

PUBLIC NOTICES

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1962
APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL to detailed plans for the following development has been received:

BILLERICAY
Erection of 46 dwellings and garages at Home Meadow, on The Avenue and "Cass" Road, The Avenue and construction of new streets, providing for the connection of The Avenue and West Park Avenue.
Outline planning permission has already been granted for the residential development of the sites, subject to about one acre of Home Meadow being set aside as a children's play area.

The scheme proposes the diversion of public footpaths Nos. 7 and 8 at present running through the site, and the closure to vehicles of that part of West Park Avenue in front of Nos. 42-48 (evens) inclusive, with alternative access to the properties from a new cul-de-sac.

The majority of the trees on the site are the subject of a provisionally confirmed Tree Preservation Order. A copy of the application and accompanying plans may be inspected during office hours in the Engineer and Surveyor's Department, 88, Town Square, Basildon, or (by prior arrangement) outside office hours, Mondays to Fridays.

Any representations, to be made in writing, must reach me by 1st March, 1967.

DAVID H. TAYLOR,
Town Manager and Clerk of the Council.
Council Offices,
88, Town Square,
Basildon, Essex.

SOUTHEAST WATERWORKS COMPANY
TRUNK MAIN-LANDGON HILLS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Southeast Waterworks Company propose to lay a pipeline from their Landgon Hills Reservoir to Landgon Housing Areas 4 and 5.

For part of the route the main passes under—
A strip of land between Russell Hill and Milton Avenue, Landgon Hills, Basildon National Grid Ref. No. 887878.

Unsuccessful efforts have been made to establish the ownership of this parcel of land. Any person or persons having an interest in it are asked to advise the Southeast Waterworks Company, 13, Cumberland Road, Southend-on-Sea, on or before the 17th March, 1967. Plans showing the location of the above parcel of land are displayed on the site or may be inspected at the above office.

PETER FRANCIS,
Secretary.
20th February, 1967.

FREDERICK HENRY NIBLOW deceased. Pursuant to the Trusts Act, 1925, Section 33, PERSONS claiming an interest in the Estate of FREDERICK HENRY NIBLOW of TROON, 105, CHESTERFIELD AVENUE, THUNDERLEY, ESSEX, representative who died on 1st February 1967, and whose Will dated 21st June 1958 appointed National Provincial Bank Limited, Trustee Department, 35, Abchurch Lane, London, E.C. 4, the sole Executor thereof ARE REQUIRED TO SEND PARTICULARS of the nature of their CLAIMS OR INTEREST TO NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK LIMITED, ON TO THE UNDERSIGNED BY THE 26th APRIL 1967, after which the Executors will distribute the Estate among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
Dated 14th February, 1967.
DAYBELL COURT-COOPER
Solicitors for the Executors.

Lord Lane Chambers,
Broadway, Ilford.

BASILDON U.D.C.
ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT

(Population 112,000.
Projected 213,000)

ENGINEERING ASSISTANTS
The posts will be allocated to an engineering team which will be responsible for varied and interesting schemes which will provide excellent experience to engineers who are seeking to make progress in their profession. The Authority is a rapidly expanding one and exercises full delegated functions.

Housing needs considered; temporary separation allowance; removal expenses; mileage allowance.
Particulars and forms from David H. Taylor, Town Manager (Ext.), Council Offices, Poddewick, Basildon, Closing 15th March.

BASILDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
CHIEF ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the superannuable post of Tracer. Candidates should be men, expeditious draughtsmen / women with previous experience, preferably in an engineering or architect's office.

The appointment will be in the General Division of the Corporation's salary scale (£215-£272 per annum). Start-up salary within the scale will be in accordance with age and experience.

Applications stating age, qualifications, experience and posts held to date, and the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to the General Manager, Basildon Development Corporation, Gifford House, Basildon, Essex, by first post on Monday, March 6th, 1967.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON

HOUSING ACT, 1957 THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) ACT, 1946 AND THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE ACT, 1965

URBAN DISTRICT OF BASILDON MARKET AVENUE WICKFORD COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER, 1967

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Urban District Council of Basildon in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by the above-mentioned Acts on the 8th December 1966 under a Compulsory Purchase Order entitled the Urban District of Basildon (Market Avenue, Wickford) Compulsory Purchase Order 1967 which is about to be submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation authorising them to purchase compulsorily for housing purposes under Part V of the Housing Act 1957, the land described in the Schedule hereto.

A copy of the Order and the map referred to therein have been deposited at the Council Offices, 88, Town Square, Basildon, and may be seen there at all reasonable hours.

Any objections to the Compulsory Purchase Order, stating the grounds of the objection must be made in writing to the Minister of Housing and Local Government, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, before the 20th day of March, 1967.

SCHEDULE

Quantity, location and situation of the land.

A "Roseview" Mark 1

Avenue, Wickford, Area

—0.210 of an acre.

Dated this 23rd day of February, 1967.

(Sgd.) DAVID H. TAYLOR,

Town Manager and Clerk of the Council.

Council Offices,

88, Town Square,

Basildon.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON

COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION

NIGHT ASSISTANT CARETAKER, Woodlands Boys' School, Takeley End, Basildon, for night duty during term time and day duty during school holiday periods, normally, 40-hour week. Wage £12 1s. 6d. (£12 13s. 4d. from 1st March) plus additional £2 0s. 5d. (£2 3s. 4d. from 6th March) a week allowance while on night shift, superannuation.

ASSISTANT CARETAKER, Takeley End Boys' School, Kirby Road, Basildon. Wage £12 1s. 6d. (£12 13s. 4d. from 1st March) plus additional £2 0s. 5d. (£2 3s. 4d. from 6th March) a week allowance while on night shift, superannuation.

ASSISTANT CARETAKERS at following schools: Wage £12 1s. 6d. (£12 13s. 4d. from 1st March) for 40-hour week plus additional 15s. 10d. per week for education shift work during term time.

Basildon Secondary School, High Road, Basildon.

Nicholas Secondary School, St. Nicholas Lane, Landgon, Basildon.

Woodlands Boys' School, Takeley End, Basildon.

Application forms for above posts (please state post for which application is being made) from District Education Officer, 88, Town Square, Basildon.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1962

APPLICATION FOR planning approval has been received for the following development:

BILLERICAY

Alterations to the front elevation of No. 100 High Street, Billericay with extensions at the rear to permit the use of the premises as three shops with offices and showroom over.

The premises are the subject of a confirmed Building Preservation Order.

A copy of the application and accompanying plans may be inspected during office hours in the Engineer and Surveyor's Department, 88, Town Square, Basildon or (by prior arrangement) outside office hours, Mondays to Fridays.

Any representations, to be made in writing, must reach me by 17th March, 1967.

DAVID H. TAYLOR,

Town Manager and Clerk of the Council.

Council Offices,

88, Town Square,

Basildon.

OUR OFFICE

in the
TOWN CENTRE
10 SOUTHERNHAY

BASILDON
IS OPEN
UNTIL
5.30 p.m.
SATURDAY

THIS IS OUR OPINION

SURELY ONLY ONE ORGANISATION IS NECESSARY?

A STRANGE SITUATION has arisen in Billericay this week. One group of business people, already established with their own organisation, find themselves faced with another section of business people proposing to form what in effect is a duplicate organisation.

The Business and Professional Association members had a shock when, only a few days after notice of their next meeting, at which a change of name to Chamber of Trade was to be discussed, had gone out, there came a notice telling them of an inaugural meeting of a Chamber of Commerce.

Since their formation the Association have not called many meetings, but, nevertheless, have been active internally through a committee. It would appear that these sponsoring a Chamber of Commerce, the Billericay Industrial Group, take the view that the two organisations can both survive, for they claim, "Commerce" is dealing with exports and industry, while "Trade" signifies a protection society purely for tradespeople and professional people.

They should look around and they will find Chambers of Commerce or Chambers of Trade catering for all aspects of retail, wholesale and industry under one name, but within that body there being different sections to deal with the individual problems of those particular members.

So it is to be hoped for their own good and the community as a whole that both sides can get together and come to an amicable agreement for one body to represent them all.

PITSEA BY-ELECTION A POINTER TO MAY?

PITSEA'S BY-ELECTION for the vacant Tory seat on Basildon Council is being held on Saturday. The burning question is, will the result be a pointer to the political destiny of Basildon's new expanded Council in May?

No one can answer it with confidence, as Pitsea has changed drastically over recent years with an influx of new council house tenant blood and an emigration of older inhabitants.

In the past Pitsea has changed politically more frequently than the wind, and no party has really dominated the elections for any worthwhile period.

Recent results have favoured the Conservatives and for this reason their candidate must start favourite on Saturday. This view is backed up by the fact that past experience has shown local elections going more often than not against the Government of the day.

The Pitsea contest is interesting because both the Labour candidate, Mr. W. Dorrington, and the Tory, Mr. F. G. Mercer, are men who will attract a great deal of support from their particular sections of the community.

Mr. Dorrington will expect most of his votes to come from the Council estate, while Mr. Mercer will tend to rely more on Bowers Gifford and the outlying areas for his support.

Past by-elections have produced pathetically small polls at Pitsea. If Saturday's contest follows the same pattern, the margin between the two men could be less than 100 votes.

Should such a prediction prove true, victory will go to the candidate who works hardest to get his known supporters away from their firesides to the polling stations.

Students in Town Centre sit-down demonstration

A SIT-DOWN demonstration was staged by five members of Basildon Committee of 100 outside Sainsbury's store, Town Centre, at lunch-time on Tuesday.

The young people involved were from Graylands Secondary and Barstable Grammar Schools. One banner read: "Wanted, LBJ for Murder. Reward—freedom."

It was the first demonstration by the New Town group, which claims 35 members. Reason was the renewed American heavy bombing about North Vietnam.

Organiser was 16-year-old Alan Harrison, of Kent View Road, Vange. He stood up to tell a reporter about the protest. We chose a food shop to sit

outside because there are millions starving in Vietnam," he said.

The demonstration lasted 90 minutes. There was no attempt made by the Police to move the protesters. Alan: "My parents are Tory and would be disgusted if they knew I said the demonstration had been organised at short notice to coincide with Committee of 100 activities in London."

"We are very angry about the bombing," he added.

All invited

Further consideration of the comprehensive development area proposals at Queens Park, Billericay, and The Wick, Wickford, is to be given at a special meeting of Basildon Council's Executive Committee next month when all Council members will be invited.



Members of Basildon Committee of 100 protest in the Town Centre on Tuesday.



COUN. WITHINGTON

Tory leader's shock decision

BASILDON Council Tory Majority Group Leader, COUN. Harry Withington will almost certainly not be standing for re-election in the government elections in May.

Revealing his shock decision to a "Standard" reporter on Saturday, COUN. Withington explained: "I have not got the time to take a living and carry on my functions as Leader of the Council properly. My job has to come first."

Looking back at his career in local government, he went on: "I was prompted to stand for the Council three years ago."

"I regarded the fact that the Conservatives were a very low ebb indeed as a challenge."

"In the beginning we were in a minority of three, but at the end of my first 18 months, when I became Leader, I formed the opinion that within two years the Tories would be in the majority and that I would maintain control of the Council for a minimum of three years."

So far COUN. Withington has been proved right. The May elections the Conservatives will hold 26 seats to Labour's 21.

"I reckon we have also got a 50-50 chance of the Basildon Central," he added.

An accountant with an import-export firm in Landgon, COUN. Withington said: "I married for 10 years, but have lived with my wife Dorcas in Billericay since 1954 when they moved from Walthamstow."

BILLERICAY HIGH STREET PUBLIC MEETING

THE controversial redevelopment of Billericay High Street will be dealt with at a public meeting which has been called by Basildon Council's Executive Committee for April 5th at 8 p.m. in the Archer Hall, Billericay. Members of Building Design Partnership, Ltd., a firm of architects who prepared the report, will explain it and answer questions. Councillors will also be present.

Valentine dancers

About 100 people danced a St. Valentine's dance in the Ramsden last week.

M.C. was Mr. Ted Baines of Lindhurst Drive, Basildon Heath, and dancing was to the Eric Clapton Trio.

Organisers were dames D. Warner, Hodges, J. Robinson and Knight.



Mr. Arthur John Murrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Murrell, of Golding Crescent, Vange, married Miss Carrie Ann Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hoy, of Kents Hill Road North, Thundersley, at St. Peter's Church, Thundersley, on Saturday. Rev. L. Woodcock conducted the service. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Richard Hoy, wore a full-length gown of white silk with a bouffant veil secured by a crystal coronet. Bridal attendants were the Misses Pat Sims, Brenda Murrell and Linda Ives. Mr. Ronald Murrell was best man. (Picture by Priority Photography Service).

Handcuffed in Court

HANDCUFFED TO a Policeman, George Clack (34), steel erector, of Cranfield Park Road, Wickford, made an unsuccessful application for bail when he appeared before Chelmsford Magistrates on Monday.

He had been arrested after failing to appear for trial at Essex Quarter Sessions on a charge of driving while disqualified.

Last week his wife, Lillian Daphne Clack (33), also failed to appear for trial on an accusation that she aided and abetted him to drive while banned. A warrant for her arrest was issued.

Asked on Monday why he failed to appear for trial in January, Clack told Mr. Malcolm Simons, prosecuting solicitor, he was not at home when the letter notifying him of the date of the trial arrived. Later his wife left home, taking two of their three children with her.

He went after her, but failed to find her. He now believed she was somewhere in Suffolk.

Clack was remanded in custody for trial at Quarter Sessions.

On Tuesday Mrs. Clack, who was arrested on the previous day appeared at Essex Quarter Sessions and was told her trial would take place at the next sessions. Then the Clerk, Mr. W. J. Piper, asked her for her present address she said she did not want it disclosed in open Court. She was permitted to write it down and hand it to the Clerk.

On her application she was granted bail in the sum of £25 with one surety of £100.

Chose the lesser evil

THE LESSER of two evils cost Erral Walker (20), of Chantry Way, Billericay, £10 at Grays on Monday.

He admitted crossing a double white line while overtaking in West Thurrock, but said a minicar he had not seen prevented him returning to the inside lane so he had to choose the lesser of two evils and carry on and cross the double white lines.

HE'S A GOOD GIRL!



Esmeralda (left) and Mary Poppins—two of the youngsters who took part in the Billericay and Wickford Scouts' Association diamond jubilee concert at Billericay Secondary School last Friday and Saturday. Our photographer, looking for a subject, found these two pretty girls—but, surprise! surprise!—Esmeralda is 11-years-old Andrew Stew, of 2nd Billericay Group! Mary Poppins is Kathie Howe, and she was the only real girl in the entire company. She is 12.

When her life began anew

FOR 18 YEARS Mrs. Violet Makri (46), suffered from a crippling defect of the heart.

During most of that time she was confined to her bed, and even when she managed to get up it was agony for her to walk more than a few steps at a time.

But four years ago she had an operation which transformed her life when

surgeons at the London Hospital replaced a diseased valve in her heart with an artificial one.



MRS. MAKRI

Excited and over-awed at her return to health, she immediately began to take an active interest in the work of the British Heart Foundation.

Mrs. Makri, however, was forced to resign from the Foundation's Redbridge Area Committee, which she helped to found, when she moved to Swan Lane, Wickford, with her husband, Anthony (56), a hairdresser, from Forest Gate 14 days ago.

Now she is interested in getting together with other sufferers, past or present, and anyone else who might be interested in forming a Foundation Area Committee in Wickford.

"One of the first things I noticed when I came to Wickford was that Foundation collecting boxes had been distributed about the town," Mrs. Makri told the "Standard," "and it was pleasing to realise that there was somebody here who was already interested in this organisation."

106, High Street

Basildon Council are to advertise an application received for alterations and extensions to 106, High Street, Billericay, subject of a building preservation order.



Some of the children from Ghyllgrove who put on a show for the Ghyllgrove O.A.P.s at their weekly meeting on Monday. Front are Suzanne Brick (11) and Carol Walker (13); rear are Sharon Burke (8), Trudy Bridge (10), Gary Bride (5) and Bernadette Bride (7). This is the children's second show for the old folk.



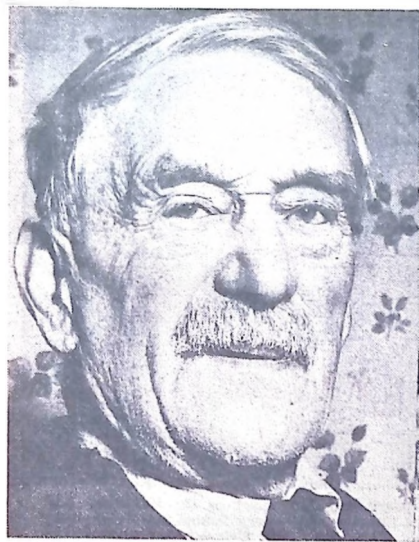
Mr. Alan Walter Covington, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Covington, of Barkinside, was married on Saturday to Miss Maureen Gora Hamm, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hamm, of Manor Avenue, Pitsea. The ceremony took place at St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church, Basildon, and was conducted by Father Mahoney. The bride dress of duchesse satin, cut into a train and trimmed with swansdown. A pearl and crystal coronet secured her roses, lilies of the valley, hyacinth buds and heather. Her attendants were her sister, Mrs. Frances Mace, and the full-length dresses of peacock blue satin and carried bouquets of flame roses and white hyacinth buds. Best man was Mr. Ian Covington, the bridegroom's brother.

Shabbily anonymous!



Billericay Central Ward Conservative Association held a tramp supper at the Women's Institute Hall, Billericay, on Friday evening. Our picture shows four guests who prefer to remain shabbily anonymous!

VETERAN READERS' COLUMN



GAVE UP SMOKING —WHEN HE WAS NINETY!

IF YOU had been a really heavy smoker for 80 years, could you give it up, just like that, at the age of 90? Mr. Arthur Budd, who is 92 years old, did it when he had bronchitis for the second year running. Mr. Budd is seen above.

"I started smoking when I was 10," he said with a chuckle. "Pipes, cigarettes, cigars—the lot. Then when my chest was bad for the second winter running I decided I'd give it up—and I did!"

Mr. Budd was born in Chatham, Kent. His earliest recollection of his schooldays is the earnings he got for playing truant! In those days every child attending school had to pay a few coppers a week. Arthur would go in on Monday morning, pay his school fee and that was probably the last the school would see of him. "I used to go and help the milkman!" laughs Arthur.

All his life he has been a plasterer. He started off as an apprentice, working long hours for pocket money only. His first job after he was "out of time" was at the princely rate of 6d. per hour.

For some years Arthur worked in London, mostly in the City. He has worked on the Shell-Mex building and the Bank of England, but the job he is proudest of is the Masonic Temple he helped to build in Queen's Street. "It was the best job I ever did," he says, with quiet pride.

"Time was no object—but it had to be right!" Arthur has lived in London for 34 years and deplores the changes he has seen in the town over the years. He hates to see the open country built upon and the proposed expansion saddens him greatly.

Mr. Budd's daughter lives with him, now that he is a widower—his wife died upon their 70th wedding anniversary and never knew that they had received a congratulatory telegram from H.M. The Queen. Next door, in the companion house, is his own that he built many years ago, lives his granddaughter and her family. He has six grandchildren, of whom he is very fond; but he is especially proud of little Jan, his one-year-old great-great-grandchild. Another important member of the family is Sam, a large and handsome tabby cat, whose favourite spot is inside the fender, as close to the fire as he can get. "Artful old cat!" says Arthur, affectionately. "He's like me—likes his comfort!"

If anyone has earned a little comfort, it is Arthur. He has worked hard all his life and brought up his family to do the same. When he retired from plastering he has kept young and active by looking after his garden and helping

Dinner and a party

THE ANNUAL dinner party of the Pitsea No. 1 O.A.P. branch was held in place of their weekly meeting on Tuesday week. Members thoroughly enjoyed their meal and afterwards danced to the music of Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, with their electric organ, piano and drums. There was community singing as well and Mr. Harman sang solos.

There was a silent tribute in memory of Mrs. Walford, a former member who lived at Rectory Road, Pitsea.

First prize for the raffle was a half tea service given by Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, the former Chairman and Treasurer, attended the dinner party and the hope was expressed that they would come back to the district for the next one.

The meeting came to a close with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

They will tour Kent

THE FIRST outing of the season for the Lee Chapel South O.A.P. was announced as a half-day's tour of Kent on May 1st. Chairman Mr. T. Simpson said this at their meeting on Wednesday week and expressed the hope that it would be a most enjoyable afternoon.

He also announced that the sick list had unfortunately grown and sent the good wishes of the members for the speedy recovery of sick colleagues.

The afternoon was spent playing Bingo, with Mr. J. Roberts as caller and Mr. G. Rivett checking the cards.

CHOIR ENTERTAINED

Members of the Lee Chapel North Dabry and Joan Club were entertained by Mr. Holman and his choir at the meeting on Thursday week. The programme consisted of choral items, solos and duets, and the choir sang very well. It was announced that there were 10 sick members, who were sent good wishes for their recovery. Mrs. Hanger was welcomed back after illness and it was reported that Mr. Potter was making good progress. The Chairman thanked every one who had brought gifts for the raffle and the meeting ended as it began, with the singing of a hymn.

Musical afternoon

MEMBERS OF the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens' Club enjoyed a happy musical afternoon at their weekly meeting at Pemberry Hall, Church Road, Basildon, on Thursday week. Pianist was Mrs. Menday and everyone joined in the community singing.

Chairman Mrs. N. L. Baker presided and sent good wishes to all sick members on behalf of their colleagues. The clothing sale was a great success.

An outing to Eastbourne is planned for the start of the summer season and Mrs. Baker hoped that new members will be forthcoming to swell the ranks and to take part in the Club's future activities.

Tea was served by Mrs. Candler and her helpers.

SHE PLAYED ON A MINIATURE TROMBONE

The 22nd annual general meeting of the Basildon No. 1 branch O.A.P. was held at the Vange Community Hall last Friday. Officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Mrs. F. Pantland; Secretary, Miss E. E. Hansing; Treasurer, Mrs. Rider; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Billington, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Rider, Mr. Bridger and Mr. Bull. Committee members for the forthcoming year are Mesdames Cooper, Plumb, Wen, Williams, Bridger and Elsey and Mr. Bull.

Sick members were sent the good wishes for a speedy recovery, and three new members were welcomed. Arrangements are going ahead for the summer holiday, and day's outing to Southsea has been planned for May. Members were told of an invitation to an Easter social by the Vange Ladies' Club, which they gratefully accepted. After reports of the year's activities had been given by the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and auditor Mr. Bull, tea was served by Mrs. Elsey, Mrs. Bridger and Mrs. Williams. An iced cake, donated by Mrs. Russell, and other goods formed the basis of a raffle for club funds. The afternoon's entertainment was provided by Mrs. Cooper at the piano, with songs by Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Dobbins. To everyone's astonishment Mrs. Holt produced a miniature trombone and played it! A "penny-on-the-floor" session resulted in four shillings for the sick fund box.

TALK ON RED CROSS

Members of Langdon Hills Over-Sixties' Club greatly enjoyed a talk by a visitor from the British Red Cross Society, Miss Shiel, who showed them various gadgets which enabled disabled persons to wash, dress and entertain themselves, and to do their own cooking, etc. Miss Shiel described the welfare work done by the Red Cross among old folk and disabled children, and the material assistance offered in the case of overseas disasters. Chairman Mrs. Sheppard thanked her for her talk on behalf of the appreciative members. Musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Parker and a newcomer, Mr. Donham, and a visitor were given a hearty welcome. Sick members Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Goodin were remembered. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Hicks and cakes for tea were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Shipman.

CLOTHING SALE

Members of the Basildon Physically-Handicapped Club held a highly-successful sale of clothing at their weekly meeting on Thursday week. The Club's President, W. A. Holden, opened the meeting with a hymn and expressed sympathy and good wishes on behalf of all the members of the sick. Especially mentioned were Mesdames Oldham, Tanner, Jordan, Keys, Haddon, Ringrose, Powell and Stephenson, Miss Jones and Mr. Penfold and Mr. Jarvis.

Fortcoming events announced by Chairman Mr. E. Smart included a visit to the theatre at Hornchurch, and tea hostesses were Mrs. Costenon, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Eady, Mrs. Furness and Mrs. Macnam. Members enjoyed a programme of tape-recorded music played to them by Mr. J. E. Freeston, the husband of the Secretary.

Mr. W. Graham (Chairman) and Mr. C. Tarling (Secretary) recently elected to office at the South Green Thursday Club. Mr. Tarling is also a member of the Thursday Club's own concert party.



Members of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens' Club at their meeting on Thursday week. They would welcome new members. Their meetings are held at the Basildon Boys' Club H.Q. in Church Road, Basildon.

Party time in the district



Billericay Anglican Church held their Sunday School party at the Archer Memorial Hall on Saturday afternoon. Our picture shows a group of the young guests.



The 14th anniversary of Fryerns Baptist Church Women's Fellowship was celebrated with a service and tea on Thursday week in the Church Hall. This picture shows some of the guests—after the tea!



Billericay Methodist Young Wives held a party on Saturday at the Church Hall. One of the games was "Musical Bag," which produced a weird assortment of strange garments. This is how the contestants ended up!

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NEW PITSEA HOMES, EIGHT DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!

LATEST FACTORY-BUILT houses to come off the Basildon pipe-line were handed to Basildon Council by Mr. C. L. Lesser, Chairman of Lesser Homes, Ltd., at Pitsea on Monday.

He gave the keys of five houses in Rectory Road to Housing Committee Chairman Coun. Reginald Brown. These homes, part of a £667,585 contract, were finished eight days ahead of schedule.

The 167-home contract at Pitsea—started in August and due for completion by October—marks four years of the Lesser industrialised building in the New Town. "We have learned to build quickly and in quantity," Mr. Lesser said. This was done, he stressed, without detriment to quality. "We have learned a great deal while in Basildon." Council Chairman Coun. A. Baron Burn welcomed Mr. E. T. Salter, Regional Minister of Housing Architect, and members of the party from Lesser Homes, Ltd. Some 10 Basildon councillors also watched the handing-over ceremony.

Coun. Brown said: "This scheme is just a small part of the Council and Development Corporation combined efforts to produce an up-to-date and new Pitsea."

"We regret there will be certain temporary inconvenience caused to the residents owing to the amount of work in progress—but it is hoped that the end-product will compensate for the present difficulties."

The end-product has gas-fired central heating. The front and rear walls—with their large windows—were all made in the factory and erected on the site. From the kitchen a service-hatch opens into the big living room. Upstairs, the built-in wardrobes are a modern feature in the bedrooms.

The homes on the Pitsea new Council estate are later versions of Lesser houses pioneered in a £800,000 project for Basildon Development Corporation at Fryerns and Barnstable. Open landscaping gives the Pitsea estate the complete New Town look—makes it impossible to distinguish between Corporation and Council housing.

"MARVELOUS" Among the guests were the Guilders family, of Rectory Road. They are moving into one of the houses from their home down the road where they have lived for 30 years. Seeing the large group of people, they asked what was happening—and were shown round the actual building

which will become their home in a fortnight. "Marvelous, everything is so handy," Mrs. L. R. Guilders told a Council official. "It is so nice to be able to stay in the road—with the same neighbours."

TWO GIVEN DECREES

MARRIED TEN years, Mrs. Joan Lynn, of Ballards Walk, Basildon, was granted a decree nisi at Southend Divorce Court last week on the grounds of her husband's adultery. The Special Commissioner exercised discretion in respect of her admitted adultery.

She married Mr. George Lynn at Hendon, in 1957, and there are no children of the marriage. On the grounds of her husband's adultery a decree nisi was granted to Mrs. Ellen Ruby Dowles, of Sevenoaks, Wickford. She married Mr. Frederick William Dowles at Brentwood Register Office in 1951 and there is one child.

Mrs. Dowles was awarded costs and the Special Commissioner exercised discretion in respect of her admitted adultery.

Five Lesser homes are handed over to Basildon Council — eight days ahead of schedule — at Rectory Road, Pitsea. Picture shows the party of guests at Monday's ceremony.

TERRORISED BY NIGHT RAIDERS

NIGHT-TIME raids by a mysterious vandal on the front garden of a middle-aged Raven Lane, Billericay, couple resulted in their daughter contacting the "Standard" this week to express her "bitter anger."

Mrs. Margaret Markham, of Norsey View Drive, said her father, Mr. George Tyers (56), had threatened to put barbed wire up if the raids continued. His wife Kathleen (52) had been "reduced to tears."

"I am really disgusted by it," she said. "My father and mother have lived in Raven Lane five years and they have devoted all their spare time to nurturing a lovely garden. They have planted trees and shrubs, which provide them—and many other people—with a great deal of pleasure."

"Now someone seems to be taking a delight in destroying them, one by one, and they are very much upset. And all is always done at night. It would seem not to be a child, but I do not know. I am sure that my father and mother are not who was responsible, as they were a 'quiet and inoffensive couple,' without enemies."

"All I can say is that whoever is 'planted' should come and see me. I have a large garden with plenty of trees that need pruning, and this would enable the culprit to show his or her sadistic character without causing any further upset to my parents."

Mrs. Tyers told the "Standard" the raids had occurred three times since Christmas. The funny thing is that always occur on Friday nights, she said, "and the Police, of course, are powerless to do anything about it."

"We have a soft, frontage and several young trees planted along it and it is these which have been attacked. Branches were stripped from a flowering cherry tree and a almond tree and a conifer was also stripped and pulled out of shape."

SIGNS VIETNAM BOMB PROTEST
MR. ERIC Moonman, M.P. for Billericay, is one of 100 Labour M.P.s to protest at U.S. activities in Vietnam. He has signed the following motion: "This House condemns the renewed United States bombing of North Vietnam, which so flagrantly undermines the peace initiatives of U Thant, the United Nations Secretary-General, and calls upon the Government unequivocally to disassociate the United Kingdom from this action."



Handing over of the keys of the first of the factory-built homes on Pitsea's new council estate. Seen (left to right) are Coun. Reginald Brown (Housing Committee Chairman), Mr. Kenneth Cotton (Council Chief Architect), Coun. Arthur Baron Burn (Council Chairman), Mr. C. L. Lesser (Chairman of Lesser Homes, Ltd.), Mr. E. T. Salter (Ministry of Housing Regional Architect) and Mr. Roy Homewood (Assistant Town Manager).

The inspection of Dry Street



INSPECTION PARTY IN DRY STREET.

More about the great Master Plan inquiry

(Continued from Page 1).

Mr. Bellingham's letter to the Minister pointed out the road would pass through his property. Why not use Victoria Road or Worthing Road, he asked, both of which were close by, as the new Road 60?

Chief Engineer Mr. Hubert Bryant said either of these roads would be inappropriate as an access-free primary distributor road. They each had an 18ft. carriageway and width between front fences was only 36ft. Both were frontally developed using Victoria Road for Road 60 would mean demolition of at least a dozen properties, and in the case of Worthing Road about twenty properties. Some of them had been built within the last five years.

Care had been taken to choose the route which least affected residential development.

Questioned by Mr. Stegkies, Mr. Bryant said Road 60 "could remain a necessity" even if there were no industrial area at Laindon. "It links these western neighbourhoods with the rest of the town," he said, "and provides a western exit."

ABOUT DUNTON

A suggestion that Dunton should be redeveloped as a satellite village around its parish church came from County and local Councillor Mr. William Kiddell at the Master Plan Inquiry on Thursday.

Mr. Kiddell, of Topham Road, Laindon, also wanted the western hinterland of Lower Dunton Road used as playing fields for industrial areas. He said such development would make a more pleasant approach to the New Town than the proposed industrial area. People were suspicious, continued Mr. Kiddell, about assurances given by authorities which often fell short of expected standards.

"We were told the Ford Research Centre at Dunton would be well screened, but it is a monstrous, At night it is a flaming torch and more like a lavvy on the M1. In the past I was able to walk across the fields and gather mushrooms, now I only get diesel fumes."

Mr. Kiddell said Dunton had always been a community on its own, people were all good neighbours.

Cross-examining Mr. Kiddell, Mr. Boniface suggested Dunton residents would be better off under the new plan than under the old one. They could stay longer and when they had to go they would get better compensation.

It all depends what you mean by better off," said Mr. Kiddell, "I don't want to go!"

UNIONISTS SLATE M.P.

BASILDON trade unionists slated Member of Parliament Mr. Eric Moonman on Wednesday for his lack of contact with them. They decided to send him "a stiff letter."

Complained Mr. D. Barker, an E.T.U. delegate: "He has time to get down to Basildon for barking dogs. I want to see him here at the Trades Council to hear what he has to say about the wage freeze. He was one of the boys who helped introduce it, but everywhere prices are going up."

"Let's have him down here any time, any place. I want to see him."

A Schoolkeepers' delegate Mr. E. Wadey said his branch had sent several deputations to see Mr. Moonman.

"We have yet to see him," he said. "Each time he has been busy at his surgery with a very important patient — someone like Ford."

Methodist play group

Laindon Methodist Church have started a play group for pre-school age children. After a trial run last week they have now started up in earnest, and there is every sign that it will prove to be of great value. The play group can take up to 25 children, and there are six helpers, under the jurisdiction of Mrs. J. Gosling. The Methodist Church Hall has recently been redecorated in bright, modern colours, and any profits will be spent on new equipment.



Corporation Chief Architect Mr. Douglas Galloway and Mr. C. R. Clarke, Chairman of Laindon Residents' Association, point out some of the "sub-standard" dwellings on the map to the Inspector.

Fatal collapse

Mrs. Olive M. Holland, 60 years old, of Gladwyns, Basildon, collapsed on Wednesday week near her home and was found to be dead on arrival at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay.

95 PRESENT

A "Twenty Questions" session was enjoyed by members of the Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens' Club at their meeting last week. Question Master was the Chairman, Mrs. E. Thurston, and the team won by one point. Sick members were sent good wishes for their recovery and it was announced that Mr. Morley and Mrs. Looker were to go into hospital. Tea was served by Mr. Chatting and helpers. The meeting, which was attended by 95 members, closed with the singing of the usual song.

LANGDON HILLS W.I. Members stood in silent tribute for three former members, Mrs. Alfred, a founder member, Mrs. Cockshaw and Mrs. Stokes. A new member, Mrs. Jenkins, was welcomed by the other members. The forthcoming birthday lunch was discussed, also an outing to the ice show at Wembley. After the business matters had been dealt with, Mr. Leverett gave a film show, showing films on potato research, canning and how the housewife benefits from the supermarkets. The competition winner was Mrs. Rowe.

WHEN HEATING BILLS FOR CORPORATION HOUSES HORRIFY

THE HIGH COST of heating new Corporation houses was referred to by Rev. J. J. Rooney, Methodist Minister, of Langdon Hills and Lee Chapel North, objecting to the Master Plan on Wednesday.

"I have seen the horror on people's faces—especially the faces of old ladies living on their own—when they get their first gas bill for something like £27," he told the Inspector.

Money received from the Corporation when these old people sold their homes was soon spent on high rents and large gas and electricity bills, said Mr. Rooney.

"Although the Corporation pay a fair price for property, no one can pay the value of a home. We have heard homes referred to as shacks. But they are people's homes."

Turning to schools, Mr. Rooney said there was already overcrowding, and a teacher shortage in the area's schools. Until recently one grammar school was unable to have any child into a science laboratory for the first two years of his science training. It was wrong to bring extra people into an area already in difficulties.

"Tramp invasion" complaints

AN "INVASION" of nearly 200 "tramps" led to complaints from people living near South Green Memorial Hall on Friday night.

The tramps were Billericay Youth Centre members and the complaints were about the noise coming from two groups they engaged to provide non-stop music at a tramps ball at the hall.

"We did turn the volume down a bit," admitted Centre Warden Mr. Norman Poel afterwards, "but the noise did not strike me as excessive. I think the trouble was that the hall was so small. It just seemed to amplify the noise."

Groups playing were the Eastside Movement and The Morsharty and during the evening prizes of confectionery were awarded for the best costumes.

Winning girl was Lillian Clarke, with Susan Farrell second; winning boy was Ray Dolphin with Ray Robinson second; and there was also a special prize for another outstanding costume worn by Christine Phelps.

The ball was scheduled to be held at the Youth Centre premises at Billericay County Secondary School, but a mix-up over dates resulted in Billericay and Wickford Boy Scouts' Local Association booking the school hall.

FINED £10

A fine of £10, with £7 costs, was imposed at Billericay Magistrates' Court on Tuesday on Trevor Philpott, of Pendle Drive, Basildon, after he had pleaded guilty to careless driving.

Sentenced to Borstal

LIVING with his sister, Mrs. Grace Watcott, of Mollands, Vange, Edward Charles Godfrey (19), rifled the gas and electricity meters of £17 lbs. Some weeks later he broke into the home of 79-years-old Mrs. Kate Hurd in Wharf Lane, Vange, and stole rings and money worth £84.

For these offences, to which he pleaded guilty at Essex Quarter Sessions, Chelmsford, on Wednesday week, he was sentenced to Borstal training.

Det.-Con. Brian Thompson reported four previous convictions against Godfrey. He said three rings and £26 had been recovered.

Meet your councillor

The growing use of the "Meet Your Councillor" sessions has led Basildon Council to continue the experiment. January turned out to four simultaneous sessions in Wickford, Laindon, Vange and Billericay was 13 residents. But 23 people appeared in February. The next sessions will be from 7 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 3rd, at Wickford and Laindon Community Centres. Pitsen Junior School and Billericay's old Council Chamber; and on Friday, March 10th, at the Fodderwick Council Offices, Basildon.

Church to have recruiting drive

Holy Cross Church is carrying out a recruiting drive in the New Town estates at Fryerns to find potential churchgoers. Cuthbert Buxton is leading a team of seven church council members. They are handing out 1,300 leaflets and calling on the parents of Sunday School children.

BILLERICAY PENSIONERS

A member was introduced at Billericay O.A.P. Association branch meeting on Wednesday week in the Rose Hall by Mrs. Harrington (Chairman). Get well messages were sent to ill members and it was stated that Mrs. Webb had sent a cheerful letter to the Club. Mrs. Gifford's birthday was celebrated and it was announced that by the previous week's voting, Broadstairs, Margate, and Southend had been chosen for summer outings. The Mayflower group of Scottish dancers entertained. Mrs. Cayzer and Mrs. Hill were

Councillors called on to resign

FOUR OUT of five Billericay councillors were called on to resign at Billericay Residents' Association's annual meeting on Monday during a vehement five-minute outburst over Basildon Council's handling of the revolutionary High Street report.

"Get out, resign and tout your political placebos elsewhere," thundered South Area Committee member Mr. Jim Hopkins.

"Why did the Billericay councillors not serve on the High Street report Study Group?" he asked. "There are, after all, five of them, and if they are not elected to serve Billericay's interests in such matters why do they continue in office?"

"Was it pressure of work or are they just not interested? Perhaps they think that no effort on their part is worth while. If this is the case then I for one say 'Resign!'"

He was referring to Couns. T. D. Chapman, G. T. Field, C. D. Pope

plan was to make the Council take notice of public opinion on the subject.

This, he added, was particularly important in the interim period between the report's publication and its implementation "if only to avoid the creation of more monstrosities in the High Street."

"If the members of this Association think that by securing the right to present their views and evidence to the Study Group they will solve the problem, then they are living in a fool's paradise," he said.

"Any approach by the R.A. must have teeth and it will not have teeth if we merely supply reams of paper for the Study Group to put in its files," he said.

"Surely it is not impossible for the Council to attend representatives to attend Study Group meetings as observers with the right to comment, but not to vote? Furthermore, these comments should be minutes and placed on record for the full Council to digest," he concluded.

Following Mr. Hopkins' speech, a resolution that the Association write to the four Billericay councillors who are not on the High Street Study Group asking why they did not insist on being appointed to the Group, was passed unanimously.



Threatened Dry Street farmer Mr. Rowland Partridge (left) takes the Inspector's party across his land.

Your cinemas

Radion, Laindon

Monday for three days. "The Liquidator" is a dramatic story of a man who is mistakenly employed by the Secret Service as an "executive". California Holiday (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) is an Elvis Presley musical about a "pop" singer who travels all over America with his group.

Century, Pitsea

"The Blue Max" (Monday for six days) is set during the last year of World War I and is told entirely from the German angle. The main character is a young man whose aim in life is to be awarded the Blue Max — a medal given to pilots who shoot down twenty enemy aircraft.

Ritz, Billericay

"The Idol" (Sunday and Monday) is a world story of the love of an American art student in London. Tuesday for five days, "Georgy Girl" is an off-beat romance about a big, ungainly and homesy girl who has been brought up by a rich business man.

Odeon, Southend

A sequel to the successful "Magnificent Seven". "The Return of the Seven" stars Yul Brynner. The same Mexican village is in trouble again — all the men have been kidnapped, when Chris, original leader of the seven, hears this he rounds up a new set of gunnates to help him free the captives. The film is showing up to and including Wednesday.

Ritz, Southend

Starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton, "Cleopatra" (Sunday for one week) is the well-known story of Cleopatra, Caesar and Anthony, beautifully filmed in lovely settings.

ABC, Southend

Showing up to and including Wednesday. "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" is an explosive film which has been adapted from the controversial stage play of the same name. Main characters are Martha and George, a middle-aged couple who live a self-destructive life, each trying to humiliate the other. The film tells of one evening in their life when they have a young couple visiting them.

Essoldo, Westcliff

"The Blue Max" (showing up to and including Wednesday) is a story of the closing year of the First World War, told entirely from the German angle. It spotlights a young man who is set to win the Blue Max, Germany's highest award, presented to pilots who have shot down 20 enemy aircraft.

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No drug peddling in Billericay say Police and youth leaders

IF BILLERICAY young people want to buy illicit drugs, they will have to go outside the town for them. That is the conclusion reached by "Standard" reporters after an important investigation into a claim—made last week—that most local youngsters know where to get their hands on drugs in the town.

The claim seems to be without any foundation at all.

Reporters visited Billericay Youth Centre, which is probably the only place where they profitably could be peddled, and got an emphatic "no drugs here" comment from 25-years-old assistant warden Mr. John Matthews.

"And if anyone in authority here knew anything about them it would be me," he said. "I have been a paid official here for three years, but before that I was a member for four years and I have my ear very close to the ground."

"I'm not claiming that members or other young people never buy and take Purple Hearts or other drugs, but I can say quite confidently that there was a regular peddler in the town I would know about him and he would certainly be reported to the Police."

"We had trouble here only once, about three years ago, when we heard a couple of boys were taking pills, but we put the fear of God into them and it never happened again."

He added that he thought he would be able to recognise a drug taker among the Centre's 500 members as he had seen young people under their influence elsewhere. "Once you have seen one, you can usually recognise another," he said.

His views were supported by Insp. George Manning, of Billericay Police. "Obviously we keep our eyes wide open for this sort of activity, but I have no knowledge of it going on in the town at all," he said.

There was a similar reaction from Mr. N. R. Mason, Deputy Warden of the 400-strong Wickford Youth Centre. "To my knowledge we have no trouble of that sort here and never have had," he said.

The controversial claim was made at an "Any Answers?" session at Billericay Women's Institute's monthly meeting.

"I don't know where to buy illicit drugs in Billericay," said mother of two Mrs. Helena Stewart, of Rayleigh Road, Hutton, "but I have evidence that some young people in the town do."

She told the "Standard" she was not prepared to reveal the source of her information, except to say that he was a young man of about 25, because it would cause him acute embarrassment.

"We were talking about drugs some months ago and I asked him if he knew where he could get them. He told me that they were easily obtained in Billericay, but he wouldn't say where because he said he did not want to be beaten up."

She added: "I have been assured that if any further information comes to light I will be told about it and I will go straight to the Police. If I could have done any more about it at the time I would have done."

POLICE CHASE

Police chased a stolen car along the Arterial Road at Basildon early on Wednesday morning. The chase ended in Haze Road, where the car, which had been stolen from Tower Hill, overturned. The driver ran off across the fields and was not found.

Cafe break

Three bottles of minerals were stolen when the cafe at Lake Meadows, Billericay, was broken into during the weekend.

BUSY THIEF

A thief drilled through the locks of three garages in Lake Meadows, Basildon, on Monday night. He stole a radio and aerial from one and some tools from another, but the third garage was empty.

Goodbye St. Peter's

A FORMAL goodbye service will be held at St. Peter's Church, Laindon, on Mothering Sunday—to mark the handing of the building to Basildon Development Corporation.

Erected in the 'thirties, the wooden building is in St. Nicholas Lane. It will probably be pulled down later this year.

A GREAT DAY FOR BILLERICAY A.T.C.

New H.Q. take-over

FLIGHT-LIEUTENANT Reg Ferris, Billericay 2393 A.T.C. Squadron Commanding Officer, grasped a bunch of keys on Tuesday afternoon, held them aloft, and exclaimed: "We're in at last."

After five years the Squadron finally have their own headquarters.

The £23,500 building was completed on a site off Laindon Road this week, and Flt-Lieut. Ferriss went along to receive the keys from Mr. G. G. Shenstone, the Territorial Auxiliary Forces Association architect, who designed the building.

With the official opening date not yet fixed, it was a brief ceremony, the only other people in attendance being the A.T.C.'s East Essex Wing Administration Officer, Flight-Lieutenant Denis C. Wheeler from Wing Headquarters at R.A.F. Deden, the R.A.F. representative, Mr. F. C. Bambury, Mr. G. Johnson, manager for the builders, Kingston Building Contractors, and one or two of his workmen.

Flt. - Lieut. Ferriss told

the "Standard" he was delighted with the building. This is a great step towards what he has after five years in rather unsuitable accommodation at the Women's Institute Hall, he said.

The 22-strong squadron bade farewell to the W.I. Hall this week and started transferring furniture and equipment on Tuesday evening.

The headquarters comprises a canteen, store room, 22 toilets and an assembly hall which can be partitioned into three training rooms.

"Once lads get to know about it our membership should go up by leaps and bounds," said Flt-Lieut. Ferriss. The headquarters also incorporate protective metal grills for the windows.

"We have learned from bitter experience just how necessary these are in these days of vandals," said Flt-Lieut. Wheeler. "They may not look too attractive, but they save a lot of money."



The keys of the Billericay A.T.C. Headquarters were officially handed over to Flt-Lieut. Reg Ferriss, 2393 Squadron A.T.C. In the picture are, left to right, Mr. G. G. Shenstone, the architect; Flt-Lieut. D. Wheeler, East Essex Wing Administration Officer; Flt-Lieut. R. Bambury of T.A.F.A.

SURPRISE FOR THE TRADERS

The proposed formation of a Billericay Chamber of Commerce, announced this week, came as a surprise to the existing Billericay Business and Professional Association.

And the surprise was made greater because the Association have arranged a meeting for Monday (February 27th), at which the main business will be consideration of a change of title to Billericay Chamber of Trade.

The proposed new organisation is the brainchild of Billericay Industrial Group and came from their December meeting.

In their letter sent out three weeks ago they said full support has been received from all the banks in the town as well as many of the professional offices.

Calling attention to the inaugural meeting, to take place on Monday, April 3rd, they express the hope that all who are concerned with trade and commerce in Billericay in the financial, legal, manufacturing and retail sides will attend and join.

The Business and Professional Association was formed about three years ago, mainly of High Street business people, when the No Waiting orders in the street were imposed by Basildon Council.

Since then the Association have dealt with many other matters affecting trade and the general shopping public.

Said Chairman Mr. Roland Ridley on Wednesday: "This proposal to form another organisation came as a complete surprise to me, my committee and our members, particularly as it comes when we are considering changing our name."

"We are inviting representatives of the Industrial Group to our meeting on Monday, and I hope we can get things sorted out."

Mr. Lionel Wernick, Group Chairman, said: "It may be that they will possibly come in with us, but if they do not, I think the two organisations can work hand in hand."

TREE DOWN

A mature tree which had been planted by the Development Corporation in Monkside, Basildon, blew down in Wednesday night's gale. It brushed against No. 10, but no damage was done.

Jumble Sale

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Young people who are fine baby sitters!

ANYONE WANT a babysitter? That is the question members of Wyvern Youth Club are asking their friends and neighbours this week.

Every Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., the Wyvern Club are at home in their headquarters near Barstable School.

"We thought it would be a good idea to start this free baby-minding service for some of Basildon's harassed housewives," said Club Leader Mr. George Wood. "I have four children myself—I know what it's like!"

An adult will always be in attendance on Saturdays and one room will be set aside for the youngsters. "The children will be in capable hands," said Mr. Wood. "Anyone who wants to have a look at the place before hand is welcome to look in."

About 18 children were left at the club-house during Saturday while their parents went shopping. The Club plan to put on film shows for them in the near future.

"We could also do with some help ourselves," said Mr. Wood, who lives at 417, Whitmore Way. "We are already planning our Carnival floats for this year and we could do with an old sewing machine. We want to do a Carnival of Flowers float and that will take a lot of sewing."

Prizewinners were as follows:—

Angling, J. Coxhead (Woodlands). Road run, R. Barton (Woodlands). Swimming gala: Juniors, Jeffrey Harrison, P. Koeley, R. Majewski and A. Jones; Senior boys, P. Mitchell, A. Casterton, P. Mitchell and T. Toland; Senior girls, Janice Caxton, V. Boeken and J. Robinson.

Snooker, Barry Duncan (Craylands), runner-up, M. Finn (Timberlog). Chess, Michael Sweeney (Laindon). Darts, Stephen Edhouse (Laindon). Table tennis, Allen Groom (Woodlands) and Christine O'Connor (Woodlands). Brain of Basildon, Raymond Cooper (Nicholas). Badminton, Sohrah Jaffry (Woodlands).

Badges and certificates were handed out to about 50 people by Youth Centre Queen Carol Hawkins.

The prizes were mostly connected with the First Basildon Youth Week, held in March last year, the District Youth Athletic meeting, held in July, and the

County Public Speaking Contest held in January of this year.

The organiser, Mr. Bill Davis, said the dance was "financially successful."

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Athletics: Boys, S. Peterson (Nicholas), A. Stevens (Woodlands), T. Sumner (Woodlands), M. Fester (Nicholas), B. Stokes (Woodlands), R.

Priest (Wickford), Williams (Wickford), Thorogood (Craylands), B. Bryan (Woodlands), Barker (Timberlog) and Bourke (Timberlog). Girls, M. Jones (Wickford), L. Bliss (Wickford), L. Neal (Wickford), Pat Foster (Woodlands) and L. Smith (Woodlands).

The team representing Basildon in the county finals of the Youth Public Speaking Contest also received awards. They are John Cockell, John Ratcliff and Robert Edwards, of Fryerns Grammar School.

Respect for the chair!

FOR the first time in five years Billericay Residents' Association South Area Committee have elected a woman Chairman.

She is Mrs. Christine Nicholls, of Tylands, who replaced the retiring Chairman, Mr. Michael Notley, of Wiggins Lane. After her election she told the "Standard": "I must say I was taken aback when I was nominated, but I feel it is an honour to be asked to take on a job like this."



Mrs. C. Nicholls

Married for eight years to a mathematician, Mrs. Notley first became interested in local affairs soon after she moved to Billericay from Warrington, Lancashire, three years ago.

She has been a member of the Association for two years, and a South Area Committee member for one year.

Joked South Area Committee member and Association chairman Mr. John Abbott: "Some of our meetings have got quite vigorous in the past, but from now on we shall have to watch ourselves and respect the wishes of our Chairman when she calls for order."

Banned play—in church

THE controversial religious drama banned from performance in London's West End—"A Man Dies"—will be acted in a New Town church at Easter.

SECRETARY, AND NOW CHAIRMAN



New Chairman-Secretary of the Fryerns Mothers' and Babies' Club is Mrs. G. Sampson, of Whitmore Way, Basildon. She has been a member of the Club for two years and takes over from the retiring Chairman (Mrs. Leyton). The Club, which has been running for about seven years, provides a special afternoon for mothers with small children. While the youngsters amuse themselves with such delights as crayons, paints, dressing up, etc., the mothers enjoy various competitions, raffles, a game of Bingo and a chat over a cup of tea. Outings for the members are also arranged, and trips to the seaside and zoo are on the summer programme.

To help swell the funds, the mothers hold bazaar, American teas and jumble sales and will shortly be holding an Easter bonnet competition. They would very much welcome new members; their meetings are held every Monday afternoon at the Fryerns Community Hall. Mrs. Sampson (right, standing) is seen above with two other members—Mrs. W. Read (left) and Mrs. M. A. White.

don's West End—"A Man Dies"—will be acted in a New Town church at Easter.

Last year the play was seen by over 2,000 people when Southend and District Young Congregationalists performed it at Crowstone Church.

Written in 1960 by a Bristol Presbyterian minister, "A Man Dies" tells the story of Moses and Christ as though they were happening now. Performed in modern dress with little scenery—bar the cross—the story is mimed and hits out strongly at Twentieth Century Pharisees and conventions. War in Vietnam is among the targets.

Music will be supplied at Basildon by the Saints and Singers "pon" group and Crowstone Folk Five. The parts of Christ, Moses and John the Baptist will be played by Stan Diggins, Colin Wood and David Towell. Narrator is Roger Storer and Jim Turant will supply the voice of Christ. Produced by Derek Groom, "A Man Dies" will be put on at St. Martin's Church, Town Centre, on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. Entry will be free, but programmes are on sale, price is. 5d.

Spare that tree!

"WOODMAN, spare that tree!" That's the call which has gone out from Basildon Council to help retain the rural atmosphere on the approaches to Wickford. The Council have taken steps to preserve the elm, oak and ash trees on land on the east side of Nevendon Road at the corner of Cranfield Park Road.

Club for the 18-plus people

THE nationwide network of 18-plus groups, who aim to help young people between the ages of 18 and 30 to live life "as fully as possible," has spread to Billericay.

A dozen local youngsters—average age 20—have been attending the 70-strong 18-plus group in Brentwood and now have got together to start one in Billericay, which has often been described as a town where there is nothing for young people to do.

They will meet at the Crown Hotel every Thursday from March 2nd and a programme of activities has already been arranged.

This week Press Officer Michael Scott, an 18-year-old shop assistant, of Hillhouse Drive, told the "Standard" that anyone in the appropriate age group was entitled to attend.

"We are non-political, non-religious," he pointed out. "All we try to do is to provide young people with the means to enjoy themselves."

Cost of membership? Ten shillings, with a weekly subscription of 2s., and activities will vary from talks, demonstrations and debates, to film shows and outings. Committee arranging them at the moment consists of Mr. Scott, Mick Watts (Chairman), Linda Matthews (Secretary), Marilyn Stevens (Treasurer), Ian Bonewick (host) and Beryl Parrish (hostess).



The Billericay 18-Plus Club Committee at their meeting at the Crown Hotel on Monday evening.



Some of the prizewinners at the Basildon Youth Service presentation dance held at Woodlands Secondary School on Friday night. In the centre is Carol Hawkes ("Miss Youth Centre"), from Timberlog Youth Centre, who presented the prizes.

A YEAR OF ACTIVITY — AND OF FRUSTRATION!

— But there were bright spots!

A YEAR of frustration was how the Chairman of Billericay Residents' Association's South Area Committee, Mr. Michael Notley, and Secretary Mr. Nell Ashton summed up 1966 at the Committee's annual meeting on Friday.

"The year seems to have been one which has involved a great deal of activity, with very little to show for it," said Mr. Notley.

"A frustrating year, particularly as far as our major projects were concerned," echoed Mr. Ashton.

Both men later tendered their resignations as officers of the Committee for "personal" reasons, but they expressed a desire to stay on as Committee members.

The year began with the public hearing on the proposed Billericay Inner Relief Road and the proposed Outer By-pass, said Mr. Notley, and, as a result, a steering committee was set up at a public meeting in May to urge the local authorities to bring forward the phasing of the Outer By-pass, which affected people in the Tyne Common area.

"The steering committee have since associated itself with the Billericay Action Group, on the advice of the Residents' Association, but there is some conjecture at this time whether, in fact, it will remain allied to them. This will be determined at the next Action Group meeting," he said.

Biggest thorn

The most painful thorn in the side of the Committee, however, had been the deplorable state of Tyne Common Road, Mr. Notley went on.

Despite repeated efforts on our part to get something done, the Council refused to undertake the work necessary to make the road safe," he said.

"Abortive efforts to solve the problem have been made in the form of an extension to the temporary footpath, but the only purpose that this extension serves as far as I see it, was to keep several Council employees occupied for a week or two and waste some of the ratepayers' hard-earned money.

It is certainly no use as a footpath, purely and simply because pedestrians, especially women pushing prams, find it completely impossible to walk on."

Mr. Ashton said the Council had recently written to the Committee stating that it has not been any notable record of accidents, as an extension doing nothing about the road.

"I wrote straight back saying that we did not want ANY accidents in the hope of obtaining an indication that the Council were going to make improvements," he said.

There had, however, been a few bright spots during the past 12 months. The Council had put up a number of road signs, erected footpaths, trimmed hedges and attempted to

repair and drain roads at the instigation of the Committee, said Mr. Ashton.

The Committee's programme of social activities had been expanded and they had all proved to be reasonably successful, he added.

Subscription collecting had also become much more efficient. "The Committee has worked very hard and at this point 50 per cent or more of the subs for 1967 have been collected," said Mr. Notley.

"This will leave the Committee free to work on increasing membership and fighting the forthcoming local elections, although I unfortunately have to report that to the best of my knowledge, we have no firm candidate at this stage."

Treasurer Mr. Terry Corless pointed out that only 77 out of a total of 437 subscriptions were outstanding and that membership in their area was very slightly up on last year's figure.

"So far this year we have lost 25 members, mainly through people leaving the area, but we have gained 31 new members, giving us an overall increase of six," he said.

He also stated that the Committee had a total balance of £60 3s. 9d.

Elected Chairman, Mrs. C. A. Nicholls; Secretary, M. C. Power; Treasurer, T. Corless; Minutes Secretary, A. Wilby; Committee members, Mr. Notley, N. Ashton, J. Abbott, A. Blyth, G. Grimwood, W. Collins, J. Hopkins, C. Shesmith and J. Mendham.

PROBATION AND A DAY IN JAIL

A FIRST offender, Dennis William Godfrey (22), of Woolmergreen, Basildon, was put on probation for three years, sentenced to one day's imprisonment and ordered to pay £45 compensation and half the prosecution costs at Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford on Thursday week.

He and Royston Clifford Westby (19), of Sunnyside, Toot Hill, Ongar, pleaded guilty to two charges of housebreaking and larceny at Loughton and taking and driving away a car without consent.

Godfrey asked for twelve other offences to be taken into consideration and Westby 18.

Westby, who also pleaded guilty to driving while disqualified, was reported to have five previous convictions, and was sent to Borstal and disqualified from driving for 6½ years.

Comprehensive schools' headships— short list from 97 applications

Ninety-seven applications were received by Basildon Education Committee for the four vacant headships of Basildon comprehensive schools.

On Wednesday the applications were sifted by the Joint Appointments Committee, made up of three members from Basildon and three from the County Education Committee.

They selected a short list of 17, with three reserves, for interview on Wednesday and Thursday.

The final interviews will take place on Friday, March 3rd, when it is hoped to make the appointments.

The schools involved are Nicholas Woodlands, Billericay and Laindon Secondary Schools.

The District Education Officer, Mr. E. A. Dixon, described the response as "fair" when questioned by the "Standard" on Wednesday.

Commenting on the number of applications, an official of a teachers' organisation in Basildon said: "A normal area would expect many more than 97 applications for four such posts."

"The number who have applied shows that many worthy candidates are steering clear of Basildon following the problems teachers have been experiencing here in the last few years," he said.

"But," answered Mr. Dixon, "it must be remembered that we advertised four posts. It is quite likely that we would have received just as many had we advertised only one post, and it does not follow that the figure ought to have been multiplied four times for four vacancies."

COMPANY DIRECTOR FOR TRIAL

JOHN ROBERT Jenkinson (46), company director, of Perry Street, Billericay, was committed for trial to the Inner London Sessions on Wednesday week accused of stealing three rolls of Lurac material worth £299 belonging to Derrick Lever at Commercial Street, Stepney.

Appearing on remand at Thames Magistrate's Court, he had nothing to say and reserved his defence. He was allowed his own bail of £100.

Jenkinson elected trial by jury.

Some fete openers are so expensive!

BASILDON Youth Council are still suffering from money troubles. It appeared at their meeting on Tuesday evening, but at least officials were cheered to find that the number of people at the meeting had risen to about 38.

The Council are relying upon money-raising activities this year to get themselves out of the red, but at the moment they still owe Woodlands Youth Centre Warden Mr. Bill Davies £20 from an unsuccessful dance they held at the Centre last year.

This debt could, in fact, be cleared if advertisements in the Whit Fete programme of almost a year ago had paid for the space they took. It seems unlikely, however, that much of this money will be forthcoming.

Much of the time at the Council's meeting on Tues-

day was spent in discussing fund-raising projects. Suggestions included a dance after this year's Whit Fete, a concert party, and a wine and cheese evening.

The Committee dealing with the Whit Fete decided on the type of dance to finish off the day's entertainment. They want to attract both young and old to it, and intend hiring a band which can play ballroom music.

The Whit Fete will be run very much on the same lines as last year, but this time there will be no expensive posters to print (these cost the Council £133 last year). Instead, 5,000 leaflets and 50 posters will be issued for less cost.

Suggestions that a cele-

brity should be asked in to open the fete also ran up against the stumbling block of finance.

"These people normally ask about £50 a time to come and open any function," said one of the councillors, "and we can't afford that."

The Youth Council will try to find someone prepared to open the fete free of charge.

Later in the meeting Basildon Youth Officer Mr. J. T. Edmondson gave some details of the Youth Week in March. Apart from the Inter-Youth Club competitions, the big events of the week will be a County Orienteering competition, a fashion show at Nicholas V.C., a dance, a regional drama festival and a motor cycle rally.

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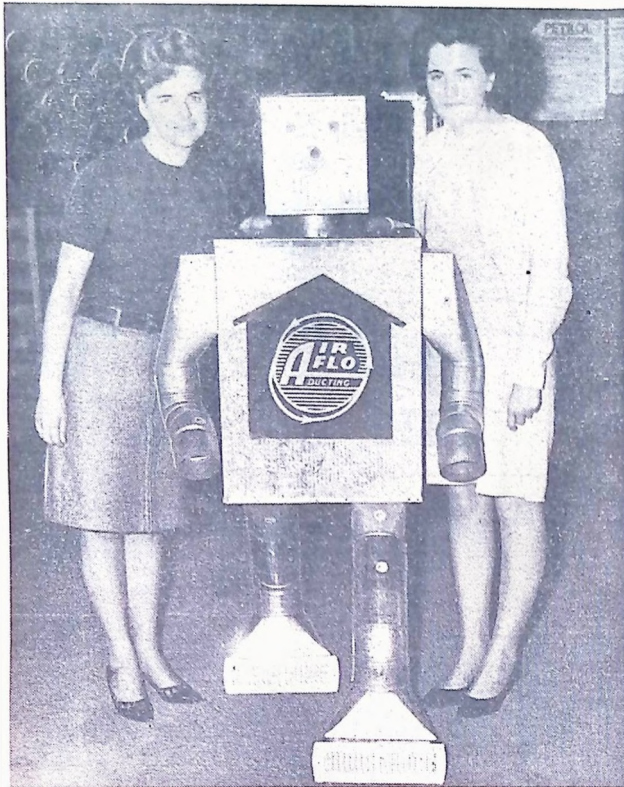
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The firm put it together in a day and it made its first public appearance at the Electrical Association's Exhibition at Harrogate last week. In the next few months it will visit several more trade exhibitions and may acquire a "voice" in the process.

Jean Eyland and Shirley Haines are seen above with the robot.

Managing Director Mr. B. C. Godfrey told the "Standard": "We made the robot to save us production time. We exhibit all over the place and preparing our stand each time took perhaps a couple of days. Now we just pack the robot up and send it away."

Six feet tall, the metal man is presently known as Mr. Air Flo, but the firm are looking for another name. They plan an extensive advertising campaign this year to promote their products.

There is already a heavy demand for them and Air Flo, who started with a 5,000 sq. ft. factory five years ago and took another one two years later, are having to expand still further to meet orders. They are building a 4,000 sq. ft. factory at Barnsley in South Yorkshire to aid their penetration into the northern markets.

"We expect it to be open in April," said Mr. Godfrey, "and we have space on the site for two further extensions of 4,000 sq. ft."

New space link

Marconi have been awarded the contract to build a second aerial and associated equipment at Conhill, Britain's civil space communications earth station, for the Post Office. Worth nearly £1,500,000, this is the largest single contract yet awarded to British industry in this important new field.

Monster jig problems

UNTIL this week the biggest jig that had left Basildon Jig and Die Company's factory in Chester Hall Lane measured 1ft. 4in. But on Monday they sent off a

jig with a 6ft. long turn-over.

"We've never made anything like it before," said Jig and Die director Mr. M. W. Payne. "The whole thing will weight almost half a ton."

Creating the monster brought problems to the nursery factory. The first thing they had to do was move one of their own machines into the yard to make room to work in.

"That was in December," said Mr. Payne, "when we began building. But we

designed and detailed the jig ourselves, too."

Most of Jig and Die's 15 tool-makers have worked on the monster at some stage of production, including the two remaining Yorkshiremen who accompanied the firm south five years ago. To load the jig on to the lorry a fork-lift truck had to be borrowed.

Firm who ordered the jig are Balding Engineering, Ltd., of Norwich, who claim to be Britain's biggest exporters of milling machines. They want the jig—which cycles automatically under air pressure, and has a safety lock to prevent it flipping over—to boost their exports.

A Golden Shoe Club member!

FORD Tractor Centre worker Mr. Dennis Lawrence was repairing a fork-lift truck when he quailed for the Golden Shoe Club the other week! Tugging at a split pin he accidentally slammed his elbow on the starter button. The truck—a four-tonner—rolled forward on to Mr. Lawrence's foot and stayed there.

"I've never been so thankful I was wearing safety boots," said Mr. Lawrence.

It was the early hours of the morning and no one else was nearby. He managed to reach the clutch pedal with one hand, pressed it down and let the truck roll off his foot.

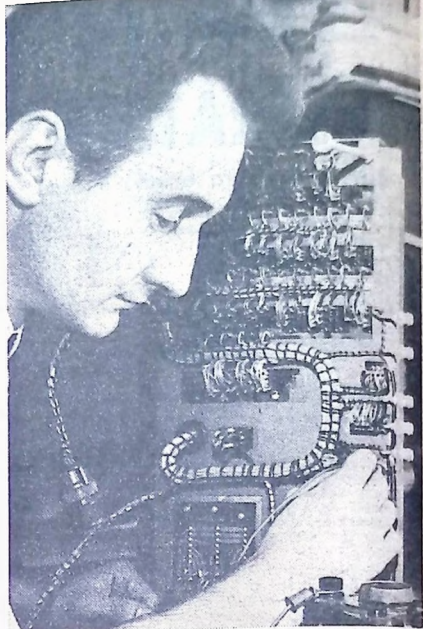
Results of the incident? A set of five blue toes and Golden Shoe Club membership for Mr. Lawrence.

English Electric record profit

ENGLISH Electric, the parent company of Marconi, which has 20 factories employing 14,000 people between them in Chesham, Basildon and other parts of Essex, announced that it made a record net profit of £9,617,000 on the whole of its business at home and abroad last year.

This is after paying a tax bill of £5,163,000. In 1965 the company's profit, after paying tax, was £9,431,000. But just how much they earned is not revealed

A UNIQUE GADGET



Telray Electronics have only been in Basildon for 10 months, but already they are producing a gadget which they believe is unique.

"We are getting inquiries from all over Europe, from America, Australia and Japan," said Telray managing director Mr. Ray Buddle. "Today we had an inquiry from Calcutta."

The machine rousing all the interest is an emulsion stability tester capable of determining in a matter of minutes what state a liquid will be in six months' time. "It was a Leeds University professor who had the idea," explained Mr. Buddle. "We got in touch with him, but at first it didn't seem possible to put the theory into practice. We had a lot of teething troubles."

But eventually a prototype emerged. "We sold every one in our first run before it had started," said Mr. Buddle.

Paints, varnishes, cosmetics, emulsions and lubricants—manufacturers of all of these products and many others are in a position to cash in on the new machine. "It saves an awful lot of waiting time and money," said Mr. Buddle. "No one wants to wait six months to find out whether the product keeps its condition."

Electrodes produce a reading on a dial, a flutter on an electronic eye and an audible rhythm which tell a tale to the operator. When Telray came to Bowlers Croft they employed four people. Now they have 26, including part-timers. Most of their work is on wiring radar instruments and high voltage control gears. The stability tester was their own development.

"Our next idea involves a completely new type of electronic ignition for the motor car," said Mr. Buddle. "There's plenty of room for improvement in the existing system."

because the company do not disclose the balance sheets of individual works.

The directors are recommending that £5,076,000 of the profits are retained.

They are also recommending that the company's 52,000 stockholders be paid an 11 per cent dividend for the year on their investments—the same as for 1965.

This will account for £5,543,000 out of the profit of £9,617,000.

Now for bird breeding!

A COUNTRY cottage near Southamptton and a quarter-acre of ground "to keep the wife busy" are the future plans of Mr. F. Danton, who has retired from Carreras after 43 years.

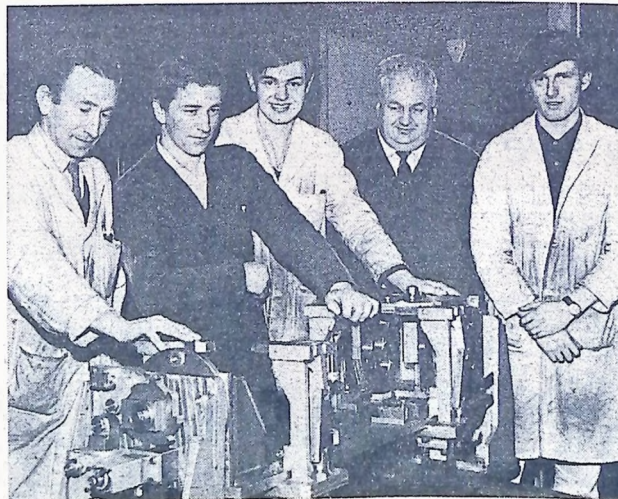
Mr. F. Danton, retiring from Carreras, Ltd., after 43 years, with Mr. L. E. Breffitt, Director and General Manager; Mr. I. M. L. Banyard, Manager of the Making Department; and Mr. J. Wardle, Assistant Manager, Making Department.

Mr. Danton joined the Company in 1924 and has always been a machine operator in the cigarette-making department. He will be sorry to leave his many friends behind, but is pleased that now he will be able to devote all his time to his life-long hobbies of fishing and canary breeding.

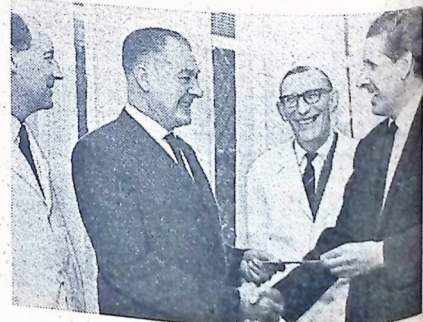
Mr. Danton likes to work with his hands and makes all his own cages and travelling boxes for his birds. He not only shows all over Great Britain, but judges, too. He has many trophies, rosettes, banners, and ribbons for his prize-winning birds; and is proud of his stewardship of the National Exhibition of Cage Birds.

When he moves to Hampshire, Basildon will lose a very enthusiastic supporter of the Cage Bird Society, of which he was Secretary for 18 months and Treasurer for two years. His name will not be forgotten, however—he has given perpetual trophies both to Basildon and Ilford Clubs.

With the gift of the cheque that Carreras gave him, he hopes to build a bigger and better shed in which to breed his birds. He feels that the Hampshire air will be better for them than Essex.



Some of the men who have built the biggest jig ever to leave the Jig and Die factory. Second from right director Mr. M. W. Payne.



Billericay Residents responsible for change in Council control

BILLERICAY RESIDENTS' Association's decision not to contest the local government elections last year was the main factor in bringing about the change in control of Basildon Council.

This was stated by Executive Committee Chairman Mr. John Abbott in his report to the Association's annual meeting at the Crown Hotel on Monday.

By not contesting the elections handed on a plate to the Conservative Party, the Association, he said, "I sincerely hope that this year we will be able to put forward suitable, and that the electorate will give them the support they seek so that once again the people of Billericay will have the type of representation on the Council that is so obviously needed."

The election committee's decision not to contest the 1966 local elections had been greeted with mixed feelings, he added, but it was stressed that the time and effort usually spent electioneering would not be wasted and the Association would endeavour to consolidate and reorganise.

"We have only partially succeeded in this, however," he said, "but our pole up membership for 1966 was an all-time high."

Mr. Abbott went on to pay tribute to Billericay's new Labour M.P., Mr. Eric Moonman: "Judging by the number of projects Mr. Moonman has supported, it would seem that our M.P. is taking the

Association's beliefs and ideas right into national Government."

It was, however, and to learn that Conservative Mr. Edward Gardner will no longer be contesting the seat," he said, "for we had always found him sympathetic to our beliefs and extremely helpful."

On the social side, Mr. Abbott regretted that the Association's annual dance had not been as successful as in past years, but he said they had also held a very successful informal social evening, and it was hoped to hold similar functions at regular intervals.

On the subject of the Association's journal, "The New Mayflower," he said it was hoped to improve the magazine and increase the number of pages, but to do this the help of all members would be required to canvass advertisers and provide items of general interest.

Secretary Mr. Brian Hooks reported that 1966 had been a busy year for the Association, but that their ratio of successes to representations was down. This was mainly due to the financial restrictions on the Council, laid down by the Government, and a lack of co-operation from the Council after the death of Town

Manager Mr. Alma Hatt, he said.

"During the past twelve months, 129 letters have been written to the Council on behalf of the Association, and 107 to other people, including various Ministers, our M.P., Eastern National and British Rail," he told the meeting.

Among other things the Association had expressed dissatisfaction over the library service, public lighting, the water rate, the traffic conditions and car parking, Council public relations and low flying aircraft, said Mr. Hooks.

Treasurer Mr. George Grimwood stated that the Association's total bank balances on December 31st, 1966, stood at £172 15s. 8d., an increase of £173 15s. 2d. on the previous year's total.

The main reasons for the substantial increase in the funds were that a record number of subscriptions had been collected—1001 in all, which yielded £161 2s. 8d. compared to the previous year's £125 7s. 6d.—the inauguration of a football competition, which raised £125 7s. 6d., and the fact that there had been no local election campaigns to pay for.

Officers elected: Chairman, John Abbott; Secretary, Brian Hooks; Treasurer, John Menham; Auditor, D. Rowland; "Mayflower" editor, Laurie Gurrard.

Newcomers welcome

ARE YOU new to Wickford and feeling lonely? If so, call in and see Miss Mona McCormack, Warden of Wickford Community Centre, who is trying to form a social group for newcomers to the area who find it difficult to settle down and make friends.

"My main purpose is to enable people to meet and get to know each other so that they can begin to feel at home in Wickford," Miss McCormack told the "Standard" this week.

They were married at Langdon Hills



The Church of St. Mary and All Saints, Langdon Hills, was the scene on Saturday for the wedding of Mr. Timothy John Enright, of London, and Miss Pamela Anita Patrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Patrick, of Butlersgrove, Langdon Hills. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white velvet decorated with pearls and carried pink rosebuds, hyacinth pips and heather. Miss Lorraine Burr and Miss Jayne Lewsey, both wearing pink velvet, were bridesmaids, and Mr. Anthony Megran was best man.

(Picture by Ffordes Photographic).



Mr. George Grimwood, retiring Treasurer of Billericay Residents' Association, was presented with a silver tankard by their Chairman (Mr. John Abbott) at Monday's meeting. In picture (left to right) Mr. Brian Hooks, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Grimwood, Mr. Brian Langdon and Mr. John Menham.

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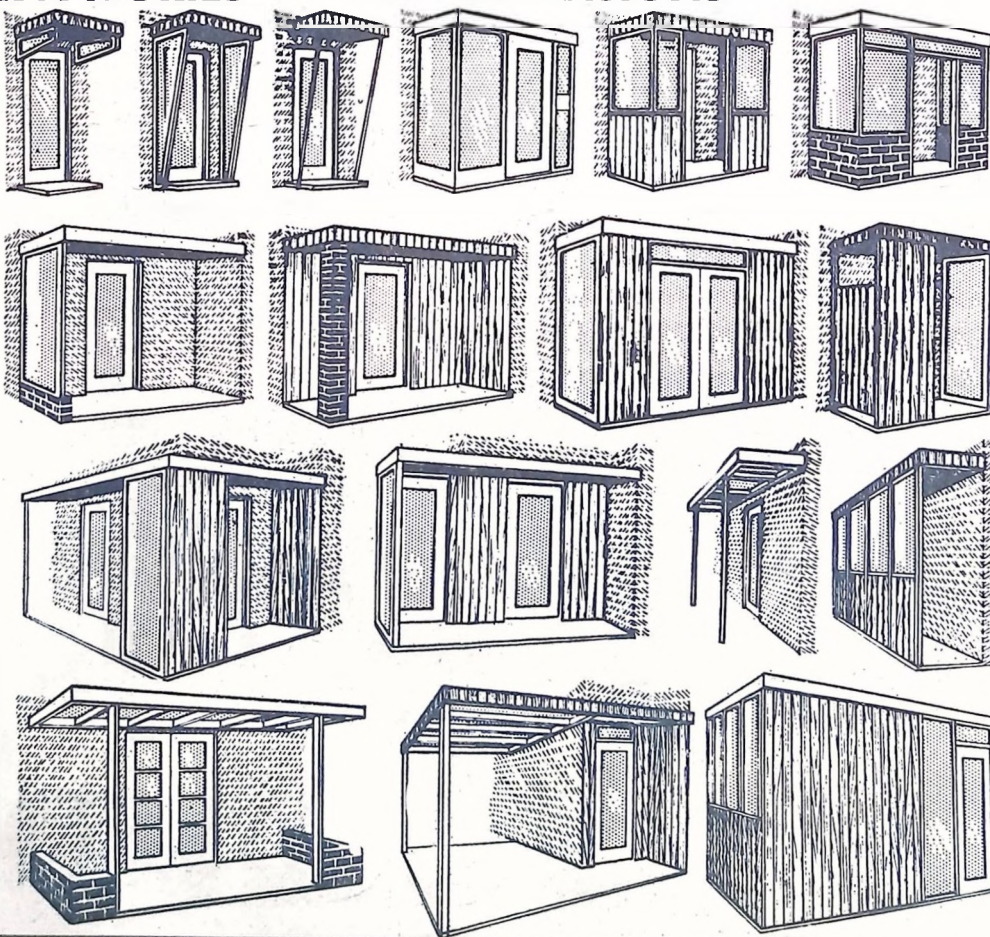
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Youngsters from the Scarlett School of Dancing pictured before their performance of "Aladdin" at Leo Chapel South Community Hall on Saturday.

"PRUE" FOR SHORT!



Mrs. M. R. Ingulden, of Church Road, Ramsden Bell-house, with her standard poodle, 18-months-old Reguette Syphic London Pride (Prue for short) who won a 1st and 2nd at Crufts this year. Mrs. Ingulden has 11 poodles altogether, and travels around, showing them.

To groom Prue for showing takes about 6-7 hours—three days beforehand she is clipped; then the day before the show she is shampooed and combed.

Mrs. Ingulden has been breeding poodles for about nine years.



Billericay Youth Centre held a successful tramp ball at South Green Memorial Hall on Friday. The picture above shows the six prizewinners who were selected by the local Press photographers.

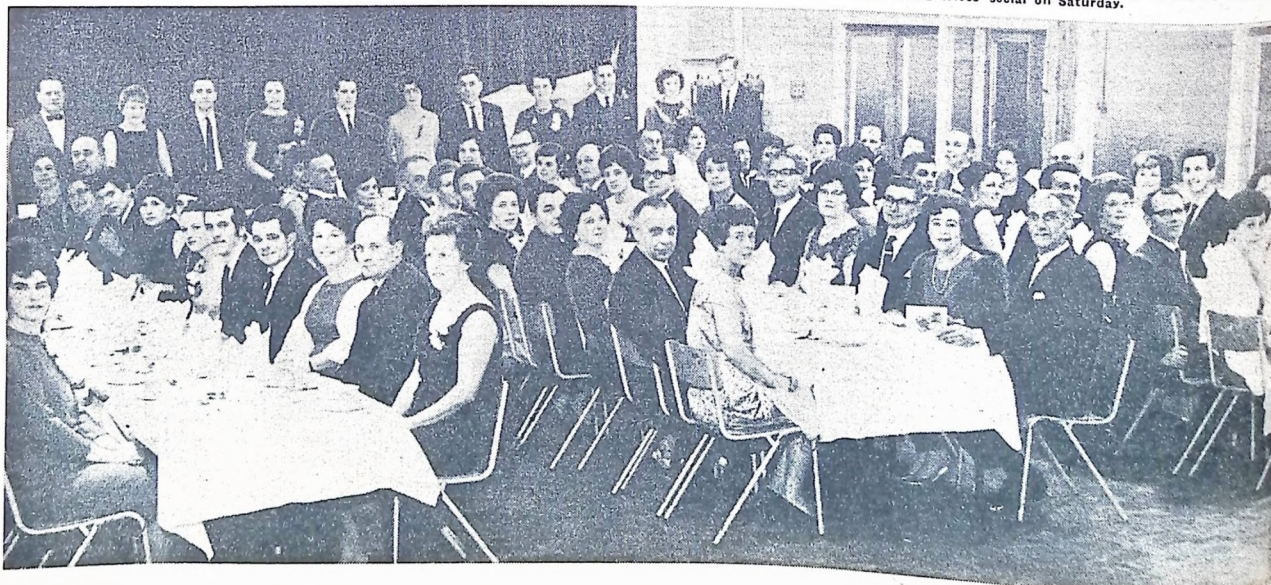
Below: Helpers are seen around one of the stalls at the 8th Basildon (Lee Chapel South) Scout Troop's jumble sale held at Leo Chapel South Community Hall on Saturday.



Below: The Camping Club of Great Britain and Ireland, East Essex District Association, held their fourth annual dinner and dance at Wickford Community Centre on Saturday. Our picture shows some of the guests.



Obviously it's bedtime! One of those games which caused plenty of fun at Billericay Methodist Young Wives' social on Saturday.





HE IS LIABLE FOR SERVICE IN VIETNAM

If young people emigrate to Australia they are liable for military service—which can mean fighting in Vietnam.

This is the reply from the Commonwealth Office to Basildon mother Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, whose 20-year-old son John lives in New South Wales.

As reported in the "Standard" two weeks ago, Mrs. Brown, of Byflets, Vange, approached Basildon M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman, saying: "It's not my boy's battle—it's the Americans' war. Let them fight it... they have no right sending English boys out there to fight."

But this is not the Commonwealth Office view. Private Secretary Mr. D. P. R. Mackilliam writes that it is part of John's responsibilities as a full member of a new community—sharing both the fortunes and trials of his new country, and that he is "prepared if necessary to serve the two years' military service required of him."

He points out that before a boy is accepted for assisted passage both he and his parents receive a thorough briefing on the issues involved.

Apart from a pamphlet on conscription in Australia, "oral warnings" given by the Australian High Commission in London that the liability for military service can mean service in Vietnam.

In these circumstances, and since emigration is, of course, a matter of personal choice, I am sure you will agree that it would not be right for Her Majesty's Government to contemplate interceding in the matter," he concludes.

John—who works as a slaughterman—filled in his call-up papers a few weeks ago. He is hoping for exemption because of his job.

DISCUSSED MERITS

At their meeting at 80, Norway Road, last week, Billericay Young Liberals discussed the merits of motion picture, the preliminary agenda for the Annual Conference of the National League of Liberals, which is to be held at Great Yarmouth at Easter. A contingent of Billericay Young Liberals will attend.

SCOUTS WAS FIRST SHOW A BIG HIT!

BILLERICAY AND Wickford Boy Scouts' Local Association staged their first variety concert at Billericay County Secondary School on Friday and Saturday, and, although they will probably not raise much money from it, they will almost certainly hold another next year (see picture of some of the cast above).

For the show, organised to celebrate the Scouting movement's diamond jubilee, was a resounding hit.

The energy and enthusiasm of a cast consisting mainly of 25 boys aged between seven and fifteen was harnessed and controlled by producer and musical director George Clarke to produce a breezy, laughter-packed affair.

District Commissioner Mr. Stan Egar told the "Standard": "The show cost about £50 to stage and we will probably only cover expenses, but we were very pleased with the way it went. I think we sowed the seeds for bigger and better things and we certainly discovered some wonderful talent among our lads."

The concert was to have been a "Gang Show," but this idea was abandoned when the Association lost their original Producer, and Mr. Clarke stepped in.

A former B.B.C. musician and Chelmsford Amateur Operatic Society Producer, now teaching music, he brought with him from his home in Cold Norton the only female artist, Kathy Row, a 12-year-old, he is teaching to sing and play the piano.

She charmed the audience with several songs and Mr. Clarke combined with her in one number playing trumpet in another he played the tubular bells.

He also recruited the services of his brother, Mr. Peter Clarke, who played drums and tuned percussion, and two young soloists on Saturday night, and several friends, one of them Mr. "Chip" Springfield, a former professional.

The 18-item programme consisted of songs, dances, sketches and also "Black and White" interludes, for whom the company was Mr. Jeremy Chip, another of Mr. Clarke's friends.

Several of the items, including a very good "Black and White" interlude, featured comical and smartly-finished costumes made by parents and a sympathetic Billericay over-all manufacturing firm.

The audience were also amused with song sheets for some of the numbers, including a Diamond Jubilee song written by Mr. Clarke and his wife.

Boys taking part were from the 2nd, 3rd and 11th Billericay groups, but mainly the 3rd who supported the co-ordinator with great enthusiasm from the very start. Unfortunately, some of the Wickford Groups could not take part because of the travel time which was involved for rehearsal.

Cast: David Abbott, Paul Ayres, John Birdall, Graham Burrell, Alan Denison, Peter Patbanks, Michael Cox, Robert Cox, David Grimshaw.

SWIMMING POOL DELAY

BASILDON Swimming Pool is months behind schedule. Though completion date was this Thursday, the pool definitely will not be finished until after July.

A Basildon Council spokesman confirmed the delay this week. The Executive Committee have ordered that liquidation damages shall be deducted from future payments made to the contractor, Norman Sinclair Ltd., of Ealing.

But he could not say how much will be taken off the £435,000 contract figure. "This has still to be worked out," he told a reporter. "There has to be negotiation and the figure won't be known for several months."

However, two weeks of the delay will be free from damages, as an extension of time to cover bad weather during the winter had previously been agreed.

The Committee minutes note that this decision to deduct damages was taken "after careful consideration."

Work on the 110ft. long main pool started in 1965.

Thinking Day

NEW Town Guides held their yearly Thinking Day Service at St. Martin's Church, Town Centre, on Sunday. About 200 Guides, Brownies, parents and officers were there.

Plays were presented to the rural Dean, Rev. Arthur Dunlop, and Deacons Pat C. Line, Mr. Dunlop gave the address. Thinking Day marks the birthdays of both Lord Baden-Powell—founder of the Scout movement—and his wife.

TWO TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

TWO PEOPLE were taken to hospital after a collision between two cars at the Honeywood Road/Paycocke Road, Basildon, junction on Monday morning.

They were Carol Sevenoaks, of Bretons, Basildon, and Christina Wall (34), of Little Lullaway, Basildon, passengers in the cars driven by Mr. Terence Jones, of Balards Walk, Basildon, and Mr. Albert Stratford, of Whitmore Way, Basildon.

Nurses' phones

Installation of telephones at Nos. 1 and 2, Seams Way, soon to be occupied houses for nursing staff has been authorised by Basildon Council Establishment Committee Chairman.

£100 SERVICE

Hiring of a technical library service for the Architect's Department at £100 a year has been approved in Council Committee.

Straight fight at Pitsea

A TORY and a Labour candidate face each other in a straight fight at Pitsea this Saturday (February 25th). For one of them a seat on Basildon Council is waiting.

Labour's Mr. Bill Dorrington (45), painter, from Delhi Road, is the council tenants' representative on the Housing Committee. He has four children.

Mr. Fred Mercer, 53-years-old managing director of an insurance broker's firm, hopes to retain Pitsea for the Tories. A former accountant and hotel manager, he lives in Highlands Road, Bowers Gifford.

The seat was declared vacant after Coun. Roy Thorpe emigrated to Australia.

Kiosk theft

A radio and a razor were stolen from the kiosk at Walker's Garage, Basildon, on Friday night.

HIGH TIDE AT SOUTHEND

Figures in parentheses indicate height of water above datum.

	a.m.	p.m.
Fri.	12.37 (17.6)	12.22 (17.7)
Sat.	1.18 (18.3)	1.48 (18.8)
Sun.	2.1 (18.7)	2.32 (18.9)
Tue.	2.44 (18.8)	3.15 (18.7)
Wed.	3.27 (18.6)	3.58 (18.1)
Thurs.	4.9 (17.9)	4.42 (17.1)
Fri.	5.25 (16.9)	5.32 (15.9)

(March 3rd)
Tidal predictions supplied by Liverpool Observatory and Tidal Institute (copyright reserved).

Police warning to licensees

It follows a spate of robberies WICKFORD POLICE this week issued this warning to all licensees in the area following a spate of robberies from local public houses:

"Make sure all outside doors and windows are securely locked and bolted. Lock internal doors. Do not leave money in the bar and leave till drawers open to prevent thieves forcing and damaging them."

The latest robbery occurred at the weekend, when thieves broke into the White Horse, Ramsden Heath, through a window and stole 1,500 cigarettes and a small amount of cash.

Commented the landlord, Mr. Ken Travis, afterwards: "I keep a gun up."

stairs and I'll shoot them next time if I catch them."

Said a C.I.D. officer: "This was a similar job to the one at the Quart Pot, Runwell, and the De Beauvoir Arms, Downham, last week. It is obviously the same team going round all the local pubs."

The Police also warned motorists who park their cars in Wickford to make sure all the doors and windows were secure.

"There have also been several thefts of belongings from cars recently," said a spokesman.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

1st BIRTHDAY — 600 HAPPY PALS!



UNCLE, AUNT AND NIECE JOIN US!

WE HAVE rather an unusual trio of new Happy Pals here—two of them are uncle and aunt to the third! As far as I know, this is the first time we have had an uncle and auntie and their niece all joining together; in fact, I have not heard of any other uncles or aunts in our League at all, although if there are any more, I expect I shall soon hear about it!

Here they are—Cathryn and Shaun Spooner, who live at Burnt Mills Road, Bowers Gifford, Basildon. Cathryn is on February 27th and Shaun was seven on the 17th. Their niece is Tracey Little, who lives at Witchards, Basildon, and who goes to see her uncle and auntie quite often. She was three last November and is a very bright, happy little girl.

When I called to see them all it was actually Shaun's birthday. He showed me all his cards and some of his presents, due this week to the following Happy Pals:—

Soon it will be Cathryn's turn—it must be expensive for your mummy and daddy, Cathryn, with two birthdays so near to each other! Still, at least they haven't got to think about it for another year, have they?

The Spooner children go to Nevendon Junior School. Cathryn's favourite occupations are reading and embroidery, but Shaun likes playing cowboys best. They have lots of ground where they live. Shaun's daddy also tells me you help him with the hay and straw and other jobs around

the place, I'm sure you make yourself very useful.

BIRTHDAYS

Birthday congratulations are due this week to the following Happy Pals:—

Stephen Derek Hickmore, of Church Park Drive, Pitsea, eight, and Richard Harold Eagles, of The Gore, Basildon, age not known. Sharon Tomlin, Basildon, and Patricia Bourke, of Linford Drive, Basildon, on February 24th; Martin O'Keefe, Basildon, Christine and John Roberts, of West Waker, South Benfleet, Denise Ridge, Billericay, eight on the 25th (hello twins!); Basildon; Leslie Watson, Basildon; Suzanne Davies, of Grand Road, South Green, Billericay, nine, and Jacqueline Ford, of Raintree Fold, Basildon, five, both on the 26th; David William Hickmore, of Church Park Drive, Pitsea, five; Brian David Hamlin, of Delhi Road, Pitsea, five; Tracey Moloughlan, of Bourne Avenue, Laindon, six, and Cathryn Spooner, of Meadow View, Burnt Mills Road, Basildon, 11, all on 27th;

Jessica Ann Higginson, of The Gore, Basildon, seven on the 28th; and Janet Ann Hall, of Cleveland Road, Basildon, nine on March 1st. Very many happy returns of the day to you all.

PRIZEWINNERS

The prizewinners in our birthday colouring contest were: Paul Nichols, nine, of Whitmore Way, Basildon; Linda Trevelyan, 11, of Laurels Road, Basildon; and Michael Love, five, of Dry Street Post Office, Laindon Hills.

Other good entries were from Carol Greenough, West Horn; Pamela Cronin, Wickford; Sharon Tomlin, Basildon; Richard Seager, Yarrage; Erica Ford, Basildon; Maureen Christine, South Benfleet; Denise Ridge, Billericay; Rita Lawler, Basildon; Leslie Watson, Basildon; Lorraine Knight, Basildon; Jacqueline Syrett, Basildon; and Alan Hooper, of Basildon.

AUNTIE LIZ

SECRET MESSAGE

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Australian Aborigines

ABORIGINES are a race of brown-skinned people found in Australia. They were there before the white men arrived. They keep very closely to their ancient tribal customs and way of life, and when not working for the Australian settlers, are likely to be found wandering in the outback.

WANT TO BE A DETECTIVE?

SOME OF OUR HAPPY PALS EARN POCKET MONEY BY WASHING CARS IN THE CAR PARKS AND OTHERS, WHEN PLAYING ON RUNNING ERRANDS, HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY CARS.

I wonder whether you would like to play detectives?

One of our reporters has had his car stolen from the car park outside our office. It is possible that whoever took it, may have abandoned it somewhere in Basildon. It could be at the end of your own road!

It was stolen on February 8th, two weeks ago, and it is a very pale grey Ford Anglia, 1957 model. The paint is matt, not shiny "Anglia".

The word "Anglia" on the front has the "A" missing; it has an A.A. badge fitted to the radiator grille, and a G.B. plate at the nearside rear. Its proper number is SYV 206, although number plates can be changed.

One thing it has that is rather unusual is yellow headlights. The upholstery is red, and there were blue seat covers on it when it was stolen. It is taxed until August, 1967, and its wheels are plain, without wheel-trims.

If you see it anywhere, and can telephone or bring in any information that leads to our reporter getting it back, there is, of course, a reward. Our telephone number is Basildon 22851, and the reporter who lost it is Mr. Blandford.

AUNTIE LIZ



THIS IS a grand day for the Happy Pals League. It is our first birthday and today we can report the enrolment of our 600th member. She is Susan Goodey (seen above), who is 10 and lives at Tensing Gardens, Billericay.

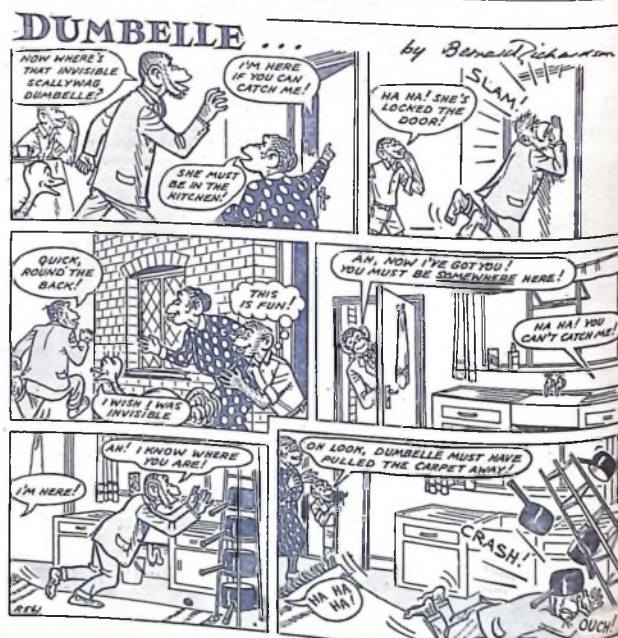
She goes to Billericay Junior School and tells us that her favourite lessons are games.

She especially likes netball, but she is not in the school team. Perhaps you will be when you get into the senior school, Susan!

I know the other Happy Pals will join with me in a special welcome to you, as you are our 600th member.

There will be a prize for you—so watch for the postman!

AUNTIE LIZ



'Standard' Happy Pals League

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Basildon.



Award winners and guests pictured at S.T.C. Motor Club's presentation dance held in the works canteen on Saturday.

ONE-ARMED BANDIT SOON TAKEN FROM COMMUNITY CENTRE

WICKFORD COMMUNITY Association's Executive Committee could hardly believe their eyes when a representative from a fruit machine rental firm arrived at their meeting last week and began to unload a one-armed bandit on the doorstep of the Community Centre.

Then, embarrassed smiles flickered across the faces of Association Secretary Mr. Bill Wharton and Treasurer Mr. Len Porter when the realisation that there had been a misunderstanding dawned on them.

Explained Mr. Porter afterwards, "Some months ago the Association made inquiries about the possibilities of installing a fruit machine in the Centre, and we got in touch with several firms to find out details about the cost, the amount of profit we could expect and so on.

"After a while, however, interest in the project died and nothing more was done about it. But you know how persistent these sales people can be. They must have decided to come along and give us a demonstration or something.

"Anyway, we told the chap what had happened and he took the machine away again."

The incident, however, sparked off a second discussion about the feasibility and desirability of having fruit machines at the Centre, but the members were told that the decision did not rest wholly with the Association.

The Community Centre is Basildon Council property, it was explained, and it was resolved to write to the Council to ask them what their policy is on this matter.

"Personally, I think a fruit machine would look out of place in the Centre in spite of the fact that it would probably be a good money-raiser," commented Mr. Porter.

"It would be different if we had a licensed bar, but at the moment we haven't got anywhere to put it."

Community Centre Warden Miss Mona McCormack did not think much of the idea either. "I am frightened that they would make the Centre much more vulnerable — much more likely to be broken into," she said.

CORRECTION
In our report "Queen's Park" and "last week we mentioned a Mrs. Ellen Spaul and she was an outpatient at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay. Her name is in fact Mrs. Ellen Spaul and she is an outpatient at the London Hospital.

Closed for redecorating

The "Closed" notice will go up on Wickford Community Centre doors for the first two weeks in August. Then the hall and parts of the building will be redecorated.

Not to drive yet

There were Police objections when Terence King (17), of Fatiswick Square, Basildon, applied at Billericay on Tuesday for the removal of a driving disqualification. He said he wanted to be able to drive so that he could get his brother, a spastic, home for weekends.

The application was dismissed.

WICKFORD COUPLE WED

ST. CATHERINE'S Church, Wickford, was the scene on Saturday of the wedding between Mr. Frank Thomas Nichols, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Nichols, of Appletree Way, Wickford, and Miss Marcelle Sonia Dowling, daughter of Mrs. L. Dowling, of Guernsey Gardens, Wickford. Rev. J. F. France officiated.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. T. Dowling, and wore a gown of white satin, full length, covered with white lace. She wore a shoulder-length veil and carried a lace maid.

She was attended by Miss C. Pearce, a friend, the Misses J. and M. Brown and L. Furbur, cousins, and Miss F. Nichols, bridegroom's sister.

Best man was Mr. E. Nichols, bridegroom's brother.

TIME FOR MUSIC!



The 2nd Wickford Scout Group held a jumble sale at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Wickford, on Saturday afternoon. Our picture shows young helpers who found time to make music.

A complaint, then quick action!

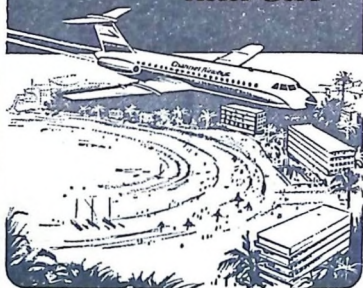
FOUR DAYS after a Basildon man complained to British Rail about the state of Laindon Station car park, work started on resurfacing. It should take about two weeks to complete, said a spokesman.

The man who grumbled was Mr. G. T. Woods, of Hookley Road. He did so in a letter sent last Thursday to the Chief Maintenance Engineer of British Rail at the Liverpool Street headquarters.

In it he referred to the threat of prosecution if his car was parked in a side road near Laindon Station. He began to park in the recently finished Laindon car park, but he complained of the condition of the place.

LIFE IN THAILAND
Having spent the greater part of her married life in Thailand, Mrs. Sylvia Allen, now of Ramsden Heath, gave Ramsdale W.I. a glimpse into life there last week. Polygamy was still practised among the Thai people and male supremacy was still very much the order of the day she said. Being a Buddhist country there were many beautiful temples and palaces, some of which were shown by Mrs. Allen in colour transparencies. She was thanked by Mrs. M. Thorpe.

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"Dick Whittington" at Laindon



Pictured at their dress rehearsal are some of the cast from Laindon Revellers' production of "Dick Whittington." The pantomime continues tonight (Friday) and tomorrow at Laindon Community Centre, together with a matinee tomorrow at 3 p.m. The Revellers are urgently in need of new members; anybody interested should contact Fred Penson at Laindon Community Centre.

BILLERICAY HIGH STREET REPORT

IS IT JUST A SPRAT TO CATCH A MACKEREL?

BILLERICAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION WERE WARNED NOT TO BE TOO ENTHUSIASTIC OVER BASILDON COUNCIL'S REVOLUTIONARY HIGH STREET REPORT AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING ON MONDAY.

Describing the Report as "bold and imaginative," Executive Committee Chairman Mr. John Abbott stated: "For too long we have been subjected to hazardous development, with ugly buildings being erected in the High Street almost overnight."

"Now we have a plan, and soon, we hope, it will be officially displayed for all to see," he said.

South Green Area Committee Chairman Mr. Wally Trotter, Committee member Mr. Roy Hems and Executive Committee Treasurer Mr. George Grimwood advocated caution, however.

They agreed with a suggestion by Mr. Abbott that the Council should suspend all development and demolition in the High Street until the Council's Study Group had inspected the Report and put forward their recommendations, but they were not convinced that the Report was the answer to all Billericay's problems, or that it would ever become reality in its present form.

"In view of the experiences we have had with the Council and their attitude to planning, I am not prepared to accept this plan hook, line and sinker," said Mr. Hems.

"This is just the sprat to catch the mackerel. I think the Council have put this plan forward to see which way the wind blows. When they find that people's reaction is favourable, they will probably produce another plan, based on a pedestrian precinct, which will differ entirely to the present one."

Said Mr. Trotter: "I can't see the plan ever coming off. The cost is colossal, and before we give our whole-hearted approval to this scheme, I think the Association should look very deeply into the cheaper alternatives because we may eventually get something that is second rate."

Added Mr. Grimwood: "I don't necessarily agree with all the Report's individual recommendations. In my opinion several of the buildings scheduled for preservation are just worthless shacks."

"I am also a bit dubious about the fact that the Report advocates a series of precinct squares separated by Jack the Ripper dark little alleyways. I'm not so sure that one large precinct, like Basildon's, would not be a better idea," he said.

All three, in fact, agreed in principle with the idea of a pedestrian precinct, but they felt that it would be essential

to implement the whole plan and not settle for any "half-way measures" if the re-development of the town centre was not to lead to the deterioration of many services and amenities.

COUNCILLOR SPOKE

Trevor Murray, a Southend Councillor and solicitor, spoke about his work, the Law Society and Government legislation, at Monday's meeting of Billericay Young Conservatives, answering questions which ranged from law reform and legal aid to conveyancing. He was thanked by the Chairman, Geoffrey Wheatley.

Thieves pick 11 cars

THIEVES WERE busy in Basildon on Saturday night. Their haul included six radios, spot lamps and tools from 11 cars in car parks and streets over a wide area.

They included Little Lullaway, Spurriers, Waldringfield, Tinkler Side, Clopton Green, the Double Six, Bull's Eye and Jelly Friar public houses, and the Basildon Bowl car park.

Knackers yard

Authority has been given for a licence for premises in London Road, Crays Hill, to be a knackers yard.



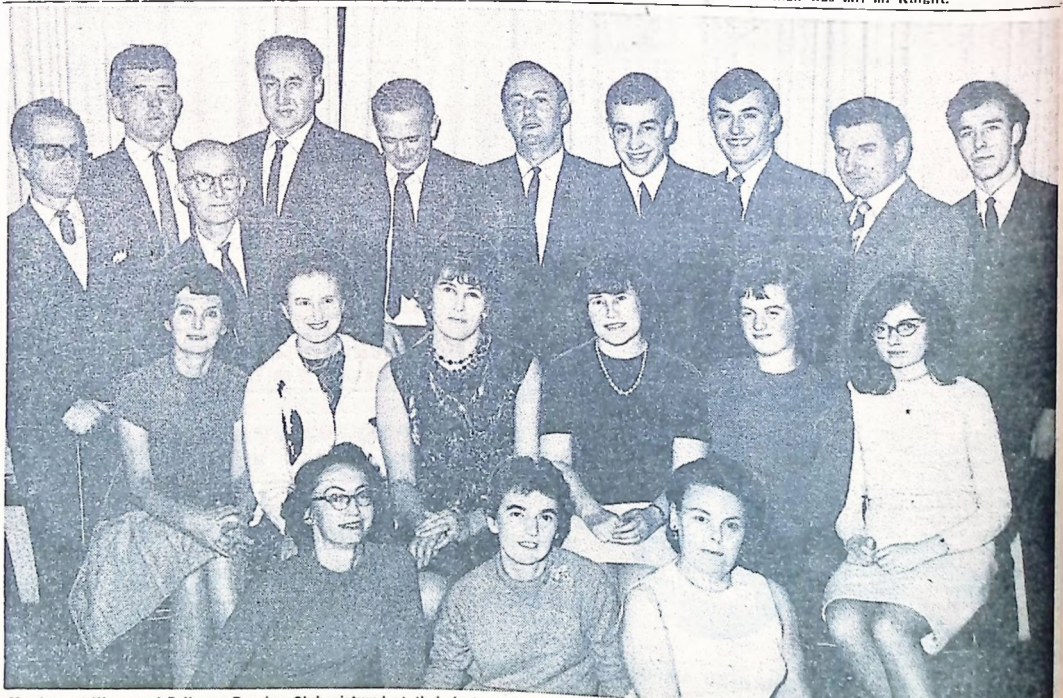
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She was attended by Miss C. Pearce, a friend; the Misses J. and M. Brown and L. Furber, cousins, and Miss P. Nichols, bridegroom's sister. They wore full-length dresses of midnight blue satin, with white fur muffs and headbands. The best man was Mr. E. Nichols, bridegroom's brother.

The couple are spending their honeymoon in Malaga. (Picture by J. Hearne)



The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Martin's Church, Basildon, of Mr. Colin David Simkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Simkins, of Aveley, and Miss Rosine Ann Shacklock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shacklock, of Whitmore Way, Basildon (see picture below). Rev. A. J. Dunlop conducted the service. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a full-length dress of white figured velvet; her head-dress was a white velvet band with mother-of-pearl sequins, and she carried a bouquet of red roses. Her bridesmaids wore her sister, Brenda, the bridegroom's sister, Lorraine Simkins, and Miss Carol Ross, bridegroom's cousin. The page boy was another cousin of the bridegroom, Master Paul O'Donoghue. Best man was Mr. M. Knight.



Members of Kingswood Ballroom Dancing Club pictured at their instruction night at Kingswood Community Centre on Friday evening. Beginners and new members are still needed; interested persons should contact Mr. George Goff at the Community Centre on Friday evenings.

Are about the 'Great Inquiry'

RESIDENTS FIGHT FOR THEIR LIVES AGAINST BASELTON'S

PEOPLE WHOSE homes and businesses could be seriously affected by the Plan, voiced their protests on Thursday week (the earlier proceedings were given in our last issue).

First of the private objectors to address the Inspector was Mr. S. W. Crispin, who spoke on behalf of four householders at Kingston Ridge—Mr. and Mrs. M. Barry, Mr. P. J. Crowley, Mr. E. Richardson and himself.

"Why should the Development Corporation be allowed to develop land when, for 20 years, permission to develop has been denied to the people who live there?" he asked.

Mr. Crispin said that the area could be better developed by the people who live there. He said that the area was a "green belt" and that the people who live there were "green belt" people. He said that the area was a "green belt" and that the people who live there were "green belt" people.

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GRAPE VINES

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Office developments" as suggested by the Conference.

The Ministry of Housing had themselves drawn attention to the shortage of sites for offices in old towns and the advantages of building offices in new towns.

Quoting from the Ministry letter, Mr. Galloway said: "We hope, therefore, to be able to look to new towns for a substantial contribution towards the solution of the problem."

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At Westley Heights, Corporation Chief Architect Mr. Douglas Galloway (third left) studies the plan with the Inspector, the Assistant County Planning Adviser, Mr. Thomas A. Henderson (far right), the Dry Street farmer (left), and Mr. A. Hollands, private objector (second left).

Estate planning is criticised

BASILDON'S "hard-to-sell" Castlemeane Estate featured in the New Town expansion inquiry when it resumed on Tuesday.

The Corporation's Chief Architect/Planner, Mr. Douglas Galloway, was under examination when Mr. Peter Steggle asked him: "Were you responsible for the design of the Castlemeane Estate?"

"No," replied Mr. Galloway.

Mr. Steggle: "Would it be correct to describe it as speculative development?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Galloway.

"From your own personal point of view would you say that development was in every way acceptable as a speculative development?"

"Very much so. I live in one of the houses."

"Would you say that it is a good speculative development in every way?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Galloway.

"If I produced estate agents, builders, solicitors, surveyors to say this was not good speculative development, would you still say this?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Galloway.

Mr. Boniface then objected to Mr. Steggle's questions. "This is not

"Is it because there are not any purchasers?"

"I could not answer that."

Asked whether he had any criticisms of the houses from the planning point of view, Mr. Galloway replied:

"None."

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ACTION NOW

Action had to be taken now as even the present five-year programme would, with natural increase, surge past the existing limit of 100,000.

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PRINCIPLES

Summing up the County Council's case, Mr. Evre said their objections to the plan were not based on principle but on expediency.

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On Monday the Inspector, Mr. T. F. Thomson, toured the areas affected by the Plan and details were explained by officials.

ing to do with the Master Plan proposals," he said.

Mr. Steggle told the Inspector, Mr. Boniface has been the victim of some poor estate planning.

His aim was to question the quality of proposed development in the south-west corner of the town adjoining One Tree Hill and Westley Heights.

"I would ask that if the Minister thought it right to develop that area, he should ask for detailed plans to be put on public exhibition before they are put into operation in any way whatsoever, and that the public should have the opportunity to make objections."

After a ten minute adjournment the Inspector directed Mr. Steggle to continue his question.

Still empty?

"Is it not true that a large proportion of the houses have remained empty?" Mr. Steggle asked.

"Yes," said Mr. Galloway.

"That is because the houses have not been legally completed?"

"No, I don't think that is the reason."

THE BLUE BOOK

Day five of Basildon's Master Plan Inquiry produced a direct refusal from the Corporation Manager Mr. R. C. C. Boniface to hand in rejection of consultants' proposals for future development.

Breaking off during examination of his client, Mr. A. S. Hollands, Mr. Peter Steggle challenged the Corporation Manager to produce the "Blue Book" which he had referred to.

"Nobody outside the Corporation know what is in this Blue Book," said Mr. Steggle. "Are you prepared to submit it to the Minister?"

"It has already been put before him," said Mr. Boniface. "Are you prepared to place it before this inquiry?"

"No," said Mr. Boniface. "But Mr. Steggle took the opportunity to examine the Corporation's Chief Architect/Planner, Mr. Douglas Galloway, on the book's contents."

The Blue Book contained the recommendations of a firm of consultants on Basildon's expansion. Their proposals were rejected by the Corporation Board.

Did it recommend expansion towards the Pound Lane Bowers Gifford area?" Mr. Steggle asked Mr. Galloway.

"Did it recommend expansion to the south and west?"

"Did it recommend development of Kingston Ridge, Long Wood and Hawkesbury Meadows?"

"No, I don't think that is the reason."

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Pretty pictures which are misleading?

"Let's tear out these pretty pictures," said Corporation Manager Mr. R. C. C. Boniface, admitting that some illustrations in the Master Plan Report were misleading.

The artist's impressions of future development at Hawkesbury had been condemned by objector Mr. A. S. Hollands.

"They are only artist's impressions," said Mr. Boniface. "I agree they are misleading. I was misled myself when I first saw them."

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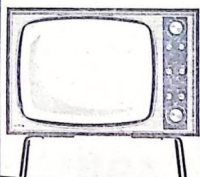
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Encourage youngsters



Like Music Club Chairman Mr. Clark, Miss Joan Sinclair believes Basildon must pay more attention—and more respect—to the talent which is appearing in its schools.

Having run several successful events which least heavily on senior schoolchildren, she is in a good position to make the point. "Our schools have a great deal of potential which is largely untapped by the community," she said.

Granddaughter of two sea captains and brought up on Tyneside, Miss Sinclair saw a good deal of the world before setting up house in Basildon ten years ago. A teacher of French and German at Barstable School, she has been active in almost every section of the Civic Arts Society, but did not join the Executive until three years ago. She will shortly leave the town to live with her husband in Sicily.

"I have never felt so much at home in England as I have in Basildon," said Miss Sinclair. "I love the place and I leave with great regret. There is a great growing spirit here in a wonderfully mixed community."

Within the Civic Arts Society she formed the Poetry Society and been Chairman for three years, sung in many concerts, formed a folk group and taken minor parts in two plays. She has been on the Music Club Committee as well as the Executive.

"I feel very strongly that Civic Arts should encourage local efforts," said Miss Sinclair. "As well as bringing well-known people to Basildon, we must encourage our own people, and be prepared to mix on shows to suit all tastes so long as the performers are good in their chosen field. I would include good 'non' groups in this."

Miss Sinclair did not go straight into teaching. It was as an economic researcher for the Foreign Office that she spent five years in the French Zone of Germany and developed her knowledge of languages.

"I hope Basildon will make use of its Arts Centre to improve its international links," she said. "I am a strong pacifist and I would very much like to see Basildon—the busiest New Town—play a leading role in international links as well as in other directions. Civic Arts already have a strong link with Le Havre. The new Centre could help it develop much further."

Mrs. Elsa Cardy is a housewife and the mother of three young children. "But I would rather be called a painter than anything," she said.

Mrs. Cardy (seen below) and her husband David made their home in Falcon Way, Kingswood, five years ago. A year later she joined the Civic Arts Executive.

"Painting is her first love. I have painted as long as I can remember. But a row of well-stocked bookshelves testify to the fact that literature and sculpture are also important."

I joined the art club as soon as I got here," said Mrs. Cardy. "As a matter of fact I knew it was here before we came to Basildon."

She was brought up in Hertfordshire. "I think that's where the landscapes started," and went to the Slade School of Fine Art. For some years she produced straightforward landscapes; then about four years ago began to split up fields and trees into geometrical patterns and formalise her style.

Lately, the subject has changed, too, from open country to the town. "I have become New Town minded—the squares and definite shapes are already there."

"Do you know there was once a time when I could not have stood the idea of listening to a string quartet?" said Mr. Clark.

He and his family moved to Basildon five years ago. "We came here for a change," stressed Mr. Clark, who works with an insurance company in Romford. "I have never known a fuller time anywhere than we have had in Basildon. It is nonsense to say there is nothing to do."

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Music plays a big part in the life of Mr. Fred Clark (seen above). He is the Chairman and Secretary of Basildon Music Club (and was once the Treasurer, too) and is Chairman of Basildon Choral Society.

His wife teaches the piano; his elder daughter is studying singing and the violin at the Royal Academy of Music; his younger daughter plays the cello; and the Music Club meet regularly at his home in Furrowfield.

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HOW THE CIVIC ARTS SOCIETY TRIUMPHED

PERSUADING A local council to spend pounds has never been a simple job. Two to spend a thousand can take considerable even when you have some councillors writes TONY BLANDFORD.

But £60,000 is the sum which a small band of enthusiasts have recently wrung from Basildon Council. With it the Council will build an arts centre.

At a time of rigid financial restriction this is a considerable achievement, even more so when you realise that every penny will come from the rates.

Who then, are these people with the bulldog grip?

They are primarily the members, past and present, of Basildon Civic Arts Society's Executive Committee. For the past eleven years they have made it their business to snare and more recently to snare at the Council's purse-strings, in the name of the Arts.

To these people and their supporters, a town without music, paintings, sculpture and literature is a town neglecting itself. Their problem, as a minority, was to con-

changed. He, more than any other, person Civic Arts members old and new agree, is responsible for the fact that Basildon is at long last to get its arts centre.

Mr. Joel Watford is a short, well-rounded man with a twinkle in his eye. The large nose at which he puffs between comments increases the impression that he is a thinker, and he can be at retreating as a mole when he sees fit. "He describes himself as a low-brow and a television addict."

The last thing I did before I came off the Council in 1953 was to propose a selling-off of a house to foster the Arts," recalled Mr. Watford in a warm and comfortable lounge of his bungalow in Neveford Road, Wickford. "It ended in my becoming a President of the Civic Arts Society."

I decided the Council had been working me too hard. I had been pushing things I wasn't really interested in, and I thought I'd specialize in education, the Arts and the Arts better it came off the Council. I had been made a J.P. in the meantime."

He glanced at the shelves of books, reaching almost to the ceiling, and at the Cezanne and Van Gogh reproductions on the wall. "I've always been interested in the Arts. I found it was a vital need while I was in the Army. I can distinctly remember going to a symphony concert in Nottingham towards the end of the war. It was one of the happiest occasions of my life."

Invited out of the Army, Mr. Watford picked up where he left off with the Arts. A Thames Gas Board, a representative working in this area.

On resigning his seat on the Council, he threw himself into the business of the Arts and channelling it into the Society.

"We wrote and asked the Council for some cash to start things moving. They gave us £5 and a lot more. We should not ask for more," recalled Mr. Watford cheerfully.

Armed with this £5, he began to

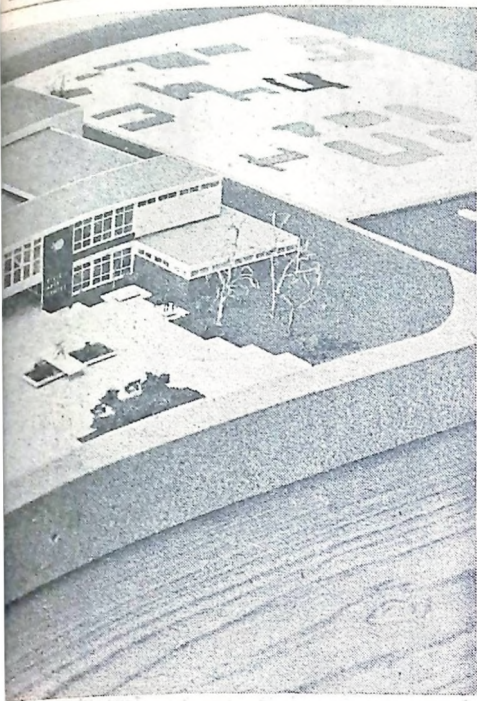


Civic Arts Society President Mr. Joel Watford. "More than any other person he is responsible for the fact that Basildon is about to get its Arts Centre."

Since the rest of us, and more particularly our elected representatives, of the validity of their point of view

AT THE HELM

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In two years' time, it is hoped, Basildon will have a Civic Arts Centre based on the plan above, but it is safe to say that without the grand work and enthusiasm of the Civic Arts Society, the Centre could have been a mere dream for many years to come. The Centre will contain a concert hall, studios, restaurant, club lounge and exhibition rooms.

Schubert and Dostoevsky Mr. Watford is more ambitious about the Society's stake in the Arts Centre. "The Society will have to have some help in this," he said. "Professionals will have to be brought in, and there will have to be an alliance between amateur and professional. The Society are putting forward a scheme for a Trust."

THE CRITICS

The Society has always had their critics. "We've been called high-brow," said Mr. Watt. "That's not right. We have been called high-brow. We have had a phenomenal range of artists. People seem to forget that we brought Kenny Ball and his Jazzmen here when they could still be had for £12 a booking. We booked them three times."

Early on there were critics on moral grounds too. When the Society considered staging "Miss Julie" there were hands raised in horror.

Mr. Watford can still remember reactions to the decision to present "Waiting for Godot." "Some of the people who decried it as a lot of rubbish are the same people who today say with pride, 'We have produced "Waiting for Godot"'"

The Stratford Theatre Workshop members of the Royal Ballet, painter, Mrs. John Aldridge and Edward Bowden, musicians like Jacqueline Dolman and John Georgiadis—all these and many more have come to Basildon due to the efforts of the Society. Festivals with almost every major art represented have been staged in the face of near-prohibitive expenses. A balance would frighten a confident trickster, and a largely indifferent public.

"When we were first founded we had a membership of 100," said Mr. Watt. "We have always de- liberately curtailed membership. We have not recruited until very recently. The problem was administration."

We have had excellent help from the school authorities. Mr. Mann was a great help. At Timberley School towards the end we built up something of a home base. But with the best will in the world you could not turn the hall into a festival hall."

Membership now is well over 400. The Society have five principal sections—art, music, drama, photography and poetry—and, in addition, a more than 20 affiliated organisations, including two bands.

With a line-up like this, the Society should have been the province of the Arts Council for a good deal of time.

People will say—"You've not got £500 buildings"—and they will be right in a sense," said Mr. Watt. "But the Arts Centre is for the town and the first place. It is the Urban District's, not the Civic Arts Society's."

I hope it will not take events away from Wickford and Billericay. I don't think it will. It should encourage groups to put on their own performances there, too."

FOCAL POINT

It envisages the Arts Centre as a focus for the best of local arts activities. But it is also something for the town to use as its own focal point. We trust we will have a voice in running it."

Slightly apprehensive



"I had preconceived ideas about the sort of people I would meet in the Civic Arts Society," said Mr. Len Harris. "I had never gone in for that sort of thing and I resent people telling me what I ought to do. I was pleased to find it was not like that at all."

Mr. Harris is a chemist at Nevendon Sewage Works. He came to Basildon 10 years ago and discovered photography three years later.

It only became a hobby then, and Basildon Photographic Society was the first club I'd not involved in. A year later Mr. Harris, who lives in Clay Hill Road, was their Secretary. The cameramen affiliated to the Civic Arts Society and Mr. Harris found himself on the Executive.

"It was an accident really," he said. But it is no accident that today, six years later, he is still the Photographic Society Secretary. He makes no bones about photography still being his main interest. "It has led me into the visual arts generally and I like decent music, but I'm not really the arty-crafty type."

Almost alone among the Civic Arts Executive, he is willing to admit that he is "slightly apprehensive" about the Arts Centre.

"I welcome it and think it will be a good thing, but I have some doubts about whether some parts of it will be sufficiently used," said Mr. Harris. "I would hate to see it not being used to the full. It is costing an awful lot of money."



The man who looks after the cash for Basildon Civic Arts Society—Mr. Cyril Moore.

Arts Centre that have been expressed by the Press and public," he said. "We are not narrow-minded about the Arts. People just don't realise the scope of our work and the big range of people we've brought to the town."

It has been a tremendous struggle and a long one. But the result is that we have a formidable list of influential contacts in the Arts. With the completion of the Arts Centre we will be in a position to do a great deal for the town."

A tremendous struggle," agreed Mr. Watford thoughtfully. "In fact, if I'd known how long it was going to take and how difficult it was going to be, I'd never have started."

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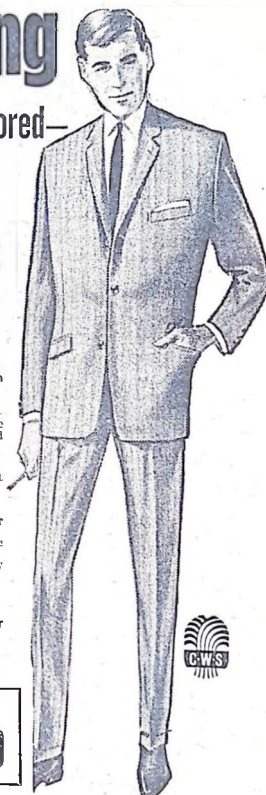
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THE FIRST OFFER WILL BE ADDIS SQUEEZE MOPS

MR. DUNCAN McKEGGIE came into the Arts Society through the back door, but became a Vice-President two years ago.

"I worked as an electrician before the war," he explained. "Sometimes I helped out at the Lyceum or the Adelphi in London, sitting up in the flies feeding the carbons into an arc lamp."

He came to the New Town with Marconi 13 years ago, and found his way back to the stage after a knock on his front door.

"That was when the old Evening Institute Drama Group started," said Mr. McKeggie. "My wife joined them and they wanted an electrician."

When the Basildon Players broke away from the Institute to make their own way, he was needed on-stage as much as off. In fact, he was their founder-Chairman. The Players affiliated to the Civic Arts Society and Mr. McKeggie was co-opted on to the executive.

Since 1964, the Players have staged seven plays and four one-act productions. "We have always taken it very seriously," said Mr. McKeggie. "Perhaps this is why we are already in a position where we don't lose money."



Pitsea Guides won by two points

A FINE DISPLAY of cookery, home-made toys, needlework and laundry was shown on Wednesday at the Scout H.Q., Beech Road, Basildon, when the divisional heats of the County Cup competitions were held.

Competing for the Branker-Cubitt Cup were 9th Basildon Company, for the Basildon District; 5th Laindon (Laindon District), and 1st Pitsea and Vange (Pitsea District). The competition was based on the Little House Emblem, and companies had to exhibit various samples of their cook, child nurse, homemaker, hostess, laundress and needlewoman badges.

Districts and Divisions arranged their own heats, and the Divisional winners will go forward to the finals at Chelmsford in March.

The girls put a great deal of work and imagination into their displays, and gave the three judges a very difficult task.

Judging the competition were Mrs. I. Pettitt, Vice-President of Basildon Girl Guides; Miss M. White, Deputy Head of Woodlands Girls' School; and Miss A. Moore, Head of the Domestic Science Department of the same school.

In awarding the cup to the Pitsea District, Mrs. White said how pleased the judges had been to observe the high standards of homemaking crafts shown by the contestants. She paid special tribute to the quality of the plate of refreshments made by 1st Pitsea and Vange girls, which included cheese slices

cut into the Girl Guide trefoil shape, and to the excellent toy, a little crane made from cotton reels and odds and ends, beautifully painted and finished, which really worked. Results were: Pitsea, 83 points; Laindon, 81 points; and Basildon, 70 points.

Van Gogh Protection Order

A PROTECTION Order for the Van Gogh, Paycocke Road, Basildon, was granted by Billericay Licensing Justices on Tuesday.

Making the application, Mr. R. Fellows said the licence was at present in the hands of a bank receiver and Mr. John Blake.

Mr. Tony Valente, the applicant, was acquiring the property and taking possession that day. Mr. Blake said he consented to the application. He thanked the Bench and Police for the courtesy they had shown him in his 4½ years as licensee.

NORSEY VIEW DRIVE

The adoption of Norsey View Drive, Billericay, as a highway maintainable at public expense has been approved in Committee.

Bacchanalians will sample restaurants and clubs

AT THE inaugural meeting of Basildon Bacchanalian Society last week, the main aim of the Society was defined as the active promotion of the appreciation of high standards in all matters concerning food and drink.

Activities will include visits to Essex restaurants and clubs, followed by the issue of reports on the standards of service, cuisine and conviviality experienced.

Special dinners will be arranged for members to sample exotic dishes new to their palates and a series of wine-tasting evenings will be held in the near future.

Officers elected: Chairman, H. J. Schwarz; Secretary, R. R. Coleman; Treasurer, G. W. Moore; Membership and Press Officer, P. J. Baldwin.

YOUNG WIVES Guest speaker at Billericay Congregational Young Wives Group in the Mayflower Hall last week was Mr. Wilkins from the local Fire Brigade. Mrs. J. Nash presided, and there were 20 members present. The Minister, Rev. J. Wilkinson, took the epilogue.

Girls of the 1st Pitsea and Vange Company of Guides, who were awarded the Branker-Cubitt Cup on Wednesday.

Strain of moving

PLEADING guilty at Billericay on Tuesday to three summonses of failing to pay his railway fare, and also travelling further than the distance paid for, Albert Finn (45), of Rectory Road, Pitsea, was fined £20, with a guinea costs.

It was stated that Finn left an arrival train at Pitsea and showed an unclipped weekly season ticket, available between Upminster and Pitsea.

As there was a special check at Upminster, the ticket should have been clipped in a certain way.

Questioned, he said he was sorry and had come from Barking. He had bought a ticket from Fenchurch Street to Barking, which he had thrown away.

He later admitted travelling between Fenchurch Street and Upminster without a ticket.

Total fares unpaid amounted to 12s., it was said.

"It was the strain of moving, Basildon Development Corporation want my property and I have had to find other property," Finn told the Court.

ESTATE PLANNING IS CRITICISED

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"With the same densities to the area. At 23 dwellings to the acre," Mr. Galloway said.

"Was it good, bad or indifferent planning?" asked Mr. Steegles.

"It was bad planning," said Mr. Galloway. "That is why it was rejected."

Asked for his personal reasons for rejecting the idea of development towards Bowers, Mr. Galloway said he would not want co-existence between Tarpots and Basildon. He would want as much division as possible between the two. There was a considerable drainage difficulties that made it uneconomic.

"Would you be surprised if I told you that a consortium of private developers have very carefully investigated this site and found no difficulties in this respect," asked Mr. Steegles.

"No," said Mr. Galloway.

MARSHLAND

Mr. Steegles then turned to the potential of the marshland at Vange and Pitsea. The marshland had great merit, said Mr. Galloway.

"As much merit as Westley Heights and One Tree Hill," asked Mr. Steegles. "I prefer One Tree Hill," said Mr. Galloway, "but the marshlands have a lot of merit."

He agreed that there was a lot of marshland, but not much One Tree Hill. "Should you not replan these estates somewhere else?" asked Mr. Steegles.

"We can't within the designated area," said Mr. Galloway. "Don't you agree with me that for the sake of preserving this unique spot as it is now you would prefer to see a small extension of the designated area to accommodate 10,000 people?"

"No," said Mr. Galloway. "Would you not prefer to say to the public, 'I would prefer not to develop this area of potential scenic beauty. You like to be able to name another area' after careful investigation?"

"No," said Mr. Galloway. "I would not say that."

SIPOREX ESTATE

Mr. Steegles then asked Mr. Galloway whether he was proud of the Sipoorex estate.

"I am proud of it," said Mr. Galloway. "I think it will be quite satisfactory when the landscaping is complete."

"Is it a good environment for a child?" asked Mr. Steegles. "I think it would be satisfactory," said Mr. Galloway.

Earlier, Mr. Galloway outlined the Corporation's general intentions for housing 10,000 people west of Westley Heights, securing the remaining land as part of a crescent of regional open space on the southwest border of the town.

Three neighbourhoods were proposed: Kingston Ridge (for 1,800 people), Little Wood (for 1,000 people) and Hawkesbury (for 600 people). This would ensure the Corporation's status as the focus of the town's activities.

Some 800 acres of land—including Gloucester Park—would be given to County Council fields and woodlands, adjoining the designated area to form a "meaningful and intimate association between open space and public open space" would be achieved.

Main vehicle movements would be confined along a slight valley running east-west, leaving a "green area" for pedestrian movement and open space linkage.

Each neighbourhood would have its own shops and primary school on the main pedestrian way, and there would be a single neighbourhood group centre incorporating facilities like library and house.

"The new plan has added land to One Tree Hill and Westley Heights so they will not be destroyed by over-use," said Mr. Galloway. The allowance amounted to 13 acres per thousand population.

MORE OPEN SPACE

The revised proposals would provide nearly three times more open space per New Town resident than would the present plan.

"The new plan will not destroy existing beauty spots, but prevent their destruction by over-use," said Mr. Galloway. It will not visually interfere with the town and Cornham and Stamford-Hops. It will bring large areas of waste land into economic use. It will make provision for increasing leisure anticipated over the next 20 to 30 years.

Chief Engineer Mr. Robert Bryant said he did not in Mr. Galloway's claims dispute Mr. Galloway's claim that traffic would increase substantially in the road likely to carry the cars. He said, however, that the existing volume was likely to be multiplied seven times only have their present load Farm Road was likely to take four times its present share.

Turning to Mr. Galloway's statement that Basildon would inevitably continue as an "average London suburb," Mr. Bryant said Basildon was much better off than most other towns in the South-East. In this week, the new appointed patrol officers start duty on Monday.

local employment. Basildon has, therefore, less likely to become a dormitory for London.

Mr. Bryant said he was asked to Mr. Galloway's idea of using Lee Channel Lane to link with Lee Channel South and North roads because it would cut across a green wedge of open space and it would defeat the Corporation's open space policy. In addition, the link would constitute a short cut to the Town Centre from Kinson Ridge and Lane Wood, and was undesirable.

On the suggestion that expansion should have been earlier than westward to Langdon Hills, Mr. Bryant said in spite of current movement in the area, Bowers Gifford would retain its rural development over considerable distance and also its many sidereal connections. It was not suitable as a traffic route.

"Its junction at the Harrows is so dangerous," said Mr. Bryant. "That following a recent multiple collision there are pressures to close the intersection. Basildon Council are pressing the Ministry of Transport to take urgent action."

Summing-up Mr. Galloway's case, Mr. Steegles said he thought he had been able to demonstrate that his client, all the individual objectors, was approaching the Master Plan with the minimum degree of self-interest.

Mr. Galloway had badgered the Corporation in the past. He had taken sufficient interest in the New Town's development to be able to stand up and say: "Here is a mistake. It is sufficient of a mistake," said Mr. Steegles.

For Mr. Galloway to take a week off work to come here. It is important to him, and shows a measure of his concern. He might be no more than an amateur in manner, but his view had the distinction of coming from the lawyer's model "reasonable man" test.

The proposed development near Westley Heights and One Tree Hill amounted to a desecration of the area, Mr. Galloway said. Mr. Steegles said Mr. Galloway's expansion should not be at the cost of the area. He asked the Minister to retain them as open spaces not only to beautify the town, but the whole region, for which Basildon was a logical centre.

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DUTY CHEMISTS BASILDON David Sannes (Southernhay), Ltd., 59, Southernhay, Basildon, has announced that 66 High Street, Vange, will be duty chemists for week commencing Monday (February 27th). They will be open every weekday except Wednesday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. On Sunday (February 26th), G. E. Conduit will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

BILLERICAY M. W. Shindforth, 47, High Street, Billericay, will be open until 6.30 p.m. on weekdays except Thursdays, when they will be open from 7 to 8 a.m. On Sunday they will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

WICKFORD L. A. Garbett, 23, High Street, Wickford, and M. W. Shindforth, 55, High Street, Wickford, are open alternate evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., also alternate days over use, 11 a.m. to 12 noon (name of duty chemist noted on the door of both shops).

THE NAME WILL COME COMPLAINTS by Wickford businessmen and shop owners that Market Road has been without nameplates for nearly four years have been answered by Basildon Council.

Market Road is the centre of the town's amenities. It contains the main shopping, community centre and junior and infants schools, and residents complain the newcomers to the district and delivery men are unable to find the street because it is not signposted.

But the Council spokesman this week said the Surveyor's Department knew that a sign was missing. A new one had been ordered and it was being put up shortly.

Full quota For the first time since another Basildon bus school crossing patrol. The last two vehicles, Mr. J. Church and Mr. C. H. H. Road, Basildon, and Mr. J. Church, Basildon, were in this week. The new appointed patrol officers start duty on Monday.



Mrs. I. Pettitt (Vice-President of the Basildon Girl Guides' Association) presents the Branker-Cubitt Cup to Cecilia Ashton (15), of 1st Pitsea and Vange Guide Company. Also in the picture are Miss M. White (Deputy Head of Woodlands Girls' School) and Miss A. Moore (Head of Domestic Science, of Woodlands Girls' School), who helped Mrs. Pettitt with the judging, and Lorraine Terry (15).

Many of Basildon's newspapers will come from this new depot

WELL-KNOWN wholesale newsagents—T. A. Rippon and Sons, Ltd.—set up a new depot at Paycocke Road on the New Town factory estate, Basildon, this week.

The Manager, Mr. John Whitehead, comes from the Wickford depot where he was for seven years.

An informal get-together was held on Wednesday of 80 local newsagents, circulation managers and representatives, to mark the official opening of the new premises.

Directors of the company Mr. Alan Rippon and Mr. Peter Rippon were there together with "Daily Mirror" circulation director Mr. F. J. Wright.

Rippon's are now the largest wholesale newsagents in the Basildon area. Established half-a-century ago, according to Mr. Whitehead, they now serve all but three newsagents in Basildon.

A staff of eight and a fleet of five vans deal with the customers at present.

But not just national and local newspapers are handled. There is a large sale for magazines and periodicals.

THE PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS THE FRONT OF THE NEW PREMISES OF T. A. RIPPON AND SONS, LTD., AT PAYCOCKE ROAD ON THE NEW TOWN FACTORY ESTATE, WITH THE "BASILDON STANDARD" VAN OUTSIDE.

ON THE RIGHT IS MR. JOHN WHITEHEAD, WHO WAS MANAGER OF THE FIRM'S WICKFORD DEPOT FOR SEVEN YEARS AND HAS NOW TAKEN OVER THE NEW WAREHOUSE.

IN THE PICTURE BELOW MR. A. R. CLARK (RIGHT), A DIRECTOR OF THE "SOUTHEND STANDARD" SERIES, SPEAKS WITH (LEFT TO RIGHT) MR. PETER RIPPON, MR. ALAN RIPPON, MR. F. J. WRIGHT, CIRCULATION DIRECTOR OF THE "DAILY MIRROR," MR. JOHN WHITEHEAD, MANAGER OF THE WAREHOUSE, AND MR. WAGSTAFF, CIRCULATION MANAGER OF THE "STANDARD."



GHYLLGROVE O.A.P.

Children of the Ghyllgrove Children's Play Group entertained the members of the Ghyllgrove O.A.P. at their weekly meeting on Monday. Mrs. Manning, Social Secretary, played the piano for them and their efforts were greatly appreciated by everyone. Mr. J. R. Chapman, Chairman, presided over the meeting and sent good wishes for the speedy recovery of all the sick members, including Mr. W. H. Martin, the Club Secretary. Mr. Denney, Mr. Moyler, and Mesdames Rowe, Marks, Todd, Cooper, Looker, Banks and Beasley. Mr. Griffiths received a hearty welcome back after a long spell of illness. Musical birthday honours were accorded to Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Margett. Anniversary honours went to Mr. and Mrs. Pyner, Mr. and Mrs. Nardie and Mrs. Ball. The Chairman announced the Club's first outing of the season, which will be to Clacton-on-Sea on June 15th. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Fatterson and her helpers, and the Chairman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their support.

FRIDAY CLUB

The Chairman of Sunny-mede Friday Club was absent at last week's meeting in the Junior School so Secretary Mrs. Rose Morrison presided. Two outings were arranged, and community singing with Mrs. Fisk at the piano, provided entertainment.

IN THE WAREHOUSE



Mrs. E. Cripps is seen at work in the warehouse, which contains sections for all the newsagents served by the firm.

MRS. D. BELLETT AT THE TRADE COUNTER. THE CUSTOMER IS MR. H. BILL, MANAGER OF ONE OF MARTIN, LTD., SHOPS.



To the beat of a drum and a stag's thigh bone!

ON SATURDAY evening, famous Scottish folk singers The Corries were featured as guests at Billericay and Basildon Folk Club's concert at St. Martin's Hall, Basildon.

The Corries' songs were drawn from Scottish, Irish and North of England sources, and included an exciting 15th Century seafarers' song based on the Norse saga tradition, accompanied by a Borann, an early Irish large one-sided drum played with a stag's thigh bone.

Other songs were accompanied by pipes, Northumbrian pipes, mandolin, guitar and their own 28-string guitar, constructed on the

principle of the Indian sitar.

The Corries are on a short tour south of the border, and appeared at Basildon between concerts in Walsall and Liverpool. Their recent appearance on the "White Heather Club" on television is to be followed by a series of B.B.C. 2 television programmes, some of which have already been re-

corded, together with two programmes for B.B.C. sound. They have also recently cut a new record, to be released in the summer.

Staying in Basildon overnight, The Corries spoke of hoping to manage a return visit in the summer. They also said club resident singers, The Freekind, were one of the best groups they had appeared with on their tour.

Her husband, Victor, a shift worker at Carreras, Basingstoke, was on duty from 11 p.m. to 11 a.m. "We had to have food and chips from the shop for lunch," he said.

Mrs. Margette heated up

DELAYED VALENTINE DANCES



A jolly crowd at Yardley Dance Club's Valentine dance in the works canteen on Saturday.



Lee Chapel North Tenants' Association also delayed their Valentine dance until Saturday. It was held in the Community Hall.



Yet another Valentine dance was held on Saturday. It was organised by Bowers Gifford Community Association, and it was held in the Community Hall.



The picture above shows some of the helpers at the 1st Basildon (Fryerns) Scout Troop's Jumble sale, which was held at their headquarters in Holden Gardens on Saturday.



Committee members at Basildon and S.E. Essex Schools' Association meeting on Sunday. They are Mr. J. Childs (Chairman), of Billericay Secondary School, Mr. A. Webster (Vice-Chairman), of Woodlands School, and Mr. G. W. Wadley (Secretary), of Greensted Primary School.

School caretakers rebel against "officialdom"

SCHOOL CARETAKERS in Basildon and South-East Essex are rebelling against the steadily growing opening of school buildings during the Easter and summer holidays.

On Sunday they were advised not to open the schools this year. "Officialdom is taking over," they were told, and unless we make a stand we will not be able to stop the flood."

The statement was made at a meeting of 30 caretakers at Basildon, when many complained they were not being given sufficient time during the holidays to clean the schools because of holiday bookings.

Last year the caretakers threatened to stop work for one day in protest about the openings.

The Chairman of Sunday's meeting, Mr. J. Childs, told the caretakers that they had every right to refuse to open their schools if routine cleaning was affected.

"We have hammered this out with the County Education Committee," he said, "and they are behind us."

The caretakers also complained that their compulsory overtime rate of pay for "out-of-school-hour" bookings was, in most cases, a shilling an hour less than normal hours.

For Saturday afternoons the pay averages 6s. 7d. an hour, compared with the normal average of 6s. 5d. an hour.

Other points in a packed meeting included:

... lack of consultation with caretakers about the opening of schools;

... dissatisfaction about the time necessary to clean swimming pools and the additional pay received for such work;

... anomalies over the hand-over of master keys by head teachers and youth centre warden to other staff;

... the danger of the employment of young staff, including college students, as assistant caretakers.

... the difficulties in obtaining protective clothing; ... a grumble that information for caretakers was often withheld by the District Education Office.

It was also alleged that the Basildon Education Department made their own rules and regulations on several matters regardless of County rulings and agreements with the unions.

The swimming pool question at schools was a matter which caused considerable discussion. Many caretakers with pools under their charge complained that they had not been given an instruction on chlorination and cleaning.

They also grumbled that many hours each week were taken on cleaning pools, sometimes to the detriment of the school itself.

Regarding outside bookings, the caretakers said they were often given very short notice

of them and were not consulted about the advisability of using the schools for a particular purpose.

The caretakers were told to stick to their contracts in future. "Let us have no more cleaning of headmasters' cars in work time," said one of the officials.

BUT THE PATIENT LIVED!

"NEVER ASSUME anything in First Aid—find out for yourself!" was the sound advice given by St. John Ambulance Brigade Superintendent W. Higgs when he judged the Boys' Brigade First-Aid competition for the Dublin Trophy which took place on Tuesday.

Taking part were 2nd Wickford and 4th Basildon teams, and the competition was held at the Congregational Hall, Basildon.

In awarding 36 points to Basildon against Wickford's 26, Mr. Higgs went on to say that an incorrect assumption on the part of the winning team could have killed their patient! However, on the whole, both teams showed a fair standard of work, and he hoped that next year would show even better results.

Here of the evening was Stephen Rogers, 12, who came from Hockley with Superintendent and Mrs. Higgs to act as the patient. With the aid of the make-up kit he presented a gory and bruised spectacle to the competing teams, but, nevertheless, appeared to enjoy it as much as they did.

Mrs. Higgs was timekeeper, and allowed each team 15 minutes for their work. Basildon's winning team comprised Corporal J. Lever, and Privates P. Tucker, G. Webb and C. Smith. They have been in training about seven weeks, and are aged between 14 and 16.

The answer is "No!"

An attempt to get planning permission for a petrol filling station or five terraced bungalows on land at Pound Lane, North Benfleet, has failed.

Dismissing an appeal, the Minister of Housing agrees with his Inspector that a filling station would be out of character with nearby buildings. Also there was no evidence of need and the land was inside a proposed extension to London's Green Belt.

The appeal was by G. R. Scott, Ltd., a Romford firm of builders. Their suggested alternative development of bungalows received this comment from the Inspector: "The terrace would be unduly close to the adjacent dwellings in the context of the neighbouring development as a whole. For this reason it is undesirable and should not be permitted."

SUDDEN DEATH

Retired stores manager Mr. Edward Arthur Coulson (67), of Mid-Colne, Basildon, died suddenly on Monday in Southend General Hospital.

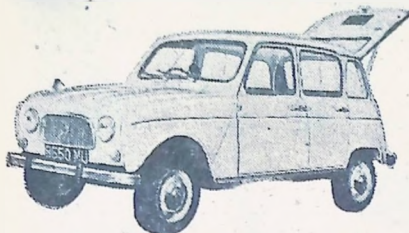
Wrong way round the roundabout

A POLICEMAN on duty in the early hours of the morning in Southernhay, Basildon, saw a car being driven the wrong way round the Roundacre roundabout.

He stopped the car and the driver, Henry Miller, of Apple Tree Way, Wickford, said: "I have just come from the bowling alley. I am very tired. I know what I did. Go on, knock me off for it."

At Billericay on Tuesday Miller was fined £10 for careless driving.

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A total of 57,627 attendees at the four Basildon play areas has proved beyond doubt the success of Basildon Council's Play Leadership Scheme since it was first introduced in 1963. This was announced to a gathering of delegates visiting Basildon on Saturday morning by Coun. C. D. Pope (Chairman of the Recreation Committee) at the Council Chamber Foddewick. Delegates were invited from the Basildon Council of Education, the Parent-Teacher Associations, Community Associations, the Association for the Administration of State Education, the Workers' Educational Association, the Basildon Christian Council and the Basildon Humane Society. The course was organised by the Thurrock Technical College. After erecting the delegates and giving a brief outline of how the Play Leadership scheme was introduced and operated in Basildon, Coun. Pope took them on a coach tour of the play areas, including the Play Leadership Centre at Fryerns. In the picture above are Coun. Pope, Mr. A. Tulloch, Mr. H. F. Tyrrell, Mr. A. Farinington, Mr. E. M. Reselaar and Miss Shirley Wood, a primary school teacher from North Island, New Zealand.

TRADERS NOT INTERESTED IN BASILDON CREDIT CARDS

SHOPKEEPERS are not interested in Basildon Chamber of Trade's idea to set up a Basildon credit card. Aim of the card would be to combat the glossy mail-order magazines and keep business inside the New Town.

"I called on 15 shops," Mr. Roy Bird told the Chamber's annual meeting. "Only one person was interested. The multiple stores wouldn't come in — and the independent shops asked what it would cost them."

When told £100, Mr. Bird went on, they became disinterested. But Mr. Bird stressed this money would be needed to establish a company to run the scheme.

Others at the meeting did not agree that £100 was a large sum. "A chicken feed" and "only a nominal sum," were among the comments made.

Mr. Bird said a form would be sent to traders so that a census of opinion could be carried out. The support of at least 30 to 40 shops would be needed. Looking back at his wasted calls to the shops, Mr. Bird remarked: "You do lose heart."

MAJOR UPHEAVAL

News that Billericay Business and Professional Club are thinking of re-forming themselves as a Chamber of Trade branch was reported to the meeting by Mr. Jim Bews.

"It takes a major upheaval before traders get together," he said.

Cause of this upheaval was the plan to give the High Street of the township a new look.

DEFICIT RISES

But earlier in the meeting, Basildon Chamber of Trade heard of their own problems.

Treasurer Mr. Ray Hoskins said they finished the year with a deficit of £57 — against £8 in the previous year.

"This is more or less as I forecast," he said. "A slight drop in membership has reduced subscriptions."

Also more money was used in sending all members a copy of the national journal of the Chamber. This cost £40.

Reserves are now down to £41. But the position this year should be helped by the recent increase in subscriptions from £2 2s. to £3 3s.

APATHY

A change in the rules was agreed by the 15 members at the meeting. Instead of a Chairman, the Chamber now have a President who will take the chair at meetings.

The President at present is a figurehead," said retiring President Mr. Bews, supporting the motion.

In his yearly report, last year's Chairman, Mr. Peter Toomey, said more and more apathy was creeping into the Chamber. "We must pull together to make ourselves heard," he said.

The Town Centre sub-committee of the Chamber no longer exists.

"In these days of affluence we think: 'Why should we have a Chamber?' But doing things as a body has more strength than doing them individually," he said.

Mr. Toomey said he had not been able to put the energy

into Chamber activities which he had hoped.

OFFICERS ELECTED

President — Mr. Peter Toomey; Vice-President — Mr. Charles Smith; Secretary — Mr. Bill Ward; Assistant Secretary — Mr. Geoff Newman; Treasurer — Mr. Ray Hoskins; Entertainment Secretary — Mr. Roy Bird; Assistant Entertainment Secretary — Mr. Alan Busby.

Shoplifter fined £15

"I DON'T know what made me do it, it isn't as if I didn't have the money," said Grace Doe, of Mill Road, Billericay, when stopped outside the town's Home and Colonial self-service store after being seen inside transferring a 1½ lb. packet of sausages from the firm's wire basket to her own shopping bag.

At Billericay on Tuesday Doe admitted the offence.

A woman with no previous convictions, she was fined £15.

"I was not thinking what I was doing," she told the Court.

Woman (64) stole cat food

ANNIE OVEL (64), of School Road, Billericay, a married woman with no previous convictions, appeared at Billericay on Tuesday for stealing cat food and other articles worth 7s. 10d. from the Home and Colonial self-service store in Billericay High Street.

She admitted the offence and the case was adjourned for 14 days for her husband to be present.

"I don't know what made me do it, it has never happened before," she said when stopped outside the store.

TOO MUCH ON STAFF

CANDID COMMENTS were made by Basildon Town Manager Mr. David Taylor on Thursday week about the number of evening meetings attended by Council officials. "You put too much on your staff at Basildon," he said.

Mr. Taylor's remarks followed a suggestion at Basildon Educational Conference that meetings should start later than seven o'clock.

He pointed out that Council officers attended a large number of committee meetings, and other Council bodies, in the evening and that an early start was essential if they were to come to work fresh in the morning.

After the meeting, the member of Billericay Association for the Advancement of State Education, who asked for a later start, told a reporter he had taken a day off work to attend the meeting.

Preservation orders are quashed

BASILDON Council's Executive Committee have quashed a decision of the Planning Committee to make building preservation orders for Nos. 58 to 64 (Horsnells and Laylands), High Street, Billericay.

The Executive did not adopt the Committee's minute and agreed that the matter should be deferred so that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, the Town Manager and the Engineer and the Surveyor, could discuss the matter further with the owners of the premises.

NO PERMISSION NEEDED

Extension to a garage at Ailing, Rosslyn Road, Billericay, is being regarded by Basildon Council Planning Committee as permitted development and will not need building permission.

Now Labour produce youngest candidate

THE AVERAGE age of Basildon councillors will take a sharp dive in May if two young candidates—one Tory and one Socialist—are elected. Both are 22.

After the Tory announcement that Mr. Tony Payne will fight Laindon and the naming of Labour's contender for Fryerns West, He is Mr. Tony Edge (22), of Beeleigh East.

Mr. Edge was last in the news three years ago, when, as one of the two "under-21s" appointed as a Basildon school governor, he was at the centre of a national controversy.

He is an ex-Chairman of Basildon Young Socialists.

His father, Mr. Charles Edge, a Ford toolmaker, is acting as his agent and also as agent for Mr. Bob Chaplin, who is standing for Fryerns East.



The Labour candidates for Fryerns: Left, Mr. Bob Chaplin; right, Mr. Tony Edge, Centre, their agent Mr. Charles Edge.

RUGBY SIDE REGISTERS 18th WIN

Basildon 1st XV 14 pts, Old Ignatians 9 pts.
BASILDON'S RUGBY 1st XV recorded their 18th win in 21 games (only one defeat) when they triumphed 14-9 over Old Ignatians at Gloucester Park on Saturday.

Although they lost, the Old Boys exposed a number of weaknesses in the Basildon set-up, including the tendency to hang back as extra wing forwards.

HOCKEY

LADIES SHATTER SOUTHEND

BASILDON LADIES 7, SOUTHEND LADIES 1

Basildon Ladies shattered Southend by cracking six first-half goals in this match at Messies Park, Basildon, on Saturday.

Southend rearranged their team and revised their tactics after the break and Basildon could only score once more.

The Basildon forwards were in the line for most of the match. Every forward scored, centre-forward Maureen Ames and right-winger Jenny Pateman each netting twice.

Southend were strong in attack, but their forwards were kept well in check by the Basildon defence in which Janet Metcalfe closely watched the dangerous left-winger.

Margaret Southcott also played well, picking up any loose passes and sending the forwards away, while last-minute goalkeeper substitute Chris Stans acquitted herself well.

Missing from the Basildon line up was Marion Love, who was helping Essex II beat Suffolk II 7-0 at Ipswich.

Tomorrow Basildon are away to Old Westcliffians and the second team play the same opponents at home.

BADMINTON

Shock for Barstable

BARSTABLE'S recent winning badminton streak was rudely interrupted by Stork when the two teams met at Vange on Friday. The visitors won the Basildon Mixed League match by seven games to two.

Stork took the initiative right from the start and, in spite of one or two temporary hiccups by the Barstable players, seemed set to win every game.

The home side was guilty of some very poor service shots. Stork were not completely blameless in this respect. Finally Barstable made a rather belated recovery to take the last two games.

Stork: A. Hyatt and Mrs. M. Abbey (Barstable) lost to A. Bonnar and Mrs. M. Passfield 10-15, 15-12; beat T. Taylor and Miss R. Bevan 21-14, lost to D. Collins and Miss J. Blake 15-21.

P. Hyde and Miss T. Wren (Barstable) lost to A. Bonnar and Mrs. M. Passfield 12-21, lost to T. Taylor and Miss R. Bevan 18-21; lost to D. Collins and Miss J. Blake 15-21.

Table tennis champions knocked out

THREE FORMER Basildon Table Tennis League champions, including last year's winner, Mick Pond, were knocked out of the league singles in the quarter-finals this week.

Pond went down 15-21, 21-10, 11-21 to three times Southend title-holder Hugh Polley, the 1965 winner, John Blackman went out to Fred Lockwood 10-21, 21-13.

21-12, and several times winner Richie Molloy lost in straight games, 14-21, 15-21, to M. Watts.

Finals night

The semi-final line-up on finals night, being held on Saturday, March 4th at Ilford's St. Peter's, was M. Watts (S.T.C.) and Lockwood (Legon) v R. Gaunt (Legon).

Watts, Gaunt's beaten finalist, got through by beating Stan Dyson 21-10, 18-21, 11-10 in a nerve-rattling game.

The only championship played this week was the handicap singles, two St. Peter's players, Mick Pond and Hugh Molloy, fighting their way through to the final.

To get there, Pond's victims included Ken Sandeman, D. Eyer, M. Perryman and Dave Norris.

Although he has won the Southend title three times and has been a prominent member in the Basildon League for a number of years, Hugh Molloy will be making his debut in Basildon's finals night this year.

His clash with Watts should be a close one, but obviously the crown is the men's singles.

TREASURE HUNT FOR MOTORISTS

PAT WEBB and Muriel Duncan (Morris 1000) won Basildon New Town Motor Club's treasure hunt over a course of 28 miles on Sunday.

The hunt started at Ilford Town Centre and finished at the White Horse, Norton Heath. First car away at 10.55 a.m. was Mike Bolton and John Thompson in a GT Corsair.

This pair being seeded No. 1, as they had won an event three Sundays previously.

Eight cars followed at two-minute intervals with the 10th car, the Morris 1000 of Pat Webb and Muriel Duncan starting half an hour late due to carburettor trouble.

Most found the first batch of clues towards Little Boreham, but some took a wrong turn down to the ford at Elmbrook Farm, including No. 2 the M.G.B. of Josie Moorcroft and Frances Palmer, who had been going well up to this point.

New members Peter Todd and Robin Burton (Morris 1000) and John Webb (1071 Mini 5) also gave the under-side of their cars a wash.

No. 4, Peter Brown and Gordon J. Milbank, also new members (Anglia van) were the first home, but were unfortunately lacking points to figure in the results.

Final results—1. No. 10, Pat Webb and Muriel Duncan (Morris 1000) 165 points; 2. No. 6, Ken Gardner (Hillman Imp) 167 points; 3. No. 7, Olive Rees (Volvo) 133 points.

Cup date

The 4th Basildon Boys' Brigade play the 1st Ipswich in the semi-finals of the Harwood Copeland soccer cup on March 4th.

When Gillingham beat Colchester last Saturday they recorded their first victory this year.

Although Paul Pry, with a lead of 21 points, are more or less certain to win their title, there are still many more interesting games to be played in the Wickford and District Dart League as the race for second place heats up.



Vange Church "A" table tennis team.

Marconi and Gun fight for title

THE NECK and neck race at the top of the Basildon Central Darts League between Marconi and the Gun continues, both teams being level on 28 points from 18 games.

Last week Marconi trounced bottom team Colts 8-1 while the Gun had to pull out the stops to beat the Plough and Tractor by 5-4.

Best finish of the week was provided by G. Macdonald, of the Winged Horse, who checked out on 154 (60, treble 18 double pot) against the Castle Mayne.

In the league pairs competition, J. Coady (Commodore) finished on 146 (60, 54, 32) when he and his partner won 9-2 against Jerry and Parks (Winged Horse).

League results: Marconi 8, Colts 1, Gun 5, Plough and Tractor 4, Castle Mayne 6, Winged Horse 3, Crane 7, Lloyd's 2, Commodore 5, White Lion 4, Ford's 1, Double Six 8.

POSITIONS W L F A Pts
Marconi 13 5 99 63 26
Castle Mayne 12 6 99 63 24
Double Six 11 7 99 63 22
Winged Horse 10 8 99 74 20
Gun 9 9 99 74 18
Lion 8 10 99 79 16
Crane 7 11 99 80 14
Commodore 6 12 99 80 12
Lloyd's 5 13 99 80 10
Colts 4 14 99 103 8
Ford's 3 15 99 103 6

Leaders lose to Shell
THE STANFORD Darts League leaders, the Crown Hotel (Laindon), had their wings clipped 5-3 by Shell Club last week.

The defeat — the surprise of the week — cut their lead to 10 points over the Railway 2, Welcome Club 0, Corringham S.C. "A" 8.

In Section "B", the Pitsea Bull continue to ride the title. Last week they increased their lead to 17 points when they beat rivals, the Lathol Club and the Catcracker both drew.

Section "A": Laindon Crown 3, Shell 5; King's Head 5 U.S.C. "A" 3; Railway, Pit. 5, Rising Sun 3, Corvett 6, Pegasus 2, Welcome Club 0, Corringham S.C. "A" 8.

Section "B": U.S.C. "B" 4, Catcracker 4, Corvett 5, Gun 3, Vange and Pitsea 0, Pitsea Bull 8, Corringham S.C. "B" 4, Lathol 4.

SECTION "A" W L F A Pts
Laindon Crown 14 3 109 57 28
Railway Pitsea 14 4 99 57 26
United States 13 5 99 57 24
King's Head 12 6 99 57 22
Corvett 11 7 99 57 20
Pegasus 10 8 99 57 18
Welcome Club 9 9 99 57 16
Corringham S.C. "A" 8 10 99 57 14
Pitsea Bull 7 11 99 57 12
U.S.C. "B" 6 13 99 57 10

SECTION "B" W L F A Pts
Pitsea Bull 12 11 109 74 26
Lathol Club 11 12 99 74 24
Catcracker 10 13 99 74 22
Herdon 9 14 99 74 20
Gun 8 15 99 74 18
Corringham S.C. "B" 7 16 99 74 16
Vange & P. Club 6 17 99 74 14
United States 5 19 99 74 10

Results of Monday's knock-out competition quarter-finals were—
Secretaries' Cup: L. Styles (Rising Sun) beat A. Styles (King's Head); K. Thorwood (U.S.C. "A") beat R. Musson (Corvett); C. P. Clark (Lathol) beat V. Horwood (Herdon); T. Merchant (Pitsea Bull) beat W. Burton (Orsett Cock).

Cantains' Cup: D. Bignell (Railway) beat W. Thompson (King's Head); H. Masser (Pitsea Bull) beat T. Graves (U.S.C. "B"); A. Scansby beat O. Watts (Corringham S.C. "A"); P. Lee (Gun) beat P. Clark (Lathol).

Individuals: R. Peerman (Crown) beat V. Styles (King's Head); P. Bush (Corringham S.C. "A") beat C. Holden (Railway); R. Masser (Pitsea Bull) beat S. Porter (Orsett Cock); D. Poynter (Gun) beat C. Jarvis (Lathol).

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Country Club team upset

WITH THE leaders Essex Country Club suffering their second defeat in three weeks, the gap narrowed at the top of the Laindon and District Darts League last week.

The team to upset the Essex were Ford's who beat them 6-3. The win took the Winston into third place.

In the second round of the pairs competition, P. Broxhay and V. Countess beat A. Leech and B. Firman; A. Brooks and C. Bird beat R. Edwards and C. Dwyer; J. Beale and W. Hunt beat S. Baker and S. Chorlton; and W. Atwood and Vickerston beat H. Bell and S. Miles.

League results: Essex 4, Ford's 3, Jolly Friar 2, Laindon Hotel 7, Owl and Pussycat 4, Standards 5, L.C.C. 5, Kerrys 4, Prince 5, Sherwoods 4, Winston 6, Owl and Pussycat 4.

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UTILITY TRIAL FOR CYCLISTS

INSTEAD OF the usual touring run, Basildon Cyclists Club held its annual Utility on Sunday. Competitors had to cover two laps of a circuit, which ran through Harndon, Hadleigh, Rayleigh and Billericay, within certain time limits.

Seniors were allowed either 4 or 4½ hours to cover the course, which included several well known climbs, while Juniors had a 5½ hour time limit. Total length of the race was 100 kilometres, and it was made more difficult by the heavy rain which led to a few retirements.

Tony Hawes was the only successful entrant in the first section, but Tim Turner, Colliane Roberts and John Adams finished comfortably within the 4½-hour limit. New member Martin Richardson turned in the best performance of the day, being the only junior to complete the course.

Malcolm Williams had the bad luck to puncture twice.



The Quart Pot, Runwell, darts team.



Kingwood "D" table tennis team.

EARLY GOAL PUT PEGASUS IN RIGHT MOOD

PEGASUS 7, PRIORS ATHLETIC 2

FIVE-NIL up at half-time, Pegasus cruised through to a comfortable Basildon Sunday League win over Priors Athletic at Herd Lane on Sunday.

Pegasus started off in great form and after five minutes Alan Redman opened the scoring with a well-placed header.

Soon afterwards, with Pegasus dominating the exchanges, a solo effort by Alf Derby put them two up. At the other end, goalkeeper White saved well from Collins and from his clearance Pegasus started a combined movement which ended with Barlow hammering home a great shot from Watson's well-placed pass. Within two minutes Pegasus went further ahead with a calmly-taken goal by Thorogood.

After this Priors' goal bore a charmed life, but just before the interval Derby added another good goal to make it 5-0.

The second half started in heavy rain and within a minute Priors had pulled back a goal with a shot which Owen helped into his own net.

The crossbar surface made good football difficult and play was rather scrappy for a period before Thorogood drove home a great shot from outside the penalty area to make the score 7-1.

It remained unchanged until 15 minutes from the end when Barlow streaked through on his own to score another fine solo goal, his shot hitting the goalkeeper no chance.

On the stroke of time Priors had last say with a blockbusting of a shot which made the net bulge. It was a good win for Pegasus who are now in full cry in their bid to claim the League Championship.

Gift from Blues

Southend United have sent a donation of ten guineas to Southport F.C.'s Fire Disaster Fund, which now stands at £8,000. The West Lancashire social club has also sent general offices and dressing rooms in a disastrous fire over the Christmas holidays.

Record gate

The Wolves-Everton clash in the F.A. Cup last Saturday produced a record gate of £17,130.

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Ten men victorious

STABILITY 3.

OUTWOOD COMMON 2.

OUTWOOD COMMON underestimated the strength of the opposition when they visited Stability 1, Lindon Mills Recreation Ground and the result was their first defeat in the Basildon Sunday League (Div. I) since the beginning of the season.

And Stability triumphed, despite being reduced to 10 men throughout the second half by injury.

In heavy, muddy conditions, Stability kicked off with the slope in their favour and went ahead after only 20 minutes.

The conditions made defensive errors common and Dorch noted from close range following a slip by centre-half Ben Fiskell.

Outwood equalised within 10 minutes when Stability right-back R. Bass married an otherwise excellent display by nutting through his own net under pressure, but the home team regained the lead just before the break.

A quick right-wing move between J. Bird and R. McQueen ended with a shot which Outwood keeper Tony Fowler could only parry, and left-back I. Parr followed up to net from close range.

Outwood forced the pace in the second half, but Stability were still dangerous in breakaway attacks, and in the 72nd minute they increased their lead. Trying to push the ball back through the mud to Fowler, they were caught on the slip, presenting Ryan with an easy chance.

The last 15 minutes Oakwood threw everything into attack, and Fiskell netted from close range, but he was penalised for handling offence, and when the Stability defence was beaten again luck came to their aid.

First inside-right Tony Babi went up right, then left-winger Terry Deane and right-winger Bobby Deane had an accurate header well saved by the Stability keeper.

GLORIOUS GOAL

Outwood finally reduced arrears when their centre-forward, Alan Clifton, netted with a glorious 25-yard drive which the keeper could only help into the net.

But they could not score again, neglecting their wings and finding it almost impossible to get the Stability defence down the middle, where Venables, Reynolds and Carr were outstanding.

Revenge for Woodlands YC

WOODLANDS Y.C. UNDER-16 2-1 BASILDON Y.C. 1

WOODLANDS Y.C. secured revenge for their 1-0 defeat the previous week by winning the return 2-1 at Woodlands on Saturday.

Both sides played constructive soccer under slippery conditions, but it was Woodlands who managed to sew the game up in the first few minutes with two goals following defensive mistakes.

The nearest either defence came to being broken down was in the last five minutes when a shot from Carr hit Woodlands' crossbar.

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Double Six "A" football team.

Week-end soccer teams

SATURDAY

Boxers United (away) to Saxby Woodley; Levee, Bowley, Woodley, Allen, Vinyard, Owen, Jiles, Fleetwood, Boulding, Storey, Gardner.

United Reserves (at home) to Exiles; Sims, Eveden, Souter, Simpson, Gunn, Wake, Gordon, Tate, Nauls, Pitt, Barnham.

Armad (at home) to Corringham; M. Plock, Roberts, King, Anderson, Bryan, Tyler, Barham, Thorogood, Mann, Blunsten, Walte.

Armad Reserves (away) to Tibury Athletic; Ditchburn, Chapman, Livesey, K. De Bond, Copley, Beckman, D. Lane, R. De Bond, Bastable, Patterson, Smith.

Basildon Boys "B" (at home) to Thorney Bay; Aldrich, Woolley, Spicer, Palmer, Davies, Saunders, Case.

Irish Club (away) to Lindon Hotel; Huddipth, Hegarty, O'Reilly, Bannan, Hurley, Carpenter, Williams, West, Mullen, Dorney.

Moors United (at home) to Lindon Hotel; Procter, May, Skeritt, Webster, Tapsford, Earle, Reay, Clarke, Gough, Smith.

Outwood Common (at home) to Silver End; Jupp, Newman, Calmull, Fletcher, Brabb, Andrews, West, Ringer, Bolligan, Arnold.

Lindon Hotel United (at home) to Wickford; Gough, Cavandish, Whitehead, Gough, Mason, Griffin, S. Payne, H. Payne, Whitmore, Yeoman, Bird.

Lindon Hotel United Reserves (away) to Standard Telephone; J. Euerby, H. Mason, Griffin, S. Payne, H. Payne, Whitmore, Yeoman, Bird.

Standard Telephone (away) to Double Six; Hamlyn, Whitmore, Whitehead, J. Thomas, Mason, Griffin, S. Payne, H. Payne, Whitmore, Yeoman, Bird.

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The Town MOTOR CLUB entertains

COLLIER ROW in an Essex Olympic League match at London Road tomorrow (Saturday), looking for revenge for a 1-2 away defeat.

It could be difficult to secure. They knocked the Row out of the League Cup in the first round, and they are in a shaky form at the moment.

Dorset Press beat them 4-0 on a fortnight ago and Town went down to Essex Police 1-0 on Saturday. "Their finishing well below par," manager Roy Hamm said on Wednesday.

This week he brings in Terry Sears for Peter Pratt who is unavailable, and, though the side is otherwise unchanged, he may make positional alterations to give the attack more punch. Line-up announced for Saturday: Anastasi, Snell, Jones, Walsh, Parsons, Whiskin, Stratford, Sears, Hill, Wilson.

The second team, beaten 4-0 home by Harway last week, and away to Chelwood tomorrow will be: Garkas, Mutton, Turner, Sneewling, Cole, Jackson, and Fuller. Brookfield, Newgent, Daniels.

The third team beat Stock 2-2 away last week, but they have a tough fixture tomorrow, entertaining the Mid-Essex League Division II leaders War-don.

Team—Paul, Jack, Thir-ketter, Stenton, Hawley, Cal-lingham, Turner, D. Ath, Chapman, Napier and Mander.

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The fact that apart from the Chelmer there is virtually no local fishing, does not mean these anglers are regularly taking trips by coach to Kent, Cambridge and Sussex.

One thing they would like is more competition in fishing, and clubs interested in fishing should contact the Secretary, Mr. North, at 39, The Fryth, Basildon.

SHIELD FOR ANGLERS

FISHING ON Blackheath Club's Angling Club, Fryers, enough to win their match on Sunday by a margin of 3lb, so taking the Clare Shield.

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MOTOR CLUB AWARDS PRESENTED

BASILDON S.T.C. Motor Club awards were presented at the night-wagon at the club on Saturday. They went to Mr. R. Smith, Mr. T. Seavey, Mr. C. Babb, Mr. A. Church, Mr. C. Davies, Mr. A. Church, Mr. M. Lindsey and Miss F. Forster.

Dancing was to the Ben Ward eight-piece band and local pop group. Miniature chequered discs decorated the tables and 400 people attended.

Novelty was the theme of the evening and 150 prizes were given to winners of darts and competitions. The release of 400 balloons from the ceiling brought the dance to a close.

Schools soccer

Saints in semi-finals

ST. TERESA'S J. BILERICAY JUNIOR 1

With an exciting 3-1 win over Wilton last week, St. Teresa's stepped into the semi-finals of the Basildon Junior Cup.

Although the St. Teresa's team played well as a unit, special credit went to inside-right, Greg and centre-forward, Alan, whose contribution was first class.

The Saints went ahead after 15 minutes with a well-placed goal by Greg. The keeper, Mr. C. Babb, was unable to equalise through Rogers seven minutes later.

In the 20th minute Colles was again as the catalyst to put St. Teresa's back ahead again.

In spite of hard work by both teams in the second half, the score remained the same until the 45th minute when left-winger Clark produced a classic goal, dribbling past two opponents and the goalkeeper before firing a neat shot into the net.

LAINDON SECONDARY SCHOOL (U/12) 3, APPLETON SECONDARY (U/12) 0.

LAINDON WINGERS Obedience game, and from their captain, centre-forward D. Herbert, three times, he was able to outpace the opposition and score.

The wingers were given a good supply

Laindon Athletic to fight hard for victory

CANVEY 3, LAINDON ATHLETIC 6

LAINDON Athletic made hard work of what ought to have been a comfortable Basildon League match at Canvey on Saturday. The home side never gave up trying and worked tremendously hard.

The match was a great goal, Synnott scored the first goal, which was a considerable achievement. The Athletic were shaken in the first minutes when Canvey took the lead from a high cross, but they came on terms again when Canvey scored a quick run. Colin Gately, Gary Rickard and his final goal.

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ISLANDERS ON TARGET

BILLERICAY TOWN 0, CANVEY BOYS 7

CANVEY BOYS continued their victory run in the Basildon League with an easy win over Billericay.

In the first half Canvey found it tough going and at times the Billericay forwards looked dangerous, but Bishop gave Canvey the lead when he hit the ball in at a post.

In the second half Canvey hit top gear and scored four goals with purpose and, after Neale made it 2-0, Billericay went to pieces.

In the last 20 minutes Canvey added another four goals through Taylor (3), and Heale (2) to finish easy winners.

After 25 minutes the game was completely even up for the Canvey boys, but the best save of the match came at the other end. Edwards saved a full-blooded volley from Synnott.

In spite of this Canvey were not troubled and with 10 minutes to go they added their third in a penalty.

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IRISH CLUB NET DOUBLE FIGURES

IRISH CLUB 13, KINGSWOOD 1

THE IRISH CLUB ran riot, netting 13 goals against the 10 men of Kingswood in a long-sided Basildon League match at Whitmore Park on Saturday.

The Irishmen, minus stalwarts Hurley and Smith, were a goal up in the first minute when Williams, who went on to net five, hit home.

Two minutes later Williams was on the spot again to finish off a fine movement by Downey with a neat header.

Downey with a neat header made it 3-0 in the 10th minute and West added a brilliant solo run, hit a great 18-yarder into the net for the fourth goal.

After this fine start the Irishmen relaxed the pace, but still the goals continued to come. Downey scored home the fifth from 25 yards and Williams adding another two in the 40th and 43rd minutes.

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CUP FINAL ON EASTER SATURDAY

YORK SHIPLEY, by virtue of their win over Corringham Y.C. on Saturday go through to the Basildon Football League's Division 1 Cup final.

The semi-final was a hard-fought encounter in which Corringham were rather unfortunate to have suffered most of the trouble in the game.

In the Premier Division of the league, the surprise of the day was the defeat by Basildon Athletic, a setback which is a blow to their championship hopes.

The other teams in sight of the championship all won. Irish Club beat Kingswood 13-1 against Kingswood and Ilford's beating Yardley 4-0. Jim Gregory, who was back in the forward for the Photomons, netted one of the goals.

Laundon Athletic were a goal down at the first few minutes against Canvey, but recovered to win 6-3.

In Division 1, Nicholas Park beat Basildon G.P.O. 6-0, but Belhus Park are keeping within reach. On Saturday they accounted for Laundon Athletic Reserves, who have been playing quite well recently.

The win should give Belhus added confidence for their cup semi-final on Saturday against Canvey. In the league they beat 8-2 in the league two weeks ago.

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PIRATES CONTINUE THEIR WINNING RUN

HORNDON Sports 0, Armada 4
ARMADA TOOK their chances on Saturday and extended their winning run in the Thames-side Combination to three away games by beating Horndon Sports 4-0.

For the first 15 minutes Horndon showed up well and looked like causing trouble to the Pirates, but once left-winger Waite had put the Basildon side in front they faded.

Most of Horndon's raids were dealt with by the Pirates' defence, in which Bobby Barstall brought in at the last minute in place of King, showed up well with his other full-back, Roberts.

Barham, on Armada's right wing, had the best chance of the Horndon left, but, nothing came of the chances he created.

The second half started with the Pirates on top and looking for goals. Blunten put them two up when he chipped a half-volley and hit a hard-rising shot just under the crossbar.

Armada left themselves wide open for the long through ball, but the Pirates' defence, and once a last-minute clearance off the line by Barstall stopped them conceding a goal.

For a spell Horndon looked like nullifying a goal back, but the Pirates weathered the storm and further ahead when a cross from centre-forward Mann was headed home by Barham.

From the restart Barham raced away again and beat the goalkeeper, but put the ball just wide of the open goal. Armada's final goal came from a penalty which Mann converted.

Horndon threw everything into the attack in the last 10 minutes, but were unable to break through the sturdy Pirates' defence.

Results
Premier Division: Basildon Athletic 4, Woodlands 3; Canvey 3, Laundon Athletic 6; Irish Club 13, Kingswood 1; Yardley 4, Ilford Sports 4.

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FESTIVAL FINANCIAL PROBLEM

SUFFERING FROM CASH FAMINE, BASILDON SPORTS COUNCIL ARE HOPING BASILDON COUNCIL WILL SUBSIDISE THE COACH FARES OF THE TOWN'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE INTER-NEW TOWNS' FESTIVAL OF SPORT AT BRACKNELL IN SEPTEMBER.

Chairman Cyril Moore stated at Monday's meeting that preliminary discussions on the matter had already taken place with Recreation Committee Chairman Coun. Derrick Pope, who had agreed to put the request to his Committee.

With teams in 27 different sports competitions at the Festival, Basildon will probably be sending a contingent of nearly 400 competitors.

"At the moment we have not worked out how we are going to handle finance," said Secretary Bob Hawthorne. "We are hard up at present and some great thought will have to go into it."

The Sports Council plan to continue their practice of presenting badges to all Basildon competitors. Last year 250 cost them £20. This year the bill will be something like £30.

Transport to Bracknell will also be costly as about eight 40-seater coaches will be needed.

Of the sports arranged for the Festival, wrestling was not included, but at the request of local enthusiasts attempts will be made to get the decision altered.

It was stated that teams from Stevedore, Bracknell and Crawley were also keen on having the sport included.

Sports on the programme include athletics, archery, badminton, basketball, boxing, cycling, football, hockey (men's and ladies), judo, motorcycling, swimming, table tennis, volleyball, rugby sevens, boxing, netball, bowls, tennis, cricket, rifle shooting, squash, road cycling, trampolining and darts.

Sunday team banned

CORRINGHAM SOCIAL CLUB, most successful team in Basildon's Sunday League, were banned on Wednesday from playing further charity league games. They have reached the cup semi-final.

This Sunday League Management Committee decision was taken over the action of the Club in fielding an ineligible player for a charity game. In this game Corringham beat Gifford Rovers 3-2.

As well as the ban, the Club were also fined £1.

"The Committee stress, they are very sorry about this action being taken, but you have to adhere to the rules," said a spokesman.

WORK STARTS ON SQUASH CENTRE AT KINGSWOOD

BASILDON'S £50,000 squash centre which is being built in Kingswood will eventually be the largest in the world when it is extended to 12 courts.

This was stated by Mr. Rex Guppy, one of the men behind the new semi-commercial centre, at Basildon Sports Council's meeting on Monday.

Work on the site near Basildon golf course at the rear of Curlew Crescent, started this week. It is hoped to complete by the end of August.

Mr. Guppy told the Sports Council he was determined to make the squash centre, which he admitted was being built to make money, a credit to Basildon and to Basildon.

Questioned on the finances, he said the £50,000 needed to build the centre had been found. "It's true to say the money has been invested," he said, "but there are numerous other ways where the investors

CUP-TIE AT RAYLEIGH

WICKFORD TOWN first team, who beat Basildon West End 3-1 in the first round of the Southend and District League First Division (Ramuz) Cup, tackle Rayleigh Amateurs in the second round tomorrow (Saturday).

Town travel to Fairview Playing Fields, Rayleigh, without skipper Ray Parsons, who is under a fortnight's suspension for abusing a referee, but they held a 20-man side, second-teamer Wood coming in for Parsons at right-half.

The team will be: Watkins, Ashton, Fountain, Wood (Captain), Huber, Benning, Cave, Warby, Johns, Read (skipper). There are no names for the other Town sides.

Lawn bowls for young people?

AN OFFER OF £50 for equipment was made on Monday by Basildon Sports Council to set a lawn bowls club for youth started in the town.

It came from Mr. Bert Cox of High Road, Pitsea, who told the Sports Council that encouragement should be given to young people to play bowls, which he personally ranked second only to football in his sports ladder.

Some time ago Mr. Cox put the same suggestion to the Basildon Sports Association, but it received little support; sports masters are already over-committed with the wide sports curriculum in the schools.

If the Sports Council can do anything to get a club started, said Mr. Cox, "I'll give £50 for equipment."

Basildon and first-class cricket

HERO WORSHIP in sport is inevitable. School Headmaster Mr. J. H. J. Woodward told the 125 people at Basildon Cricket Club's 15th annual dinner on Saturday. He favoured it because it improved their own performances.

Chief guest at the dinner, Mr. Woodward said a town the size of Basildon deserved a club capable of playing top-grade cricket and he felt sure that if it came the cricketing youth of the town would follow their heroes in the team.

In his response to Mr. Woodward's toast to the club, Mr. P. Mallett (President) traced the club's history from one team playing Sunday cricket to the present day when four teams were playing each weekend.

He emphasised the need for Basildon to bring first-class cricket to the town and pointed out that many members in the club were already playing an active part in the organisation of youth cricket.

Mr. Mallett added that although league cricket, which was mentioned at the previous year's dinner, had not materialised, he still thought the future might see it introduced.

The toast to the ladies and visitors was made by Mr. R. L. Sheppard and the response was by Mr. R. Wilson.

Awards presented were: 1st XI batting — Bryn Harris; bowling — David Streetz; 2nd XI batting and bowling — Derek Bell. Harold Nash Trophy for the most improved youngster — David Streetz. Rex Evelyn Trophy for Sportsman of the Year — Bob Ayres.

Expensive move for athletes

TO GET their feet into Gloucester Park Basildon Athletic Club have agreed to pay 10s. per training session.

The 10s. is the fee being charged by Basildon Council for the use of the ground. "It is outright robbery," said Club Secretary Mike Thrussell in a letter to the Sports Council.

"All we get for it is the use of a grass track, a changing shed and an apology for convenience. It is little more than a public park."

Mr. Thrussell continued: "For a five-month season this works out at a total cost of about £20, which is quite expensive for a cost-hunter! Because no other facilities are available, Mr. Thrussell said the Club had decided to go ahead and be robbed."

Youth Officer Mr. J. T. Edmondson wanted to know at Monday's Sports Council meeting why the Club had decided to leave Timberland School where they trained last season.

"Our main aim is to get our feet into Gloucester Park," said a club official. "Once we are there the Council might be persuaded to improve things for us."

"In the meantime we will have to do without showers which are normally so necessary," it was pointed out that where school grounds were satisfactory, most of them could not be used during school holidays.

Picked for League XI

Two boys from the Fryers Boys' football team have been chosen for the Southend League's Division Cup side. They are midfielder Peter Dyer and right-half John Hucker. They will play in the Southend side which meets Forest.

Basildon has only one newsworthy item in the tournament. D. Cottee, of Basildon Boys' Club, Len Bateman, before, has taken off a lot of weight, and now qualifies for the light-heavy section. Eric Cowell, his club-mate at Basildon Boys' Club, is also contesting that section. A clash between these two should be a thriller.

Terry Irving, a welterweight of Basildon Boys' Club and an old acquaintance of Basildon fans, makes another appearance. P. Newman, of Basildon Boys, and J. Batt, of Chappel North Boxing Club, are in the light-weight section, and M. Theobald, again of Basildon Boys' Club, is in the welterweight section of the Junior Class "A".

The boxers will appear in preliminary rounds during the afternoon, and in semi-finals and finals during the evening. People who want tickets should apply to the chief organiser, Mr. Gene Ray, at 108, Clay Hill Road, Basildon.

The Essex team is: Chester Barrows, 11 lbs, Bobby Stevens and Lesley Bell.

Table tennis treat

A galaxy of England table tennis players, including con-troversial Chester Barrows, will be taking part in the Essex versus Surrey match being staged at Basildon's Hoes' on Saturday, West Horndon, on Saturday.

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'In the wars'

R. Smith (Stability) broke two ribs against Dunston Park in his first match since breaking a rib in his place in Sunday's match was taken by Banks.

Award winners pictured at Basildon Sidecar Club's presentation dance held at Fryers Community Centre on Saturday: Social contest—1, Mr. W. Arnold; 2, Mr. J. Cooper. Sports contest—1, Mr. W. Arnold; 2, Mr. W. Mantle. Marathon contest—1, Mr. W. Arnold; 2, Mr. W. Mantle. Clubman of the Year—1, Mr. W. Arnold; 2, Mr. W. Mantle. Clubwoman of the Year—1, Mrs. D. Norris; 2, Mrs. J. Groom.

Two stars miss Essex Cup clash

THE BASILDON Sunday League start their defence of the Essex Inter-League Cup without two of their stars in the first round match with Dagenham League at Gloucester Park on Sunday (11 a.m.).

The players concerned are centre-forward Fryers and centre-half Shilling, both of Corringham, who instead will be playing for their club in the Essex Intermediate Cup.

Attempts were made this week to get the Intermediate Cup game postponed, but in view of the fixture being the County F.A. would not agree.

As a result Basildon bring in Ann Redman to take Fryers place in the forward line and Brian Creeber into the half-back line.

It is expected Henry Beech will move over to the right position to allow Creeber to play in his usual position of right-half.

The match should be a real thriller. Last year Basildon beat Dagenham in the final to win the cup, while the previous year Dagenham won by the odd goal in a first-round tie at Dagenham.

Basildon's team is: Fick (Pitsea); Wardham (Basildon); Vettori (Pegasus); Creeber (Pitsea); Beech (Pitsea); Hucker (Double Six); Dinnure (Corringham); Derby (Pegasus); Redman (Pegasus); Watson (Pegasus) and Evans (Pitsea).

MOPSIES PARK PLAN "SHORT-SIGHTED"

THE USE of Mopsies Park for five-a-side soccer in the summer was described as "short-sighted" policy on Monday.

Under an arrangement made by the Basildon Football League with the Council, the pitch will be the present hockey pitch.

A complaint about the arrangement was made on behalf of the Cricket Section by Mr. Arthur Burch at Monday's Sports Council meeting. This is the best cricket pitch in the district and the outfield could be ruined," he said.

Hockey delegates also complained that by using the area for football the reinstatement of their pitch after next season could be affected. "It is a bumpy Munro," it is noticeable ball about on it."

The Mopsies Park cricket pitch was used for the first time last season to play the Sports Council's cricket knock-out final.

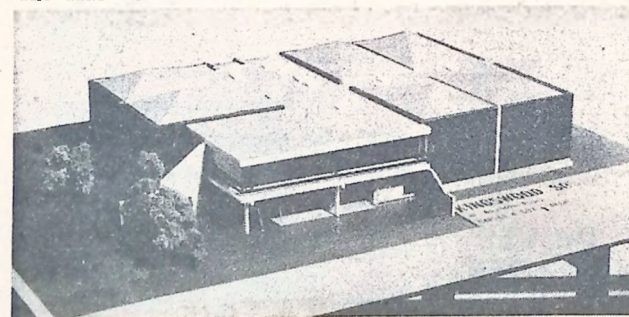
Previously the final had to be taken out of the district because a suitable ground was not available.

The Sports Council, as a result of the representative, asked the Chairman of the League to provide a ground.

Back with Armada

Twin brothers Ron and Ken De Bond have joined Arsenal F.C. from London House United. They both play in the reserves against Tibury Athletic on Saturday.

The De Bonds were original members of Arsenal and they rejoined the club when it was returned to the top division, before leaving for London.



The proposed Kingswood squash courts.