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OF EVENTS

**BASILDON'S BUSIEST Easter.** That is the way this weekend will turn out. With three big entertainment spectacles for the public to choose from, two soccer cup-finals and two visiting sides in the area—one from Germany—no one will be in a position to complain "There's nothing to do."

Easter Monday is the big day, and the Prince of Wales—at Wash Road, Laindon—is the place to start the day. At 10.30 a.m. the four publicans from the Prince of Wales, the Fortune of War, the Laindon Hotel and the Crown will climb aboard their wheelchairs for Laindon's traditional race to the top of Crown Hill.

**Next week's  
issue**  
BECAUSE OF the  
Easter holiday the  
"Standard" will be  
published on Friday  
for sale on Saturday,  
1st April.

First stop for the sweating "push - and - pull" teams is the Fortune. Time for a pint and then over the Arterial Road for a fresh start heading for the Laindon Hotel. Another pint and they hit the last leg of the race, which gets steadily tougher as they climb Crown Hill.

Last year's winner? Bob Richards, host at the Laindon Hotel. It was his third victory.

The race itself usually lasts about 45 minutes. Afterwards at the Laindon Hotel there will be an Easter Bonnet parade and a decorated cycle competition for children. In the evening there is an old time music hall show.

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## £250 FOR NINETY MINUTES' PLAYING WAS THEIR FEE!



THEY'RE THE CREAM AND FOR PLAYING FOR 90 MINUTES AT WOODLANDS YOUTH CENTRE ON FRIDAY THEY WERE PAID £250!

If you are a square you will not know that The Cream are a group who have burst into the "pop" world in recent months, but the organisers of Youth Week gambled on the booking as a climax to the week's events—and they won! A capacity crowd of 600 gladly paid 10s. each to see The Cream

## BILLERICAY — GHOST TOWN OR THRIVING COMMUNITY?

### PUBLIC SHOULD ACCEPT HIGH STREET REPORT

**BILLERICAY MUST not be allowed to become just a museum, it must go on living, it was stated at a Press conference in London on Monday on the revolutionary High Street report.**

And it was the personal belief of Basildon Council Leader Coun. Harry Withrington that the people of Billericay can be persuaded to accept the report on the future development of the High Street.

Its recommendations must be forced upon them, however, he declared.

"They are the ones who live, work and shop in the town and they are the ones who must be considered first," he said. "Ideals are very nice, but if the people don't want ideals then they cannot be bulldozed through."

And he added that at present the people of Billericay are very divided over the report.

Coun. Withrington was speaking at a Press conference arranged in London by Building Design Partnership, the firm of architectural consultants who prepared the 52-page document.

Its aim: To give the firm the opportunity to explain their recommendations, but Coun. Withrington was able to speak during general discussion.

#### OPEN MIND

Earlier the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Coun. F. J. Champ, said the Council had an entirely open mind about the report. "What we are looking for is some really worth-

while forward planning for the town," he said.

Building Design Partnership were represented by the three men mainly responsible for the report, senior partner Mr. G. Grenfell Barnes, partner Mr. David Rock, and Mr. Michael Court, and also present was Mr. Tim Rock, a member of the Civic Trust staff.

He said it was his organisation who were indirectly responsible for the document's preparation.

"The Council wrote to us in 1964 asking for a frontage study in the High Street, with a view to the introduction of a possible improvement scheme," he explained, "and we recommended three firms who could do the work for them."

We suggested to the Council it should be more than a preservation study and suggested that whoever they chose should be sensitive to historic buildings and also equipped to design new buildings in an historic environment.

"Building Design Partnership had shown themselves eminently suitable by the previous work."

#### GROWING CONFLICT

Coun. Champ said the Council commissioned the report because they were aware of the growing conflict between those who desired to retain all that was best in the town and those who wanted it to keep pace with the demands of a rapidly increasing population.

It was a somewhat unusual step, he said, but it was interesting to note the Govern-

ment had since woken up to the need for preservation and had encouraged the setting up of live "pilot" studies in similar towns.

Mr. David Rock said Building Design Partnership were very interested when they gained the commission. "We saw a small town almost a large village, which was similar and had similar problems to many others and we saw it as an example of what could be done and what, we hoped, should be done in towns throughout the country. So while it was for us a small job it was very important in a national context."

He described the High Street as "a charming street, full of character," and added that in preparing a report as to how it should be developed the firm had done a lot more work than was shown in the document.

"We wanted to make sure that what some people might think were proposals very much for the future were based on fact," he explained.

On the individual recommendations made in respect of each building in the High Street, he said these were what a lot of people might think of as a Civic Trust scheme.

"These could go ahead almost immediately to clear up the street, unify it, tidy it, what is there already nice."

"I believe about five years ago there was an attempt to do this, but it never really got off the ground I can't see why," he said, "as it could have been very successful I would have thought."

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Mrs. Baron Burn, wife of Basildon Council's Chairman, takes a drive on the reaction-tester during Basildon Police Station's three open days, while Coun. Baron Burn looks on. Driving instructor P.C. Howard is with them. Hundreds of people visited the Police Station and were impressed with the modern methods and equipment.



**WEEK - LONG  
EXHIBITION**

April 15th will mark the opening of the annual exhibition of the Caters Club. This exhibition will be held at the Recreation Club. The exhibition will be held at 111 High Street, room 17. The chemists, shop, it will be open each day from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission will be free. All members of the club are expected to exhibit and it is expected that each will be furnished with paintings.

**M.P. SPEAKS**

Billerica M.P. Mr. McKinnon spoke on the old Reform Bill at the Town Hall.

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Youngsters from Pitsea Junior School seen at their second concert held in the school hall last week.



Children from Mrs. Heeler and Mr. Shepherd's classes seen before they enacted the story of "Daniel" at Manor Junior School's concert. About 200 of the school's 470 pupils took part, watched by 200 parents.

## SHAMROCK FOR THE IRISH!



St. Basil's Choral Society held a St. Patrick's Night party at Lourdes Hall, Basildon, the proceeds of which went towards the new Church Building Fund. Getting their heads together over a sprig of shamrock are Father O'Gorman (parish priest) and three young ladies—Geraldine (10), Annette (7) and Catherine (5) Humphries.

## After Duke's award



Studying Police work for her Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 17-years-old Valeria Beckon, of Perry Street, Billericay, was an early visitor to Basildon Police Station's three open days. She is seen trying out a Police Thunderbird.



The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Martin's Church, Basildon, of Mr. Michael Cooke, of St. Stephen's Crescent, Brentwood, and Miss Rita Newlyn, of Shepeshall, Lee Chapel North, Basildon. The service was conducted by Rev. A. Dunlop. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a white satin dress in Empire-style, cut into a train and trimmed with lace. She had a three-tiered bouffant veil, with a pearl head-dress, and carried a bouquet of apricot tea-roses with lilies of the valley. She was attended by Mrs. Marlon Johnson, Miss Allyson Talbot and Miss Janet Talbot, who all wore full-length gowns of apricot wild silk. The best man was Mr. Tony Blake. (Picture by Larry Morgan).



# BIRTHDAY HONOURS

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# VETERAN READERS' COLUMN

## Three new members

THREE new members received a hearty welcome to the Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens' Club at their weekly meeting on Wednesday. They were Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Bull and Mrs. Sheppey, and they met 50 other members.

Chairman Mrs. E. Thurston presided, and sent the good wishes of the Club to all sick members. Names were taken for the outing to Hastings on May 16th.

Members enjoyed a game of Bingo, with Mrs. Cole as caller. Tea was served by Mr. Chatting and helpers. The meeting closed as usual with a song.

## Flowers made by cripples

MEMBERS of the Langdon Hills Over-Sixties Club were entertained on Thursday week by Mr. Miller, of John Groom's Crippleage. He showed the centenary film, which was made last year, and gave an interesting and informative talk on the work of the various homes run by the organisation.

Members saw scenes showing artificial flowers being made, and the home for severely handicapped girls, and for deprived children. Afterwards some of the flowers were offered for sale to the members.

Mrs. Barnett bought cakes for tea for everyone, in celebration of her birthday, which was remembered in the usual way with musical honours.

Members who had visited the Queen's Theatre at Hornchurch last week told the others how much they had enjoyed the visit.

## The show was wonderful

A ROUSING reception was given to the concert party who entertained the members of Pitsea No. 1 branch at their weekly meeting at St. Michael's Hall on Tuesday.

Led by Miss Middleton, they gave a show that the Secretary, Mr. S. C. Callow, describes as wonderful; and he adds that he does not think that the members ever laughed so much before! Birthday honours went to Mrs. Barnard, and Mrs. V.

## Floristan Entertainers

THE Floristan Entertainers gave a performance which was thoroughly enjoyed by the 47 members at the weekly meeting of the Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club on Thursday week.

The raffle for Club funds was held, with 43 different items brought by members on the table. Mrs. Sheratt and Mrs. Alsop were welcomed back after illness, and those who were still away sick were remembered and sent the sympathy and good wishes of their colleagues. They amused Mr. Hardy, chorist-clude Mrs. Fielding, Mrs. Ing at the memory. "My Lockett, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. dad was so mad he threw Collier and Mr. Marshall, a piece of wood at me—I had to have the cut stitiched!" It didn't cool meeting opened and closed though. After the war he married her.

He ended up in Holland and, because they would only consider letting him stay if he worked for them, he became a barber. They must have been very short of barbers because he had never shaved anyone in his life and when he saw his first customer, an enormous man with a thick thatch of hair and a huge, bushy beard, he nearly collapsed. "Crikey, a girl, I nearly scalped him!" said Mr. Hardy, joyfully, going off into a gale of laughter.

Back in his schooldays he remembers a pretty little schoolgirl over whom he got many a wallowing. "I pinched her hat once," he remembers Mr. Hardy, chortling at the memory. "My Lockett, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. dad was so mad he threw Collier and Mr. Marshall, a piece of wood at me—I had to have the cut stitiched!" It didn't cool meeting opened and closed though. After the war he married her.

## Senior Citizens have a new treasurer and another secretary

Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens have elected a new Treasurer, Mr. W. Bundy, in place of Mr. Chandler, who has now been admitted to hospital. They have also elected a new Secretary (Mr. Negus) as their former Secretary (Mr. W. E. Denham) has now left the district.

Sick members were sent the sympathy and good wishes of their colleagues, and a new member was welcomed.

Chairman Mrs. Baker, who presided, announced the club's first outing of the year to Eastbourne on May 8th. Members enjoyed a sing-song, with Mrs. Merday at the piano, and quite a lot of them joined in the dancing.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. Le Bran and her helpers, and before the club meeting closed with the singing of their usual song, Mrs. Baker accorded a vote of thanks to the pianist and to all members who had brought gifts for the table.

## The theme was Irish!

ENTERTAINMENT with an Irish theme from the Melody Makers Concert Party was greatly enjoyed by the members of the Langdon Hills and District branch O.A.P. at their weekly meeting on Thursday week.

The Melody Makers are old friends of the branch, and have been providing their entertainment for a number of years now. Vice-Chairman Mr. Clayton says in his report: "May we have the pleasure of receiving them for another hundred years!"

Birthday honours went this week to Mr. Andrews, Mr. Belve, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Griffiths.

The Chairman, Mr. A. Vickers, presided, and sent all sick members the good wishes of their colleagues. Mrs. Belve and Mrs. Kiddell were welcomed back after a spell of illness.

## CHORAL ITEMS

Two new members were welcomed to the weekly meeting of the Lee Chapel South O.A.P. Club on Wednesday. It was announced that many sick members were now on the mend, and that Mr. J. Stokes had gone away to convalesce. A good gathering of members enjoyed a programme of songs by the Latford Women's Institute Choir under their conductor Mr. W. J. Holland. Chairman Mr. T. Simpkins gave a vote of thanks to them on behalf of all the members after their concert.

## EASTER EGG PRESENT

Being St. Patrick's Day, a selection of Irish songs was given by Mrs. Putney, Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Plumb at Priam's O.A.P. branch. Other entertainment was by Valerie Wilson who provided a programme of miming, dancing and accordion playing. In appreciation Chairman Mrs. Pantland presented her with an Easter egg. Mrs. G. Cooper was at the piano for dancing.

## SILVER THREADS

A meeting of Wickford Silver Threads Over-60's Club at the Citadel was attended by 130 people on Tuesday. Captain Brian Taylor presided. Several new members were welcomed, and birthday honours were accorded to Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Taylor gave a talk about the Ideal Home Institution, and Captain Taylor led a musical quiz. Refreshments were served by Mesdames C. try, Casholt, Purdy, O'Connell, Shuttlesworth and Isaac.

## WICKFORD NO. 2 O.A.P.

An auction of Wickford No. 2 O.A.P. Association was held on Friday's meeting of the Community Centre. Saleswomen were Mesdames K. Gent, Cleverly, and birthday honours were accorded to Mrs. Carmen, Mrs. P. W. Perkins, Mrs. Tiltford, Perkins, Carmen, Hill and Hitchcock, and the meeting closed with the song "The End of the Road" with Mrs. Tanner at the piano.



Mr. and Mrs. J. Beckitt, of Bettyne Close, Billericay, are Treasurer and Secretary respectively of Billericay O.A.P. branch. They have held office since last November.



Members of the Wickford No. 1 branch O.A.P. at their weekly meeting on Wednesday week at St. Peter's Hall, Wickford.



# SATURDAY WEDDINGS



St. Catherine's Church, Wickford, was the scene of the wedding on Saturday of Miss Anne Cummings, 21 Elder Avenue, Wickford, and Mr. Harry John Barker, of Canewdon Close, Runwell. The bride, who wore a gown of white satin and lace, was attended by four of the bridesmaids: Beverly Barker and Annette Barker and Corrine and Denise Curson. Mr. David Weir was best man. (Picture by J. Hearne).



Married at Runwell Parish Church on Saturday were Miss Sylvia Melba Grosman, of Swan Lane, Wickford, and Mr. David Anthony Tatum, of Runwell Road, Wickford. Best man was Mr. John Richard Tatum. The couple are honeymooning on the Norfolk Broads. (Picture by J. Hearne).



Miss Anita Patricia Lynn, of Yardeley, Basildon, married Mr. Michael Gordon Gibbs, of Audley Avenue, Tonbridge, at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday. The bride wore a full-length empire-line dress of lace and nylon, and carried a bouquet of roses, freesia and hyacinths. Her attendants were Miss Lynn (sister), Susan and Lesley Robinson. Best man was Mr. Colin Gibbs. (Picture by J. Hearne).



Miss Vaurine Patricia Knapp, of North Farnbridge, married Mr. David Edwin Williams, of Friern Gardens, Wickford, at Holy Trinity Church, North Farnbridge, on Monday. The bride wore a gown of white satin and carried a bouquet of roses and freesia. Her attendants were Miss Williams (sister), Patricia Clear and Deborah Clear, who were bridesmaids. Mr. John Williams was best man. The honeymoon is being spent touring Norfolk. (Picture by J. Hearne).

# FAMOUS FOOTBALLER EXPECTS £50 TO OPEN A FETE!

AN ARTICLE in the "Basildon Standard" about advertisers in the Youth Council's last Whit Fete programme who had not paid for the space they took has sparked off a full-scale investigation by a national newspaper.

Chairman of the Youth Council Mr. M. Lindsell told a meeting on Tuesday that shortly after the article appeared, a national newspaper representative phoned him and promised to ask all the firms whether they had paid yet, and if not, why not?

"He said he was appalled to see businesses doing this to young people," said Mr. Lindsell, "and that he was going to track down these firms."

"There have been no developments yet—but anyway, 'Thank you' Basildon Standard" for your help."

Whatever the final result of these investigations, the Youth Council's most pressing need at the moment is money, for they still owe from last year. They hope to make up

this deficit at this year's Whit fete, for which plans are already well advanced. Two snags have so far cropped up, one of them actually at the meeting on Tuesday.

## ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT

A representative of the Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps said he had read in a newspaper report that his band and Majorettes were already booked to appear at the Whit Fete.

"But we have received no approach at all from the Youth Council to appear," he said, "and we are, in fact, already booked to appear in Corringham."

"We were told by Mr. Barber that he had booked all the bands for the Fete," said committee member Miss M. Eames, "we thought it was all fixed up."

The Council decided to contact Mr. Barber as soon as possible, to find out just what has been arranged. They received an offer from a Scottish dancing group to fill the space left by the Drum and Trumpet Corps from

one of the representatives at the meeting.

## A CRITICISM

Basildon Youth Officer Mr. J. T. Edmondson criticised the Drum and Trumpet Corps for not having reserved such a date in their diary.

"I am a little surprised that the Drum and Trumpet Corps did not realise that they would be wanted in Basildon," he said, "they belong to Basildon and have had a lot of help from Basildon."

The other trouble, which crops up every meeting, is the question of having a celebrity to open their Whit Fete. A famous footballer was quoted as charging £50 for such a task, a less illustrious one as costing £10. After a lot of discussion about various personalities, the Council decided to go ahead and asked a footballer to open the fete, if they could find a firm prepared to help them with the cost of getting him.

One other item of the agenda was fund raising. After considering the possibilities of a pram race and a ladder race, the Council came down in favour of a sponsored walk, perhaps to Harlow, with a tie-up with the Harlow Youth Council. The Basildon Youth Council will be asking for both sponsors and entrants at their Whit Fete.

## Third X-ray room for St. Andrew's

A THIRD X-ray room is to be added to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, to cope with the ever-increasing demand.

Cost will be £7,127 and the North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board have approved acceptance of the tender of H. Dowling and Sons.

It has also sanctioned additional expenditure not exceeding £628 on the scheme.



The wedding was solemnised at Rawthorn on Saturday between Miss Patricia Ann Watts, of Beddles Avenue, Rawthorn, and Mr. Peter James Read, of Waverley Crescent, Brook Hill, Wickford. Wearing a white satin dress with train and coronet head-dress and a shoulder-length veil, the bride was attended by the Misses Suzanne Bindings, Gillian Millgate, Margaret Nock and Christine Nock, who wore light green, short satin dresses. Mr. John Howe was best man. (Picture by J. Hearne).



Married at All Saints' Church, Rettendon, on Saturday were Mr. Peter Taylor, of North Finchley, and Miss Thelma Marshall, of Woods Farm, Woodham Road, Battlesbridge. The bride, who wore a full-length lace dress and short veil, was attended by her sisters, Pat and Sue Marshall, Elizabeth Taylor, Elaine Gwilt and Shirley and Gillian Lee. The bridesmaid's brother, Mr. Richard Taylor, was best man. (Picture by J. Hearne).

## SAYS "I'VE BEEN A FOOL"

Using a car belonging to his firm without permission cost a Wickford youth £55 in fines at Southend on Tuesday.

Police said Barry Clark (19), of Arterial Road, Wickford, drove home and then collected his girlfriend. The car had been left outside the firm's premises in Inverness Avenue, Westcliff.

"I am sorry I have been a fool," Clark told the Court. He had pleaded guilty to taking and driving away the car, driving without a licence and while uninsured.

In addition to the fines the Magistrates imposed a 12 months' driving ban.

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The chorus of women and children in "Murder in the Cathedral".

**EASTER THEME FOR  
SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

THE MOST disappointed girl in Timberlog County Secondary School on Monday must have been Diane Kogel, prevented at the last moment by German measles from taking part in the school's production of "Easter Is For All Ages." Her parts were taken over at short notice by Linda Ridley and Mrs. J. Hansen (Acting Headmistress).

Among the audience was the Chairman of Basildon Council, Coun. A. Barlow Burn, accompanied by Mrs. Burn. Approximately a hundred people enjoyed the performance.

The excellent costumes for "Everyman" were designed by Mr. R. Lamb, the master in charge of the Brass Rubbing Society whose interest in medieval brass ensured that the costumes were truly authentic. They were made by the girls of Form 4X.

Proceeding the two plays that made up the main part of the programme was a short selection of poetry, all on the Easter theme. It commenced with three poems, recited by a chorus of five boys, and these were followed by "Still Falls the Rain" by Edith Sitwell, spoken by Linda Ridley, and "All in an April Evening" by K. T. Hinkson, spoken by Sheila Flynn. The presentation was by Mrs. J. Hansen.

"Murder in the Cathedral" was an excerpt from

the modern verse drama by T. S. Eliot, based on the martyrdom of St. Thomas a Becket in 1170. It was accompanied by selected music from Boris Gudunov, which blended beautifully with the spoken verse.

"Everyman," described as a medieval morality play in modern translation, is based on "The Canterbury Tales." The clever use of lighting behind the stark wooden Cross was most effective here. Sheila Flynn as the Angel has a clear, carrying voice which she uses to splendid effect. The long and difficult part of Everyman was admirably taken by T. Rust.

Taking part in the production were: Palm Sunday poems, D. Box, T. Reynolds, R. Parker, P. Vale and B. Jarvis.

"Murder in the Cathedral": Thomas, R. Durden; First Tempter, C. Matthews; Second Tempter, P. Burdett; Third Tempter, P. Hill; Fourth Tempter, G. Oliver; First Priest, S. Elsey; Second Priest, G. Brett; Third Priest, C. Hocking. Chorus of Women and Children - Linda Thorpe, Marion Johnston, Pat Klus, Noreen Paul, Jean Pain, Heather Taylor, Mary Moor, Sheila Flynn, Ann O'Keefe, Janet Hill, Linda Daw, Deirdre Robinson, Margaret Saunders, Jane Westwoodland, Jane Bonnard, Hazel Holley, Teresa Kane, Jennifer Swift, Pamela Neville, Irene Stansbury, Lesley Roberts, Christine Clatworthy, Caroline

In the centre is R. Durden as Thomas a Becket, with barons and priests, in "Murder in the Cathedral."

**Boy remanded**

A 14-years-old Basildon boy admitted at Billerica Juvenile Court on Monday stealing articles and money, together worth £17 6s. 1d., in a dwelling house.

The Bench adjourned their decision for 14 days and the boy was remanded to his home.

**EASEMENT GRANTED**

Granting of an easement to Eastern Electricity in respect of cables under properties at Park Lodge Estate, Wickford, has been approved by Basildon Council's Housing Committee Chairman.

Some of the cast of "Everyman." Left to right: Fellowship, L. Guts; Good Deeds, Linda Ridley; Everyman, T. Rust.

**Polio victim  
refused  
admission  
to  
exhibition**

MRS. MADELINE Bartlett has been confined to a wheelchair since she had polio seven years ago. One of her ambitions has always been to visit the Ideal Home Exhibition.

On Wednesday, her husband took a day off work and together they made their way across London to Olympia.

Only to be told, "no wheelchair here."

"I couldn't believe it," said Mr. Bartlett. "But it seems there are some places which are so unenlightened as to ban people in wheelchairs. I am a bit annoyed about it."

Ford worker Mr. B. C. Bartlett saw the answer, but was told: "It is quite right. It is because of the fire regulations."

Apparently if I had been able to walk on sticks - no matter how slowly - I could have got into the exhibition. I have never had any trouble getting in to exhibitions before. The mother of four, she and her husband have visited the Ideal Home Exhibition for three years. Mr. Bartlett is secretary of Basildon Stick and Wheel Club.

A spokesman for Olympia told a reporter: "I.C.C. regulations are down that there can be no wheelchairs here when an exhibition is open to the general public. They regard them as a fire hazard."



# WEDDINGS OF THE WEEK



Holy Cross Church, Basildon, was the scene on Saturday for the marriage of Mr. Brian Ricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Ricks, of London Road, Grays, and Miss Sandra Patricia Pees, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pees, of Eisenham Crescent, Basildon. (Photo Ffordes Photographic, Basildon)



Miss Barbara Joyce Newton, of Gables Road, South Green, Billericay, married Mr. Richard Wood, of Barkingside, Ilford, on Saturday at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Great Burstead—he is seen giving her a lift after the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of brocade with a head-dress of lilies of the valley which held a tiered veil in place and carried a bouquet of roses and freesias. Miss May Samms attended and Mr. Roderick Tribe was best man. (Picture by Ffordes Photographic).



The marriage between Mr. David M. Dillow, of Norfolk Road, Laindon, and Miss Sylvia Barbara Suzanne Kemp, of St. Mary's Crescent, Pitsea, took place on Saturday at Brentwood Register Office. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece suit trimmed with fur and carried a bouquet of orchids and freesias. Bridal attendant was Kemi Adu, and Mr. J. Burr was best man. (Picture by Ffordes Photographic).

Basildon's Carnival Queen for 1962-63, Miss Lesley Cushen, of Great Gregoria, Basildon, was married on Saturday to Mr. Robert David Long, of Marney Drive, Basildon, at St. Martin's Church, Basildon, by Rev. K. Wood. The bride was given away by her father and wore a bell-shaped, full-length gown of crystallised organza, with a long train; the bodice had a petal design. She had a bouffant veil and her bouquet was of pale green orchids and white freesias. The bridesmaids were the Misses Barbara Stevens, Susan Beard and Mary Earp (all friends), and they wore dresses of pale gold satin, with bouquets of yellow carnations and gold freesias. The best man was Mr. Victor Broughton, the bridegroom's cousin.



Miss Jennifer Ann Radford, of The Bull, Pitsea, was married on Saturday to Mr. Harry Anderson, of St. Mary's Crescent, Pitsea. The service was conducted by Rev. A. Harvey at St. Gabriel's Church, Pitsea. The bride was given away by her father and her bridesmaids were Janice Radford, Deborah Rogers and Penny James (friend). The best man was Mr. Mornington Anderson, bridegroom's brother.



Mr. George Black, of Dowsett Avenue, Southend, married Miss Ivy Elizabeth Bews, of Bonnygate, Basildon, at the Holy Cross Church, Basildon, on Saturday.

The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. J. Wright, wore a full-length gown of wild silk, with a train and shoulder-length veil, and carried a bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. Bridal attendants were the Misses Hazel Black and Janice Gould, and Mr. Noel O'Brien was best man. (Picture by Ffordes Photographic).



The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Margaret's Church, Downham, of Mr. Frank Claydon, of Hastings, Sussex, and Miss Mavis Edwards, of Brock Hill, Wickford. The service was conducted by Canon Lewis. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of crepe silk, with a train of eubore lace. Her bouquet was of roses and stephanotis. Her attendants were the Misses Susan and Margaret Wicks (bridegroom's nieces) and Miss Hazel Clark (matron of honour, the bride's cousin). Mr. Ronald Claydon (bridegroom's brother) was the best man.



Mr. Michael Trevor Young, of London, E.15, married Miss Yvonne Jeannette Barnes, of Spurriers, Laindon, Basildon, at St. Nicholas' Church on Saturday. The bride, who was given away by her stepfather, wore a crinoline-style gown of lace and satin, with a crystal tiara which secured a waist-length veil. Bridesmaids were the Misses Christine Barnes and Valerie Galloway, and Mr. D. Young was best man. (Picture by Ffordes Photographic).

Mr. Kerry Michael Fitzpatrick, of Betsune Close, Outwood Common, and Miss Wendy Hilary Miles, of Morris Avenue, were married at Billericay Congregational Church on Saturday. The bride is daughter of the Outwood Common Residents' and Community Association Chairman, and the bridegroom is the son of the Association's magazine editor. (Photo by W. J. Charlesworth)



All Saints' Church, Stock, was the scene for the wedding on Saturday of Miss Patricia Anne Walker, of Lawn House, Ramsden Heath, Billericay, and Mr. Philip Gordon Edward Snoutlen, of Beech Road, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of white lace, and was attended by the Misses Susan Walker, Sheila Snoutlen and Linda Beatty. Best man was Mr. Richard Wright. (Picture by Ffordes Photographic).



Miss Nina Ann Rome, of Basildon Drive, Laindon, married Mr. Jean-Paul Couquignuet, of St. Brice, France, at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday. Rev. A. J. Abbey officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, had as her attendants Geraldine Smith and Julie Hyde and Master Johnathan Botterell was page boy. Mr. Jacques Couquignuet was best man. (Photo by J. Hutchins)



Married at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday, were Miss Patricia Kavanagh, of Tattenham Road, Laindon, and Mr. Trevor Lionel Chapman, of Alicia Avenue, Shotgate. The service was conducted by Rev. Anthony Abbey. The bride wore a gown of satin brocade and carried a bouquet of roses and stephanotis. Her attendants were Miss J. Bannon (friend), Miss J. Elaine Kavanagh (cousin) and Miss V. Chapman (bridegroom's sister), who wore dresses of peach satin brocade. Mr. Bruce Chapman was best man. (Photo by W. J. Charlesworth)



Miss Marilyn Taylor, of Great Knightloes, Basildon, married Mr. Alan Collier, of Grancey Gardens, Redbridge, Ilford, at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length white satin dress and lace coat with a long veil secured by a single rose. The attendants were Mrs. Shirley Marshall, Angela and Geraldine Marshall and page boys Anthony and Matthew Marshall. Mr. I. C. Collier was best man. (Photo by Ffordes Photographic)



## Your cinemas

**Century, Pitsea**  
Press for Time (Monday for six days) stars Norman Wisdom as an incredibly inefficient newspaper reporter who, after numerous catastrophes, decides that he has chosen the wrong profession.

**Ritz, Billericay**  
A C.M. Richard musical "Finders Keepers" (Monday for six days) finds Cliff and the Shadows on a working holiday in Spain when the S.A. discover that they have lost a "mini-bomb" in the neighbourhood. The boys are mistaken for British counter-spies.

**Radion, Laindon**  
"Tarzan and the Valley of Gold" (Monday for three days) finds Tarzan brought up to date, involved in a search for a lost "city of gold" and fighting modern weapons as well as wild beasts.  
"Genevieve" (Thursday for three days) is a romantic comedy set on the arrival of a veteran car run from London to Brighton.

**Essoldo, Westcliff**  
"Press for Time" (Thursday for seven days) stars Norman Wisdom in another of the knock-about at which he excels. He takes the part of an incredibly inefficient newspaper reporter who soon realises he has chosen the wrong profession.

**ABC, Southend**  
Spectacular adventure about the early Roman occupation of Britain "The Viking Queen" (Thursday for seven days). The story deals with the violent wars which raged between Romans and Britons, particularly Druids. Good use has been made of the location scenery.

**Ritz, Southend**  
"Follow Me Boys" (Sunday for seven days) is a sentimental comedy and tells the straightforward tale of a humble man's success in the claustrophobic little town with humour and sincerity.

**Odeon, Southend**  
"Don't Lose Your Head" (Thursday for seven days) is a farce about the French Revolution. "Carry On" team. This is unaffected nonsense, put over by an expert team that strive to make the rubbish very funny. Starring Sidney James, Kenneth Williams and Jim Dale.

## 17 JOIN CINE CLUB

OUTWOOD Common Residents' and Community Association have a new section.  
Seventeen people have come forward to join the photographic and cine club launched three months ago and it is now big enough to be officially recognised, it is disclosed in this month's Association magazine.



The In-set Group—one of the groups who played at the Youth Week Dance at Woodlands Youth Centre on Friday evening.

## Roadless estate tenants disgusted with the planners

WHILE CORPORATION planners proudly claim that their new estate lay-outs have overcome the snags the older estates suffered from, the new tenants are reaching different conclusions.

Housewives on the Siporex Estate called their own Press conference this week to hit out at the roadless "planners' dream estate" they live on.

"It may have looked very good on paper," said Mrs. Doris Abraham, over a cup of tea in her lounge of her home in Rising Grove, "but when it comes to everyday living, there's nothing but problems."

"Of course it's nice not having a busy road by your front door," agreed her neighbour, Mrs. V. Howlett. "The trouble is they have not thought enough about it. They wanted it to look like a garden city and they have forgotten about everyday living."

Then the housewives listed their complaints about living on a roadless estate. The nearest we can get to the house with a car is 200 yards," said Mrs. Abraham. "That's a long way to carry a heavy load of shopping and it means several trips."

"When it's raining," said Mrs. Howlett, "you get absolutely soaked between the car and the house. This may be all right for ordinary people but it's enough to kill elderly people who can't move fast, anyway. I think it's very bad."

"It's disgusting to put pensioners' bungalows so far from the road," said Mrs. V. Stevenson. "There are no lights on the estate after midnight and when there is an emergency the old people are frightened to come out for help."

"It's such a job finding your way to the road," pointed out Mrs. Abraham, "that when one pensioner was taken ill with appendicitis the ambulance man who helped her to the ambulance lost his way and couldn't find his ambulance again for about five minutes. It sounds funny, but it isn't really."

"And when we offered her husband a lift to visit her in hospital, he was unable to make it as far as the car 200 yards away. It's ridiculous."

"The kind of thing the planners haven't thought of," said Mrs. Howlett, "is what happens when your car battery needs charging. It's not enough carrying a battery ten yards into the house, let alone 300. And when you walk to the car it means carrying every bucket of water that far."

Trouble over deliveries has annoyed all three of them. Said Mrs. Howlett: "It took three months for me to persuade the Electricity Board to deliver my new cooker. The men said they weren't paid to carry cookers so far."

Said Mrs. Stevenson: "When you send a washing machine or a big vacuum cleaner to be repaired it has to be trucked all through the streets on the way back. It's a wonder if it gets here in one piece."

"I like it here and I like the house," summed up Mrs. Howlett, "but I would never have moved here if I had realised there were going to be no roads nearer than the Link."

The Corporation should think again about roadless planning, agree the three housewives. "There has to be an access road of some kind," said Mrs. Abraham. "It makes the simplest thing become a problem when you live like this. Anyone who wants to swap their house for mine can have it."

## CLASSROOM MOVE

Basildon Council's Works Committee have agreed to a mobile classroom, not presently in use being brought into temporary use at Crays Hill Primary School to meet accommodation difficulties. Use of the classroom was requested by the School Administration and Works and Supplies Sub-Committees.

## EASTER PROGRAMME

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**DONKEY DERBY**  
Basildon Round Donkey Derby begins at 1 p.m., beside Laindon Link near Stanway. Last year we had about 4,000 people there, said organiser Mr. Mike Rovell. "This time we're expecting 6,000."

The Round Table are also going to double their profits. The target is £700 which will enable them to go ahead with the building of a holiday home for Most House School children, in Wickford Memorial Park.

**PARKING PROBLEMS**  
Parking may prove difficult as it is restricted on Laindon Link, and Great Knightsley will quickly fill up. "We're recommending people to use the Town Centre car parks," said Mr. Rovell. "It will make it much easier for everyone."

Also, slideshows, barbeques and beer tent will help donkey-racing fans to enjoy themselves. The first event at a sulky race is at 1.50 and the last is at 4.50 a.m.

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# Heavy lorries shall not pass!

EX-STAFF SERGEANT MANS THE BARRICADE!

FED UP with heavy lorries wrecking the road surface in Brackendale Avenue, Pitsea, ex-Army Staff Sergeant Mr. John Varney went into action on Saturday.

At 8 a.m. sharp he erected a well-built barricade across the concrete road outside his hungalow and mounted guard.

"Road Closed" said his battery of notices, and Mr. Varney is seen above manning the barricade.

After a spot check by Mr. Varney, private vehicles were allowed past the barrier, but heavier traffic had to undergo a more rigorous examination. "This is a private street," Mr. Varney told a reporter. "It has been a private street since the estate was built. It has a 15 m.p.h. speed limit and an 8 ton weight limit, but, since workmen started on a new estate at the bottom of the road 18 months ago, the restrictions have been ignored.

"We've had convoys of lorries coming down here with concrete and bricks, and we even had a bulldozer that weighed 35 tons. The road just isn't meant for traffic like that and it has been ruined. It had to stop."

Mr. Varney moved to Brackendale Avenue, from Wickford Avenue, two years ago. "It was the third time I've had to move because of the New Town," he said. "But I'm no hard luck story. I don't want sympathy."

"This road is here for everyone's convenience and I want to see people treat

it with respect. Water mains have fractured, thanks to the traffic that has used it, and I want it put right. I don't see why I should have to pay road charges for it."

The whole street was behind Mr. Varney's actions, said next-door neighbour Mrs. D. McKenzie. "I think he has won the support from the new people, too. At first, they didn't know what to make of the barricades, but now I think they can see our point of view. The old road is their only route out and it's to their advantage to have it kept in good condition."

When work began on the new private houses, said Mrs. McKenzie, Brackendale Avenue was in such good condition that Basildon Council put it at the bottom of their list for taking over.

"But it is not the same now," said Mrs. McKenzie. "At the least bit of rain, the first roundabout gets flooded out. Pedestrians have to paddle."

"I should think half the people in Brackendale

authorities over this, but we just get pushed from Council to Corporation and back again. It doesn't seem you can get anywhere by being peaceful."

## WARNING BELLS TOO NOISY?

BRITISH RAIL want to swap the warning bells at level crossings at Vange and Pitsea for a red and green light system.

They say the change is being proposed following complaints about noise from the bells.

Basildon Council are making no objection to the warning lights, but have stated that on safety grounds the bells should be retained.

They are also asking British Rail for "a more positive means of control" at the Pitsea Hall crossing in Station Lane.

Other crossings affected by the change are at Kiln Farm and Wharf Lane.

## 343 LAMPS BROKEN

Three - hundred - and - forty - three street lamps were broken in Basildon urban district in the last three months of 1966. — Report to Basildon Council's Works Committee.

## CANDLELIGHT AT THE PARTY

A VERY successful wine and cheese party was held by the newly - formed Parent - Teacher Association of the Danmore Nursery School at St. Martin's Hall, Basildon, on Saturday.

Among guests present were Rev. A. J. Dunlop, and the two principals of the nursery, Mrs. E. Morley and Miss M. Davis. The party took place by candlelight.

The Association hope, in time, to interest all the parents of the children who attend the nursery. They are planning other social events in the near future, including a dance, a party in June for the children, and various jumble sales and whilst drives, and the more members they can attract the more hands there will be to share the work—and the ideas! Details of the Association can be obtained from the Committee members, either the joint Chairmen, Miss Davis or Mrs. Morley, to be found at the Town Centre and Church Road nurseries daily, or from Treasurer Mr. P. Gould, of 52, Methergate, Basildon, who hopes in time to get round to visiting all the parents in turn.

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L. A. Garbett, 23, High Street, Wickford, and M. W. Shadforth, 63, High Street, Wickford, are open alternate evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., also alternately on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon (name of duty chemist noted on door of both shops).

**BILLERICAY**  
M. W. Shadforth, 47, High Street, Billericay, will be open on Easter Monday (March 27th) from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, and until 6.30 every following weeknight (except Thursday, when they will be open from 7 to 8 p.m.).

## From Ipswich

"Seeds" were the subject of a talk by Mr. J. Smith, representing an Ipswich firm of seed merchants, at Monday's monthly meeting of Billericay Horticultural Society in the Women's Institute Hall. It was heard by 60 members and friends, and next month they will be given a talk on "Delphiniums and their culture" by local grower, Mr. S. A. Kitchen, of Ferry Street. On Saturday, April 8th, the Society are holding their first coffee morning at the Recreation Rooms in the High Street, and will have various plants up for sale.

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## FORMER COUNCILLOR LEAVES DISTRICT

**FORMER BASILDON and County Councillor John Curtis—he was the centre of a controversy in 1966 when the local Labour Party failed to nominate him for the Laindon Ward—has left the district.**

For some 18 months he has been living in a caravan on the Badger Caravan Park at Battlesbridge. Now he has moved to a similar park at Gosfield Lake, near Halstead.

Mr. Curtis, who is 71, and his wife, Minnie (seen above), were both keen members of Wickford No. 2 branch, O.A.P. Association. "Since I gave up active politics this has been the only organisation of which I have been a member," he said, as a few days' before his departure, he sat with his wife watching a concert party at the pensioners' weekly meeting, and joining happily in the choruses of old-time songs.

Mr. Curtis was on Basildon Council from 1958 to 1965. During that time he was Chairman of the Establishment Committee and a member of the Finance, Health and Housing Committees.

## She's after blood!

**RETURNING to the Blood Transfusion Service** this time in the capacity of local organiser, is Miss Margaret Arber, of Bruckendale Avenue, Pitsea. Margaret (25) spent 18 months at the Brentwood Centre with one of the teams until the long hours of travelling and irregular meals threatened her health; but she has in this vital human service very much at heart.



Miss Margaret Arber

young woman. She is the youngest Divisional Nursing Officer the 155th Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade have had in 21 years. Shortly the Pitsea and Laindon Divisions are to amalgamate and her nursing staff will increase to 20.

In the summer four of them, including Margaret, are going to the Isle of Wight, where they will help to take

charge of some 500 cadets who are camping there under canvas. The nurses also do a fair quota of duties at the big London theatres and are expected to be present on Royal occasions, such as State funerals, and they will attend the Tower of London on Retreat Day in May.

## A double presentation

**A DOUBLE presentation ceremony took place on Friday evening at the Scout H.Q., Beech Road, Vange** watched by parents and friends of the 1st Pitsea and Vange Scout Group.

For Raymond Wilson (17) it was a proud moment as he received his Queen's Scout Badge from Mr. John Elvin, Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts (see picture on Page 25). Raymond actually passed all his tests for the badge while he was with the 3rd Basildon, but the award came through after he had transferred to 1st Pitsea.

Raymond is a pupil at Timberlog School and is working for his "A" levels. He has been a Scout since the age of 11 and was formerly a Cub.

A Cubmaster for 15 years Mr. Ronald White is leaving 1st Pitsea and Vange Cub



Ronald White, Akela to 1st Pitsea and Vange for eight years, is leaving the Scout Group to become District Officer for Cub Scouts.

Scouts to take up a position as District Officer for Cub Scouts for the Basildon district.

Presenting him with a brief case on behalf of the Group, Mr. Jim Hopkins paid tribute to the sterling work done by Mr. White, who has been Akela of 1st Pitsea and Vange since he has lived in the district, about eight years.

## She gets promotion!

**ONE of the leading lights of Outwood Common Ladies' Club, 35-years-old Mrs. Vera Howard, organised her last outing as the Club's Social Secretary on Saturday.**

Reason? She has been promoted to the office of Secretary. "I did not ask for or even want the job, but once you take on an office things have a habit of gathering momentum," Mrs. Howard told the "Standard" this week.

And her record since she joined the Club three and a half years ago certainly bears out her statement.

Only a few months after she became a member she was elected Social Secretary and, in spite



Mrs. Howard

of a determined attempt to "escape" from the job last year, she was persuaded to start again in December after a break of about six months.

Now she has been elected Secretary, of course, it will mean she will have to give up even more of her spare time, but she does not really mind.

"I would never have dreamed of doing anything like this in Walthamstow, where we lived before we moved down here to Salesbury Drive about five years ago," she said.

There is greater opportunity to do this sort of thing in a more close-knit community like Outwood Common, and I wanted somewhere to go and meet people when we first came here."

Married for 13 years with three young children, her husband, Cyril (39), is a senior

## A wartime escapade with mice recalled



Forsaking Basildon New Town for the peace and serenity of Englefield Green, near Virginia Water, in Surrey, is Miss E. Lake, who retired from Her Majesty's Stationery Office after 32 years last week.

With her she takes a cheque from her colleagues, as well as a wide variety of personal gifts, a great many good-luck cards and the wishes from all who knew her, for a long and happy retirement.

Formerly a supervisor of typing, Miss Lake later became a staff training teacher. She has seen service all over the country, from Reading to Bristol, from Manchester to London.

In presenting her with the cheque, Mr. G. Calver, Assistant Director of the Division (see picture above), recalled Miss Lake's wartime service, which was spent at the hotel in Harrogate which became notorious in Stationery Office circles for its invasion by mice cockroaches and other unnecessary evacuees!

In her reply, Miss Lake amused her colleagues when she described how they had to deal with the menace of hungry mice stealing their sandwiches, and the necessity of walking with a stamping gait before they dared open the kitchen door.

She has been in the Basildon office for three and a half years, ever since the new building was opened in The Gore. She will live with her sister, and has no immediate plans for the future.

writer with the Port of London Authority.

Mrs. Howard is also Membership Secretary of Outwood Common Residents' and Community Association, and her husband, too, serves on the Committee.

## Your help wanted

**THE visiting elderly and housebound pensioners' service would be improved if more volunteers would come forward to assist members of Billericay Section of Basildon Old People's Welfare Association decided on Wednesday week.**

It was pointed out regular visiting was already being carried out by a staunch team of helpers, but more help would be welcomed. The meeting was held that the luncheon club in the recreation rooms had proved a popular Wednesday occasion and the usual cups of tea were being provided as before on other days. The Day Centre at Lake Meadows, presented by the local Round Table, was also being well used.

## Study trip is off

**A BASILDON Council officer—described as a "play leader"—who asked for three weeks' leave with pay in July to go on a study tour of Scandinavia, has had his request turned down.**

Making this decision, the Works Committee minutes say the play leader would have examined social welfare services and youth work.

The minutes continue: "Difficulties would arise in extending the play leadership scheme as programmed if during the period requested, and it seemed doubtful whether the study tour would be of benefit to the play leader or the Council in relation to the play leader's duties."

## Bound for Canada

**THIS could be Mr. Laurie Hopkins' last Easter in Britain, because next Sunday, April 2nd, he and his family fly out to start a new life in Canada.**

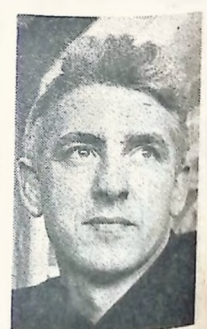
Thirteen years in Basildon, Mr. Hopkins is leaving his job in Marconi's (Basildon) test department in favour of a job with Marconi (Canada).

"It is not a transfer," said Mr. Hopkins. "We were thinking of emigrating to Canada, so I naturally tried Marconi's there first."

Living in Southeast Crescent, he has been a regular goalkeeper for the Marconi football team since he came to the New Town from London with his Welsh-born wife. They have three children 14-years-old Gwyneth and 12-years-old Anne, who go to Craylands School, and eight-years-old Whitmore pupil Lawrence.

"We have mixed feelings about going," admitted Mr. Hopkins. "It's not just a case of going abroad. We've been in the same town and the same house for 13 years and that's quite a time."

But I felt the time had come for a change. We might just as easily go to another part of England, but we decided to emigrate.



Bound for Canada, Mr. Laurie Hopkins.



The Chairman of Basildon Urban Council (Coun. A. Baron Burn) and his wife are seen with guests at his civic reception held at the Standard Telephone Company canteen on Saturday.



# Why the Tories are so happy!

They're winning all the way!

THE CONSERVATIVES will increase their majority on Basildon Council in the local elections in May. That was the prediction made by the retiring Billericay Constituency Conservative Association President, Col. Vernon Laurie, at their annual meeting at the Archer Memorial Hall, Billericay, on Tuesday.

"For far too long it has been assumed that new towns and council housing estates are unwinable Labour preserves," he told members, and he was equally confident about Conservative chances of regaining the seat at the next General Election.

"If we were to have a General Election now I believe that in the present climate of opinion we would win it comparatively easily," he declared.

His words echoed those of the Assistant Chairman, Mr. Brian Edwards, who described the past year as a "really splendid year" for Conservatives.

"We started by winning control of Basildon Council and we are quite unique in this as this is the only new town in the whole country controlled by a Conservative Council."

"At the same time we fought 12 seats in Brentwood and won eight of them, and since last May we have fought three by-elections in Basildon Urban District - Laindon, Wickford and Pitsea - and won every single one of them. "We ousted a Labour councillor at Laindon and at Pitsea ended with a majority greater than we had ever achieved before. I think this is very satisfying and encouraging."

## THE FORMER M.P.

On General Election prospects, Mr. Edwards told members not to be despondent about the resignations of former M.P. Mr. Edward Gardner, Q.C. and his Agent, Mr. Ian Greer.

"Important as these people are they are really but the tip of the iceberg," he said. "Just visible evidence of our strength as an Association."

In Mr. Dirk Vetterwink the Association had an extremely good agent and when the process of selecting a new prospective Parliamentary candidate began after the local elections there

would be but one aim in mind - "to select a man or woman who will win this seat back for us at the next General Election."

## YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

Mr. Edwards singled out for praise the Association's Women's Advisory Committee and the Young Conservatives, who raised £1,000 and £400 for the funds respectively.

The Advisory Committee's achievement was "quite extraordinary," he said, as they were not a money-raising organisation.

He also paid tribute to the Young Conservatives for their help in the elections. "In many places it was a decisive factor and I would suspect that in many branches the older members have been stimulated by their activity and that the branches have benefited by the Association."

Treasurer Dr. Frank Rillstone also had an encouraging report for members. He revealed that cash at the bank had increased from £324 to £500 during the year, even though the Association had had heavy election expenses, had paid back loans amounting to £200, and had also paid £200 to Central Office when only a £100 quota was required.

But he warned members they were not yet out of the wood and urged them to continue their support in the coming year.

## PRESENTATION

There was a presentation during the meeting, when Billericay Branch Chairman Mr. John Sabine received the Membership Cup from the President, in recognition of a 40 per cent increase in membership.

It was Col. Laurie's last presentation as President as he stepped down from office after 10 years. In reply to tributes, he told members: "I am not conscious of having achieved very much, but I have made a great many very good friends and have received great kindness and considera-

tion, for which I am very grateful."

Mr. Edwards said Col. Laurie's resignation was very sad. "I cannot think of a man who has done more for this Association," he said.

Officers elected were: President, Col. A. J. Moberg; Vice-President, County Coun. J. Isgraves, Mr. J. Smith, J.P., Mr. T. Thomas and Mr. H. Watson; Chairman, Mr. B. E. Edwards; Deputy Chairman, Coun. G. C. Green; Vice-Chairmen, Mrs. P. Coleclough and Coun. M. Nicholls; Chairman, Basildon District, Mr. T. C. Ball; Chairman, Brentwood District, Coun. E. Mather; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. F. W. B. Rillstone.

## THREE CARS STOLEN

CAR THIEVES struck three times in Basildon on Wednesday.

Former Development Corporation Chief Estates Officer Mr. Alan Strachan lost his £1,000 MG sports car from Laindon Station; a Mr. Anthony, of Melwood Drive, Benfleet, had his Austin A30 stolen from Pitsea Railway Station and Mr. J. A. Lee, of Somerset Gardens, Pitsea, lost his Ford car from the Ford factory car park on Basildon's No. 1 Industrial Estate.

## Tea-time

Films showing the planting, picking, shipping and packing of his firm's produce were screened by a tea firm representative at Buttsbury Social Club's meeting on Monday in the Primary School. There were 55 members present and each received a 1lb packet of tea. A bouquet and hold-all were presented by Mrs. Hawes to Mrs. Cracknell, who is shortly leaving for New Zealand. Mrs. Sullivan, who is going to live in Wickford, also received a farewell gift. Musical birthday honours were accorded three members. After refreshments Mrs. Cracknell sang solos with members joining in the choruses.



Helpers seen behind one of the stalls at St. Teresa's (Laindon) jumble sale held at Laindon British Legion Hall on Saturday.

## PARENTS AND TEACHERS MADE COSTUMES

PARENTS PACKED the hall of Pitsea Junior School on Monday and Tuesday evenings, when the children put on their annual school concert.

Each class performed a play, and the programme started with three items by the combined recorder groups. Two of these, Purcell's "Trumpet Tune" and "The Bells of Aberystwyth," were arranged specially by Mr. R. N. Innes, the master in charge of the music department at Pitsea Junior School, who trained the recorder groups.

At the end of the evening the concert closed with the singing of a hymn, led by the school choir, in which the audience were invited to join. Costumes were made by the teachers and parents, from all kinds of materials, plus a lot of imagination. The cast of "A Play of the Weather" had some really attractive head-dresses, made from polystyrene.

The plays performed were as follows: "A Play of the Weather," Class 8; "The Rhymer," Class 6; "Robin Hood to the Rescue," Class 2; "You'd Never Believe It," Class 5; "The Mystery of the Vanishing Tarts," Class 9; "All Baba and the Forty Thieves," Class 3; "Scuttle-broom's Treasure," Class 1; "Whiter Than White," Class 4.

## Laindon man jailed

MONEY THAT a Laindon man collected as a coal merchant was not paid in by him to his employer, a Southend Magistrates' Court heard on Wednesday.

Colin Bernard Puffet (24), of Elgar Close, Laindon, pleaded guilty to stealing £116 19s. 9d. and was sent to prison for six months.

While working as a coal merchant, Puffet, a married man with previous convictions, had to pay money he collected from customers into his employer, who gave him commission.

After some time Puffet failed to pay in money, but told his employer he would do so, later admitting that he had spent it apart from £10. But he told the Court he had not spent the money, but left the coal on a lorry in a car park where anybody could have taken it. "I don't know where the money has gone," he said.

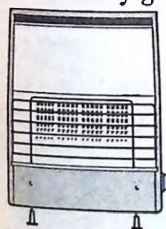
WESLEY GUILD

Wickford Methodist Wesley Guild celebrated the London Missions Anniversary at their meeting on Wednesday week. Speaker was Rev. John Ducker.

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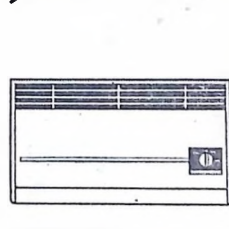
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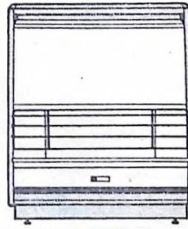
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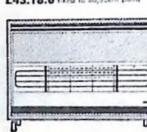
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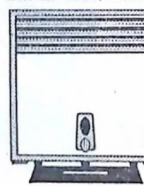


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# FACTORY GOSSIP



## Marconi Club ambitions

FOUR years with Marconi's, Mr. Reg Gelder stood in as Chairman of Basildon Marconi Club in the middle of last year when the previous chairman left the company. This week saw him elected for his first full year in office.

"I hope that this year we will see the clubroom we have been waiting for," Mr. Gelder told a reporter. "We should be getting an extension to the canteen for our use."

Mr. Gelder—who is a Yorkshireman—came to Basildon 14 years ago and lives in Luncles Road. Working as a progress checker, he joined the Club when he joined the company and was only elected to the Committee last year.

"I have no special interest in one particular section," he pointed out. "As Chairman, that's probably just as well. I'm interested in the development of the Club as a whole."

January and was pleased to find he was taking over a completely empty building as it enabled him to have its interior laid out from scratch.

"We will start operating in about five weeks' time with 15 employees, mainly married women," he said, "and we have designed the building on work study principles for maximum efficiency."

This includes decoration in pleasant pastel colours and the incorporation of a canteen and a rest room.

First employee is engineer Mr. Fred Moore, of Swan Lane, Wickford, who is pictured with Mr. Trytel

communications projects associated with the major telecommunications companies and various Government departments," said Mr. Cook, "and we have also undertaken a number of projects on our own volition."

"All in all we are in a very healthy state. As a new company we did not expect any return on investment for three to five years, but we broke even after only 18 months and have been making a profit ever since." He added that the firm's production target for the current year was £150,000 worth of products. "We actually have orders in excess of £70,000 on our books at the moment, which I hope will be cleared by June," he said.

In charge of production at the new factory will be Mr. V. L. Trytel, who is a Member of the Institute of Works Managers and has been working in this capacity in Essex for 20 years.

Mr. Trytel joined the firm in

**SUCCESS STORIES** are nothing new on this page, but we encountered one last week that will take some beating. The firm in question are C. A. Cook, Ltd., electronics engineers, who started in business in Bruce Grove, Wickford, two years ago.

At that time there were only two on the staff, Managing Director Mr. Cook and his chief engineer, Mr. T. Larkin. In December there were still only a dozen, but now this figure has soared to 30.

And as the firm have now taken a lease on a large new factory in the next six months this figure will easily be doubled, Mr. Cook told a reporter.

At 6,000 square feet their new factory in Robert Way is nearly twice the size of their first. It will take over the production side of the business and the old building will be reorganised to deal solely with design, development, sales and administration.

C. A. Cook make electrical filter networks for the telephone communications industry and they have now established for themselves an outstanding reputation in their specialised branch.

"Since we started we have been involved in com-



Mrs. M. Trueman, of Wick Beech Avenue, Wickford, the new supervisor, and Mrs. E. Smith, of Longfield Drive, Wickford, discuss an assembly problem at A. C. Cook, Ltd., Wickford.

## Ford's new P.R.O.



New Public Relations Manager at Basildon's Ford Tractor Centre is Mr. Peter Higgins, who has been Manager of Advertising and Sales Promotion for the past 11 years.

Living at Brentwood, he succeeds Mr. Dick Richardson as the Public Relations Officer on April 1st. Mr. Richardson, with Ford for 36 years, lives at Ingatesstone.

## COLOUR TV

In preparation for the new ITV colour service, four programme companies have placed orders for colour television cameras with the Marconi Company. Twenty-nine Marconi Mark VII's are to be supplied to A.B.C. Television, A.T.V., Granada, and Rediffusion, bringing the total sales of Marconi colour cameras in the United Kingdom to over fifty.

A Marconi Myriad computer, which will control the traffic in the busy streets of central Glasgow by the end of the year, was delivered last week and is now installed and ready for use; the first traffic signals will be connected in the next few weeks. This computer is the first to be delivered for an area road traffic control scheme in Britain.

## Burglars—watch out!

FED up with night raiders, Basildon Manufacturing Company—whose main business is repairing washing machines—are fitting burglar alarms to their fleet of vans.

Said Director Mr. M. Hogan: "Vans parked outside the factory in Gibbercks are continually being broken into. We lost two spare wheels and a spotlight last week."

"Perhaps if people knew we don't keep anything in the vans at night, they'd stop bothering us!"



Marconi Club Chairman and Vice-Chairman Mr. Reg Gelder and Mr. Lionel Stubbs.

## Girls on top at soccer

BY seven goals to four, Yardley's factory girls proved themselves better than the men on Saturday. The firm's first inter-sex soccer match was played at Whitmore Park watched by about 50 people.

It was the first time we've done this," said a Social Club spokesman. "It went so well that we'll certainly be trying it again, possibly this season."

Backed by a male goalkeeper, the girls soon took the lead. Pat Wager scored two and Linda Harris five. Men scorers were Colin Jones (3) and Roger Peacock (1).



Workers from Yardley's seen at the Girls v Men football match held at Whitmore Park on Saturday. The match was in aid of funds for the children's Christmas party, and the girls won 7-4.





## Gruesome museum open to public

OVER 5,000 people flocked into Basildon's £160,000 Police Station last week when it was on show to the public for three days. "A most satisfactory response," said a spokesman.

Many special exhibitions were laid on for the open days. The latest in double-locking devices and combination dials featured in the crime prevention caravan in the forecourt. Police vehicles, a radar trap and a reaction-tester and a sleepy-looking Police dog were on show behind the station.

**GRUESOME RELICS**  
From the Police Museum were gruesome relics ranging from a baby's skeleton to an opium-smoker's kit and an armory of weapons which the Police have collected from the public over the years. Other rooms displayed the Identikit system and road safety quizzes. First visitors to the station on Thursday were Basildon Council Chairman Cunn. Egan, and his wife, and representatives of neighbouring local authorities, who were shown round by Chief Superintendent Victor Cook.

## "Murder in the Cathedral"

"MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL," T. S. Eliot's study of a man trapped by his own greatness, was Barstable School's choice for their play this year. At first sight the play is a tough proposition for a school to tackle, but it is not really as difficult as it looks.

Given just one good authoritative actor (like Barstable's Paul Denham) to take the part of Becket, given the number of competent actors and a disciplined approach, "Murder in the Cathedral" is within reach. Costumes and scenery are fairly elementary and the only unusual snag is the choral speaking.

So much for the basic demands of the play. But to attain a really successful production, much more is called for. The simpler the story, the greater the need for first-class teamwork and the establishment of the right atmosphere.

Without any general display of above-average acting ability, Barstable still succeeded in putting across a good deal of the spell-binding impact of "Murder in the Cathedral."

Paul Denham was well-cast as the Archbishop, with a rounded voice of the professional preacher and the ability to hold the stage on his own. In fact, it was in his solitary moments that he seemed most heavily. Until almost the end of the

first act, Paul Denham stood head and shoulders above his priests and his tempters. Then, as the Fourth Tempter, inviting Becket to martyrdom for the sake of eternal spiritual glory, Robert Spikes appeared to give the most telling performance of the evening.

At first, tantalisingly out of reach of the main spotlight, but finally stealing the focal point from Becket, Robert Spikes was persuasive himself, creeping nearer and nearer to the overthrow of Becket's conscience. This was an exceptional piece of acting, giving evidence of painstaking rehearsal and thought. Robert Barcham and Derek Peggs also contributed considerably to the final effect of the production, as Fitz Urse and de Morville, two of the assassins who, having dispatched Becket, turn about and explain their action — with splendid aplomb — to the Twelfth Century audience.

Stage events did not always produce an effective physical reaction from the chorus of Canterbury women, but they were at all times comprehensible and audible — which is in itself no mean accomplishment.

Headmaster Mr. G. G. Whitehead produced the play. Others in the cast were Gareth Munson, Robert Warwick, David Matthews, Alan Selchambers, John Layzell, Michael Foote, Stephen Hunter, Stephen Park, Robert Stevens, Raymond Paddock, Robert Tolson and Derek Giddings.

Knights in the Barstable School play, seen above, are Robert Tolson, Robert Barcham, Alan Jones and Derek Peggs.

## Shotgate buses through village?

IN SPITE of protests by Shotgate residents, Eastern National have made formal application to the Traffic Commissioners to route buses serving Shotgate through the village.

Eastern National plan to introduce an anti-clockwise circular route along Bridge Road, Sandown Road, Bruce Grove, and Southend Road, with services in the same direction along Wick Lane and Russell Gardens during morning and evening work-time peak periods.

Residents object that most of the roads are too narrow for double-decker buses, and that the increase in traffic would create more noise and dirt and be a hazard for young children.

Shotgate Community Association have made representations to Basildon Council seeking the Council's support for an objection they have made to the Commissioners.

At last week's meeting of the Council's Works Committee they got it.

The Committee were reminded they had already approved in principle a bus layby in Bruce Grove, so that discussions could start with Eastern National and the Police on the possibility of a circular route to avoid the need for buses to reverse into Fanton Walk.

Consideration had also been given to a suggestion by Wickford Chamber of Trade that a bus service should be provided for the industrial estate in Russell Gardens.

The Committee were concerned that formal application for these new routings should have been submitted before they had an opportunity to consider the proposals in detail, and they were not satisfied that buses should be taken through roads which were mainly residential.

### DISQUALIFIED

Mark George Weston, 21, security officer, of High Road, Basildon, was disqualified from driving for six months when he received his third endorsement at Gray's Court on Friday. He pleaded guilty to using a car with defective brakes and was fined £10. He said the day after he was stopped by the Police he took the car off the road and it had been off ever since.

## Association want to stop clashes

CLASHES BETWEEN Billericay and District Association for the Advancement of State Education and Basildon Head Teachers' Association have faded since a joint meeting was held last autumn to encourage liaison between the two Associations.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the A.A.S.E. at Wickford Junior School on Friday, retiring Secretary Mrs. Margaret Linahan said: "There had been one or two points over which we had clashed and we wanted to avoid this happening again."

Contact had also been made with other teacher organisations and with parent-teacher associations. The Association had four delegates to Basildon Committee for Education's Parent-Liaison Committee.

Relations with the Committee for Education and the District Education Officer were very cordial.

Spreading information and providing opportunities for discussions on education, fostering contact

with articles contributed by local teachers.

Association Chairman Mr. K. Jessop had been appointed governor for the comprehensive school to be formed at the Mayflower Secondary School.

He was the first of the Association's nominees to be approved, and it was hoped a trend towards appointing more non-Party governors was developing, said Mrs. Linahan.

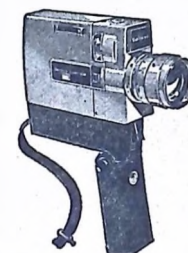
Vigorous pressure had been applied over a number of issues, ranging from overcrowded schools to travelling expenses to choice of schools.

Retiring Treasurer Mr. K. Ward reported income was £55 15s. 8d. compared to £43 19s. 4d. the previous year.

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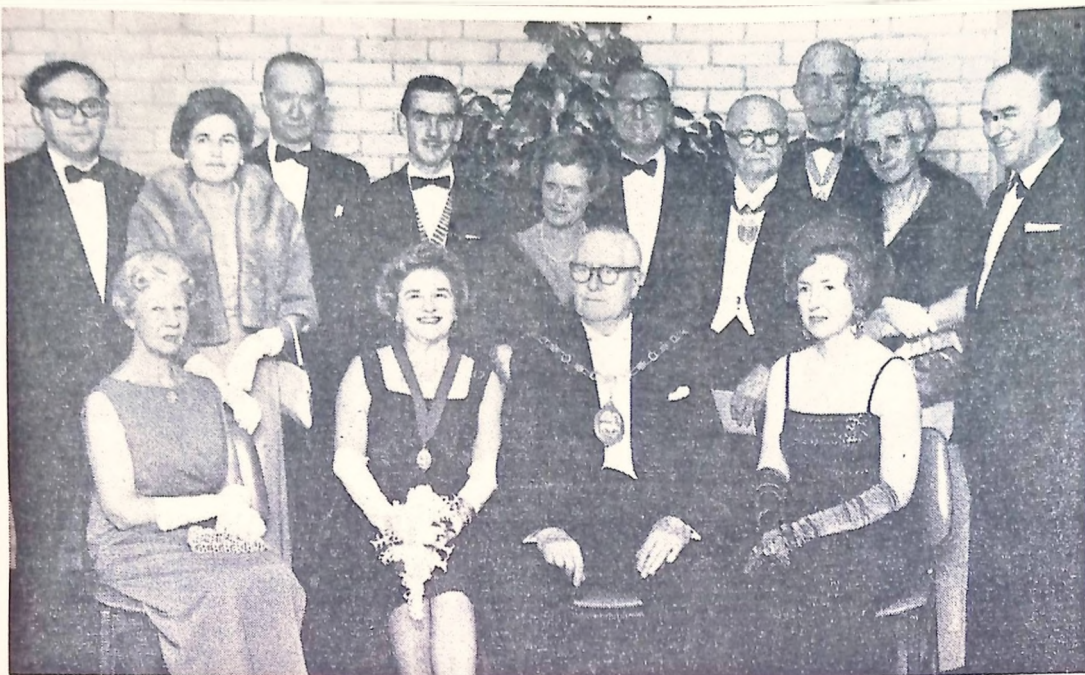
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Above are some of the guests at Basildon Council's civic function.

# Ford Motor Company to make a gift of £5,000 towards the Arts Centre

A GIFT of £5,000, to provide fittings and furniture for the proposed Basildon Civic Arts Centre, was announced by Chairman of Basildon Council Coun. A. Baron Burn on Saturday. The donors are Ford Motor Company.

The Chairman gave the news in his speech at the Council's civic function at Standard Telephones' factory, Basildon.

A distinguished line-up of guests were among the 391 people present. They included M.P. for Billericay Mr. Eric Moonman and representatives from most neighbouring local authorities.

Mayors present included Coun. T. S. C. Dix (Haverling), Coun. Mrs. A. E. Gannon (Newham) and Ald. H. E. Davis (Southend), while Chairmen of local authorities in attendance were Coun. Mrs. M. E. Willis (Benfleet), Coun. G. G. Green (Brentwood), Coun. Mrs. M. B. Blower (Rayleigh) and Coun. M. G. Mahoney (Thurrock).

Other top table guests were Ald. S. W. Millard (Chairman of Essex County Council), Sir John Macpherson (Chairman of Basildon Development Corporation) and Coun. J. Brangan (Vice-Chairman of the Greater London Council).

The Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Sir John Ruggles-Brise, was not able to attend the dinner due to another engagement at Thurrock, but he arrived later to join in the festivities.

Another familiar face at the function was the former Billericay Parliamentary Labour candidate, Mrs. Rita Smythe and her husband.

## LOCAL HISTORY

Proposing the toast to the Council, Mr. C. A. C. Bulpitt (Assistant Managing Director of Currans, Ltd.) went through various aspects of local history, stating that in 1800 the population of the area was only 1,000. The population had now risen to 119,000 and there were distinct prospects that it would reach 200,000 in the next decade.

"The New Town is admired as a splendid example of planning all over the world," he said. Much is still to be done and there is a great need for additional services. These are gradually coming and looking back over the last 10 years one can only describe the progress of the town as "something really quite miraculous."

Responding for the Council, Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P., spoke of the need to break down the barriers existing between the various townships—Billericay, Wickford,

Basildon, Vange, Laindon and Pitsea—and to mould the urban district into a comprehensive unit.

## UNIFIED DISTRICT

The New Town has always been visualised as a self-contained entity, but as far as this Council is concerned we are striving and will continue to strive to create a complete and united urban district where happiness and prosperity will be the heritage of its residents," said Coun. Burn.

The response to Coun. Burn's toast to the guests was made by Coun. J. Brangan (Vice-Chairman of the Greater London Council).

He thanked Basildon for the part they had played in rehousing at least 11,000 families from the Greater London housing lists. Music for dancing was provided by The Troupadours Band and the cabaret was by The Dorkmurs, who leave this week for a Spanish tour. Mr. Cyril Watts was M.C.

## £10 stolen

About £10 was stolen from the cash desk at the Locarno Ballroom, Basildon, while a St. Patrick's Night dance was in progress on Friday.

## Do you want to drink and drive?

IF YOU WANT to drink and drive wear an amethyst—that's the advice given to members of Ramsdale Women's Institute at their meeting last week.

Speaking about antique jewellery and gems, Mr. Cooper, of Colchester, said many years ago people believed drink would have no adverse effect on the drinker provided they wore an amethyst.

He added, however, he would not be responsible for any person who tried out this theory! The talk and exhibition of Egyptian times was followed by Institute business and a display of home-made Easter bonnets.

## £40 disturbance claim

Settlement of a disturbance claim at Littlebrook Farm, Outwood Common Road, Billericay, has been approved by Basildon Council's Works Committee. The Council will pay out £40 plus legal costs, following work on the Billericay South-East Area Surface Water Drainage Scheme.

## After all (says Silva) you can't eat medals

A RESTLESS Aisatian averted a near catastrophe last week.

The seven-years-old dog, Silva, who is looked after by Mr. Henry Highfield and his wife, Alice, of London Road, Wickford, was awakened by the smell of burning.

It was coming from an oil-fired boiler connected to a greenhouse central heating system in a nursery adjoining the bottom of Mr. Highfield's garden.

Silva started barking and aroused 74-years-old retired hospital carpenter Mr. Highfield. Thinking there must be an intruder outside, he switched on the lights and let the dog out.

## BOILER EXPLODES

Then he flung open some curtains at a back window—just in time to see the boiler explode.

Mr. Highfield dashed next door to ask his neighbours, Mr. Peter Bennett (33), and his wife, Joan, to phone the Brigade.

Six minutes later a fire tender arrived and the blaze was quickly extinguished.

Mr. Highfield told a reporter: "The boiler house dissolved in a mass of fire when it exploded, and if Silva hadn't woken me up when he did I shudder to think what might have happened."

"As it was, I was able to send for the Brigade the minute the boiler went up, but if I had been asleep the fire could have spread and caused untold damage and danger before anybody realised what was happening."

Silva does not belong to Mr. Highfield, but to his son Raymond (27), of Barkers Lane, West Hammsfield.

Raymond is a trainer at the Hanningbury Dog Training Club, and he has won many trophies with his dog.

There were no medals for Silva after this adventure, however, just a bar of chocolate. But it seemed to prefer that: "After all—you can't eat medals!"

## £70 gone in housebreaks

NEARLY £70 was stolen in a spate of housebreaking in the Vange area on Friday night.

In Merricks Lane the thief got away with £19 and £11.10s. from two adjoining houses and in Bardfield two neighbours lost £10 and £6.10s.

The thief or thieves also paid a visit to Bytletts where one householder lost a purse containing £13.10s. and the contents of the gas meter and another tenant about £3 in cash.

There were other breaks at Tilney Turn, where £5 was stolen, and in The Slades.

## "A Spring Surprise" at Greensted School

THE HALL of Greensted Junior School was packed to capacity with parents when the pupils presented their school concert, "A Spring Surprise," on Friday and Monday evenings.

Each class was responsible for its own contribution to the concert; teachers and parents made the costumes—and

the children enjoyed every minute of it.

Costumes were made from all sorts of material—from hessian and cardboard to authentic cowboy outfits. Some highly imaginative wigs were created from dyed nylon stockings.

On Friday the programme consisted of "Dance Macabre," by Class 2D; "Hansel and Gretel," Class 1C; "The Battle of the Little Horn," Class 4R; "Lotus Pattern," Class 1B; "East of the Sun," Class 2B; and "Black and White Minstrels," Class 3C.

Monday's programme was "The Firebird," by Class 4C; "The Folk on the Hill," Class 3D; "Battle of the Little Horn," Class 4R; "Dance Macabre," Class 2D; "A Narrow Squeak for Humpelburg," Class 4C; and "Black and White Minstrels," Class 3C.

## DRIVER WAS CARELESS

Following a collision between his car and another, Albert Elgar Barnett, of Greenacre Lane, Stock, was charged with careless driving and guilty of careless driving and was fined £10 and ordered to pay witnesses' expenses of £9.18s. 6d. and an advocate's fee of two guineas.

## COURT FINE

Bruce Kimble, of Cedar Avenue, Wickford, was fined £7 at Southend last week for exceeding 40 m.p.h. in his van at Brays Lane, Rochford.



A scene during dinner at Basildon Council's big social event.



# Youngsters who think youth leaders mad!

SOME YOUNGSTERS THINK YOUTH LEADERS ARE MAD TO GIVE UP THEIR EVENINGS TO LOOK AFTER YOUNG PEOPLE AND THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL-LEAVERS IN BASILDON, CLAIMED MR. J. T. EDMUNDSON, BASILDON'S YOUTH OFFICER, ON THURSDAY.

"There's a whole range of jobs you cannot get in Basildon, and, of course, not enough apprenticeships," he told members of the Industrial Life Offices at their dinner at Basildon.

He spoke of 64 applications for 10 apprenticeships at a local factory last year.

"You find a natural gravitation to the sort of job that dad had," he said, but he reminded the insurance men how difficult it is for young people who fall in their technical qualifications and have to veer away towards office jobs.

"There are 1,700 school-leavers in Basildon this year," he pointed out, "1,400 in the summer. In the next few years that figure will go up by 1,000. Opportunities must keep pace somehow."

## WHIMS AND FANCIES

He went on: "The teenager is as complicated and as complex an individual as you could wish to meet, full of whims and fancies, and not so grown up as his physical appearance would lead you to believe. He is extremely suspicious of the adult."

"Youngsters think youth leaders are mad to give up their evenings to look after young people. The Basildon young person is not different, but this is a New Town and it is extremely difficult for some of them to integrate into this new situation."

"Some have an understandable nostalgia for their home towns. We are doing our best to provide educational and recreational facilities for these young people."

Mr. Edmundson outlined the three major needs of young people:

- **Recognition and respect.** "Very often we do not realise that many of the things the teenager does are just cries for recognition. They take part in

sex, join gangs, in order to show that they are men and women. They don't want to be promiscuous, they want to find something about themselves."

- **Guidance.** "It is a fallacy to suggest young people want to do everything on their own."
- **Understanding.** "It's very easy to criticise."

## Exhausted after chase by Police

WHEN a Basildon youth took a Southend man's van to get home in the early hours of Tuesday he made a big mistake. He drove so fast that he was chased and stopped by Police minutes later in the London Road at Westcliff.

At first Henry James Collins (19), of Nether Priors, Basildon, gave a false name and address. When he ran away, P.C. Francis Wilkin told the Southend Magistrates later in the day.

The crew of the patrol car chased him on foot and by car until Collins collapsed exhausted over a wall. At Police HQ he admitted taking the van because he had missed his transport home. Said Collins in Court: "All I was interested in was getting home."

He was fined £35 for taking and driving away the van and driving while uninsured, and disqualified from driving for six months.

## Mini-marathon charity run

A 15-YEARS-OLD Billericay schoolboy ran 10½ miles and raised £2 10s. for charity on Friday. He was one of the entrants who completed the 25-mile walk held last year to raise money for St. Andrew's Hospital Staff Recreation Hall Fund.

After lessons Peter Layland, of Deerbark Avenue, ran to Billericay from Chelmsford Technical High School at Broomfield, and finished, tired but in otherwise perfect condition, in only two hours.

He was sponsored by his mother, other relatives, neighbours, classmates and several members of his teaching staff, and his run will raise more than £2 10s. for Oxfam and Cancer Research, which are the beneficiaries this year of the annual charity week held at his school.

"I amazed everybody when I finished, but it wasn't so hard really," he told a reporter on Saturday.

He prepared for his mini-marathon by cycling to school on Thursday so that his friend, David Anderson (14), of Potash Road, Billericay, could ride home beside him on Friday.

"I wanted someone to testify that I did not cheat," he explained.

**PUNCTURED!** As it happened, David saw little of Peter's run. He

got a puncture before they reached Chelmsford and when he mended it and caught up with his friend on the other side of the town the chain broke!

It was beyond repair and David telephoned Peter's uncle, Mr. Jake Layland, of Norsey Road, for help. Result: He finished the journey in the comfort of Mr. Layland's car, with the bike in a trailer behind.

Peter was still going strong when they caught up with him at Stock.

In fact, he surprised himself by his performance, as he has no liking for long distance running. The Mid-Essex Schools' 100 yards and long jump champion last year, and a member of Chelmsford Athletic Club, he said, "I much prefer sprinting."

His first love, however, is horse-riding. He belongs to Tyelands Riding Club and has twice represented the Essex Union Hunt in the Pony Club's nationwide Prince Philip Cup games competition.

## Guilty plea is not accepted

AS HE stood talking to a Policeman, pending a charge of careless driving, Peter John Moore saw a car cross a major road without stopping.

"He was lucky," commented the Policeman. Mr. Moore was not.

Mr. Moore, of Rectory Road, Pitsea, admitted driving without due care and attention when he appeared before Southend Court on Tuesday.

Mr. Moore was in an accident at the junction of Ashburnham Road and Queen's Road, Southend. He stopped in Ashburnham Road with the front of his car sticking out into the major road. His car was hit by one driving along Queen's Road.

For Mr. Moore, Mr. Eric Mather showed the Court that because the stop lines in Ashburnham Road were so dirty Mr. Moore failed to see them until he was almost on them.

By the time he had braked, he was partly into the junction.

The Bench told Mr. Mather his defence of Mr. Moore had so impressed them they could not accept a plea of guilty.

Accordingly Mr. Moore changed his plea and the case was adjourned so that the prosecution could bring witnesses.

## Fined £15

A fine of £15, with 25 6s. 3d. costs, was imposed on Stanley Ware, of Riddenden View, Wickford, when found guilty at Chelmsford on Monday of careless driving at Great Leighs.

## Stole the newspaper money

MONEY LEFT by people outside their houses on a Sunday morning to pay for the week's newspapers was taken, it was said at the Juvenile Court on Monday.

Two Basildon boys, aged 13 and 14, one a newspaper boy, admitted stealing money, the younger boy 4s., the elder 3s. 1d.

The younger boy was conditionally discharged and his father was bound over in £100 for the boy's good behaviour for 12 months.

The elder boy, who was making his second Court appearance, was put on probation for a year. His father was also bound over in £100 for the boy's good behaviour for the same period and was ordered to pay two guineas costs.

## DISPLAY FIRE

The window display at the "Tuck Shop," on the A13 near Vange railway bridge, was badly damaged by fire last week. The fire broke out while the shop was closed. A passer-by called the fire brigade.

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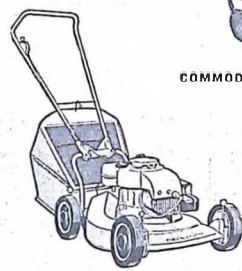
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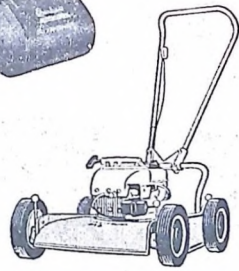
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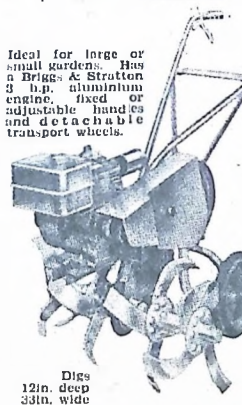
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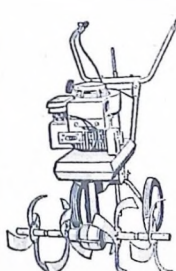
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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## WHEN EASTER EGGS WERE COSTLY GIFTS

AREN'T THERE some beautiful Easter eggs in the shops? I've seen some truly gorgeous ones around—with flowers, and chicks, and ribbons and other decorations, and quite a lot were filled with chocolates and other goodies. They all had one thing in common, though—they were all made of chocolate!

Now, before you say in surprise, "Of course, they are—what else would they be made of?" let me tell you about some that are not! If they were, they would not be in famous museums today, because some of them are extremely old.

In Poland and Russia, for example, they made the most wonderful Easter eggs out of porcelain, which is a very fine and delicate china, all beautifully decorated and hand-painted with flowers, fruit and little scenes. One of these pretty things was presented to Archbishop MacLagan in 1897, and, if you ever go up to London, try to persuade mother or father to take you to the Victoria and Albert Museum in Kensington and there you can see this one for yourself.

The most famous maker of beautiful Easter eggs was a man called Peter Carl Fabergé. He was a Russian silversmith, born in 1846, and descended from a Huguenot family, which accounts for his French-sounding name.

He was the man who revolutionised the taste of the century by declaring that valuable materials in themselves were of no importance if the workmanship was not good. His own craftsmanship was impeccable, and his work in gold, silver and every type of precious and semi-precious stone graces many of the European museums and private collections.

For many years he made an Easter egg for the Tsar, usually of gold or silver, beautifully wrought, and each one containing a "surprise" inside—

perhaps a tiny coach and horses, or a bird, equally carefully made and fitted into its hiding place exactly. These wonderful gifts were for the Tsar to present to the Tsarina every Easter Sunday and are now worth vast sums of money.

The origin of Easter eggs is a long way back in history. Once upon a time, around Eastertide, the mimmers, or stealing players, would go from village to village, performing their version of the St. George legend. By and by it gradually became an Easter play, and the players would be for "Pasch" eggs before they would perform. The word "Pasch" means "Easter," so

Gradually it became the cus-



tom to hold "Pasch-egging" or "pacc-egging" races, where the eggs were rolled by scores of children down grassy slopes; and this custom still persists today in the North of England. The eggs are hard-boiled, and then the shells are painted and decorated, according to the owner's taste. They may be rolled by hand, or with a little stick. If the shell breaks the egg is promptly eaten!

AUNTIE LIZ.

OUT FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON RIDE, THESE THREE YOUNG PEOPLE DECIDED TO GIVE THEMSELVES AND THEIR PONIES A BREATHING ON A CONVENIENT BANK. LEFT TO RIGHT, THEY ARE STEPHEN BOYLING (13), FROM BASILDON, WITH FOLLY; LAWRENCE ZIMMER (12), FROM PITSEA, WITH LADY, AND SUSAN CLARK (15), ALSO FROM PITSEA, WITH ACE.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Birthday greetings this week to the following Happy Pals:—

John C. Lord, of Thames Haven Road, Corringham (11); John McLellan, of Mistle End, Basildon (11); Jill Pitman, Honeyput Lane, Basildon (12); Kim Davies, Morrells, Basildon (age not known), and Vanessa McLaughlan, of Bourne Avenue, Laindon (7), all on Friday, March 24th.

Paul Halsey, of Ardley, Basildon (9); Julie Cheryl Braddick, of Bonnygate, Basildon (6); Susannah Lee Higginson, The Gore, Basildon (6);

Adebimpe Jafoso, Beams Way, Billericay (1), and Steven Gordon, of Wickhay, Basildon (11), all on March 26th.

Beverley Cooper, of Church Road, Basildon (6), on March 27th.

James Hawes, of Corringham Road, Stanford-Hope (2), and David James Wood, of Little Gypps Road, Canvey Island (7), both on March 28th.

Gillian Matthews, of Second Avenue, Tye Common Road, Billericay (10), on March 29th.

Helen Joyce Davis, of Mistle Path, Basildon (5), on March 30th.

## Now who's kidding?



MR. "BILLY" FOYLE IS SEEN HERE WITH TWO KIDS AND THEIR MOTHER. THE BILLY GOAT WAS NOT FAR AWAY AND LOOKED A BIT FEROCIOUS WHEN WE TOOK THIS PICTURE, BUT HE REFUSED TO LEAVE HIS DINNER WHILE WE WERE MAKING A FUSS OF HIS CHILDREN. THE NANNY GOAT WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND CHEWED A BUTTON IN AUNTIE LIZ'S COAT! YOU WILL HAVE SEEN MR. FOYLE LEADING CARNIVAL PROCESSIONS ON HIS LOVELY PALOMINO HORSE AND HE TOLD US THE KIDS WERE BORN ON MARCH 11TH. THEY ARE BOTH BILLIES.

## DUMBELLE





## A silver wedding gift



PRESIDENT OF THE WICKFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, MR. W. M. MAGGO AND HIS WIFE, CELEBRATED THEIR SILVER WEDDING WITH A PARTY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY WEEK. DURING THE EVENING MRS. I. GANT PRESENTED THEM WITH A CANTEEN OF CUTLERY AND A BOUQUET ON BEHALF OF THEIR FRIENDS AT THE CENTRE.

## Step back in Pound Lane and you're in the ditch!

THERE HAVE been muddy footpaths and flooding in Pound Lane for many years, Bowers Gifford man Mr. Arthur Moore told a South-East Essex Valuation Panel on Wednesday week, but the Council had persistently ignored them. He criticised the Council for getting their priorities mixed.

Talking of muddy footpaths and flooding in Pound Lane, Mr. Moore said Pound Lane had been in this state for many years, but the Council had persistently ignored it and spent money on other things.

"For years New Park Avenue, Pitsea, was served by a cesspool system," recalled Mr. Moore. "A new sewer was laid there and three months later compulsory purchase orders were dumped on all the householders. Pound Lane could have been made better a long time ago."

Fighting an increased rating assessment on his house and garage in Kelly Road, Mr. Moore said that only the other week his daughter's £23 suede jacket was "completely saturated" by passing traffic in Pound Lane. It had needed a major operation to clean it.

"Stand at a bus stop in Pound Lane on a rainy day and you will get wet feet at least," he said.

"There is no layby for the buses and no proper footpath. If you step back you are in the ditch."

The Valuation Panel Chairman told Mr. Moore: "We find quite a few cases—they seem

to be increasing—where we are used for the ventilation of grievances and a means of putting pressure on the authorities over something which has nothing to do with us. I have even been called an ombudsman."

"But we have to avoid getting too far drawn into this sort of thing. We are here to deal with property."

Mr. Moore's increased assessments were confirmed at £125 gross value and £86 rateable value.

## Shoplifter on probation

A WOMAN who literally helped herself from a Southend self-service store appeared before Southend Magistrates on Friday.

Mrs. Ellen Maisie Robertson, of Tennyson Drive, Pitsea, was put on probation for two years for stealing cakes, tomatoes and bananas worth 16s. 8d. from Marks and Spencer's store in the High Street.

She was seen taking the items from the shelves and putting them into her shopping bag.

She told a detective: "I don't suppose I can pay for them now."

## Changed views on path to school

The Works Committee of Basildon Council declined to take any action to either make-up or provide a footpath along Mill Hill Drive, Billericay, to give access to Buttsbury New Junior School, but the Education Works and Supplies Sub-Committee had different ideas.

They decided to ask the Works Committee if they would cut in a temporary path if the cost was met by the County Education Committee.

The request was considered by the Committee and they agreed to the work being undertaken provided the County Council were satisfied that they had the right to arrange for the construction of the path, and that the Council would not incur a maintenance liability by carrying out the work.

The Committee were told that arrangements were being made to provide a footpath on the southern side of Perry Drive between Springfield Road and Norsey View Drive before the proposed road improvement scheme, to assist children going to the new school.

## ANOTHER POLLING STATION?

THE NEED for another polling station for people living at the Norsey Road end of Potash Road, who now had to use St. John's School, Stock Road, was discussed by Buttsbury Ward Liberal Association at their meeting on Tuesday.

A resolution was passed asking Basildon Council to provide such a station for the forthcoming election.

The meeting also discussed the selection of their candidates for the election, and it was decided to finalise plans at their next meeting in April.

## Pre-loan path

Basildon Council are to put a footpath on the southern side of Perry Street, Billericay, between Springfield Road and Norsey View Drive, in advance of loan sanction for the Perry Street Improvement Scheme. Its provision has been approved by the Works Committee Chairman in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

# Arts Centre is a need which cannot wait

A WORK of art has a more lasting importance than anything Harold Wilson, Edward Heath or Joe Morgan can say. This was the view Mr. Joel Watford expressed in his Presidential address to Basildon Civic Arts Society's 12th annual meeting on Tuesday.

Describing 1966 as "a momentous year for the Society," Mr. Watford said Basildon Council's decision to build the Arts Centre was not only a triumph for the Society, but a new responsibility.

The Council's decision was a wise one. "It could do nothing else if it wants a town balanced in its interests and activities."

The Centre could not wait, went on Mr. Watford. The pattern of the town was rapidly taking shape, and unless it contained art and a cultural basis, the town would be cheapened, and it would be impossible for an important section of population to enjoy the place it lived in. The Council had given way to a need, not a demand or a request.

"By a very modest expenditure to create an Art Centre, the Council have given support to the arguments I have briefly enumerated. The mere fact that it is called an Art Centre is important. It will be a much-sought after building for many years to come."

Members had become accustomed to talk in terms of pounds and school halls, said Mr. Watford. They were now overawed by talk of £30,000 for an Arts Centre. "I should like them to remember that this is a small sum compared with what other towns of comparable size have spent on similar ventures. They must also remember that the responsibility may not be theirs at all and in any instance will not be theirs entirely."

"We have to prove our authority and should start now to collect the evidence. The Art Centre should be the beginning of this Society's history, not its end."

Vice-President Mr. Duncan McKeggle paid tribute to Mr. Watford's work for the Arts Centre. "We would be nowhere near getting the Centre if it

were not for him," he said.

Treasurer Mr. Cyril Moore reported £400 in the bank. A year largely devoted to discussions with authorities had meant a year without a festival or a major concert, but it had meant a good financial year.

"But as the Centre nears completion it will be more and more essential to build up a large balance to meet demands," pointed out Mr. Moore.

All the officers were re-elected.

## Five houses burgled

THIEVES WERE again active in the Billericay area during the weekend. Five houses in Norsey Road, Salesbury Drive, Outwood Common Road and Ramsden Heath were entered on Sunday night.

## REQUEST FOR SEWER WILL BE REVIEWED

A PETITION from 16 residents of Sugden Avenue, Wickford, seeking to be included in the current sewerage scheme for the Ramsden Bellhouse area, came before Basildon Council's Works Committee last week.

Engineer and Surveyor Mr. S. A. Wadsworth stated that as part of the existing proposals a sewer will be constructed in Sugden Avenue between London Road and a point about 300 feet south of the river bridge.

This would make drainage facilities available to all but two properties on the eastern side of the road to the south of the

river bridge, which, because of technical reasons, could not be included.

He said there were also two properties north of the river bridge which were not included and that to do so would involve an expensive river crossing.

It was resolved that the petitioners should be told of the Council's regret that it was not possible to include the remaining properties at this time, but that the position would be reviewed if and when drainage of the New House Farm Estate was considered.

## Vehicles prohibited

WITH the closing of the junction of Billericay Railway Station forecourt with Stock Road, because of forecourt improvements, Basildon Council Works Committee have agreed to a traffic prohibition order being made.

At their last meeting the Town Engineer was authorised to go ahead with an order prohibiting the driving of vehicles on the length of Stock Road running in a westerly direction for 12ft. to its junction with the forecourt.

The order will have to be confirmed by the Minister of Transport.

## Rights-of-way

Because of the Barn Hall Estate development at Wickford a number of rights of way have to be extinguished. Basildon Council's Works Committee have decided to apply to Billericay Court for permission to stop-up the former Richmond Road, from its junction with Swan Lane, westwards for 275ft. on the ground that it is unnecessary, subject to the reservation of a footpath between Lapwing Road and Swan Lane. The Council will also ask the Minister of Transport to confirm an order prohibiting vehicles using Moreland Road for 55ft. in a westerly direction from its junction with Swan Lane.



Guests seen at a square dance held in aid of Pitsea District Girl Guide and Ranger Funds at Bardfield School on Saturday. The Company are still short of members, also Guide and Brownie leaders. Interested persons should contact Mrs. B. Prior at Laindon 2765.



# CAREERS



## Leaving School at Easter?

### A JOB IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT!!

LEAVING SCHOOL at fifteen? First of all is this absolutely necessary? There are plenty of advantages for boys and girls if they can stop on for another year. A couple of "O" levels will help considerably when you start job-hunting and an extra year on your age will make employers look at you in a different light.

However, if you have decided definitely and you will be looking for a job after Easter there are many jobs with a good future for boys and girls to be found within reasonable travelling distance of Basildon.

At the moment more than half the boys leaving school at 15 go into engineering (this includes electricity, gas and printing) and building. Apprenticeships have to be arranged and you should, of course, consult your local Youth Employment Officer.

Girls view job-hunting in a different light, for most feel that marriage is really their career. However, it would be a good idea to choose a job which will give you a training in something which you can take up again after marriage.

Nowaday one-third of married women work outside the home, and "working wives" are welcomed into offices and industry. Many women feel that they are stagnating at home once their children are off their hands. So, though it may seem a long time in the future, time goes all too quickly and learning a trade is a sensible insurance.

## JOIN A BANK

A CAREER in banking is a very promising one nowadays, for it is estimated that out of every two boys joining a bank — any one of the Big Five (Westminster, Barclays, Midland, Lloyds or National Provincial) or one of the smaller banks (Coutts, Martins, Deacons, etc.) — one will become a branch manager or reach a comparable position.

In some quarters there is the mistaken idea that banking is dull. Far from it — the old slogging accounting has already been superseded by computers and machine accounting. Mainly you will be dealing with people, and this is always interesting.

For a beginner in banking there will be much to learn — handling post, making acquaintance with customers' accounts, learning one's way about forms and documents, learning the machinery connected with mechanical book-keeping. However, these who show promise soon leave these jobs behind them.

Specialist courses are available at most banks and a boy with another language at his fingertips could easily find himself on the overseas, Dominion or Colonial side.

There is always a good social side to banking, for banks all have sports clubs and other amenities for staff.

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## MACHINISTS

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## CIVIL SERVICE

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## JOIN THE ARMY

A BOY of 15 to 17 can join the Regular Army either as an apprentice or as a junior leader. The training in both cases will lead to Warrant Rank or in exceptional cases a Commission.

Of course training as a soldier (drill, small arms, fieldcraft) is necessary as well as training in whatever trade is chosen — electrical, mechanical or constructional. Junior leader puts more emphasis on the military side obviously.

A boy when he enlists undertakes to serve until he is 26. He may, of course, extend his service after that until he has completed twenty-two years and become entitled to a pension.

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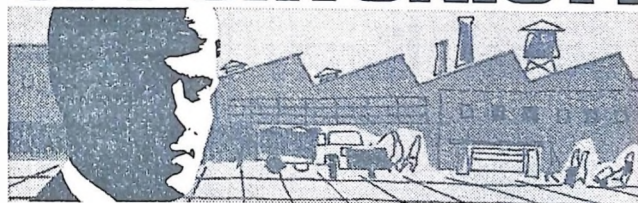
## NURSING

TO BE A GOOD nurse a girl must have a vocation and luckily there are many girls who find they have. The work is hard, but it is probably the most rewarding. There are many branches of nursing, but to have a general training and become a State Registered Nurse is best and can lead to many interesting jobs.

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## MONSTER FISHES, OF PLASTICINE!



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*Young, but she  
loves painting*



With care and concentration Tina Mallandain paints a tree against the background that she made yesterday and left to dry.

## School library



The school library is a favourite spot to browse or work quietly on a project. The range of books is wide, and gives the children plenty of scope to find out the information they need. These children have found interesting books on trains, history, soldiers and natural history. These are only a few of the great many subjects covered. Most of the 470 children are keen on reading.

## Children conduct Assembly



## IT'S FUN, LEARNING AT THIS SCHOOL!

A STORY OF SUCCESS AT  
LEE CHAPEL SOUTH

"WE TRY to combine modern methods with formal foundations here. In effect, we serve two masters!" Mr. W. H. Bell, Headmaster of Lee Chapel County Junior School, told our reporter LIZ WALL.

As one walks through the classrooms, it becomes obvious what he means. In mathematics and science the modern and the formal meet, with surprising success. Geometric shapes are not simply drawn on sheets of squared paper. They are drawn on cardboard, cut out and made into solids with the aid of gum and paint. Then the solids are made into figures and models.

What appears to the children as lovely, messy fun, has, in fact, taught them far more than they realise about the principles of rotational symmetry.

Sometimes the children bring their own toys to class. With little model cars on a sloping board, the angle of tilt needed to tip them over can be both seen and measured. The results are recorded by the children on a histogram.

Mr. Bell opened the school in 1960, with 60 juniors and 80 infants. In 1962 the infants

department was moved to its own building; now there are 170 juniors in his care. It is expected that the number will rise to 500 next September.

Already one class is housed in the infants' school, and the accommodation problems are becoming acute.

Mr. Bell is fortunate in his staff — he has at present 13 full-time and one part-time, all fully qualified. The classes are unstreamed and the children in each class are from all degrees of ability.

The support the school receives from the parents for all its activities is more than gratifying. The bring-and-buy sale, held last year to pay for the school parties, raised £140 in an hour-and-a-half. School Journeys, which do so much to teach a child the art of communal

living, are very well supported.

For the fourth year running, the school is planning another series of these. This year the children will visit Weymouth, Poole and Looe-staff; each journey will last for ten days and about 30 children will take part in each one.

Educational day trips also form part of school life. Children in the infants' school look forward to the day when they become juniors — they visit the zoo! they say, with eagerness.

The older children visit places of interest like the Science Museum, the Tower of London, etc. One of the most successful visits ever undertaken was the trip by Eagle steamer and bus from Southend to Canterbury, where the children explored the Cathedral. They all loved it — despite the fact that the rain came down in sheets for the whole of the day!

The children are not forced to go out at play time. They are allowed to

Mr. W. H. Bell, the Headmaster, is seen below.



Once a week the children conduct their own assembly in the hall. On the right of the picture can be seen the choir and recorder group. The models, which illustrate the theme of the assembly, are all made by the children themselves.

remain in their classrooms if they wish, and any rowdiness is soon quashed by the others, for they all understand that this is a privilege which could be lost if it were abused.

Lee Chapel Juniors are very keen on sports, both indoor and outdoor. Their netball team has not lost a match during the present school year, although they drew two. When the football field is too muddy to permit a game, the boys play shinty on the athletica court. The area sports were held at the school last year. Badminton and table tennis are two indoor sports on which the children are very keen. The table tennis tables were made by the Headmaster himself.

The children also take part in the choral and country dancing festivals. When it comes to country dancing the boys are as keen as the girls.



As part of their mathematics they turn themselves into other things.





## It's an Amazon village!



With paper, cane and paint these first-year children are constructing a model Amazon village. The hardest job was to get the clay base flat and neat!

## THEY GET THEIR CRISPS AT SCHOOL!



The Tuck Shop is a favourite feature with all the children, and they run it themselves. They do all their own ordering, and their colleagues will be very hard on them, indeed, if they run out of anything! One of the teachers takes care of the money for them after each session.



The children seen in the picture above are potting begonias in small pots and covering them with polythene bags, which keep the corms moist and encourage the growth. When the plants are large enough they will fill the tubs on the paved area outside the school.

The care of pets is a vital lesson, taken very seriously by the children. Katherine O'Dell, seen in the picture on the right with Cindy, the rabbit, does the house-keeping and shopping for the animals' food. Jacqueline Vince holds "The Colonel" — the guinea pig, named by the children "because he has so many stripes!" Centre is Elaine Smith with Sandy, the hamster.



ford Daden, both nine, enjoy gardening lessons. The children's gardens surrounding the school beautifully neat.



Lessons are inter related at the school. Although these young people are hand-weaving, this is part of their geography lesson. They are learning about textiles — where they are made, the spinning industry, where the raw materials originate, etc. The children are Linda Radford, Larry Killick and Linda Pople, and they are in their third year.



Below: One of the school's interests is the collection of the foil tops from the daily milk bottles. The foil is sold and the money used to buy a guide dog for a blind person.



n make geometric shapes, and then make the shapes Spriggs' class (seen below) made theirs into creatures with faces and other details.





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The bride wore a mini-dress for her wedding at Brentwood Register Office on Saturday, when Miss Maureen Anne Honeyburn, of Curling Tye, Basildon, was married to Mr. Barry Stuart George, also of Curling Tye, Basildon. The bride was given away by her father, and her dress was of white crepe, with a soft feather collar; with it she wore pink shoes, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and carnations.

(Picture by W. J. Charlesworth.)

## THAT BUS BATTLE— UNION REPLY

**SIR.**—With reference to your report on the meeting of Runwell Parish Council to discuss the poor bus service in the Wickford and Runwell area, as Chairman of the 1,1475 branch of the T. and G.V. Union, I would like to pass one or two comments for the members of this body, which covers the membership of all road and platform staff employed by the Eastern National at Basildon Garage.

(1) For the information of the Vice-Chairman of the Council, service 232 which ran from Downham Road to Pitsea via Pound Lane, was withdrawn by the Eastern National for Downham Road in Wickford via Swan Lane, as an urgent emergency measure after receiving information just after midday on Friday, March 3rd, that the crossing between Pound Lane and Cranfield Park Road over the A127 would be closed as and from mid-night on that date, the order being made by the Ministry of Transport. Despite representations made by Company officials, the Ministry was adamant and the crossing was closed at 10 a.m.

on Saturday, March 4th, and this necessitated certain diversions in the route followed to continue the service on an emergency basis.

As anyone with the least common sense would realise the extra services I have mentioned were not sufficient time for the service to maintain the departure times. I am sure that the Eastern National has as little inconvenience as possible to the travelling public, the time-table was operated from the time-table from the White Swan. Mr. Norwood must surely understand that time-table alterations of routes, diversions etc., are subject to the sanction of the Ministry of Transport department. The Public Service Vehicle Licence when heavy passenger vehicles are travelling over highways which are maintained at public expense.

(2) Referring to the complaint of bad service between Runwell and Wickford it has been provided very few passengers travel between these two points, other than on market days. This has been proved not only by platform staff loading sheets, but by uniformed supervisory staff, and, possibly, by plainclothes staff unknown to the crew operating the service, and I can assure Mr. Len Woolard that none of these personnel tend to take fares without issuing tickets.

The branch of the Union take great exception to the remarks passed by Mr. Woolard and suggest he support his statement with undeniable proof, or retract.

(3) With regard to late operation, it must be some considerable time since some members of the Council left their cars at home and travelled on a bus to Pitsea via Pound Lane. During the redevelopment of the Pound Lane area, it is quite possible that an average size car may get through from one end to the other with very little delay, but it is an entirely different proposition driving a vehicle carrying the public which is 30 feet long, eight feet wide and weighs more than seven tons over the same road. The slightest misjudgment and the edge of the road collapses and a bad accident occurs. Therefore, a great deal of care has to be taken, and this very often means waiting some considerable time until the road is clear enough for the vehicle to proceed.

(4) May I sum up this letter by quoting the Parish Council Chairman when he states: "We never seem to be able to offer any concrete evidence of delays and so on."

I submit this remark is the whole basis of the so-called "battle" and that certain people are manufacturing ammunition for other people to fire, and I suggest that Runwell Parish Council examine and make absolutely sure that this ammunition does not contain a large percentage of blanks before going into battle with it.

For and on behalf of this, the 1,1475 branch T.G.V.U.,  
**A. L. PRYOR-BENNETT**  
Chairman, 8, Barrington Gardens, Basildon.

**BUSINESS LUNCHEON**  
The monthly business luncheon meeting of Billericay Rotary Club was held on Monday at the Archer Hall annex when reports were received from the aims and objects committees, Rotarian Lesley Kersey presided and there were 24 members present.

## Billericay ghost town?

(Continued from Front Page)

The report also says that the town is a "ghost town" and that the new buildings should be designed with these in mind.

"They are often forgotten by people who carry out schemes on outside the town. They fulfil the technical problems to the character of the town. Townscape details have been implemented by the Council since the firm became their agents."

"We have been their advisers on every planning application which has gone in to the Local Street during that time," he said. "We have seen our small sketches, and we have often met the applicants or their representatives to discuss their applications. We have done a lot of good to the architecture of the new buildings which are now going up."

The firm had found the Council very strong and very positive in their approach to the applications and this was a tremendous help. He hoped they would always remain as firm.

Mr. Grenfell Balnes said it was necessary if Billericay was not to suffer from the pressure which the huge collectives and multiples could exert.

"They were due to come to Billericay," he said. "It's life and Billericay must go on living, it can't just be a museum, but without this control we all know what happens — small towns are ruined."

"The multiples are used to getting their own way when developing, and this can be dangerous."

### LONG-TERM VIEWS

Continuing his explanation of the recommendations, Mr. Rock said the other important part of the report was the long-term view. The firm saw their recommendations as a framework on which to base future development.

In 30 years time the town could be as we propose, but it never will be because we don't know what pressures will come about. The importance of our recommendations is that they provide a background character."

Mr. Grenfell Balnes said they provided guidance as to the future of the town centre. They were not intended to form a rigid plan.

An example of this was the treatment of traffic. The report proposed total exclusion, but it might be that exclusion of through traffic and the difficulty of acquiring backland for car parks would induce the local authority to allow local traffic in to some degree.

"We are not for or against total exclusion," he said. "We are trying to find the right balance."

This attitude was welcomed by Mr. Tim Rock and he was also pleased to know that the Council were seeking public comment about the report at a public meeting at the Archer Memorial Hall on April 5th.

The Civic Trust feel it is essential that the public should be involved and should discuss the recommendations, he said.

The report, with sketches and diagrams, will be on view from 10.30 a.m. until the meeting starts at 8.15 p.m.

## INSURANCES OFFENCES

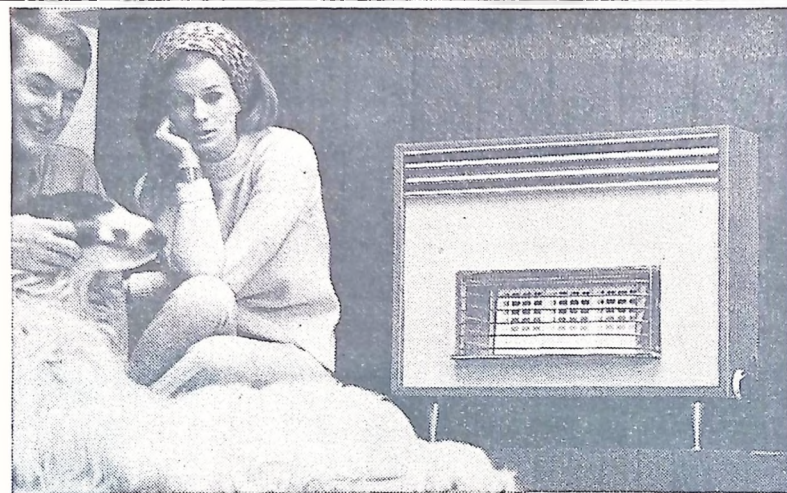
Self-employed shopkeeper, Albert Sansum, of Southend Road, Billericay, pleaded guilty at Billericay on Tuesday to failing to pay insurance contributions for himself and one employee.

Sansum, who was stated to have a previous conviction for failing to pay contributions in respect of himself and three employees, was fined £10 on each offence and ordered to pay arrears totalling £128 13s. 10d. within 28 days.



St. Basil's Church, Basildon, was the scene on Saturday of the wedding of Mr. Michael Taylor, of Southend Road, Billericay, and Miss Hannah Davy, of The Glades, Vane. Father Mahoney officiated. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length white crepe dress and coat. Embroidered, lace-trimmed, and flowered. Her hair and carried a bouquet of white (her cousin), who wore a dress of white crepe trimmed with maroon velvet. The page boy was Master Kevin Bunn (another cousin of the bride), who wore a suit of maroon velvet, with a satin shirt and white lace cravat and cuffs. The best man was Mr. Raymond Taylor. After the reception the couple left to spend their honeymoon in Malaga.

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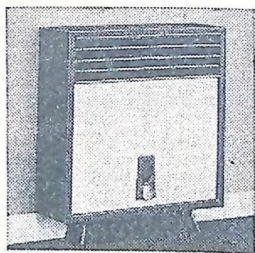
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# INDIANS ON THE WARPATH!



Cowboys and Indians from Class 4R who took part in "The Battle of the Little Big Horn" in Greensted Junior School's concert last week.

## Wickford bridegroom



Mr. Adrian Edward Bond, of Elder Avenue, Wickford, was married on Saturday at Brentwood Register Office, to Miss Bronwyn Frances Doubs, of Highland Way, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft.

The bride was given away by her father and wore a short dress and coat of white lace, with pink accessories.

The best man was Mr. Nicholas Leigh-Hunt, and the couple are spending their honeymoon in Cornwall.

(Stan Caldwell)

## IT'S FUN DRESSING UP!



At Billericay Girls' Brigade annual display the seniors formed themselves into some alarming pyramids.



Some of the children of Class 2B, Greensted Junior School, who performed "East of the Sun" in the school's concert last week.



Mr. Anthony John Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Palmer, of Oakhurst Drive, Wickford, married Miss Lynette Ann Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Leonard, of Castle Road, Hadleigh, at St. James-the-Less Church on Saturday. Rev. J. D. Hughes conducted the service. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a cream-ribbed satin gown with a train and pillbox hat. She carried a prayer book with a spray of tea roses and freesia. She was attended by the Misses Christine Davies and Christine Johnson. Mr. Brian Spurling was best man.

(Richardsons, Leigh)



Members of the Basildon East women's section Labour Party who left Basildon by coach on Monday evening for a visit to the House of Commons to meet the M.P. for Brentwood and Billericay, Mr. Eric Moonman.



# Small majority say "yes" to Billericay Plan

**BILLERICAY RESIDENTS** are marginally in favour of the precinct plan for Billericay High Street, a special survey revealed this week. Fifty-three per cent of people questioned on the plan's proposals welcomed the idea and 49 per cent thought it would make the street more attractive.

The survey was carried out as part of Billericay Young Conservatives' community service activities, who wanted to test public opinion on the controversial plan.

"We hope the results of the survey will prove useful and relevant in any further discussion," said their Vice-Chairman (Mr. Christopher Cannon) this week.

Of 158 people asked if they had studied the proposals 58 replied in negative. As 100 "Yes" answers were required the "Noes" were recorded, but were not asked any further questions.

Therefore, just over one-third of all people asked the question had not read about the plan.

Three other questions were asked in the survey, which was held in the High Street. The percentages recorded in the answers to these questions were percentages of the 100 people who replied "Yes."

Fifty-three per cent welcomed the proposed plan, 40 per cent didn't

and seven per cent had no opinion.

The plan would make the High Street more attractive thought 49 per cent; 42 per cent thought it would make it less attractive, while five per cent said there would be no difference and four per cent had no opinion.

The question: Which is the most desirable feature of the plan? was answered as follows:—

No traffic 56 per cent; appearance 11 per cent; progress one per cent; no opinion 32 per cent. The least desirable feature of the plan was loss of character of the street thought 45 per cent; eight per cent thought it would damage trade; six per cent said the cost of development; and 41 per cent had no opinion.

## NUMBERING UP

Numbering of Bromfords Drive, Wickford, has been approved by Basildon Council's Works Committee Chairman.

## Laindon W.I.

Colour films, sponsored by the North Thames Gas Board entertained Laindon W.I. One film was about citrus fruits and their culinary uses, another dealt with modern gas appliances, and another showing progress in the home from the 19th Century. In the second competition Mrs. Wilkes won first prize. The bring-and-bury table manned by Mrs. Harris helped to swell the funds, and the cakes for this month's meeting were made by Mrs. Swift.

## OLD AND NEW

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White gave a most enjoyable concert to the members of the Laindon Darby and Joan Club at their weekly meeting on Friday. They gave a programme of songs, old and new, on piano, drums and electric organ. Songs were sung by Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lockert, Mrs. Hayben, Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Harrison. Afterwards they were accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Sick members were remembered, and sent a little kit from the Sick Fund, with the best wishes of their colleagues for their recovery. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Divine, Mrs. Strutt, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Lockitt, and Mrs. Larwood. The Chairman, Mr. Hardy, thanked all who had brought gifts for the raffle, and the meeting closed with the singing of the usual hymn.

# VALERIE THRILLED THE OLD FOLK



"The best turn we've ever had," was how the members of Basildon No. 1 branch O.A.P. felt about Valerie Wilson, who entertained them at their meeting on Friday week at Vange Community Hall. Valerie, who is 14, gave a non-stop one-girl show to the members, of dances, songs, miming and accordion music. To attend the old folk's meeting she had to get special permission to be absent from Timberlog School. Valerie is well known locally for the shows she puts on for charity. Two years running she has been awarded a special prize by the National Association for the Deaf, for raising most money for them. She is specially interested in deaf children, and her band of helpers, whom she calls the Leprechauns, run jumble sales, man bazaar stalls and hold collections throughout the year for this particular charity.

## Met the Committee

The new Buttsbury Ward of Billericay Conservative Association met at Buttsbury Primary School on Monday, when members were given the opportunity of meeting their committee, four Basildon councillors — Messrs. Withington, Chapman, Field and Stockley — and Mr. E. Hobbs, prospective candidate for the County Council elections.

# Banned driver sent to jail

**FOUND GUILTY** of driving while disqualified, George Clack (36), demolition worker, of Cranfield Park Road, Wickford, was jailed for 12 months and disqualified for five years at Essex Quarter Sessions on Thursday week.

His wife, Lillian Daphne Clack (33), of Friar Street, Sudbury, Suffolk, was found not guilty of aiding and abetting the Court upholding a submission at the end of the prosecution's case that there was insufficient evidence against her.

Mr. David Knight (prosecuting) said in January, 1963, Clack was convicted at Billericay for driving without due care and attention and disqualified from driving until he passed his test.

Last July he was seen driving a car at Basildon, while his wife sat beside him. When a Police officer told him he understood he had no licence, Clack replied: "Of course I do." He could not produce a licence, and, when asked if he had passed his test, answered, "Of course I have." He said he would produce his licence at a Police Station, but failed to do so.

## "THE SPOKE IN"

Mrs. Clack told the Police that the car was registered in her name. Her husband then produced a provisional licence which expired in 1964. He was asked if he had taken a driving test and replied, "I took three tests. Someone put the spoke in for me and I failed. I never bothered again because

they kept failing me."

On August 16th, 1966, which was after the date of the offence, Clack applied for a provisional licence. This was granted, but later revoked.

Clack told the jury he thought he was covered to drive because his wife sent in an application for a provisional licence for him before he was stopped by the Police. He thought the licence was effective from the date the application was received at County Hall.

Det.-Con. Robin Connell reported that Clack had made 29 previous Court appearances, including 16 in respect of motor offences. There had been matrimonial differences and he and his wife were living apart.

Mr. Paul Parnell (defending) said Clack was suffering from a persecution complex. He felt he had been unfairly treated and mistakenly believed he was entitled to drive.

## Council want land

Basildon Council are to enter into negotiations with Link Homes, Ltd., for land forming part of their development of Brightside, Billericay. The Council want the land for access to their mountaineering Brook watercourse. The negotiations have been approved by the Chairman, Works Committee.

# GIRLS' BRIGADE IS EXPANDING

**THE 1st BILLERICAY** Company of the Girls' Brigade are part of an expanding organisation. That was the message for them from the Chairman, Major I. Hunt (Deputy Commissioner of the Greenwich and Bexley Division), at their 14th annual display at the Mayflower Hall on Saturday.

Major Hunt was not only referring to the recent amalgamation with the Girls' Guidry and the Girls' Brigade of Ireland. The organisation was growing with great rapidity overseas, she pointed out. It was making great strides in Africa, she said governments there

were often suspicious of Western ideas, but found the Girls' Brigade acceptable, and in this way the Brigade had an important influence.

Major Hunt was at the display at the invitation of the Company's Captain (Mrs. Valerie Pettifer), who worked with her in Kent before moving to Billericay.



Helpers and guests seen at Fryerns Baptist Church Fellowship tea held on Saturday in the Youth Hall.



Billericay Girls' Brigade gave their annual display at the Mayflower Hall, Billericay, on Saturday evening. Our picture shows the Cadets.



# ★ COUNTY YOUTH DRAMA FESTIVAL ★



## Half a mark made Billericay the winners

MOST OUTSTANDING actress of the evening was undoubtedly Miss Mary Komlosy, the adjudicator at the County Youth Drama Festival Round at Laindon on Saturday.

In her remarks to the three groups of contestants she gave helpful and constructive criticism. She acted out for them each part which she thought could be improved, and all three groups would do well to try to emulate her beautiful diction.

Her choice was extremely difficult, since two of the groups had earned the same number of marks; and it was only after careful deliberation that she finally awarded a further half mark to Billericay Youth Centre, which sends them forward to the final.

### "A NIGHT OUT"

Their choice of play was Harold Pinter's "A Night Out," described as a difficult play by the adjudicator, with a theme of despair and loneliness. The action of the play appeared to drag at times, especially in the wordy and repetitive passages of dialogue; and certain members of the cast seemed far from happy in their roles. Jenny Fisher was good as the ever-nagging mother and Martin Cozens gave an excellent cameo of a coffee-stall barman. The play was produced by Martin Canter, a drama teacher and member of the Billericay Folk Players.

### "THE GUTT FAMILY"

Jean Prosho, who wrote the play for the Basildon Congregational Youth Group entitled "The Gutt Family,"

heard from a member of the audience, it should be remembered that these children did not have the advantage of a professional producer and that this was entirely their own work from start to finish.

### "PLAYGOERS"

The play given by Woodlands Youth Centre, "Playgoers," by Arthur Pinero, was a period play and the costumes were excellent.

Anne-Marie Caviglioli, as a light most lacking, was really funny; so was the Oddman, played by Jeremy Hendry. The set was good, too, and earned the praise of the adjudicator. The chief fault of the cast was poor diction—

Basildon Congregational Youth Group presented "The Gutt Family," written by Jean Prosho, a 16-years-old hairdresser's apprentice. Jean is a member of the Youth Group.

some of the words were quite inaudible from half-way down the hall. Nevertheless, they appeared to enjoy their parts and, with a little polishing, could have here a play well worth seeing.

The casts of the plays were:

"A Night Out," Billericay Youth Centre—Albert Stokes, Len Hill; Mrs. Stokes, Jenny Fisher; Seeley, Chris Alnutt; Kedge, John Pike; Barman and Horne, Martin Cozens; Odd Man and Mr. Ryan, Ken Cleve; Mr. King, Robert



The Woodlands Youth Centre, who presented "Playgoers," by Arthur Pinero, at the County Youth Drama Festival.

Rigby; Gidney, Malcolm Lindwell; Joyce, Danielle Stone; Eileen, Pamela Routledge; Betty, Gloria Wood; voice of the prostitute, Jenny Fisher. Producer, Martin Canter.

"The Gutt Family," Basildon Congregational Youth Group—Narrator, Susan Ladyman; Father, Christine Prosho; Mother, Linda Prosho; Teenage Daughter, Janet Bean; Young Son, Christine Biles; Young Daughter, Carole Cramer; Tutor, Linda Staines. Producer was Susan Ladyman.

"Playgoers," Woodlands Youth Centre—Master, Andrew Gibson; Mistress, Jennifer Mellers; Cook, Jean Bastin; Kitchen Maid, Deborah Gibson; Parlour Maid, Susan Pope; Housemaid, Pat Foster; Useful Maid, Anne-Marie Caviglioli; Old Man, Jeremy Hendry. Producer, Mr. M. Munson.

## A NEW QUEEN'S SCOUT



Mr. John Elvin, Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, presents Raymond Wilson (17) with his Queens Scout Badge at the Scout H.Q., Beech Road, Vange, on Friday.



The bride and groom, Mr. Peter Alan Halliday, of Newington Avenue, Southend, and his bride, the former Miss Ivy Patricia Liddiard, of Pound Lane, Pitsea, who were married at St. Margaret's, Bowers Clandon, on Saturday. (Picture by Hailbrook Photography).



Above are Mr. Peter Alan Halliday, of Newington Avenue, Southend, and his bride, the former Miss Ivy Patricia Liddiard, of Pound Lane, Pitsea, who were married at St. Margaret's, Bowers Clandon, on Saturday. (Picture by Hailbrook Photography).

Below: Mr. David Pollard, of Arterial Road, Laindon, married Miss Irene Betty John, of Mothersgate, Basildon, at St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Carol Ann Weston and Jill Livesy, and Mr. Terence Marks was best man.



(Flores Photography)



Billericay Youth Centre, who presented "A Night Out" by Harold Pinter. They won the round, by a half-mark.



# PITSEA CRUSH PRIORS' HOPES

Pitsea United 3, Priors Athletic 0  
IN A NIGHTMARE match which players and spectators will want to forget quickly, Pitsea United fumbled their way on an atrocious pitch to the semi-finals of the Sunday League's Charity Cup on Sunday.

Kick-off with the strong wind at their backs, Pitsea made a promising start when right-winger Keith Sadler crashed home a low drive from an immaculate Wilshire free-kick after only five minutes.

Instead of inspiring them to greater things, the goal reduced Pitsea to midcourt and the game consequently developed into a kick and rush affair.

With most of the play packed into midfield there was little incident before half-time, although both sides missed good chances of putting Pitsea further ahead at the break.

With the wind in their favour in the second half, Pitsea began to take the game more seriously, but they failed to beat the slick United defence and continued to fall into the offside trap.

Pitsea began to fare a little better against the wind, but the big-kicking Priors' defence stopped them getting into top gear.

The score remained at 1-0 until 15 minutes from the end when the Priors goalkeeper brought down Fredericks and Wilshire struck home the penalty.

Five minutes later Stan Clifton scored a fine third goal to settle the issue. On this display Pitsea will have to pull the best of tricks to overcome the strong Pegasus side in the semi-finals.

## QUICKEST GOAL?

**STABILITY 4, GILBARCO 3**  
WHAT is the quickest goal in the Sunday League? Players and spectators were asking this on Sunday when Stability's McGuen netted straight from the kick-off against Gilbarco.

Gilbarco took a long time to get into gear. Generally they lacked Stability's pace and quick raid and were rarely able to shake off the tight grip of the home defence.

In the 15th minute Stability increased their lead. T. Darroch taking the ball cleverly down the left-wing, beating the defender and sending in a long sweeping shot which the goalkeeper could only help into the net.

Five minutes later Stability made it 3-0 when Giles went off on a wing and after cutting inside slammed a first-time into the net from outside the penalty box.

As the game went on Stability, with their three goals lead, began to take things far too casually and the slackness allowed Gilbarco to pull back two goals in five minutes before half-time.

In the second half Gilbarco showed much more fight and put a great deal of pressure on Stability. They had numerous good scoring chances, but failed to take them.

In the 18th minute Gilbarco made their biggest mistake by bringing up most of their players into attack. By doing so they left their defence wide open as a clearance by Smith showed. The ball was picked up by Darroch who swung it across for P. Ryan to notch a good goal for Stability.

Gilbarco replied again just before time, but it was too late to change the result.

## Nine men get a point

**DOUBLE SIX "A" 1, WASS PRITCHARD 1**  
WITH THE Sunday League's Division II championship already in the bag, the Double Six mustered only nine players for this match and still managed a point.

Wass Pritchard had a golden chance to topple the champions when they lined up at the start with the wind at their backs and only seven men in the opposition.

As it was they only managed to score once during this spell when goalkeeper Hudspeth was caught off his line by a long shot which sailed into the net.

Two more players then arrived for the Six who went out for an equaliser, with

Brian Hudspeth having a great game covering up errors in defence and sharking off attacks.

But the goal was denied them until the second half when, from Callaghan's pass, Haise hit a shot home off the goalkeeper's fingers.

Considering the state of the pitch and the strong wind, both sides managed to play good football until the end.

With a New Lodge win, Hudspeth were the Double Six's stars.

## TEMPERS FRAYED

**OUTWOOD COMMON 2, B.E.N.O.C. 3**  
B.E.N.O.C. CLINCHED runners-up position in the Basildon Sunday League (Division II) by beating rivals Outwood Common in a temper-frayed match at New Lodge on Sunday.

The goal which put the Buses on the road to victory came in the 25th minute when a shot from outside-left Peter Lake caught the wind and swerved into the top of the net.

The strong wind ruined many good moves, but just on half-time the Buses increased their lead when a back pass to the Outwood goalkeeper was intercepted and headed home by Lake.

B.E.N.O.C. were forced to defend desperately against the wind in the second half before Outwood pulled back a goal through Alan Clifton, who netted with a powerful free-kick from just outside the penalty area.

Shortly afterwards, with Common's defence appearing shaky, B.E.N.O.C. streaked away on a 30-yard goal before pulling the third goal back through Fredell.

The goal took Benham over the quarter for the season. Tempers became frayed after this goal and many petty fouls were committed by both sides.

The standard of play deteriorated as a result, but Dave Andrews did manage to head home a second goal for the Common.

Defeat was a sad end for the Common, who had five minutes for men for 80 minutes after Bolman had injured a knee.

## SORRENTO RESUME BID FOR TITLE

**Double Six 1, Sorrento 4**

AFTER THEIR heavy cup defeat, Sorrento came back to resume their title challenge with a comfortable Sunday League win over Double Six on Sunday.

With the wind at their backs in the second half, Double Six forced the pace in the early stages and Williams was unlucky when one of his shots hit the foot of a post.

On another occasion a hasty clearance by Brennan saved the day for Sorrento. When play switched to the other end Sorrento were awarded a penalty and Mullen put them ahead.

Just before half-time Madder equalised from a penalty for the Six a few minutes after Williams had got the ball into the net only to have two of his colleagues ruled offside.

With the wind in the second half, Sorrento stormed into attack and from the second of two quick corners, Mullen went close with a shot into the side netting, then a Finch free-kick hit a post.

With the Six playing good constructive football, the game was in the balance for a while until Savelli, following up a free-kick, forced the ball home for Sorrento.

Five minutes later Duttin fired in number three from 30 yards.

Sorrento's final goal was awarded for perseverance. Savelli chased and fought for the ball, which from loss of touch he picked it up, worked his way past two men and when the keeper shot, Savelli pushed the ball home.

## GREGORY HAT-TRICK

**OUTWOOD COMMON 5, CANVEY "A" 1**

REPEATING THEIR away victory and to complete the double over Canvey "A", Outwood Common moved above them into the position in the Basildon Sunday League First Division at New Lodge Recreation Ground, Billericay, this week.

Outwood were only one goal ahead at the break, left-winger Don Blount scoring, but by the second half they were well on top.

Inside-right Tony Babb increased their lead and then right-winger Dave Gregory scored a fine free-kick to put the result beyond doubt.

Canvey got a consolation goal from the penalty spot in the last few minutes, despite a brave effort from keeper George Wilmsons, who played with a suspected hernia and made several fine saves.

## GROOM ON TARGET

**SORRENTO "A" 2, SHELL 0**

SORRENTO TOOK another step towards the championship when they won the Basildon Sunday League with this win against an improved Shell side.

Sorrento kicked off with the wind behind them, and soon Shell pinned in their own half. Both sides found the ball difficult to control on the hard ground.

Then Batchelor, making his debut for the side, started the move which led to Sorrento's first goal. He passed to Savelli, who later controlled, and Card headed to Groom who put Sorrento 1-0 up.

Mullen and a later goal shot punched over and then Wenn had a good long shot saved.

Despite the pressure, the score was 1-0 at half-time, and this was hardly enough sufficient in view of the wind they had to face in the second half.

In fact settled down after the interval, and played some far better football. Mullen was first in action after the break, doing well to deflect a Shell shot.

Then Sorrento came back into the attack. Teebe went to the net, but his shot was three men, but had his shot saved. Minutes later Savelli centred, the ball ran out on the opposite wing, and Groom headed in a nasty cross which was the only push into his own net.

Card came near to increasing the score with a hard header after this, but the keeper made a terrific save, and Shell held their own for the remainder of the match.

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# Great victory for Outwood

**OUTWOOD COMMON 4, WARREN 3**

WARREN'S SPECTACULAR unbeaten run against Mid-Essex League Second Division opponents came to an end in the semi-final of the League Cup on Saturday, when they clashed with Outwood Common, their main rivals for the league title.

Outwood shocked Warren with a goal after only five minutes, led 2-1 at the break, and kept their nerve in front until the final whistle. They triumphed by sticking to their main batch of four men by Manager Reg Fockett.

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Outwood did not need the penalty, it was all over in the second half. Newman, Ginnell, Fletcher, (1), Babb, Andrews, (1), Babb, Baker, (1), Fockett, Moul, West.

## Cubs battle for trophy

**15TH WICKFORD CUBS 9, THE ELLIS CUBS 6**

THE WICKFORD football club's season was won by the 15th Wickford team on Saturday, when they beat 1st Wickford 3-0 at the final, Recreation Ground in the final.

After leading 1-0 at the interval, the 15th Wickford netted twice more in the second half without reply.

For most of the first half both teams played well, but the 15th forwards looked more dangerous near goal.

After 10 minutes a long pass from A. Woodhead gave K. Morrell the chance to put his side ahead. A few minutes later, however, the 15th netted, but the referee gave a free-kick for a foul against the keeper.

Five minutes after the break, Woodhead put the 15th two goals ahead, and although the 1st Wickford applied strong pressure, the opposing defence gave nothing away.

Near the close Morrell netted from close range to settle the issue.

This was the second time in the four years the team have won the trophy. The Cup was presented by the 15th Town Player Denis Diller.

At Wickford, S. Heaney, E. Bowditch, K. Morrell, S. Daniels.

## NETBALL TUSSLES

THE WEATHER was more suitable for netball than for some time, when three Craylands teams met three from Fryerns.

Craylands' last week's match was close, but rather slow and uninteresting. Fryerns finally won 9-8. The 2nd Year was exciting, but play was a little slow. Fryerns won 10-7. The 1st Year game was the best of the lot, and was won by Craylands 9-7.

## FRYERNS TO GO FOR NEWHAM SIDE

**Fryerns Grammar School 2, Thomas Leatherby School (Newham) 0**

MAGNIFICENT IS a fitting word to describe Fryerns' football. The score-line gives little indication of just how they beat their Newham opponents in the quarter-final of the Cook Cup on Saturday morning, writes

**PETER ALLEN.**

They dominated from start to finish, and a constantly split defence in the defence. But just as consistently Fryerns won the second half and not until a long overdue goal.

Within minutes of the start of the game, Fryerns began to weave his patterns across the field, and he quick v. rolling the ball, beating his way through the defence in a manner which made him stand out from even the other fine Fryerns players.

Gilmore, a fast and futuristic winger, was first to have a clear-cut chance, but he missed the ball wide of a post.

Because of bad handling, and a poor defensive play, Fryerns lost the lead to Thomas Leatherby 1-0.

Towards the end of the first half Gibbs was pulled down in Fryerns' area, and house, ran up to take the penalty. But the Leatherby keeper, Moore, saved it, and the goal was saved to put the Fryerns defence at bay.

Moorehouse scoring.

## FRYERNS END WITH FINE WIN

**FRYERNS (BASILDON) 4, THUNDERLEY 0**

With the league championship already under their belt, Fryerns ended their home campaign with a good win over Thunderley and Madlad on Saturday.

Kicking against the wind in the first half, Fryerns won about the game in a fine display of skill and teamwork. Their play was not hindered by the strong wind, and they went through Tointon's defence and cracked the ball past the outlying goalkeeper.

After this the game moved from end to end and after the first half had been equalised, their play was not hindered by the strong wind, and they went through Tointon's defence and cracked the ball past the outlying goalkeeper.

The second half saw Fryerns really nutting on pressure and attack after the break. After only five minutes Garner netted a lively ball, ran on and hit home under goal.

Craven, who moved on to the wing, indirectly resulted in the best goal of the match. The ball was crossed from one wing to the other and Hawke slammed home an unstoppable shot.

Madlad pulled one back from a penalty, but Fryerns remained on top and following a courageous run by Craven, Tointon duly made the score 2-2 from his pass.

## Shock from Chesterhall

**LAINDON HOTEL UNITED 1, CHESTERHALL 0**

LOWLY CHESTERHALL sprang a surprise by putting it across off-form Laindon in a Sunday Premier Division game on Sunday.

Chesterhall's brilliant start—They scored twice in the first half—was enough to settle the destiny of the points.

Laindon made a gallant effort, but the early setbacks and in the 38th minute reduced the arrears when Tointon converted a pass by Leamans.

Before half-time Laindon's Payne should have equalised, but he missed the easiest of chances.

In the second half Chesterhall notched their third goal in the 45th minute, and although both sides tried hard afterwards, this completed the scoring.

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## Welsh rugby visitors too strong

boys FROM Merthyr Tydfil Grammar School, Wales, on tour in Basildon last weekend, proved a little too strong in their rugby games with the Basildon team.

On Friday the Welsh boys from Craylands Secondary School, who were hosts for this tour, and best them by 10 points to eight. Then, on Saturday, the combined Basildon School's team, with four players from Hasenbrook, two from Woodlands, and the remainder from Craylands, played the visitors. They held the Welsh boys in a far more convincing manner, and in fact, took a 5-3 lead at one stage, when Doughty (Woodlands) scored a try and Mitchell converted.

In the second half the Basildon boys looked to be well on the way to victory, but the Welsh fought back strongly, and with a late try took the match 6-3. Their other three points came from a first-half penalty.

Finally, on Monday they played Craylands in a football match, won by Craylands 3-2.

## Basildon success at Welwyn

BASILDON WALKED away with the Inter New Towns cross-country championship at Welwyn Garden City on Sunday. They scored 185 points compared with Corby's 181 and Welwyn's 165.

First home for Basildon in the senior/junior race was Cy Knibb, who came sixth in 22m 14s, but the next four Basildon runners were all packed in between ninth and 15th.

Paul Bishop, who came fourth, was first home for Basildon in the junior/boys race. Basildon positions and times: Senior/Junior—C. Knibb, 22m 14s; A. Rogers, 22m 16s; D. M. Jones, 22m 16s; 11. 12m 46s; 9. W. Webber, 15m 24s; 12. B. Layzell, 15m 14s; 13. D. Angier, 15m 54s; 20. J. Olney, 16m 54s.

In Basildon Athletic Club's school race on Saturday, Basildon's team won the second with 44 points. W. Webber (Southend College of Technology) led most of the way and won convincingly in 8m 31s. Gerald Jeffery (Laundon) was second in 8m 54s and Gareth Munson (Basildon) third in 9m 51s.

## Plea for more dressing room security

CALLING ON Basildon Council to improve the security of dressing rooms at Gloucester Park, the Sports Council were left unlocked during a recent match.

It was alleged windows had been broken and items stolen because of a poor security.

The Council view was explained in a letter from Mr. Albert Farrington, about liability for losses, by the Council. "Responsibility for the property within the dressing rooms is the responsibility of the individual concerned."

Mr. Farrington points out that "anybody who should therefore be left unlocked and the responsibility of the individual concerned."

The meeting decided on Thursday that if the dressing rooms were left unlocked, the risk of theft would be too great.

## Badminton notes BARSTABLE WELL BEATEN BY S.T.C.

Barstable 0, Standard Telephones 9

S.T.C. were far too good for Barstable in this Basildon Badminton League mixed pairs league match at Vange on Friday. There was a spell in the second game when it looked as if Barstable might make some impression on the visitors.

Alan Myers and Mary Abbey took the first leg 18-14 and narrowly lost the second 15-12 but faded rather badly in the deciding third.

In the third game too, Eric Vile and Pat Hunt lost the visitors close in the first leg losing 18-17, but the edge went from their play in the second and they went down 15-9.

After that S.T.C. dominated the play and came out comfortable winners without dropping a game.

Peter Hyde and Miss Angela Cringle (Barstable) lost to J. Devlin and Mrs. E. Strilling 3-15, 0-15; lost to N. Hopper and Mrs. M. Hopper 1-21; lost to A. Drake and Mrs. E. Drake 3-15, 0-15.

Alan Myers and Mary Abbey (Barstable) lost to J. Devlin and Mrs. E. Strilling 6-15, 4-15; lost to N. Hopper and Mrs. M. Hopper 18-14, 12-15; lost to A. Drake and Mrs. E. Drake 16-21.

Eric Vile and Mrs. Pat Hunt (Barstable) lost to J. Devlin and Mrs. E. Strilling 3-15, 0-15; lost to A. Drake and Mrs. E. Drake 15-21.

## Fairhouse are champions

FAIRHOUSE made one of becoming champions of the Basildon Junior Schools Badminton League when they beat Manor at Fairhouse School last week. They have completed their fixtures with only one defeat and one draw.

Although hampered by a ceiling much lower than their own, Manor fought strongly from the start, and took the first game 7-1. Jeffery Palmer and Carroll Haynes started the second game the same way and on built up a 6-1 lead. Then David Walker and Candy Burkett (Fairhouse) took the game level at 6-6, and finally won 7-6.

The third game was again even, with the Fairhouse pair of Tony Jenner and Valerie Bell were on match point at 6-5 they were away to win the game. Then David Hinkley and Lesley Hunt gave the initiative back by fluffing both their serves, and this time the Fairhouse pair made no mistake.

When Glyn Reddon and Janet Baker won the sixth game to give Fairhouse an unassailable lead, the home team became a little too confident and lost the next game, before answering to take the last two games.

Raymond Newham and Christine Raynold played very well for Manor.

Glyn Reddon and Janet Baker (Fairhouse) lost to Raymond Newham and Christine Raynold 1-7; beat Jeffery Palmer and Carroll Haynes 7-3; beat David Hinkley and Lesley Hunt 7-1.

David Walker and Candy Burkett (Fairhouse) beat Raymond Newham and Christine Raynold 7-3; beat Jeffery Palmer and Carroll Haynes 7-6; beat David Hinkley and Lesley Hunt 7-0.

Tony Jenner and Valerie Bell (Fairhouse) lost to Raymond Newham and Christine Raynold 6-9; beat Jeffery Palmer and Carroll Haynes 7-3; beat David Hinkley and Lesley Hunt 7-6.

## IMPORTANT MEETING

IS THE New Town ready for a Basildon football team? This will be one of the topics at Basildon Sports Council's ball season's annual meeting. I hope every club will be represented in this important meeting," said Chairman George Morris.

The meeting is on Thursday, May 4th.

What form a new trophy competition should take will also be discussed then.

## SWIMMING TITLES CLAIMED

CRAYLANDS Youth Centre won the girls' relay and Timberlog Youth Centre the boys' race when the Basildon Area Youth Centre swimming championships were held last week.

Results were: Boys Under 15—Breaststroke: Neil Warren (Nicholas); Freestyle: 1. N. Warren (Nicholas); 2. Gordon Small (Timberlog); Diving: 1. Steven Rich (Nicholas); 2. Gordon Small (Timberlog); 3. Ben Holdgate (Timberlog); Boy Over 15—Breaststroke: 1. Tony Weald (Craylands); 2. Stephen Mella (Timberlog); 3. Peter Ridges (Craylands); Freestyle: 1. Stephen Mella (Timberlog); 2. Stephen Hesse (Billericay); 3. P. Phillips (Craylands); Back stroke: 1. Dave Rich (Nicholas); 2. Tom Toland (Timberlog); Diving: 1. Tom Toland (Timberlog); 2. Peter Phillips (Craylands); 3. Dave Rich (Nicholas); Girls Under 15—Breaststroke: 1. Eileen Toland (Timberlog); Front crawl: 1. Mary Bloor (Timberlog); 2. Pat Wiseman (Timberlog); 3. Heather Taylor (Timberlog); Girls Over 15—Breaststroke: 1. Valerie Becken (Billericay); 2. Maureen Bragg (Timberlog); Front crawl: 1. Susan Root (Nicholas); 2. Sandra Norris (Nicholas); 3. Maureen Bragg (Nicholas); Back crawl: 1. Sandra Norris (Nicholas); 2. Susan Root (Nicholas).

## CARRERAS THIRD

CARRERAS came third and provided second place medal winner in Dave Miano in the Tobacco Trades cross-country at Kingston.

Over the five-mile course, Miano shrugged off the strong wind to finish in 29 mins. 47 secs. The winner was A. Leggett (Molins).

Of the other Carreras runners, Tony Birch was fifth in 35m. 32s; Bill Wright sixth in 35m. 45s and Stuart Manley 25th in 41 minutes.

In the team race Carreras hoped to improve on last year's fourth place, and well led by Miano they scored 24 points for third place only two points behind Willis who finished second. Molins were the winners with 10 points.



Mr. Ted Preedy (left), Area Manager of Kingston Bros. Butchers, presenting the Kingston Bros. Trophy for men's singles knock-out competition to Mr. W. Povey, Secretary of Basildon Golf Club, at the Bulls Eye on Wednesday. Also in the picture is Social Secretary of the club, Mrs. Una Preedy, presenting a cheque for a "Weekend in Paris for two" to Mr. A. Channon. The "Weekend" was first prize at the Club's first social evening raffle last month.

The Merthyr Tydfil Grammar School rugby team, on tour over the weekend in Basildon, pictured before their match with a mixed school rugby XV at Craylands on Saturday morning.

## Schools soccer

### 1-0 for Bryn

Springfield Junior School 0, Bryn Junior School 1

After a goal-less first half, Bryn clinched the points for Bryn with his second-half goal in this Junior Schools league match on Monday.

Swan Mead 1, Bryn Junior School 3

Bryn put themselves in with a chance of finishing runners-up in the league by beating Swan Mead on Tuesday. Two goals by S. Gibson put Bryn 2-0 up at half-time and after M. Vincent had reduced the arrears in the second half, Graham Main settled it for Bryn.

## CENTRAL DARTS TITLE GOES TO MARCONI

MARCONI DULY won their last game of the season against White Lion to retain their two-point lead at the top of the Basildon Central Darts League and clinch the championship.

The top teams won according to form, and Crane were the only team to provide any sort of a shock when they trounced Commodore 9-0.

The best individual performance of the season was undoubtedly that of Frank Hilbert, of Castle Mayne, who won all but three of his league games.

Results last week were: Marconi 8, White Lion 3; Plough and Tractor 6, Vange Club 2; Double Six 7, Colts 2; Gun 4, Marconi 3; Pards 2, Castle Mayne 7; Crane 8, Commodore 0.

Final positions were—

Marconi	17	5	126	72	34
Colts	16	9	108	60	32
Castle Mayne	13	9	108	60	32
Double Six	13	9	116	62	26
Plough & Tractor	13	9	108	60	26
Wingless Horrie	12	10	105	73	24
Colts	11	10	98	59	24
Commodore	9	13	79	118	18
White Lion	8	14	88	114	14
Marconi	7	15	88	114	14
Colts	5	17	73	127	10

With THE Standard's darts league championships virtually settled in favour of the Laundon Crown and the Pitsa Bull, most of the interest is centred round the fight for

# BASILDON TABLE TENNIS St. Peter's win vital clash

IN THE clash of the giants of the Premier Division of the Basildon Table Tennis League, St. Peter's "A" visited and beat Pitsa British Legion "A" last week and thus virtually ensured themselves of the championship.

This was the St. Peter's team's 21st win in the 21 matches they have played this season and, as usual, league singles champion Hugh Stone played a large part. He beat R. Melling 21-11, 12-21, 21-11, then fought out a great battle before beating Fred Lockwood 21-23, 21-12, 21-17, and only completed his trio of victories with an easy win over Ken Sandeman.

Sandeman was beaten in straight sets by all St. Peter's players, and the double pairing of M. Foreman and Mollie was too good for Melling and Lockwood.

Kingswood "B" supplied one of the shocks of the week in the Premier Division when they beat Bonalack "X" six places above them in the league. W. Brien picked up two sets for Kingswood and the other two to make the final score 6-4 to Kingswood.

The Standard Telephones clash with Kingswood "A" ran true to form, with the factory side winning 7-3. M. Watts and S. Pysco, both won all their sets, and they paired to take the doubles as well. In Division 1, Teleflex wiped away the memory of that draw with bottom club Ilford "A". At the same time, they over the lead again when they beat Carreras "A".

Anderson, their number one, beat B. Dawson, of Carreras, 21-15, 19-21, 21-14, and went on to win his other two sets in straight games 21-12, 21-13, and 21-17. This victory puts Teleflex a point ahead of Carreras, but the situation at Carreras, who won 10-3 last week, still leaves the leaders' falls. Ilford "A" were not able to keep up their revival of the previous week, going down 10-0 to Standard "B" who move a little closer in the table to four-placed Marconi "C" who were only able to

draw 5-5 with Wickford "B".

Nalco "A", leaders of Division II, had no match and second-placed Nalco "B" played two matches, winning 5-3 and 10-0. As a result the two teams are now closely looked at the top of table, the "A" team with 68 points and the "B" team with 67 points.

C.S.L., who had an easy 8-1 win over Vange at the head of the week, are their nearest challengers on 62 points. The most exciting match came from Standard "C" and Carreras "B". The result, after a fight back by Carreras, was 6-5.

Finally, on to Division III where Ford Sports carry on their merry way at the head of the table. Last week they met second-placed Timberlog Y.C. and beat them 10-0, thus opening up a 10 points' lead at the head of the table. From 18 matches they have 71 points, a grand record for this season they have lost nine sets in the league.

## Results

Premier Division: Standards "A" 7, Kingswood "A" 3; Pitsa B.L. "A" 4, St. Peter's "A" 6; Kingswood "B" 6, Bonalack "X" 4; Springfield "B" 3, Pitsa "A" 7. Division II: Ilford "A" 0, Standards "B" 10; Carreras "A" 3, Teleflex "A" 7; Ilford "A" 6, Ilford "B" 4; Carreras "B" 10, R. Hoes "B" 0; Shell "A" 5, Pitsa "B" 3; Marconi "C" 5, Wickford "B" 3. Division III: Nalco "B" 8, Vange Church "A" 2; Ilford "C" 4, Kingswood "D" 6; Wickford "A" 7, Vange Church "A" 0; Vange Church "B" 3, Ilford "D" 7; Standards "C" 7, Carreras "C" 10; York Springfield "C" 0, Nalco "B" 10; C.S.L. 9, Vange Church "A" 1. Division IV: Ford Sports 8, Timberlog Y.C. 2; Lee Chapel North 0, Ford Sports 10; St. Nicholas 1, Lee Chapel 5; Lee Chapel 0, Timberlog Y.C. 7; Standard "D" 3, Bonalack "B" 1; Wickford "A" 8.

## Crushed by Barking

BARKING, whose team included England player Chester Barnes, crushed the Basildon Table Tennis League's first team 7-3 in an Essex inter-league match at Basildon on Friday.

In his singles Barnes slaughtered the champions, beating Mick Melling 21-6, 21-3, and beat Mick Ford, who put up a season's best show, 21-12, 21-8.

Basildon's three wins all came from the women's events. Ivie Baker outplayed Mrs. Gallagher to win the ladies' singles, while Brenda Jones topped Mrs. Harvey 2-1, winning a hard-fighting decider.

Partnering each other in the doubles Mrs. Barnes and Miss Jones disposed of the Barking pair in two straight sets with a display of exceptionally good table tennis.

R. Murray (Basildon) lost to Lissen 21-12, 21-21; lost to Johnson 20-22, 23-24; R. Melling (Basildon) lost to John, 14-21, 21-14, 11-21; lost to Barnes 6-21, 21-12, 11-21; lost to Lissen 13-21, 8-21; lost to Lissen 11-21, 12-21, 18-21.

Mrs. I. Baker (Basildon) beat Mrs. Gallagher 21-13; Mrs. I. Baker (Basildon) beat Mrs. Gallagher 21-13; Mrs. I. Baker (Basildon) beat Mrs. Gallagher 21-13.

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## Cycling JACKSON THIRD

RIDING FOR Basildon Cycling Club, Morgan Jackson gained third place in the Eastern Counties 25 miles time trial on Sunday.

His time of 1h. 1m. 7s. was a good one considering the rain and wind which the 123 competitors had to face during the race.

The only man to finish inside the hour was Peter Barton, International track star, Brenton McKewen (Welwyn).

Basildon time trial results: Jackson 1:17.17; Tubert (Basildon) 1:12.58; P. Stevens 1:17.37.

Saturday Basildon entrants produced some good rides in the handicap road race organised by Club Chairman Ron Iveson for the Essex B.C.F. Pete Gilbert took a well-earned second and Roger Barton made up sufficient ground from the scratch group to finish eighth.

## Rugby results

SATURDAY'S RUGBY results were: Basildon 1st XV 16 pts. P.L.A. 14 pts; Rochford Harlequins 10 pts; Basildon 11th XV 6 pts; Basildon 12th XV 8 pts; Basildon 13th XV 13 pts; Chelmsford Colts 8 pts.



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## Gunners crash

OLD CHELMSFORDIANS 3, BASILDON AND PITSEA 1

LOWLY OLD Chelmsfordians out it across injury-hit Basildon and Pitsea at the third attempt in the Essex Olympian League match at Chelmsford on Saturday.

Without star forwards Whitshire and Holden, the Gunners started off with caution and confidence and early on had a goal by Staff disallowed for offside.

This decision, which was a hotly disputed, dampened the Gunners' spirit and the Old Boys began to take greater control of the game with some methodical football.

Within minutes the Old Boys went ahead when Beech was dispossessed by the centre-forward Gonkner Gavin saved, but dropped the shot and the Chelmsfordians' leader placed the ball into the empty goal.

In the 15th minute Basildon suffered a blow when left-back Moseley injured an ankle and had to retire to the wing. Bromage taking over his full-back berth.

The game plodded on until half-time with an ineffective midfield action and little positive thinking in attack from either side.

Two up

The second half started badly for the Gunners as a misunderstanding between Beech and Gonkner allowed the home inside-left to go through and pick his spot for goal.

Two goals up, the Old Boys were sparked into command action and the Gunners' defence went through a grueling period during which Spencer cleared off the line.

In a breakaway by Prentice the Gunners reduced the arrears, the winner slipping the ball into the net to Fredericks, who ran on and slammed it home.

For a while it looked as if the Gunners would recover, but their hopes were dashed five minutes later when the home centre-forward slipped and Beech tackled and went on to score his side's third.

After this Basildon and Pitsea tried hard, but there was not enough urgency in their play to make much of a threat.

When Moseley had to leave the field for good with 15 minutes left their last hope died.

CLASH OF THE TOWNS

BILLERICAY TOWN and Wickford clashed at Newbury Road, Wickford, on Easter Monday in their annual battle for the Mortal Gin Cup.

Billericay will be without Peter Jones and Len Whiskin who are in the Essex Olympian League side to play Epping Town at Epping, and also G. Parsons, who always visits relations in Wales on Easter Sunday.

Their team will be: Sunday: Anastasi, Markham, Cole, Hill, Trotter, Smith, Daniels, Stratford, De'ath, Wilson.

Wickford will be without right-winger Mick Bennings, who broke his leg for the second time this year in a match on Sunday.

After his first injury he was back in football after only six weeks, but the latest fracture is much more serious and he will be out of action for considerably longer.

Billericay have no match on Saturday, but Wickford are away to Laindon Hotel United in a match which will have a decisive effect on the Southend and District League First Division title.

Wickford has no second or fourth team games, but the third team visits Huddersley Athletic II.

TOP-FORM BOWERS OUTPLAY WRITTLE

WRITTLE 1, Bowers United 4

BOWERS UNITED had a comfortable 4-1 victory at Writtle in this Essex Olympian League game on Saturday. Although bottom of the table, Writtle ham Ramblers and also defeated Basildon and Pit-

sea, but on Saturday they could never contain the fast moving Bowers forward line.

Writtle won the toss and gave Bowers first use of the strong wind blowing straight down the pitch—a decision they no doubt regretted later.

Bowers were soon on the attack, but in the early stages were over enthusiastic and often caught offside. In the 12th minute they went ahead when a Fleetwood cross was missed by the home goalkeeper and Storey drove the ball home.

Fleetwood was unlucky when a fine 25-yard shot from the run which rebounded from the crossbar and Giles made a good run but his shot was caught offside.

Writtle held out until just before the half-hour when Bowers netted their second goal.

The move was started by Gardner, who put Giles away and the outside-right hit a low diagonal cross which Pitt met near the far post to slide home.

Eight minutes later Pitt hit a through ball for Storey to run on to and beat the goalkeeper with a cross shot.

Meanwhile, quick tackling and good covering by the Bowers defence hardly allowed

## TOWN SAVE AT A POINT

DORSTEL PRESS 2, BILLERICAY TOWN 2

ALTHOUGH SCORING first in their Essex Olympian League game against Dorstel Press at Harlow, Billericay Town nearly lost their grip on the game midway through the second half, when the home side took the lead, but they managed to equalise and get away with a point.

Town opened with the wind behind them, and they were in good attacking scells, keeping the Press 'keeper busy for long stretches.

After 15 minutes Town went ahead when Peter Trotter picked up a through pass outside the box and hit the ball hard and low for goal.

It hit the inside of an upright cannon across goal to strike the other upright and Johnny Wilson, following through, kept it home.

Press fought back and soon equalised when a move down the left wing ended with the ball being centred inside to their centre-forward, who crashed it home inside an upright.

The scores were level at the break and Press were first to attack in the second half with the home defence pressed to hold them out.

The home side took the lead when a neat pass handed the ball on the goal-line and the home centre-forward made a mistake from the penalty kick.

Billericay appeared to be losing their grip on the game but the forwards perked up and began to look dangerous again.

Wilson had a chance when he ran through to meet a square ball, but misjudged when only two feet from the line and the ball sped harmlessly into touch.

But he made up for his error within 10 minutes when Ron Whiskin crossed from the left wing for Wilson to hit a first-time shot right up to the goal.

Town pressed hard until the close but were unable to grab the winner.

Team: Munday; Anastasi, Jones, Markham, Hill, Parsons, Stratford, Trotter, Whiskin, De'ath and Wilson.

Last week's league results were as follows:

2. Bishops Cleeve 2, Burnham 1; 3. Sawbridge 1; 4. Dorset Press 2, Billericay Town 2; 5. Old Chelmsfordians 3, Basildon and Pitsea 1; 6. Writtle 1, Bowers United 4.

Saturday's games

Bowers United v Little Waltham; Collier Row v Basildon and Pitsea; Dorset Press v Bishop's Cleeve.

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## Billericay table tennis reviews

HUTTON "A" and Bardswell "A" may not be able to catch Grays Hill "A" at the top of the Billericay and District Table Tennis League Premier Division, but they are certainly keeping up the pressure on the leaders.

Last week both of them beat St. Joseph's "A" 9-1, so positions at the top are unchanged with Hutton leading Bardswell by seven points, but having played two more matches.

In their match Hutton won both the doubles and their other winners were Chris Thompson against John Lloyd and Dick Roberts, Horrie Dawson against Lloyd, and Trevor Gear and Eric Davy against Joan Hand and Dave Richardson. For the Saints, Roberts beat Dawson.

Bardswell also won both doubles. Ken Veale dropping their only game to Barrie Seabrook. He beat Barry Ashton and Brian Warren beat both Seabrook and Ashton. Mick Jarvis and Ray Moody triumphing against Fred Foster and Roger Fuller.

In Division I bottom team incidents could only and three players for their match against Billericay Recreation "B" and the result was 8-2 for the Rec.

Incidentals won the only doubles played and Ray Waters beat Tom Allen, but he lost to Steve Staples and George Watts, and Gordon Hughes went down to Peter Peak and Graham Goater.

Other results: Ingatstone "B" 1, Hutton "C" 9; Ingatstone "B" 8, St. Joseph's "B" 8; St. Joseph's "B" 8 Rotary Hoes "C" 2.

The Division II leaders, Bardswell "B", are making no mistakes at the top. Their latest victims were Hutton "D" 9-1.

## JUNIOR BOWLERS IN POSTAL LEAGUE

AFTER TWO weeks of a Postal Challenge League with Wythenshawe Junior Youth Bowling Club, the Basildon Junior tenpin bowling team are leading by 29 points in 19. Eight four-person teams are in this league, which extends for 14 weeks.

Results so far have been both Basildon and Wythenshawe are hoping to increase J.Y.C.'s in the country. Competition in the Junior Division of the Basildon League is setting very keen, only 31 points separating the top four in the honours roll this week were Bill Sherrin, Jon, and Derek Ferguson, who both rolled 180 games.

Monday Mixed Doubles is fast becoming a strong and more popular league, and there are several pairs who want to enter apart from the 14 couples already playing.

The winter season ends in the middle of June, then the League begins again with the Scotch Doubles. The five vic-tory challenge match against the Southend ladies have now put down a challenge to five men in the Monday Mixed Doubles.

Final placings in the Trades League are—  
1. Meads, with a total pinfall of 1800 and 52 points; 2. Andy Cappa, with a pinfall of 1750 and 48 points; 3. S.T.C. Jets, with a 1500 pinfall and 81 points.  
Two awards were won this week. First T. Styles, of Andy Cappa rolled a 208 game, including nine strikes, then K. Burgess, of the Moderns, got an award for seven strikes in a row.

News from the Industrial League this week is that P. Hutton has bowled three games, all of them 160, in 4 series.

Entries for the Basildon Tenpin Bowling Association 1967 championships must be in by April 25th and the Centre rounds will be played between

St. John's also had an easy match, beating two-man Wreley Boys' Brigade 8-2.

Wickford "A" kept in third place by defeating St. Faith's 8-2. They took the doubles and only slips were by Ken Lloyd against C. Peckham and Pete Young against Gordon Barker. Lloyd beat R. Hoke and Young beat L. Stafford. Ron Coughlan beat Hoke and Peckham, and Terry Dowling beat Barker and Stafford. In the other match Brentwood School "A" beat Hutton "B" 4-3.

Division III results were: Brookfields "A" 0, Bardswell "C" 10; Seio "A" 1, Brentwood Gas "B" 9; Estrie "A" 8, Bardswell "B" 2. Estrie "A" made themselves certain title winners when they beat Bardswell.

It was a disappointing week for Wickford "B" as they came up against second-placed Bardswell "B" and third-placed St. Joseph's "B" losing 9-1 on each occasion. Peter Groom was their only winner both times.

The other result was a 6-4 win for Pilgrims Hatch against Brookfields "A".

Handicap Cup matches were also played last week. Brentwood Youth Centre "B", who scraped a replay against Old Brentwoods, improved sufficiently to win it 9-1 with the help of a nine-point start, and were then knocked out in the second round. They gave a five start to Brentwood Gas "B" and

The other clash was between Bardswell "B", who gave away nine points, and Estrie "B", and Bardswell did well to force a draw.

## BASILDON LADIES IN EXCITING HOCKEY CLASH

Basildon Ladies 4, Old Southendian 4  
TWO WELL-MATCHED teams ended all square in this exciting and even hockey match at Mopsies Park on Saturday.

Old Southendian scored first, but Basildon wasted no time in putting the game on an even footing again, when Jenny Pateman slammed in Basildon's first goal after repeated attacks by the forwards.

Left inner Marion Love, who was constantly on the look-out for any chances, scored from the edge of the circle after a corner, to make it 2-1.

Old Southendian equalised before the interval but early in the second half Love and Hayward started a fresh Basildon attack and Hayward netted with a well angled shot to bring the score to 3-2.

Marion Love also netted again later before the Old Southendians pulled back the leeway with their

Basildon Junior School score their first goal against Wickford on Monday from a corner-kick.

## WICKFORD'S TITLE

WICKFORD COUNTY JUNIOR SCHOOL 3  
BILLERICAY COUNTY JUNIOR SCHOOL 2

FAIRHOUSE COUNTY JUNIOR School are now the only side capable of piping Wickford County Junior School for the Basildon Primary Schools' Large Schools' League title.

But Wickford Manager Mr. Myron Morgan told the "Standard" after Monday's victory against title rivals Billericay that Fairhouse would have to beat his team by at least three goals and then score 16 in their last match.

Basildon were still in with a chance themselves at half-time on Monday. They led 2-0 but they had to combat wind and it was too much for

Basildon right-back Durrant deflected a hard drive into his own net for their first goal, then by Wickford left-winger Andrew Parker headed home, and inside-left Philip Bone sewed it up with a hard shot from the edge of the penalty at Basildon scored through inside-right Colin Walker, who had a corner helped into the net by Wickford right-back Brockwell, and left winger Philip Riches, who netted with a low drive.

## SIX POINTS SHARED

OLD BANCROFTIANS "B"  
BILLERICAY RUGBY CLUB  
1ST XV 3 PTS.

ON A pitch which looked and felt as though a herd of cows had been grazing on it all week, neither Billericay Rugby Club 1st XV nor their hosts, Old Bancroftians "B" XV, were able to rise to great heights in this encounter.

Old Bancroftians kicked off and it soon became obvious good, hard running was almost impossible on the treacherous surface. Billericay mounted some good attacks on the home line, but too many final passes were dropped, and a number of movements were ruined by forward passes.

John Reed was outstanding, setting the rest of the pack a fine example with his admirable back-kick-up and covering.

Both sides scored their points from infringements in the set pieces. Colin converting for the homesters and Richard Shipton for Billericay. In Saturday's district play Upminster 1st XV beat Ryman; Bill J. Brown Lutkin, Rineburn, Shipton (capt.), Russell, Dowsett, R. Brown, Warrillow, Reed, Thoren, Fell, Price, Hingley.

Basildon were leading 4-3 until the last few minutes when their defence was unable to withstand pressure and they conceded a fourth goal.

Joan Simpson held the defensive system together and frequently helped her colleagues out of trouble. At the other end Sue Hayward, Marion Love and Margaret Southcott caused much confusion in the Old Southendians' circle.

Over the Easter weekend, Basildon will play seven games in the South-east Hockley Festival at Southchurch Park and Chalkwell Park.

## NEW TOWN GOLF

HENRY MCGILL, who led Tee Cup winter stroke competition for the first three rounds, and Jack Hull who gained the lead from the first stroke in the fourth round, played the fifth and final round together at Great last Monday.

Both players had poor rounds with McGill, who was only four strokes over par for four rounds, dropping another eight strokes with a net 80 to be a total of 12 over par. Hull had an even worse round and dropped another 16 strokes with a net 88 to be a total of 19 strokes over par.

This gives Norman Coker, third, 12 over par with one round still to play an outside chance of snatching the lead from McGill if he can manage to play the last round five under par. On the other hand a two-over-par round could give him second place but Woods, Freedy and Thompson all have a chance of beating Hull.

The draw for the Society's MUGGS Cup open to 21 handicapped players only, is: W. Furryman, J. Moor, G. O'Leary, V. R. Wraggs, A. Henbest, V. R. Brown, R. Newman, V. Smith, W. Povey, V. A. Snowball, E. Coles, V. W. Perry, A. Porter and D. Palmer have a bye to the second round.

A team of 12 players and one reserve from the Basildon Golf Club are to play a match against Southend Golf Club at Belfairs next month. Six four-ball better ball matches will be played and any member with a handicap of 20 or less, wishing to be considered for the team should send two recent cards, properly signed, to the Competitions Secretary at 81, Fajstones.

The membership of the Golf Club is now in excess of 350 and is still increasing. Members, who have not already applied for season tickets on the Basildon course, are strongly advised to get their mitts to do so immediately as only a limited number are available.

## Knocked out

P.E.S. Jack Dean and Eric Dean, of the Billericay and Wickford Sub-Division of the Brentwood Police Division, were knocked out of the Police Athletic Association's darts tournament in the quarter-finals at Chester. They represented District Five which covers much of East Anglia, Essex and the Metropolitan area, in the pairs tournament, and P.E. Birkin also took part in the individual competition.

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## Basildon League Review

# 'KEEPER SAVES PENALTY TOP BATTLE

Iford Sports 1, Laindon Athletic 1

THE BRILLIANCE of goalkeeper Ron Edwards, whose magnificent saves included one from a penalty, helped Laindon Athletic to a well-deserved point in their top of the Basildon League battle with Iford Sports on Saturday.

## Scotia lose to Moores

MOORES UNITED 3, SCOTIA 0

MOORES UNITED overcame the lumpy conditions at Everley Road on Saturday to chalk up another Basildon League victory over Scotia.

It was a very easy win for Moores who missed a crop of golden scoring chances. From start to finish it was all Moores and it was no surprise when they scored in the 10th minute through top scorer Jim Rony who hit home a low shot from 15 yards.

Moores kept pressing after this, but failed to score again in the first half.

Several easy chances were wasted in the second half before Ray Clarke put over a good cross from which man-of-the-match Fred Skerrett headed an equally good goal.

Back came Moores after this and Ted Proctor was unlucky when he hit a great shot from 20 yards against an up-right.

It was ten minutes from the end before Moores scored again, Rony being the marksman with a replica of his first goal.

## Scored four in last game

BILLERICAY "B" 4, BASILDON BOYS' CLUB "B" 1

FRED HACKETT, playing his last game for Basildon Boys before leaving for Ireland, shined off in great fashion at Billericay on Saturday, scoring four times in his club's 5-2 win over Billericay in the Youth League.

Hackett began his last game in the best possible way, fastening on to a pass from Moore in the first minute, and going through to score with his left foot. Billericay with only 10 players left always under pressure after this, and Basildon scored again before the interval, and again through Hackett.

## Three vital goals for Eric Burns

THE BASILDON League's second Charity Cup semi-final went according to form on Saturday when Woodlands proved too strong for unbeaten Division I leaders Nicholas in the battle of the Youth Bontes.

Eric Burns, one of the League's representative players, notched three of the goals in Woodlands' 5-0 win.

In the final on April 20th at Gloucester Park, Woodlands play the Irish Club.

Big match of the day in the league was the Iford Sports-Laindon Athletic clash which ended all square at 1-1. Highlight of this game was a penalty save by Basildon goalkeeper Ron Edwards from Jim Gregory's kick.

The result still leaves the Premier Division battle between Shilley wide open and the champions may not be known until the last day of the season.

In Division I, Belhus Park returned to winning form, hitting home six goals with reply against G.P.O.

Only two weeks ago it took a replay to decide which of these teams went through to face York Shipley in the league cup final.

**RESULTS**  
Charity Cup semi-final - Woodlands 5, Nicholas 0.  
Premier Division - Duntun 7, Kingswood 1, Iford 1, Laindon Athletic 1.

Division I - Belhus Park 6, G.P.O. 0; Iford 1, Laindon Athletic 1; York Shipley 2, Moores 3, Scotia 0.

## Shield final

BASILDON SCHOOLS will play Thurrock in the final of the Essex Schools' Welsh Shield. The date has not yet been fixed.

## FINE RALLY IN THRILLER

FRYERNS BOYS' CLUB 5, NICHOLAS Y.C. 2

A GOAL down at half-time, Fryerns Boys' Club recovered to preserve their unbeaten record in a thriller in the Basildon Youth League (Division I) match at Graylands School on Saturday.

The speed and pace of the mid calm of Fryerns at the start, but in spite of this Paul Dallimore hit Basildon ahead when he shot past the unsighted goalkeeper.

Five minutes later Nicholas equalised with a fine goal which they were held out only by some brilliant saves from goalkeeper Schneider.

The blustery wind and poor ground conditions ruined the game, a large percentage of which was played in one half of the field.

When Iford's had the advantage of the wind they pressed incessantly and exactly the reverse happened in the second half, when the Athletic were almost constantly on the attack.

With the following wind Iford's pressed hard at the start and it was no surprise when they took the lead after 15 minutes from close range.

Iford's centre - forward Gregory, adopted a policy of shooting from any range or angle, but those which were on target were well saved by Edwards.

Ten minutes from half-time the Athletic equalised from a move started by Mick Gullis, who shot down the wing.

From his pass, Sutton floated over a perfect cross for Syrett, who in turn hammered the ball home.

## L.A.C. attack

The second half saw a great deal of pressure from the L.A.C. and on many occasions they went very close.

Iford's made some quick breaks threatening danger, but these all broke down until they were awarded a penalty.

In spite of this Iford's failed to score, Edwards saving the kick brilliantly.

Almost immediately at the other end, a 35-yard shot from Mick Gullis hit an up-right and bounced into the goalkeeper's arms.

After this neither side could produce another goal and a draw was a fair result.

# YORK SHIPLEY GRAB BOTH POINTS

Corringham Y.C. 1, York Shipley 2

CORRINGHAM AND York Shipley met for the third time this season in the Basildon League on Saturday. All three matches have been hard fought, but this was easily the closest, and Corringham can consider themselves unlucky not to have taken a point.

Shipley won the toss and decided to kick up the field. Corringham attacked and a Paxman saved. From his left, Groom lobbed the ball over the defence for Haggerty to race through and hit the foot of a post.

Shipley lost Bill Vorley after 15 minutes with an injury, and after this their play became a little ragged with Corringham doing all the pressing.

Shipley reshuffled their side after the break, when full-back Kearsey was badly hampered by a kick in the ankle, and Haggerty came back into defence. Terry Brown moved to right-half.

The move worked, and a quick breakaway from a Corringham attack gave Loveland the chance to cut in and shoot. The 'keeper' made a fine save and Mann slipped in to score.

This opened up the game, and Corringham should have done the equaliser, but Anderson's spot kick was well saved by Paxman. When Shipley got a penalty for hands minutes later Brown showed the way, stepping up to make it 2-1.

Corringham stormed back, and shots flew all around the Shipley goal. Haggerty twice cleared off the line, and finally Anderson reduced the arrears when he rummaged the ball through a crowd of players into the net.

But Shipley frustrated all Corringham's further moves, wasting time by putting the ball into touch and almost securing themselves when Brown put Loveland through.

He kept his goal intact until the 40th minute when Nicholas were at last rewarded when a shot ended up in the net.

This stung Fryerns into action and for the remaining minutes they tried to launch attack after attack without being able to equalise.

Fryerns looked a different team in the second half, they swung the ball about and had Nicholas defending desperately for most of the time.

Head snapped up the long-awaited equaliser in a scalp which was a low minutes later a picture book move between Warwick and Gannin made it 3-2.

Fryerns, Gannin cut the goal after a fine run which ended with him banging the ball hard and high into the net.

Gannin was also involved in the fourth goal chipping over a perfectly-judged centre for Head to nod home.

Soon afterwards Head notched his third of the match after Charlton, who had gone up into the forward line in place of Warwick, laid on the pass after a fine run.

Heroes of the match were the two goalkeepers who both produced many fine saves to snuff out attacks from players and spectators alike.



Barstables Grammar School under-12 rugby seven, winners of their section of the Basildon Schools' Rugby Sevens held at Nicholas on Monday.

## HOW THEY STAND

Basildon League positions are:

**PREMIER DIVISION**  
Duntun Park 10, 1, 3, 49, 30, 2, 1  
Iford Sports 7, 2, 3, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Laindon Ath. 7, 2, 3, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Basildon Athletic 1, 6, 6, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Irish Club 2, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Yardley 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Canvey Ath. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Kingswood 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5

**DIVISION I**  
Nicholas Y.C. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Belhus Park 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
York Shipley 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Scotia 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Bas. G.P.O. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Lain. Ath. Res. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Canvey Ath. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Manor Utd. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5

**DIVISION II**  
Belhus Park 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
York Shipley 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Scotia 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Bas. G.P.O. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Lain. Ath. Res. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Canvey Ath. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Manor Utd. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5

**DIVISION III**  
Belhus Park 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
York Shipley 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Scotia 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Bas. G.P.O. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Lain. Ath. Res. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Canvey Ath. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5  
Manor Utd. 1, 1, 1, 44, 21, 17, 5

**BASILDON FOOTBALL League (Youth and Boys' Section) results:**  
Division I - Canvey Boys 0, Nicholas "A" 5; Billericay "A" 2, Stanford 0.  
Division II - Billericay "B" 0, Basildon Boys "B" 1; Thornbury Bay Basildon Boys "C" 1, Fryerns 5, Nicholas "B" 2.  
Division III - Basildon Boys 4, Fryerns 5.

**BASILDON SIDECAR CLUB** spent a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the Harlow Club's headquarters at the weekend. They were joined by friends from Kent Three Star Sidecar Club. The activities included a friendly football match, a general knowledge quiz and a sing-song.

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**In hospital**  
BASILDON AND PITSEA and Phil United players and Tony Holden may be out of soccer for the rest of the season. He was admitted to Harold Wood Hospital last week for a leg operation and was still there this week.

**Enjoyable Rally**  
BASILDON NEW TOWN Motor Club held a 35-mile international rally last Sunday, starting from the town of Basildon and working their way around the Essex countryside to finish at the Greyhound Public House on Childerich Common.

The event was held mainly for the influx of members who have recently joined the Club to whom rallying is a new sport. Most managed to find their way around the course without too much trouble.

The first section went towards Herongate, and a few had lost their way for a short time. All of them entered the stage which went to Brentwood. The rally ran on through Kevedon Hatch, Ongar, Dodinghurst, and finally down to the finish at Childerich.

Everyone finally finished within the stipulated time limit. Results were - 1, Peter Todd and R. Burton in Mini; 2, Ken Gardner in Singer Chamow; 3, Ruth Winn in Hillman Imp.

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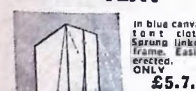
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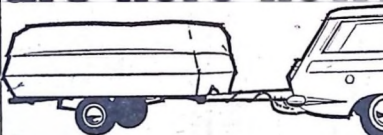
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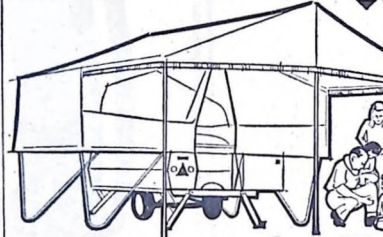
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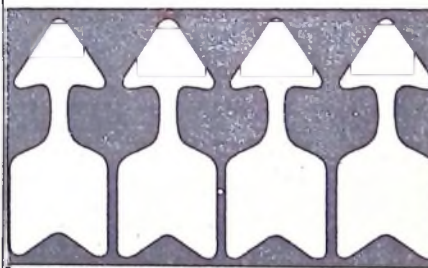
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# BOMBSHELL FOR LOCAL SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS

## The golfing "outsiders"

TOWN MANAGER Mr. David Taylor on Monday shot down a suggestion that outsiders should pay more for season tickets on Basildon's new golf course.

"We only had 136 applications from local people for seven-day seasons," he told the Sports Council, "yet already 63 from outside have applied. As these people have come to our rescue this year, we will give them the opportunity to renew next year," he said.

"It's useless to say Basildon people are subsidising outsiders when every person who hits a ball on the course will be subsidised by ratepayers."

Mr. Taylor also came down strongly on those who had doubts about the course opening in May. "You can rest assured it will be open," he said.

## Clubhouse needed

IF BASILDON and Basildon Granges cricket clubs join forces to form a big club for the town they will want a clubhouse.

An approach has already been made on the subject to both the Development Corporation and the Urban Council. It was disclosed at Monday's Sports Council meeting.

The Council have suggested a meeting to discuss the need with three or four representatives of the Sports Council's cricket section.

## NO FEES

REFEREES HAVE never accepted any fees or expenses for Greenwood Cup charity competition held at Basildon Sports Council football section were told on Thursday week.

Chairman Mr. George Morris was "delighted" to hear £500 has been given in trust to the League of Friends for Basildon's proposed football. Of this, £150 was the result of the referees refusing their money.

# Basildon walker's disastrous trip

A MOTOR breakdown may well have cheated Basildon walker Johnny Webb of a place in the British team this year. On Saturday he was due to walk in the national 10 miles' road race at Bolton, but, after two breakdowns in a hired Minibus, he finally reached the venue just in time to see the competitors setting off.

Johnny, who had been training to a peak for the race after a recent injury, could only stand and watch the race—the most important of the whole year.

The sad story began at 8.55 on Saturday morning when Johnny, in the minibus set off to pick up other members of the Essex team for the trip to Bolton. By the time they reached Grays the minibus had come off three times, and they had to stop and have a new one fitted.

Then, as the minibus got on to the M16, it coughed to a standstill. The petrol gauge showed two-thirds full, but in fact, the bus had run out of petrol, and Johnny had to telephone for help.

He hitched a lift in a desperate last-ditch effort to get to the race on time, and the motorist who stopped went out of his way to get him to Bolton. But despite his efforts the Basildon walker arrived minutes too late.

Meanwhile, back on the M16 the remainder of the party, which included Mrs. Webb and several other Essex walkers, were forced to pay £6 for the two gallons of petrol brought to them by the motorway emergency service.

The minibus, which was running badly and doing approximately 12 miles to the gallon, finally arrived in Bolton at 4.15 p.m. and almost immediately they turned and came back again. The Essex team were cheated of a fine chance of winning the Inter-County competition by the breakdowns, and for Johnny Webb this was a catastrophe.

One Basildon walker, Malcolm Tolley, did very well in the race, finishing fourth over a very tough course which was made more difficult by a strong wind. He was among the leaders most of the way, but was beaten by Ron Wallwork, of Lancashire, who finished first in 75m. 6s. S. Lightman (Metropolitan), who finished second, and Jones (Sussex), who was third.

Olympic silver medalist Paul Nihl, strongly fancied for this race, was disallowed for lifting.

The final order of the counties was—1, Middlesex; 2, Yorkshire; 3, Lancashire.

On Sunday the Basildon Athletic Club track section used the town to go to Weymouth Garden City, and it broke down again.

THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF BASILDON'S LONG-AWAITED MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS CENTRE BEING BUILT IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THIS BOMBSHELL WAS DROPPED BY TOWN MANAGER MR. DAVID TAYLOR AT BASILDON SPORTS COUNCIL'S MEETING ON MONDAY.

"At this point of time I cannot see this half at all," he said, "in any case it will certainly not come before 1969."

The statement shocked long-serving Sports Council members who, for years, had been led to believe by the Council the sports building would be included in the phase three development of Gloucester Park.

It was a particular shock for the indoor sports enthusiasts who have been bemoaning the poor and inadequate facilities for so long in the hope that better times were on the way.

Mr. Taylor agreed the need for the sports hall, but said: "We must have priorities and we simply cannot do everything overnight."

In the meantime, he said, clubs would have to continue to rely on facilities at schools for indoor sports.

Commented Chairman Mr. Cyril Moore: "At least you have been frank about this. It is a change to hear a firm answer instead of idle promises."

**Leisure time**

In his talk to the Sports Council Mr. Taylor emphasised the growing need for Government and local authorities to make extended provision for leisure time.

"We must have a change in our approach to provide for leisure time. No longer is an allotment good enough."

"I would go so far as to say that, but ratepayers, must accept that leisure is not to be received as much weight in local and national government as housing, schools and hospitals. We must accept this. It must be part of our life and is important as these other things."

The formation of the Council's leisure committee, he said, was the first step in accepting the need for a new approach to leisure.

In the past the Parks Committee has always been the

Cinderella. If cuts have to be made parks are hit first. The time has come when we must look at the Parks Department as a very important part of the same way as other departments, like housing, said Mr. Taylor.

"How are you going to pay for all these things?" asked Mr. Taylor. "You must face facts. If you want something you have got to pay for it. It may hurt, but it is a fact."

"It is no use crying to the moon and not expecting to pay."

He went on to quote figures for 1967/68 on estimated expenditure for parks. This amounted to £207,735, or, equivalent to a 10d. rate.

Yet our receipts are only estimated at £41,000," he said.

## Local "sports personality"

PEOPLE of any age who either live or play for a club with its headquarters in the Urban District will be eligible for Basildon Sports Council's "Sports Personality" award.

This decision was one of several made by the Sports Council on Monday, when they agreed the rules of the competition which will be held for the first time this year.

The winner will be presented with a £50 trophy to be presented by Basildon Golfing Society.

An invitation will go to each sport operating in the area to nominate one person for the award. The Sports Council have reserved the right to include a name if no nomination is received.

The award will be judged under three main headings: sportsmanship and club spirit.

**REDUCED BOWLING** green hiring charges for youths are wanted by Basildon Sports Council to help them form a youth bowls team.

An approach on the subject will be made to Basildon Council's Recreation Committee.

The step follows a promise last month by Mr. A. G. Cox of £50 and the first year's fee in the town.

"We have tried this before," said Bowls representative Mr. Fred Knight, "but the big snag has always been money. These youngsters cannot afford to pay the hiring fees for bowling greens."

If a favourable answer comes from the Council, he added, "I think we can get this club going."

**NEW CUP?**

A runners-up trophy for the Greenwood Charity Competition is to be sought by Basildon Sports Council following a request from the organising committee.



Craylands Secondary School dominated the under-16 section of the Basildon Schools Rugby Sevens on Monday. Their "A" and "B" teams met in the final which was won by the "A" team 6-3. The two teams are pictured with the trophy and medals.

# Busy Easter for football clubs

THREE CUP finals, two "internationals" against a German youth side, four matches with a Yorkshire boys' club touring side and a full Sunday League fixture list is the packed soccer fare for local fans this Easter.

The Germans, from Hellenburg, who are in Basildon as guests of Woodlands Youth Centre, play first at Gloucester Park on Saturday (1.46) against a Basildon League representative side skippered by Derek Busham (Basildon Athletic).

The other 10 members of the opposition will be selected from Derek Busham (Basildon Athletic), Eric Burns (Woodlands), Alan Flint (Woodlands), Arnold Frost (Nicholas), Stephen Heek (Basildon Athletic), D. McNally (Nicholas), Ray Orelund (Woodlands), Mick Redman (Kingswood), Alan Redman (Kingswood), Mick Ranche (Nicholas), Bobby Walker (Basildon Athletic) and Sam Wynn (Woodlands). Team manager George Strick has put the accent on youth in his selection. All but two (Alan Redman and Wilson) are under 20.

Following this match, Gloucester Park will also be the venue for the Basildon League's Division I Cup final between Belhus Park and Smith's Smith's A. Fixture: York Shipley (3.30).

York Shipley—From Paxman, Kearsey, Cockerton, Hargreave, King, Brown, Groom, Barnett, McQuere, Loveland, Mann, Lambert.

Belhus Park—Smith, Lock, Hutton, Vinton, Stanley, Carpenter, Lawrence, Rush, Clifford, Minshall, Lawson.

## From Yorkshire

Also on Saturday the Trinarians F.C. from Yorkshire, who are visiting the New Town as guests of Fryerns R.F.C., open their four-match programme against Basildon Boys' Club at Rotary House, West Horndon.

On Sunday they travel to Herd Lane, Corringham, for two more games against Fryerns, the first of which kicks off at 10.30 a.m.

Also on Sunday, the German youth side take on Woodlands Y.C. at Woodlands (k.o. 11 a.m.).

## Cup finals

Easter Monday morning sees two cup finals in the area. The Thurrock Combination final involving Armda and Orsett at Herd Lane, Corringham, and the Basildon League Premier Division final at Gloucester Park between Laidon Athletic and the Irish Club. Both kick off at 11 p.m.

Armda's team will be selected from Finch, Bastable, Roberts, Bryan, Anderson, Barham, Tyler, G. Barham.

**£10 GIFT**

Cash or a gift up to £10 in value was voted by Basildon Sports Council on Monday for the London youth team linesman, who has knocked down, and seriously hurt, outside Gloucester Park earlier this year.

**THORNY PROBLEM OF UNFIT PITCHES**

LIAISON BETWEEN clubs and Basildon Council over the weekend state of football pitches next season may be helped by Mr. George Borley.

Offering to get as a link, "I am doing this only to save the club the expense of the trial last and expense was a section" year and it

The section will pass on his offer to Parks Manager Mr. Albert Farrington. He accepted as the Council groundsman, will tell Mr. Borley the state of pitches on Saturday and Sunday.

The club can ring him to see if same are on. This coming to Basildon and finding their game off.

Mr. Farrington had told the Basildon Sports Council that the football section, it was not possible for a Council official to man a telephone for the benefit of clubs.

The position was now left that when it is possible clubs will be notified of cancellations by letter on a day or Friday or notifying will be made at the club, when clubs turn up for training.

"This would mean further expense in addition to supervising no would be inspecting pitches on the grounds."

He added: "Regarding your alternative suggestion, final decisions of fitness should be left to the referee. The Council already considered this matter. I decided the final decision must rest with the representative and I have written further to add to this decision."

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# STRUGGLE FOR RUGBY TITLES

AT NICHOLAS Secondary School on Monday Basildon rugby sevens teams fought for the district championships.

In the under-12 championship, Barstable showed the way. Their "A" team did not concede a point on their way to the trophy, finally beating Woodlands "A" 19-0. They to the semi-final.

In the under-16 championship, Craylands were even more dominant. The "A" team got a bye to the semi-final, where they met and beat Fryerns 3-0. The "B" team beat St. John's 8-6 and Woodlands 6-5, and thus qualified to meet their "A" team in the final. This match ran true to form. Craylands ran true to winning by six points to three.

The tournament run on two pitches, despite the fact that changing facilities were crowded to say the least. Apart from the rugby players, two football teams were playing at the school that evening.

The cups were presented by the sportsmaster at Nicholas, Mr. Les Mett. Results were—

Under-12: Barstable 14, Nicholas 0; Laidon 0, Craylands 6; Woodlands 6, Fryerns 3; Barstable "B" 8, St. John's 3. Semi-final—Barstable "A" 14, Craylands 0; Woodlands 11, Barstable "B" 0. Final—Barstable "A" 19, Woodlands 0.

Under-16: Craylands "B" 9, St. John's 6; Laidon 3, Woodlands 6; Barstable 6, Fryerns 8. Semi-final—Craylands "B" 9, Woodlands 3; Fryerns 0, Craylands "A" 3. Final—Craylands "A" 14, Craylands "B" 3.

**GUNNERS' FUTURE**

OLYMPIC LEAGUE football is a certainty at Basildon and Pitsea Football Club next season.

A provisional application was made recently and it was confirmed at a special meeting of the players on Monday night.

The future of the Reserves, who have been taking some holidays in the Mid-Essex League this season, is uncertain.

"The players seem to think the competition is a bit strong," said Secretary Frank Rose this week, "and they are also not happy about the travelling involved."

What is the alternative? "We have to find a league which will accept just the reserve team," said Mr. Rose.



The 4th Wickford Cub-Scout six-a-side soccer team who won the Ellis Cup-final at Nevendon Park Recreation Ground on Saturday morning. 1st Wickford were the runners-up; the result of the final being 3-0.