activities, they say. It would be inappropriate to have all pavements with the motor vehicle by comprehensively redesigning the ground treatment.

Public to be informed

THE controversial proposals for Billericay High Street are to be put on public display by Basildon Council.

This decision was made on Wednesday by the Council's Study Group set up to consider the consultants' report.

A statement issued after the Group's meeting said: "At a meeting on Wednesday the Study Group gave their first detailed consideration to the consultants' report on the development of Billericay High Street."

"The Group are anxious to explain clearly and fully the proposals and for every opportunity to be given for expressions of opinion from the public."

"They are therefore arranging for the report and maps to be published and for a public exhibition to be staged at public meetings on the subject."

The Council welcome views from any person or organisation either in writing or at the public meetings.

After eliminating pavements, paving, setts, gravel or cobble should run across the High Street to join the two sides and give unity.

The treatment of distributor and service roads will be different from pedestrian routes. The use of gravel and cobble is recommended for parking areas, and setts for the service roads so the speed of traffic would be slowed down.

Vehicles should be prevented from parking in pedestrian ways by robust bollards of dark concrete. For bollards in shop fronts, junction, crossings, doors

and interiors should be designed as an integral part of the building or group of buildings. The size, materials and lettering should be complementary to its surroundings, not in competition.

Light greys, white, black or unvarnished colours are recommended with a strong preference for the traditional white. The use of primary or secondary colours on shop fronts is not recommended.

The Partnership suggest the paint should be chosen from the British Standards Institute's range, and the colours they recommend are black, white, brown, greys, and khaki tones, colour coded 4-05, 4-06, 4-01, 4-03 and 5-05.

Advertisements should be well maintained and of canvas. Names, trademarks or other devices should not be painted on them. The most effective colouring would be white or white stripes with one colour similar to the shop front colour.

Lettering and advertising signs in for lengthy comment, the Partnership believe that the High Street should be made an area of special control.

"Bad lettering," they say, can contribute to clutter, vulgarity and a feeling of poor quality. There is little lettering in Billericay which is of good design."

They criticise examples of "a splatter of posters stuck anywhere disregarding architecture" and shop windows "plastered with advertisement and price reduction signs."

They also hit out at estate agents' windows "crowded out with bills of sale which spew out on to the facade" and illuminated signs a mere remnant of Piccadilly Circus.

There would be no objection to shopkeepers advertising their trade or wares, but this should be done with sensitivity and feeling for the locality. It is not necessary, they feel, for shopkeeper to state his name or his trade more than once.

Advertisements should not obscure the basic architecture of a building.

Lettering should be uniform so that a clutter of letter forms and sizes is avoided. But they advocate an observance of standards rather than standardisation.

They doubt the success of laying down a number of standard lettering styles, because chain stores, typists and an increasing number of shops are adopting house styles "many of them of good design."

Projecting signs would add character to the street, they say, but they should not be placed above fascia level. "Graphic and interest would be provided by the traditional practice of putting three-dimensional signs outside shops, such as leaves or buns for bakers, signs for tobacconists and so on.

Wrong would be the use of

bright illuminated signs using exposed neon tubing. Shop notices or signs should be illuminated by floodlighting or spotlighting.

They add that no signs, notice boards or name plates should be fixed to buildings except for small carefully designed professional plates and all disused brackets, wires, bits of wood and projections should be removed.

It is also now possible for nearly all vertical signs and poles to be removed. Many are repetitive and unnecessary.

Urging the adoption of the new Continental-style traffic signs as soon as possible, they point out that in a pedestrian precinct it would be unnecessary to have Ministry of Transport signs and signs restricting waiting and parking. With care the remainder can be fixed to the face of buildings.

On street furniture they attack the accumulation of rubbish in the High Street.

"Rusty old brackets, broken blocks, surface wires, broken sacking, notice boards, disused window guard rails, overhead wires, junction boxes, chestnut poles, rusting corrugated iron, dustbins, obsolete signs and chain link fencing all add to the picture of clutter and inefficiency."

Advocating "effective spring cleaning" straight away, they claim that this, combined with the painting of only the fences, notice boards and street furniture which are necessary, will achieve overall coherence.

Careful choice of well-designed street furniture will achieve the rest.

They continue there are two forms of clutter which can be dealt with on a town scale—television aerials and telephone wires.

While a central receiving point would make them less unsightly, they say, and the telephone wires should be buried underground.

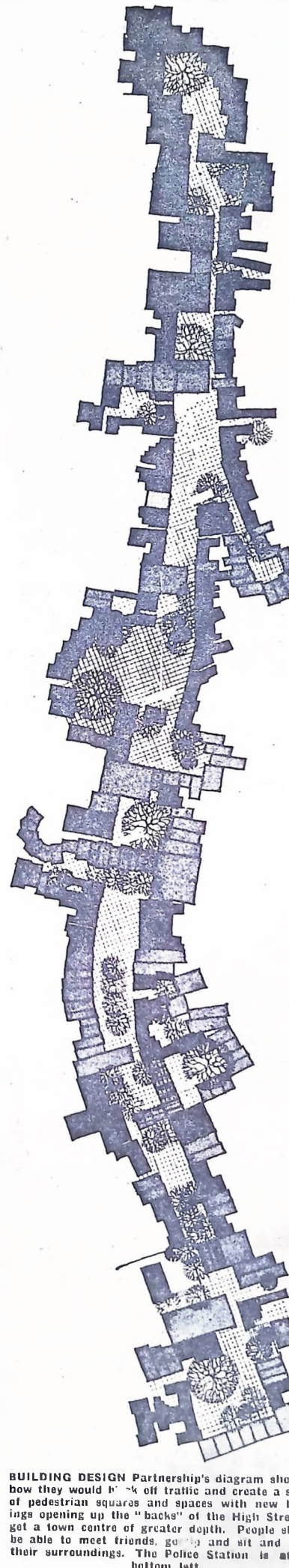
About lighting they state that the uniform spacing and height of street lamps disregards building patterns and the indication of groups of houses. Lamp standards accentuate the dominance of the vehicle and are out of sympathy and scale with the street.

They believe artificial lighting should provide as much excitement and interest as sunlight in the pedestrian area reflected light from floodlit buildings, concealed light or lights from shop fronts should provide overall illumination. Buildings should be floodlit from other buildings or streets.

In the service roads and residential roads overhead lighting should be reduced by brackets attached to buildings but on primary and distributor roads it will have to continue.

The Partnership believe that the new scheme will enrich the life of the town and recommend that more should be planted.

Wrong would be the use of



BUILDING DESIGN Partnership's diagram showing how they would 'hook off' traffic and create a series of pedestrian squares and spaces with new buildings opening up the "backs" of the High Street to get a town centre of greater depth. People should be able to meet friends, go to the cinema and enjoy their surroundings. The Police Station is at the bottom left.

VETERAN READERS' COLUMN



A "STIRRER-UP OF AUTHORITY" WHO GETS THINGS DONE!

MR. W. H. Martin, Secretary of the Ghyllgrove O.A.P. branch (seen above) is small and bright, with quick movements and a decidedly naughty twinkle in his eye!

"You can call me a stirrer-up of authority!" he says, with a wicked grin. "I get things done!"

He certainly does! When the street lights went out in Ghyllgrove area—not just one, but streets of them—he posted the Council officers all they went on again. The neighbourhood bus shelter is another result of his intervention.

"I've no intention of letting the authorities get the better of me," he says. "I wasn't chairman of a trade union branch for nothing!"

With great pride he showed his life membership card for the Transport and General Workers' Union, which states that he joined the movement "prior to 1922".

Mr. Martin was born in Limehouse in 1886. Many a time he went to school hungry and came home more hungry. There were no free meals then. He saw "a lot of really bad things" in those days.

His father earned his living with a donkey and cart, delivering coal, and the young Walter joined him when he left school. The donkey's name was Monkey, and he would not pass the local pub until he'd had half a pint of ale—priced in those days at a penny! Mr. Martin, senior, would open Monkey's mouth, and Walter would tip up the mug—down would go the beer and off would go the donkey!

One of Monkey's regular calls was at the house of a lady with a pretty daughter, Caroline. Walter served the mother with coal at a penny a bucket—and ended up by taking Caroline out of St. Matthew's Church in Commercial Road on his arm, as his bride! They were married in February, 1914, and later that year Walter was with the Royal Artillery, part of the "Thin Blue Line" of the First World War.

When he was invalided out with a war wound he spent the rest of the war years at Reburn-on-Tyne. "I got 15s. for a day's work!" he says. "Folk today have got jam on it haven't they?" For the rest of his working life Walter was a dock labourer: his service ended at the Port of London. "I saw a few changes there, too, I might tell you!" says Walter. "Now he and his wife live in Gwyn Miller, Mrs. Mary Robinson, in the Ghyllgrove area. Mrs. Dorothy Holneighbour, Mrs. Martin is laundress. They were accompanied an invalid, unable to get by Mrs. Buckenham. During around very much, but Walter the interval members joined take; this characteristically in his stride. He takes her to the Mrs. Morley at the piano."

New members welcomed

AT FRIDAY'S meeting of the Laidon Darby and Joan Club two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Larwood, were given a hearty welcome to the Club.

Sick members were remembered and reports were received on the condition of Mr. Cassleden, Chairman, too ill to attend the meeting. Mr. Potter, who is in hospital; and Mrs. Bond, suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis. All were sent the best wishes of their colleagues.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpkins were welcomed back after illness and birthday honours went to Mrs. Simpkins. Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Hardy presided and thanked everyone who brought gifts for the table.

Tea, hostesses were Mrs. Divine, Mr. Chapman, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Lockert.

The afternoon was spent enjoying the Buttsbury concert Party's varied and lively entertainment. After the performance members' thanks were aptly expressed by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Hardy.

FIVE NEW MEMBERS

Members stood in silent tribute for a former colleague, Mrs. F. Fielder, who died last week at St. Chad's Hall, Vange, on Friday. A sick member, Mrs. Fielder, was remembered and wished a speedy recovery. Birthday and anniversary honours went to the Chairman, Mr. Layzell, and Mrs. Layzell. Five new members were welcomed to the Club—Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Guy, Mr. and Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. R. Haywood. The afternoon's entertainment was provided by Grace Walker and her concert party and was greatly enjoyed.

Pensioners benefited

LEE CHAPEL, North Tenants' Christmas appeal raised nearly £180 this year. As a result, 107 old age pensioners received a gift, ranging from a chicken or a bottle of wine to tobacco and chocolates.

With the assistance of the Leo Chapel North Darby and Joan Club 24 Christmas hampers and joints of fresh meat were also distributed to needy old folk. The children and staff of Janet Duke School sent £7 10s., which was earmarked for providing small comforts for sick pensioners.

Chairman of the Tenants' and Community Association Mr. R. I. Jones, B.E.M., said this week: "Thanks to everyone's support Christmas was once more a 100 per cent success!"

A quiz feature

The special feature at Tuesday week's meeting of Wickford Salvation Army Corps Silver Threads Over-60s Club at the Citadel was quiz. Mrs. Little led the "Birthday Time" celebrations, when Mesdames M. Thickett, M. Smith, E. Aldous, Thompson, Land and Club Treasurer Mrs. Bayliss, were honoured. Captain Brian Taylor announced that the first spring outing would be to Coventry Cathedral and Stamford-on-Avon, and refreshments were served by Mesdames Oxford, Purdy, Casbolt, Gurney and Barron.

THURSDAY CLUB

Chairman of South Green Thursday Club Mr. Graham, Vice-Chairman Mrs. Gibson and former Secretary Mr. Moore were all too ill to attend last week's Club meeting in the Memorial Hall. They were all wished a speedy recovery by President Mrs. Chinnery, who presided. Entertainment consisted of singing, led by South Green Menos, and tea was provided by Mrs. Green.

OLD PERSONS' REST CENTRE

The Old Persons' Rest Centre in Lake Meadows, Billericay, is to be opened for a trial period from Monday, February 6th.

It will be staffed by a number of local volunteers, who are not necessarily elderly folk. It will be open from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, and light refreshments will be available. The Centre is intended for use by any elderly person visiting the park and not merely members of established clubs. It is hoped that as many old folk as possible will make use of the facilities provided.

New members

Three new members — Mesdames Hilda Morrison, Marjorie Sharpe and Eileen Young — were welcomed at Thursday week's meeting of Billericay Central National Young Wives Group. Guest speaker was Mr. Asquith, of the N.S.P.C.C., who illustrated his talk with a slide show. A collection for the N.S.P.C.C. raised £2 6s. 6d. Mrs. J. Nash presided.

TRAVEL TALK

Guest speaker at Sunnyside Friday Club in the Junior School last week was Mrs. Phillips, of Chapel Street, Billericay. She gave a talk and a film show about her travels in South Africa.

LANGDON HILLS O.A.P.

Langdon Hills O.A.P. met on Thursday week for entertainment by Mr. and Mrs. F. White, commencing with singing and dancing. Mrs. Hoxton and Mrs. Mason sang and birthday honours went to Mrs. Lewis, Chairman. Mr. Vickers welcomed a new member.

MELODYMAKERS ENTERTAIN

Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club Melodymakers entertained their own branch with old time music hall on Thursday week. Plans were made for an outing to Folkestone in May. Mr. Hager proposed the vote-of-thanks to the Melodymakers.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Basilston No. 2 Senior Citizens met in Pembury Hall on Thursday with Mrs. Baker presiding. Mrs. Bundy was pianist. Mrs. Merday entertained, and the bring-and-buy sale was a great success. Tea and hostesses were Mrs. Candler and helpers.

SHOTGATE O.A.P.

Bingo entertained Shotgate O.A.P. Club on Wednesday week. Callers were Vice-Chairman, Mr. Warner and Mrs. Bunce. Musical birthday honours went to Mr. Griffin, with Mesdames Archer and Poole as the piano. Sick members — Mr. Butler, Mr. Thorne and Mr. Goode — were wished a speedy recovery, and Mrs. Warner was welcomed back to the club after her accident. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Ellis, Hawkes, Parkinson, Powell, Gurney and Peters.

Sunday Mass at the Irish Club

LAINDON'S new Roman Catholic priest, Father T. Keating, is to use the Irish Club at Laidon for an extra Sunday Mass.

Because of the out-of-the-way position of his church in High Road, Langdon Hills, Father Keating experimented two weeks' ago by holding a service at Laidon British Legion Hall.

The second service on Sunday attracted a congregation of 77 people, almost the maximum for the tiny hall.

This highlighted his need for bigger premises, a problem which he hopes the Irish Club, on the Arterial Road, near the Fortune of War, will solve.

Back to gardening

Names of members interested in reopening the horticultural section were requested by Chairman Mrs. L. R. Harlington at Wednesday week's meeting of Billericay O.A.P. in the Rose Hall. It was a well-attended meeting. Mrs. Wade, Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Plumbridge getting a warm welcome back after illness, and sick members were said to be improving, among them Mrs. Gutteridge. After refreshments members played Bingo.

Branch birthdays

Birthday greetings went to Mrs. Land, Mrs. Thomas and Mr. W. Groot at Friday's meeting of Wickford No. 2 O.A.P. in the Community Centre. Bedford's Concert Party, presented a programme of descriptive songs, sketches and monologues. Tea was by Mesdames Thickett, Perkins, Carmen, Hill, Hitecock and Pitt, and sales were run by Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Read. Mr. P. W. Perkins presided.



A few of the residents of Chaplin Lodge, a home for elderly people at Nevendon Road, Wickford, are waiting in the lounge to enjoy their evening's television programmes. While the set "warmed up" they posed for this picture.

Piano notes were stuck!

THE SYMPATHY of the branch went to the members of the concert party, Bedford's Concert Party, who entertained members of the Pitsea O.A.P. No. 1 branch at their weekly meeting on Tuesday. They found that the piano had become very damp and quite a number of the notes refused to play at all! However, they battled gamely through their programme and received a great ovation for their efforts afterwards.

Sick members Mrs. Fleet and Mrs. Conran were sent the good wishes of their colleagues, and birthday honours were accorded to Mrs. Hunt and Mr. Dailley. Mrs. M. Guldway and Mrs. White.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Comrades" and closed with "Auld Lang Syne."

Birthday cakes

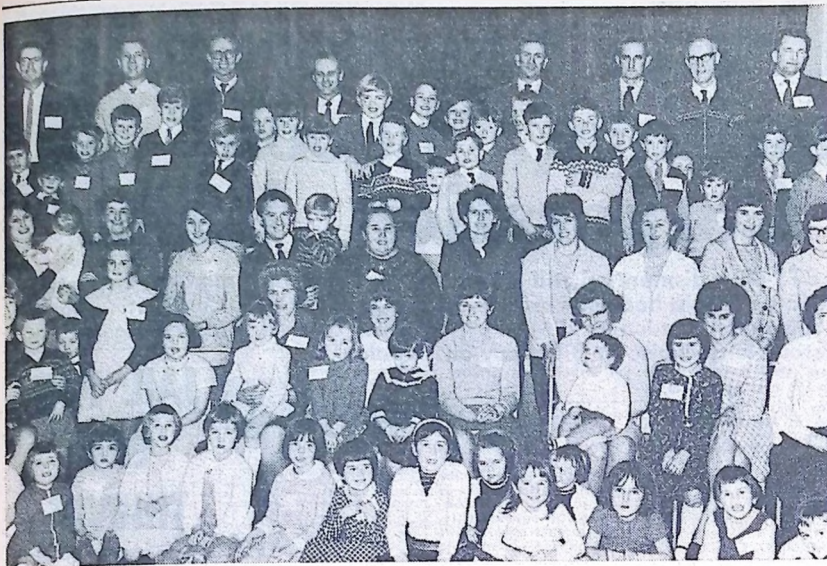
CAKES FOR tea, in celebration of her birthday, were provided for members of Langdon Hills Over-60 Club by Mrs. Godfrey, who received musical birthday

Mrs. Harling was welcomed back after illness and sick members were wished a speedy recovery, including Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Reeves.

The afternoon's entertainment came from three talented soprano soloists. Mrs. Now he and his wife live in Gwyn Miller, Mrs. Mary Robinson, in the Ghyllgrove area. Mrs. Dorothy Holneighbour, Mrs. Martin is laundress. They were accompanied an invalid, unable to get by Mrs. Buckenham. During around very much, but Walter the interval members joined take; this characteristically in his stride. He takes her to the Mrs. Morley at the piano."



Laidon No. 1 Branch O.A.P., who meet on Thursdays at the British Legion Hall, Laidon High Road, have elected new officers for the year. Our picture shows (left to right, seated) Mrs. E. Chapman (Social Secretary), Chairman Mrs. M. R. Sidthorpe and Secretary Mrs. L. Haberfield. Committee members are standing, with Treasurer Mrs. G. M. Godden extreme right.



Above: Kingswood Baptist Church family party held at the Church Hall on Saturday.



Members of the Young Citizens' Guild are seen above getting one of their stalls ready for their first jumble sale held at the Guild's new headquarters, Hiewatha, Landon High Road, on Saturday.



The League of Friends of Runwell Hospital held a jumble sale at the Wickford Community Centre on Saturday. Our picture shows some of the helpers.



Pictured above are some of the 30 people who attended a Chamber of Trade social evening held at the Plough and Tractor, Lee Chapel North, on Wednesday.



Grace and beauty take a leap at the ladies' keep-fit class who meet at Blue House School, Basildon, on Friday evenings. Margaret Vanner is jumping; Nellie Tillet makes the back.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRIZEWINNERS



Wickford Baptist Church Sunday School prizegiving was held at Shotgate Community Centre on Saturday evening. In the picture is Mr. H. Pullin, Sunday School Superintendent, and some of the young prizewinners.



The picture above was taken at Basildon and Pitsea St. John Ambulance Brigade's party held at St. Chad's Hall, Vange, on Saturday. The party was organised by members of the Cadet Parents' Association.

How to tackle gipsy problems

THE FOLLOWING statement was made this week by Coun. Derrick Pope, a member of the Council's Gipsy Study Group.

"The County Council's plan to reduce the number of gipsy families in the Basildon Urban District to twelve and to accommodate these twelve on one site has attracted a lot of attention. I suppose that it was inevitable that Coun. Morgan would make as much political capital out of this social problem as he could, but to say that the Conservatives were hoping to hold the problem over until after the May elections is ludicrous, but a very good indication of the way his mind works, knowing as he well knows that his party held it over two May elections.

"It was first brought before the Committee of Chairmen on May 31st, 1965 — strangely enough, at the first meeting after the 1965 election — when it was shelved until after the following May election. In July, 1966, the Study Group was set up to examine the problem in all its aspects, and this they have done, visiting gipsies mostly on Sundays, the only day that the men could be found at home. They have also visited a number of sites in the area which were recommended as being suitable for the accommodation of a limited number of caravan families.

"The itinerant population of this country has increased on a par with the general population increase, and at a census taken in May, 1965, it was found that there were roughly 3,000 itinerant families in this country, including over 6,000 children, on the move. Few of these children received any education. Only 49 per cent of these families are on licensed or local authority camps, the rest camp out where they can.

"With this and the County Council's directive in mind, we set out to find a spot which was (a) not too far away from a school, since the object of a nation-wide attack on this problem must be to educate the children

out of this way of life; (b) if practicable, to have sewerage, water and a reasonable access to the railways — and, remember, this is county rate, not urban rate — not have to pay for abnormally long water, etc., connections or treatment plants; (c) so positioned as to give the least possible inconvenience to existing properties in the same area. This last condition is, of course, the most difficult. Having had twenty-eight caravans full of gipsies on my own back doorstep practically better than most people I know the problems involved.

"Now comes the 'crunch' question. We, the councillors, are the servants of the people, and what the people say goes with us. Do the people of this urban district say, 'Give a damn where the gipsies go as long as they are chased out of here?' At the moment it is costing a great deal of your money to do just that, and as long as the answer to this problem is to push it into someone else's backyard then there is no more to be said, but after months of study I believe that if every authority in this country tackles this problem the children of these families can be educated out of this way of life. This I am convinced is the only way to solve this problem.

"Most of these people are Catholic in faith, and I am sure that a great deal of good could come out of contact with the Church of their faith.

"I had two gipsy children in my home on Christmas Day. They were unkempt due to their difficult life in obtaining water, but they were excited about their presents just like any other kids, and they had said their prayers the night before just like any other kids. It is up to you — do these kids get a chance or don't they?"

Prison sentences for making "hooch" in Corporation house

PARTS OF a dismantled still found by Policemen in a mini car they stopped late at night had been used for making spirits at a Corporation house in Spurriers, Laindon, said Mr. Patrick Ellis, counsel, prosecuting for the Customs and Excise at Billericay on Tuesday.

Four West Indians appeared on charges arising from the making of the spirits.

They were the former tenant of the house, Vernon Augustin (53), now living at Chester Road, Forest Gate, one of his sons, Jason (23), who was living with him, but now residing at Thyley Road, Forest Gate; another son, Robert (23), and a son-in-law, Phillip Ellick (30), both of Chester Road, Forest Gate.

The father pleaded guilty to unlawfully possessing and dealing in dutiable spirits and four charges of manufacturing spirits without a licence and also stealing equipment, worth £254, while employed by Standard Telephone and Cables, Ltd., at Basildon.

Jason and Robert Augustin admitted unlawfully possessing a still and unlawfully possessing dutiable spirits and Ellick ad-

mitted unlawfully possessing dutiable spirits.

Vernon Augustin was sent to prison for 15 months and fined £1,000 with the alternative of three months' imprisonment to run concurrently. Jason Augustin was sent to prison for six months and fined £250 with three months' imprisonment as an alternative, to run consecutively. Robert Augustin was sent to prison for three months and fined £250 with three months' imprisonment as an alternative. Ellick was sent to prison for two months.

Mr. Ellis said he was sure it would come as a shock to the children development Corporation that one of their houses was, during the greater part of 1966, being used, and being used very successfully, as an illicit still.

"It may be wondered how this matter came to light," said Mr. Ellis. "It was entirely due to watchfulness of Pcs Parkinson and Levey. They were on patrol on January 16th at about 11 at night and spotted a car, the back of which was filled.

They stopped the car, he added, and appeared to be full of scrap iron. Robert and Jason Augustin were in the car, which was found to contain plastic pipes, dustbins, two one-hundred-pound bags of brown sugar and two hydrometers among other items.

SMELL OF ALCOHOL
Jason and Robert were taken to Basildon Police Station and then Pcs Parkinson realised there was a smell of alcohol coming from the rear part of the car. He looked at a galvanised iron receptacle and realised that it was a highly-sophisticated "worm" fermenting the major part of a still.

Mr. Ellis said that the Customs and Excise people were informed and they went to 200, Spurriers, Laindon, where further equipment connected with an illicit distillery was found, together with small quantities of alcohol.

A diary was found in a bedroom, which was occu-

nied by Vernon Augustin, and it gave figures of profit and loss on a distillery. Other entries clearly referred to names and that it was a commercial undertaking.

Mr. Ellis added that at Chester Road, Forest Gate, other equipment was found. A Government chemist examined the still and said it was extremely well constructed. He estimated it would be 10 per cent effective, whereas the usual amateur stills were run at about 20 per cent effective-ness.

One hundredweight of brown sugar would give 10 proof gallons of spirit. The chemist estimated that the equipment would produce seven-and-a-half gallons of spirit. Some spirit tested was 36 per cent over-proof.

Dealing with the theft from Standard Telephones, Mr. Thomas Lavelle said Vernon Augustin's workshop was equipped with articles from the firm.

Vernon Augustin told the Court he had no excuse for committing the Customs and Excise offences and realised he was doing wrong. He started when he made some home-made wine, which was not successful, and he had decided to extract the alcohol from it. "I was successful, so successful that I decided to try some more."

On the theft charge, he said he took the equipment to set up because he wanted to know more about electronics to get a better position at his work. Robert Augustin had nothing to say, but Ellick commented, "My father-in-law was giving me some alcohol sometimes and I used to enjoy it."

Pcs Levey and Parkinson were commended by the Bench.

Our reporter's car stolen

A light grey Ford Anglia owned by "Standard" reporter Tony Blandford was stolen from Great Oaks car park, Basildon, on Wednesday morning.

Number is SY 206. The car is a 1959 model.

BIGGER SCHOOL

Subject to provision of adequate screening of the intended car park extension, Basildon Council will not object to a County Council proposal for the enlargement of Basildon Secondary School, Wickford. The proposal has been accepted.

JAIL FOR CAR THIEVES

TWO Laindon men who pleaded guilty to three offences of stealing vehicles were each jailed for a year at Billericay on Tuesday.

They were Thomas Hudson (40), a £19 per week carpenter, of Railway Approach, and Donald Wood (30), a £15 per week paint sprayer, of Worthing Road, who were both said to have four previous convictions of car stealing.

Each was disqualified from driving for two years.

Prosecuting, Mr. T. Lavelle said a Policeman saw Wood at his garage in Worthing Road, and noticed part of a red Ford Consul hanging on the wall.

Remembering that a similar car had been stolen in the area, the Policeman questioned the men who eventually admitted stealing the car, dismantling it and selling most of it for spares.

A search of the garage later revealed the remains of two vans, which the men also admitted stealing. Hudson had nothing to say, but Wood said: "I have got so many debts that I thought this was the only way to get enough money to pay them off."

BURNWOOD INSTEAD

At the request of residents it has been decided that Oak Road, Billericay, should be renamed Burnwood Close instead of Bellevue Close.

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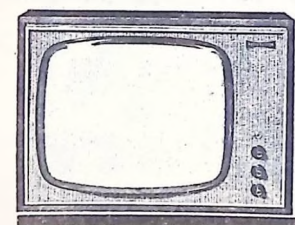
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Polio victim and his school problem

FOURTEEN-YEARS-OLD Terry Armstrong is a polio victim with a congenital heart disease. Yet every day he has to travel 25 miles to a special school.

Terry's father told a reporter this week: "We never know whether we will see him at home in the evening — or in hospital."

Mr. George Armstrong, aged 35, said at his King's Cross, Laindon, home: "Four months ago I was told Terry would be sent to a Grays school to cut the travelling distance. But although I have chased up the education authorities, they are still sending him to Southend, the morning and comes back at 4.50 p.m. Several times he has been taken in during the day and gone to hospital. The journey is too much for him of vomiting."

Terry was born a blue baby. He has suffered from severe kidney trouble and deafness. Now he is waiting for a bed at the Grays General Hospital and a further operation to try and cure his heart disease.

Adding to his problems is a stretch of mud in Kings Cross. This means the taxi taking him to school cannot reach his house. Instead Terry — who finds it so difficult — sometimes has to be carried across the mud.

There is an alternative route to the house, but this is via the Dunton Flyover, and once an accident on an Arterial Road intersection.

The drivers do not like using this route, Mr. Armstrong pointed out. "It would be more convenient to reach of War — but the mud makes it impossible for cars."

A Basildon Council wardens, used to the Invalid Children's Aid Association. Said an

tion at Grays is such that we cannot offer Terry a place as yet. Rebuilding is going on and there is a staff shortage and waiting list of 12."

He thought it unlikely that Terry could be given a place before September.

Mr. Dixon added: "The real answer would be a school for the physically handicapped in Basildon itself. This is one of the many improvements which should and will come in time."

This is envisaged in an educational plan, but, as yet, no building date has been fixed.



Terry Armstrong in his father's arms.



Guests pictured at Essex Rovers' and Rangers' dance held at Fryerns Community Centre on Saturday.

THE "SCANDAL" OF OLD BUILDINGS PRESERVING THEM IS INDEFENSIBLE SAYS OWNER

AS MORE details of the "secret" document on the future of Billericay High Street were revealed this week, a local businessman came out with a complaint against the local authorities for their delay in giving a decision which would enable his company to carry out much-needed rebuilding of their shops in the main street.

Speaking to a "Standard" reporter, Mr. J. E. Ball, Chairman of Glynden Investments, Ltd., owners of Horsnell's, Layland's and G. J. Holmes, said much had been written in the Press about the High Street, but he felt there were aspects which should be drawn to the attention of the public.

"The properties owned by his company were so decrepit that they were a danger to health. These buildings also constitute a grave fire risk. The roofs and walls are interconnected and are mainly of wood, so that a fire in one building could cause a whole area of the High Street to be consumed. Infestation is common. Those who would want these old properties preserved should be asked to live or work in conditions of medieval squalor," Mr. Ball added.

Conditions exist in these old premises that no factory inspector would tolerate in the most broken-down factory. Until recent years, water had to be carried every time an employee used the toilet. The facade is phoney; a property described as an old inn has a shop front facade and window frames which were put in in 1930, and a tiled roof which dates from 1947. The brick front and window frames of Layland's are early 20th Century with a matching tiled roof of about 1947. To preserve such facades is indefensible on any grounds of artistic or architectural merit," he went on.

Mr. Ball said one was conscious of age when one moved inside. Business was expected to be carried on under conditions as low as 6ft. 6ins. with interlocking doors as low as 5ft. 6ins. and doors built directly on to earth causing frequent replacement due to dry rot. There was a complete absence of damp courses, walls leaned dangerously, and there were store places which had to be placed at the top of rotting and precarious stairs which had caused accidents to members of the staff, losses of stock caused by dampness, and floors which varied by as much as six inches in six feet.

Mr. Ball went on: "As owners of this property, we have been trying for two to three years to obtain decisions from the local authorities to enable us to rebuild so as to ensure modern, clean and hygienic conditions to carry on trading."

Bonfire boys' escape

ELEVEN - YEARS - OLD Kevin Pestal knows all about lighting a fire; he was taught how to go about it in the Cubs. So when he and his pal Stephen Powell (11) from next door were playing in Rantree Fold, Basildon, on Saturday, they decided to light a bonfire. But Kevin failed to notice the plastic can nearby, which must have held petrol. The first he knew about it was a "Whoosh!"—and there he was with his front hair frizzled and the tip of his nose burned raw.

There was no further damage—but Kevin and Steven were severely shocked. An ambulance and a Police car were sent for, but as Kevin was not badly burned the Police car took him off to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, where he was treated and sent home again.

Folk Club act a foretaste

BILERICAY Folk Club had a foretaste on Friday of the star folk singer of the Essex Folk Str., which will open National Folk Week at Chelmsford. John Foreman, his usual ebullient self, sang a wide selection of London songs. But without doubt he has the talent to sing traditional types of folk song and he particularly demonstrated this when he sang "Naked Among the Wolves," about an incident in Buchenwald concentration camp.

Also for National Folk Week, the Basildon Folk Group have secured Ewan McColl and Peggy Seeger as stars for its event. These two folk singers are well known and will provide the highlights of an exciting folk evening.

A NEW LOOK!

Women in St. Andrew's Church, Basildon, choir are shortly to have a new look—a white blouse and dark skirt will replace the former blue robe.

BURNS NIGHT HAGGIS WAS PIPED IN

BASILDON Caledonian Society held their annual Burns' night dinner and dance at the Commodore on Friday. The 64 people at the dinner included guests Mr. Taylor (Town Manager) and Mrs. Taylor and Basildon Police Chief Supt. V. Cook and his wife.

The haggis was piped in and the address to it was given by Mr. J. F. Henderson. Society President Mr. W. J. B. Sinclair gave a Selkirk grace. The loyal toast was made by Mr. J. Christie and Mr. Sinclair toasted the immortal memory of Robert Burns.

Mrs. B. Roberts toasted the guests and Mr. Taylor responded. "The Lassies" was proposed by Society Secretary Mr. Charles Muirhead and Mrs. B. Condon replied.

A dancing demonstration was given by ex-world champion Mrs. E. Payne, who instructs junior members of the Society.

CARAVANS TO GO
Caravans parked on land adjoining Lady Spring Wood, Dunton Road, Little Burslow, will have to go. Basildon Council's Planning Committee have decided their decision was taken because the caravans were there without a licence or planning permission.

Superintendent and Matron of Mundy House are transferred

AFTER ONLY 13 months in charge of Mundy House, the old people's home in Church Road, Basildon, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Whitterton have been transferred to another Essex County Council home.

Their transfer follows complaints from residents and their relatives about the running of the home.

County Welfare Officer Mr. Boyce told a reporter: "Authorised members of our committee examined certain complaints about the administration of the home. As a result certain members of staff have been moved to other homes in the County."

He stressed that Mr. and Mrs. Whitterton had not been sacked. Their new appointment is at Fryerning in North Essex.

Mr. Whitterton and his wife Dora were appointed Superintendent and Matron of Mundy House in December, 1955. With their two teenaged daughters, they came here from Birkenhead in Cheshire.

A Yorkshireman, he was a pharmacy storekeeper in hospitals before joining his wife in running old people's homes six years ago. He was a member of Toc H. The couple have spent most of their lives working within the Health Service.

Mundy House, which houses 60 old folk, including 103-years-old Mrs. Elizabeth Coles, cost £73,000.

and was opened by Health Minister Mr. Enoch Powell in 1963.

The new Superintendent and Matron are Mr. and Mrs. Lee.

Buying more plots at Queen's Park

SERVED with a purchase notice by the owner, Basildon Council are to buy eight more plots of land on the Queen's Park Estate, Billericay.

The owner claimed the land had become incapable of "reasonably beneficial use." Planning Committee members heard at their last meeting.

Following their refusal of planning permission for residential development, he also claimed it could not be restored to a useful state.



Wickford Medau Society held their sixth anniversary dinner at the Bull's Eye, Basildon, on Friday.



Members of Lee Chapel North Six O'clock Club are seen above before they left the Community Hall for the Palace Theatre, Westcliff, to see "Dick Whittington."

Your cinemas

Radion, Laindon

"The Idol" (Sunday and Monday) is a drama which deals mainly with the love-life of an American artist in London. He is self-centred, arrogant and appears to regard women merely as a means of satisfying his lust. Murder mystery drama, "The Love Cage" (Tuesday and Wednesday) tells of a young woman's involvement in sudden death from several directions.

"Batman" (Thursday for three days), the popular television series has been adapted to the cinema screen and this time Batman and Robin have the world against fantastic odds.

Ritz, Billericay

"Ride Beyond Vengeance" (Sunday and Monday) tells how a buffalo hunter, who has been away for eleven years, is ambushed outside his home town and physically branded as a cattle thief by three men, including one who has designs on the hunter's wife.

"Batman" (showing Tuesday and Wednesday) is a coloured cinema version of the Batman and Robin series already so popular on television.

"One of Our Spies is Missing" (Thursday for three days) is a complicated story involving the possession by an enemy power of a rejuvenation chemical.

Century, Pitsea

"The Quiller Memorandum" (for one week) is a spy adventure set in present-day Berlin. The story revolves around the death of two top secret agents. They are the victims of a ruthless neo-Nazi organisation operating from an unknown base in Berlin.

ABC, Southend

"The Family Way" (showing until Wednesday) is adapted from Bill Naughton's play "All in Good Time" and tells with pathos and humour, of a young inexperienced couple's first weeks of marriage in a Northern town. Their planned honeymoon to Malaga falls through and without a house of their own they are forced to live with Arthur's mother and father.

Odeon, Southend

"The Blue Max" (showing until Wednesday) portrays the closing year of the First World War and tells the story entirely from the German side. The "Blue Max" of the title is a medal, Germany's highest award, presented to pilots. A ruthless young hero joins the Air Force with only one goal in view - the Blue Max, he becomes a national hero but his colleagues despise him.

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The cast of 7th Basildon Brownie Pack's pantomime, "Cinderella," which they presented on Saturday at Basildon Congregational Church.

FIRST EFFORT MEETS WITH SUCCESS

CHILDREN OF the 7th Basildon Brownie Pack presented their first attempt at a pantomime on Saturday at the Basildon Congregational Church Hall.

About 70 people enjoyed the evening performance, and approximately 50 children attended the matinee, which was really more of a dress rehearsal. The cast enjoyed themselves hugely, and Mr. E. Dyde, who was responsible for the scenery, is to be congratulated on his efforts. He was assisted by Mr. Pope.

The producer was Mrs. E. Dyde, who also made the costumes, assisted by her daughter, Carol. Make-up was by Mrs. Pope, Miss Christine Pope and Mrs. Dimsdale.

During the interval the audience was entertained

by a young local group, The Believers. Cost was as follows: Cinderella, Tina Carpenter; Prince Charming, Susan Gamadge; Dandini, Sue Jones; Fairy Godmother, Joanne Kemp; Baron Hurdup, Jane Bamford; first Ugly Sister, Julie Butters; second Ugly Sister, Jackie Sivert; Page, Debra Gamadge; Cat, Lynn Sirkett; Buttons, Virginia Hoare, and Rabbit, Susan Jenkins.

Warrant for possession

BASILDON Council applied at Billericay on Tuesday under the Small Tenements Recovery Act for possession of Grasmere, 38, Stock Road, Billericay, tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jarvis.

The application was on the grounds of arrears of rent.

A warrant for possession was granted, to become effective in four weeks.

Council have room for 300 houses

LAND IS available for Basildon Council to build another 300 council houses, Housing Chairman Coun. P. Brown stated on Thursday.

"I'm quite happy with the present position," he told the Council in answer to questions posed by Coun. A. T. Dove.

He wanted to know what steps were being taken to ensure sufficient land is available to keep up the momentum of council house building "that followed the long-term plans made by the Labour-controlled Councils of 1963-1966."

Answered Coun. Brown: "We have two or three pieces of land available which we know we could clear without any delay."

UNPAID FARE

A pipe layer, Mick Ward (28), of Trencham Avenue, Pitsea, was fined £10 and ordered to pay £1 ls. costs by Rochford Magistrates on Wednesday for travelling on the railway without paying his fare.

How the report was handed over

(Continued from Page 3) faced with a "very difficult position."

"From there on I disclaim responsibility. The lack of having taken place, one cannot just say, 'No comment,' to the Press, because they are liable to put a very different interpretation on the matter. One has to be reasonable."

"If a reporter says the whole of Billericay knows about this and people are afraid of losing their jobs, you cannot just say nothing. I had to make the best of a bad job. I asked nothing. I tried to lay it down."

Entitled

Coun. Morgan said he commented because of Coun. Withington's remarks that none of the traders' livelihoods would suffer were the report implemented.

"This is not so," he said, "there were demolitions involved."

He thought the point at issue was that the council were entitled to know what the public were entitled to know about their elected representatives were doing.

"This is the really important thing. I am not interested in Coun. Tebbett's amendments."

Coun. Derrick Pope (Tory) said his Group would always tell the public their intentions. "But what is the good of worrying the people of Billericay High Street if we did not intend for the implementation of this programme?" he said.

Coun. Withington pointed out that final responsibility for any decision affecting the High Street rested with the County Council.

He thought the Report could not be looked at and discussed as an economic proposition.

"Then it will be placed before a public meeting of the people of Billericay, who will be able to state whether they think this idea for the good of their town is good or bad."

The people who are mainly concerned will also be invited along to the Study Group meetings, he added, and they will be able to discuss with the Study Group the possibilities of the demolitions survey."

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Now a revolutionary plan for Wickford's town centre

A PEDESTRIAN precinct is also forecast for Wickford, Basildon Council revealed in a statement to the Press on Tuesday, following the disclosure of the proposals for Billericay High Street.

This latest precinct plan is set out in a draft statement of principles for the redevelopment of Wickford town centre, prepared by the Essex County Planning Adviser and adopted by the County Planning Committee and Basildon Council.

The statement, however, relates only to principles, the Council point out, and does not represent any firm decision by either authority on the development of any particular property.

But the County Council are now preparing a draft outline plan based on these principles, and this, they say, will be published and comments from interested persons will be invited.

The principles are that:

- The town centre should be developed as a district shopping centre for the whole of Wickford, assuming that a proportion of residents will continue to go to Basildon and Southend to shop. It follows that groups of shops in Wickford should be kept very small.

- The main flows of traffic should be carried by a new north-south road on the east side of the town centre, with London Road extended to meet it. Thus, the town centre would be within the angle of two main roads.

- The Southend Road should connect to this new road on the east side, but severed on the west side so that the area of the Post Office and the new shops and offices at The Parade may be developed into a pleasant and safe precinct.

- A minor road should be provided to cater for traffic having to enter the south-western sector of the town centre. This could follow the lines of Market Road and Iron Hill Road, with improvement of the corners.

- The traffic pattern north of the railway should be reorganised to serve more efficiently the station and commuter traffic, and in order to serve adequately the service trades and provide rear servicing to existing shops.

- New shops should be concentrated in a compact area close to the High Street, south of the railway, as this is the best shopping position where the streets can be almost entirely freed from traffic.

- An endeavour should be made to exclude traffic from The Broadway when the reorganisation of the road pattern north of the railway is carried out.

- Service trades, such as motor showrooms and builders' merchants, should be located north of the railway. New shops and shop ex-

tensions north of the railway, however, should be restricted.

- All existing and proposed shops should be organised for rear access to service yards for the loading and unloading of vehicles. A service road for the shops on the east side of the High Street should lead from the junction of the main roads, and a service road to the west side of the street should lead off the minor road.

- A main car park should be provided on the east side of the High Street with its approach (shared with the service road) from the junction of the main roads, and a secondary car park should be developed to the west side of the street, off Market Road.

- To enable proper traffic circulation and adequate provision of rear servicing and car parking to be planned west of the High Street, early consideration should be given to abandoning the Market Road Junior and Infant Schools and the provision of school places to replace them elsewhere in the town.

- The railway bridge in the High Street should be retained for essential traffic between the southern and northern parts of the town centre, essential traffic being eventually limited to bus services only.

- Civic buildings should be grouped in Market Road (as now).

- The most convenient car parks — those on both sides of the High Street — should be made adequate for shoppers and adequate space provided for short-term parking. Commuter car parking should be north of the railway. All day car parking for persons engaged in the town centre should be either in the remoter parts of the central car parks, or in additional car parks that are not so well placed for shoppers.

- When the main flows of traffic across the town, the flows of traffic to and from service yards and those to and from car parks have been accommodated, then the High Street, south of Market Road, should be closed to vehicles.

- A market square should be developed in the High Street, both to serve as a focal point and to accommodate a retail stall market.

- The main car park should be divided by strips of land on which trees could be planted to prevent the bleakness of a large car park. A suitable area should be acquired and laid out as a public garden.

- A strip of land should be reserved next to the main roads for landscaping, and to prevent new buildings being placed in an unnecessarily noisy position.

- Provision should be made for pedestrians to cross the new main roads by subways or bridges.

- Land not expected to be required for commercial purposes should be used for housing.

- New buildings should be to a high standard of design.

Looking for Carnival programme designers

WICKFORD Town Show and Carnival Organisation decided on Friday to organise a competition to find the best front cover design for this year's Carnival programme.

It was also decided that the final selection of Wickford's Carnival Queen would take place at a dance at the Community Centre in May, and that the Junior Queen selection would take place at Runwell Hospital League of Friends fete at St. Peter's Catholic Church in June.

Six other queens are to be invited to take part in Wickford's carnival procession, and it is hoped that the Southend Scottish Pipe Band, Colchester A.T.C. and Basildon Life Brigade will also attend.

Wickford Carnival Queen Patricia Bird told the meeting that she would share the money she raised in the London to Southend Carnival Queens Walk last summer between a donation towards the cost of a heart machine for Rochford General Hospital and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

DAIRY SHOW
Last week 30 Billericay Mothers' Club members enjoyed a film show, talk and samples given by dairy representative Mr. Whiting. Arrangements were also made for a visit to the theatre.

Advance in Church Unity

TALKING point this week in Church circles locally was the church unity debate held at Kingswood Baptist Church on Thursday week.

"It is the best advance so far in church unity at Basildon," said Rev. Cyril Rusbridge, who opened the debate. "The meeting was a frank discussion with many searching questions."

On the platform were Father Kenneth Green (Roman Catholic), Rev. Charles Phillimore (Strict Baptist), Rev. Arthur Harvey (Anglican), Mr. David Playle (Full Gospel Church) and Rev. Reg Williams (Congregational).

Meeting Chairman was Mr. Walter Searl, Secretary of Basildon Christian Council.

Course for Councillors

COUNCILLORS from seven local authorities were in Basildon at the weekend for a course on "Local Government and the Councillor."

The course was the brainchild of Basildon Council, whose changeover to new administrative methods has roused interest in local government circles. They planned the ten-hour course with the help of the Royal Institute of Public Administration.

The programme included talks on staff/councillor relations, work study, the financial side of Council work, and an open forum.

Forty-five councillors and would-be councillors attended from Benfleet, Canvey, Essex, Rayleigh, Rochford, Southend, Thurrock and Basildon.

"We were amazed at the response," said a Basildon Council spokesman. "We were over-subscribed and had to promise 12 people to prioritise on the next course we run. Councillors are now much more aware that they have to learn about their job."

M.P. WILL SPEAK
A local open group provided music at a social evening held by Billericay Young Conservatives on Monday. Nearly 40 people were present and members were reminded by Chairman Geoffrey Wheatley about the Half-Day Conference at Laindon Community Centre, at which John Diggs-Davison, M.P., will be guest speaker.



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South Green Junior School children paid a visit to the Cater Museum, Billericay, on Thursday. Curator Mr. Harry Richmond had a busy afternoon showing the children round and answering their questions.

I gather . .

A "STANDARD" REPORTER'S DIARY



She's not out to seek fame

MURIEL WRIGHT is a potter. Day after day for hours on end she works alone, designing, modelling and firing a large variety of pots and statuettes (see picture above).

As yet, she claims to be relatively unknown outside the district, but some of her work has been displayed at the Beecroft Art Gallery in Southend, and she is currently holding her own exhibition at Keddies of Southend.

Most of what she makes, however, she sells off to a few shops in the area to avoid accumulating a huge stock at her home in Western Road, Billericay.

She is unconcerned about the financial aspect of her work and she has made no concrete attempts to achieve recognition and fame—why then does she do it?

"It is a compulsion," she replied. "What does it matter to become famous? I satisfy my ego by being able to sell my work to shops."

"I suppose everybody who does anything like this would find recognition gratifying, but to me it is not essential by any means."

Married, with a son (18), Mrs. Wright has lived in Billericay since 1956, when the family moved from Hutton. She was born in Hampshire, but spent most of her childhood in Gibraltar.

She took up pottery seriously 10 years ago after a course at Chelmsford Art College.

"You have to be taught," she explained. "You must have the basic ability, or talent, but it is like learning to play a musical instrument—it doesn't just happen, it takes years of practice."

Your presence is requested

MULTIPLE sclerosis, or disseminated sclerosis, as it is used to be called, is a disease affecting the central nervous system which is incurable and affects over 40,000 people in the United Kingdom.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society have branches all over the country, with the dual aim of providing a general and social welfare service for members and to raise money for research into the cause and cure of the disease. A branch is proposed for Basildon and a preliminary meeting will be held at Bader House, Witharlis, Basildon, on Thursday next at 7.30 p.m.

Wrestling k.o'd

Plans to promote weekly wrestling matches at Wickford Community Centre have been shelved because the capital cost per session—about £135—is more than the Community Association can afford, it was stated at the Association's quarterly meeting at the Centre on Friday.

A number of local organisations have already promised support and it is hoped that many people will attend the meeting and support the project.

With the 'Red Arrows'

BRITAIN'S top air display team, the Red Arrows, is to be retained for 1967 and among those serving with the Technical Support Party is Cpl. Peter Malcolm Chadburn (27), of Dordetis, Basildon.

The Red Arrows are the R.A.F.'s own acrobatic team, picked from instructors at the Central Flying School and last year they gave 85 displays in 10 countries.

Exemplary record

COUNCIL Chairman Coun. A. Baron Burn presented a box of tools to 20-year-old Norman Collier at Thursday week's Basildon Council meeting (see picture below).



He recently finished his four years' apprenticeship as a plumber. Coun. Burn remarked on the "exemplary record" of ex-Timberlog schoolboy Norman, who lives in Luncles Road, Vange.

Saying Norman had been a splendid example to other craft apprentices, Coun. Burn told the Council he was selected to represent Southend College of Technology at the 1965 Building Craft Competition and was given the 1965 apprenticeship award of the Southend Master Builders' Association.

In the City and Guilds examination he had first-class passes.

"East Side Movement"



They don't like the Beatles!

FORMED only 2½ months ago, a new group of musicians are starting to make themselves known on the local entertainment scene.

Called the East Side Movement, they are, from the conventional point of view, seven strong, but the members claim otherwise.

For they have a philosophy which believes that the audience is as important as the group.

"We play, but they react, and how they react affects our performance. They are, therefore, part of us, and that is the Movement," said Dave Surry (20), a junior draughtsman, of Upland Road, Billericay.

Dave plays the electronic organ in a line-up designed to achieve a "different" sound, which is still evolving as the group practice together.

With this instrument providing rhythm, and not many local groups use one, the East

Side Movement are also experimenting with two vocalists and two guitarists sharing lead and rhythm roles.

"It's difficult to describe our sound, but it's definitely not 'pop'," said one of the guitarists, Sam Harding (20), a photographic worker, of Danes Road, Billericay. "We don't admire people like the Beatles, for instance, because we think they are making rubbish."

Others in the group (seen below), all from Billericay, are: Tony West (17), an insurance clerk, of Dukes Farm Close (guitar); Gerry Firmin (18), a contracts clerk, of Jacksons Lane (bass guitar); John Allen (20), a Customs and Excise employee, of Chantry Way (drums); Ray Owers (20), a precision engineer, of Church Street (lead vocalist) and Jeff Lant (20), an engineer, of Mill Road (second vocalist).

The group take their name from another group, now defunct, in which some of them used to play. The others were members of an outfit called High Voltage.

They are playing regularly at the Billericay Roman Catholic Youth Club, have also appeared at Billericay Youth Centre and have a number of bookings for weddings in the next few months.

Not very pleasant!



THIS SMELLY RELIC IS NOT IN THE BACKWOODS OF THE DISTRICT. IT RUNS BY THE SIDE OF HIGH ROAD, LAINDON, AND DRAINS INTO THE RIVER CROUCH.

The picture does not do justice to the varied shades of the water. All the colours of an open sewer are there!

Rubbish is thrown into it—and only a very occasional fall of torrential rain clears it.

Says Mr. James Simmons, of Powell Road: "It is contaminated and could cause an epidemic. If it is not cleaned out it should be done away with. In fact, it should have been filled in years ago."

He added: "I have taken dead cats and other animals out of it."

A long line of "bridges" link a number of houses with the High Road. But it is in the summer when residents notice the stream in their front garden. "Then it smells," Mr. Simmons pointed out.

A Basildon Council spokesman said the ditch was cleaned several months ago after complaints about its condition. There had been no complaints recently, but he would investigate the matter.

Home again

The first Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Basildon, since April, 1962, he has been Rev. John King, and his wife Denise. Since April, 1962, he has been Denise, are home again from a C.M.S. missionary tour in Lagos, their second missionary tour and was the African Bishop of duty in Lagos. A welcome home social for them is had responsibility for the training of Nigerian clergy, and also lay - readers, during the home social for some time as Anglican Chaplain to the prisons in Lagos. In the autumn of 1966 it was announced that he had been made an Honorary Canon of the building of St. Andrew's of Lagos Cathedral.

... and the Expression!



The Expression have taken over from The Inca as resident group at the Locarno Ballroom, Basildon. They are from Benfleet. For nearly three years ago, they first had the break. For the Expression, the Locarno hit the scene in 1964. The Inca did well with their six-week trial period at the Locarno in their first year. In the Expression, Chris Brown, aged 23, of High Road, Benfleet, is organist. Lead vocal Benfleet. Fifth member of the group is 20-year-old Mick Hardinge, of Arundel Road, Benfleet. He plays bass guitar.

Where those gipsy caravans could rest!

DUNTON ROAD, Laindon, and Hovefields Avenue, Pitea, are being considered by Basildon Council as sites for permanent gipsy camps, a Labour councillor disclosed last week.

The actual locations, so long a mystery to Basildon people, came out during a debate over the rights and wrongs of the Council, rather than the County Council, dealing with the gipsy problem.

The Labour Group favoured passing the buck to the County. But they got nowhere and the minute that the suggested site should go forward to the County for consideration went through. Without the hint from the Labour bench the public would still be left to wonder over the sites, as Labour's ideas for the secret veil to be lifted drew a blank.

Coun. Kenneth Tyson, Coun. Joe Morgan, Coun. Bill Archibald and Coun. Alf Dove all made attempts to set the Tory Group to disclose their intentions.

Coun. Morgan accused the Tories of sitting on the gipsy question for nine months.

"Twelve months ago Coun. Brown said he was against a camp anywhere in the urban district. This was until he became chairman of the study group," said Coun. Morgan. "Now he is the champion of the gipsy cause."

He said the Council had been pushed into action by the County when they would have preferred to have left the matter until after the May elections.

Of the site chosen, Coun. Morgan said it was obvious the Tories had looked round for an area where there were few Conservatives.

He thought the public were entitled to know the location and suggested that because of the secrecy people will automatically be against it when it is announced.

"Once the County accept these sites," he concluded, "the public will have no choice to voice their opinions."

Coun. Archibald said it was quite clear that Laindon, "the Cinderella of the urban district," was to get another caravans and would become a dumping ground for the scrap men.

"Laindon people have suffered for so long at the hands of this Council and the Development Corporation and we owe it to them to put their minds clear about this."

"I said we ought to tell the County we don't want

anything to do with a gipsy camp," he said.

Chairman of the study group of gipsies Coun. R. G. Brown said he was not ashamed at sitting on the gipsy site question for nine months.

"I was against a camp in the district 12 months ago and my personal views have not changed."

"I have paid visits to those people and had to pick my way through litter and stench to talk to them. I agree there might be an excuse for them not washing, because water is scarce, but there is no excuse for the litter and muck outside these camps."

Coun. Brown confirmed that the Council had given the Council up to January 18th to suggest a site. If this had not been obeyed the County would have found one themselves in the urban district.

Regarding the fears of the public, he said there would be ample time for them to express their views before the big attack was wielded by the County.

Coun. D. Pope disclosed that Laindon Hill Army Camp had not seriously been considered for the camp because it was more suitable for accommodating 1,000 families rather than the 12 which the Council were proposing.

He said 35 gipsy families were living in the district at the present time. It was the Council's aim to cut this number down to 12.

"At the moment the police cannot move these people on because we have nowhere for them to go. You can't meet a problem by pushing it into the next parish," he said.

Coun. Pope said he deplored the Labour opposition making political capital out of what was a social problem.

Coun. Saunders said he had no sense in catering for 12 families if there were 35 in the district. "Let's have a site for them all."

It was Coun. Ray Buckley who came blatantly out with

Dunton Road, Laindon, and Hovefields Avenue, Pitea, as possible gipsy sites.

His comment brought a quick retort from Coun. Bernard Laine who said he would oppose the Hovefields Avenue site "with all the breath in my body."

The leader of the Council, Coun. Harry Withington, said the only way to solve the gipsy problem was to educate the children. The parents were too set in their ways to change.

Referring to the two sites which were being suggested, he said one would hold 12 families and the other 35.

"If we are going to try and solve this social problem on our doorstep by pushing it back to the County we will make a mockery out of the Council Chamber," he said.

"Until we know how the County feel about the sites, how can we go to the public?" he asked.

A Labour proposal that the gipsy minute be deleted was defeated by 14 votes to 12.

Dead beat?

Beat dances at Wickford Community Centre have been discontinued because of lack of support.

MUSIC NIGHT

Basildon Young Conservatives at Laindon Community Centre on Wednesday week enjoyed an evening's classical music introduced by their Chairman, Mr. Tony Thomas. The previous Saturday they held a "Gypsy Whirl" at the Women's Institute Hall, Laindon Hill, when the guests, dressed as gypsies, were entertained by a conjurer, a folk group, "The Used To Be Four," and Basildon Councillor Derek Pope.

CORRECTION

Mr. Stanley Hewitt, who led the orchestra in the production of "The Entertainer" by Wickford Players is Head of the Saturday Morning Music School at Basildon and not of the music department at Billericay Secondary School.



THE NAME WILL BE CHANGED

THERE WAS only one objector at Billericay on Tuesday when Basildon Council applied for an order to change the name of part of Hazlemere Road, Wickford, to Alderney Gardens.

He was Mr. A. T. Atkins, who based his objection on his theory that the name-change would confuse a number of his important business associates in foreign countries and that his mail was bound to go astray.

He also added that he had "only just bought two teams of headed notepaper at considerable expense," which would be wasted if the order went through.

Basildon Council's advocate agreed that the change would cause some confusion at first, but he said, in view of the road rebuilding and renumbering that was going on in this area, he was sure it would simplify matters in the future.

The cost to Mr. Atkins, he added, was slight when it compared to the benefit it would be to others, and he felt certain that the Post Office was capable of solving any mailing problems that might arise.

Dismissing the objection, Chairman Mr. Watford agreed to make the order.

WICKFORD BRIDE

MISS JENNIFER Wilson, only daughter of Mrs. E. Wilson, of Market Avenue, Wickford, married Mr. Vincent John Hawkins, only son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Hawkins, of King Edward Avenue, Burnham-on-Crouch, at St. Catherine's Church, on Saturday.

They are seen above leaving under an archway of cricket bats.

The Rector, Rev. R. C. V. France, officiated.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Raymond Taylor, and wore a full-length Empire-style gown of white satin with a coat. The front, bodice and edge of coat were trimmed with lace and crystals.

She wore a bouffant veil, held by a pill-box band which matched the dress, and carried a bouquet of gold tea roses and freesia.

She was attended by Miss S. Hedges, a friend. Best man was Mr. Richard Bridge, a friend of the bridegroom.

(Picture by J. Hearn)

HIGH TIDE AT SOUTHWEND

Figures in parentheses indicate height of water above datum.

	A.M.	P.M.
Fri.	6.18 (16.0)	7.9 (15.4)
Sat.	7.36 (15.4)	8.28 (15.1)
Sun.	8.2 (15.4)	8.43 (15.2)
Mon.	10.16 (15.8)	10.46 (15.6)
Tue.	11.17 (16.3)	11.39 (16.0)
Wed.	—	12.3 (16.7)
Thurs.	12.23 (16.4)	12.53 (17.0)
Fri.	1.0 (16.7)	1.32 (17.3)

(February 10th)
Tide predictions supplied by Liverpool Observatory and Tidal Institute (copyright reserved).

HATCHERIES HOUSING

Basildon Council's Planning Committee have granted outline planning permission for the residential development of the former Hailmark Hatcheries, in Nevedon Road, Wickford.

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FINE FARE CREAM

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VALUE 1/2 9d

CANNED TOMATOES

1/3 10d

NESCAFE 4 OZ SIZE

5/4 4/3

HEINZ BABY FOODS

8 1/2d 6 1/2d

KIT-E-KAT

8 1/2d 6 1/2d

GIANT PERSIL

3/4 2/9 1/2

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FACTORY GOSSIP



Spectrophotometer cells — and the chaps who make them

BET YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT SPECTROPHOTOMETER CELLS ARE!

Well, to start with, they are the sole product of a firm just opening up on Basildon's No. 1 Industrial Estate and whose parent company is in Germany at the foot of a mountain in the Black Forest. Secondly, they are very difficult to make. And thirdly, their makers are a little cautious about disclosing the processes involved!

Made to an accuracy of a hundredth of a millimetre, the cells are used by research laboratories, hospitals and Government departments for analysis in spectrophotometers.

Glass, or quartz glass—which is acid-proof—are the materials used in making the cells, which will later contain samples of oil, beer, acid, plastics and countless other man-made liquids.

"We probably work to the finest tolerances in Basildon," said Production Manager Mr. J. Ryan, who has been in charge of putting production on its feet.

"The glass has to be cut, polished, assembled, electrically fused and finished so that it is perfectly clean and optically flat. We must be absolutely accurate."

Helma make dozens of different types of cell, ranging from cells the size of a biro cap to the size of a large torch. They can cost up to about £180 apiece, and can take weeks to make.

They opened an office in Westcliff early last year and started production at Basildon in December. At present they have a staff of four, but expect to expand to about 25 and to export all over the world.

"We don't need any beginners, but we do need people with experience of the glass trade," said Mr. Ryan. Pictured are: Mr. Jess Stevens, of Falstones; Mr. Peter Byers, of Meadow Way, Billericay; Mr. Ryan, of Canvey, and Mr. Desmond Bedford, of Railway Approach, Laindon.

News, please!

News of factory activities will be welcomed for publication on this page. News should be sent to our office at 10, Southernhay, Basildon, or to our Billericay Office at 72, High Street. Whenever possible we will be pleased to take photographs for publication.

The Queen's Award?

A BILLERICAY firm who have been exporting for only 12 months have applied for the Queen's Award for recognition of their efforts abroad.

And they could be successful, for the firm, Palmer Manufacturing, Ltd., of Radford Crescent, are now sending 80 per cent of their hipster trousers overseas.

Biggest buyers of the Carnaby Street trend are Italy, America, Holland and Scandinavia, but the firm are opening new markets all the time and now have orders from countries like Switzerland, South Africa and Zambia.



Exporting is hard work, according to Factory Manager Mr. Tom Easterford, but breaking the red tape is worth while as far as Palmer are concerned.

Their home trade goes through seasonal recessions and overseas sales keep machines running economically. "Obviously, it is to our advantage to exploit these markets," said Mr. Easterford.

The firm employ two of their employees as full-time packers and their stock controller, Mrs. Peggy Etheridge, of Sun Ray Avenue, Hutton, also spends much of her time dealing with export trade documents. Mrs. Etheridge has been with

the firm 21 years, has two sons, aged eight and 15, and is one person who would welcome our entry into the Common Market.

"It would make my job a lot easier," she said.

Big welcome for Pixey

PIXEY, the golden Labrador, whose job is to guide Mr. Bill Cox, local representative of Guide Dogs for the Blind, had a warm welcome from the girls of the Pretty Dress factory on Friday.

For Pixey accompanied her master to the factory in Cranes Close to collect a cheque for £250 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. (See picture below).

Half the money was collected by the firm's 160 girls. The other £125 came from the directors. Managing Director Mr. Jack Grant handed over the money.

Live wire behind the collection was Mrs. Kathy

Cracknell. When the directors heard about it they thought it was a great cause and offered to double what the girls collected. It will be used to train a guide dog.

Mr. Cox told Pretty Dress workers that out of every 100 dogs taken on for training, only about 30 would prove suitable for guiding work. "It is possible to spend over £200 on a dog and then have it rejected," he said.

After the presentation he and Pixey toured the factory. "Isn't he lovely?" chorused the girls.

One collection over, the girls are now starting on another. They are thinking well ahead. It is for the children's party next Christmas!

THE Marconi Company have recently won a new contract in Saudi Arabia for the supply of seven portable, high-frequency radio communications stations. This latest order brings the total value of Marconi mobile stations ordered by Saudi Arabia in the past three years to well over £500,000.

They want to meet this speedy lady



Living in hopes of meeting Miss Pia Denhammar, the young Swedish girl who recently set up a new powerboat world speed record, are Basildon's Teleflex workers. (She is seen above). Pia made national headlines a few weeks ago when she drove the new diesel boat, Let's Dance, at over 60 miles an hour. Less widely known is the fact that the boat's dual-station steering and engine control were made by Teleflex. Pia, it is rumoured, will take part in the "Daily Express" boat race in August. She may visit the factory while in Britain.

Inventor to visit new club

THE man who invented Pulse Code Modulation, the near-magical system which enables the capacity of existing telephone cables to be multiplied by twelve, will visit Basildon next week.

He is Mr. Alec Harley Reeves, senior scientist at the S.T.C. laboratory in Harlow and he will be the guest speaker at the first meeting of a new club.

It is the S.T.C. (Basildon) Engineering Society, a purely voluntary body functioning outside the firm or its social club.

Assistant Secretary Mr. Kenneth Willis, who is an administrative officer for technical services at Basildon, told a reporter: "This will be the first meeting of the new Society. Anyone working for S.T.C. can join, but it is primarily for engineers."

"We've already had 100 requests for tickets for the meeting on February 8th." Society Chairman is Mr. W. F. Glover.

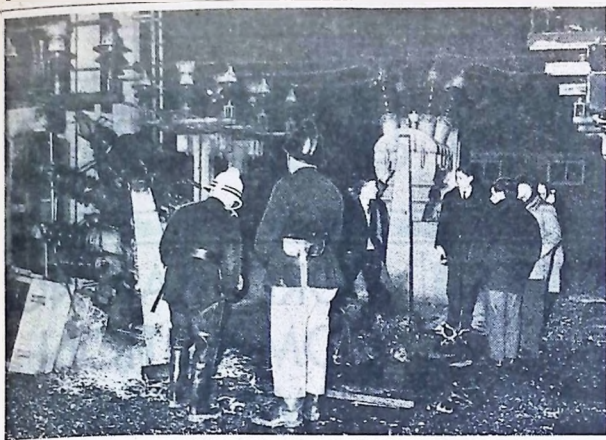
Death of Mr. D. Mann

MR. DOUGLAS MANN, 49-years-old General Manager and son of the founder of the Albert Mann Engineering Company, died suddenly last Thursday.

Mr. Mann, who was convalescing in Cornwall after a heart attack, lived at Great Warley. The funeral was held in the Parish Church on Wednesday.

Married with two sons, Mr. Mann had worked for the firm for 25 years and travelled extensively abroad building up a flourishing export business. He had negotiated contracts behind the Iron Curtain.





An explosion put the 33,000-volt Basildon Grid Sub-Station out of action on Thursday evening. The station—by the railway at Duntun—serves Basildon, Grays and Southend. But there was no black-out, as the area was transferred to another station automatically. The explosion happened in switch gear equipment. The blaze was put out by Grays Fire Brigade.

Garden press was used for false documents

—Police allegation

A PRINTING press set up in a garden shed in Basildon was used to produce false motoring documents, including driving licence slips, insurance cover notes and insurance certificates, it was alleged at Barking on Monday.

Det.-Con. Michael Dangelitis said he found lead type and finished work in the garden shed of the home of 28-years-old Kenneth Woodward, a grinder-cutter, of Great Mistley, and he told the Court that in another shed in Plum-borough, Basildon, he found a printing press. This shed, he said, was in the garden of the home of William Jackson, a 28-years-old tool-maker.

Woodward, he alleged, told him, "We set up the type at my shed and print down here."

Woodward and Jackson are charged with conspiring to forge motor vehicle documents, stealing a Ford Zephyr and stealing from a parked car.

Donald Auty (25), tool-maker, of Cleveland Road, Basildon, and Allen Durrant (27), capstan setter, of Long Linderswood, are charged with Woodward and Jackson with conspiring to steal cars.

Auty and Woodward are accused of stealing a Ford Corsair and Durrant alone with receiving a Ford Zephyr.

Det. Dangelitis alleged he found at Woodward's home motor insurance certificates and cover notes purported to have been issued by the Falcon Craven Insurance Company and also printed letterheads of the United Investors Finance Company, Ltd.

He said he also found a block of type set up ready to print driving licences.

Woodward, he alleged, said, "I just printed a few for my own use." Asked about the insurance certificates and cover notes, Woodward allegedly replied, "I was just practising with the print. I was printing those to try it out and also to use them if I was stopped by the Police in one of my nicked cars."

A total of 25 witnesses are to be called by the prosecution during the case which continues at Barking next Monday.

BUSINESS WOMEN

Billericay Business and Professional Women's Club met on Thursday week at the Friends Meeting House, Bell Hill. Mrs. Megan Williamson (President) presided. After business there was a talk by Mr. W. W. Lord on British Railways. He laid emphasis on the Eastern Region and also traced the history of railways from their inception, stressing the fact that research and improvement were continually carried out. Mr. Lord, who is local Station Manager, was thanked by Mrs. A. M. Shipton. Mrs. Williamson gave the delegate's report on the divisional council and conference held at Airduburgh, Suffolk.

No blooms from Basildon

Basildon Council are to decline an invitation to take part in the 1967 Britain in Bloom campaign because it is unlikely their new nursery will be functioning in time to produce enough plants.

WHEN HORSES COULD BE SHOD IN ANY VILLAGE

UNTIL WELL into this century each village had its blacksmith. The smithy was often near the village inn, but most of these public houses have disappeared with the march of time.

At Ramsden Heath the old forge stood where the garage is now near the White Horse. Next to it was a huge old walnut tree and three old cottages with attics lit by former windows. In the first half of the last century these cottages were one house known as the Royal Oak.

In Heath Road the Nar's Head is still in business but

by

J. K. PAYNE

according to a document of 1889 it was formerly known as the Arms and Navy. On May 8th, 1662, the Ramsden Grays blacksmith, John Adeley, sen., made his will. He left to his son Thomas his "house and shop" in Ramsden Grays. If he died without heirs it was to go to his son John. Son Thomas was left the featherbed "in the chamber over the hall with all things belonging to it as it now stands" and son

A CHEQUE for £220 was presented to Canon T. J. Barrett when he returned to his old parish at Basildon on Sunday.

"This is a sign of the esteem in which you have been held by the Parish of St. Basil's, and of the gratitude we owe you for 12 years hard work," Father G. Mahoney told him.

Father Barrett left Basildon last month for a new parish in Colchester. He returned on Sunday for a social and dance in his honour.

About 200 people attended, among them the new priest, Father Ambrose O'Gorman. Music was by Eric Campbell's Quintet.

1,218 still wait

Chelmsford Rural Council built 111 dwellings last year and still have 1,218 more on the waiting list for houses.

John, the bad and bedstead "in the parlour with all things belonging thereto." His son Walter had ten pounds and the rest of the estate went to his son John. The Rector, Westminster Abbot Jones and Jane Snow were the witnesses.

A blacksmith's shop stood on Grays Hill near Manor Cottage until after the beginning of this century and was probably on the site of John Adeley's house.

Manor Cottage, which is probably four centuries old, was once an inn. A chimney fire last year revealed a huge ironhook fireplace behind the modern one.

Little Burstard still retains its smithy, but horses are no longer shod there, the work is now mainly agricultural repairs.

The churchwardens' accounts record that in 1818 Cockrill, the blacksmith, was said to be for a bolt for the new church bell which had been recast. The former home of the village blacksmith at North Bonfret stands on the corner of Marrow Road and Pound Lane. It is a pretty three-hundred-years-old cottage; the forge stood in Marrow Road where is now the village hall.



Basildon Caledonian Society held their Burns Night dinner at the Commodore on Friday. Our picture shows some of the guests.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THURROCK TECHNICAL COLLEGE

WOODVIEW, GRAYS, ESSEX
CLERICAL ASSISTANT /
SHORTHAND TYPIST RE-
QUIRED from April 1st, 1967.
The person appointed will be employed on the staff of the College Administrative Officer, but the present arrangement is that she is seconded to work full-time in the Engineering Department. Secretary to the Head of Department with additional clerical work for the Department and generally as required.

38-hour five-day week with occasional evening duty for which either additional payment or time off in lieu will be granted.

Salary in accordance with the Clerical Grade I Scale rising to £16 9s. 10d. per week.

This is a permanent superannuable post and the College offers good social and recreational facilities.

Application forms obtainable from the College Administrative Office to whom they should be returned as soon as possible.

BASILDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

HOUSING DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT OF MAINTENANCE SURVEYOR

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the above-mentioned superannuable post in the Housing Maintenance Section. Salary within the Grade APT III £1,090-£1,340 p.a. (under review). Commencing salary according to experience and qualifications.

Duties will include the inspection of buildings for major maintenance and repair works, minor alterations and redecoration, preparation of specifications carried out by direct labour. Applicants should be able to act on their own judgment, having a sound knowledge and wide experience of building construction and considerable experience of organising this type of work.

Previous experience of similar work with a local authority will be an advantage.

Essential user car allowance is payable and housing accommodation may be available in approved circumstances.

Qualifications stating age, experience and references to the names of two referees to the General Manager, Basildon Development Corporation, Gifford House, Basildon, Essex, by 16th February, 1967.

MARY ELLEN HOW deceased.

—Trustee Act 1925 S.24—

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THE BULL

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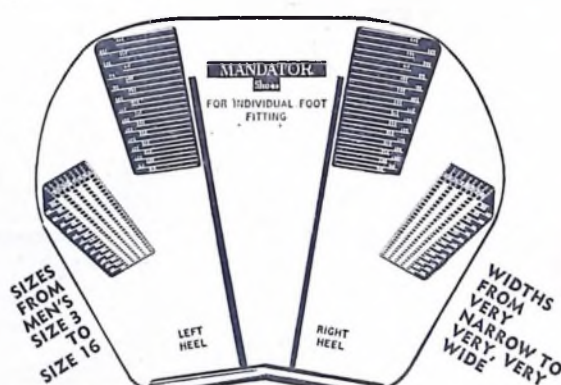
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CHILDREN'S PAGE



SHE WANTED A PARTY IN STYLE — AND HAD IT!

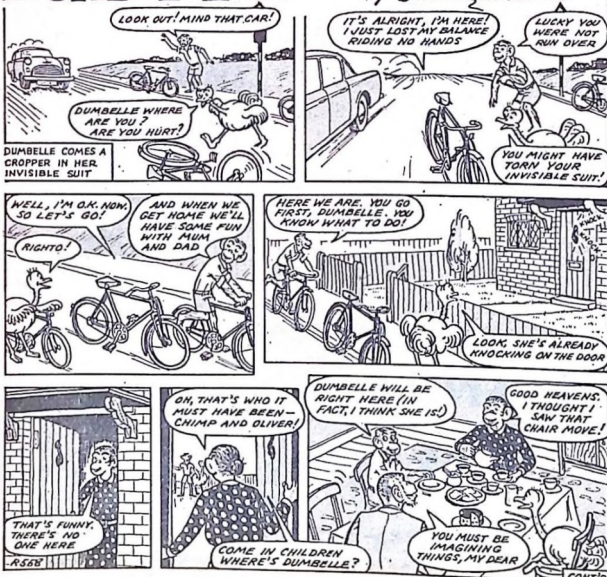
CATHERINE COOK, WHO IS FIVE YEARS OLD, ACTUALLY CELEBRATED HER BIRTHDAY ON JANUARY 19th, BUT, BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO HAVE A PARTY IN STYLE, SHE HELD IT ON SATURDAY AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH HALL IN BILLERICAY.

Lots of her friends came and they all brought her a present. Cathie had a lovely cake, too, as you can see in the picture.

We do not get many pictures of birthday parties in church halls, Cathie; weren't you lucky? I do hope you had a lovely time and that we shall see you again next year, about this time!

AUNTIE LIZ

DUMBELLE...



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS THIS WEEK TO THE FOLLOWING HAPPY PALS:

HELEN MARY GREEN, OF BALLARDS WALK, BASILDON, 11 ON THE 3rd FEBRUARY; SUSAN JENKINS, OF GAY LINKS, BASILDON, 8 ON THE 4th.

DAVID COOPER, OF LONG RIDING, BASILDON, 10, SALLY DAY, OF DANBURY DOWN, BASILDON, 10, AND MICHAEL FOOTER, OF KIRBY ROAD, VANGE, 9, ALL ON THE 5th;

GARY NOACK, OF KNIGHTS, BASILDON, 5 ON THE 8th; AND JOANNE STOCKER, OF TATTENHAM ROAD, BASILDON, 4 ON THE 9th.

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL.

AUNTIE LIZ

WORD-MAKING COMPETITION WINNERS

SOME OF you must have had a very busy time searching for words which can be made from the two names, "Basildon" and "Billericay."

You made me busy, too, because I had to check the entries with the Concise Oxford Dictionary and I certainly found some words which were new to me!

Unfortunately, some of you used proper names like Claire, Beryl and Basil, but, of course, these were not accepted.

There were several made-up words which are not found in dictionaries, but I congratulate all who entered this competition and I hope you had fun.

The three prizewinners are Shirley Bloomfield (11), of 13, Pendle Drive, Basildon; Linda Treloar

bury Down, Basildon; Sharon Clark (9), New Century Road, Laindon; Maureen O'Keefe (10), of Redgrave Road, Basildon.

The Happy Pals League will soon be celebrating their first birthday and we shall be having a special painting competition with many prizes. I hope you will all enter this competition, but I will give you more details later.

Although we have 700 members we still want plenty more and if you are not already a Happy Pal and would like to join our League, just send your name, address and date of birth to Auntie Liz at 10, Southernhay, Love from

AUNTIE LIZ

Our secret message

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NVSJ ZIQ FIPBOJE
PNVP BP BK GBANP
QFPBG PJV-PBDJ FIT?

(11), of 45, Luncies Road, Basildon, and Shelley Newman (11), of 5, Vange Hill Drive, Basildon. Prizes will be posted to them.

Others who did well were Keith Hopkins (9), of The Hedgerow, Basildon; John McLellan (10), of Mistley End, Basildon; Andrew Goodchild (13), of Whitmore Way, Basildon; Julie Smith (10), of Dan-

Fan Clubs

I KNOW many of you belong to "pop" star fan clubs, and others would like to join the clubs connected with their favourite artists.

You may like to know that because of their worldwide popularity The Beatles Fan Club have acquired a Post Office box number, which became operational recently. The joint national secretaries of the official Beatles' Fan Club are Anne Collinsham and Freda Kelly, and the address, Post Office Box No. 1AP, London, W.1.

The first year's membership fee is 5s., with a stamped-addressed envelope for reply.

Hullo, twins!

I AM ALWAYS ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO WELCOME TWINS TO OUR HAPPY PALS' LEAGUE. THERE IS SOMETHING RATHER SPECIAL ABOUT BEING A TWIN—I WOULD HAVE LOVED EITHER A TWIN SISTER OF MY OWN, OR TWIN CHILDREN; BUT ALAS, THAT WAS NOT TO BE.

This week let's all say "Hello, twins!" to our two newest recruits—Karen and Linda Yates, who live at Mountnessing Road, Billericay, and who celebrate their joint 12th birthday in May (they are seen below). They attend Brentwood High School and they are very keen on athletics, swimming and netball. They do most things together, as you would expect, and, although their friends can tell them apart, they are a little confusing at first!

Welcome to our League, twins, and we are very pleased to have you with us!

AUNTIE LIZ



Training course for leaders



A Cub and Scout leader training course was held at Wickford Church of England School on Saturday. Over 70 leaders attended the course for instruction on the Cub-Scout arrow tests. The course was given by the Essex training team, led by Miss D. Griffiths, Assistant County Commissioner for Cubs. Our picture above shows the Scouters from Basildon who attended.

Has the Town Manager's Department met success?

BEFORE THE end of the year, Basildon Council will be told if the appointment of a Town Manager has proved beneficial or not.

This promise came from Leader Coun. Harry Withington at Thursday's meeting in answer to questions put on behalf of the Labour Group by Coun. J. E. Morgan.

He asked if an appraisal will be made of the success, or otherwise, of the Council's change in administration, which came into operation on the appointment of a town manager.

Also he wanted a similar appraisal of the effectiveness and benefits to the Council, or otherwise, of appointing a town manager and creating a town manager's department.

After Coun. Withington had promised a report before the end of the Council's year Coun. Alf Dove wanted to know who would carry out the appraisal, which could obviously not be done by the Town Manager himself or his Department.

Coun. Withington said the responsibility would go to the O. and M. Department, which is quite independent of the Town Manager's Department.

TALK FOR HANDICAPPED

Basildon Physically Handicapped met on Thursday week. Rev. William Holden presiding. Best wishes went to sick members. Mesdames Haywood, Edwards and Monk. Mr. Holden spoke about life in Burma and showed some of the clothes worn there. Mrs. Frisdon proposed the vote of thanks and in May and in September. Ten postcards were. Mesdames Costman, Saxby, Furness, Maxon and Miss Morgan.

School bus diversion rejected

A SCHOOL bus diversion, requested on road safety grounds by Runwell Parish Council, has been turned down by Basildon Council's School Welfare Sub-Committee.

The Parish Council wanted the bus, which carries schoolchildren from Runwell Hospital along Runwell Road to Wickford schools — and back — to call at the new Canewdon Gardens Primary School in Runwell on the way.

At their last meeting, however, Basildon School Welfare Sub-Committee were told that the bus contractor did not consider the roads suitable for the suggested diversion.

They decided to turn down the suggestion, but to give "sympathetic consideration" to any requests by parents wishing to transfer their children to the Wickford County Junior and Infants' Schools.

NEW TOWN NUPTIALS

THINKING of getting married? Then, if you live in Basildon, you'd do well to book your church right away!

For 1967 looks like breaking all records for New Town nuptials.

Said the Rural Dean, Rev. Arthur Dunlop: "There is a great boom. We have 150 bookings for our three Laindon and Basildon churches already — and there will be more. Some haven't popped the question yet."

Said Father G. Mahoney, of St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church: "It's going to be a record year. Eighteen couples have made the arrangements already and we know of several more who have not yet named the day."

According to Florists, the Town Centre photographers, April 1st is the favourite date. That should be no surprise to confirmed bachelors!

"I think this year will see the children of Basildon's pioneers getting married," said Father Mahoney. "These are the children of people who came here in 1930 and 1931. But not many are teenage marriages. Most are in their mid-twenties."

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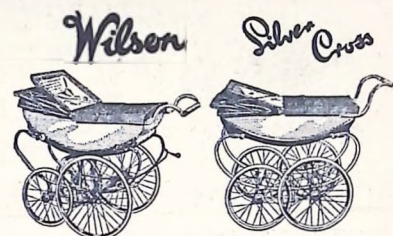
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B.B.C. appeal for witnesses had no response

"IT WAS not my fault." These were the only words which Mr. William Edward Shepherd, of Woolmer Green, Basildon, spoke to his brother-in-law while in hospital following a road accident, the Coroner (Dr. Charles Clark) was told at the inquest on Mr. Shepherd at Brentwood on Monday.

Mr. Shepherd, a 60-year-old builder, died ten days after the accident, which was on the southern Arterial Road, near Goodview Road, Basildon, on December 31st.

A verdict of accidental death was returned. Dr. John Peter Whitehead, pathologist, said death was due to air in the chest cavity resulting from rib fractures. Also contributors were bronchitis and emphysema.

"A younger person with such a disease of the lungs might have got over it," said Dr. Whitehead.

Mr. Peter Pemberton, greengrocer, of Electric Avenue, Westcliff, said at 0.30 a.m. he was a passenger in his brother's van on the Arterial Road, going towards Southend. He saw a vehicle belonging to someone he knew had broken down and was on the cycle track.

They pulled up about 100 yards, past the vehicle to see if they could be of any assistance.

"I walked back to the other vehicle and asked if I could be of any help. As I said this, there was an almighty bang and I turned round to see what had happened. There was a car which had apparently come down the offside

lane and hit the offside corner of our van."

Mr. Charles Pemberton, of Glendale Gardens, Leigh, also a greengrocer, said he was struck and he could not remember anything more until he came to in the ambulance.

P. C. Charles Jessup, who went to the scene of the accident, said that he had had a B.B.C. broadcast appeal made for witnesses of the accident, but no one came forward. Mr. Shepherd was not well enough to be interviewed.

After giving evidence of identification Mr. John Stanley Peters, of Tackley End, Basildon, Mr. Shepherd's brother-in-law, said: "I visited him in hospital and all he said was, 'It was not my fault.'"

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- Stationery, invitations, wedding service sheets and little boxes to hold the cake
- Wedding dress, head-dress, veil, shoes, etc.
- Bridesmaids' dresses, flowers, gloves, shoes, etc.
- Flowers — your own bouquet, bridesmaids' bouquets, church décor and reception
- Hire of room for reception
- Hire of cars
- Catering, cake and refreshments
- Photographer
- Hire of morning suit for your future husband
- Cost of licences, announcements in the paper, gifts to the bridesmaids, tips — and don't forget the ring!



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1967 TRENDS

— by HILARY WICKHAM

WHITE — PURE UNRELIEVED WHITE — is the recurring theme for the 1967 bride and her attendants. Colour, like the short bridal skirt (despite the mini-fashion), is out. Skirts in the main are ankle- or floor-length, the line simple and clear cut, relying on the material and trimmings for effect.

PRINCESS, SHEATH OR EMPIRE

In general the choice lies between the princess, sheath or high-waisted Empire-inspired styles. Trains are still popular, but there are few cut in one with

the skirt. When they are used it is often as a separate drapery falling from the shoulders or a high waist line. A practical and graceful idea, for the train can easily and quickly be detached without spoiling the line of the dress, thus leaving it suitable for evening wear later or even on the honeymoon.

It always seems such a pity that many wedding dresses are never worn again, so a train is one solution, for it is always flattering to every type of figure and height, besides lending dignity to an occasion where the back view is of more importance than the front during much of the time — a point which many brides tend to overlook. During the service it is only the back of the dress that is seen by the guests, while the front is frequently obscured by the bouquet on the walk back down the aisle and at the reception receiving line.

With white it is the material which sets the mood according to the age and temperament of the bride... demure in organza or chiffon, romantic in lace or textured satin, and radiant in wild silk or crepe — crepe being the avant-garde material of this

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season, which of all materials gives the most dramatic impact in white when teamed with a discreet contrast or trimming.

Vails in keeping with the dress line are short and head-dresses more positive. The tiara, ballerina crown and ornate head-dresses are not so popular as chignon top-knots (in the same material as the dress), pillboxes and demure 'hoods'. Of course the ever-popular floral head-dress will be worn, but here again the keynote is simplicity and white flowers such as daisies, gardenias or roses are used.

Sketched are a few examples illustrating the season's wedding trends. A dazzling white crepe dress with matching chignon-style head-dress. The only trimming is the high waistline etched with gulpure lace and the collar lightly quilted.

Two further veiled head-dresses are another chignon top-knot spilling cotton marguerites, and a romantic flurry or fresh white daisies on organza ribbon above a cloud of fine net. For the very young bride or bridesmaid with long hair worn in the current fashion a satin bonnet strewn with roses and forget-me-nots or a halo marabou on a velvet band can look enchanting and one style which can be worn with good effect by the "principal and her supporting cast" when all are of a near age group. White alone for the bride and a note of colour for her attendants.

BOUQUET IS IMPORTANT

Another important accessory is the bouquet, which must complement the dress, so with the present fashions it is made up of the smaller flowers into natural-looking small arrangements. Dainty posies framed in a petticoat of organza are both charming and have the added advantage of serving as an attractive table decoration during the reception, either placed in front of the bride at a formal breakfast or on the cake table at a buffet.

Mrs. Constance Rose Forster, of Constance Rose, the fashion house, of Southend-on-Sea, has had considerable experience in the buying of wedding gowns. She knows that swinging young brides-to-be want to be completely up-to-date, but for the greatest day in their lives they will still want to be the classic bride — graceful in white.

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BEAUTY FOR THE BRIDE

MRS. GODFREY, of Godfreys the Chemists of Basildon, believes that choosing make-up and accessories is a very important aspect of a wedding.

She suggests that a relaxing perfumed bath is the best soother of nerves followed by a good unperfumed deodorant such as Arrid.

Your dress and hands will be in focus during your wedding, so start now with hand lotion, cuticle oil and have a good emery board for your nails. If you have the ill-luck to break a nail, then Eylure false nails come in two sizes — regular or "slim-line".

The same applies to your hair. Start weeks before by getting it healthy and shining and if you have to have a perm have it done two weeks before the day.

Make-up on the day should be kept simple — with emphasis on the eyes. If you can wear false eye-lashes with no discomfort this is the time to wear them. You may need a touch of rouge on your cheeks if you are inclined to turn pale when nervous — otherwise don't bother. Perfume should be light and fragrant too. If possible buy your cosmetics in a matching perfume. Elizabeth Arden's "Blue Grass" or Yardley's new "Reverie" or Lenthier's "Tweed."

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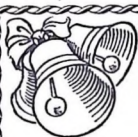


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Guard your flowers carefully against sudden exposure to cold air. In cold weather carry your corsage in its box or bag to the party and put it on there.

Protect your corsage, as too much handling bruises the delicate petals and stems and the flowers will begin to wilt. To keep your corsage fresh and bright for the second day, cover with wet cotton or tissue and place it in the refrigerator, but keep it in the florist's box or vegetable section. (Orchids are the exception. Unwind the stem covering and place the stem in water. Keep in a cool place, away from draughts, but NOT in the refrigerator).

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To make sure that your flowers give the final touch of freshness and beauty to the wedding day, go to Bews as early as you possibly can. Tell them what your plans are for your own and the bridesmaids' dresses. They will want to know what hairstyles you and the bridesmaids will be wearing, so as to design flowers for the hair which will exactly fit the style. For the bouquets and possibly corsages, the florist will offer a wide choice of designs, using flowers and materials which will set off the clothes, and you will be able to look at this range and make your choice.

With both the bouquet and head-dress, a more elaborate arrangement will be needed if you have a very simple gown, and simple arrangement to set off a more ornate gown. The same rules will apply to bridesmaids' clothes and flowers.

On the question of cost for such bridal flowers, florists will normally provide a list of alternative designs at different price ranges, so that you and your family can choose for yourselves how much to spend on this essential part of the occasion.

When it comes to planning the service and reception, flowers of course play a vital part in making the occasion as beautiful as it should be, and every florist will provide a complete set of designs at whatever scale of price is asked for. When planning the floral decorations, the florist will visit the church and the place where the reception is to be held, make a note of all the possibilities offered by these positions, and design the decorations accordingly.

THE CARS ARE IMPORTANT



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STEP BY STEP PLAN THE GREAT DAY CAREFULLY

THE WEDDING DAY is the one day on which nothing must go wrong. Nothing will, provided everyone does his bit calmly and efficiently. Smooth organisation can do a lot to reduce the tension that is bound to accompany the big occasion.

TIMING

The main thing is to keep to time. If the wedding service is scheduled for 2.30 p.m., try to make sure that it starts at 2.30 and not five or ten minutes later. Nothing makes a person more on edge than having to wait about.

First arrivals at the church should be the ushers, whose job it is to show guests to their seats. Friends and relatives of the bride sit on the left of the aisle, those of the bridegroom on the right. The front pews should be reserved for relatives.

The bridegroom arrives with the best man — who must have with him the wedding ring and the minister's fee — and they sit on the front pew on the right of the church. The bridegroom's parents usually sit just behind. The bride's mother will have taken her place on the front pew on the left of the aisle.

BRIDE ARRIVES

With the guests (we hope) all present and correct, the bride arrives on the arm of her father (or whoever is giving her away) and enters the church preceded by her bridesmaids. There then follows the wedding service — the most tense and solemn part of the day.

CATERING

IF YOU DECIDE to have an outside caterer to cope with the reception remember to give him plenty of notice.

Bill Burrage of Wendy's of Leigh Hill, Leigh-on-Sea, likes to have a discussion some weeks before the day. When the type of reception and numbers have been decided he will move in on the day with cutlery, china, glass, table cloths, tables, his own cooks if necessary and waitresses.

THE SERVICE OVER

At the end of the service the newly-married couple lead the way out of the church — the bride on her husband's left arm. Outside the church they will be showered with confetti (though in the interests of tidiness the church may ask that this isn't done) and line up for photographs.

Then the couple drive off to the reception, closely followed by the respective parents, who must welcome the guests as they arrive. It is up to the best man to ensure that everyone knows where the reception is and has means of getting there.

RECEPTION

At the reception the parents line up with the couple to greet the guests, with the bride's parents (who are hosts for the occasion) first in the line. Drinks are usually served to the guests as they arrive.

With everyone present the eating begins, either a sit-down meal or, more these days, a buffet. When most of the food (and drink) has been consumed, the best man calls for silence and the speeches begin.

SPEECHES

Speeches at weddings are best made as briefly as possible. Long accounts of the bride's early childhood can not only be tedious but also

embarrassing. There is a set form to each speech and this should be adhered to.

The bride's father starts by proposing a toast to the "health and happiness of the bride and bridegroom."

The bridegroom replies and in turn proposes a toast to the bridesmaids. Most of his speech should be semi-serious, thanking his own parents for their kindness to him and also giving favourable mention to his wife's parents.

Finally the best man replies on behalf of the bridesmaids and his speech can be as amusing as he wants it (within reason, of course).

TELEGRAMS

After the speeches the best man reads out the telegrams and presides over the cutting of the wedding cake. The bride makes a first token cut, "helped" by her husband, and the pieces of cake are distributed — some being kept back to send to friends and relatives who were unable to attend.

GOING AWAY

Once the cake is eaten the proceedings are nearly over. The bride changes into her "going away" outfit and she and her husband return to say goodbye to the guests and leave for the honeymoon.

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THE WEDDING BREAKFAST

RECEPTIONS ARE BECOMING more and more informal, and the modern trend towards late afternoon weddings has turned the traditional "breakfast" into "cocktails at six." Consequently the buffet-style breakfast is increasingly popular.

It allows for a larger number of guests to be accommodated, a buffet meal per head is less expensive than a sit-down affair, the bride and groom can mix more freely with their guests and the problem of who to place next to who is avoided.

The evening reception has much to recommend it, for friends who cannot perhaps take time off on a weekday to attend the wedding have a chance to look in at the party and toast the bride. But whatever time of day the reception is to be held, certain basic arrangements must be considered beforehand, apart from food and wine, if every one is going to enjoy themselves.

Therefore ensure that there are enough chairs for the elderly guests and relations. It can spoil their pleasure if they have to stand too long. Place them in suitable positions so that the occupants can see comfortably what is going on.

To save the embarrassment of the wrong people sitting on them, write the names on a strip of satin ribbon (fringed at each end) with a ball-point pen.

Detail family friends to look after and introduce people to each other and see that they are all adequately supplied with food and drink. Many people who are unused to buffet parties are shy at first of going and helping themselves.

As soon as guests have greeted the "happy couple" on the reception line they should be handed a drink. It does not matter whether it is coffee or tea, a soft or hard drink, but to make any party a success it is the first minutes which decide the verdict.

Also lengthy formal photographic sessions

should take place after the reception is well under way. The wedding group may find the time gone in a flash, but for the guests it can seem endless.

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3. Let the photographer know in advance if possible of any special pictures that are needed.

TO THE BEST MAN

4. It is realised that the best man is busy, but his help is appreciated to keep the church porch clear for pictures.

TO THE CHIEF BRIDESMAID

5. Look after the bride, arrange her dress, train, etc. And look after the other bridesmaids.

TO THE GUESTS

6. Please leave the photographer a clear field. He has a difficult job to do. Co-operate when he tries to arrange groups.

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AN EXCITING development of 28 houses is now being completed at Clifton Avenue, Benfleet. Here, Industricon Limited, of Thundersley, have over the past year been perfecting an industrialised method of building which is now one of the leading systems in the country, having recently been awarded a Certificate of Appraisal by the National Building Agency.

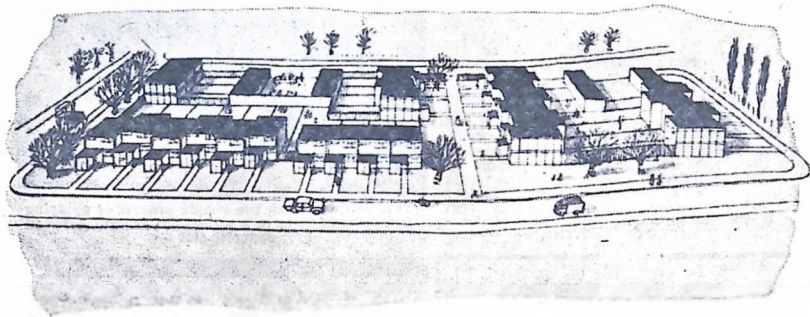
MODERN PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

Industrialised housing is a process of applying modern production techniques of using factory-made components and reducing site labour to a minimum, thus speeding up construction and avoiding delays due to bad weather.

This process can, if due care is not taken, result in stereotyped, box-like buildings in which people would not choose to live. Facing up to the challenge to avoid monotony, the Industricon system specifically set out to produce a design which permits the use of a wide range of materials and the detailing of components which allows the dimensions to be altered within specific limits to enable almost any type of house to be reproduced.

The success of this objective can be judged by the appearance of the completed houses and by the comments by many of the occupants, who are delighted with the design of the house and with the amenities offered, which are to the full recommendations of the Parker-Morris Committee. These recommendations are being adopted as standard by local authorities, but it is very unusual to find them offered in the private market.

Some of the requirements are full central heating, downstairs cloakroom, twenty power points, fully fitted kitchen, lots of storage space



and a minimum area for a three-bedroomed house of 960 square feet, which is well above that normally provided in this type of housing.

MAINTENANCE-FREE

An additional feature of the Industricon system is a completely maintenance-free exterior achieved by the use of aluminium sliding windows in hardwood frames, polished hardwood doors and permanently decorated cladding materials.

All these features can be incorporated into what is, in essence, low-cost housing by offsetting the increase in material content by increasing productivity to the extent where the labour involved in erecting the houses is almost half that used in traditional building. The Industricon system completely eliminates all brickwork and plastering and the work of all other trades has been simplified to eliminate time-consuming details.

THE COMPANY

INDUSTRICON WAS formed at the beginning of 1965 as a consortium of two local builders – F. Goff and Sons, Ltd., of Hadleigh, and the Robert Leonard Group, of Westcliff.

Recognising that the future of building in this country lies in developing more modern techniques of construction, they formed the Company mainly with a view to developing a form of construction suitable for local authority housing but which would be readily acceptable to the private purchaser.

After a year of investigation, research and design, in collaboration with the Company's architects – Associated Design Partners, of Epping – work on the prototypes was commenced at the beginning of 1966.

MODIFICATIONS

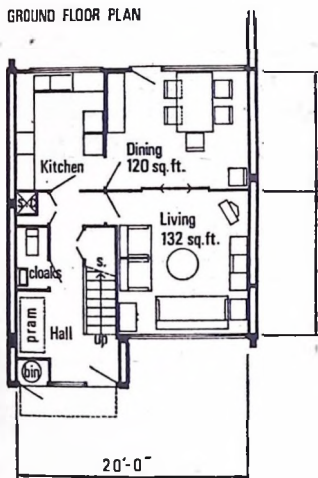
During the development of the 28 houses at

Clifton Avenue Improvements and modifications have been continually incorporated so that on completion of the site the method of building was perfected as far as possible to justify the objectives of the Company's policy.

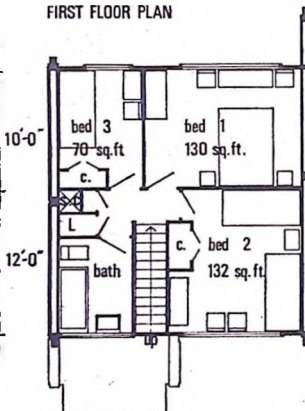
The first occupants moved in during May, 1966, mortgages being made available by building societies normally suspicious of any house of unusual construction.

Industricon is now actively engaged in negotiating with many local authorities throughout the country and several large contractors have entered into discussions with a view to taking out licences to build Industricon houses in each region.

GROUND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



Not only has each house on the estate been carefully planned, but their position in relation to the sun has been taken into consideration, too. The plans shown on the left show a south-facing house similar to the Boltons', described on Page Three. In this the all-important lounge gets most of the sun. The houses which face north have the hall, cloakroom and kitchen facing north, and the bathroom and one bedroom on the first floor.

PREJUDICE

HOUSES AND BUILDING methods are subjects about which people are so full of prejudice that it is difficult to get over new ideas.

"I wouldn't live in one of those," they say, full of virtue. Ask just why not and they, from the safety of their pre-war housing estate dwelling, can't answer.

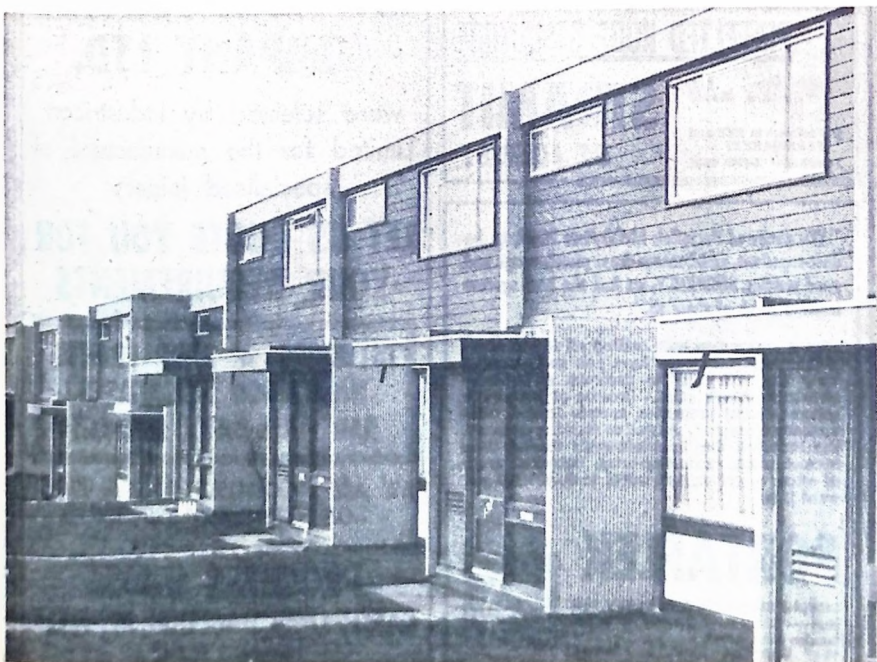
It is just that the whole conception is new. Bricklayers and plasterers, joiners and tilers should build a house. The fact that a wall made of two slabs of concrete will be standing when a traditional "housing estate" brick wall has long vanished doesn't come into it.

Nobody living in a block of new flats feels uncomfortable because they have been built by the same modern methods. The prejudice seems to apply only to houses and, to put it mildly, it is absolutely ridiculous.

An Englishman can live just as happily in a castle built of concrete and plastics (more so, because he won't have to spend all his spare time doing running repairs) as he can in a post-First-World War subsidy house.

When you look at these houses at Benfleet, brainwash yourself of all prejudices and look at them with a new eye – from the point of view of modern living, warmth, light, minimum of housework and maintenance – and you will see them in a new light.

Left: These houses look different from the usual traditional bricks-and-mortar-and-tiles version, and they are different when you consider their advantages. Outside maintenance is almost negligible, double glazed windows, central heating, fully fitted kitchens and decorated ready to live in.



MODERN TECHNIQUES

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ONE OWNER'S EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Bolton and her husband moved into No. 8 Clifton Walk last October. Flat-dwellers before, they have now had four months in which to decide whether they really like living in this ultra-modern house in a new estate. They are in no doubt at all — they love it!

Mrs. Bolton, who stays at home while her husband commutes to London, has no criticisms or complaints. She is delighted with the ease with which the house can be run. Housework is reduced to a minimum, leaving her plenty of time to pursue her hobbies. Her husband is equally delighted with the prospect of literally no external maintenance or interior do-it-yourself "tattling."

They have found the central heating system keeps the house more than just warm and even in the coldest weather little extra heating is needed in the way of electric fires. In fact, so warm has the house been during this winter that they haven't bothered to have the double glazing fitted on the windows yet.

This house, at £4,500, compares very favourably with a traditionally built one of the same price — double glazed windows, central heating, cloakroom with wash basin and w.c. off the entrance hall, three bedrooms,

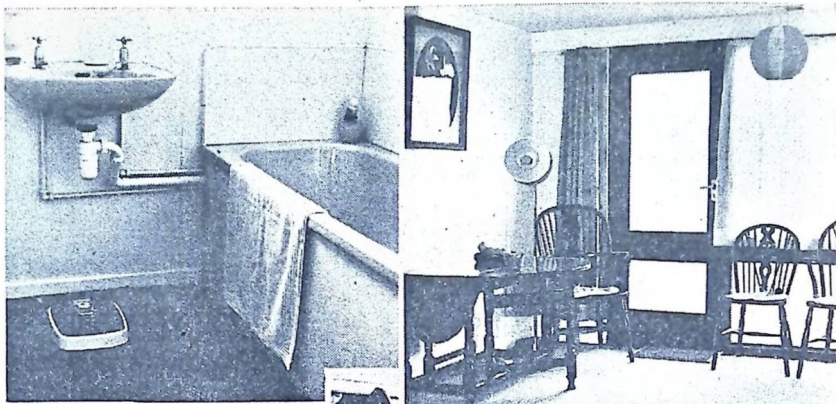
modern fitted kitchen and bathroom, etc.

These houses have been carefully planned so that those facing south have their important rooms in the front and vice-versa. The Boltons' house faces south and by throwing open the wide doors between the lounge and the dining room both rooms can have their share of sunshine.

In fact the whole effect, both upstairs and down, is a cheerful one of sunshine and warmth, with no clutter anywhere.

From the entrance hall, with its cloakroom, the rather wide, shallow staircase (unusual in this size of house) leads up to the first floor. The two smaller bedrooms have roomy fitted wardrobes and on the landing is a fine airing cupboard which houses the hot water tank and electric heater.

All in all, this house provides just about everything needed for absolute comfort with the minimum effort. And, after all, could anyone want more? Certainly Mrs. Bolton doesn't.



Above: The bathroom at No. 8 is fitted out with turquoise blue enclosed bath, wash basin and w.c. Floor is black vinyl. The central heating keeps this and other rooms really warm.

Above right: The dining room, furnished in the traditional style, leads directly from the kitchen. Modern doors, staircases and other interior woodwork on the whole project were prefabricated by Haddleigh Joinery Co. Ltd.

Right: The kitchen is completely fitted out by Paramount Kitchens, of Basildon, except for the cooker, of course, and is well arranged with plenty of clear working tops and lots of cupboard space.

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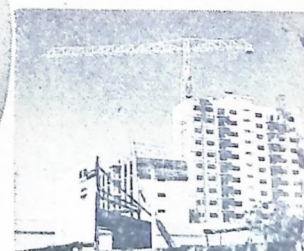
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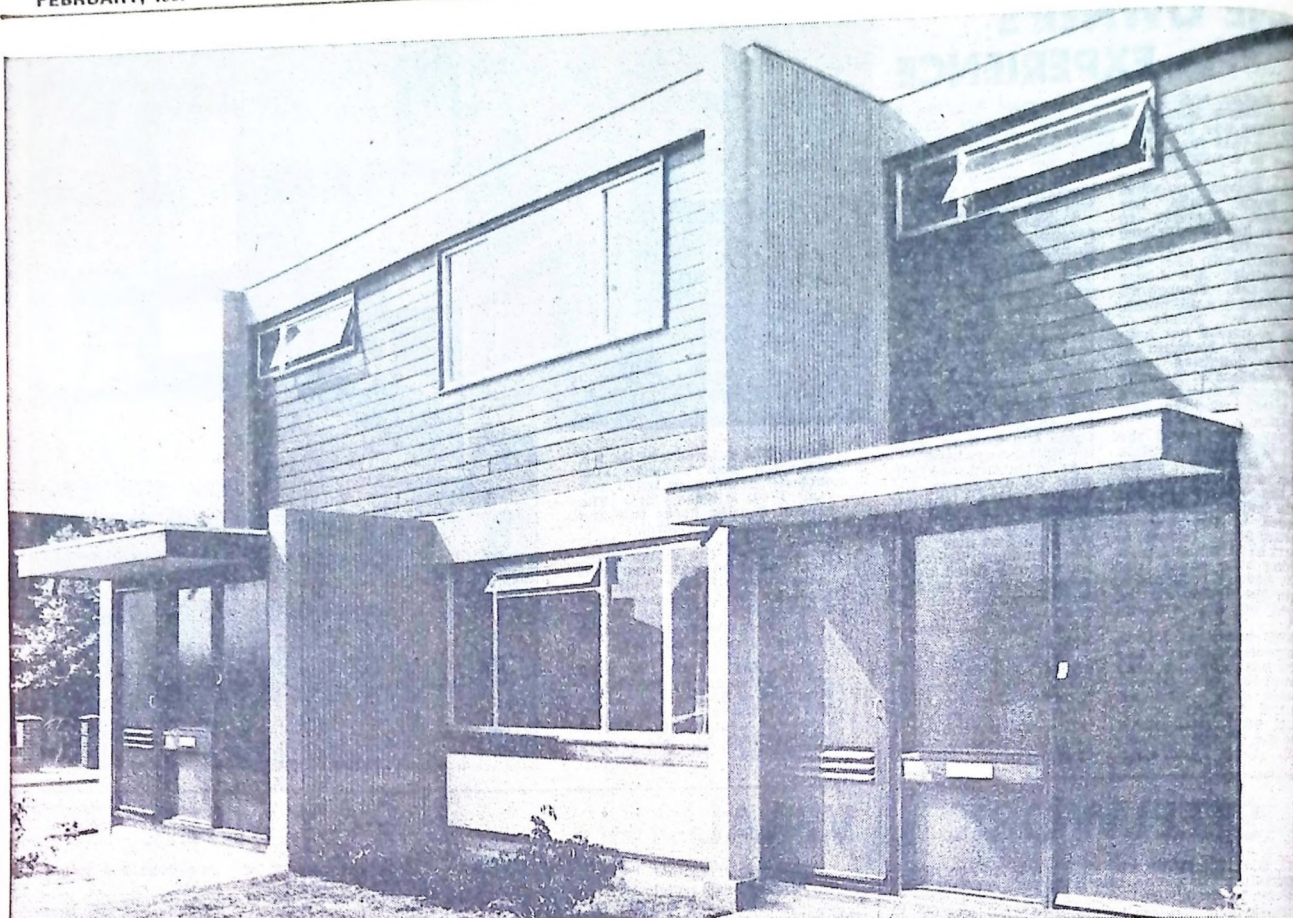
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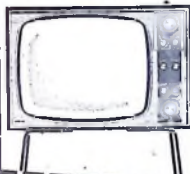
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A short distance away, just outside Wickford, in Runwell Road, lies The Quart Pot; in nearby Crays Hill, there is The Shepherd and Dog; and in quiet Downham can be found The De Beauvoir Arms, more commonly known as The Beaver Arms.

Because of their position the two Wickford pubs are the busiest.

Probably the older of the two is The Castle, where 61-year-old Mr. Nobby Clark, real name Albert Clark, is the landlord, and has been since 1954.

He has the original licence for the building, which was issued in 1758.

The Castle does not look that old, but has been extensively reconstructed inside and out to provide it with modern amenities and comforts.

Mr. Clark, who is married with five children and 12 grandchildren, comes from a long line of Sussex publicans. Born in Worthing, his first pub was The Black Lion at Horsham. Then he moved to The Prince of Wales, Kensington, and The Lion and Lamb, Brentwood, before settling down with his wife, Cecelia, and family in Wickford.

He is proud of being on first name terms with practically all his customers, and plays an active part in the life of the community as a member of Wickford Rotary Club, which was founded at the Castle 11 years ago.

The club meets every Thursday in the Castle Hall, originally an Army hut dating back to the 1914-18 War. This, in

his early days, was the home of Wickford's first "magic lantern show," but for many years it has been a venue for local organisations.

Mr. John Gardner, licensee of the White Swan, has been in Wickford even longer than Mr. Clark — 16 years. He, too, has been in the trade all his life. His father ran the Red Bull at Vange for many years.

The White Swan was badly damaged in the great flood of 1958 and was closed for a week. But Mr. Gardner restored it to its former condition, and since taking it over has extended the saloon bar and also improved public bar facilities.

He has little knowledge of the age of the building, but of one thing he is aware — before he equals the record of one of his predecessors. He succeeded the daughter and nephew of Mr. Richard Patmore, who was landlord for 33 years!

Mr. Patmore was a founder-member of the Essex Fly Fishing Club, and he still pursues this pastime in his rare leisure moments. He and his wife, Constance, who helps him run the pub, have an 18-year-old daughter, Jane.

The White Swan has a strong sporting tradition. Mr. Gardner was a founder-member of the original Basildon Football Club, and upstairs rooms are still used for meetings by Wickford Town Football Club and Wickford Hockey Club.

The picture at the top shows the White Swan at Wickford as it was many years ago, and above is the exterior of the present building.

The Quart Pot is 200 years old. It is unusual in that its public bar trade is at least as important as its saloon bar trade.

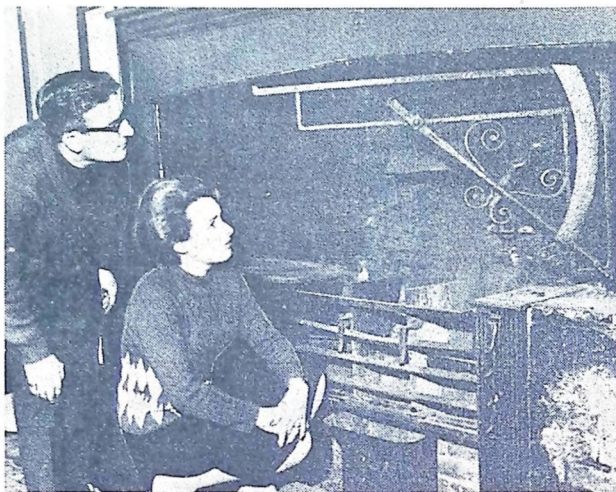
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Manager of the Castle Hotel, Wickford, Mr. N. Clarke, with Mrs. Ivy Steward and Mrs. Audrey Walker, waiting to serve customers in the saloon bar.

Not a rotisserie!



Mr. and Mrs. F. Thompson at the De Beauvoir Arms, Downham, have just uncovered this ancient fireplace. Its pot-iron and roasting spit are still intact. They are considering renovating it to make it one of the pub's features of interest.

The shepherd's crook!

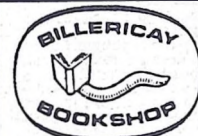


Mr. Harold and Mrs. Peggy Dowsett are the landlords of the Shepherd and Dog at Crays Hill. Mr. Dowsett shows the original shepherd's crook to two thirsty customers.



Outside the Quart Pot, Nunwell, stands this ancient elm tree. The pub is 200 years old and the tree is thought to be older. In days gone by a stake was banged into it for a tethering rail - and the gaping hole is the sequel!

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Dilly-dally, and lives are still in jeopardy!

A LIGHT-CONTROLLED pedestrian crossing may prove to be the answer to a killer junction in Nethermayne, Basildon, believe Basildon Council.

They decided on Tuesday to explore this possibility first rather than go the whole hog and plump for a pedestrian bridge at the junction with The Knarves.

Before Christmas the Council received a plea for a bridge at the junction, which has already claimed one life.

But they passed the request on to Basildon Development Corporation.

Now the Corporation have said it is the Council's pigeon as Nethermayne is a road which has already been taken over by the Council.

On Tuesday the Corporation's decision was reported to the Works Committee, whose members were told that Ministry of Transport grant would be necessary before the Coun-

cil could go ahead with a bridge.

In the circumstances they decided to look into the possibility of placing a light-controlled pedestrian crossing near the junction.

"Investigations will be carried out by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department and a report given to the next Works Committee meeting," said a Council spokesman.

One of the advocates for a bridge in Nethermayne, Mrs. Clara Cornish, last week wrote to the Corporation's General Manager, Mr. R. C. C. Boniface, seeking an interview on the matter.

But a Corporation spokesman said on Wednesday: "We have informed Mrs. Cornish of our decision to refer the matter to the Council."

DUTY CHEMISTS

BASILDON

C. C. Wind, 418, Whitmore Way, and M. S. Godfrey, 150, Clay Hill Road, will be duty chemists for week commencing Monday, February 6th. They will be open each weeknight from 6 to 7 p.m. C. C. Wind, 418, Whitmore Way, will be open on Sunday (February 5th) from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

BILLERICAY

Nix (Chemist), Ltd., 111, High Street, Billericay, will be duty chemist for week commencing Monday, February 6th. They will be open from 6 to 6.30 p.m. every weeknight (except Thursday when they will be open from 7 to 8 p.m.). On Sunday they will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

WICKFORD

L. A. Garbett, 23, High Street, Wickford, and M. W. Shandford, 55, Bluff Street, Wickford, are open alternate evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., also alternately on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon (name of duty chemist on door of both shops).

Hostel plan

Forwarding the application to the County Council for concurrence, Basildon Council's Planning Committee have approved the use of Laindon Fifth, Laindon Common, Billericay, as a hostel for non-adjusted and deprived children.

BOY HURT

Fourteen-years-old William Whittys of Exeter Road, Basildon, dislocated his knee when he fell in Pendle Drive on Wednesday. He was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital.



Above are young people who took part in the Basildon round of the County Youth Public Speaking Contest held at Woodlands Girls' School on Wednesday week.

So much is being done by so few people

THE FABRIC of all they were trying to build would come crashing down about their ears but for the sustained efforts of a dwindling band of loyal workers, state Wickford Community Association

Executive Council in their latest quarterly report.

"There is still far too much insularity between groups and organisations. The Community Association exists for the benefit of the community over and above the calls of individual groups and organisations," they say.

Attendance at quarterly and annual meetings is appallingly low. Never has the tally of volunteers been so discouraging.

The Executive Council illustrate their point by highlighting the shortage of helpers at the Community Centre canteen.

"This," they say, "has become so desperate that unless more members come forward we may have to curtail canteen facilities."

They also had to report the loss of one group—the Archery Club.

Owing to delays in obtaining suitable open-air accommodation for a range and an invitation from Teleflex, Ltd., of Basildon, to join their works club, the main body of the Archery Club decided to break away from the Association.

This left them with expensive equipment on their hands, but efforts were being made to form a new group. Failing this, the equipment would be sold.

The quarterly meeting of the Community Association on Friday echoed this depressing state of affairs.

Secretary Mr. Bill Worton reported that membership figures were at their lowest for several years.

"Our membership at December 31st—550—was down on last year's total, and I think we will be rather lucky this

time if we get near the figure for previous years," he said.

Mr. Worton also complained about the apathetic attitude of the majority of activity groups at the Centre towards supplying reports of their functions to the quarterly meeting.

"Activity groups do not send in reports to these quarterly meetings, let alone the Press, and then they complain about the lack of publicity they receive," he said.

"The lack of these reports means I can't give a full account of the Association's achievements and activities. The response is just not good enough."

Despite this tale of woe, however, no drastic changes are envisaged in matters of policy during the coming quarter, it was stated.

Wedding tape for uncle in Australia

WEARING a full-length white dress, Miss Carol Ann Scholes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Scholes, of Victoria Road, Laindon, was married at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday to Mr. Geoffrey Robert Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilson, of Veymarks, Laindon. The service was tape recorded to be sent to the bride's uncle in Australia. Given away by her father, the bride was attended by the bridegroom's sister, Margaret, her own sister, Jill, and her cousins, Lorraine Chermiside and Christine Williams. Best man was Mr. Ken Wilson.

Council houses, waiting period abolished

SO WELL has Basildon's housing programme progressed that it is planned to chop the ten years' residential qualification at present needed by Council house tenants to three, and also to abolish the six months' waiting period.

These recommendations came from a recent meeting of the Basildon Council Housing Committee at which the Town Manager reported that the housing figures set as targets in 1963 and 1965 were likely to be achieved.

He recommended closer housing links with the Corporation and the Works Committee resolved to approach the Corporation for their view on setting up a joint Housing Committee.



Committee members of the R.A. Association, Laindon branch, pictured at their dance held at Laindon Community Centre on Saturday.

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The picture above shows Bowers Gifford Conservative Association's dance held at the Community Centre on Saturday.

SHOCK FOR FORD TRACTOR WORKERS AT BASILDON

2,000 PUT ON A 4-DAY WEEK

ABOUT 2,000 Ford Tractor employees will be on a four-day week from Monday.

The announcement is likely to cost the average worker about £3 10s. a week.

Reason, say Ford's, is a world-wide decline in tractor sales. The first "day off" will be next Friday.

"It is difficult to put a finger on the cause of the trouble," said a spokesman. "The credit squeeze is a factor, of course. But there are also agricultural subsidy problems in Germany, saltwater floods in Italy and similar difficulties in other parts of the globe."

"It seems to be an unlucky time. We hope it won't last long, but the outlook is not too bright. Until last week we were hoping it would be possible to keep going."

Production figures will drop from around 1,000 to 800 tractors a week. Basildon is one of Ford's three tractor centres. The others are in Antwerp and in America.

Trade unions had been kept abreast of developments, said the spokesman. "I think they accept that the company have done their best."

Probably 1,000 of the short-time workers live within the urban district.

GATES AND FENCES
Properties in Phase Three of the redevelopment of the Billericay temporary bungalow site are to be provided with close-board fencing and gates.

They tasted success

WICKFORD Winemakers' Circle won over 100 major awards in the past year and membership was now almost 70, it was reported at their annual meeting last week.

Officers elected: Chairman, Mr. A. Butler; Joint Secretaries, Mrs. M. Barker and Mrs. S. James; Treasurer, Mrs. R. Dodds; Committee, Mrs. M. Smith, Messrs. A. Fagiolli, V. James, E. Jones and A. Keep.

£50 fine

Luke Black, of Great Knightleys, Basildon, was fined £50 by Roufford Magistrates on Wednesday for a Customs and Excise offence.

He pleaded guilty to using a rebated oil in his vehicle, a Ford tipper, used on building sites—when he was not entitled to do so.

Mr. M. C. K. Gasper (prosecuting) said that the offence was discovered by Customs and Excise officers checking vehicles at the Bull Public House, Hockley.

Mr. Gasper said the vehicle had been seized, and was now the property of the Customs and Excise. An offer had been made to sell it back to Black for £25. In Court Black had nothing to say.

Parking ban in Whitmore Way?

IT IS ALMOST certain that all vehicles will be banned from parking in certain stretches of Whitmore Way and Long Riding, Basildon, because of the trouble they cause to through traffic.

Basildon Council Works Committee have recommended parking restrictions for part of Whitmore Way around the Fryerns shopping centre, and the end section of Long Riding, where it joins with Timberlog Lane.

They made their recommendation in support of complaints from Police about the danger and congestion caused by parked vehicles in these areas, despite the objections of the Corporation's Chief Engineer.

Fell off ladder

FIFTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD Mr. George Bell fell from a ladder while cleaning a wall at the G.P.O. Sorting Office, Basildon, on Saturday.

Mr. Bell, of Buckwys, Billericay, was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay.

THEIR OWN HOME



FOR THE first time in their nine-year history the Young Citizens' Guild—the youth movement that started in Walthamstow and spread to Basildon—have a home of their own.

Last week they began moving into the big old house on the corner of Lalndon High Road and Nicholas Lane. It has been bought by the Development Corporation. With four rooms up and four down, a largish garden and a huge garage, the house would make a first-rate base for any active organisation. For the youth club it is ideal.

The club have been busy redecorating the house and moving in their equipment, and plan to start normal meetings there next week (see picture above).

"This is just what we have been waiting for," said the Guild's founder and commissioner, Mr. H. G. Day. "I don't think any of our members will be able to grouch about nothing to do. The only problem is how some of them get to the new headquarters."

With 20 branches between Basildon and London, the Guild have four branches and some 250 members in the urban district—at Lalndon.

Basildon, Pitsea and Billericay. "We will still be carrying on with them, of course," said Mr. Day. "The new quarters will be the base for the whole movement. It is the first time we have had somewhere of our own."

The house has a functioning central heating system and has been rewired by one of the leaders who is a qualified electrician. The activities it will house include the usual darts, table tennis, billiards, chess and draughts, plus records, a refreshment room and a "best" room.

Mr. Day also hopes to launch out into radio engineering, motor engineering, woodwork and photography classes.

Injured in accident

MRS. ENA Sutton (55), of Winifred Road, Pitsea, was injured when she was involved in an accident with a car near Pound Lane, Bowers Gifford, on Friday night.

A spokesman for St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, said on Monday that her condition was satisfactory.

Their 10th birthday party



Wickford Townswomen's Guild held their 10th birthday celebrations at the Wickford Junior School on Thursday. Our picture shows the guests about to enjoy their meal.



Helpers and youngsters pictured at St. Michael's, Pitsea, infants' and kindergarten Sunday School's party held at the Church Hall on Saturday.

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Film club at Centre?

A CINEMASCOPE screen and projector lens may soon become part of the cinematograph equipment available at Lee Chapel North Community Centre, Basildon.

For a long time a cinema club for children has been running at the Community Centre in Ballards Walk, and plans are now being made to open an adult section on a film society basis.

A membership fee, payable in advance, would entitle members to enter without charge, to see all the films screened; and entry would be limited to registered members only.

Mr. R. I. Jones, B.E.M., Chairman of the Lee Chapel North Tenants' and Community Association, states that he can only consider this step if sufficient interested people will confirm in writing their intention of joining the club, if it can be formed.

He asks that notes should be handed to any officer of the Association, or left at the Community Centre, addressed to him. "I can only continue pursuing my intention if there is sufficient prior support for such a venture," says Mr. Jones.

Order of the Garter?



Garters are back in fashion, and it's not only the teenagers who are setting the trend! At Wickford Townswomen's Guild party at the Junior School, Wickford, there was a garter competition, which was won by Mrs. M. Perkins, with Mrs. B. Rolley as runner-up. They are seen proudly exhibiting their prize-winning entries.

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Labour Leader's motion of censure is defeated

LEADER OF the Basildon Labour Party Coun. Joe Morgan launched a vitriolic attack on Basildon Council last week. "The public are up in arms against the decisions, reaction and lack of services of this Council," he stormed.

Coun. Morgan put forward a censure motion "That this Council deplores the lack of leadership, lack of policy and continuous mistakes being made in the name of this Council." The motion was eventually defeated by the Conservative majority of two.

Chairmen of committees were responsible for officers and their actions, he stressed in his speech, and he went on to slam the Council on the following counts.

RESIGNATIONS may come at Pitsea, he said, where school managers are considering leaving en bloc as a protest against education policy.

RATES would rise from 2s. to 2s. 6d., forecast Coun. Morgan—to make the highest Basildon rate yet.

ON HEALTH he claimed the Bader House Centre for Disabled had been opened without proper staff or facilities. "People arrive and have to leave soon after because of unco-ordinated transport."

Conservative leader Coun. Harry Withington had failed because he lacked the help of his committee chairmen in lifting the Tories would defeat the motion out of loyalty, but an effect, he said, was the motion at least makes the Chamber saying, "We had to vote against it, but there was something in it."

"They have failed the public in policy and administration," he continued.

"They have delegated authority to officers. It is disgusting that anyone should have to do this."

Barrier attack
Backstage Coun. Morgan was Coun. Roy Buckley. He started by attacking the new barrier at Pitsea railway crossing as unsafe. "What is next in line? Will Pitsea crossing be a half barrier as well?" he asked.

Then he talked of the Council attitude over mud at Redgrave Road. Vane, "No action from the Engineers and Surveyors Department attended a meeting."

And Manor Avenue residents sent a deputation to the

Tory reply

Coun. J. R. Lyon was one of the speakers who answered for the Conservatives. He said a number of petitions had been received by the Council and some concerned unmade roads. "Lost night 21 miles a year of private street works were agreed by the Works Committee."

About Redgrave Road he said: "There was a request to go there almost immediately. It was not possible at such short notice."

Action on muddy roads could only be taken by the Police. Four times in 10 days, Council equipment had cleaned the road.

This and damage to the footpaths had been taken up with Basildon Development Corporation. In Manor Avenue it was the Council's own contractors who were concerned.

On roads Coun. Lyon added that a letter had been sent congratulating the Council on keeping main roads snow and ice free.

Coun. A. V. Stockley was the next Conservative speaker to reply to Coun. Morgan. "It is very difficult to know how statement you can believe," he said.

On education he said only one school was involved and could be put right. This matter in the housing field the age target had not been reached.

Finance was the main part of Coun. Stockley's reply. He attacked the former Labour Council: "No order for this Council for four years."

Their handling of reserves was called "a political ploy which didn't come off. They hoped somehow to convince the public they could have no amenities now and pay for them later."

Coun. Morgan ought to put a motion criticising the former Labour Council, he countered.

The Town Manager has had to get efficiency and sense out of chaos.

Coun. Gerald Kretz hit back for the Labour Council record. "Figures mean nothing. The large numbers of houses turned out this year

were what we started last year."

Another Labour speaker, Coun. Alf Dove, said the Tories, instead of controlling events, had let events control them. He also paid a tribute to the Town Manager, Mr. David Taylor. "The arts centre was his idea, not yours," he said.

Dove went on: "Motions supported in Council are killed when they come back to committee. The magic of reverse opposite are split down the middle and we get things thrown out or thrown back."

"We need strong government because if you have a strong government you have a strong opposition. Billericay High Street plan and lack of consultation with Thurrock over the Fobbin crossing were reasons for Coun. Dove to say: 'I will certainly support this censure motion.'"

Courage

Coun. Harry Withington, Conservative leader, replied that the economic crises had been brought on by the freeze. "We had the courage to take the administration and place it under the Town Manager," he said. "We were left a great mess when we took over."

Reserves had been cut back to an abysmal level, Coun. Withington said.

Coun. Morgan wound up the debate. He said: "Not one single house has been put to the pipeline by the Tories."

Labour street works programme was three miles a year. "They have cut the programme by half-a-mile," he said.

After the first snowfall of winter the town was without any salt for the roads.

Reserves, he went on, were very nice in easy times, but could not be afforded at the moment. On Council committee meetings he said: "They have to run round to find a quorum. There are two meetings a night and no one attends."

Coun. Morgan then spoke of his group's approach to Basildon Corporation for housing meetings.

"We will not go cap in hand to the Corporation," he said. "We will go as equal partners. We have done this as a Labour group—we have succeeded where you have failed."

This brought a loud burst of clapping from many of the 80 people—a record number in the public gallery.

"This is not a show," said Chairman A. Baron Burn. Labour laugh.

The motion was then put to the vote and fell 14-12, with the two parties voting on

Decree for Basildon man

On the grounds of his wife's adultery a decree was granted to Mr. Leonard Thomas, of Basildon, at Southend District Court on Tuesday. The ex-respondent, Mr. John Edward Morton, ordered to pay the costs. The petitioner married Barbara Jean Thomas in 1954 and there are no children.



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Basildon's Full Gospel Church Sunday School held a party for their pupils in Ghyllgrove Community Centre on Saturday.

The punch bowl was popular!



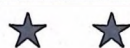
The punchbowl proved a popular item at the Liberal Association's social at St. Peter's Hall, Wickford, on Thursday week.



Everything stops for tea! These Brownie and Guide leaders were attending a training course at the Wickford Congregational Church Hall on Saturday. The training officers were Miss Wells and Miss P. Canning, and Guiders attended from Wickford, Rayleigh, Ashington and Rochford districts of the East Essex Division.



Clergy who took part in a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity "Meeting Point" held at Kneeswood Baptist Church. Pictured are Father K. Green, Rev. G. Phillimore, Rev. R. Williams, Rev. A. Harvey, Rev. D. Playle and Mr. W. Scarle, Secretary for the Basildon Christian Council.



MEET THE "GREASE SPOTS!"



Billericay and Wickford Scouts' Association are rehearsing their diamond jubilee "Black and White Minstrel" show at Billericay Secondary School on February 17th and 18th. This will be the first event in the Association's programme to celebrate 60 years of Scouting in the two towns. Our picture shows some of the cast rehearsing a number entitled "The Grease Spots".



Caller Mr. Norman Turner and some young dancers take a breather at the parish social and square dance held by Christ Church, Perry Street, Billericay, on Saturday.



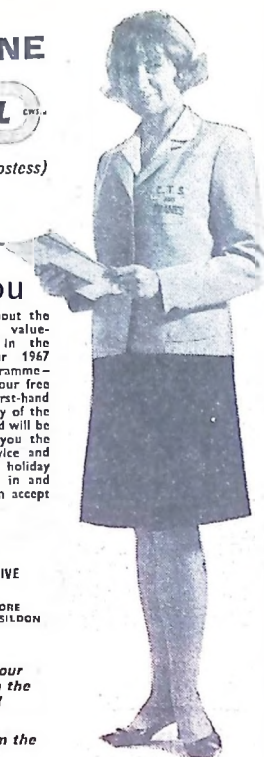
Helpers and youngsters pictured at the R.A. Association Laindon branch children's party held at Laindon Community Centre on Saturday.



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Curious attitude of Corporation and the Christian Council

Said Chairman Rev. E. C. Telford (Rector of Langdon Hills): "We believe education should be above party politics." Countered Mr. W.

to set an example to the

have received we are truly thankful." The article about Ford R.D.C. was the result of a visit by the editor.

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DOUBLE FOR WICKFORD

Wickford Town 3, Runwell Hospital 1
RECOVERING FROM the previous week's disputed defeat by Thundersley and Hadleigh, Wickford Town completed a neat double over Runwell Hospital in this Southern District League First Division local derby at Nevendon Road Recreation Ground on Saturday.

Stran Warby, half-back, switched to centre forward, made a major contribution to their victory with a really first-class display.

He scored a brilliant goal immediately after the kick-off to put Town ahead and netted a second shortly afterwards when he converted a penalty for heading.

In the second half Hospital played much better football than in the first, but they were prevented from scoring more than once from a penalty 10 minutes from time, by a goalkeeping display by Town keeper Jerry Watkins.

In the last 10 minutes Town rallied and clinched victory with a third goal in the dying seconds from Cave, who netted after a clever solo run.

Also outstanding for Town was right-half John Pendle, who was making his debut in the first team this season. His tireless efforts added strength to the defence.

Scores three to mark his return
WICKFORD TOWN 3, RUNWELL HOSPITAL 1
BENFLEET CATHOLICS 2

WICKFORD TOWN first-teamer Brian Benning returned to action on Saturday after a six-week lay-off and celebrated the occasion with three goals.

Returning after breaking a bone in his right ankle, he played on the wing and was told to take things easily, but he quickly hit form and was a constant menace to Benfleet.

He opened the scoring for Town, who changed ends when a comfortable 2-0 lead, Alf Wilmut (Jun.) shooting high into the roof of the net just before the break.

Town lost their lead in the second half, however, when Benning scored twice to restore their confidence with two more goals and a Mitchell completed their tally to earn them two valuable Southend and District League Third Division points.

HOTEL SIDE TOOK THEIR CHANCES
LAINDON HOTEL 3, RECTORY ROVERS 3

THE LAINDON HOTEL took their chances and both Southend and District League points in a great battle with Rectory Rovers on Saturday.

Laindon started off with only 10 men, but managed to build up until they were brought up to full strength.

In the sixth minute Laindon took the lead, S. Payne breaking on the right and putting over a fine cross for Jim Bird to convert as he came in from the left.

By the 20th minute Laindon were further ahead, Whitmore making ground after goalkeeper Humby had a good save before releasing a pass for S. Payne to net.

Most of the Rectory shots were ably dealt with by Whitmore, but they did have two good chances which were put just the wrong side of an upright.

Frantic corners were forced at both ends and a good effort for Laindon by Griffin was cleared just on half-time.

At the start of the second half Rectory Rovers applied back pressure, but Laindon came back and in the 50th minute went further ahead, Payne again scoring over a good pass for Bird to score.

As the half went on Laindon appeared to ease up and it was left to Humby to save in side on several occasions.

In the last 20 minutes Humby stood between Rectory and goal, and finished up the outstanding player in a fine hour.

District League
PREMIER DIVISION

Basildon 2, Billericay 1
Billericay 2, Chelmsfordians 1
Chelmsfordians 2, Fulham 1
Fulham 2, Grays 1
Grays 2, Little Waltham 1
Little Waltham 2, Malden 1
Malden 2, Thurrock 1
Thurrock 2, Waltham Abbey 1
Waltham Abbey 2, Waltham Forest 1
Waltham Forest 2, Waltham Heath 1
Waltham Heath 2, Waltham Town 1
Waltham Town 2, Waltham United 1
Waltham United 2, Waltham Wanderers 1
Waltham Wanderers 2, Waltham White 1
Waltham White 2, Waltham Youth 1
Waltham Youth 2, Waltham Zephyr 1
Waltham Zephyr 2, Waltham Zenith 1
Waltham Zenith 2, Waltham Zeta 1
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PREMIER RESERVE DIVISION
Basildon 2, Billericay 1
Billericay 2, Chelmsfordians 1
Chelmsfordians 2, Fulham 1
Fulham 2, Grays 1
Grays 2, Little Waltham 1
Little Waltham 2, Malden 1
Malden 2, Thurrock 1
Thurrock 2, Waltham Abbey 1
Waltham Abbey 2, Waltham Forest 1
Waltham Forest 2, Waltham Heath 1
Waltham Heath 2, Waltham Town 1
Waltham Town 2, Waltham United 1
Waltham United 2, Waltham Wanderers 1
Waltham Wanderers 2, Waltham White 1
Waltham White 2, Waltham Youth 1
Waltham Youth 2, Waltham Zephyr 1
Waltham Zephyr 2, Waltham Zenith 1
Waltham Zenith 2, Waltham Zeta 1
Waltham Zeta 2, Waltham Zeta 1
Waltham Zeta 2, Waltham Zeta 1

Point for Carreras at Rayleigh

RAYLEIGH TOWN 2, CARRERAS 2
ALTHOUGH TOWN put on one of their best displays of the season in this District League Premier Division game at King George's Playing Fields on Saturday, a point they gained did little to ease their relegation worries.

The visitors' outside-left gave them an early lead as the Town defence stood waiting for the off-side whistle that never went. Day put Town level before half-time with a shot which dropped over the keeper's head.

It was all Town after the interval and they looked set for both points after Blakesley, outstanding on the right wing, had put them in front.

But the visitors came back into the game and grabbed the equaliser 10 minutes from time.

Young Fitzgerald had a good game for Town when making his first appearance at centre-half.

EMERGENCY KEEPER WAS THE STAR
MONARCHS RESERVES 5, CARRERAS RESERVES 3

ALTHOUGH BOTH teams had to make late changes, this District League game, played on a very slippery pitch, proved very entertaining.

The emergency goalkeeper, Haley, earned himself in mud and glory.

Monarchs started attacking from the word go and Haley was soon brought into action.

When Monarchs missed a penalty, Haley looked as though goals were going to be scarce, but Vanter then took a loose ball in his stride and scored with a cross shot, while a good move on the right ended in a second goal.

A through pass by Springett found Vanter on his own and he converted the ball into the net for a third, but the Cats pulled back through a shot by Brooks.

Swarbrick, the Monarchs goalkeeper, had the ball well covered, but it slipped from his grasp.

A neat pass by Fraser gave Needham the chance to make it 4-1 for Monarchs, but Jolly reduced the arrears to make the interval score 3-2.

Springett then increased Monarchs' lead with a good long shot soon after the restart and then the "Cats" missed a penalty, the shot going too near a grateful Swarbrick.

A determined run by Brooks, of the "Cats," on the left wing finished with his shot being blocked, but he carried on and headed home the rebound, to put his side back into the game.

Monarchs then took command and Needs got his third goal of the match while Vanter scored twice to make his personal tally four and complete the scoring.

Monarchs were well served in defence by Robinson, who took over at centre-half from Bunce, who had a recurrence of an old knee injury early in the game.



CARRERAS FOOTBALL CLUB TEAM.

Equalised fraction of second too late

Olympian League side force County Cup replay

BILLERICAY TOWN 1, OLD CHELMSFORDIANS 2
TRAILING 2-1 in this Essex Olympian League encounter at Laindon Road on Saturday, Billericay Town players angrily clustered around the referee when he disallowed an equaliser on the grounds that he had blown his whistle for full time before the ball crossed the line.

Both sides continued to make and miss chances, but the miss of the match was by the Little Waltham centre-forward, who had only to volley the ball home but, to his and everyone's horror, he missed the ball completely.

On the day Grays had more of the play but Little Waltham are hopeful of winning next week's replay.

Billericay Town were taken by surprise in their home game against Old Chelmsfordians. They led 1-0 at the interval, but two well-taken goals in the second half gave the Old Boys the points.

With the last kick of the match Billericay got the ball into the O.C.'s goal, but the referee had already blown for time. Bad luck, Town.

Sawbridgeworth and Collier Row had the sort of game that, despite the efforts of 22 players, was clearly won by the mud.

However, since the game went its full distance, Sawbridgeworth are now two points better off than they were earlier in the afternoon.

The one redeeming piece of football to be played was by Collier Row, who were penned in their own penalty area, but, with four well-placed and well-taken passes, were inside their opponents' penalty box. Roberts rounded off the move by thumping the ball home to make the score 2-2.

Sawbridgeworth's win in the 15 minutes after the interval, when Collins scored his second goal of the match.

Fulham hat-trick
Essex Police, at home to Dorset Press, had an excellent match which ended in a draw.

Conditions were very heavy underfoot, but both teams played with considerable skill and plenty of heart.

After the interval, when the

score was 1-1, the Police looked as though they would win easily when two goals by Johnson gave them a 3-1 lead, but Dorset fought back to equalise through Fulham, who completed a fine hat-trick.

Results:—
Essex Billericay Town 1, Old Chelmsfordians 2; Essex Police 3, Dorset Press 3; Sawbridgeworth 2, Collier Row 2; Writtle 1, Dunmow 2.

Essex Intermediate Cup: Grays Athletic 0, Little Waltham 0.

Olympian League

W D L F A P
Basildon 4 3 3 14 14
Billericay 4 3 3 14 14
Chelmsfordians 4 3 3 14 14
Collier Row 4 3 3 14 14
Dunmow 4 3 3 14 14
Essex Police 4 3 3 14 14
Fulham 4 3 3 14 14
Grays 4 3 3 14 14
Little Waltham 4 3 3 14 14
Malden 4 3 3 14 14
Thurrock 4 3 3 14 14
Waltham Abbey 4 3 3 14 14
Waltham Forest 4 3 3 14 14
Waltham Heath 4 3 3 14 14
Waltham Town 4 3 3 14 14
Waltham United 4 3 3 14 14
Waltham Wanderers 4 3 3 14 14
Waltham White 4 3 3 14 14
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Saturday's games
Essex Intermediate Cup replay: Little Waltham v Grays Athletic.

League Cup (2nd round, 1st leg): Billericay Town v Essex Police; Bishop's Stortford v Bowers United; Old Chelmsfordians v Basildon and Pitsea.

League: Dunmow v Collier Row; Dorset Press v Burnham Rovers; Writtle v Sawbridgeworth.

Grand innings
When Keith Fletcher, the young Essex cricketer, now touring Pakistan with the M.C.C., scored 124 at Loughborough, he was suffering from a pulled thigh muscle.

Essex away
Essex are away to Hertfordshire in the fourth round of the F.A. County Youth Challenge Cup. The game has been played on or before February 25th.

Bowers win Gun Meadow thriller
BOWERS UNITED RES. 3, UTLING VILLA 2
title aspirants Utling Villa were topped 3-2 by Bowers United Reserves in an exciting match at the Gun Meadow on Saturday. The visitors were first into their stride and the Bowers defence was kept at full stretch to hold them out.

The Villa's left-winger wasted a good chance by shooting wide and their centre-forward shot over when well placed.

The Bowers forward line began to click and for a time it was Utling's turn to defend, but the home side got a shock when Utling's left-winger cut in and hit a powerful shot completely through the side netting.

Banham surprise
On the half-hour Bowers took the lead when outside-left Banham was fouled near the by-line. Taking the kick himself, he sent over an inswinger which deceived everyone and dropped over the line for a surprise goal.

Sinus in the Bowers goal then made a fine save to prevent the visitors equalising.

Bowers wasted two good chances early in the second half, but eventually Banham netted them two ahead with a fine goal. With Utling's defenders exerting him to pass, he raced through the retreating defence and hit a low shot past the goalkeeper.

Utling hit back and reduced the arrears with a cracking shot from the edge of the area, after which they tried hard to get on terms, forcing a number of corners in a burst of pressure.

With six minutes to go and Bowers still leading 2-1, Sinus put Banham through and the winner slipped the ball over the goalkeeper's head for goal number three.

The game was by no means over as direct from the kick-off Utling's inside-left raced through and hit a tremendous 25-yard drive past Sinus.

The Villa tried hard for the equaliser in the remaining minutes, but were unable to break through again.

Jeff Stratford, of Billericay Town, gets in a header during the game with Old Chelmsfordians at Laindon Road last Saturday, but he was wide of the mark.



Laindon Ladies and Basildon Wanderers netball teams at Laindon Secondary School.

Six Southend titles for Basildon bowlers

THREE BOWLERS. Dave Buckley, Joyce Morris and Vi Bird, led the Basildon bowling team in the Southend Area Bowling Championships held at the Basildon Bowl last Sunday. These three played a major part in gathering the six titles which the Basildon contingent collected, the most successful of all. On his way to the title, Dave Buckley won a new Bowl record, and he later went on to win the All Events men's title with a total for his three series in the championships of 1,080.

Joyce Morris won the All Events women's title with her three series. Her total was 1,680. She also took the ladies' doubles title with Mary Bett, the Basildon pair totalling 1,096, 86 more than their nearest competitors.

Vi Bird was the only Basildon singles winner of the whole tournament. She took the women's scratch singles title with a fine 500 series, over 30 pins better than her nearest competitor.



Dave Buckley, holder of the new bowls singles record and winner of two titles in the Southend area championships at the Bowl on Sunday.

Other Basildon winners were G. Hilditch and B. Sheard in the mixed doubles handicap (their series totalled 1,270). Apart from the winners already mentioned a number of Basildon bowlers took runner-up places in the tournament. B. Prince was second in the men's handicap singles with a score of 672. N. Sheard and J. Connor were second in the ladies' handicap doubles with a score of 1,170, and in the mixed competition M. and R. Betts came second with 1,100 and J. and L. Morris third with 1,050. The bowling lasted for about 10 hours and organisation was obviously fairly difficult, but according to all reports the tournament went off without a hitch. As a result it seems likely the local section of the B.T.B.A. will also ask to hold the championships at Basildon.

Monday mixed doubles have a blue winning ahead of them. On Saturday evening they play both a live-man and a live-woman team at Southend and on Sunday afternoon the West Ham speedway bowling team to a match at the Basildon Bowl.

Standings

The position at the top of the B.T.B.A. League 1, 2 and 3 divisions by two points, with only two more to go, the section during these weeks. Buckley, play Basildon and Laidon, while the section of the B.T.B.A. will also ask to hold the championships at Basildon.

S.T.C. 1st	W	L	T	P
Basildon	42	18	40	57
Laidon	37	23	35	57
Wickford	37	23	35	57
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Three highest averages: 1. Basildon 158, 2. Wickford 157, 3. Basildon 156. 724, with 100, 100, 100.

MONDAY MIXED DOUBLES

T	W	L	T	P
T. & S. Binder	34	21	17769	54
J. & A. Buckley	41	20	17730	51
K. & P. Templeman	30	24	16186	48
R. & J. Crispin	31	21	16576	48
B. & N. Sheard	34	21	17759	45
W. & M. Maureen	35	23	14745	36

Three highest series scored by: Bill Sheard 584, Peter Calombi 556, Tom Binder 506.
Three highest games scored by: Bill Sheard 214, Tom Binder 212, Peter Calombi 202.

SHELL LEAGUE

T	W	L	T	P
Hairy Ambassadors	30	16	25456	48
Top-Hat	32	19	23514	44
Dixie	30	22	23514	44
The Scruffs	29	22	23759	37
Ravals	18	32	18075	26

Three highest games scored by: M. Vile 219, V. Bird 202, M. Church 197.
Three highest series scored by: V. Bird 534, M. Vile 525, K. Brace 506.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

T	W	L	T	P
Academy Drakes	38	25	47919	57
Hastings	38	25	47919	57
Triumphs	40	23	46830	51
Bowlers Anonymous	39	24	46567	49
Icicles	38	25	46567	49

Three highest games scored by: P. Waknell 247, A. Wright 236, P. Waknell 234.
Three highest series scored by: P. Waknell 619, R. Tear 612, R. Burdett 600.

LATHOL DIVISION

T	W	L	T	P
V. Coulson	6494	26		
N. Hurton	5994	27		
E. Lee	6099	26		
K. Keeble	5881	28		
F. Chaplin	5858	24		
W. Sargent	4858	23		

Top six averages: V. Coulson 180, Ernie Lee 169, Cyril Danovian 169, Fred Keeble 169, Dave Buckley 169, Ron Horton 160.

LATHOL DIVISION II

T	W	L	T	P
M. Medlock	5770	37		
P. Murray	5235	35		
J. Hubbard (J)	4933	33		
J. Sargent	4933	33		
D. Bailey	5512	32		

Top six averages: M. Medlock 160, Paul Murray 154, Denis Bailey 153, John Sargent 148, Denis Cullen 148, Alan Turner 146.

FRIDAY MIXED DOUBLES

T	W	L	T	P
K. & M. Drury	41	17	17084	55
L. & J. Morris	36	17	16854	49
Eric Stokes	36	17	16854	49
R. & M. Betts	30	20	17492	43
L. & M. Betts	30	20	17492	43
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Three highest games scored by: Eric Stokes 570, Ron Betts 523, Betty Betts 516.
Three highest series scored by: Eric Stokes 534, George Nash 525, Ron Betts 513, Joyce Morris 570, Joan Houdoure 546, Mary Betts 536.

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TRADES LEAGUE

T	W	L	T	P
Andy-Capps	2414	19		
Meese	2414	19		
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Three highest games scored by: W. Brown 195, D. Gomm 198, A. P. Gomm 192.
Three highest series scored by: D. Gomm 523, W. Brown 521, J. Milian 515.

FORD TRACTOR

T	W	L	T	P
Strikers	13	526	31	
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BILLERICAY MAKE ONE CHANGE

INDECISION in attack and carelessness in defence cost Billericay Town valuable points against Essex Olympian League opponents Old Chelmsfordians on Saturday, but once again Manager Roy Hamm has refrained from wielding the axe.

He makes only one change—positional—for Town's first leg match against Essex Police in the League Cup second round at Laindon Road tomorrow (Saturday).

Tony Snell, link-man with Len Whiskin last week, is dropped into the back four in a swap with Gary Parsons. Roy explained on Thursday: "Tony is by nature a defensive player and Gary has a flare for attack. By swapping positions I hope firstly, to nouse the team which developed in midfield last week and, secondly, to add strength to the attack."

Town beat Police 4-2 away two weeks ago, but they had previously lost to them 1-1 at home and the Police will obviously be out to repeat this victory.

However, they lost to Dorset Press on Saturday and after a rigorous mid-week training session and a tactical talk to iron out mistakes the Town players are in a confident mood.

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BOWERS ON OLYMPIAN CUP TRAIL

OFF ON THE Essex Olympian Cup trail again on Saturday go Bowers United, who travel away to play Bishop's Stortford Swifts in the second round first leg.

Bowers have selected the same side which would have faced Basildon and Pitsea in the local Derby which was cancelled last week.

Bowers United: J. Levey; D. Bowley, D. Woodley; J. Platt, C. Winyard; M. Owen, R. Storey, G. Fleetwood, Bonning, Pitt, Gardner.

OTHER TEAMS Armada (at home) to Orsett Old Boys; Finch; Roberts; King; Casey; Bryan, Tyler; Patterson, Blusstein, Mann; Therogood, Walte. Armada Reserves (away) to Procter and Gamble; Ditchburn; Newcome, Chapman; Bastable, Livermore, Broken-shire, Matthews, Copley, Sukla, Beckman, Lane.

Laindon Hotel United (away) to Levey; B. Hamlyn; Cavan, Lasca, Whitehead; Smith; Mason, Cooke; S. Payne, R. Faine, Whitmore, Griffin, Jim Bird.

Basildon and Pitsea (away) to Old Chelmsfordians in second round League Cup; Gavin; Spencer, Mosley; Laver, Beech; Stevens, B. P. N. N., Staff; Fredericks, Holden, Wiltshire or Eves.

Basildon and Pitsea Reserves (home to Hatfield Peverel); From Clancey, Trundle, Morgan, Brown, Jones, Carter, Ball, Prentice, Gray, T. Sadler, Hewitt, Kierney and A. N. Other.

Billericay Youth Centre (away to Reddenden); Manning; Chelmsfordians; B. Savel, Evans, Adams; Addy, Routledge, Peeling, Duffin, R. Savel, Hurley.

SUNDAY Double Six (away to Ghyllgrove at Whitmore Park); Levey; O'Reilly, Walker; Horn, Hucker, Williams; Huet, Armitage, Peckett, Le Page, Hurley.

Double Six "A" (at home to Outwood Common at Gloucester Park); Bates, Pidgeon, Bearman; Johnson, Yates, Hornsey; Canham, Hucker, Elbery, Downey, Banham.

Double Six "B" (versus Basildon 25's); Gail; Anderson, Wisdon, Taylor, Theobald, Martin; Welch, Hurley, Mayes, Bearman, Halsey.

Sorrento (at home to Priors Athletic at Laindon Hills); J. Connelly; Brennan, Evans, Day, Cave, B. Savel, Jewell, Craven, Flint, Duffin, R. Savel.

Sorrento (away to Duntun Park); Manning; Wenn, Holsgrave, Heek, Lagrange, Ayling, Harrett, West, Groom, Tecke, Finch.

Sorrento "B" (at home to Duntun Park); E. Smith; Clannott, Payne, Batchelor, Cery, Elliott, Bill Card, Marriott, Johnstone, Harmer.

THEY LED 15-0 AT THE BREAK 4th BASILDON B.B. 22. 11th SOUTHERN B.B. 22.

WITH CARB scoring 50, the 4th Basildon made easy meat of the 11th Southern in the quarter-final of the Harwood and Cleland Cup for Eastern Counties Boys' Brigade teams on Saturday.

In atrocious conditions at Wickford Basildon eased up after leading 15-0 at the break, but still managed to add another seven in the second half.

At one time the game was held up when the ball entered a swollen stream, but it was rescued by P. Stevens and J. Williams, who took the plunge.

Scorers were: Carr (6), Mums (5), Giltz (4), Stevens (3), Leaver (2), Williams and Weldon.

FAIRHOUSE NARROWLY BEAT MANOR IN THEIR most exciting match yet, Fairhouse narrowly beat Manor by two games to four in a Junior Schools badminton League game at Manor School last week. The match had both players and spectators tense until the last few minutes.

The home side used the height of the ball to full advantage, while the Fairhouse players, unlike so much space, at first made frequently. Manor took the first game without trouble, then Fairhouse came back into the picture, and after a struggle took the next two games.

In the fourth game the Fairhouse first pair, David Walker and Valerie Bull, were 6-1 down, but made a terrific comeback to win 7-6. The same pair had a similar trick worked on them in the seventh game, when they held a 4-1 lead and were finally beaten 7-3.

Results were:—David Walker and Valerie Bull (Fairhouse) lost to Andrew Keeley and Christine Marriott 1-7; but David Hinkley and Lesley Hunt 7-6; lost to Jeffrey Pharmer and Janet Cove 4-2.

Tony Fenner and Janet Baker (Fairhouse) lost to Andrew Keeley and Christine Marriott 2-7; but David Hinkley and Lesley Hunt 7-6; lost to Jeffrey Pharmer and Janet Cove 7-0.

Glyn Bedson and Candy Burcott (Fairhouse) beat Andrew Keeley and Christine Marriott 7-1; lost to David Hinkley and Lesley Hunt 3-7; beat Jeffrey Pharmer and Janet Cove 7-3.

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Swan Mead Junior School's badminton team.

Fairhouse Junior School's badminton team.

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GOOD DISPLAY BY BASILDON RUGBY CLUB

BASILDON 1st XV 6 PTS., ROCHFORD HUNDRED

BASILDON's all-conquering rugby 1st XV brought their season's points tally to 240 by beating Rochford Hundred 6-0 on Saturday.

Rochford, electing to play uphill in the first half, were soon penned back on their own line by Basildon's vigorous forward play.

After 10 minutes Basildon went ahead with their first try. M. Smith over a well-judged punt and Collins was well up to tackle the Rochford winger in possession. A quick heel and good passing from the resulting maul saw Comber go over for a fine try.

A similar phase of play not much later led to wingman Shepherd crossing the line in the left corner.

Both tries were not converted and Basildon crossed round at half-time leading 6-0.

The second half saw Rochford striving hard to nullify the six points, but the Basildon defence was unyielding and ensured good possession from tight and loose play.

For Basildon, Joe Borowski, outstanding in the line-outs and Dave Smith had a good game in the middle of the front row.

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FRYERNS B.C. SCORE 12

CORRINGHAM YOUTH CENTRE

FRYERNS SWAMPO League match, Corringham Youth Centre, 12-0.

The match was one from start to finish. Fryer's keeper, Les Smith, made a very cold and accurate end of the field, and Fryer's forwards hit around the Corringham at the other.

Right-half Gary opened the score after Fryer's keeper, Les Smith, made a very cold and accurate end of the field, and Fryer's forwards hit around the Corringham at the other.

After the interval, Fryer's forwards hit around the Corringham at the other.

Despite the obvious inequalities in the game, teams seemed to enjoy especially the spectacular tackles possible on a slippery surface.

HOW THEY STAND
Basildon and District League positions—

PREMIER DIVISION	PTS	GOALS
Dunton Park	70	24
Woodlands	51	19
Basildon Athletic	51	19
Wickford	40	13
Canvey Athletic	10	3
Kingswood	10	3

SECOND DIVISION	PTS	GOALS
Nicholas V.C.	20	6
Basildon G.P.O.	10	3
Scott's	10	3
Moore United	5	2
St. Shiver	4	1
London Athletic	4	1
Canvey Athletic	3	1
Wickford	0	0

Results
BASILDON LEAGUE results—
Division 1: Corringham 12-0.
Division 2: Basildon 12-0.

Dutch teams in Hockey Festival
TWO DUTCH teams will take part in this year's annual Southend Women's Hockey Festival.

Colts on top
BASILDON COLTS 3 PTS.
ROCHFORD COLTS 3 PTS.
BASILDON COLTS, who are knitting well together, secured an impressive win over Rochford on Saturday.

The boys played good constructive rugby and showed they are developing fine spirit.

Away stars
Fourth Division, Barrow, eight wins, two draws and four defeats, have the best record in the Football League.

DART CLUB
The King's Head, South Green, darts team.

PUBLIC NOTICE
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON
ROAD TRAFFIC ACT.
REMOVAL OF 30 M.P.H. SPEED LIMIT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Urban District Council of Basildon intend to apply to the Minister of Transport for her consent to the making of an Order under the Traffic Act, 1930, the effect of which will be that the speed limit of 30 m.p.h. on the A137, from the junction with the A137 to the junction with the A137, shall be removed.

Any objection to the making of the Order should be made to the Town Manager, Clerk of the Council, Council Offices, 88, Town Square, Basildon, Essex, by not later than February 1, 1967.

SCHEDULE
BASILDON
The whole length of the A137, from the junction with the A137 to the junction with the A137, shall be removed.

Sunday League Review

CORRINGHAM MARCH ON TOWARDS CHAMPIONSHIP

DOUBLE SIX 3, CORRINGHAM 4

THERE SEEMS no stopping Corringham in their Basildon Sunday League title bid. They won again on Sunday, again by the odd goal, this time against the Double Six.

In some respects the final score flattered Corringham; their opponents deserved at least a point.

Corringham really settled the issue in the first 20 minutes when they scored twice to take a 2-0 lead.

Corringham pulled back a goal for the Double Six. Corringham followed up by making it 3-1 and in the half-time the Basildon side scored again to narrow the half-time gap to 0-2.

Double Six had much more of the play in the second half, but failed to take advantage of their chances.

After a couple of let-offs Corringham scored their fourth before F. Hucker, one of the outstanding players on the field — pulled back another for the Double Six.

MOTORMEN ON TARGET

S.E.M. 8.

CHESTERHALL "A" 0

The Motormen showed just how much they wanted to win by scoring eight goals in the first half of this Basildon Sunday League Division II game, moving the half hard and high from wing to wing, and splitting the Chesterhall defence.

S.E.M. were quickly on the attack, but although they pounded the Chesterhall defence for 20 minutes they were kept out, mainly because of some spectacular goal-keeping. Chesterhall did not take advantage of what attacking they had, however, concentrating almost solidly on striking down the middle, where the ground was quite impassable.

Jim Gregory finally put S.E.M. in the lead after 20 minutes with a low shot which beat the keeper and was about a foot over the line before the clanging mud stopped it. After this the pressure was on. Ted Hayden went near with a striking run past five defenders, then just on half-time the Motormen went two up through Mick Savage.

After the interval the rot set in. George Stirk and Leo Willis led their strikers with a stream of passes, and Ted Hayden and Gregory got numbers, they were down within 10 minutes of the restart.

More fine confectionery kept S.E.M. for a long while, but they were not to be denied. Savage was on the point of scoring a second, but he was fouled by his second, and Gregory and Savage each ran three times to three to make the final score 8-0.

RELAXED WHEN 6-1 UP

SORRENTO "B" 4.

BONALACK 7.

SIX ONE UP AT the interval of this Basildon Sunday League Division II game, Bonalack relaxed a little too much in the second half and Sorrento fought back well. Despite their spirited finish, Sorrento never really set within striking distance of Bonalacks, and finally went down 7-3.

Bonalacks were soon on the set at the beginning of the match. After five minutes Bonalack's shot was dropped by the keeper, and Orchard followed up to push the ball home. Then after 10 minutes N. Smith scored home a corner to make it 2-0.

Sorrento came back briefly into the game when Card bent the ball and shot home, but almost immediately they found themselves two goals behind when an inswinging Orchard corner drifted into the net.

Sorrento changed keepers after this, but the change had little effect on the pattern of play. Rogers scored with a job to make it 3-1, and in the final minutes Sorrento immediately before interval Bonalacks scored twice more through Reynolds and Rogers.

Bonalacks seemed to take the game a little after this, but Sorrento scored from the set through Bird for their second goal. Orchard broke away to score his third goal (Bonalack's seventh) after 15 minutes of the second half. Sorrento scored from the set through Bird for their third goal. In a Bird free-kick, Sorrento scored their fourth goal. In 15 minutes Sorrento had scored four goals in their defence during the first half, and in the second half they scored two more goals.

No night fishing

POINTS FOR PRINTERS

WASS PRITCHARD 4.

DUNTON PARK "A" 3

WASS PRITCHARD claimed two welcome Basildon Sunday League points in a grand game played in bad conditions at Pitsea on Sunday.

The Printers took an early lead when a free-kick by skipper T. Brown was converted by R. Burnman, but Dunton came straight back to equalise.

After this the Printers pressed strongly and from two well-placed corners by Robinson, P. Tobin and T. Brown put them 3-0 up.

Dunton refused to give in and in the second half scored twice, but in between Robinson netted the goal which really mattered for Wass Pritchard.

Goal-hungry Outwood

SHELL 1.

OUTWOOD COMMON 11

OUTWOOD COMMON equalled their best-ever scoring record in their Basildon Sunday League First Division away match with Shell at Stanford Recreation Ground.

Man-for-man the more skillful side, they hit five goals without reply in the first half and six in the second, slipping up only once in defence as they appeared for an outside ruling.

At the beginning Shell played football which was surprisingly good in view of their lowly league position, but they lacked thrust, and the visitors' keeper, Tony Fewtrell, was seldom forced to exert himself.

As the match wore on Outwood took complete control and the goals came at regular intervals.

Centre-forward Alan Clifton scored four, left-winger Terry Dix three, inside-left Harry Turner two, and inside-right Tony Babb one apiece.

It was a triumph return to first team soccer for Turner, who came in for Wally Russell and hit top form. His second goal was the best of the match, a powerful cross-shot from 30 yards, which found the inside of the far post.



Double Six first football team.



South Essex Motors football team.

Leaders outplay Gunners

PARK AVENUE 5.

BASILDON AND PITSEA RESERVES 1

LEAGUE LEADERS Park Avenue kept their top position in the Mid-Essex League with a well-paced win over Basildon and Pitsea Reserves on Saturday. But it was not until late in the game they scored two goals to justify their margin of victory.

It was not a lucky day for the Gunners as they hit the woodwork four times and had three other good efforts cleared off the line.

Both sides looked evenly matched at the start, before a sad misunderstanding in the Gunners defence gave Park their opening goal in the 10th minute.

A fine combined effort by Aves and Holden saw Holden hit the crossbar for Basildon and shortly afterwards Pritchard had a good shot well saved. Then Holden burst through the middle and fired narrowly wide.

Over-enthusiasm in the quest for goals resulted in goals being left in the Gunners defence, but Park Avenue failed to exploit them.

Well ahead

At the start of the second half Park Avenue increased their lead when three of their forwards were left unmarked in front of goal and Trundle stood no chance. Park added a third soon afterwards.

After this the Gunners put more determination into their play and Hewitt had a shot blocked on the line and Holden, after dispossessing the goalkeeper, saw his effort deflected on to a post. The woodwork also stopped a 25-yarder from Morgan.

At this time it was all Gunners and they deservedly pulled back a goal through Ball following a corner.

The Gunners continued to pitch everything into attack, but this policy caused their defence to concede two further goals in the last five minutes.

HOW THEY FARED

BASILDON SUNDAY League results:

Premier Div.: Double Six 3, Corringham 4.

Div. I: Shell 1, Outwood Common 11, Gifford Rangers 5, Acadex 2, Cup, second round: Newcombe and Hastings 3, Gifford 4.

Div. II: Sorrento "B" 4, Bonalack 7, Wass Pritchard 4, Dunton Park "A" 3, S.E.M. 8, Chesterhall "A" 0, Double Six "A" 5, B.E.N.O.C. 2.

Fixtures

Premier Div.: Chesterhall v Pegasus, Canvey v Pitsea, Gifford v Priors.

Div. I: Outwood Common v Newcombe and Hastings, Dunton Park v Sorrento "A", Stability v Acadex, Shell v Gifford.

Div. II: Bonalack v S.E.M., Canvey v B, Wass Pritchard v Sorrento "B", Dunton Park "A" v Double Six "A", v Outwood Common.

HOW THEY STAND

BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

Corringham	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Corringham	10	1	3	17	19	29
Sorrento	9	0	1	11	12	18
Pitsea United	8	1	1	10	10	17
Pegasus	7	3	3	10	19	11
Dunton Park	6	2	2	9	11	11
Double Six	4	4	4	10	29	8
Canvey Athletic	3	7	2	7	29	8
Chesterhall	2	8	7	9	37	3
Dunton Park	1	2	9	18	49	4
Gifford	1	2	9	18	49	4

DIVISION I

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcombe & H.	10	1	3	12	11	18
Sorrenlo "A"...	9	2	0	4	11	18
Canvey "A"...	8	1	4	6	25	13
Outwood C'mon	7	1	4	6	7	13
Gifford Rangers	6	1	4	36	22	12
*Shell	5	1	7	17	35	12
*Acades	4	1	7	19	51	11
*Giffardco	3	1	8	18	57	9
*Dunton Park...	2	1	5	11	32	4
*Stability	1	1	8	16	44	4

DIVISION II

Double Six "A"	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Double Six "A"	10	0	0	13	12	20
B.E.N.O.C.	9	0	1	11	12	18
Outwood Common	8	0	2	10	10	17
Bonalack	7	1	4	16	22	13
Canvey "B"	6	1	7	17	35	12
Chesterhall "B"	5	1	8	18	35	11
S.E.M.	4	1	9	16	48	9
Dunton Park "A"	3	1	9	16	48	7
(Points deducted through default)	1	1	8	16	44	4

DOUBLE SIX TRIUMPH

DOUBLE SIX "A" 5.

B.E.N.O.C. 2

THE DOUBLE Six "A" team triumphed for the 13th time this season when they defeated nearest challengers B.E.N.O.C. at Gloucester Park on Sunday.

In the end the Six had three goals to spare, but for a long time the Busesmen looked capable of ruining their unbeaten record.

The Six were stung into action after the Busesmen scored first and John Hucker equalised from a penalty after he had been brought down in the area.

The first half turned out to be a struggle and at the break the teams were all square at 2-2.

In the second half the Double Six shook off their shackles and at last began to play their championship winning brand of soccer.

Opening gaps in the Busesmen's defence which did not appear evident before, they scored three more times with out reply to run out comfortable winners.

Ipswich trip

A long trip to Ipswich faces the 4th Basildon Boys' Brigade who have not through to the semi-finals of the Eastern Counties Boys' Brigade soccer cup.

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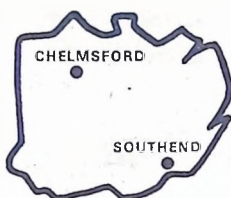
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BOYERS PLAN SHAKE-UP NEXT SEASON

SOCCER STAR IN HOSPITAL

A FEW hours after playing in a District Schools match on Saturday, 11-year-old Michael Walker was in hospital undergoing an appendix operation.

Michael, a pupil at Billericay Junior School, was taken ill on the way to Aveley where the Basildon Schools' team was engaged in a Crisp Shield match with Thurrock.

He arrived at the ground looking like a ghost and slumped down in the corner to get changed.



Arrangements were made with Thurrock to allow Basildon to field a substitute if Walker, the captain, found it impossible to carry on after a 10-minute try-out in the match.

But at the end of the 10 minutes he looked much brighter and played through the whole game. In fact, he was one of the outstanding Basildon players.

On Saturday afternoon Michael became ill again and was whisked away to St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, for the operation.

"It shook us all," said team manager Mr. Morgan this week. "We had no idea he was in such pain. In the circumstances he played a really outstanding game."

Michael's absence from soccer is a blow to Billericay Junior School's championship hopes. He is a promising member of their side which is pushing Manor and Wickford for the Junior Schools' League title.

Dunton Park withdrawal?

UNLESS MORE players are signed soon, Dunton Park may have to withdraw their second team from the Basildon Sunday League.

This warning came this week from Dunton official Eddie Gray, who is busy turning out three weekend teams, one on Saturdays and two on Sundays.

Eddie has found that some of his players are finding it a bit much playing twice a weekend, particularly on the heavy grounds of late.

The situation has been made worse for his Sunday teams by players dropping out at the last minute through injuries received in Saturday games.

"If we could get another two or three players from somewhere, we could make do," he said.

Last season Dunton organised only one Sunday team. They had a fairly successful season and were runners-up in the Division I Cup. This season they expanded to two Sunday teams, a decision which some club officials now regret.

In addition to the player difficulty, the extra home matches have ruined their ground, and fixtures are having to be played at Gloucester Park until it recovers sufficiently.

Youth Centre success

PROVING A great money spinner is the coffee and snack bar at Nicholas Youth Centre, Laindon.

Average takings per week are amounting to about £30, and in four months it has resulted in the Centre's funds being swelled by at least £100.

In one week recently the Centre members purchased 46 dozen bottles of Coca-Cola. The money from the bar is helping the Centre to buy and put up a portable barge costing £100.

Said Warden Geoff Munday this week: "The lads can bring their motor cycles to the Centre and leave them overnight in the garage while repairs are being done."

Naturally, Mr. Munday is highly delighted with the success of the Centre, which recently reached a new record of 400 for membership. Most nights of the week some 200 people are engaged in one activity or the other.

A SHAKE-UP IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF ROWERS UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB IS BEING PLANNED FOR NEXT SEASON. THE PROPOSALS, APPROVED BY THE CLUB ON MONDAY, INCLUDE THE APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL MANAGER.

The man lined up for the G.M.'s job is present Secretary Len Salmon whose task will be to concentrate on major items such as fund raising, upkeep and maintenance of the ground and the planning of improvements.

Under this latter heading will come the Club's plan for covered accommodation at the Gun Hotel ground.

Also under the new set-up, Bowers plan to appoint a separate Fixtures Secretary and General Secretary.

The fixture man's duties will include arrangement of matches, notification of players selected and arrangements for any last minute changes.

The Secretary will be responsible for general correspondence, keeping minutes of meetings and attending official league meetings.

New blood?

It is hoped the new arrangements will not only lighten the load on Len Salmon's shoulders, but also bring new blood into the administration of the Club.

The proposals came before a players' meeting on Monday and after considerable discussion went through. The only addition to the existing committee is the appointment of a new manager for the two teams to co-ordinate team tactics, training and general management.

At the meeting, members were asked to recommend to the committee in the near future names for the posts of Fixtures Secretary, Secretary or Team Manager.

It was pointed out there may be people moving into the area who had the necessary experience and who might like to join an already flourishing club.

Applicants should get in touch with Len Salmon at 36 Little Thorpe, Vauxhall. If possible, they should be interested in joining the present committee until the end of the season when the proposed changes come into effect.

Next season, Bowers will continue to hope for a formation of a Reserve Section of the Essex Olympian League, the players were told at the meeting.

LOCAL MARKSMEN IN COUNTY TEAM

THREE MEMBERS of Basildon Small Bore Rifle Club were in the Essex team which defeated Devon and Gloucester in the Inter-County Reserves' Knock-Out Competition.

They were Dave Bricks, Jim Newman and Brian Cobbold, Basildon's three top scorers in the recent friendly with Rochford, which Basildon lost narrowly 483-479.

Basildon scores: D. Bricks 100, J. Newman 98, B. Cobbold 97. In the B team match, Basildon lost 456-428. Scorers: J. Newman 90, J. Yarns 88, W. Woodley 86, J. Vincombe 85, W. Gibson 76.

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Not quite so successful are the judo classes under George Stubblings. There was a big demand before the term started, but this has not materialised and there are several vacant places.

Beginners' classes are held at Chesham School on Thursdays.

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BOXING TREAT

TO GIVE Basildonians the chance to see local talent in action, the Chandel North Boxing Club are including at least 12 Basildon boys on their open tournament programme on Saturday.

The locals, with the new opposition provided by Colchester and Breckles, two clubs who have never sent boxers to Basildon before, should give the fans plenty to cheer about at Woodlands Boys' School.

One of the top bouts will be a return clash between Len Chapman's Sid Hart and M. Hilditch (Stanford). The two boys met at the last show when Hilditch gained the half-line decision after a hard-fighting battle.

Another thriller should be the bout between M. Smith (Canvey) and N. Bunge (Breckles).

Local boys likely to appear are J. Batt, S. Batt, H. Hart, G. Brecken, P. Clavell, S. Simpson, J. Tetlow, S. Williams, P. Baker, J. Lewis (see Chandel North), T. Irvine, S. Newman, S. Crouse, D. Cotter and H. Coles (Basildon).

Visitors from Harlow

APPENDICITIS VICTIM. Walter Miskin, Basildon Primary School's friendly against Harlow at Wickford Junior School on Saturday.

As a result, Taylor (Givillgrove) joins the 11 from which the team will be chosen on the day of the game.

Team will be chosen from: Osborne, Rees, Cartwright, Pegg, Moorecraft, Taylor, Main, Warwick, Praeger, Francis, Bone, Goodwin.



Winners of the under-15 trampoline championships at Woodlands—K. Pearson, M. Briggs and L. King.

Young New Towners show their paces on the trampoline

BENNING BACK IN TOWN TEAM

AFTER ONLY two come-back matches, one of them in goal for the fourth team, one on the last week for the third, Mick Benning makes a triumphant return to Wickford Town's first eleven tomorrow (Saturday).

Mick broke a bone in his right ankle on December 10th but it has mended quickly and his three goals for the third team last week have clinched him the right-wing spot for Town's first round Southend and District League First Division cup-tie against Basildon West End.

He ousted Peter Read, who takes over the left-wing spot as Stuart Stammers will not be available for several weeks.

At home at Nevenden Road, the team will be: Watkins, Ashton, Huber, Fendle, Oldham, Parsons, Beuning, Cave, Warby, Johns, Read.

It will be the first encounter between Town and West End this season.

Town's three other teams are also League Cup fighting: The second eleven away to Hockley and Hawke's Reserves, whom they have already beaten twice, the third at home at the Memorial Park to Standard Telephone Cables Reserves from whom they have taken maximum points twice, and the fourth away to Rectory Rovers Reserves to whom they lost 4-2 away.

Chance for weight-lifters

BOYS INTERESTED in weight-lifting can take part on February 24th in Basildon Boys' Club's second six-monthly contest.

Instructor Mr. M. R. Syrett has been trying to arrange competitions with other boys' clubs, but so far has met with no success.

Any boys who want to take part in the contest at the Club Inter this month will be welcomed by him.

Competitions will be curl, bench press and squat.

DOING A somersault 20ft. up in the air is much the same as doing it on the ground—or so it seems to Basildon schoolboys R. Majewski (Chalvedon Comprehensive) and P. Valentine (Graylands).

Last week these two won the under-15 and under-13 individual titles in the Basildon Secondary Schools' gymnastic competition and on Tuesday they did exactly the same trick—this time in the Secondary Schools' trampoline championships.

Springing effortlessly up to 20 feet in the air from the two trampolines which were erected in Woodlands Secondary School for these championships, the two champions and, indeed, all the competitors, delighted spectators in the hall with a fine display of acrobatic tricks.

Masters in the hall commented that standards had taken a huge leap from last year, both in the difficulty of exercises attempted and in the manner in which they were presented. And it is not just the top few boys who have improved.

"There was a time when we had just one or two top boys," said Mr. Les Mett, sportsmaster at Nicholas Secondary School, "but nowadays the standards have all risen. There is far more competition all round."

This point was illustrated in the under-15 competition. Although Graylands had the best individual in Valentine, they could only manage third place in the team event behind Woodlands (183.5 points) and Nicholas (170).

The order in the under-15 individual competition was: 1. Valentine (Graylands); 2. Pearson (Woodlands); 3. King (Woodlands); 4. Reeds (Nicholas).

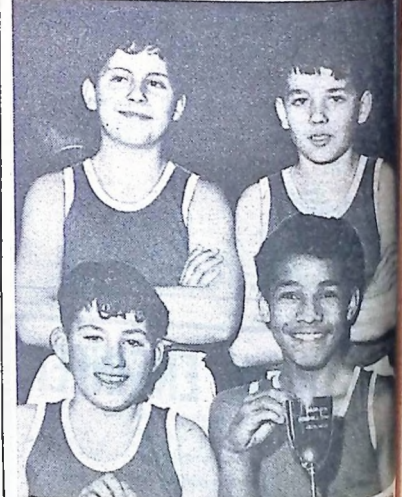
In the under-13 competition Majewski led the Chalvedon team to victory with a score of 77.7. Second came Woodlands with 74.3. The positions in the individual competition were: 1. Majewski (Chalvedon); 2. Winter (Woodlands); 3. Purnish (Woodlands); 4. Purnish (Woodlands).

There were two competitors only in the under-15 section of the competition, Glanville and Munson.

Request for cricket nets

THERE WILL BE no extra cricket practice nets for Basildon cricket clubs.

Last week's Council Committee considered a request for extra nets for all grounds with cricket until the estimates for 1968/1969 are under review.



Winners of the under-13 trampoline championships—Chalvedon—Richard Majewski (captain), Tony Catton, Geoffrey Lethbridge and Stephen Whelan.

Berry Boys' Club gave a P.T. display at their Laindon High Road H.Q. on Friday. Pictured are young gymnasts who gave a fine performance.