

Three died in double crash on the Arterial Road

— INQUEST STORY

TWO MEN died when their fast-moving Austin Mini Cooper S crashed into the rear of a three-ton Thames Trader lorry protruding from the unlit central intersection at the Harrows crossroads on the Southend Arterial Road at North Benfleet.

Seconds later a Cortina crashed into the lorry and a third man died.

The Mini—minus its roof—was later found 100ft. further along the carriageway and 60ft. into a field. The Cortina ended up on the opposite carriageway, an inquest jury heard at Brentwood on Thursday.

Deceased were: Brian Sidney Rubin (26), a representative, of Long Green, Chigwell; Hedley George Grant (28), a plasterer, of Ashmead Road, Deptford, Kent; and Leonard Augustus Muirhead (28), a plasterer, of Albare Crescent, Lewisham.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. In each case they refrained from adding a rider about the infamous "death" junction, however, after Chief Inspector Ronald Canham said he was "fairly sure" that action was being taken by the County Council to reduce the hazards.

This would be either by stopping it up or producing a roundabout, he said.

As far as lighting is con-

cerned I would recommend that lights should be placed at least 100 yards on each side of this junction," he added, "although if it was stopped up altogether the lights would probably not then be necessary."

The collision occurred at about 4.45 p.m. on Thursday, January 12th.

Doctor John Whitehead, pathologist, said the three men died from the same cause—injection of the brain as a result of fracture of the skull. He added that tests had been carried out on the blood of the deceased drivers and no alcohol was found in either case.

First witness called was foreman heating engineer Mr. James Ellis, of Arbour Way, Romford, who said he saw the lorry pull out of Pound Lane into the centre intersection. "I was driving a Ford Anglia and I had pulled up behind it in Pound Lane waiting to turn left towards London. The lorry stopped to let traffic by and then went into the intersection, stopping,

ready to cross into Pound Lane on the other side of the carriageway.

"Some traffic went between the front of my car and the rear of the lorry and then I saw a pair of headlights, which I now knew belonged to the Mini. I expected the Mini to move to its nearside lane as well, but it just kept going and ran into the back of the lorry.

The bottom half went underneath the lorry and the top half was cut completely off. The bottom half then veered to the left into a field. Then, within seconds, the Cortina came along and did exactly the same thing, except that it swung round and went across the central verge into the Southend-bound carriageway."

Mr. Ellis said the Mini took no avoiding action, but the Cortina driver appeared to see the back of the lorry and veered to the left, but it was too late.

The cars were going fast, but there was nothing "improper" about their speed, he added. Cross-examined by Mr. N. H. Ooster, counsel for Mr. Rubin's widow, he agreed that the Cortina driver would not have

seen the rear lights of the lorry. But he added: "He wouldn't have seen them anyway, because the Mini had knocked them out."

Mr. Ellis' passenger, Mr. Thomas Charles Newman, a foreman engineer, of Sweet Street, London, E15, also expected the Mini to swerve into the nearside lane to pass the rear of the lorry.

"When I realised the Mini had left it too late I said to Mr. Ellis: 'Blinney, it's going to belt that lorry,' he told the Court.

Mr. Alan Benwell, a senior organisation and method officer, of Exmouth Drive, Rayleigh, told the jury he was driving his car towards Southend. The first he knew of the incident was when he was about a quarter-of-a-mile from the intersection and saw a car which appeared to turn "very fast" into Pound Lane.

Then he realised it could not have done and ten to twenty seconds later the Cortina came across the central verge. He stopped near it to help.

He added: "At no time until the impact did I realise there was anything in the intersection at all."

Builder Mr. Albert Thorogood, of Ravenscourt Drive, Basildon, was following the Cortina and he never saw its brake lights before the crash, nor did it appear to swerve.

"It disappeared and then I saw the underneath of the car. I slowed down and carried on, and I did not see the lorry even though I was prepared for it, until I was ten yards away."

The lorry driver, Mr. Cyril Thomas Turner, of East Ware Farm, Southminster, told the jury that until he saw the Cortina go across the road he knew nothing of the collision, apart from slight "bumps" which he thought were "wood planks falling into the well of the vehicle."

"I knew nothing of the Mini until somebody pointed it out," he said. He added that he had been in the intersection for three or four minutes previously, waiting for a gap in the Southend-bound traffic.

Questioned by Mr. Ooster, he admitted half his lorry might have been sticking out into the London-bound road.

"You know that traffic comes down that road fast, sometimes solidly in both lanes," said Mr. Ooster. "If your lorry could not be seen until ten yards away then wouldn't you say an accident was inevitable?"

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NEW WARDEN AND MATRON OF MUNDY HOUSE



The new Superintendent and Matron of Mundy House—the Essex County Council old people's home in Church Road, Basildon—arrived this week.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lee, and, like the two previous Superintendents and their wives, they are Yorkshire-born.

Mr. Lee and his wife Pat have been transferred to Mundy House from a smaller Essex home at Fryerning. "Wakefield is our home town," said Mr. Lee, a 33-year-old former British Rail clerk. "I joined my wife in this kind of work at Smethwick three years ago."

Mrs. Lee has been in the nursing profession for many years. The couple have a nine-year-old daughter. Interested in cricket and football, Mr. Lee used to play rugby league in Yorkshire. His wife enjoys dancing and badminton, which she hopes to take up locally.

Mundy House, they agree, is "one of the most modern homes we have seen."

Curate won a pancake race

PANCAKE racing has become a New Town custom. For the second year a Shrove Tuesday crowd assembled in an otherwise deserted Basildon Town Centre to watch the fun.

Organiser was the Rural Dean, Rev. Arthur Dunlop. He told the racers: "We hope to make this a much bigger thing as the years go by. It brings a bit of life to the town centre—which is dead otherwise. And it's a chance to let your hair down before Lent."

Winner in the ladies' section was 13-year-old Connie Blok of Furrowfield. Kingswood Second was last year's winner Mrs. Brenda Perry and third Mrs. Irene Ery.

Brentwood High School girl Christine Robinson, 13, of West Avenue, Landend Hills, won the children's class. Susan Ratt, 11, of Sparrows Herne, was second and Geraldine Whittle, 10, of Hawkesway, Kingswood, third.

THE HOUSING QUALIFICATION

Basildon Council have asked us to make it clear that their residential qualification for Council housing is that the applicant must have lived in the Urban District for three of the last 10 years. Prior to last week's Housing Committee meeting the qualification was four out of the last 10 years.



Making a quick sprint for the finishing tape, Rev. Keith Plaister, curate of London-cum-Basildon parish, storms home to win the men's Shrove Tuesday pancake race.



Bader House, the £40,000 occupational centre for the disabled at Basildon, was officially opened by the Chairman of Basildon Urban Council (Coun. A. Baron Burn) on Saturday. The picture below shows Miss E. Ruggles, a welfare officer for the blind, demonstrating a basketmaking machine to the Chairman and Mrs. Burn, Coun. D. Savage (Chairman of the Health Committee), Coun. Mrs. E. Forster and Coun. W. C. Redmond. Story and more pictures on Page 7.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD
 WITHDRAWAL OF
 PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICE
 FROM LOW STREET STATION
 THE EASTERN REGION OF
 BRITISH RAILWAYS announce
 that the passenger train service
 will be withdrawn from Low
 Street Station on and from
 Monday, June 12, 1967
 in accordance with the Minister of
 Transport's letter RB3/3/078
 dated 27th January 1967, the
 text of which is reproduced below:

1. I am directed by the Minister of Transport to refer to the report of the Transport Users' Consultative Committee for East Anglia upon objections and representations relating to the proposal to discontinue all railway passenger services from Low Street Station in the County of Essex. This proposed discontinuance is referred to in this letter as "the closure".

2. The Minister has considered the report of the Consultative Committee and other relevant factors including the advice of the Regional Economic Planning Committee on the planning implications of the closure. The Minister accepts the view of the Consultative Committee that little hardship would result and that the amount in most cases is no more than slight inconvenience. She has therefore decided to give her consent to the closure subject to the conditions mentioned below.

3. Accordingly the Minister, in exercise of her powers under section 56 of the Transport Act 1962, hereby gives her consent to the closure subject to the following conditions:

(i) Whenever the Board become aware—
 (a) of any proposal for an alteration of any of the bus services at present being provided which are set out in the Annex hereto (whether they are being provided by the persons named in the Annex or by any other person) by withdrawing or substantially reducing the frequency of any such service, or
 (b) of any such alteration having been made, the Board shall forthwith notify the Minister of any such proposal or alteration and give her all such information with respect thereto as she may reasonably require.

(ii) The Board shall take reasonable steps to keep themselves informed of any such proposal or alteration as is mentioned in the foregoing condition.

(iii) The foregoing conditions shall have effect until the Minister notifies the Board that they are no longer to apply or until they are varied under section 56(1) of the Transport Act 1962.

4. I am directed by the Minister to make it clear that in imposing the conditions in paragraph 3 of this letter the Minister has been concerned only to discharge her functions under section 56 of the Transport Act 1962, and that these conditions have been framed in the light of the information before her for that purpose. In particular it should be clearly appreciated that the existing

JUMBLE SALE
 BILLERICAY METHODIST CHURCH
 WESTERN ROAD
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

bus services can only be maintained in so far as their provision and maintenance is authorised by licences issued by the Traffic Commissioners under the Road Traffic Acts and nothing in this letter affects the powers and duties of the Traffic Commissioners under those Acts in relation to the provision and maintenance of any of these services. Furthermore, in the event of any appeal to the Minister from any decision of the Traffic Commissioners, the Minister will deal with that appeal in accordance with the provisions of the Road Traffic Acts and in the light of the information properly before her on the appeal.

ANNEX
EXISTING BUS SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER ROAD SERVICE LICENCES GRANTED UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACTS, 1960-62
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 No. 370—Tilbury Ferry—Chadwell—St. Mary-Horn—church-Ramford.

SERVICE PROVIDED BY NORTHESSEX REGIONAL OMNIBUS CO., LTD.
 No. 153—Tilbury-Chadwell—St. Mary-Horn—church—Ramford—Hope—Chelmsford—Colchester—Wivenhoe.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON
HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE
APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED
 to operate in the Billericay area.

Application forms are obtainable from my office at 88, Town Square, Basildon, and must be returned by 27th February 1967.

DAVID H. TAYLOR,
 Town Manager.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ESSEX
TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO VEHICLES OF DUNTON ROAD, BASILDON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by reason of the carrying out of certain work in such road, the County Council of Essex has made an Order under Section 36(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960, temporarily prohibiting the use by all vehicles of the length of Dunton Road, Basildon which extends from a point 133 yards east of its junction with Brentwood Road (Class III) in the direction of a distance of 120 yards.

The Order came into force on 6th February 1967 and will continue for 30 days as necessary, which it is anticipated will not exceed 14 days. It is an offence to use a vehicle in contravention of the Order.

The alternative route available (which is sign-posted) is by way of Brentwood Road (Trunk Road A127), High Road (B1007) and Dunton Road.

CHRISTIAN BERRIDGE,
 Clerk of the County Council,
 County Hall,
 Chelmsford.

THIS IS OUR OPINION

BECAUSE OF severe criticism about Billericay Carnival Association's make-up—certain people disliked one particular part of the community taking the majority of officers' positions—a new constitution was set up whereby any resident could, on payment of a small subscription, become a member. Similarly, a local organisation could affiliate. But what good has it done? None whatsoever, when one takes into account the report given on membership to the new Executive Committee.

They were told that since the new constitution came into being in the latter part of last year only 11 individual subscriptions had been received. Two clubs had affiliated. The Committee must be wondering whether it is worth while trying to give the town a day of enjoyment with so much apathy around. People cannot say they know nothing about the ways of entering into membership, for every local organisation was informed, and much about it appeared in the local Press. People should not complain that the Association has fallen into the hands of another single group of people when they themselves do not open their purses or dig down in their pockets to become Association members.

When two wrongs do not make a right!

SOME TIME or other many people have to get in touch with their local council offices on some aspect of planning, rates or welfare. Many are content simply to call in and accept verbal advice. Others prefer to deal with the Town Hall by letter, on the assumption that if the answer is given in writing all is safe. They would be well advised to consider the case of a Billericay man. Mr. Albert Clarke learned the lesson the hard way. When he was considering starting an egg-farming business he called at the Council Offices and was told—wrongly—that he did not need planning permission. He built a large poultry-house and was ordered to demolish it. Next time he approached them on the subject he took care to get their advice in writing. Their answer, he later discovered to his cost, was again wrong! At the public inquiry on Tuesday the Council's solicitor described the letter as giving "an incomplete interpretation of the law." But on the strength of that letter Mr. Clarke acquired two acres of land. Say the Council: "It is, of course, primarily the responsibility of the citizen, through his legal advisers, to ascertain the law involved in such a matter." It boils down to a Council official telling us not to trust advice given by Council officials as part of their duties!

CORPORATION'S FIGHT FOR A 140,000 POPULATION TOUGH TIME FOR MR. BONIFACE

FOR TWO weeks, possibly more, starting on Tuesday, Basildon Development Corporation's General Manager (Mr. R. C. C. Boniface) will "live" at Laindon Community Centre.

For on that day—St. Valentine's Day—the Corporation will start their fight at a public inquiry to get their revised Master Plan, which will accommodate Basildon's rise in population to 140,000, approved by the Minister of Housing.

A tough time is ahead for Mr. Boniface and the Corporation because over 50 objectors, including such authorities as the Essex County Council, are down on the programme to put their cases.

The inquiry will be conducted by Mr. T. F. Thomson, a Ministry Inspector, who will open the proceedings at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

The remainder of the first day will be given over mainly to Mr. Boniface, who will be putting the Corporation's case.

The first objection, also due to be heard on Tuesday, will come from Thurrock Urban Council.

On Wednesday other objectors follow, including the Essex County Council, Rochford Rural Council and the Council for the Preservation of Rural England.

Thursday's proceedings will be devoted entirely to objections from Corringham and Fobbing Ratepayers' Association and Laindon Residents' Protection Association.

These objections will be answered by the Corporation on Friday.

The inquiry will break on that day and resume again on Tuesday, February 21st.

If the timing goes according to schedule, and this is unlikely, the inquiry will end on Friday, February 24th.

The right to criticise in Carnival!

BASILDON WEDDING



MARRIED at Holy Communion, Basildon, on Saturday, were Miss Valerie Jackson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jackson, of Long Riding, Basildon, and Mr. Stanley Miller, of Chelmsford.

The bride wore a full-length dress of white nylon with matching train and an embroidered veil. Her head-dress was a tiara of pearls, diamonds and crystals. She was attended by Miss Pamela Edwards (cousin) and Mrs. M. Hamlin (friend), who wore blue dresses and carried matching muffs with yellow orchids and white flosses.

Mr. Brian Coulson was best man. A reception was held at the Chelmsford North Community Centre.

Hospital Friends hand over £2,000

THE £2,000 promised by the League of Friends of St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, towards the cost of the new staff recreational hall has been handed over following an assurance that the building had received professional approval on its completion. League Chairman, Mr. Sidney Squires told the Executive Committee at their monthly meeting on Monday.

The meeting gave consent to spending £720 of the £1,000 earmarked for furnishings for the hall.

Mr. Squires said that in consultation with Matron Miss Q. M. Jackson, Hospital Secretary Mr. P. Brooks and Chairman of the Appeal Fund Mrs. C. Lay, M.B.E., J.P., he had agreed to the purchase of curtains and fittings, 50 stacking chairs, eight armchairs, 12 Formica-top tables and coffee tables.

Membership Secretary Mr. John Harrison reported a membership of 318, which, he said, was "a record for the time of year" and within three of the all-time record.

No time

TO COMPLY with an Enforcement Notice requiring the cessation of use of land at Greenacres, Castle Road, Wickford, the repair of vehicles, the occupier has asked Basildon Council for an extension of six months. It has been turned down by the Planning Committee Chairman, however.

HARROWS PLEA TO MINISTER

AN URGENT plea has gone from Basildon Council to the Minister of Transport to improve the dangerous Harrows crossroads on the Arterial Road at North Benfleet, where three people died recently.

The Council have suggested installing traffic lights at the junction.

The Minister is also being asked to improve the lighting at the Found Lane junction.

£10 FINE

Arising out of a collision between his lorry and a car at T-junction, Ivor Rockall, of Mistley Side, Basildon, was fined £10 at Chelmsford Court on Thursday week.

THIS W.R.V.S. REQUEST WAS TURNED DOWN

RUNWELL PARISH Council have turned down a request by Runwell W.R.V.S. Meals-on-Wheels Service for a grant to cover the cost of installing new cooking equipment in the Parish Hall.

The Council already allow the W.R.V.S. to use the hall rent free and at their meeting on Monday they also decided to waive the charges for the gas used in cooking the meals.

"In view of these considerations," said Vice-Chairman Mr. H. A. Norwood, "I see no reason why we should also be called upon to pay for the installation of the new cooking equipment, especially as the equipment was ordered quite adequate to the needs of the hall."

"I would also point out that our decision tonight will more than pay for the installation of this equipment," he added.

Parents must pay £100 each

THE parents of three boys were on Monday each ordered to pay £100 the maximum — towards the £417 estimated damage the boys did to a club-house.

All the windows in St. John's Sports Association's club-house in Stock Road, Billericay, were smashed. Bottles were broken and drink was poured over a billiards table and on the floor. Billericay Juvenile Court heard.

The boys, two 11, the other 10, admitted causing malicious damage. One of the elder boys also admitted store-breaking and theft. He had previously been in the club-house when the other two were present, the Court was told.

All three were given a conditional discharge for 12 months.

In mitigation, it was said that what the boys had done was entirely out of character.

No limit

No speed limit is planned for the new road which will join Laindon Link, Basildon, to High Road, Langdon Hills. The road will be open for public use, shortly.



BANDSMEN'S FESTIVAL

THE LAINDON AND MANSFIELD SALVATION ARMY BANDS PLAYED AT THE SERVICES IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH IN THE TOWN CENTRE ON SUNDAY, AND IN THE AFTER-NOON TOOK PART IN A MUSICAL FESTIVAL AT ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, FRYERNS.

Our picture on the left shows the two bands, and among those seated are Bandmaster S. W. Latham (Laindon), Commissioner Wainwright and Bandmaster Ogden (Mansfield).

Below: Band officers are seen with Rev. Keith Wood and the Chairman of the Council (Coun. A. Baron Burn) and Mrs. Burn at St. Andrew's Church.

THEY HAD WINE AND CHEESE



IN THE PICTURE ABOVE ARE SOME OF THE 200 PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED LAINDON WARD CONSERVATIVE PARTY'S WINE AND CHEESE EVENING TO MARK THE FIRST OF THEIR FORTNIGHTLY SOCIALS AT LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON FRIDAY.

Below: Gillian Darke (11) presents a bouquet to Mrs. S. Wadsworth, wife of Basildon Council's Chief Engineer and Surveyor, at Barleylands Social Club's children's party held at the Council Depot, Barleylands, on Saturday.



TWENTY-TWO-YEARS-OLD MR. TONY PAYNE (LEFT) WHO WILL CONTEST LAINDON FOR THE CONSERVATIVES IN THE MAY ELECTIONS. HE IS WITH HIS AGENT, DEREK BANKS.



At the 66 Club dance

Committee members and helpers at the 66 Club dance held at the Fryerns Community Centre on Saturday are seen in the picture below.



Anglers' dancing time!



Above are members of the Outwood Common Angling Club at their dance on Saturday at the Archer Hall.

VETERAN READERS' COLUMN



SHE MET ROMANCE OVER THE SHOE REPAIRS COUNTER!

A FACE that will be sorely missed at the Pitsea No. 1 branch will be that of Mrs. Frances Pugh, when she and her husband, Alfred, leave Pitsea to take up residence in Swaffham, Norfolk.

Mrs. Pugh (seen above) took over the chairmanship of the branch after the death of Mrs. Maddox in February, 1962. She also served for a number of years on the Pitsea and District Welfare Committee and had been Minutes Secretary of the Essex Area Council of the National Federation of O.A.P. Associations until their last meeting, when she resigned.

Mrs. Pugh was born in Islington in 1889. She attended St. Andrew's Church School and remembers being in several school plays and winning a prize for elocution.

She first met her husband when she handed a pair of shoes over a counter to be repaired. He was the repairer! They were married on Boxing Day in 1910 at St. Andrew's Church, Willesden Green, and their marriage was blessed with three girls and a boy.

Mrs. Pugh's second daughter, Joan, became a champion swimmer and they travelled extensively attending swimming galas and competitions. Her proudest moment was when Joan was presented with the silver medal of the Royal Life Saving Society. Sadly, Joan died in 1948 and Mrs. Pugh felt her loss keenly.

During their London days she and her husband ran a club for teenagers called the Monday-Friday Club. Mrs. Pugh worked tremendously hard for it, was responsible for the refreshments, sold the programmes and also sang in the chorus of the Gilbert and Sullivan Operatic Group.

One boy who used to attend the Club would play the piano for a fee of five shillings. "I don't think he would now," laughed Mrs. Pugh. He was Russ Conway.

When she and her husband moved to Pitsea 12 years ago the Club members gave her a silver sugar bowl and scoop as a memento of her days with them. She has been back

at least twice to see them—as a special guest at their 21st birthday party and again at their silver jubilee. Mrs. Pugh's maxim in life is—do all the good you can! She loves cooking and housework, although her impending move means that she cannot get on with her spring cleaning!

Their new officers

MEMBERS of the Pitsea No. 1 O.A.P. branch elected their new officers at their meeting on Tuesday week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, Treasurer and Chairman, respectively, retired from office, as they will shortly be leaving the district.

The new Chairman is Mr. Judge, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Palmer, Treasurers will be Mr. and Mrs. Singleton. Mr. S. Galloway remains as Secretary. The Committee comprises Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Corney, Mrs. M. Gilder and Mr. Slattery.

After the election, Mrs. Pugh thanked all the members for their support and co-operation during her five years of office. Mr. Pugh gave his final balance sheet.

Two members were reported to be in hospital—Mr. Wallford and Mr. Gilbert. Mrs. Frost and Mrs. Reynolds were welcomed back after illness, and birthday honours were given to Mrs. Hunt, of Burnt Mills Cottages, Pitsea.

Tea hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. White, Mrs. Barthram and Mrs. M. Gilder. The rest of the afternoon was spent in community singing, with Mrs. Howard at the piano.

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

Songs old and new

SONGS OLD and new formed a varied and lively programme for the 75

members of Langdon Hills at the Community Hall on O.A.P. at their meeting on Wednesday week.

Afterwards, members enjoyed the entertainment provided by Mrs. B. Evans' concert party.

Birthday honours were sung for Mrs. Mayhew, and Mr. J. Stokes and Mr. Lawrence, who have been taken into hospital, and were sent the good wishes and sympathy of their colleagues. Mrs. Cornish, Club Secretary, announced that the club had now four new members, but that two former members had moved away from the district.

Chairman Mr. Simpson presiding, and announced that members could look forward to a visit from the Gay Links Concert Party on May 10th.

46 gifts in raffle

AN AFTERNOON of music and songs was enjoyed by the members of the Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club at their meeting at the Community Hall on Thursday week.

Mr. Barry and Mrs. Evans were at the piano, and there were several soloists—Mrs. Constance, Lockhart, McCluskey, Pearce, Nutman and Evans—to delight the audience.

A speedy return to health was wished for sick members including Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Lockett and Mr. Marshall. Birthday honours went to Mrs. Gibson, with Mrs. Evans at the piano.

The meeting was attended by 36 members, and 46 gifts were received for the raffle. The meeting was opened and closed with a hymn.

£3 raised by jumble

A BRING-AND-BUY and jumble sale, which raised £3 for club funds, was held at the meeting of the Lee Chapel South O.A.P.

Film show on India

AN INFORMATIVE film show about India was given by Rev. W. A. Holden to the members of the Basildon Physically Handicapped Club, at their meeting on Thursday week.

A special vote of thanks went to the Headmaster and pupils of Thurleigh School, for the loan of a film projector to replace the Club's own projector which is at present receiving repairs.

Members stood in a silent tribute to Mr. Behlman, who died recently. Sick members Mrs. Horne, and Mrs. Clap, Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Ringrose, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Monks, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Greenhouse, Mrs. Lawless, Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Stephenson, received the good wishes and sympathy of their colleagues, and a hearty welcome was accorded to Mr. E. Smart, the Chairman of the Club, who has returned after a spell of illness.

Freedom, the Club's Social Secretary, announced that there would be a week's holiday available for members at the Physically Handicapped People's own camp, during which drive when the winners of May and September, and that anyone wishing to go should contact her for a form. Mr. Smart played the piano, and gave a short recital of

More cash for the funds!



Wickford No. 1 O.A.P. branch meet every Wednesday at St. Peter's Hall, Wickford, and the members bring gifts for the penny raffle and clothing for the auction. Mr. A. D. Flack runs the raffle and is seen with last week's crop of tickets. Mrs. E. Hardy and Mrs. N. S. Smith auction the clothes and the proceeds go towards branch funds.

GHYLLGROVE O.A.P.

Members of Ghyllgrove O.A.P. Club gave a rousing reception to their Vice-President, Rev. A. J. Dunlop, Rector of St. Martin's, when he paid a visit to the Club on Monday. New members, sisters Miss T. and Miss D. Widdridge were also welcomed, and the entertainment was provided by Mrs. Neagus, Mrs. Manning, and Mr. Dennis on his accordion. Sick members Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Ringrose, Mrs. Griffiths and Mr. Adams were wished a speedy recovery, and Mrs. Hardy was welcomed back after her illness. Chairman Mr. Chapman proposed a vote of thanks to tea hostess Mrs. Patterson and her helpers.

BINGO AND A SALE

Bingo and a rummage sale were the main items of Ghyllgrove O.A.P. meeting at St. Chad's Hall on Friday. Members wished a speedy recovery to sick members Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Horne, and Mrs. Clap, while Mrs. Fellows was given a warm welcome back after illness. Members were reminded that the next bring and sale would be held on February 24th.

THREE BIRTHDAYS

Three birthdays were celebrated at Thursday's meeting of Langdon Hills Over Sixties Club. Members involved were Mr. W. J. Holland, Mrs. F. Ward and Mr. J. Hodges. Mr. Bland was M.C. for the monthly singing, with Mrs. Lea at the piano. Songs were sung by Mrs. May and Mrs. Price and Mrs. Cushey. Tea was served by Mr. Godfrey, presented the prizes. Chatter and helpers, and the tea hostesses were Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Wood.

SILENT TRIBUTE

Ninety members stood in silent tribute for a former member at the weekly meeting of the Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens Club, Chairman Mrs. Thurston, presided, and expressed the good wishes of the members to all sick colleagues. The first outing of the year was announced. It is a trip to Hastings. The members then enjoyed an afternoon's programme of community singing, with Mrs. Lea at the piano. Songs were sung by Mrs. May and Mrs. Price and Mrs. Cushey. Tea was served by Mr. Godfrey, presented the prizes. Chatter and helpers, and the tea hostesses were Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Wood.



Members of Lee Chapel South O.A.P. branch pictured around one of the stalls at their jumble sale held at the Community Centre on Wednesday.



Guests are seen above at an old age pensioners' dinner given by All Saints' Church, North Benfleet, at North Benfleet School on Saturday.

A large group of children and adults in costumes posing on a stage in front of a decorative backdrop. The group is arranged in several rows, with some children in the front wearing leotards and others in the back wearing hats and elaborate dresses. The backdrop features a central arched doorway and decorative elements. The overall scene suggests a theatrical performance or a costume contest.

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A black and white photograph of a man in a dark suit and tie, leaning over a gas pump nozzle. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The gas pump is a vintage model with a sign that reads "CURFEW" in large, bold letters. Below the sign, it says "REGULAR 92". The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a gas station setting.

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★ BILLERICAY HIGH STREET REPORT ★

Buildings worthy of
preservation—
and those for
demolition?

FOLLOWING THE general outline of the Comprehensive Report on Billericay High Street—the lead in last week's "Standard"—here is the property-by-property survey.

Each building in the High Street is listed with recommendations for preservation—or demolition.

More than a third of the shops, offices and houses in the High Street would be demolished if the report was followed through. After the scenes following attempts to keep the report secret, the Study Group set up by the Basildon Council say they are now anxious to explain clearly and publicly the proposals and for every opportunity to be given for public opinion.

They are arranging for the report and maps to be published and for a public exhibition at Billericay, followed by a public meeting.

Individual
building survey
and
recommendations

HIGH STREET, WEST SIDE

Police Station. Pioneering Georgian architecture. No contribution to the town architecturally or architecturally, but unbecomingly to redevelop until it becomes obsolete.

151—Good domestic-looking building, but it does not warrant preservation against demolition.

147 (doctor's surgery)—Recommended for preservation and the land used for shops.

Burstard Lodge (Civil Defence Headquarters)—One of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in Billericay. Strongly recommended house and front wall are preserved and that it reverts completely to residential use, or use that will not change its character.

Three Horse Shoes (private house)—Good example of domestic architecture. Recommended for preservation and for use as a private house.

130-132 (private house, ophthalmic optician and chemist)—Recommended that this remains in its present use and is preserved.

135 (Hallifax Building Society)—No architectural merit. Recommended redevelopment as houses.

133 (private house)—Excellent example of domestic architecture. Use as residential building and preservation recommended.

131 (Antique glass shop)—Recommended for preservation in its present use.

129 (Fitzell House office block)—Large building out of scale and sympathy with the High Street and meanly detailed. It would, however, be unbecomingly to redevelop on aesthetic grounds.

125, 123 and 121 (private house)—Group of little architectural value. It is redeveloped the site should be for residential use.

119 (Hensman's Garage)—One of the eyesores of Billericay. Strongly recommended that the site should be redeveloped and reverts to residential use.

113 (The Red Lion)—Should be preserved as a public house.

111 (chemist's shop)—Pleasant building should be preserved. Contributes to townscape.

109 (bank)—Small suburban pretentious building. But as comparatively new it would be unbecomingly to recommend redevelopment.

107 (private house)—Should remain a private house.

105 (architect's office and dry cleaners)—Little architectural merit. Recommended for demolition and the site left as an open space.

Holly Oak. The principle behind this development of shops at the High Street is excellent, but the implementation of the idea is poor. A considerable amount of work should be carried out to improve the design of individual shops.

103 (electrical retailer)—Record shop. Little merit and does not warrant preservation. Should be demolished and a private house built on the site of this building.

101 (Woolworths)—Mock Georgian building, once a fine building, but now a discredited design. Could be developed as a private house. Apart from complete redevelopment, it can be done to improve the building.

99 (clothing retailers)—No architectural or historical value and should be redeveloped. It is proposed that a community building

should stretch right across the High Street from this site.

97 (Essex County Library)—No architectural merit and should be redeveloped. The community building proposed for the site of No. 99 would also be on this site.

95 and 93 (greenhouses and shoe repairs)—Pleasant building worth preserving.

91 (Gas Board showroom)—Preservation recommended.

89 (Lloyds Bank)—Demolition recommended. The site forms part of a market square in the development plan.

87-85 (Squires and Co.)—Demolition recommended to form part of market square.

83 and 81 (part residential and part electrical retailers)—Demolition recommended to form part of the market square.

79, 77 and 75 (needlework shop, private house and dress shop)—Pleasant group that should be treated as one building. Preservation recommended.

"Standard"
congratulated

We have received the following letter from Mr. B. C. Hooks, Hon. Sec. of Billericay Residents' Association.

"I am writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Billericay Residents' Association to congratulate you on the publicity you have given to the Billericay High Street Plan."

A plan of such importance that will have a body living in the town, has only been brought into the open by the carefulness of your reporters.

"We feel that you have done the townspeople of Billericay a great service by printing details of the plan, which has been so badly handled by the Council."

"Any plan of such importance to so many people is difficult to make, but the Council has done well to elaborate the details and to give the townspeople the type of consideration which they are entitled to expect."

There seems to be a definite lack of co-operation on the part of the Council at the moment. We can only hope that in future efforts will be made by the Council to put people's minds at rest and to bound to spread under such conditions."

71-73 (Recreational Rooms and children's clothes shop)—Little to many buildings in the High Street. Recommended for demolition as a shop.

69 (Barclays Bank)—Pleasant Georgian building of little value but it should be developed as a bank if redeveloped.

65 (butchers) and 63 (wine merchants)—Recommended for preservation.

61-57 (private house)—Originally all one house. Recommended for preservation.

55 (supermarket)—An unattractive, but too unbecomingly to redevelop should be as a shop.

53 (Harringtons, ironmongers)—Pleasant domestic building could be redeveloped.

51a and b (chairmaker and confectioner)—Not a room could be redeveloped as a private house.

51 (private house)—Marvellous example of a Georgian building in the street.

ting. Strongly recommended for preservation.

49 (chemist and general store)—Little architectural merit and could well be developed. It is proposed that its place be taken by a restaurant stretching across the street with houses behind it.

47-45 (shops and dress shops)—Recommended for preservation, and eventually residential use.

43 (estate agents) and 41 (Westminster Bank)—Recommended for preservation, and for future residential use.

39—This site is at present undeveloped and it is recommended for development as a shop.

37a and b (baker and butcher)—No architectural merit. Design of both shop fronts is crude. Should be demolished and redeveloped as shops.

35 (self-service grocer)—No architectural merit. Should be demolished and redeveloped as shop or cafe.

33 and 31 (funeral directors)—No architectural merit. Should be demolished and redeveloped as office.

29, 27, 25 and 23—New block of consistent appearance. Although of no outstanding quality, attempts to blend with the High Street. Could remain as a shop.

21 and 19 (London Co-operative Society)—A very ugly building, but demolition recommended for development.

19 and 17 (private houses)—A small building has been demolished. The site should be redeveloped for residential use.

EAST SIDE

6 (ironmongers)—Little architectural interest. Could be redeveloped for residential use.

8 and 10—New block of shops and offices retains much of the character of the town, though rather fussy in detail.

12 (dress shop)—Recommended for preservation and for eventual reversion to residential use.

14, 16 and 18 (jewellers, shoe repairer and restaurant)—Although of little architectural outstanding, recommended that the building line and height should be preserved if the group is redeveloped.

20 (earnet shop, general store, greengrocer and confectioner)—Should be preserved as a shop.

22 (doctors) and 20 (private house)—Pleasant Georgian building. Preservation recommended.

24 (Mill House Studios)—Pleasant 18th Century building. Should be preserved, preferably for domestic use.

26 and 28 (hairdressers and tobacconists)—Should be redeveloped the building line and height should be retained.

30 and 32 (private houses) and 34 (private house)—Recommended for preservation and for residential use.

36 (greenhouse)—Single storey building produces unsatisfactory and townscape. Recommended for demolition and redeveloped as housing, or that it should have another storey.

38 and 40 (paint and dress shops)—Recommended for retention, preferably for residential use.

42 (Chequers Public House, fish shop)—This group should be treated as one entity, recommended for preservation as it is.

44 (solicitors and estate agents)—Recommended for preservation, eventually reversion to domestic use.

46 (building recommended for demolition and replacement by a new shop).

50 (grocers)—No architectural merit and could be redeveloped as a shop.

52-54 (dress shop, tobacconists and sports shop)—Could be developed as shops or offices with shops or offices behind it.

56-60 (greengrocer, fish and bicycle shop)—Could be developed as offices or residential use.

62 and 64 (ironmongers and 66 and 68 (tobacconists and men's outfitters)—Could be redeveloped as a shop.

be redeveloped as shops with offices for residential accommodation above.

70 and 72 (estate agents and "Standard" office)—Preservation recommended.

74 (optician, cater, Museum and surveyors)—Preservation recommended. Preferable for residential use.

76-82 (Home and Colonial Stores, dress shop and cleaners)—To improve the sympathy with the High Street.

84 (baker)—No architectural or historical importance. Could be redeveloped as a shop.

86 (private house)—Not worth preserving. Site should be left undeveloped and housing set further back.

88 and 90 (estate agents and shoe shop)—No architectural merit. Recommended for demolition so the street can be opened at this point and housing placed further back.

92a and b (butchers, electrical retailer)—Or little architectural or historical interest. Demolition recommended so street can be opened and housing set further back.

94 (private house)—Demolition recommended so street can be opened and housing set further back.

Council Chamber and Citizens Advice Bureau—Ugly proportions. Out of scale with domesticity of the High Street. Strongly recommended for demolition.

Should be replaced with shops with housing above, spreading across the High Street.

96—Mean-looking building recommended for demolition and redeveloped as shops with housing above.

98—Beautifully proportioned and designed. Should be preserved.

100 (private house)—Well proportioned and line house. Strongly recommended for preservation for residential use.

102 (solicitors and building society)—Little architectural or historical value, recommended for demolition and replacement by housing.

104 (jeweller)—Pleasant building should be retained.

106-108 (employment agency and contractor's office)—Recommended for retention as buildings are preserved.

110 (dry cleaners, solicitors and estate agents)—No Georgian building not worth retaining. Recommended for demolition and replacement by housing.

112 (estate agents)—No architectural or historical interest. Recommended for demolition and replacement by housing.

114 (newsagent)—Little architectural or historical value. Demolition recommended.

116-118 (electrical retailers and solicitors)—Georgian building out of scale with High Street. Excellent building, but demolition recommended, although unbecomingly at present. Should be demolished and redeveloped as housing.

120 (district nurse's house)—Very suburban. Should be demolished and redeveloped as housing.

122, 124 and 126—Despite past alterations, retains much of its charm. Preservation recommended.

128 and 130 (greenhouse and butchers)—Single storey buildings give a toothy, unbecomingly out of character appearance to the High Street. Recommended site is redeveloped.

130 (private house)—Pleasant Georgian building. Recommended for preservation as a private house.

132 and 134 (tobacconists)—Could be developed as shops.

136 (Post Office)—Poor proportions, recommended that it be demolished and replaced by a more economically possible. Post office should be maintained as administrative centre of the town.

138 (The White Hart)—Not used as architectural quality. Could be redeveloped as a public house.

CHAPEL STREET

46 (solicitors and estate agents)—Recommended for preservation. Should be eventually reversion to domestic use.

3 (woolshop) and 7-9 (private houses)—Recommended for preservation and residential use.

Parish Church (St. Mary Magdalen)—Strongly recommended for preservation.

Fined £20

WALTER VALENTINE of Woodham Road, Battlesbridge, was fined £20 with £1 costs at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on Monday for using a breakdown vehicle without a Road Fund licence.

LOCAL WILLS

Mrs. Ella Annie Howard of Outwood Common Road, Billericay, who died on November 14th, 1966, aged 87, gross £26,914 net. Duty paid £688.

Mrs. Barbara Alice Cook of Charlton Manor, Charlton Park, Essex, who died on January 21st, 1967, aged 74, gross £1,000 net. Duty paid £134.

A. Cook, a former partner in the firm of A. Cook & Sons, 131, High Street, Billericay, died on January 13th, 1967, aged 81, gross £18,619 net. Duty paid £2,338.

BASILDON'S TRIBUTE TO A BATTLE OF BRITAIN HERO



BADER HOUSE, THE £40,000 OCCUPATIONAL CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED

BADER HOUSE — Basildon's new £40,000 occupational centre for the disabled — was officially opened on Monday. It is named after the legless Battle of Britain fighter pilot.

There are over 600 physically handicapped in the urban district. Of these some 200 are blind and there will also be handicraft classes and social activities for them.

Coun. Desmond Savage, Chairman of Basildon Health Committee (who is seen above with other guests), dealt with criticism that the centre was opened prematurely. It has been in use since the start of January.

"My answer," he told the 50 guests, "is that it is better to give a small service than none at all."

He stressed that many

Basketmaking (seen in the picture below) is one of the many activities at the Centre.

transport and staffing difficulties had now been overcome.

But later Coun. Savage told a reporter the centre could do with two volunteer drivers to man supplementary vehicles. He pointed out that at present 20 people attended the

centre every day — but though Basildon Council this would rise to about 60.

Opening the centre, Bader House is at Witchards, Kingswood. The money has been paid by Essex County Council.

the afflicted to play as normal a life as possible in the community and to ensure that their minds and bodies are kept occupied in useful service."

He added that the centre had been named after Group Captain Douglas Bader, who, in spite of losing limbs in an air

This picture shows how valuable work can be undertaken by folk who are unfortunately handicapped. They are in the woodwork shop.

It will probably surprise many to learn that there are over 600 physically handicapped folk in the urban district, and of these about 200 are blind.



The Chairman of Basildon Urban Council (Coun. A. Baron Burn) has performed many pleasant duties during his year of office, and undoubtedly he felt honoured when he was asked to open Bader House.

Although many transport and staffing difficulties have been overcome, two volunteer drivers would be welcomed.

At present 20 people attend the centre every day, but this number will increase to about 60.

Children in care

MR. ERIC Moonman (Lab., Billericay) asked the Home Secretary in the House on Thursday for the latest figures of the number of children in care in this country, compared with the number in care at the same date in the previous year.

Mr. Roy Jenkins, in a written reply, said: "On March 31st, 1966, there were 79,996 children in the care of local authorities and voluntary organisations in England and Wales, compared with 79,221 a year earlier."



Coun. Joe Morgan and two other visitors see the basket-making class in action.

crash, fought his physical handicap and became a brave airman.

Sir John MacPherson, Chairman of Basildon Development Corporation, and County Council Health Committee member Coun. W. C. Redbond were among the guests.

Displays of work and the disabled being instructed were shown to the visitors.

The entire centre is on one level with no ramps or steps. Double hand rails run along the corridor.

Aluminium plates protect the swing doors against damage from wheelchairs.

The special vehicles used by the centre have a hydraulically operated lift for helping invalids in wheelchairs.

THEY LIKE KEEPING FIT!



THE LATEST LADIES' KEEP-FIT CLASS IS HELD AT BASILDON'S BLUE HOUSE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY EVENINGS. THEIR INSTRUCTOR IS MRS. LILY KNOWLES.



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TEENAGERS TAKING UP BRIDGE

FROM THREE enthusiasts to 16 in three weeks is the lightning progress made by the Bridge Section at Nicholas' Youth Centre, Laindon.

Tuition is provided by schoolteacher Mr. J. Trollope, the former Secretary of Uxbridge Bridge Club, who spends his Tuesday evenings at the Centre.

A remedial teacher at Nicholas' Secondary School, Mr. Trollope lives in Thundersley and has been teaching in Basildon for 18 months.

Only two of the section's 16 members had played bridge prior to its introduction at the Centre nearly a month ago. "They were rather vague about it, too," said Mr. Trollope, who believes bridge is the best card game.

"Bidding is more important than the playing of the cards," he tells the members, who are catching on fast.

The Nicholas' group hope to play Standard Telephones bridge section in March.

Aim of Mr. Trollope is to see a Basildon Bridge Club. "There is a need for one," he says.

He's keen on birds

IRISHMAN Mr. John Gourley has always been interested in birds—the feathered kind! At his home in Moss Close, Vange, he has approximately 34, some foreign, some British. As some of them are breeding, he is not quite sure of the numbers.

The more exotic ones, used to a tropical climate, are kept in a heated shed, but there is a wire-netted flight, some 30ft. long, where both British and foreign birds meet on equal terms. It is plentifully supplied with small trees and bushes, for perches, and at various intervals small tyres are hung from the roof of the flight, in which the birds love to swing.

Mr. Gourley started by keeping golden pheasants, but the sparrows used to invade them, through the wide-meshed wire netting, and steal all their food. When he sold them, he bought a pair of cockatiels. Now he has marsh love birds, gold and green finches, blue and blossomed parakeets, Indian

ringnecks, canaries, budgerigars, etc.

The birds cost at least a pound a week to feed—the tropical type eat at least 10s. worth of fruit, and special seeds for the different varieties cost a similar amount. All of them eat greenstuff, and Mr. Gourley grows quite a lot of this to help out with the birds' diet.

The Gourleys have lived in Vange for 21 years. They have six children. Derek (14) looks after the birds when his father is on day shift.

Guests of honour

LORD and Lady Sorensen will be guests of honour

Mr. J. Gourley, who has a collection of beautiful foreign birds at his home in Moss Close, Vange.



at the Billericay Constituency Labour Party dance at the Locarno Basildon, tonight (Friday).

Lord Sorensen is the former Mr. R. W. Sorensen, M.P., who resigned his seat at Leyton in favour of Patrick Gordon-Walker, the present Minister without Portfolio, to whom Billericay Member of Parliament Mr. Eric Moonman is Parliamentary Private Secretary.

Their new headmaster

A HEADMASTER who likes to see his pupils taking a pride in their school and a creative attitude towards the work they do is Mr. B. West, new Headmaster of Bardfield County Primary School, who joined the school at the start of the new term.

Mr. West encourages the children to be creative in their writing, and hopes to improve their standard of English by the proper use of poetry and good literature. He is very pleased with the modern methods of mathematics used throughout Basildon, and has ordered the necessary supplies of Dienes and Stern methods to augment the Cusener rods already in use at the school.

He is also pleased to see the project method of teaching

Bridge is booming at Nicholas' Youth Centre. The Tuesday evening sessions have now stretched to three or four tables. Our picture shows some of the members during a game.

so widely used, as he feels it is invaluable to growing minds. He encourages as many local visits as possible.

Mr. West's own personal tastes lean strongly to modern music—he is Treasurer of the Thurrock Male Voice Choir, and hopes to have a school choir and possibly a recorder group in time. He was delighted to find two trained musicians already on his staff.

Mr. West (39) was born in Weymouth, Dorset. He moved to Grays at the age of 10; now he is married, with two children, and lives at Corringham.

This is his second headship; he came to Bardfield from Stifford Primary, and before that was deputy head at South Green Junior School.



Mr. B. West, new Headmaster of Bardfield County Primary School.

No. 13? — Not for her!

FOR years Mrs. Amy Shuffebotham (42) and her husband, Reginald (59), lived untroubled in their bungalow, Castleview, in Alma Road, Wickford.

Even the knowledge that the huge new Barn Hall housing estate was going up all round them did not disturb Amy's peace of mind, for it meant main drainage at long last.

It was only when Basildon Council decided to rename, or rather number, their bungalow that her visions of security crumbled about her ears.

The Council's decision to number the bungalow 13 so upset her that she persuaded her husband to appeal to them to change it.

THE POLICE LIKED HIS POSTER



An 18-years-old Crays View, Billericay, commercial art student has won five guineas in a poster design competition sponsored by Southend Police Force.

A third-year student at Southend Art College, Graham Newcombe entered the class which had Police—public relations as its theme and won second prize with the slogan "Suspicious? Don't hesitate, dial 999—your friendly line."

The Police were so impressed they took away the poster, which also shows the fingerprints of a telephone set, with the idea of having it reprinted and distributed.

"As it was the first competition I had entered, I was naturally very pleased with the result," said Graham, who intends putting his prize money towards the cost of a car.

If the poster is published it will not be his only work on public view, however. He produced one of eight panels in a fibre-glass, resin, three-dimensional "Life of Christ" study made by his College for a Rochford Chapel. His panel depicted "The Temptation in the Desert".

Formerly Woodlands County Secondary School for Boys, Graham attends day and evening art classes.

He starts work in July, looking for employment with an advertising agency as a graphics visualiser—the person who throws out ideas in designing, leaving the detailed execution to others.

Graham's eventual ambition is to be an art director, which would bring television and film advertising into his ambit as well.

Fortunately the Council understoodly agreed to renumber it 11a, and now Amy can breathe freely once more. "I'm just superstitious and I don't mind admitting it," Amy told the "Standard" this week. "I just couldn't have gone on living here if they hadn't changed the number. It would have brought us never-ending bad luck."

"For the same reason I won't wear green, break a mirror, walk under a ladder or pick a glove or a knife up off the floor—they would just have to be here until my husband got home."

Her husband, Reginald, for 20 years a Post Office sorter, thinks differently, however: "I'm not superstitious, and it made no difference to me that the house was to be numbered 13," he said.

"But my wife has got such a deep-rooted belief in this sort of thing that I had no alternative except to get the number changed. If the Council had said 'No' there would have been no keeping Amy in the place, in spite of the fact that it has been our home for over four years."

He will fight Laindon for the Conservatives, with Mr. Ernest Laine—there are two seats going in the ward. A commodity broker in the City, Mr. Payne is Vice-Chairman of Laindon Young Conservatives, which he formed a year ago with his election agent, Derek Banks. The Group are now strong.

Apart from politics, his other interests are swimming and tennis. Recently he organised a 7,000-name "Hands off Radio Caroline" petition supporting off-air radio.

Born in Hackney, his family moved to Pitsea soon after he was born. He has lived in Laindon 11 years.

And the election slogan? "Laindon's gain is Laine and Payne."



Mr. and Mrs. Shuffebotham and their Collie, Laine.

Youngest candidate

YOUNGEST candidate so far to stand for Basildon Council in the May elections is 22-years-old Mr. Tony Payne, of Victoria Close, Laindon.

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Apart from politics, his other interests are swimming and tennis. Recently he organised a 7,000-name "Hands off Radio Caroline" petition supporting off-air radio.

Born in Hackney, his family moved to Pitsea soon after he was born. He has lived in Laindon 11 years.

And the election slogan? "Laindon's gain is Laine and Payne."

Lost boy, aged five, walked home - five miles away!

WHEN IT comes to initiative, little five-years-old Paul Dove ought to jump to the top of the class. For when he lost his parents in Basildon on Saturday he toddled off on his own all the way back to Wickford—a distance of over five miles!

While his parents and Police were hunting for him in Basildon, Paul turned up at his home in West Beach Avenue. A neighbour found him crying on the doorstep and took him in.

The marathon walk took him along Broadway, past four roundabouts, across the traffic-crammed Arterial Road and through Wickford High Street. "It was a miracle he came to no harm," said a Police spokesman.

It all started when Paul's parents decided to take him, his younger brother Lee (3) and cousin Matthew (4) on a shopping expedition to Basildon.

"The boys do not like shopping," said Mr. George Dove afterwards, "and we left them in the car in a car park while we shopped into a shop."

Evidently Paul decided to go and look for us and could not trace his way back to the car. He then decided to walk home. In the meantime, Mr. Dove

and his wife Eve returned to find Paul missing from the car. After a frantic search they notified the Police, who joined in the hunt, too.

After over two hours, Mr. Dove decided to run his wife, who was by now desperate with worry back to Wickford before continuing the search himself.

They were met by a neighbour, who said Paul had turned up a short while before.

"We were flabbergasted," said Mr. Dove. "We had no idea he would walk home."

His wife added: "It was a wonder he found the way as we have only taken him to Basildon twice before."

Paul told his parents that only little boys who had earned their korb drill at school could have crossed "the big roads."

Worn-out Paul recovered from his walk with an early night's sleep. On Sunday morning he was "none the worse for wear."

Said his mother: "This will make no difference to me as I'll still walk him to school every morning. But when we go shopping in future he's coming with us!"

Shop workers to discuss 5-day shopping week

SO MUCH has been spoken about a five-day week for shops in Basildon, but so far the views of the shop workers themselves have not been sought.

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers plan to put this right on Wednesday, when they are organising a meeting of the shop workers at St. Martin's Church Hall.

Said a Union spokesman this week: "We hear a great deal about what the shop owners think and we believe it is high time the actual workers had a say on the matter."

BECAME A BOSS — GOT 30s. A WEEK PROFIT

WHEN A Laindon man launched his own business, his £18 a week earnings as an unskilled worker dropped to 30s. a week profit as his own boss.

After two years 24-years-old Roger William Peirce, of Vaughan Williams Road, Laindon, filed his bankruptcy petition. He had gross liabilities of £1,115 and his only asset was the £5 he used to file his petition.

"I expect you now realise you can earn more money by being employed than as an employer," the Registrar (Mr. Francis Hales) said at his public examination at Southend Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday.

He described the young Laindon father's venture into business as a plant hire and building contractor as "clearly a speculation and rash and hazardous."

The £18-a-week factory worker promised to continue paying 10s. a week for the benefit of his creditors. He blamed his failure on under-estimating, a dispute as to value of work done, lack of experience and £572 losses on cars, which included a Mini Cooper.

Peirce said when he launched the business he had been in and out of the building trade and thought I would like to have a go. His capital was £4 in cash and £217 interest in a car.

He bought plant on H.P. and operated on a bank overdraft, carrying out work on paths, footings, property extensions, car parks and a £1,500 job on a garage bungalow.

No serious objections

NO SERIOUS objections were raised when the South Green Area Committee of Billericay Residents' Association approached people living in Highfield Road to ask what they thought about the proposed closure of 150ft. of the road, from the junction with Southend Road, to motor vehicles.

The road will not be closed to pedestrians. A link road has been laid between Highfield Road and Outwood Common Road.

The residents' views on the closure, together with the Committee's observations on the poor lighting in the roads concerned, have been sent to Basildon Council.

Liberals busy

THE ANNUAL party was held at St. Peter's Hall by Wickford Liberal Association last week. This was the first of a series of social and fund raising events planned by the Association for 1967, and the evening was a complete success both financially and socially. The Fighting Fund for the April May election was further enhanced by a raffle held by the Association on Saturday. In the coming few weeks the Association propose to announce the Liberal candidates who will stand in the U.D.C. elections in May and at the same time a decision will be made concerning the E.C.C. election.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON

BASILDON GOLF COURSE Application for Season Tickets

It is anticipated that the golf course will be opened to the public on May 10, 1967, and applications for season tickets are now invited from residents or persons working in the urban district. The classes of tickets available are as follows:

FULL SEASON TICKET (seven days, with priority on Saturdays, Sunday and Bank Holiday mornings)	per annum	£15.15.0
FIVE-DAY SEASON TICKET (excludes Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays)	per annum	£10.10.0
FIVE-DAY SEASON TICKET, OLD AGE PENSIONERS (play to commence before 5 p.m.)	per annum	£7. 7.0
FIVE-DAY SEASON TICKET, JUNIOR — not over 18 and receiving full-time education (play to commence before 5 p.m.)	per annum	£4. 4.0

All season ticket holders will normally be given priority on renewal over any other applications.

Applications for tickets should be addressed to THE TREASURER, BASILDON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL, 88 TOWN SQUARE, BASILDON, and be accompanied by a remittance for the appropriate amount. In addition the following information should be given:

- In the case of non-residents the name and address of employer
- Old age pensioners should quote their pension book number
- Juniors should quote their age at May 10 and the school or college at which they are receiving education

All applications will be acknowledged, but tickets will not be issued until shortly before the opening date

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FACTORY GOSSIP



Show dogs will be so comfortable!

SIX THOUSAND top dogs are on parade at Cruft's, Britain's major dog show, today (Friday) and tomorrow.

But for 300 lucky dogs Cruft's will be more comfortable than usual this year. Fifty-five modern glass-fibre benches have been substituted for the old wooden ones, thanks to Rydgetway Plastics, the Basildon glass-fibre specialists.

"Everything is made of glass-fibre on the new benches," said Rydgetway director Mr. A. J. le Boutillier. "We hope we have started a revolution in the dog show world."

"The new benches and partitions are, of course, much lighter than the old ones and are easier and quicker to assemble. They are also easier to clean, which is an important point when you are dealing with several thousand dogs."

Rydgetway are hoping big orders for more benches will follow. But they only just managed to get the benches to Cruft's in time.

"The first three weeks ago destroyed our store," said Mr. le Boutillier. "About half the benches had already been completed and we had to start again. It was only through a very good effort by our staff that we were able to meet the deadline."

Testing the benches in the picture above is Zana, a collie owned by Rydgetway director Mr. Ron Meadows.

They'll be showing off!

FOR the first time in several years the Engineering Industries Association are staging an exhibition within easy reach of Basildon.

The exhibition, first of six the Association will hold in the South of England this year, is at Chelmsford Civic Centre on February 14th/15th.

One local firm who are not missing the opportunity are E.S.L. Engineers, now in their fifth year on Basildon's No. 2 Industrial Estate.

"This is the first time since we have been in Basildon that we have had the chance to exhibit in one of these local shows," said E.S.L. General Manager Mr. S. M. Wassell. "If it is the success we expect it to be, we will go to most of their other southern exhibitions this year."



Mr. William Mills, of E.S.L. Engineering (who lives at Sheshall, Lee Chapel North), pictured with some of the products.

Makers of precision instrument gears, E.S.L. are mainly engaged in sub-contract engineering work for firms like Marconi and Teleflex all over the country.

When they came to the New Town from Clapton they employed only seven men. Today the figure stands at 21.

"Most of our expansion has come in the last 18 months," said Mr. Wassell. "It has been in spite of the labour situation and the credit squeeze."

"The labour position here has always been difficult. Good men are difficult to



Linda Howard (19) and Patricia Borcham (19) on the cosmetic packing line at Rosedale, Ltd., of Billericay.

get and most of them are already working for someone else!"

In the last year E.S.L. have added three new gear-cutting machines, two capstan lathes and a grinding machine to their workshop.

"The biggest drawback of the squeeze has been the way customers hang on to their money," said Mr. Wassell. "Orders still come in at the same rate, but the money takes a little longer!"

A convention?

THE Basildon-based Essex Exporters' Association hope to hold an export-boasting convention later this year. Southend was named as a likely venue when the Association met this week.

Said Treasurer Mr. D. W. Clarke: "We hope Southend Corporation will let us sponsor a two-day convention in the Cliffs Pavilion. It would cover all forms of exporting. I think this has great possi-

bilities and would certainly put us on the map." Mr. Clarke, who heads the Association's committee set up to inquire into air freight facilities, reported on a visit to Southend Airport. "I live nearby," he said, "but I was amazed at the development there I didn't know about. Southend is essentially a short-haul airport, but there is no reason why there can't be scheduled services from Southend to another country's international airport if the freight was there. "If we go into the Common Market Southend will become important."

Rotary Hoes sales increased

INCREASES in sales at home and overseas are announced by Howard Rotavator Co. Ltd., one of the Rotary Hoes Group. During 1966 the U.K. company sold farm machinery to the value of just over £5 million, 55 per cent of which went to 110 countries overseas. Export sales showed an increase of 22 per cent over 1965 and home sales, an increase of three per cent.

The largest export market was the U.S.A., followed by West Germany, Japan, Greece, Canada and South Africa.

In addition, the group manufactures and sells machines in France, Australia and Germany to the value of about £25 million.

Undergraduate of Rome University



Carmelo Labbadia (24), seen above, is a Billericay factory worker with a difference. Firstly, he is Italian, and, secondly, he flies home to Rome on holiday three times a year—free of charge!

Reason? He is entitled to privilege travel facilities by Alitalia, the Italian airline, because his father is a pilot with them.

A student of electronic engineering at Rome University, Carmelo is working at Essex Engineering Ltd., to gain some practical experience in the field of general engineering before taking his finals in July, 1968. He settled in this country in Romford last August, when he married an English girl, Anita (21), and he flies home every four months to visit his parents and keep in touch with the university.

Why does he want to live in Britain? "I like the people and I like the food," Carmelo replied. "The standard of living in this country, too, is better than that of Italy, and if I could find a job in England that suited me after I have passed my exams I would happily spend the rest of my life here," he said.

Carmelo, however, is already putting some of his knowledge into practice. His pride and joy is an Alfa Romeo sports saloon car, and he spends most of his leisure hours maintaining it in first-class condition and tune.

A different take-over

ROSEDALE Products Ltd., of Billericay, manufacturers of the famous aerosol hair lacquer, have recently taken over one of their competitors, Fassett and Johnson, Ltd., of Sydenham.

The main reason behind the take-over is not, however, to put Fassett and Johnson out of business, but to take advantage of their distribution system.

Explained the Production Director of Fassett and Johnson, Ltd., Mr. K. N. Emery, who has the responsibility for integrating the two companies:—

"Ever since Rosedale moved to Billericay in 1959 they have been going from strength to strength and now they have expanded their output and their range of products to such an extent that their distri-

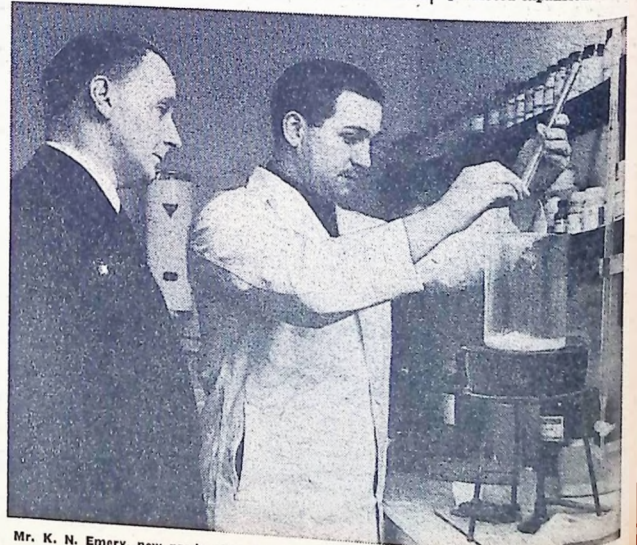
bution department is hard put to keep up with it all.

"My company, however, has a comprehensive and very efficient system of distribution which is capable of handling all the articles produced by Rosedale Products, Ltd., who will, of course, also take over all of Fassett and Johnson's manufacturing contracts."

There are three production lines in operation at Rosedale's at the moment, but when the transfer from Sydenham to Billericay is complete, in about two weeks' time, it is hoped that two more lines will be started up.

And far from their being any redundancies at Rosedale's as a result of the take-over, it is planned to increase the factory staff by about 20.

"The combination of the two companies will lead to a more efficient business all round," said Mr. Emery. This, in turn, should lead to a greater output and more orders and we shall need extra staff to cope with our predicted expansion."



Mr. K. N. Emery, new production director, and Mr. R. Bollman seen in the laboratory at Rosedale, Ltd., of Billericay.

Basildon Carnival Association balance is 9s. 8d.—but it's in the red!

WHEN BASILDON CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION HELD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING ON FRIDAY THE CHAIRMAN, MR. MICK WILLIS, REPORTED THAT THE BANK BALANCE WAS 9s. 8d. IN THE RED! IT WAS REVEALED THAT THE ACCOUNTS FOR 1966 HAD NOT YET BEEN AUDITED AND THERE WAS NO PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 1966.

These facts brought Mr. George King-Craven to his feet for a long and searching interrogation of Mr. Willis, who took over the Treasurer's job as a stop-gap during the year in addition to the Secretaryship.

"You were quoted last year as saying you were out of the red after the Carnival," said Mr. King-Craven, "and since then the Association has had a successful dance—how then are you still in the red?"

Mr. Willis replied that he had made the statement in the heat of the moment, without taking all the expenses into account.

"If I was only a Treasurer none of this would have happened," said Mr. Willis. "When I have only one job I can do it well, but when you have three jobs in one Association one of them has to get less time."

"I would have thought one of the most important jobs was the reporting of public money," replied Mr. King-Craven.

Mr. Willis asked the meeting to accept the statements subject to audit, and he promised that audited copies of both would be issued within a month.

"Everything has not yet been sorted out on the '66 accounts," Mr. Willis explained, "the figures presented by the ex-Treasurer never made any real sense in terms of cash. Now I don't suppose everything ever will be sorted out."

"I did most of the accounts myself in 1966," Mr. Willis went on, "and they were not particularly in the form an accountant likes. There was a lot of work to do in sorting out."

Finally, Mr. King-Craven brought all the discussion to an end. "Having criticised and deplored the accounts," he said, "I now propose they be accepted."

And they were accepted by the meeting, subject to audited balance sheets being issued both to Press and members within 30 days.

"Finance is always a sticky subject," said Mr. Willis. "I am glad George was able to come along. If I had been on the floor I would

have said exactly the same as he did."

PLEA FOR SUPPORT

Earlier in the meeting Mr. Willis had presented the Chairman's report. It was, in the main, one of restrained optimism.

The main complaint he had was one of shortage of members to help last year. He congratulated a "hard-working committee" on their efforts, however, and commented that from the number of people who turned up at the meeting (there were over 20) it was reasonable to expect more support for this year's carnival.

In particular he called for "inter-association" between the Carnival Committee and the Community Associations. "It would help both the Carnival Association and ourselves in a number of ways," he said, and went on to outline his dream for the future of a town show, in which the Carnival Association organised and co-ordinated floats, and made arrangements for various sports, like cycling and athletics, to hold



The new Committee of the Basildon Carnival Association pictured after their election at the annual meeting on Friday. They are: Chairman, Mr. Mick Willis; new Vice-President, Mr. George King-Craven; Secretary, Mrs. P. Hart; Treasurer, Mr. R. Hellings; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Coleman-Wood.

competitions on the day.

"We feel we put on a good show," he said, "but it is nothing like as good as some of those put on in other new towns. Basildon seems to have no entertainment soul, just houses, factories and shops."

He also told members that the Committee wanted to support the Multiple Sclerosis Society, which is forming a branch in the Basildon area in the near future, as their charity this year. The Committee gave their unanimous support to this decision.

Officers elected: Chairman, Mr. Mick Willis; Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. Coleman-Wood; Secretary, Mrs. P. Hart, whose address is 1, Lincroft, Kingswood, Basildon; Treasurer, Mr. R. Hellings; Committee, Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Riches, Miss Riches, Mrs. Hellings, Mrs. Willis and Messrs. M. Clark, R. Abbott and J. Abbott.

ALL OR NOTHING

BECAUSE tenants of two properties bought by Basildon Council in Tyelands, Billericay, for rehousing purposes do not wish to buy their homes, four other tenants cannot buy theirs.

The Council bought the six properties when they started redeveloping the Beams Way Estate at South Green, and it was agreed then that they should not be sold unless all the occupants were willing to purchase.

The Housing Committee decided to adhere to this decision at their last meeting.

WESLEY GUILD

Wickford Methodist Wesley Guild held a devotional meeting in the Church Hall on Wednesday week. Guest speaker was the Minister, Rev. Brian Gameon, who gave a talk entitled "Prayers of Reconciliation."

DUTY CHEMISTS

BASILDON

Timothy White and Taylor, Ltd., 21, Town Square, and David James (Whitmore), Ltd., 98, Whitmore Way, will be duty chemists for week commencing Monday, 13th February. They will be open every weeknight (except Wednesday and Saturday) from 6 to 7 p.m. David James (Whitmore), Ltd., will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday and from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday (February 12th).

WICKFORD

L. A. Garbett, 23, High Street, Wickford, and M. W. Shadforth, 68, High 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 noted on door of both shops).

BILLERICAY

M. W. Shadforth, 47, High Street, Billericay, will be duty chemist for week commencing Monday, 13th February. 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.

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YOUNGSTERS SEEN ABOVE WERE AT BARLEYLANDS SOCIAL CLUB'S CHILDREN'S PARTY HELD AT THE COUNCIL DEPOT, BARLEYLANDS, ON SATURDAY.

At the jumble sale!



Ann Heinson (3½) is seen with some of the articles offered for sale at Billericay Archaeology Society's jumble sale in the Recreation Room, Billericay, on Saturday.



This picture was taken at Pitsea St. Michael's Junior Sunday School party held at the Church Hall on Saturday.



Choir and Committee members of Basildon Townswomen's Guild pictured at their social held at Bardfield Primary School on Saturday.

At Tory conference



Speakers at the Billericay, Basildon and Brentwood Young Conservatives' conference in Laindon on Sunday are seen above. They are with Mr. John Biss-Davison (M.P. for Chigwell) and Mr. Robert McGrindle (former candidate for Thurrock).

Below: A picture taken at the Basildon and Pitsea St. John Ambulance Brigade Nursing Division's first social, which was held at Bowers Gifford Community Centre on Saturday.



The Postmaster of Billericay (Mr. R. V. Spicer) was one of the many people who had a very enjoyable time at the Post Office social and dance in the Women's Institute Hall, Billericay, on Saturday.



Seen at the Royal Life-boat Institution's dance at the Bull's Eye, Basildon, on Friday were Mr. Chio Henbest, the Chairman of Basildon Urban Council (Coun. A. Baron-Burn) and his wife, the President of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, branch (Mr. R. H. Allsop), Mr. Jack Sheppard (Secretary of that organisation) and Mr. Howard Pembroke.



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Council debate said to be a disgrace

PATHETIC, DISGRACEFUL were words used at a Billericay Residents' Association Executive Committee meeting on Friday to describe Basildon Council's recent debate on the controversial Billericay High Street Report.

Committee member Mr. Jim Hopkins based a plea to the Association to put up independent candidates for the local elections in May on a blistering speech accusing the present Council of being unfit to govern.

"It has never been my misfortune to witness such a disgraceful exhibition by the elected representatives of this Urban District as I saw at January's Council meeting and I have seen a few petulant displays over the years," said Mr. Hopkins.

"The standard of debate and the partisan approach brought to bear were pathetic. Monotonously a 14-12 vote came up nearly every time 14 Conservative and 12 Labour votes.

"Does anyone really think that you can put 26 sincere individuals together and arrive at the same ratio of voting every time?"

"Of course not. The plain truth was that many of them had insufficient guts to act according to their individual consciences and the party line became the all important yardstick whatever their personal inclinations.

"These people have the cheek to consider themselves worthy of representing the electorate. If they had any real self-respect they would all resign. No sane person could ever condone such a time-wasting and childish display."

Must fight

"I was so incensed over the handling of such an important issue affecting this town's future that I came to this meeting with one main object—to beg the Association to put independent councillors in the forthcoming elections.

"We must fight the election, knowing as we do the present state of affairs in the Council Chamber."

Then, turning to the report itself, Mr. Hopkins went on that one benefit that resulted from the Council meeting was that via the Press the people of Billericay and the Urban District would probably take a deeper interest in the High Street's future, and he put the motion that—

"This Executive Committee reiterate to the Council its agreement in principle with the adoption and implementation as soon as possible of a High Street plan to prevent the further deterioration of the High Street."

• With that object in

view, we urge the Council to ensure that the Study Group appointed start studying and become effective immediately, and hold meetings regularly at which representatives of interested associations are allowed to attend as observers without the right to vote, but with the right to speak.

• A town forum be held within the next month during which the salient features of the current plan are put before the ratepayers, thus ensuring full knowledge of the alternatives available and allowing traders and commercial concerns to be fully aware of the possible effects on their businesses.

• We feel that it is only by these means that adequate discussion, ventilation, fact-finding and communication will result.

Discussing the motion, Treasurer Mr. George Grimwood had one reservation. "At the moment we have got a hotchpotch High Street and, although we all agree this is a well conceived plan, I want to make sure of just what we are going to preserve," he said.

"Just because a building is old doesn't mean that it's worth preserving, and some of the places scheduled for preservation in the report are not worth a light."

Assistant Secretary Mr. Brian Longdon agreed, but he said: "One of the faults of High Street plan, lying in the past has been the lack of a general plan. 'The sooner we get an overall plan the sooner rational development can go forward. A plan can always be reviewed and modified every five years in the light of changing circumstances."

Summing up, Chairman Mr. John Abbott said: "The present plan is a bold and imaginative scheme. Some people, no doubt, are bound to get hurt putting it into effect, but when you are talking about the future of the town some sacrifice is necessary if we are going to preserve what's left of Billericay's charm."

The motion was passed unanimously. Afterwards Mr. Abbott drew attention to the fact that it was only exclusive disclosures about the report by the "Standard" on January 6th that precipitated its publication.

"It was only the courageous action of the Press in revealing this report that forced the Council to bring the whole business out into the open," he said.

A motion commending the Press over their handling of the affair was passed unanimously.

Triple death inquest

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"Yes," said Mr. Turner. Mr. D. M. Cudde, counsel for Mr. Grant's widow, asked why he had not pulled further into the investigation.

"Because of cars in the Southend-bound track. They would have hit me," said Mr. Turner.

P.C. John Burrows said the lorry was 24ft. 6in. long, 17ft. 6in. wide. When he measured the rear of the lorry, he found it was projecting into the Southend-bound carriage-way.

On the cars were severely damaged, but on the lorry there was only scratches and scuffs at the rear.

Tyres on both cars were in good condition. The Mini had been woundly fitted with two radial tyres on one side, but he did not think this relevant if the driver did not brake or swerve.

AN INVESTIGATION

Chief - Inspector Canham described the triple fatality as a "terrible accident."

Resulting from it an investigation had been carried out on all inter-sections of the Southend Arterial Road and it was obvious that where vehicles of considerable length were turning, some part of them would protrude into the overtaking lane.

He had submitted a report on these inter-sections to the Road authority and he was fairly sure that they had taken note of it and some action was being taken, either to stop up the Burrows inter-section or produce a roundabout.

He added a reminder that the Southend Arterial Road was not a motorway and it was not correct to say it had a "fast lane." It was an overtaking lane. The circumstances of the deaths of the three men seemed to show that the drivers took for granted that if the road was clear they could stay in the outside lane and carry on at a very fast speed. This accident might have been avoided if they returned to the inside lane, having possibly overtaken traffic some distance from the junction."

Film show

THE BASILDON Community Association Cine Club are to try running film shows for local people again. They will hold the first show on February 21st at the Community Centre.

The Cine Club tried to hold film shows some time ago, but after four attempts with very little support they decided to give up. Now they have made their own screen, fitted with footlights and curtains, and they want to try again.

All residents are invited to attend the film show, and for further details they should contact the Warden or his deputy. One of them is on duty at the Centre on every evening of the week.

BACK AGAIN

Back to Laidon Darby and Joan Club's meeting on Friday after a long illness came oldest member Mr. Tom Tolman. Arrangements were made for a visit to the London Palladium, after which a lively programme of song and dances was provided by Mr. and Mrs. F. White, Mrs. Divine, Mrs. Chapman and helpers served tea.

ADVENTUROUS EATING CAN HAVE ITS DRAWBACKS!

Especially stomach upsets!

BASILDON COUNCIL'S Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Patrick O'Dwyer) has blamed "the more adventurous attitude towards eating habits which the people of this country have embraced willingly, accepted passively, or unwillingly submitted to," for the high incidence of gastric infections in the area.

He was replying to a letter from Billericay Residents' Association who asked if the source of the infections had been established, and if so what steps were proposed to deal with the situation.

In the letter, read out at the Association's Executive Committee meeting on Friday, Dr. O'Dwyer said—

"For some years there has been a high incidence of gastric upset throughout the country and the local pattern has been very similar to the national pattern."

"Generally, those affected have suffered more inconvenience than discomfort and only a very small number of cases come to my notice officially be-

cause of some special circumstances, such as association with the sale of foods."

"Investigation in the past has usually failed to reveal the cause and I am afraid that the most I can say is that there appears to be some connection between these attacks and the more adventurous attitude towards eating habits which the people of this country have embraced willingly, accepted passively, or unwillingly submitted to in accordance with their personal predilections."

Going spare

A Billericay Hackney Carriage Plate has been surrendered and Basildon Council are inviting applications for it.

HAS CAR THIEF A GRUDGE AGAINST PRESS?

HAS BASILDON a car thief with a grudge against the Press?

On Wednesday a car owned by David Cook, photographer on the "Standard's" rival newspaper, the "Basildon Recorder," was stolen from the Town Centre car park behind his office.

The theft comes exactly a week after "Standard" reporter Tony Blandford's car was stolen from the Great Oaks car park.

Both were Fords of a similar design. David Cook's was a white Popular, XJN 499. Tony Blandford's was a light grey Anglia, SYX 206.

A RESIGNATION

Liasion officer for Lee Chapel North Community Association—Labour Coun. Ken Tyson—had resigned. In a letter to the Association he says this is because he has moved from Lee Chapel to another part of the New Town. He now lives at Priors Close, Barstable.

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ROAD SAFETY — SLUGGISH CIVIL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION IS BLAMED

THE FOLLOWING statement was issued this week by Coun. Kenneth Tyson, a member of the Council Works Committee:—

"Much has been written and debated about the rising motorway crossing."

"The recent decision made by the Works Committee asked the Engineer to look into the question of a light-controlled pedestrian crossing."

"I pointed out at this meeting a bridge or an alternative crossing was intended. What worries me is the length of time that elapses before a decision is made. Any crossing can be provided by the Ministry of Transport

are the final arbiters in matters of this sort, but must people die on the roads before something is done? Local authorities all over the country are faced with the problem of solving Ministry of Transport sanction and suffer the same fate as ourselves.

"I do not blame the political parties entirely for these circumstances, but I do blame the sluggish and grinding administration of the Civil Service who serve the needs of the Government of this day."

"Road Safety in these days is of paramount importance, much lip service is paid to it, but I do not believe there is

enough being done in preventive measures, to check the rising accident rate."

"As a member of the Road Safety Panel I have now asked that this Panel be made into a full committee; the Panel at present is in need of revitalising and needs a new look."

"I will attempt as long as I am a member of the Council to give the Committee some teeth."

"Road Safety concerns us all and every member of the public must contribute. Where we find the system is laden with safety officialdom we must combat it with commonsense and logic and pursue it to the bitter end."

"We on the Labour Group have committed ourselves to the task of improving Road Safety matters."

EXPORT

ESSEX EXPORTERS' CHAIRMAN



SIR RICHARD BONALACK

... describes his own vehicle body-building company's £200,000 revenue from exports as "not much." But it includes business with Russia and is increasing.

BRITAIN'S FUTURE depends on exports—and so does Basildon's.

This exclusive "Standard" investigation into the working of the district's export factories will come as an eye-opener to many. From it, it is clear that Basildon supplies more than two per cent of Britain's total exports.

Our photonews team have talked at shopfloor level and in boardrooms to the men on whom the prosperity of Basildon depends.

- What help does Britain give its exporters?
- What are their problems?
- What does the future hold?

The following eight pages give a perceptive insight into just what makes the factories of Basildon tick.

SO you don't believe in magic? Try this simple experiment: Walk up to the reception desk in any factory and whisper the all-powerful word "Export."

Doors open, eager executives welcome you to their close-carpeted and leather-armchaired state rooms, telephones buzz, red dots on world maps are enthusiastically explained.

If Britain is on the way down, as so many people are ready to tell you, don't expect to find the cause of the trouble behind a door marked "Export Manager."

Exporting is not easy. In fact, as Mr. Eric Gregory (works director of the Albert Mann Engineering Company) will tell you: "People who talk glibly about export just don't know how damn difficult it can be."

Mr. Gregory should know. Well over half Albert Mann's heavy engineering machinery goes abroad and the percentage is increasing, putting the firm in the forefront of Basildon's own export drive.

The idea that Basildon should have its own export drive may strike you as funny. It's no joke.



Mr. Philip Bulpitt (Carreras' assistant managing director): "To achieve a national export - import balance does not require much of a swing."

BIG FIVE

From one Basildon factory alone — the £20 million Ford tractor plant — are exported several hundred tractor units per day, a figure which has worked out at around one per cent of Britain's total exports. Its cash value? About £40 million a year.

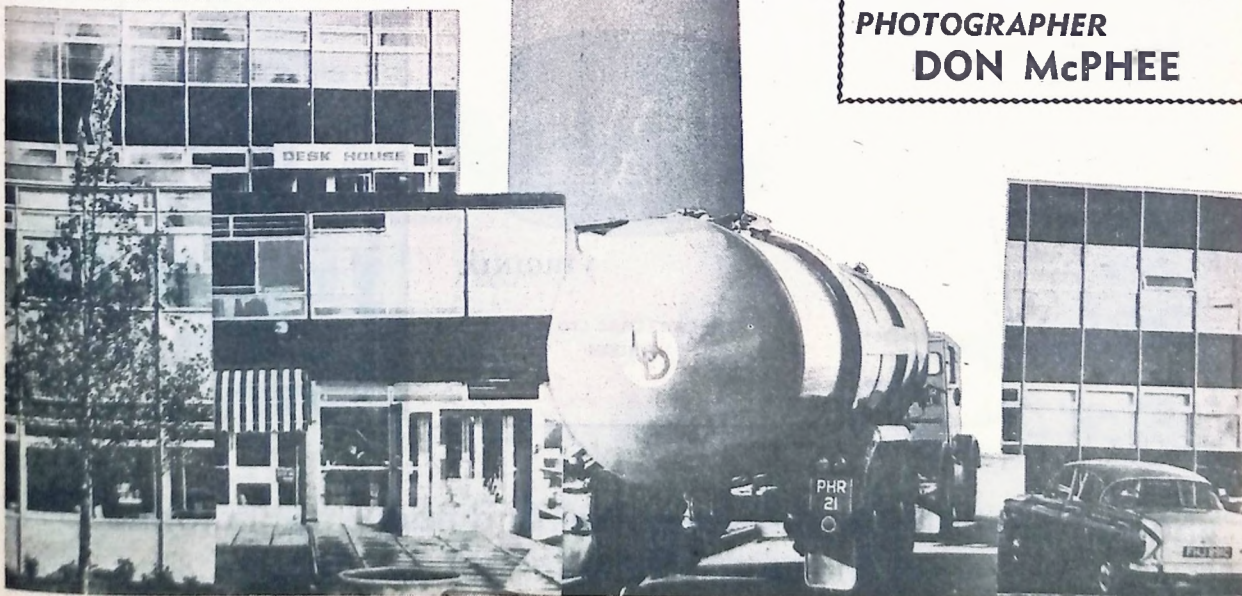
To this can be added Carreras' contribution. Their claim to 65 per cent of Britain's tobacco exports must be worth something like £12 million a year.

Standard Telephones, of course, have more than one factory in Britain. The

20-acre Basildon site is the headquarters of the transmission group. The product is complete communications systems. The customers are usually governments or government

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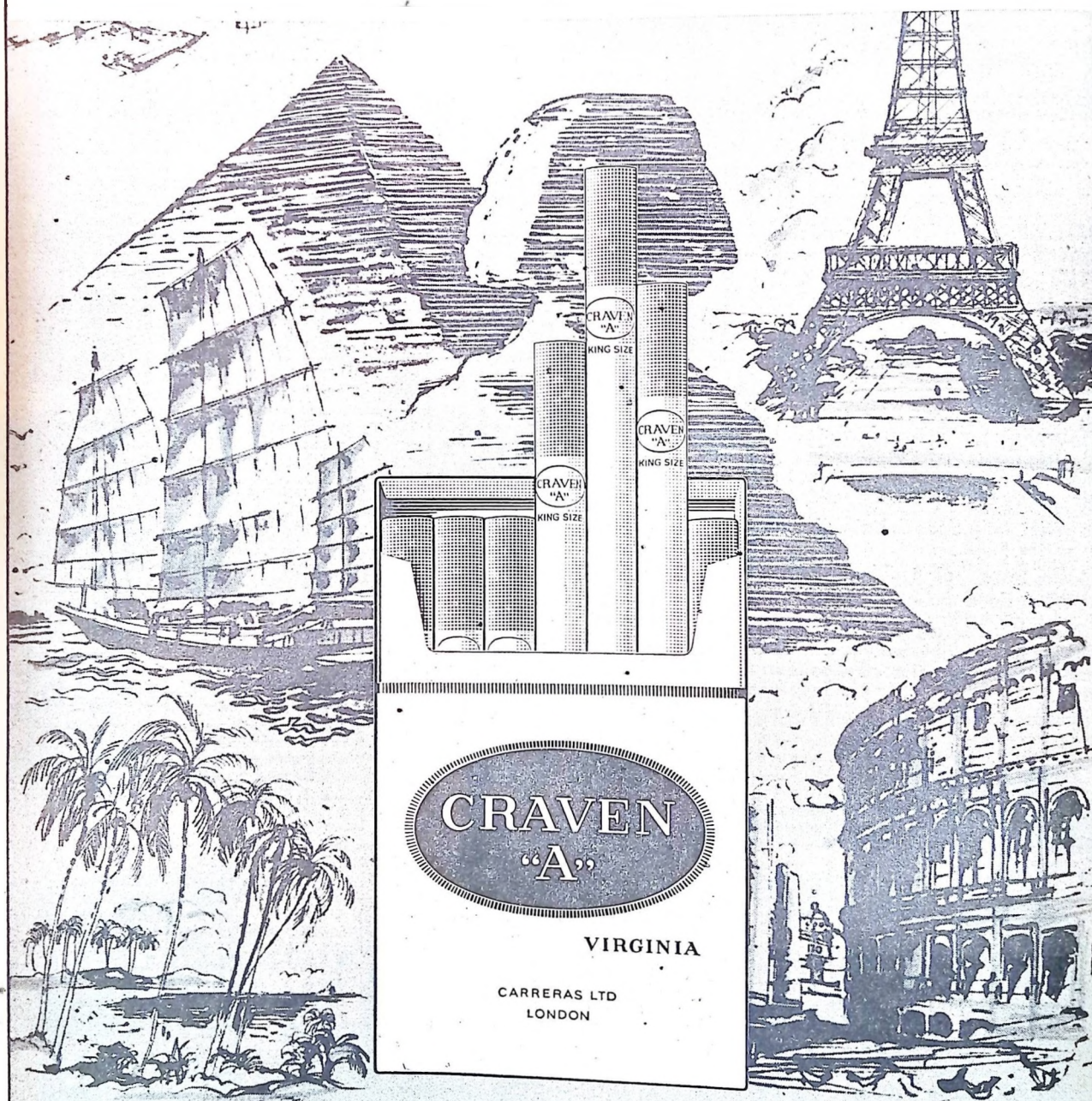
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departments. The talk is of hundreds of thousands of even millions of pounds per order.
Basildon's biggest warehouse is almost certainly the vast building on the Ilford factory site, housing perhaps half a million pounds' worth of film and chemicals. Apart from

manufacturing photographic chemicals the Basildon factory is the distribution point for the biggest British producers of photographic materials — Ilford Ltd.
Their annual income from export is about £8 million.
Marconi's are another firm with far more than

just a Basildon works to consider. Basildon's aeronautical division is alone responsible for about £21 millions of yearly income from abroad.
Ford, Carreras, S.T.C., Ilford, Marconi — five Basildon factories. Total revenue export each year: approaching £70 million.

Export—the key to the future

There are many more large companies in Basildon who are in this market in a big way. The heat is on for others to follow suit.
With a tightening-up of the home purse-strings export becomes more than just a way to win kudos or to play at big-

Phillip Bulpitt, as their President and Sir Richard Bonallack as their Chairman.

Sir Richard Bonallack told a reporter: "We have held six meetings since then. Attendances have been steady, membership has reached 110. The atmosphere is very encouraging indeed. This is no 'old boy' network. It is an association with a job to do, and it is beginning to tackle it."

DOUBLE CZECH

"The Board of Trade aren't always too bright," said one Basildon manager.

"We were investigating the Eastern European market, so I rang the London office and asked for the Czech section. They gave me the cashier."

time business. It becomes a major lifeline.

Early last year a meeting was held in a small back room. The subject for discussion was the formation of a local organisation to pool information and contacts in the export market.

In April an inaugural meeting of the Essex Exporters' Association was called in Basildon. Eighty industrialists elected Carreras' assistant managing director, Mr.

EXCITING

"We are preparing a dossier of all the firms belonging to the Association, with notes on their special knowledge, whether it is of documentation or of certain countries."

One of the most important features of the meetings is the opportunity to exchange up-to-date export information.

For example, since the end of last year a boat has been leaving Southampton for Rotterdam every Tuesday. A regular weekly cargo service to Antwerp has now opened.

"If you have any exporting problem whatsoever, don't hesitate to let us know about it," appeals Association Secretary Mr. Bob Sharpe.

So much criticism is heard of antique British sales methods and attitudes to foreigners that

inevitably one tends to accept it as true after a time. The picture of a biased Board of Trade official handing out leaflets in Arabic to customers from Italy was certainly not borne out by the opinions of Basildon's export managers.

Typical of their views was that of Yardley's production director, Mr. H. M. Keegan. "The Board of Trade and the general Government service have always been very helpful indeed to us," he said. "They do their damndest to put the right people in touch. You can find a great deal of help in the Government departments if you look for it."

Eighteen months ago Mr. Donald Smith joined Teleflex in a new department created for him — export liaison officer.

His 32-mile daily drive to work from Sevenoaks in Kent puts him among Basildon's most far-flung commuters.

"The Board of Trade," he said, "will do a very great deal to help you. For example, they will pay half the cost of translating leaflets and half the fare for a representative going to a trade exhibition. Perhaps not everyone knows this."

"But for a small firm wondering about taking the plunge into overseas

A HELPING HAND



International Express director, Mr. Bob Sharpe, and his staff of eleven moved into Radford House — a brand new office block on Billericay Industrial Estate — late last year. The ground floor is unoccupied, but upstairs you will find their spacious office suite. The business is shipping and forwarding.

ARE BRITAIN'S smaller firms neglecting the opportunity to expand through overseas trading?

Mr. Bob Sharpe believes many of them are.

"A lot of the smaller firms in this district are exporting some of their products," he said. "But I think that with a joint effort this country's little companies could be responsible for doubling the national export output."

He is in a good position to assess the situation. For Mr. Sharpe is Secretary of the Essex Exporters' Association and is also in the process of setting up an East Anglian branch of the International Express Company at Billericay. Until last year, when he took on this job, he was Carreras' Export Manager.

"Essex is not the only exporters association," he said. "But most seem to call themselves clubs. We wanted to get away from that impression."

The Association have four working committees and the problem which faces all volunteer bodies. Fitting their meetings in between other commitments.

advice I would be delighted to help."

Spong were founded 106 years before they moved to Basildon in 1962.

They export 41 per cent of what they produce, rate themselves as Britain's leading domestic hardware manufacturers and sell in more than 70 different markets. Two-thirds of their trade is with the Commonwealth. They employ just 250 people.

quietly puffing his pipe behind a large and elderly roll-top desk, "you have got to rely on yourself — and not the Board of Trade. Business men speak the same language, and no Government department can ever do that."

Mr. Spong was one of a select few who did not admit to finding exporting difficult. "But then we have done it for too long to find it difficult," he said. "If anyone rang up and asked our

trade this financial help could be the difference between trying and deciding against."

Said Mr. Bulpitt, of Carreras: "The Board of Trade is run at your cost. You might as well use it."

It was Mr. Donald Spong (managing director of the ex-Tottenham firm known across the world for its kitchen mincers) who put his finger most precisely on the point which others had made.

"In the end," he said,



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EXPORT FRIGHT

"Why," we asked Mr. Spang, "do so many firms balk at the idea of foreign sales?" "People get frightened of the paperwork," he said. "A lot of firms have been so busy in the home market, where documentary work is much easier, that they just can't be bothered. But this will cure itself if the recession goes on. It is a tremendously valuable safeguard to have a good export trade behind you."

In a very different office, high above an enormous car park lined with a battalion of Ford tractors, the same point was made with an air of what almost amounted to relief.

Mr. Derek Bailey works under the label Export Supply Manager, Overseas Tractor Operations.

"You can't," he pointed out, "hope to go on making big tractor sales in a country like Britain. You reach the point where the only sales are replacements."

With about half a million tractors at work in Britain, home sales account for only 25 per cent of production.

Across the world there are three main Ford tractor factories. The Detroit factory supplies the U.S.A.; the Antwerp factory supplies the Common Market; Basildon supplies the rest of the world.

This means South America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia and Australia.

"Africa and the Middle East are our biggest expanding market," said Mr. Bailey.

The biggest competitors are Massey's. "We fight them all round the world," said Mr. Bailey, "and I think we're winning."

The Ford range of four basic types of tractor, priced at between £800 and £1,400 each, are sold by nearly 6,000 dealers.

To beat restrictions and shipping problems Ford can offer three kinds of delivery: the complete tractor, the "semi-knock-down," and the "complete-knock-down" kits.

From the time a firm order is received it will probably be three months before the tractors arrive in the country which has ordered them.

SNAGS

"The problems mainly concern political uncertainties," said Mr. Bailey. "Once your system is going, exporting is not difficult, but you can always come unstuck now and again. Fortunately it's not too difficult finding another customer when 60 tractors are suddenly spare."

The most important feature of exporting, he believes, is sticking to schedule. "This is where British firms fall down too often. Things want building yesterday. Small firms may find problems here."



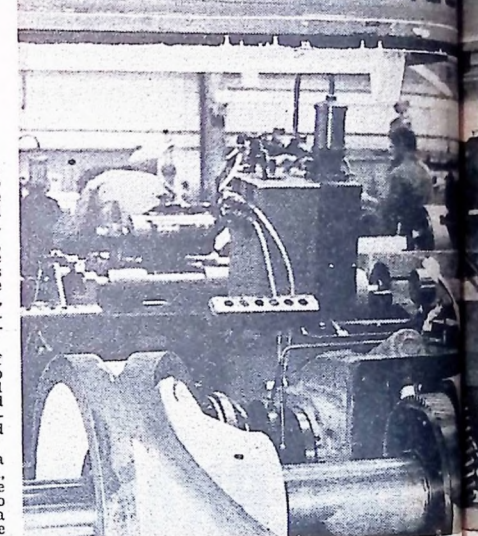
This huge high-speed slab saw is bound for Formosa. Mr. C. Humphries, of Albert Mann's, inspects.

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Subsidiary companies, associated with their export.

BASILDON ENGINE



Strong stuff, this. Albert Mann — one of Basildon's firm.

The £100,000 dot on a map



A Ford tractor from the Basildon factory dangles high above the docks. At this moment several hundred Basildon-made tractors are on the high seas bound for food-hungry under-developed countries across the world.

STANDARD TELEPHONES are of American parentage. Unlike Ford, the relationship is discreet. Said a Standard spokesman very firmly, "The STC board of directors are all British. You are never conscious of American control."

Up to forty per cent of the equipment produced by the Transmission Systems Group goes abroad. STC don't talk about their exports in pounds sterling, but the Basildon export quota must be worth several million pounds a year.

At home the main customer is the G.P.O., who have recently placed a half-million pound order for pulse-code modulation systems.

"We are now expecting similar orders from overseas," said Mr. Charles Peterson confidently. Mr. Peterson is Transmissions Sales Manager and has had personal experience of selling to the Middle East.

Western Europe, Africa, South America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and the Far East have all proved good sales areas for Standard Telephones, as the impressive foyer display proves. Lines of dots on

remote parts of the globe show how man's need to communicate can be worth several hundred thousand pounds per dot.

As Mr. Peterson says, the world is in the middle of a communications explosion. The more telephones people have, the more they want. Demand cannot be satisfied.

"There is a lot of competition; there is also a lot of business," said Mr. Peterson. "Old countries need new systems; new countries need systems quickly."

STC's answer is a team of world salesmen, each of them out of the country for perhaps two months at a time with a few weeks at home between sorties.

Late last year sixteen of their representatives, of varied nationalities, gathered in the huge foyer of the Basildon factory for a sales seminar to keep them up-to-date with the latest advances in multiplex communications.

"To sell abroad, you must have men on the spot," said Mr. Peterson. "If you take a little trouble and you have a good product at a reasonable price it will sell — but you have to go there to sell it. Everyone else does. So must you."

Explorers in the

"EVERYONE ELSE goes abroad. So must you."

It was this kind of thinking that sent Mr. John Chardin, the quietly-spoken Managing Director of Acadex on a world tour three years ago.

Acadex make the fractional horsepower motors that drive many sorts of domestic appliances. They hoped to spread their wings. Did it pay off?

"It paid off indirectly," said Mr. Chardin. "We have had some orders, particularly from New Zealand, but the main result was information about what is happening in other parts of the world."

"It is difficult to get into the export market, because we are producing purpose-built motors. Most countries have their



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Specialist exports light up the world map for Teleflex. Mr. Donald Smith.

COMMON MARKET IS A MUST FOR BRITAIN-INDUSTRY CHIEF SPEAKS OUT

Mr. Gregory, Albert Mann's works director, makes no bones about his views on the Common Market. "Speaking purely personally and from my own knowledge of the industry, I am sure that entry into the Common Market would be to the advantage of the British engineering industry. There are many engineering goods we could sell in Europe if we were not priced out by tariffs.

months there will be visits to answer inquiries from most European countries," said Mr. Gregory.

NOT A GAME

"I think," said Mr. Donald Smith, in his office adjoining the factory where Teleflex make their conveyor equipment and remote control gear, "that the essential thing is that you should really want to export. If you are setting out to do it purely as a fill-in it is no good."

Like almost all his counterparts, he stressed the need to go to the customers.

"A lot of people seem reluctant to travel. If you are not prepared to do this, don't bother to think about exporting. It's no short-cut to think

an agent will do it all for you."

Teleflex, in fact, have had to go the whole hog to capture overseas automotive markets. They have found it necessary to open factories in several European industrial areas. "Not what is really needed to solve Britain's export problem," said Mr. Smith. "But distance is a very important factor in our business."

"Manufacturing has to be done as near as possible to the firm we are supplying. A late delivery for the car industry, for example, can completely disrupt a production line."

"It is so important that it even works against us in Britain, where we find it hard to get orders from some parts of the Midlands because they would rather work with a firm on their doorstep."

TOP GEAR!

THE FACT THAT an article is well made, sells well at home and is apparently foolproof is no guarantee that it will do well abroad.

"We were trying to put our window-opening gear on the American market," said a Teleflex spokesman. "We were not getting anywhere, so we sent someone out there."

"If we had not done this we would never have found out the reason. American windows are frequently fitted with flyscreens. This meant that the gear had to be extended by a couple of inches to allow for the screen."

"This was easy enough to do. But if we had not gone there to find out it would also have been easy enough to lose the orders."

"We want to lose any sentimental notions about supplying the Empire. They will buy where they find it cheapest and best — not from us just because we're British."

The Albert Mann list of major installations, compiled during the last five years, makes formidable reading. To Australia a steel rod processing line; to Japan a continuous rotary casting line; to West Germany a billet saw, chip conveyor and handling equipment; to Spain a rolling mill for a nuclear laboratory. And so the list goes on.

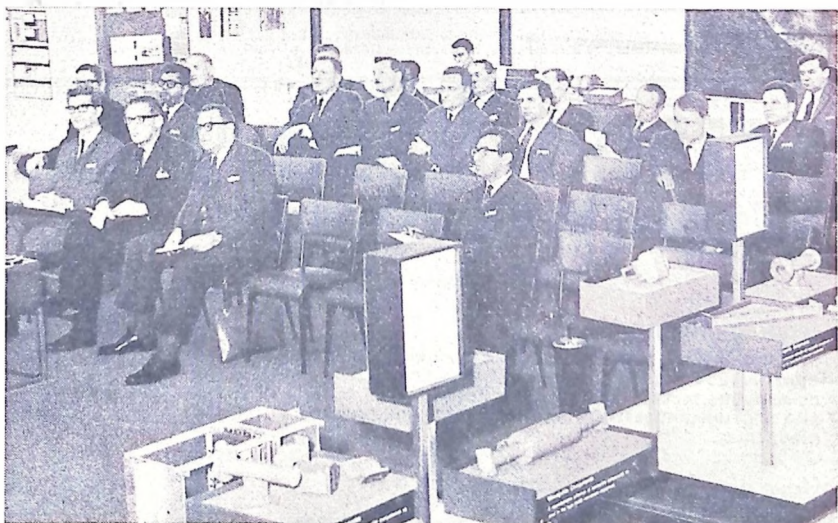
Chief engineer Mr. H. Mitchell has just returned from Hungary, where his path briefly crossed with commissioning engineer Mr. T. Goodman. Installation engineer Mr. I. Walker is off to Eastern Europe. Technical manager Mr. H. W. Brand has been in America.

"In the next twelve

Mr. John Chardin, of Acadex, brought home market knowledge as well as colour slides from his world trip.



Idon's firms — have supplied rolling mills and casting lines to



World sales representatives don't often meet up. But many Standard Telephones representatives were under one roof for a seminar at Basildon.

the Century Style

"This," said Yorkshire-born Works Director Mr. Gregory, "is our foothold in Europe. By far the greater proportion of our output at present is for export, and this has been so for the last two years."

In charge of the foothold is a German engineer. With him are working foreign sales staff.

This, to Mr. Gregory, is

the logical way of attacking the problem. More is needed, he believes, than just sales engineers who can be despatched from Basildon when necessary. "At the moment people will buy British because it is the best," he said. "But if we stay outside Europe we run the risk of falling behind through the lack of interchange of ideas."

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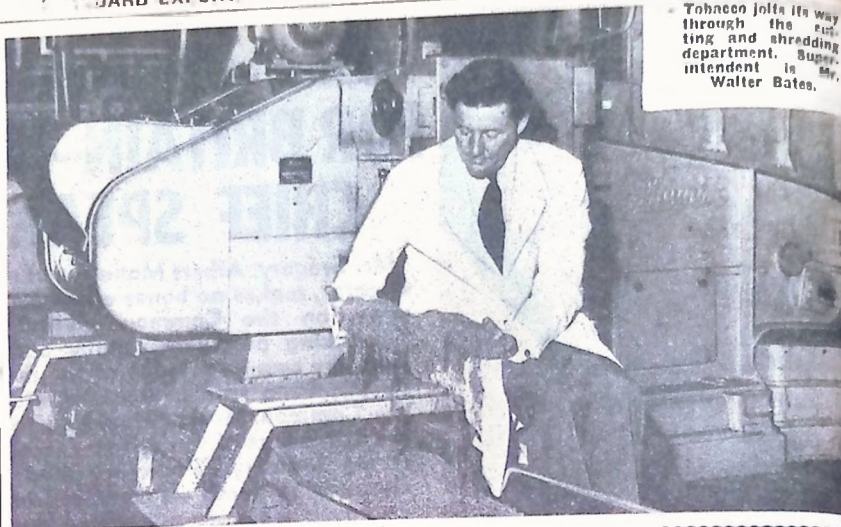
The "architectural" products — an imposing name for the handles and gears that open windows twenty feet above your head — are doing well in Australia, Europe and the United States.

The States are also the number one customer for marine controls, with boat-minded Sweden runners-up. Aircraft controls sell mainly in Europe. The competition

comes from America. Recent prestige order was for the crew seats that will go into the Anglo-French Concorde airliner.

In the field of conveyor equipment — a relatively new departure for the firm — Teleflex are fighting in a tough market.

For three years now they have put expensive displays in European exhibitions. Only recently has the investment paid off. They are now working on a quarter-of-a-million pound order for mechanical handling equipment for Czechoslovakia.



Tobacco joins its way through the sorting and shredding department. Superintendent is Mr. Walter Bates.

CARRERAS' PASSPORT TO INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS

During the past five years Carreras' share of Britain's tobacco export trade has doubled.

Roughly speaking their policy is: — "When possible, export from Britain; when this is

impossible, manufacture abroad."

Mr. Philip Bulpitt, the firm's Assistant Manag-

ing Director and President of the recently-born Essex Exporters' Association, has definite ideas about overseas trading. The Carreras success story is there to back him up.

"There are three possibilities when you come up against a situation that rules out direct exporting," he said.

"You can licence an existing manufacturer in the particular country to produce your products; you can acquire an interest in an existing industry there; you can set up a company there yourself."

"For the first you don't need much capital and you get the local know-how immediately. But you have to share the takings and you have less control than you might like."

"If you acquire an interest, the know-how is there again and so are the personnel. But you have to be able to get on with the people you are going into business with. Good rapport is almost more important than the price."

"The third possibility is to establish your own company."

You start from scratch, but you can take all the profits and you have absolute control.

"Another point then arises. Is it right to do this, especially in an under-developed country?"

His own view is that this is not merely morally wrong, but a doubtful way of creating success.

Carreras' answer to the problem is a striking one in a cynical age when businessmen are accused of out-and-out materialism. But it is proving to be the answer in Islands as far apart as Fiji and Jamaica.

Mr. Bulpitt explains: "A large proportion of the population take five pounds worth of shares in the new company. They take a job there. They use the products. They encourage their friends to do the same. They work hard. You get a tremendous intangible benefit. This is the policy we follow carefully whenever we can."

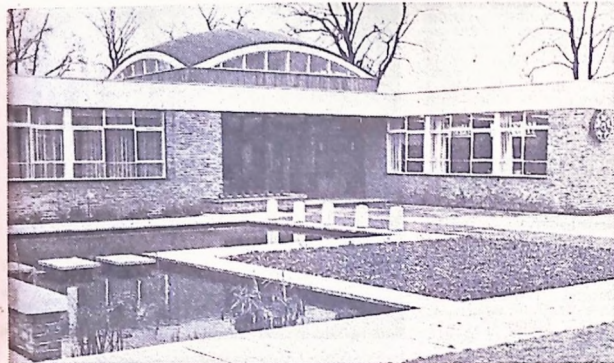
FATE OF A CRATE

PILFERAGE in foreign docks can add up to a major loss, especially if your commodity is a small and easily-sold one — such as Yardley's cosmetics.

But it's not always as simple as that.

One local firm were puzzled because although the crates in which they shipped their goods were obviously being deliberately smashed and torn to pieces, the goods were getting through untouched.

Finally an agent put them wise. "It's the wood from the crates that they're after," he pointed out. "We've got a chronic shortage of firewood here."



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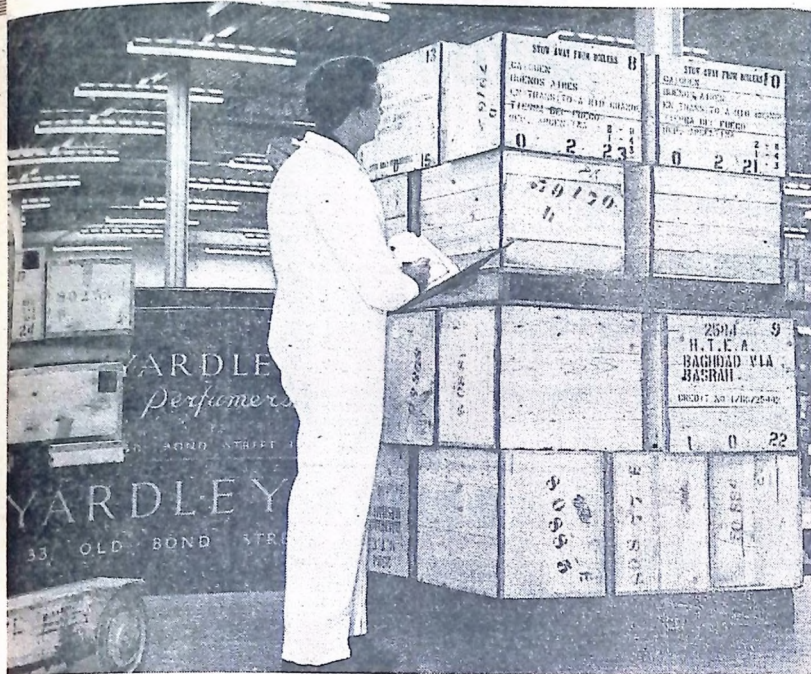
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MANUFACTURING ABROAD is part of the policy of Yardley's—newcomers to Basildon—who export one in three of the perfumes, talcs and lipsticks that come off the conveyors at their brand new Basildon headquarters.

"This," said production director Mr. Keegan, "is in spite of the fact that

we have manufacturing branches in New York, Toronto, Sydney, Cape Town, Mexico, Venezuela, Columbia, Paris, Italy, Bangkok, Singapore and Switzerland." He paused for breath. "Oh, I forgot Dublin."

Like Teleflex, Yardley's have been forced to spread their wings to beat the vast and for-

bidding jungle of regulations that inhibit import and export across the world. But still they retain the title "Britain's biggest exporter of cosmetics."

As in so many other fields the main competitors are the Americans, some of whose cosmetic empires would give even Yardley's—a £14 million company—an inadequacy complex.

The policy is to get business where we can, however we can," said Mr. Keegan. "If we can't do it by direct export we do the next best thing."

Yardley's have always shown adaptability. Perhaps not many people realise that they started out as manufacturers of swords and buckles for men's shoes in the Eighteenth Century.

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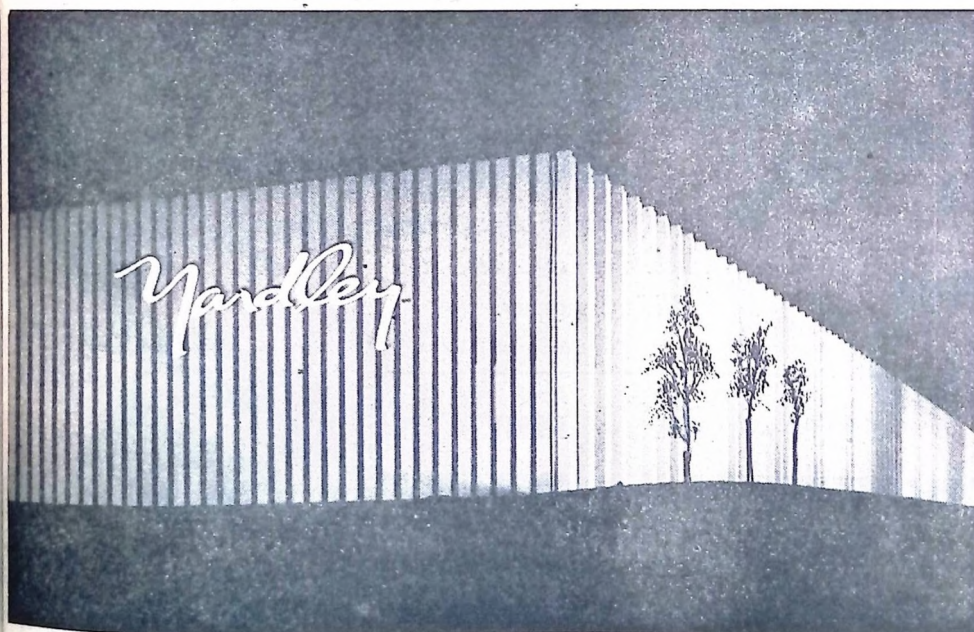
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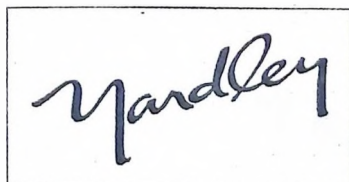
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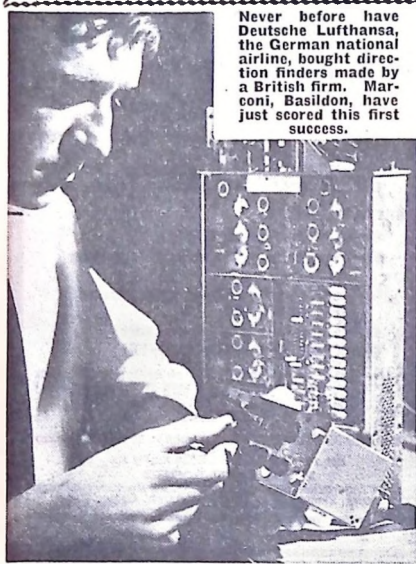
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FARAWAY IN THE EXPORT RACE PLACES

ONLY THE Ilford factory can rival Yardley's when it comes to lists of exotic-sounding place names stencilled on crates in the warehousing areas.

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More than half the chemicals and X-ray screens made at Basildon go abroad. Fifteen tons go to America alone each week.

Man responsible for the giant warehouse stacked high with something like 10,000 wooden pallets (the containers which stand the buffering of journeys to almost every part of the world) is Mr. Ken Hill (Ilford's distribution manager).

"It really is true to say that," said Mr. Hill. "We even export to China."

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BASILDON LEADS THE BRITISH FIELD

WHEREVER YOU GO across the world you will find the "Made in Basildon" stamp. On gigantic, continuous casting machines in China, on X-ray screens in New York hospitals, on tractors in Malawi, on perfumes in Buenos Aires.

How is it that a town whose first master plan was produced only 15 years ago can be responsible for more than one-fifth — two per cent — of the whole country's exports?

Part of the answer lies in the planning of the Development Corporation

and the Ministry of Housing. Due to their efforts Basildon's breakdown into manufacturing and service industries is almost exactly the reverse of the national breakdown — a fact which may be unhealthy for local school-leavers but is certainly healthy for the country.

In Basildon 63 per cent of the population are working in manufacturing industries and 37 in service industries. In the rest of Britain's 38 per cent are in manufacture and 62 per cent in services.

This accounts for a good deal. But there is another important point. Nearly all Basildon's factories are under ten

years old. Many of their production lines are only two or three years old and have sometimes cost more than the factory itself. The moral — that modernisation pays dividends — speaks for itself.

"To achieve a balance between the United Kingdom's imports and exports does not require very much," Mr. Bullock has told the Exporters' Association.

It needs only a two per cent increase in exports. To Basildon this should present no problem. If the rest of the country could do as well, Britain would be firmly among the most prosperous countries in the world.

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The export training programme offered by Thurrock Technical College includes on-the-spot training in foreign mar-

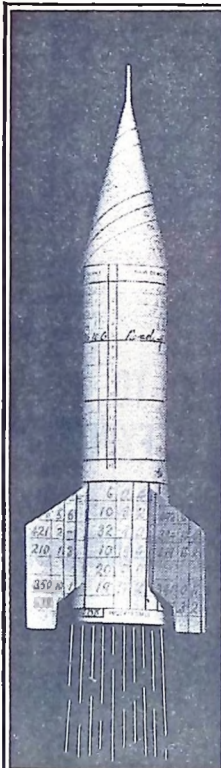
kets, to which now on-the-spot Foreign Market "teach-ins" have been added. This scheme has been devised by the Thurrock export marketing team to help British executives to achieve optimum business results on a visit to a foreign market.

As a result of carrying out overseas pilot sales drives and surveys on a round-the-clock basis, the Thurrock export marketing team have the necessary expertise to implement such a scheme on a world-wide basis. The continuous undertaking of such overseas assignments ensures that Thurrock instructors can be available in foreign markets for the purpose of the "teach-in."

The "teach-in" amounts to "on-the-spot" briefing on foreign markets and will be scheduled immediately to precede

trade fairs, exhibitions, British Week, collective sales drives and trade missions to particular markets. It must be emphasised that the "teach-in" programme has been designed as an ancillary service to overseas trade missions and is in no way intended to clash or compete with them. The "teach-ins" are held abroad, not in the U.K.

The individual programmes will consist of intensive morning, afternoon and evening sessions spread over one or two days. Prior to the "teach-in" the instructors will carry out surveys in the relevant foreign markets which will enable them to obtain the most up-to-date market intelligence on the specific products of "teach-in" participants.



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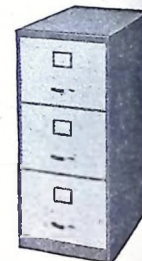
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Shanty-town is going!



Shanty-town Laindon—soon to be only a bad memory.

The resurgence of Laindon

THREE YEARS ago Laindon's High Road was a ghost town street. Shops lay boarded-up... doors and windows creaked as wind-blown litter moved up the road. If Laindoners were guns and rode horses, it wouldn't have discredited a Western film set, writes RODNEY LEGG.

But things have changed. Dramatically. Down come the shutters as shopkeepers open up again. Laindon may remain a shanty town—but it will never fall into a coma again.

Reason for the change is obvious. Thousands of newcomers are settling into the Development Cor. Keith Cullis. He is quite positive about the future. "We Siporex estate of factory can't grumble about bus-made homes. More houses and more people are on the way."

The days of the many unmade roads—quagmires which disgrace the Laindon scene—are now numbered. For Laindon, or Basildon's West End, is now receiving the big push forward in Corporation building.

This shot in the arm has meant money for the traders. Many belong to a new generation of business-men. The New Town has frightened away a number of the older shopkeepers.

One of the young Laindoners is newsagent Mr. Cullis. He is quite positive about the future. "We Siporex estate of factory can't grumble about bus-made homes. More houses and more people are on the way."

Owner of the shop for five years, Mr. Cullis added: "Laindoners are a jolly good crowd. Give them service and they keep to your shop."

But perhaps the best traders. Many belong to a new generation of business-men. The New Town has frightened away a number of the older shopkeepers.

months. The store trades under the name of the old Manager of C. E. Wigmore's shop which was taken over—Markhams.

Said Manager Mr. W. J. Cox: "We are getting a lot of customers from the new estate. But there are many of the older people as well."

Also new faces on the scene are Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Palfrey. They moved into the Sub-Post Office four months ago. Mr. Palfrey says they would use rooms upstairs if they knew how long they could stay in the shop.



Mr. Fred James, Laindon's bookseller.

"Business is going up all the time," he said. "Laindon is an up-and-coming place. Many families are coming in."

Like most of the younger shopkeepers, the Palfreys do not live in old Laindon. Their home is in Jermaines, Basildon.

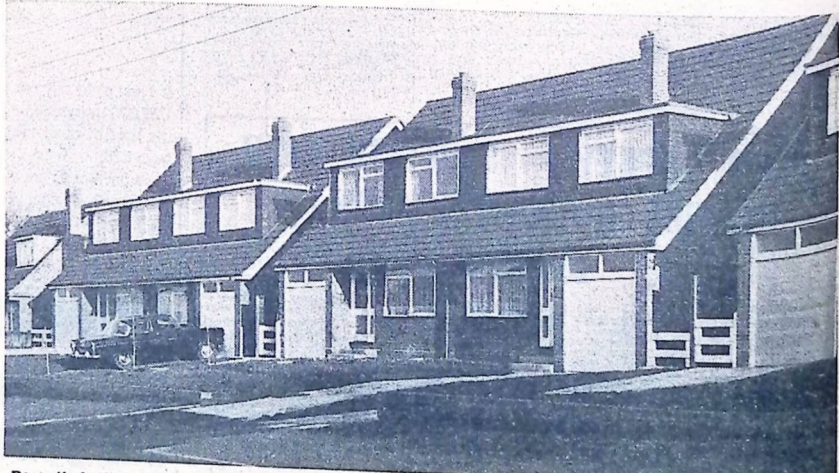
For one business, Laindon's band of building workers mean money. Mr.

Fred James—well known from his footballing days with Laindon, Pitsea and Walthamstow Avenue—is under the name of the old Manager of C. E. Wigmore's shop which was taken over—Markhams. This surprised many customers. "Some had never been to a modern Basildon shop," 46-years-old Mr. James told a reporter.

Into his shop come the builders to place their bets. The number of newcomers is growing, too. "It's a boom town now compared with what it used to be," he pointed out. "There is plenty of scope again—if the Corporation let shops open. In the last ten years Laindon has just fallen to pieces, but the Corporation are now trying to revive it."

The do-it-yourself craze is changing the pattern of trade for 49-years-old Mr. Chris Collings. His family opened Laindon's first builders' merchant shop in Denbigh Road in 1880. He has just extended his store into two more High Road shops to provide a carpet showroom.

"We thought we would like to try and tidy up the High Road—rather than leave these two shops boarded-up. Though much of his business is still with the old Laindoners, he sees a bright future. Like other shopkeepers, Mr. Collings looks forward to the building planned for the area between Laindon Link and the railway line.



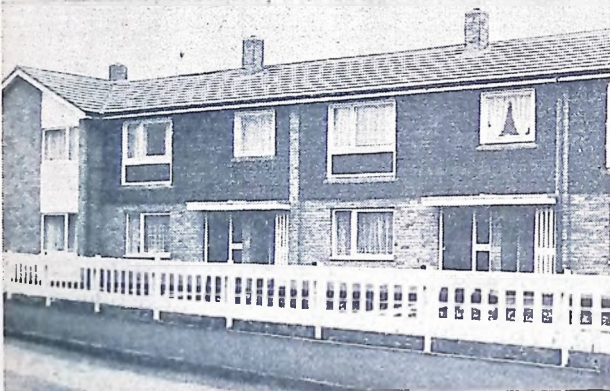
Recently-built private houses in the High Road. These are some of the new buildings that are transforming Laindon from the shanty-town look.

NEW FACES



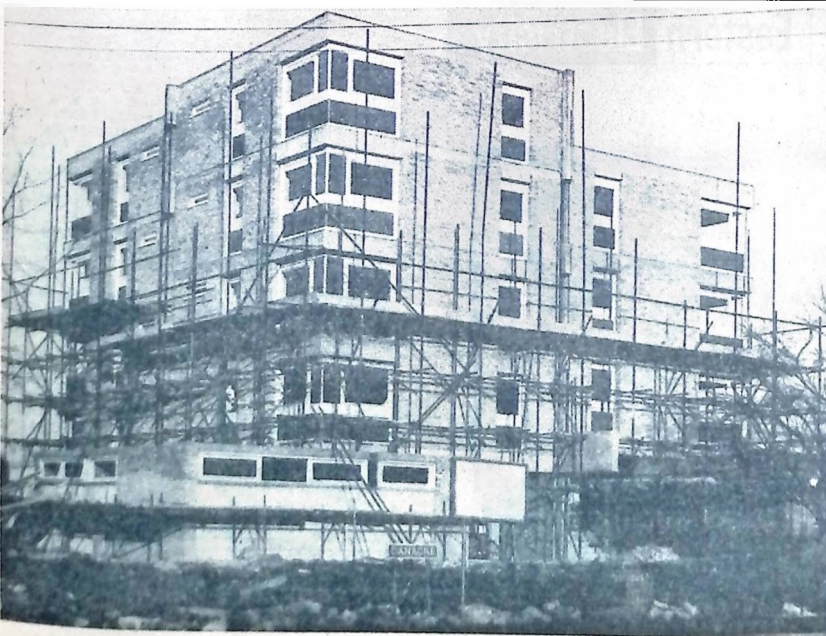
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Buildings which bring a new-look to Laindon



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A meaty subject!

THERE WAS plenty of meat in Wickford Women's Institute's February meeting on Tuesday in the Community Centre, for representatives of a Smithfield Market firm attended to give a talk and film show on meat from the live animal to the table, including the new killing and tendering method.

A joint of beef was cooked during the talk and each of the 73 members present had a taste. For three lucky ones—winners of a competition—there was a joint of ribs of beef each.

Winners were Mrs. Burgurs, Mrs. Buslag and Mrs. Mullis. The demonstrators were thanked by Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Halls presided and welcomed 10 new members. Winners of a competition for sausage rolls were—1, Mrs. Kempton; 2, Mrs. Long. The monthly competition was won by Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Banham and Miss Shrimplin. Mrs. Bull won the mystery prize. Mrs. Rice was in charge of the bring-and-buy stall and refreshments were served by Mrs. Long and helpers.

HOME MISSIONS

Preacher at Wickford Methodist Church at the Home Missions anniversary service on Sunday was the Minister, Rev. Brian Gurney. The evening service, led by Mr. R. Emery, of Wickford, was followed by a "coffee social" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman.

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Senior Citizens' sale

A bring-and-buy sale, run by the Club Social Secretary, Mrs. Cartwright, was a great success at the weekly meeting of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens Club on Thursday week at Pemberry Hall, Church Road, Basildon. Afterwards, members enjoyed a sing-song, with Mrs. Merday at the piano and Mr. Bundy on the drums. The programme was greatly appreciated by everyone, who showed their enjoyment with prolonged applause. The membership of the Club now stands at 39. Mrs. E. Baker, Chairman, welcomed three new members, and said how much she would like to see others coming along to join. Meetings start at 2 p.m. every Thursday. Tea hostess for the afternoon was Mrs. Chandler, assisted by willing helpers.

PITSEA INFANTS' SCHOOL

A serious state of affairs — Rector

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BY THE END OF THIS TERM PITSEA INFANTS' SCHOOL WILL HAVE ONLY ONE QUALIFIED TEACHER WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS.

This lack of continuity, says the Chairman of Managers, Rev. Arthur Harvey, is having a very serious effect on the school's pupils.

"In Pitsea of all places," Mr. Harvey told a reporter, "this must not be allowed to happen again. There has to be more continuity than this. It would be bad anywhere. It is all the more detrimental in an unstable community like Pitsea."

The school at present has an unattached headteacher, deputy head, two qualified teachers and three unqualified teachers. The deputy head and one of the teachers are leaving. A new head will take over next term.

"It is a very serious state of affairs," said Mr. Harvey, Rector of Pitsea. "Efforts have been made by the authorities to counteract it, but nonetheless the Managers' fears have been realised. The ratio seems likely to increase to four unqualified teachers and one fully qualified teacher unless there is some quick action. The school will have had four heads in eight years."

On the whole, unqualified teachers did a very good job, said Mr. Harvey. "But of course that is to say a very good job within their capabilities. They do not have the firm foundation of professional training to work from."

Pitsea, he believed, was worse off than any other local infants' school in this respect. Fairhouse Infants' School have five qualified and five unqualified teachers. Greenstead Infants' three qualified and two unqualified.

"Pitsea are very unlucky. And with the problems that face us as a community under redevelopment, I believe we deserve more consideration than we are getting."

"We are a special case and should be treated as such at the moment. But we Managers do not seem to be able to make the authorities realise this."

"We have no quarrel with their general policy on appointments, but they must see that Pitsea is an exception. I should think people have moved out in

the last year. This has had a tremendous effect on the children's development, both educationally and as human beings."

NOT TYPICAL

Basildon Education Officer, Mr. Eric Dixon confirmed the staffing situation at the end-of-term would be revealed by Mr. Harvey, shall be doing all we can to improve the position by next Easter.

Pitsea was not at all a typical example of Basildon schools, he said. "Pitsea is going through a bad patch. This is the way life often goes."

"We are always advertising and trying to attract people. We can offer housing to teachers, but there is a national shortage of infant teachers. I am doing all I can to ensure we get out of the mire."

Most of the unqualified teachers appointed in Basildon had the necessary minimum educational qualifications (G.C.E. "C" level). But this was sometimes waived. Training these people was a long process, and did not make continuity of teaching and staff.

"Some are natural," said Mr. Dixon. "The majority of a very conscientious job are willing to accept assistance from heads and qualified staff."

Most were women of 20 to 40 who were returning to work after bringing up their children. Some were young women.

Mr. Dixon agreed that continuity was a very important factor at infants' schools. "Children are looking for security," he said. "The teacher-teaching mother. If she changes too often it is bound to have a detrimental effect on the child."

Pitsea's state of redundancy was "a factor always to be borne in mind," said Mr. Dixon. "We have tried to be generous and helpful at Wake another older school which has particular difficulties. But it is really just an unfortunate sequence of events."

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RUBBISH COMPLAINTS ANSWERED

COMPLAINTS BY Billericay Residents' Association over rubbish dumping and the collection of non-domestic refuse have been answered by Basildon Council.

Last month the Association's Executive Committee wrote to the Council stating that in an article in the Association's magazine, "The New Mayflower," about rubbish dumping, the Council inferred that any type of rubbish would be collected, but in some cases a small charge would be made for non-domestic refuse.

After reading the article several Association members approached the Council to have their rubbish collected, but they were informed that the Council could not undertake collection of non-domestic household refuse.

"There is, therefore, little wonder that the volume of illegally-dumped rubbish has increased," said the Association.

"Our Committee consider that if private individuals were able to dispose of rubbish openly and legally at a controlled tip they would do so."

"We would suggest skips or other transportable containers at strategic positions," they concluded.

Limit

Replied the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

"A fairly liberal interpretation has been placed on the term 'domestic', but there has been necessary to regard collection to what may be regarded as refuse as distinct from materials and articles such as building rubble, old motor cars, and garden waste."

"Perhaps it is the refusal to handle this sort of material that has given rise to your complaint."

"With regard to suggestion that the Council should provide skips at suitable points throughout the area, not only is this impracticable, the Council have powers to do so."

"Your Association no doubt be aware of the communal refuse which have been placed at the ends of unmade roads are grossly misused. There is no doubt, however, that skips would be subject to the same treatment."

"Private individuals are able to dispose of refuse openly and legally at the Council's refuse tip at a modest charge of 5s a load is made."

"MOTHER GOOSE" AT MOAT HOUSE SCHOOL



Two performances of the pantomime "Mother Goose" are being given by pupils of Moat House Special School, Basildon, this week. The first was last night and the second today (Friday). The cast is seen above. The pantomime, designed to show parents the variety of dramatic and musical activities in the school, is likely to have full houses at both its productions. Virtually all the pupils of the school take part in one way or another. No attempt has been made to achieve perfection in any activity at the expense of the children's enjoyment of that activity; the programme points out to parents. This is the school's fourth production. In the past they have put on performances of "Tim Tit Tot", "Dick Whittington" and "Humpty Dumpty." There are eight scenes in the production, with an interval in between, which gives the school band a chance to play, and the scenes vary from "Gooseland" to "Planet X12," which features robots and a Dalek. Principal characters in "Mother Goose" are: Mother Goose, Brenda Smith; Jack, Geraldine Palmer; Jill, Margaret Harrison; Priscilla, John Rawlinson; Squire, David Fox; Squire's men, Terry Butler and James Marshall; Wicked Fairy, Jacqueline Patient; Good Fairy, Karen Taylor; King of Gooseland, Edward Wilson; 1st Lord, Brent Wallace; 2nd Lord, Alan Skudder; 3rd Lord, Joseph Fama; 4th Lord, Derek Herbert; Page, Michael Howe.

Council accused of a catalogue of errors

Curious story of planning battle

"A CATALOGUE of errors" was how Basildon Council's part in an eight-years-old planning battle was described on Tuesday.

"They seem to come up with one error for each public inquiry," said Mr. B. S. Green, counsel for Mr. Albert Clarke, the Billericay egg farmer, who launched his business in a residential part of Noak Hill Road on the strength of a Council office interview in 1959.

But the advice the Council official gave him was wrong, Basildon Council solicitor Mr. L. R. Roberts admitted on Tuesday. Mr. Clarke was told he did not need planning permission for a 32ft. x 24ft. poultry house. In fact, he did.

Mr. Clarke went ahead and built the poultry house with the help of friends and his wife Violet at a cost of about £600.

It took us all our spare evenings and weekends for nine months," Mr. Clarke told the Ministry of Housing Inspector at the Third Public Inquiry concerning the poultry house.

When the Council discovered their error they granted temporary permission for the building, but Mr. Clarke until December 1962, to demolish it. A planning inquiry dismissed his appeal against the decision.

In April, 1961, Mr. Clarke

wrote to the Council asking whether they had any objection to his buying a two-acre field at the foot of his garden. They raised no objection and told Mr. Clarke his site would then become a Class VI agricultural unit, on which planning permission was not required for buildings like the poultry house.

Mr. Clarke applied for permanent permission for the poultry shed and bought the land. The Council refused planning permission and a second public inquiry was held in 1962.

This revealed the Council's second error, said Mr. Green. "They changed their minds again and said it was not, after all, an agricultural unit."

"The Council were quite right this time," said Mr. Green. "But it was very unfortunate that in the meantime Mr. Clarke had bought an extra two acres of land."

The Minister gave Mr. Clarke an extra two years until December 1964 to demolish the poultry house.

Mr. Green now asked for a further extension, either permanently or at least to enable Mr. Clarke to recoup his money.

Mr. Clarke told the Inspector he had spent £1,700 on cases and £1,100 on birds. At present there were 2,000 battery hens in the shed. He did not feel he had yet recovered the cost of launching the business.

"It cost me a lot to start," said Mr. Clarke. "I don't see why I should suffer because I was wrongly advised by the Council. I am getting thoroughly fed up with these inquiries."

Council solicitor Mr. Roberts said the Council could not deny that wrong information had been given to Mr. Clarke. For this reason, he said, the Council was only right to give him time to recoup some of this loss.

The Council letter on the fourth two acres of land had given "an incomplete interpretation of the law and, in reliance on this, certain land was bought."

"It is, of course, primarily the responsibility of the citizen, through his legal advisers, to ascertain the law involved in such a matter," said Mr. Roberts.

The question now was whether the history of the case showed such a lack of justice to Mr. Clarke that normal considerations of sane planning should be waived. He submitted that this was no longer so. "Because of the standards of fairness we like to apply in this country, this development has been allowed to remain for eight years."

"Mr. Clarke has been a cause of annoyance, discomfort and hardship to his neighbours. We have now reached a point where forbearance can no longer be regarded as a weakness that would make a mockery of planning controls and justice to other residents."

Under cross-examination, Mr. Clarke said he had almost non-stop complaints from nearby residents. "It was 'not very nice,'" he agreed but he denied that the smell ever became unbearable. "It could create a nuisance if you didn't run the place properly," said Mr. Clarke. He did not dispute that he had had almost non-stop complaints from nearby residents.

Answering questions from Mr. John Walsh, a solicitor representing two Noak Hill residents, Mr. Clarke said he occasionally burnt a few carcasses. He was not aware of the fact that burning feathers was a way of bringing round unconscious people.

A dozen Noak Hill Road residents attended the inquiry. A petition backing the Council and seven letters complaining of nuisance from the poultry shed were handed in. The business was injurious to amenities and totally out of keeping with the residential area, said a letter from Billericay Residents' Association.

Mr. Clarke's next-door neighbour, Mr. Herbert Smith, told the Inspector the situation amounted to a factory in the middle of a residential area. The time had come to think of the neighbours and not Mr. Clarke.

Mr. J. W. Holliday, of Noak Hill Road, said he did not want to deprive anyone of their living, but he was himself deprived of the right to use his garden.

"On Saturday morning," he recounted Mr. Holliday "I went down my garden with a mug

of tea and a scone. The smell was so bad I had to retreat 100 yards back towards my house."

The Minister's decision will be announced.

Numberless driver

FOR DRIVING a breakdown vehicle with out a registration mark James Randall, of Hullbridge Road, South Woodham Ferrers, was fined £2 at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on Monday.

He told a Policeman the vehicle usually displayed trade plates.

CLERGY MEET

Clergy, members of Servants of Christ the King, met in Wickford on Monday morning. They attended a service in the Parish Church and then a meeting in the Rectory.

Basildon's killer road

COUNCIL DICING WITH LIVES FOR SAKE OF A MERE £800

A STORM is blowing up over Basildon Council's decision not to investigate building a footbridge over the killer Nethermayne Road. This week the Council were accused of dicing with people's lives for the sake of a mere £800—their contribution if a bridge was built.

The accusation came after two Lee Chapel South residents armed with a petition of 1,600 names met Town Manager Mr. David Taylor on Monday.

Afterwards they said: "We achieved absolutely nothing. We were only told that the Council are considering installing a light-controlled pedestrian crossing in the road near The Knares, a spot which has already claimed one child's life."

"We are banging our heads against a brick wall of officialdom," said one of the residents, bridge campaigner Mrs. Clara Cornish, who went to Keay House with Mrs. June Watts and their mammoth petition.

"We are in exactly the same position now as five years ago when we first raised this question," said Mrs. Cornish. "We have got nowhere."

But she does not intend to leave the matter there. "Possibly we will take the petition to M.P. Mr. Moon in a bid to get the Council to see sense before the mad rush of cars in the summer along the road."

Mrs. Cornish thinks the light-controlled crossing will prove "completely inadequate but she is prepared to give it a try as a last resort."

The petitioners' case was taken up this week by the Council's Labour Group Leader, Councillor Joe Miron, who described the Works Committee decision as "bad and stupid."

"I've made investigations," he said, "and have found that the Committee took the advice of an officer and decided not to approach the Ministry of Transport for a bridge because they did not think it would get sanction at this time."

"A bridge would cost £8,000," he continued, "of which the Ministry would contribute 75 per cent and the County Council 15 per cent. This would leave a mere £800 for the Council to find."

"It is obvious that a bridge is the only satisfactory answer and I think it is crazy for the Council not to have made an approach to the Ministry prior to making a decision."

Coun. Miron said the Labour Group would oppose the crossing plans "bitterly and, if necessary, would make their own approach to the Minister for a bridge."

A Council spokesman said on Wednesday that the petition from Lee Chapel South would come before the "next appropriate committee."

Reopening crossing campaign

BILLERICAY Residents' Association are reopening their campaign for a second pedestrian crossing in the High Street.

This decision, taken at Friday's Executive Committee meeting, follows a Ministry of Transport announcement that there is to be a 20 per cent increase in the number of crossings throughout the country.

Now the Executive Committee will write to Basildon Council for a second crossing.

LAINDON YUNCONS

Elected at Laindon Young Conservatives' annual meeting were Chairman, Mr. D. Banks; Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. Payne; Secretary, Miss C. Allison; Treasurer, Miss M. Bryant; Press Officer, Mr. B. Fordham; Programme Secretary, Miss J. McQueen and Mr. R. Sergeant.

"Beside the Seaside"



Seen rehearsing for their production of "Beside the Seaside" are members of the Laindon Community Drama Club. The play, a comedy with strong streak of love interest, will be presented in the Community Centre on February 17th and 18th. Players pictured are Tony Charlton, Vic Cole, Roger Heeler, Val Thomas, Lyn Lane, Joan Heeler, Lynette Stevenson and Doris Gladwin.



Mr. J. H. Hayes (standing) is seen with some of the people who attended his lecture at the W.E.A. School at Basildon Secondary School on Saturday.

WICKFORD'S MARKET ROAD CAR PARK LOCK OUT COMMUTERS' CARS SUGGESTION!

COMMUTERS WHO CLOG WICKFORD'S MARKET ROAD CAR PARK WITH THEIR VEHICLES ALL DAY, LEAVING SHOPPERS AND OTHER USERS NO SPACE, SHOULD BE LOCKED OUT.

Suggesting this at Wickford Park Residents' Association's third annual meeting on Wednesday week, Mr. Tom Milne, of Elder Close, claimed: "It is done in another area near here and it is very successful."

Commuters would be locked out by drop barriers at each entrance, he said, until about 8.30 a.m., when they would have to be opened to let business people in.

"It is not very nice, I agree, but I object very strongly to a motorist to any suggestion that we should pay more for parking space when there is still free parking in Basildon. We pay too much already."

Until more space was provided and existing space was properly used, he thought his way was the only way to deal with the commuter motorist. "I do not think you can price him out," he said.

The Association Committee are to look into his suggestion.

TRAFFIC DANGERS

Chairman Mr. Owen Hoppe commented that the latest decision affecting the parking situation was the setting up of a study group by Basildon Council.

"Presumably, it will take five to 10 years before we get further provision for the local shopper," he said.

Minutes Secretary Mrs. Barbara Moore thought the parking situation was contributing to the traffic dangers outside the junior and infants' schools in Market Road and Iron Hill.

"When school ends it is chaotic," she said. "Last week I literally saw a young boy from death. He came running out of the gates and was almost under the bonnet of a car before I yanked him back."

"It is not entirely the parents' fault, though I am sure they would put their cars in the car park if the spaces were available."

She added that the school buses made things worse, and also hit out at the teachers. "Some of them come out of the gates in cars at the same time as the children. It is all wrong. They add to the danger when they could lessen it by waiting 10 minutes."

Mr. Milne also attached blame to the County Council for building schools where entrances for vehicles and

children were close together, or even the same.

They should separate them and they should also provide proper parking space in the schools," he said.

"which is something they always forget."

The Association are also concerned about the traffic hazards at the double bend in Nevendon Road.

Mr. Hoppe reported that the "double bend" signs had been replaced following the roadworks and "slow" signs had been painted on the road, but nearby residents were still anxious.

Vehicles were skidding round the bend day and night, he said. There had been two accidents in the past month.

The Police said they could not help apart from setting radar speed traps and, it seemed the only answer was the eventual provision of the town by-pass.

Mrs. Moore thought the situation was aggravated by Eastern National drivers not using the bus layby on the bend. Three out of five do not pull into it properly, she said.

Mr. Hoppe commented that it was not always the driver's fault. He lived by the layby and motorists often parked in it. "I have had people parking in it and then throwing their litter in my front garden."

SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Mr. Hoppe told members the Association had dealt with many matters during the year and brought many of them to a successful conclusion.

These included children selling their clothes with creosote from telegraph poles, dangerously low shop blinds in the High Street and also polling arrangements.

"Members were not too happy about having to walk into the town centre to vote," he said. "We have now been given to understand that a polling station will be set up at the communal room in the aged persons' bungalows in and around Willow Lane."

The Association had also sorted out lighting problems with Eastern Electricity and forced contractors on the Park Lodge estate to be more careful about dropping dung on the roads off their lorries.

One failure was the objection to the proposed link of Elder Close with Willow

Lane, as Basildon Council were intent on putting it through.

Members agreed that the Association should back Mr. Milne—leader of the Elder Close objectors—in one last ditch effort to halt the proposal.

They are to support him in representations to local M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman.

THE OFFICERS

Officers and Committee elected were: Chairman, Mr. T. Moore; Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Mr. J. Fearn; Minutes Secretary, Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Drummond.

Retiring Membership Secretary Mr. Arthur Green should reach the 100 mark for the first time this year.

"We increased it from 66 to 87 this year, but failed to reach our target because we did not like to take dues from new members towards the end of the year."

LONGER 40 M.P.H. LIMIT

CONSENT TO extending the 40 m.p.h. speed limit in Stock Road, Billericay 125 yards northwards to the urban boundary is to be sought from the Minister of Transport by Basildon Council's Works Committee.

Engineer and Surveyor Mr. S. A. Wadsworth reported that the Divisional Road Engineer and Police were in agreement with the proposal.

£1,700 bill for wiring

BASILDON Council may be faced with a £1,700 bill for electrical repairs to 196 pre-1949 dwellings. The repair need follows an investigation into the condition of electrical wiring and fittings in the houses.

They want a Local Conservation Officer

Billericay Residents' Association are to write to Basildon Council suggesting the appointment of a Local Conservation Officer. It was announced at a meeting of the Association's Executive Committee on Friday.

This decision follows a recent report in a national newspaper on the aims and achievements of a man appointed to such a position in Newcastle last November.

A Local Conservation Officer's job, it was said, "combines the roles of Council watchdog and people's friend. He looks out for such unusual behaviour as unauthorised conversion of Victorian and Edwardian terrace houses into flats and bed-sitting rooms."

"He will help sort out the differences between householders and the planning department, but, above all, he will encourage people to form street and neighbourhood associations to comment on planning department proposals, and to organise their own clean-up and improvement schemes."

Commented Executive Committee Chairman Mr. John Abbott: "In view of Basildon Council's handling of the controversy over the Billericay High Street Report, we feel that the appointment of such an officer in this area would do a long way towards resolving the difficulties and the bitterness connected with planning decisions between the Council and the people of the urban district."

£75,000 Arts Centre —Council's White Paper

BASILDON COUNCIL this week published a White Paper on the Arts Centre which they will open next year in the Town Centre.

Their 12-page booklet will go to community associations and libraries, and copies are available free at the Town Manager's office.

The cost of building the £75,000 Centre is being largely borne by the ratepayer.

It amounts to a 1½d. rate for two years, which will cost the average ratepayer about 10s. each year.

The remaining £15,000 is being paid by the Development Corporation.

"This document sets out why the Council consider the provision of an Arts Centre to be of such high priority at this time," explains the White Paper.

"For some time the Council have been very conscious of the need to make accommodation available for the Arts, but have also had to have regard to the many other amenities necessary for the establishment of the New Town and the rapid expansion of Billericay and Wickford."

"As Youth Service and Evening Institute activities have expanded, the Education Committee have been forced to give them priority for accommodation, resulting in Basildon Civic Arts Society having to take second place."

Ultimatum

At a Press conference launching the White Paper, Arts Centre Study Group Chairman, Coun. Derrick Pope said the Society had found itself in an impossible position and had presented an ultimatum to the Council. The unanimous decision was to provide a temporary Arts Centre.

Detailed drawings were now on the way. Licences were being obtained and estimates were being pre-

pared by electrical engineering specialists.

The Arts Centre was, luxury, said Coun. Pope. Industrialists had already discovered the tangible benefits of providing recreational facilities for their employees. The same principle applied to a town.

Modern schools were increasingly geared towards developing young people's leisure and cultural interests. The Arts Centre was a necessary extension of this policy.

"We hope it will be something the town can be proud of," said Arts Society President Mr. Joel Watford. "I would like to pay tribute to Mr. Cotton, the Council's architect. He has read our minds very well."

Burglaries: Police appeal

FOLLOWING six burglaries and attempted housebreakings in the Billericay area at the end of last week, the Police issue an appeal to "close up and lock down" and windows, report anybody seen acting suspiciously."

And on the Police books were reports of a burglary at Balquhider, Outwood Common Road; an attempted break-in at the house next door, Menaggio, when the occupants were disturbed by breaking glass; an attempted forced entry; the thieves were followed by a padlock at the De Beauvoir Arms, Downham; and a burglary at Kitts' shop, High Street, when 30s. was taken.

All took place in the early hours of Friday morning.

The following night money and an electric razor were stolen in Monoux Close, Billericay, when burglars got in through a faint light window.

On the same night a radio, wrist watch and other property were taken in Stuart Way, where entry was made through a faint light and casement window.

Stripped the cycles they stole

FOUR BOYS admitted stealing two pedal cycles and a saddlebag, £30 10s. at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday.

They were each ordered to pay £10 with compensation to owners.

Prosecuting Mr. Chipperfield told the Court that when the boys caught up with the cycles they admitted stealing, stripping them and substituting many of the parts for parts on their own cycles.

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OLD FOLK LIKE THIS REST CENTRE

OPEN FOR use for the first time on Monday, Billericay Round Table's £1,600 Aged Persons' Rest Centre at Lake Meadows Recreation Ground was far from crowded.

Only 15 of the town's senior citizens paid it a visit during the afternoon. But things began to pick up on Tuesday and one of the Centre's principal organisers, Mr. Henry Hawes, was not dismayed by the smallness of the early attendances.

Billericay Old People's Welfare Committee Secretary, he told the "Standard": "It will take the old folk some time to get to know about the Centre and to get into the habit of using it, but I am sure it will be really busy soon. All the old folk's clubs know about it."

The comments of the early visitors supported this theory.

First through the doors were 68-years-old Mr. Wilfred Stevens and his wife Margaret (75), of Tensing Gardens, and they were impressed with the building.

Relaxing in one of its comfortable easy chairs, Mr. Stevens declared: "It is a very nice place, indeed. I shall come here as often as I can."

Mrs. Stevens concurred. "It will make a lot of old people happy," she said. "So many never come out of doors because there is nowhere to go. Now there is."

Mrs. Agnes Whitehead (75), of Perry Street, sipped a 2d. cup of tea—coffee costs 4d.—and commented: "They really have done us proud. It's a lovely place."

Mr. George Cook (73), of Stock Road, thought it "marvellous." He added: "I'll be one of the most frequent visitors. I

walk through the park practically every day and now I'll have somewhere to come for a sit down, a cup of tea and a chat."

The Centre is open weekdays and Saturdays from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Manning is by a rota of volunteers who prepare and sell refreshments.

Boy stole from churches

AN 11-years-old boy who admitted stealing 2s. 6d. from Laindon Congregational Church on Christmas Day appeared before Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday.

He also admitted stealing 46 10s. from a collection tray at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay, and was remanded in custody for three weeks for reports.

Mr. J. Chipperfield said a Policeman saw the boy at his home and discovered that he had just bought two walkie-talkie radio sets.

"Asked where he got the money, the boy admitted the theft from the Catholic Church, and later asked for the other offence to be taken into consideration."

Said the boy: "I wanted the walkie-talkies and I thought the churches had a lot of money, so I took some."

COUNCIL'S ROAD PLAN

WITH 10 miles of unmade roads still in the area, Basildon Council plan to tackle the problem at the rate of 2½ miles a year.

The growing feeling among residents, particularly in the Laindon area, over the unmade road problem, was evident at last week's Works Committee meeting when receipt was reported of:—

... a petition from people living in or near Somerset Road, Laindon; ... complaints about the footpath and condition of Emanuel Road, Langdon Hills;

... a footpath request from St. David's Road, Langdon Hills.

The complaints were deferred pending a report to the next meeting by the Engineer and Surveyor of an up-to-date summary of the private street works programme.

The Committee, after being told that the make-up of certain Laindon roads was dependent upon the completion of the Langdon Hills trunk surface water sewer, decided to press for the completion of the sewer as quickly as possible.

PRIMARY PARTY

The primary department of Billericay Congregational Church Sunday School held a party on Saturday in the Mayflower Hall. Mrs. M. Fuller (Superintendent) made the arrangements, assisted by other teachers. The programme included tea and games and each child received a gift.

Laindon wedding



Mr. Terence James Latchford, of Tattenham Road, Laindon, was married at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday, to Miss Jacqueline Grace Bowles, of Victoria Road, Laindon, by Rev. Arthur J. Dunlop.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white lace bodice, satin skirt and train with a crystal head-dress and veil. She carried red carnations.

The bridesmaids were Brenda Marchant and Susan Latchford. They wore long pale blue satin dresses and carried pink carnations.

Mr. Tommy Latchford, the bridegroom's brother, was best man.

(Photo by Ffiorde's Photographic)



Mr. William Cox (Chairman of the Basildon and District branch of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association) pictured with his dog Pixey after giving a talk to members of Wickford Modern Mothers' Club at Wickford Community Centre on Monday. Also in the picture are Mr. S. Cockerill (Secretary), Mrs. F. Cockerill (Vice-Chairman) and Mr. P. H. Dyer (Treasurer). The branch are urgently in need of helpers. If anyone can spare a few hours each week would they please phone Mrs. Cockerill at Wickford 3704.



Married at Kingswood Baptist Church, Basildon, on Saturday, Mr. F. C. Kibbidge, were Mr. Thomas Neil Sawdon, of Green Street, Basildon, and Miss Blanche Staines, of Puddle Drive, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length satin dress with full-length lace coat and a white lace pillbox hat, and she carried a white Bible. The bridesmaids were Marion Staines (bride's sister) and Sue Sawdon (bridegroom's sister). The best man was Mr. David Smith.



This picture was taken at the Boys' Brigade officers' social held at Kingswood Baptist Church on Saturday.

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BILLERICAY TOWN 4, ESSEX POLICE 2

IN ONE of the most thrilling matches seen at Laindon Road this season, Billericay Town on Saturday repeated their recent Essex Olympian League win against Essex Police in the first leg of this League Cup second round tie.

They go into the second leg with a healthy two goals' lead and they fully deserve it.

Indeed, at the start, it looked as though Town would over-run the Police, as they were a goal ahead after only 10 minutes and two up after 20 minutes.

The first goal followed 10 minutes of non-stop pressure. Len Whiskin flung a long ball into the winifors' penalty area for Gary Parsons to rise above the advancing 'keeper and score with a beautifully-timed header.

The second also followed pressure on the Town forwards. Len Whiskin flung a long ball into the winifors' penalty area for Gary Parsons to rise above the advancing 'keeper and score with a beautifully-timed header.

Towards the end of the half the Police were in their feet however, and only a miraculous save by 'keeper Frank Munay kept them from reducing the margin.

The Police left-half fired in a terrific shot, but Munay's brave hand kept it from the goal, and the Police were left with a brilliant style.

Penalty

In the second half the Police maintained the pressure, but the Town defence held them until Trot gave away a penalty when he pushed the opposing centre-half in the back as he rose to a high ball.

The Police left-half made no mistake with the spot-kick, cracking a fierce drive into the corner of the net.

Town's reply was quick and — for the Police — dramatic. Collecting the ball midway in the Police half Johnny Wilson let fly a great shot, which curbed away from the 'keeper inside an upright and Town were two in front again.

The Police scored again in the 20th minute when they inside-right was left unmarked for a few vital seconds but Town shut up shop after that.

In the last 20 minutes they were really on top, and after Whiskin and Len Hill had both gone close, Hill finally put the issue beyond doubt five minutes from time.

A good pass sent him free and he netted with a rasping drive.

Town: Mundays; Anastasi, Jones, Snell, Markham; Parsons, Whiskin; Stratford, Trot, Hill, Wilson.

Happy days

Watford's bid for promotion to the Third Division has brought increased support. Saturday's game for the same reason was a success for Watford's 3-0 win was their best League win for 13 months.

Levey shines

After this only a series of magnificent saves from Levey prevented the home side from increasing their lead, but towards the end of the game Bowers at last began to show some fight.

Storey went near when his close-range shot was well saved, then Banning was shot from an acute angle when a pass across the goal would have been of more value. Bowers also forced a corner, but at the end they still had not succeeded in breaking down the resolute home defence.

Bowers' team was Levey, Banning, Woodley, Pitt, Winward, Owen; Storey, Fleetwood, Banning, Pitt, Gardner.

Crays Hill

After half-an-hour Frayns came right back into the game, and McQueen gave a fine pass for Cord to the score. Two minutes later Frayns lobbed a ball into the goalmouth, a despairing kick which fell into their own net.

Frays took the ball from the whistle, but his half-backs were in a state of confusion, and only one time did he manage to get the ball into the goalmouth.

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Gunners outplay Old Boys

OLD CHELMSFORDIANS

A THREE goals win away from home put Old Boys' Gunners in a commanding position in the first leg of their Essex Olympian League match with Chelmsfordians on Saturday.

The Gunners did a good job of attacking in the first half, but it was not until the second leg at home that they gave the Old Boys a chance of a third round place.

After their in-and-out of late, Basildon played with surprise and a forward move which gave the Old Boys a chance of a third round place.

The Old Boys' attack was well held by Bech and the defence, but the Gunners' efforts of halves Laver and Stevens, great on the attack, were turned into a defensive move.

Several corners from caused the Old Boys' defence some trouble and the 'keeper had to save some shots from Holden, Parsons and Staff before the Gunners went ahead in a play which was to be the only goal of the first half.

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AN UNSEEDED PLAYER WINS TABLE TENNIS TITLE

UNABLE to compete in the Billericay and League Table Tennis last season championships because he sent his entry forms in late, unseeded Peter Smith on Saturday provided the shock of the 1966-67 finals night by winning the men's singles title.

An understating clerk, 23-year-old Smith refused to play for the League again after his disappointment in last season's "Til and a bit" frame. Hutton's Drawn in the semi-final, he proved himself a wide range of strokes and topped the 21-18 final. He was never out-cashed, but he could find no hand to Smith's effective backhand. The generally-considered defensive play of the 21-18 final, in the 3rd round, Brian Cole, in the final, but his smash was not so good, and in the end it was the 1964-1965 titleholder who cracked.

In the first set, Cole, who was for W. Ball, contested the 18-21, before going down 18-21. In the second, Cole was beaten in 21-12, and in the third, 21-11, but Smith won the next two points and Cole helped 21-11 to the title with a series of simple errors.

Cole beat left-handed Roger Fuller, of St. Joseph's in the other semi-final. He led 11-7 and then even more decisively 11-12.

The men's singles final was the highlight of the night, but the men's doubles were not far behind in terms of excitement.

Competitors were Cole and Full, of Crays Hill, who had the title for 1963-1964, 1964-1965 and 1965-1966, and a new partner, Brenda of St. Joe, who beat Muriel Sprague and Joy Chaplin, of Crays Hill, 21-14 and 21-12.

Joan Hand also won the ladies' singles title, beating Miss Roberts, of W. W. Ball, 21-10, 21-12.

Miss Roberts had a great chance of extending the

champion when she led 20-17 in the second set, but she gave way to a determined rally.

Miss Roberts was also out of luck in the mixed doubles. She and the even more unfortunate Brian Cole were beaten 21-12, 21-16 by Fred Lockwood and Joy Chaplin who held the title last season and in 1963-1964.

One-sided

Most one-sided match of the evening was the boys' singles final between Steve Willis, of Rotary Hoes and Peter Jolly, of Brentwood Youth Centre.

Willis won 21-3, 21-1, Jolly foolishly trying to outplay him at cat-and-mouse tactics instead of giving rein to his strokes.

The intermediate singles' final, the 1963-1964 boys' champion, Peter Gurr, of vanquished Old Brentwood's Martin Fraser 20-22, 21-17.

It would have been his third intermediate title as he won in 1963-1964 and last season.

The veterans' singles final also went to three sets. But, on the side wing-forward Trevor Light came back from an off-side position and played the ball.

A few minutes later Light made amends when he charged down a kick on the Park 25-ward line. Full-back and captain Bill Jenkins capitalised on this to score a good but unexpected, try. Tony Collins converted.

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6-3 win against Rotary Hoes "B".

In the League proper, Ingatstone "A" came a cropper against Premier Division leaders Crays Hill "A" who triumphed 10-0. Fred Lockwood and Harry Sprague beat Graham Taplin and Doug Minnet, Bill Murray and John Morris beat John Morgan and Roger Buckenham, and the Hill took both doubles.

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New Town Rugby

BASILDON 1st XV 14 PTS. ROSLYN PARK STAGS 3 PTS.
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Mrs. Joan Hand (left) and Miss Jean Roberts, ladies' singles finalists in the Billericay and District table tennis competitions at Rotary Hoes, West Horndon, on Saturday evening.



Semi-finalists in the men's singles—Brian Cole, Gene Ryan, Roger Fuller and Peter Smith.

BASILDON TABLE TENNIS REVIEW

Saints take over from Legion at the top

Replay for Bowers

BOWERS UNITED RES. 1

BOWERS UNITED Reserves and Burnham Reserves drew after extra time in their Mid-Exes League Cup game at the Gun on Saturday. The 30 minutes of normal time provided a neither side seemed capable of breaking down strong defences.

In the first period of extra time Burnham took the lead when their left-half took a free-kick which was deflected into the net by a defender.

With three minutes of the match left, Bowers equalised to earn a replay at Burnham.

LAINDON SECOND

A VERY fast run by last runner Jeffery gave Laindon Secondary School second place in the intermediate race when the Essex Schools' cross-country relays were held at Balfour Park on Saturday. Thirty-seven schools took part in the races.

After bringing Laindon in fourth at the end of the first lap, McCallion finished fifth at the end of the second and Hunt pulled them back to fourth on the third lap.

Jeffery then took over and with a lap of 9m. 11s—third fastest of the day—gained two places to give Laindon second place.

In the Junior race, Laindon's "A" team came sixth, their "B" team 10th and their "C" team 20th. The "A" team were in third place when last man Dorman ran off course and lost three places.

PEELING ON TARGET

RETENDON 6, BILLERICAY YOUTH 1

BILLERICAY YOUTH CENTRE maintained their lead in the Chelmsford and Mid-Exes Combination Second Division when they beat Retendon on Saturday, but they had to fight all the way for their points.

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The goal enabled the Centre to produce the brand of football that has brought them so much success this season and it was no surprise when Peeling put the result beyond doubt with another goal, netting from close range.

Car rally placings

IN THE recent Pater Stuy- rally run by Cheshunt Motor Club, Billericay's first car crew were well to the fore when it ended.

John Griffiths and John Puddicombe, from Wickford, finished eighth overall, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 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HEY SCORED FIRST BUT FINALLY LOST 10-1

CHESTERHALL UNITED 1, PEGASUS 10

A GOAL down after five minutes, Pegasus, with two

reserves in their side, eventually crushed Chester-

hall 10-1 when they continued their Basildon Sun-

day League revival at Wickford on Sunday. The

early goal followed a poor throw by the Pegasus

goalkeeper, Pease. It went straight to a Chester-

hall forward, who crashed

it back into the net.

After this reverse Pegasus

pled it on and only some good

saves by St. Pier stopped them

equalising until the 20th

minute when a combined

movement ended with Redman

nodding the ball home.

With Victor playing a line

captain's role setting up

attacking moves from defence,

Pegasus got right on top and

Durby put them ahead with an

opportunistic goal. Just before

the break Barlow slammed in

the third.

Anart from occasional

breaks by J. Sharpe, Chester-

hall's raids were few and

far between and most of

these came to a halt against

a well-drilled defence.

Two more goals from Alf

Deer in the first 10 minutes

of the second half put an end

to any hopes of a Chesterhall

revival. The margin made it

all the more of a penalty.

Three more goals followed

quickly.

With a sharp rising shot and

Watson followed up with two

in three minutes, one being

a well-placed header.

Just on full time Thorogood

completed the scoring by

adding the Pegasus tally to

double figures.

All credit must go to Ches-

terhall for their sporting dis-

play against all odds. Here

was goalkeeper St. Pier, who

did not deserve to be beaten

10 times. Sharpe tried hard

in the forward line without

much support.

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THE 1ST Basildon Scouts put

up a good show to beat the

Basildon 2nd XI in the

Scout Cup semi-final at Favers

on Saturday.

The 1st XI gained an early

lead with a well-taken goal

by Crouch, but the 2nd XI

equalised through Murray

Osborne regained the lead for

the 1st and just before half-

time Warwick made it 3-1.

In the second half the

score went to 4-1 with a

goal by Crouch following a

free-kick, but the 2nd XI

denied the 8th replied

through Wrench.

The 1st XI scored another

after a mistake by the home

defence, but not before David

Furter goals for the 1st.

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Basildon Sunday League

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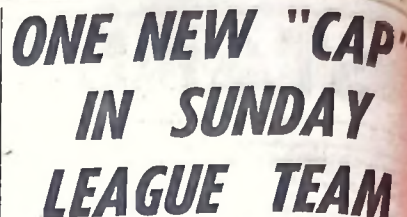


Table tennis review

Games and a prize awaits the successful collector.

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**TULLOCH
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Five-a-side tournament

OLD RIVALS MEET FOR THIRD TIME

Armada Res. at home to	Outwood Common "A"
Orsett O.B.; Ditchburn; New-	(away to Sorrento "B"); Wil-
rome, Livermore; Copley,	liams; Webster, Catmull; Bol-
Harris, Bustable; Phelps, Casey,	man, Foskett, Deady; Rudel-
Suka, Beckman, Lane.	hoff, Arnold, H. Hamber, Baker,
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LEAGUE RESULTS

On Monday he finally announced "I am willing to stand," and was immediately and unanimously elected.

**Wonderful
season**

Cup-tie for Fryerns

Last match

C. Geeson beat H. Magill by five and three at Chelmsford; Shead beat R. Ginn by four and three at the same place.

and two at Burnham: C. Thompson beat D. Wingrove by four and two at Burnham: and J. Hull beat R. Hoskins by four and two at Orsett.

Chelmsford visitors

... decide

Challenge

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Steve Maples and Tom Allen went down to Brian Eve and Alan Lovell, and the Saints also won the doubles.

Other results were: St. Joseph's "B" 3, Hutton "A" 0.

Essex 'keeper
FRYERNS' goalkeeper G37

The League Tournament, for officers of Basildon Leagues, began Basildon Bowl last

tomorrow. Winners will be bowlers with the handicap scores over the games and a prize awaits the successful

Burrows and Sons, Ltd., at
Hend-on-Sea, Friday, February 10, 1900.

MID-ESSEX LEAGUE RESULTS

He had already been asked to fill the post at a previous meeting, but withheld his answer until his commitment with Sports FC was over.

On Monday he finally announced "I am willing to stand," and was immediately and unanimously elected.

Last match decides golf challenge

Four more matches have been played in the second round of the Michot Trophy and the results are as follows:

C. Geeson beat H. Maxwell by 3-1, which does not come from the Ambassadors team are two juniors, Martin Yule and Eddie Green, who hold the double game record of 386.

Challenge

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Essex 'keeper

FRYERNS' goalkeeper Gary Steel plays for Essex versus Hertfordshire on Saturday in the fourth round of the FA County Youth Cup. The match

Back again

RECOVERED FROM a broken finger injury, R. Smith returns in goal for Stability again at Dunton Park on Saturday.

for the

For the Ambassadors

Saturday with two five-player teams—one men, one ladies—to play two Excel House teams. The ladies won, but the men lost.

VI Bird came in to the ladies' team at the last minute and rolled a 532 series to lead the team to victory, while

On Sunday the league
lenged West Ham

Bowling Club at the
Bowl and after a very
game managed a win.
scores of the Basidon
were: K. Templeman 454.
Terry 120. Anne Buckley

The League Tournament, for officers of the

Basildon Bowls last afternoon and will be tomorrow. Winners will be bowlers with the handicap scores over of

Burrows and Sons, Ltd., at Shoreham-on-Sea, Friday, February 10, 1906.

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