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Basildon Carnival Princess Kerryanne Butterfill (seen above) came second in a Carnival Guild contest at the Lyceum Ballroom, Strand, on Friday.

She took part in a Princess of Princesses competition against 24 other girls from the London area. Winner was a Hornsey Carnival Princess.

On Saturday Kerryanne had another success. She won the Princess of Princesses contest at Wickford Carnival—and took home her second cup in two days.

Kerryanne is a computer operator for a London insurance company. Aged 15, she told a reporter: "I was overjoyed on Friday. It was the highlight of my Carnival reign so far."

This weekend sees the last carnival of the year which the Basildon Court are attending. Queen Geraldine Gahan and Princesses Christine Wass and Kerryanne will take part in activities at Pinner, Middlesex.

Why look at our photographer?



We know our photographer Bob Wall is a handsome chap, but we simply cannot understand why the chaps above were watching Bob rather than the beautiful young model, Kristine Jensen!

They are members of Basildon Photographic Society at their first meeting of the season at Trinity Methodist Church Hall, Vange, but our picture shows that some concentration on the subject matter!

Jabbed Police Sergeant with stiletto knife —Court allegation

A STILETTO knife was produced by Christopher McCarthy (21), of no fixed address, when he was found by Police upstairs in Millett's shop in Basildon, said County prosecutor Mr. T. Lavelle at Billericay on Tuesday.

McCarthy, appearing on remand for shopbreaking and theft, was further remanded, in custody, for a week.

Further charges were to be preferred, said Mr. Lavelle.

He added that when McCarthy was found in the shop he tried to get away through a window and was left clinging to a Police Sergeant's hands with a 15ft. drop below him.

He was brought in and attacked the Sergeant and he had a stiletto knife which he kept jabbing upwards at the Sergeant's stomach.

Later, he said, "I only had a knife, if I had had a gun I would have killed you, you —" Mr. Lavelle added.

Emergency

Ilford worker Mr. David Goff was rushed to Billericay Hospital last week with a suspected severed artery. After treatment at St. Andrew's Hospital he was allowed home. He had cut his arm, said an Ilford spokesman.

Paul was banged out

Banged out on Friday was 21-years-old Pembroke Cartons apprentice Paul Boakes. The ceremony is the custom when a youth finishes his apprenticeship in the industry.

It started at 12 o'clock when his fellow workers started a deafening din. The noise later took on a tune as Paul—dressed up and seated in a "love nest"—was paraded round the factory floor. Silence came again as Paul was handed his Articles of Indenture by Commercial Director Mr. D. A. S. Harris. Looking on was Paul's father, Mr. Tom Boakes, who has been with the company—they are seen below.

A box-making apprentice until Friday, Paul lives at Sparrows Herne. He joined Pembroke Cartons in 1961 after his family had moved with the firm to Basildon from King's Cross.

Said Personnel Officer Mr. Fred Knight: "We bang out one or two apprentices each year. This is a regular custom in the industry. I feel it does give a boy the feeling: 'I have grown out of the childhood stage and I am now a man.' A boy has then completed a stepping stone in his career. He is then a craftsman."

But it was a ceremony Paul's father has never gone through. "I was never apprenticed—so I couldn't be banged out," he told a reporter.



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Princesses had a "Queen" as driver



Having passed her driving test, Billericay Carnival Queen Gloria Shayer feels quite confident to drive her Princesses to Wickford Carnival.

Nurses' party for destitute children from Florence

BILLERICAY St. Andrew's Hospital Roman Catholic Nurses' Guild threw a party for destitute children from Florence and the shanty towns of Italy on Saturday.

Organised in conjunction with the Brentwood branch of International Help For Children, it took place at the Friends Meeting House, Shenfield.

"The main reason for the party was that we wanted to give the children some good times to remember when they get back to Italy," Guild President Nurse A. O'Shea explained later.

"They live in the most appalling poverty in Italy and would otherwise never normally experience anything like this."

Over 30 children attended the party where they were entertained by Basildon magician Alan Goodall, and his daughter,

Laura, and a song and dance duo, following a slap-up tea.

Floral Group

BILLERICAY FLORAL Arrangement Group held their September meeting on Wednesday week in the Women's Institute Hall and members and friends had a demonstration entitled "Autumn Flowers," given by Mrs. Newman.

Winners in the members' competition for an arrangement under the title "Welcome" were: Senior advanced, Mrs. Bacon; advanced, Mrs. Saltmarsh; novice, Mrs. Allen.

BILLERICAY HIGH STREET DEVELOPMENT

SHOULD CHARM AND HISTORY GIVE WAY TO MODERN SHOPS?

A BLOCK of shops in Billericay High Street have no architectural or historical interest to warrant their preservation, say developers, Glynden Investments, Ltd. This was stated to Ministry of Housing and Local Government Inspector Mr. V. H. Loney at an inquiry commenced on Tuesday by Mr. John Taylor.

Acting for Glynden Investments, Mr. Taylor was referring to Nos. 58-68, High Street, where they want to build new shops, showrooms and a restaurant.

The inquiry was an appeal against Basildon Council's lack of decision for the proposed development and a proposed building preservation order on Nos. 58 to 64, High Street.

In his submission Mr. Taylor said that buildings 58-60 were classified in the High Street report as "could be replaced." Numbers 62-64 were not classified and the others were recommended for preservation.

His opinion on the evidence of his witnesses, was that the buildings had no merit whatsoever, and even if there were, the costs involved in preservation would be astronomical, and the final result would be less than adequate from the points of view of accommodation and the preserved building.

Speaking of the preservation of 106, High Street, he said: "The most preserved are a few shops of timber. You have a mock-up of the old building which you could have achieved with modern development. Any qualities of continuity which the buildings may have could also be achieved by redevelopment."

Mr. Taylor also contended that the idea of retaining the buildings was impractical.

"By any standard these premises are inadequate. No one will know, until they start, the scale of restoration which would have to be done. A great deal of money would have to be spent to preserve the facades or to present anything like a reasonable living accommodation."

Mr. Roy Jones, an architect, dealt with work carried out in the past on some of the buildings and added: "It is agreed that the buildings are all in very poor condition structurally. All major elements require extensive remedial work."

"It cannot be agreed that the type of work carried out at 106, High Street, represents preservation. It only makes mockery of such an order."

"The costs involved for the kind of work cannot be estimated as the extent of this is unknown until the fabric is completely opened up."

However, the cost involved will not likely be less than twice that for a new building of equivalent floor area.

Cross-examined by Basildon Council's solicitor, Mr. A. G. Cooper, surveyor Mr. L. J. Trott said: "Billericay has a very long history of shopping and this interest has been extended by substantial development of the Billericay district. But the High Street as a shopping area is convenient. It has the principal multiple stores."

"Its character or charm has nothing to do with the people who come to shop there but by reason of the traffic problems."

"People I have spoken to had very little regard for the charm. They were primarily concerned with getting their goods in clean surroundings. Asked if he knew that a Ministry circular which stated that not all buildings worth preserving were listed, Mr. Trott said: "This circular points out that we should be more keen about our heritage. But if these buildings in Billericay High Street are our heritage, I am afraid my keenness evaporates."

Quantity surveyor, Mr. William Flinders had been commissioned by Glynden Investments to estimate the costs of redevelopment of the appeal site in several ways.

He had assessed costs for: (a) preservation of the buildings; (b) conversion; (c) preservation with development of the backland (d) complete redevelopment.

To preserve the buildings would involve considerable work and detailed study—he would not guess at costs.

To convert the buildings, exclusive of fees, the costs would be £70,750. This allows a building cost of £9 per square foot.

To preserve the buildings and develop the backland would cost £140,000 at least. But to redevelop the site, costs would be £82,650. Building cost per square foot would be £3.15.

COUNCIL'S CASE

Mr. Cooper, in his submission for the Council, told the Inspector that the two appeals vitally affected the residents of Billericay and the future of their High Street.

Detailing the population of the district he said that in 1951 there were 17,000 people. This had jumped to a current 21,000. By 1981, it was expected to be 22,000.

While the Council were sympathetic with commercial interest, it had been decided, with the support of the Government, to try to preserve the High Street.

Billericay's High Street was one of the most charming in the country, he said. He claimed that buildings had to be assessed not individually but as components of the whole which would suffer considerably if they were removed.

The Council realised that, in the past, permission had been given for development. But these new buildings represented a considerable loss to the landscape of the town.

But it was not only the Council who were interested in the preservation of Billericay High Street. The district had responded well to a meeting organised by the Council and there was a Billericay branch of the P.C.I.

ASHAMED

Mr. David Rock, of Building Design Partnership, the firm who prepared the controversial report on Billericay High Street, said he was ashamed of certain aspects of it.

Appearing for Basildon Council, Mr. Rock told the Inspector that the report was

not a plan for Billericay, but a number of "rules" which might be applied to the town.

He also claimed in cross-examination that a number of the conclusions reached in the report had been reconsidered and judged sound.

"I feel very sad and ashamed that by looking at this in the wrong way earlier on, we might have been jeopardising this part of Billericay High Street."

Mr. Rock was referring to the appeal site, numbers 58-68, High Street. Billericay Council said the majority of the buildings on the site should be retained. There would be a great loss to the High Street scene.

He also considered the detailed plans of the appellants' application were of a confused character.

In his proof of evidence, Mr. Rock's application covers many properties which are basically in three attached buildings. Numbers 58-62 and 66-68 are most interesting buildings and it would be a great loss to the street scene if they were demolished. Numbers 62-64 are not of such high quality, but they add something to this part of the town.

He also observed: "Increasingly the town will need, and at the moment has the character to support, the sort of specialist shop which depends on low rates and rents to survive—the older buildings can fill this need once the pressure for commercial development has been relieved."

And he concluded: "The houses on the appeal site maintain the sort of historical continuity, the character environment and quality of townscape which is needed if Billericay High Street is not to become just another thing of chaotic form, a 'howler' everywhere."

Architect Mr. Peter Loez said: "Although I am not individually of great historic merit, I consider their retention to be of major importance both to their immediate setting and to the High Street as a whole."

"I hold this view on grounds of the strong desirability of retaining the street's predominantly historical and vernacular domestic character which Building Design Partnership's scheme has shown, can with sensitivity and imagination remain valid for present and future use."

LADIES' CLUB

Outwood Common Ladies' Club held their first meeting after the summer recess on Monday at Sunnyside Junior School. Chairman Mrs. Webster presided and 15 members were present to discuss the Club's autumn programme. Mrs. Patterson won the raffle and tea hostesses were Mesdames Wilkett and Moran.

SCOUTS' JUBILEE SHOW

MEMBERS OF Billericay and Wickford District Scouts' Association have this week been busy finalising plans for their Diamond Jubilee Show which they are staging on Saturday at Sun Corner, Billericay.

"We hope to provide something of interest for all ages, and to show something of all aspects of Scouting," an association member told the "Standard Recorder."

The show will open at 2.30 p.m. after a band parade from the Armer Hall to the ground. There will be static displays, including traditional and modern style camp kitchens and first aid, a slow bicycle race and pillow fighting on poles between Scouts and leaders, tent pitching and a display by the Ilford Scout Pipe Band.

FOLLOW HIS EXAMPLE

FOLLOWING a story which appeared in the "Standard Recorder" a fortnight ago, Basildon Council are taking action to get hedges cut back for footpaths at Bell Hill, Billericay.

Said Council spokesman on Wednesday: "The tenant of one of the fields has already cut his hedges and it is hoped that in a few days the others will be equally helpful so that lengthy legal proceedings are not necessary."

Not too much noise

CONDITIONAL approval has been given by Basildon Council Planning Committee for a new operating theatre at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay—if the noise level is not above 55 decibels.

The Committee were told the new buildings will be near houses and noise from the pump room could cause annoyance to residence. It was further reported that a water-pump house had been erected without the Council being consulted, the minutes add.

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There was no Top Town Tournament at Wickford Carnival—but the trophy was presented by Coun. Terry Chapman (Vice-Chairman of Basildon Council) to representatives of the Basildon and Billericay Top Town teams. They are supported by their Carnival Queens and Courts. Basildon and Billericay teams did not appear—just as Wickford failed to compete in the other rounds.

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"Sexy Sue" from Shotgate



There was plenty of novelty in Wickford's Carnival, and Alan Strang, aged 10, of Shotgate, was popular as "Sexy Sue." The collectors did well along the procession route.

Wickford's Carnival Queen, Ann Camp, and her two princesses, Sonia Martin and Lesley Ince (seen above), had a grand time in Wickford's Carnival procession on Saturday.

The sun shone, the crowds turned out and the cash rolled in so that this year the organisers had no worries. The proceeds from the Carnival street collection will go to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay. All the organisations who took part in the Continental Fair kept their profits for themselves.

The procession was half a mile long and included eight queens, two bands and many pedestrian collectors. Between 4,500 and 5,000 people went to the Town Show ground, but the Top Town Tournament final was cancelled because this time it was Basildon and Billericay who failed to field teams — previously Wickford had failed!

IT WAS THEIR FINEST HOUR



NEARLY 5,000 WENT TO THE FETE FIELD



Everyone trocked to the fete field after the procession.



Pipe Sergeant T. Smith "gies 'em a blaw." He is seen at Wickford Carnival with Janet and Jennifer Rees and Carol Cooper, the Queen of Spare Parts, from Basildon Salvage Company.

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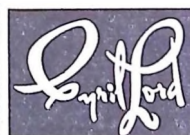
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WICKFORD'S GAMBLE PAID DIVIDENDS

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WHY NOT PROVIDE A BIGGER POST-BOX?

AS NEW SHOPS and businesses spring up in Billericay, so the strain on the postal service increases. A typical example is the post-box in the High Street near the parish church, where, evening after evening, it becomes increasingly difficult to use the box. At times it is filled to capacity with large envelopes balanced precariously on the rim of the opening. Local traders' assistants walk up to the box, their arms loaded with more post, sometimes large size packages, and push and shove them in. Then there are means of discontent about the G.P.O. damaging mail in transit. Collections are made far more frequently than they used to be, but still the box gets crammed full. There are two solutions. The first is that a larger capacity box—preferably combining a stamp machine—should be installed, or these with mail to post should, on finding the box full, stretch their legs a bit more and go to the main post office at the top of the street.

Bail objection is over-ruled

DESPITE Police objections to bail, Frank Gentry (38), a theatre porter of 49, The Slades, Vange, Basildon, was remanded on his own recognisance of £50 until October 4th, when he appeared at North London Magistrates' Court on Monday.

Gentry was charged with breaking into 13 and 15, Ezeron Road, Stoke Newington, and stealing property and with possessing housebreaking implements—a pair of gloves and a pair of pliers—by night.

Det-Sat. Colin Ashdown objected to bail, saying he feared Gentry would abscond.

Gentry said he would not abscond. He had a fixed address and was working. His application for bail was granted.

Film slides

A speaker from the N.S.P.C.C. attended London Hills Women's Institute's meeting on Tuesday and illustrated his talk with film slides. Competition winners were: 1. Mrs. Cordwell; 2. Mrs. Rowe; 3. Mrs. Watson. Final arrangements were made for an outing to Chichester and the Sussex countryside.

Local will

Mr. John William Wright, of Butneys, Basildon, who died on July 9th, left £4,025 18s. 6d.

CAN THE NEW TOWN GIVE A BIG LEAD IN SPORT?

Shopping on their honeymoon



The beautiful old church of St. Mary Magdalene at Great Burstead was the setting on Saturday for the wedding of Mr. Trevor Lathrope, of Hockley Road, Basildon, and Miss Freda Radwan, of Monoux Close, Billerica. The bride was given away by her father and wore a gown of white lace. Her bouquet veil was held by a coronet-style head-dress. The bride attendants were Miss Janine and two of her cousins, the Misses Lois and Susan Radwan. Mr. Norman Collier was the best man. After reception at South Creep Memorial Hall, the couple left to spend their honeymoon shopping for a new house.

WAITING FOR ARTS CENTRE

UNTIL THE building of their new arts centre takes place, members of the Basildon Civic Arts Society are considering an offer from Carreras to stage such events as plays, concerts and possibly an art exhibition at their Social Centre in Nevendon Road, Basildon.

At a meeting of the Society, which was held at Gifford House, Bowers Gifford, on Friday, Carreras' offer was thoroughly discussed and a sub-committee appointed to look into all aspects of the question.

Mr. Duncan McKeezie, who has seen the Social Centre, felt that the stage would be excellent for putting on plays and that the dressing room accommodation, complete with showers, was of a professional standard.

Members so discussed various problems connected with the building of their own arts centre, which they hope to have completed in September, 1968. They discussed the possibility of raising £2,400 to provide a proper orchestra pit and of the provision of a piano, which would cost £300.

Threw stones at a Transport Policeman's house, allegation

BECAUSE MR. James Rainey, of Berry Lane, Langdon Hills, was a British Transport Police sergeant he was not universally popular and some of the local youths had been making their views known by throwing stones at his house, particularly at night, said Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting, at Billericay on Tuesday.

And he went on to describe an incident at 1.30 a.m. on July 31st.

Before the Court was Gordon Wright (22), also of Berry Lane, who pleaded not guilty to causing wilful damage.

The case was found proved and Wright, who had previous convictions, was fined £21 to be paid at £2 a week or imprisonment for three months in default.

He was also ordered to pay £18 10s. damages and five guineas' costs.

Mr. Lavelle said on July 31st Mr. Rainey was in bed when he heard a noise. He got up and then heard something hit his son's bedroom window.

He saw a car outside, which had its engine running, and was standing by the vehicle.

Mr. Rainey saw him raise his hand and apparently throw something towards the house.

Wright was then driven away in the car and Mr. Rainey later found a piece of concrete in the middle of his lawn.

He also found a sill and damaged frame had been chipped, and the glass in the window had been broken.

Wright in Langdon High Road made against him, said Wright replied: "It was not me, I was here."

In the evening following the incident Mr. Rainey saw Wright at the damaged window, apparently examining it.

Mr. Peter Kirby, who stopped Wright in the damaged window, said he saw Wright throw stones at the house after seeing what it was all about.

LEGION WOMEN'S FLOWER SHOW

In addition to their normal fortnightly meeting on Tuesday in the Rose Hall, Billericay British Legion Women's Section held their annual flower show.

During the business meeting, at which Mrs. K. Cornwell presided, final arrangements were made for a South Coast tour later in the month and for a delegate and visitors to go to the D. Queen meeting at Wickford. A dinner and chip supper and entertainment was also planned.

Flower show winners: 1. Flowers—Mrs. A. Radley; 2. Mrs. Hill; 3. Mrs. B. Radley; 4. Mrs. B. Radley; 5. Mrs. B. Radley; 6. Mrs. B. Radley; 7. Mrs. B. Radley; 8. Mrs. B. Radley; 9. Mrs. B. Radley; 10. Mrs. B. Radley.

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But he also supplied the answer when he later said: "A carnival is part of the soul of the town." Wickford Carnival Organisation seem a little embarrassed when people compare the sums raised by their efforts with those of Billericay and Basildon, but if they were in it just for the money they would surely have given up long ago. No, there is more to the Carnival in Wickford than just making money. It promotes community spirit and gets people of all walks of life to work and have fun together in a common cause. It took a lot of hard work to stage Wickford's Carnival, but the Carnival Organisation can be proud of their efforts and what they have achieved. They started the year with next to nothing in the bank, but still managed to give the town a successful Carnival and raise a sizeable amount of money for charity into the bargain—a considerable achievement.

WHY NOT PROVIDE A BIGGER POST-BOX?

AS NEW SHOPS and businesses spring up in Billericay, so the strain on the postal service increases. A typical example is the post-box in the High Street near the parish church, where, evening after evening, it becomes increasingly difficult to use the box. At times it is filled to capacity with large envelopes balanced precariously on the rim of the opening. Local traders' assistants walk up to the box, their arms loaded with more post, sometimes large size packages, and push and shove them in. Then there are moans of discontent about the G.P.O. damaging mail in transit. Collections are made far more frequently than they used to be, but still the box gets crammed full. There are two solutions. The first is that a larger capacity box—preferably combining a stamp machine—should be installed, or those with mail to post should, on finding the box full, stretch their legs a bit more and go to the main post office at the top of the street.

Bail objection is over-ruled

DESPITE Police objections to bail, Frank Gentry (38), a theatre porter of 49, The Slades, Vange, Basildon, was remanded on his own recognisance of £50 until October 4th, when he appeared at North London Magistrates' Court on Monday.

Gentry was charged with breaking into 19 and 15, Egerton Road, Stoke Newington, and stealing property and with possessing housebreaking implements—a pair of gloves and a pair of pliers—by night. Det-Sgt. Colin Ashdown objected to bail, saying he feared Gentry would abscond. Gentry said he would not abscond. He had a fixed address and was working. His application for bail was granted.

Film slides

A speaker from the N.E.P.C. attended the London Women's Institute meeting on Tuesday and illustrated his talk with film slides. Competition winners were: 1. Mrs. Cordwell; 2. Mrs. Rowe; 3. Mrs. Watson. Final arrangements were made for an outing to Chichester and the Sussex countryside.

Local will

Mr. John William Wright, of Botolphs, Basildon, died on July 9th. He left £16,025 18 pence.

CAN THE NEW TOWN GIVE A BIG LEAD IN SPORT?

Shopping on their honeymoon



The beautiful old church of St. Mary Magdalene at Great Burstead was the setting on Saturday for the wedding of Mr. Trevor Lathrop, of Hockley Road, Basildon, to Miss Freda Radway, of Monoux Close, Billericay. The bride was given away by her father and wore a gown of white lace. Her bouffant veil was held by a coronet-style head-dress. The bride's attendants were Miss Janice Radway (sister of the bride) and two of her cousins, the Misses Lois and Susan Radway. Mr. Norman Collier was the best man. After a reception at a South Green Memorial Hall, the couple left to spend their honeymoon shopping for a new house.

WAITING FOR ARTS CENTRE

UNTIL THE building of their new arts centre takes place, members of the Basildon Civic Arts Society are considering an offer from Carreras to stage such events as plays, concerts and possibly an art exhibition at their Social Centre in Nevendon Road, Basildon.

At a meeting of the Society, which was held at Gifford House, Bowers Gifford, on Friday, Carreras' offer was thoroughly discussed and a sub-committee appointed to look into all aspects of the question. Mr. Duncan McKeegle, who has seen the Social Centre, felt that the stage would be excellent for putting on plays and that the dressing room accommodation, complete with showers, was of a professional standard.

Members also discussed various problems connected with the building of their own arts centre, which they hope to have completed in September, 1968. They discussed the possibility of raising £1,000 to provide a proper orchestra pit and of the provision of a piano, which would cost £500.

Threw stones at a Transport Policeman's house, allegation

BECAUSE MR. James Rainey, of Berry Lane, Langdon Hills, was a British Transport Police sergeant he was not universally popular and some of the local youths had been making their views known by throwing stones at his house, particularly at night, said Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting, at Billericay on Tuesday.

And he went on to describe an incident at 1.30 a.m. on July 31st.

Before the Court was Gordon Wright (22), also of Berry Lane, who pleaded not guilty to causing wilful damage.

The case was found proved and Wright, who had previous convictions, was fined £21 to be paid at £2 a week or imprisonment for three months in default. He was also ordered to pay £18 10s. damages and five guineas' costs.

Mr. Lavelle said on July 31st Mr. Rainey was in bed when he heard a noise. He got up and heard something hit his son's bedroom window.

He saw a car outside, which had its engine running, and Wright was standing by the vehicle.

Wright was then driven away in the car and Mr. Rainey later found a piece of concrete in the middle of his lawn.

He also found a sill and window frame had been damaged and the glass chipped. It would take about £18 to put right, said Mr. Lavelle.

In the evening following the incident Mr. Rainey saw Wright at the damaged window, apparently examining it. Mr. Lavelle added:

P. Peter Kiley, who stopped Wright in Langdon High Road and told him of the allegations made against him, said Wright replied: "It was not me, I was here."

In Court Wright said he had not been near the house at no time after he was thrown away.

LEGION WOMEN'S FLOWER SHOW

In addition to their normal fortnightly meeting on Tuesday in the Rose Hall, Billericay British Legion Women's Section held their annual flower show.

During the business meeting, at which Mrs. K. Corringwell presided, all arrangements were made for a South Coast tour later in the month and for a delegate and visitors to go to the "DI" Day meeting at Wickford. A lunch and chip supper and entertainment was also planned.

Flower show winners: 1. Mrs. Rutter; 2. Mrs. Hill; 3. Mrs. and Mr. Bartlett; 4. Mrs. Harley; 5. Mrs. Cooker. Prizes were provided by Mrs. Green.

During the business meeting at which Mrs. K. O. O'Connell presided, special thanks were made for the Coast tour later in the month and for a message from the visitors to go to the "D. I. meeting at Wickford." A social and chip supper and entertainment was also planned.

Flower show winners: 1. Mrs. Hill. Fruit and vegetables: 1. Mrs. Harlett; 2. Mrs. Harley; 3. Mrs. Wacker. Prizes were provided by Mrs. O'Connell.

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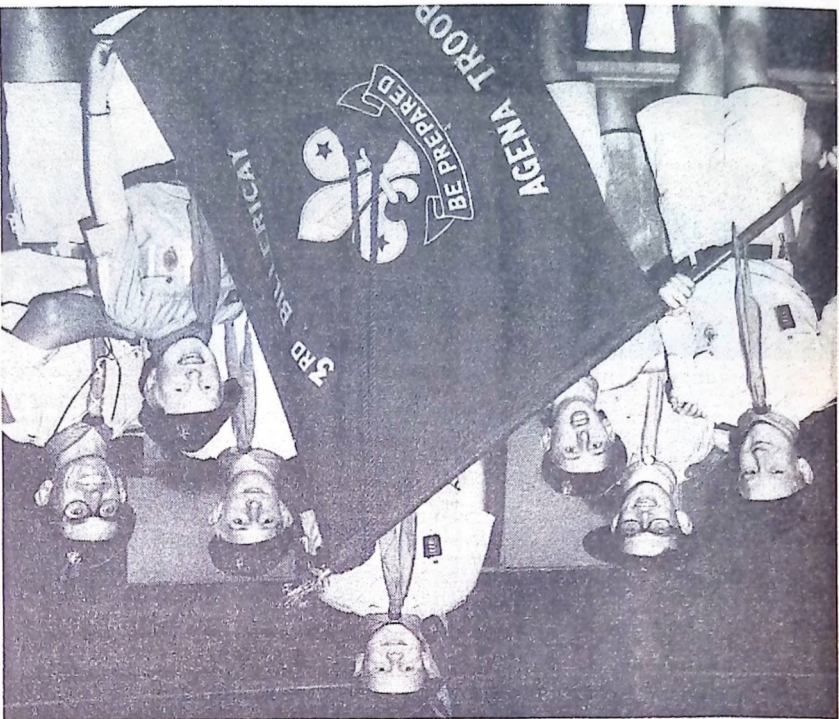


THEY LIKE THE NEW BAR

MEMBERS OF GRAYLANDS YOUTH CENTRE, BASILDON, AT THE NEW BAR IN THE RECENTLY DECORATED LOUNGE.



Roll-a-ball was a popular sideshow at the garden fête at Langdon Hills Methodist Church on Saturday.



The 3rd Billerica Scout Group "Acena Troop" held a dedication and presentation of new Colours at Christ Church, Great, Billerica, on Thursday week. Our picture shows the Patrol Leaders with the new Colours. The flag was presented to new Patrol Leader, Mr. John Brooks (Chairman of the 3rd Billerica Scout Group). After the dedication it was placed in the care of Mr. John Brooks, the Troop Leader, and it was later accepted on behalf of the Scouts by Mr. John Brooks, the Troop Leader.

★ A DAY OF GAIETY AT WICKFORD ★

The Queen of Spare Parts reigned at Wickford's Carnival procession. Carol Cooper, with Janet and Jennifer Rees, were on the Basildon Salvage Company's float and are seen below.



There are many pictures on the centre pages of the last big Carnival procession this year in the urban district. Here are more, and above Shotgate Boys' Brigade, 2nd Company, showed the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe on their float, and they are seen passing through the High Street.



TH WYVERN YOUTH CLUB, BASILDON, AS THE MAD DOLLS, WORKED HARD COLLECTING ALONG THE ROUTE AND WERE VERY POPULAR.

Not what they appear to be!



They looked quite charming as Dutch girls, but we wouldn't mind betting that Cub Scout Nigel Wright, Kevin Smith and John Swann were well ragged by their pals! Below are kilted collectors from the Southend Revellers, who travelled from the seaside to help Wickford Carnival.



Flower power—a love-in by Carter and Ward, Ltd., Sports and Social Club—was one of the many humorous shows in the procession. They won a third prize.



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Hoarded stolen goods

WILLIAM LEWIS, of Hickstars Lane, Billericay, told the Police a hut he owned in Chaseside, Billericay, had been broken into. But when they went there they found property belonging to the G.P.O., which Lewis, a cleaner at Billericay Post Office, later admitted he had stolen from his work.

Billericay Justices heard this on Tuesday from Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting. Lewis admitted stealing cable and other articles, worth £7, and stealing toilet goods and other items, worth £6 1s. 6d., all from the Post Office.

"The Police got the impression he is really a squirrel. He sees things, he takes them and hoards them, but there is nothing to say he has sold anything," said Mr. Lavelle.

A man with no previous convictions, he was conditionally discharged for 12 months.

Lewis told the Court that he did not know how the goods got in the hut or his home. He could not remember taking them.

THEY WON'T FORGET THIS CONTINENTAL HOLIDAY TRIP

Chapter of trouble in the mountains

WHEN MRS. Valerie Sumner saw her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Schwartz, off on their holiday last week, she certainly never envisaged their trip would be as eventful as it turned out.

Together with relatives from London, Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz had booked a 12-day coach tour of Austria with the Eastern National Omnibus Company. Mrs. Sumner, who lives at Rectory Road, Pitsea, was delighted; her mother had been ill and she felt that the trip would be just the thing to help her on the road to recovery again.

She was not a little alarmed and infuriated when on Tuesday morning she received a letter from her mother, telling her of the various trials and tribulations that had occurred already.

On the road through France the coach broke down. Some of the men and boys among the passengers fixed it, but it broke down a second time along a mountain pass in Austria.

This time a garage man came to repair it, but the driver had to be extra careful in case the fault occurred again. While they were climbing a particularly steep pass, the cooling system of the coach failed and started to boil.

One of the passengers leaned over the edge of a crevasse to collect some snow to put in the radiator; the passengers found that they were right on the edge of a ravine, with a sheer drop of hundreds of feet.

In the letter to her daughter, Mrs. Schwartz went on to say that they

were all so upset and alarmed by the failure of the coach that they were refusing to travel on to Italy through the mountains. Some of them were talking of returning by air.

Frantic with worry, Mrs. Sumner contacted the Eastern National Company, who explained that although every possible check had been made on the vehicle before it left for the Continent, the failure of the cooling system had not been foreseeable. A replacement for the system had not been obtainable there, and although the Company had had a spare part flown out, it had somehow gone astray.

They went on to assure her that the driver was highly competent and had been doing this type of work for 40 years. He had a clean record, with no accidents, and they felt sure that no blame could be attached to him for the failure of the coach.

A spokesman from the Eastern National Omnibus Company explained

yesterday that the spare part necessary to repair the cooling system had been flown out by the first available plane to Innsbruck. The driver travelled overland 40 miles to collect it, but found that owing to bad weather the plane had been diverted to Munich.

When the driver and coach party returned to England on Friday they would have a full report on the matter.

Whereas they supplied the coach and driver, the actual tour was booked through a travel agent from Basildon.

COMMUNITY HALL LOSES BOOKINGS

REPAIRS to Lee Chapel South Community Hall may cost the Association about £50 in lost bookings, Treasurer Mr. Frank Hughes told a Committee meeting on Friday.

Corporation contractors are now involved in extensive repairs at the Hall, following a long list of complaints made by the Association.

These included two serious gas fractures; electricity fuses blown continually; glass cracking because of pressure; floor and ceiling fractures and difficulties in bolting doors and windows.

"These are some of the difficulties," Secretary Mr. G. S. Juniper told the Corporation, "that have caused a drop in hire revenue—which is this voluntary organisation's life blood."

A letter from Corporation Chief Architect Douglas Galloway assured the Association that the "building is structurally sound." There was no basic instability and cracks in the main part of the hall were due to brickwork expansion.

To deal with these an expansion joint will be put in the wall.

Council clamp-down on "black market" stall-letting

CLAMP-DOWN by Basildon Council on sharp practices in the market place came into effect this week. It is intended to stamp out "black market" stall-letting deals at the Town Centre market.

All market men have been sent a letter by Council Treasurer Mr. E. S. Humphreys. "The Council have been concerned for some time at reports that there have been some unauthorised transfers of trading licences in the market, and have now decided they cannot allow this situation to continue," he says.

New regulations require the licensed trader of each stall to trade personally on every market day.

"The person named on the enclosed copy of the trading regulation will be required to be in personal attendance on the stall on all market days, except in temporary cases of sickness," the letter continues. A substitute for holidays can be agreed if prior notice is given.

Mr. Humphreys stresses: "I must emphasise that it is the Council's firm intention to enforce this new regulation and cancellation of the licence to trade will follow any breach of it."

He recognises in the letter that the majority of traders are already trading personally and points out a separate arrangement will be drawn up for companies holding stalls.

Another new market regulation requires stallholders to display their name and address on a board. Details of the changes were given to Basildon Chamber of Trade on Tuesday.

Said Mr. Jack Kerstein, who represents the Chamber in the market: "I have had no complaints from market traders about this revised agreement."

Mr. Charles Smith said: "There is no doubt there have been sharp practices going on. But these things are put down in black and white in agreements, and never carried out unless something goes wrong."

Floral beauty in church



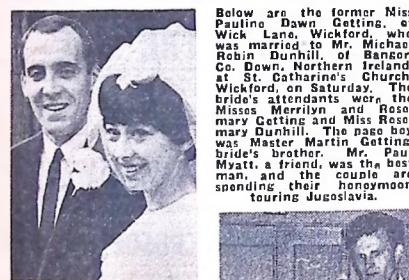
Children admiring the Mothers' Union floral display at St. Andrew's Church, Wickford, Flower Festival held on Saturday and Sunday. They are Elaine Clarke (6) and Andrew Sutcliffe (8).



A honeymoon in Guernsey followed Saturday's wedding of Miss Gwendoline Deering, of Clonseswick, Basildon, who was married on Saturday to Mr. David Charles May, of Portland Gardens, Chadwell Heath. The wedding took place at Holy Cross Church, Basildon, and Rev. E. S. Buxton conducted the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of ivory slub satin, cut into a train. The neckline was trimmed with pearls and crystals. A crystal coronet held her embroidered bouffant veil, and she carried pink roses and stephanotis. Her bridesmaids were her three cousins, the Misses Denise Croker, Patricia and Joan Deering, and Miss Judith May, the bridegroom's sister. They wore full-length dresses of kingfisher-blue, with matching Altair bands, and carried bouquets of pink roses. The best man was Mr. Anthony Chambers.



The wedding of Mr. Peter Edward Owles, of Tanfield Drive, Billericay, and Miss Rosalind Alice Young, of Fremnells Downham, Billericay, was on Saturday at St. Margaret's Church, Downham. (Photo by E. Nixon Payne, Chelmsford)



The marriage took place on Saturday at Holy Cross Church, Basildon, between Mr. George Noel Kreuder, of Ardleigh, Basildon, and Miss Jacqueline Grace Legg, of Waldergrave, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of white crepe with a train, and her short veil was secured by two satin roses. She carried a bouquet of red roses. Miss Valeria Kreuder and Mrs. Ann Stevens attended, and Mr. Peter Kreuder was best man. (Photo by Highlands Studios)



Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. David Edwards, married on Saturday at St. Nicholas Church, Laindon, nearly forfeited their honeymoon in Spain! The bridegroom's passport had been stolen in the recent passport office raid in London. He was just lucky enough to get a new passport in time for their honeymoon. David, of Kathleen Ferrier Crescent, Laindon, was married to Miss Jean Hubbard, formerly of Nottingham Drive, Basildon. She wore an emerald-green dress of Nottingham lace and carried a bouquet of stephanotis, lilies of the valley and a rose. The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Mrs. Shirley Drew and Misses Margaret Edwards and Linda Edwards. David's best man was the bride's cousin, Mr. Paul Fuller. (Photo by Arthur E. Polley)



Mr. David John Jones, of Leytonstone, and Miss Evelyn May Bright, of Gladwyns, Basildon, were married on Saturday at St. Martin's Church, Basildon, by Rev. A. J. Dunlop. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of crystal satin decorated with guipure lace and a three-quarter-length veil secured by a crystal tiara. Miss Anne Sinclair and Miss Aline Wilson attended, and Mr. John Nisbett was best man. (Photo by Florides Photographic)



Mr. Eric Ernest Robinson, of Long Riding, Basildon, and Miss Janice Higgins, of Church Road, Ramden Hallhouse, were married on Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of spotted nylon with a long veil, and carried a bouquet of white roses, stephanotis and white ribbons. Miss Gillian Higgins, Miss Christine Champion, Miss Carole Champion and Mrs. Marianne Murray attended, and Mr. Kenneth Hughes was best man.



Mr. James Samuel Clark, of Dagenham, and Miss Eileen Anne Blower, of Collingwood Road, Basildon, were married on Saturday at All Saints' Church, Vange. Given away by her brother, Mr. S. Blower, the bride wore a pink lace dress with matching coat and hat, and carried a white Bible and a spray of red roses. Mr. E. Clark was best man. (Photo by Florides Photographic)

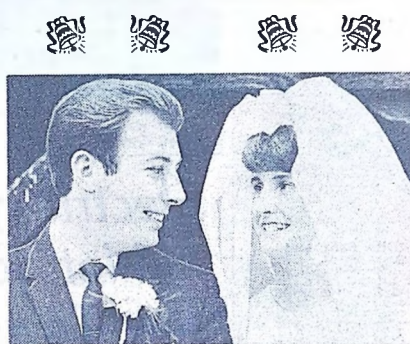


Miss Sheila Kathleen Jones, of Park Close, Wickford, was married at St. Catharine's Church, Wickford, on Saturday, to Mr. Laurence Morgan, of Parry Street, Wallasey, Cheshire, by Rev. F. C. France. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of white crepe, with train. A floral head-dress held her bouffant veil and she carried a white Bible with a spray of flowers. She was attended by Miss Gillian Abbs, a friend. Best man was Mr. Robert Little. The couple afterwards left to spend their honeymoon on the South Coast. (Photo by Stan Caldwell)

Saturday brides— and bridegrooms



Mr. Baden Bull, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bull, of Claremont Road, Laindon, married Miss Brenda King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King, of Gifford Road, Thundersley, at St. George's Church, Thundersley, on Saturday.



All Saints' Church, Vange, was the scene on Saturday for the wedding of Mr. David Adams Lewis, of Birstall, Leicester, and Miss Vivienne Pauline Spendllove, of South Colne, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride had the Misses Teresa Spendllove, Josephine Blackwell, Linda Spendllove and Amanda Stone as her bridesmaids, and Mr. John Lewis was best man. (Photo by Highlands Studios)

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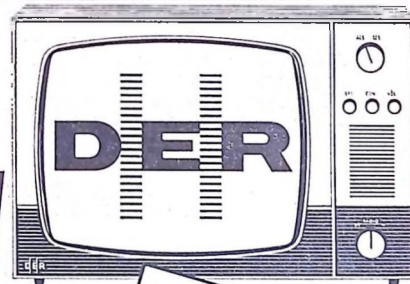
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Ritz, Billericay
 Set in 1880, "Hombre" (Sunday and Monday) is the story of a white man, brought up and trained by Apache Indians. "A Fistful of Dollars" (Tuesday for five days) is a story of violence, suspense and brutality. It features a man with no name who becomes involved with cattle warfare in a small Mexican town.

Odeon, Brentwood
 Monday for six days, "The Sand Pebbles" is an epic-length film about the crew of an American gunboat during the Chinese revolution of 1926.

Century, Pitsea
 Retained for a second week, "You Only Live Twice" stars Sean Connery as Special Agent 007, James Bond, who is trying to break up an organisation out to start a third world war.

Odeon, Southend
 A story of murder and mystery, "In the Heat of the Night" (up to and including Wednesday) has strong overtones of racial prejudice. The body of a wealthy man is found in a South American town and a negro is immediately arrested. However it is discovered that the negro is a top ranking homicide squad detective from Philadelphia.

Rio, Canvey
 Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, "The Venetian Affair" is a cloak and dagger adventure in beautiful Venetian settings. Showing Friday and Saturday "Easy Come, Easy Go" stars Elvira Presley in the musical story of a U.S. Navy skin diver.

Ritz, Southend
 Showing Sunday for six days (not Wednesday) "The Great Escape" is a moving story of life in a prisoner-of-war camp. Also showing is "633 Squadron". Showing on Wednesday for one day only Walt Disney's "Fantasia" is a delightful film which sets various types of cartoon to several famous classical pieces of music.

ABC, Southend
 A complicated and tense adventure, "The Naked Runner" (up to and including Wednesday) has an espionage and murder background. The job of Special Operations in England is given the ticklish job of murdering a man carrying valuable secrets who has been "springing" out of prison by Moscow agents.

A gift from Rotary



At Wickford Rotary Club lunch this week Mr. Bryn Thomas (Secretary of Runwell Hospital) received a cheque for £257 from the Rotary Club from Rotarian Rev. F. C. Prance. Also in the picture is Rotarian D. Hall.

Electricity in the home? —Not for this New Town family

CAN YOU imagine life without electricity? Without the possibly mixed blessing of television and radio? Without a vacuum cleaner to clean with, without electric light at the touch of a switch, with only an old-fashioned flat-iron to smooth the wrinkles from washing that was boiled in a pail on a calor-gas stove?

Mr. and Mrs. Ely can imagine all this all too well: for in this day and age they have no electricity—and as far as they can see, no hope of any! Five years ago Mr. David Ely, who lives two miles as the crow flies from the heart of Basildon New Town first applied for electricity to be installed at his home. Up to then, he had a small generator, but he felt that a proper power supply would be more reliable and safer—and far more convenient.

The authorities were helpful. They promised him some action as soon as possible, providing he obtained planning permission for the erection of the poles. This was granted without any trouble. Then the snag arose.

The poles would have to cross a strip of waste ground and the owners of this just could not be traced. Mr. and Mrs. Ely wrote letters. They trekked wearily from electric show-rooms at Basildon to Grays and on to Chelmsford; they wrote more letters. Always the answer was the same. Without the permission of the owner of the strip of land the poles could not be erected.

Eight months ago, they were delighted to see the workmen pegging-out the ground for the insertion of poles. On the strength

of this they joyfully went to the showrooms and paid a deposit on a gleaming new electric cooker. But news are not enough to power a cooker—you need poles and wires as well, and these are still missing!

Mrs. Ely has recently come home after a spell in hospital; she had lung cancer. Because the hospital authorities felt that she should not have to cope with all lamps and calor-gas cylinders, they too wrote letters to the electricity authority on her behalf, but without any better success. The only lighting for the Elys is still a barrage of Tilley lamps that need to be cleaned and filled daily. The washing of the family linen—and the dirty overalls of the menfolk—has to be boiled up on the gas stove—and anyone who has ever used calor gas will know that it might be gas, but it certainly is not high speed!

Mrs. Ely feels that it is her grown-up sons who suffer most. "Whatever must their friends think of us?" she asks. "We can't even ask them in to watch TV with us!"

Now the most maddening blow of all has fallen Monday, Mrs. Ely's house, on the main road from the Elys' home in Vange Corner Drive, Fobbing, a shiny new garage is being built, and of course, it has electricity. "In this day and age it's crazy to see electricity so near and yet so far!" says Mrs. Ely.

FUCHSIA CLUB

Bingo was the order of the day at the weekly meeting of the Pitsea Fuchsia Club at the Working Men's Club, Vange, on Monday. Mrs. Lowe presided and gave the final plans for the forthcoming outing to Falmouth. No news had been received from the Club's sick members. Great wishes were expressed for their recovery. Tea was served by Mrs. Hickman and Mrs. Davis.



Mr. and Mrs. Ely trim and fill the Tilley lamps ready for the night.

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★ WICKFORD CARNIVAL TRIUMPH ★

Sunshine brought success — and no financial worries

FOR THE FIFTH YEAR RUNNING WICKFORD CARNIVAL BROUGHT THE SUNSHINE ON SATURDAY. AFTER A WEEK OF INDIFFERENT WEATHER THE SUN SCORCHED DOWN TO MAKE IT ONE OF THE BEST DAYS OF THE SUMMER.

Plagued by financial worries all through the year, Wickford Town Show and Carnival officials were able to relax for the first time at the end of the day, relieved that the event had not turned into the damp disaster they feared.

"The Carnival has completely outdone itself," a tired, but jubilant, Chairman, Harry Reeves, told the "Standard."

"We always begin Carnival Week by praying for good weather. People say September is the wrong time, but the weather has always been kind to us. "It is becoming traditionally Wickford's day. It is the one big event in the town which rounds off the summer."

Few worries

"I don't yet know how we stand financially. Money has still to come in and expenses have to be paid, but, after today, we have few worries on that score."

But Mr. Reeves warned charities not to be over optimistic. "This does not mean we will be handing out on the scale of Billericay and Basildon," he said. "People compare the amounts and question why we never do so well, but there are many things they do not take into account."

Apart from the hospital, there are a large number of organisations in Wickford who benefit both publicity-wise and financially from Carnival.

All the organisations who took part in the Continental Fair this year, for

example, kept their profits for themselves, whereas Billericay and Basildon Carnival organisations claim them for Carnival funds."

Money was not the sole purpose, he pointed out, carnival is part of the soul of a town. It is a community event, and I think we have more than succeeded in this respect."

Referring to the argument with the Council, who originally refused to allow a commercial fair in the Nevedon Road Recreation Ground, Mr. Reeves said he, too, had his doubts about the desirability of a funfair, but he felt it was a financial necessity. "To bring a commercial concern into a Carnival is a pity," he said.

"It took away some of our audience for the Town Show displays, but I think their assistance was necessary in putting on a good show. It added a bit of variety."

Unlike last year, when crowds started to form an hour before the procession moved off, Wickford's main streets were almost deserted until a few minutes before zero hour.

The half-mile long cavalcade made its way from the assembly point in Bruce Grove, through the High Street, down Southend Road, through the High Street and along Nevedon Road to Elder Avenue for dispersal.

The crowds, who were surprisingly restrained, did little cheering and waving, but threw pennies, sixpences and even the odd half-crown. They were at their thickest at the junction of the High Street with London Road, where they packed the pavements seven or eight deep.

Once again the 40-vehicle procession, which included eight queens, two bands and many pedestrian street collectors, was led by "Cowboy" Billy Foyle on his palomino stallion, King.

Then came the Southend Scottish Pipe Band, followed by Wickford's Carnival

Queen, Ann Camp, and her two princesses, Sonia Martin and Lesley Ince, on a redesigned and more regal-looking float.

The other band was the 1st Basildon Girls' Brigade. Among the visiting queues were girls from Southend, Canvey, Basildon, Billericay, Hornchurch, Corringham and Romford, whose vehicle won the King Crown Cup for the best queen's float.

Looking particularly pretty were Wickford's Junior Queen, Gabrielle Mickelborough (11), and her Princess, Jennifer Worth, who rode in a pony trap belonging to Mr. Joseph Livermore, of Castledon Road, Wickford.

The queens and their courts assembled on the fete Revue, which Wickford's Ann Camp present trophies and certificates to procession prize-winners, see the various Town Show displays and visit the Continental-theme fete.

Altogether, a record 4,600 to 5,000 people visited the Town Show ground. But, commented Mr. Reeves, "not all of them paid to get in by any means."

See centre pages and Page 5 for pictures of Wickford Carnival and Town Show.

"We kept our eyes open and I don't think so many got in without paying as did last year, but there were still quite a few who sneaked over the fences."

One of the main highlights of the Town Show should have been the ill-fated Top Town Tournament, which was cancelled.

This time it was Billericay and Basildon, and not Wickford, who failed to field teams, and the Tournament final had to be cancelled.

It was decided Billericay and Basildon, who tied in the last contest, should hold the Top Town Cup jointly, each for six months.

It is a pity the Tournament had to turn out like this, Mr. Reeves said. "It is a wonderful way of getting all three towns to work together and consider each other."

Wickford initially started the race.

We don't seem to have a group of men willing to do the job. We expected one of the town's athletic organisations would do it, but they just weren't interested."

But other displays went according to plan, and were given by gymnasts from Beauchamps School, Southend Scottish Pipe Band and Wickford Mead Group.

Fairground

Local organisations were the backbone of the Continental Fair, and among them were Runwell Hospital League of Friends, the Essex County Association for the Blind, who sold home-made soft toys to raise money for training centres, and the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain (Southend branch). Wickford Conservatives took the prize for the best stall.

Also represented were Wickford Group of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, Billericay and Basildon Group of the Cystic

PROCEEDS from this year's Carnival street collection will be donated to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay. They will be used to buy equipment for a new intensive care unit.

Last year the street collection amounted to £70, and Saturday's figure is expected to be about the same.

Fibrosis Research Foundation Trust, the 2nd Wickford Scout Group, Wickford Round Table and Ladies' Circle.

Wickford Fire Brigade played their part by opening their doors to the public in the afternoon and the flower festival at St. Andrew's Church was open all day.

To round off the day's events there was a Carnival Night Dance at the Community Centre in the evening, which featured a Princess of the Year contest.

Sweet 16

Girls from Canvey, Billericay, Corringham, Basildon, Hornchurch, Plinney and Romford took part, but Basildon's Kerryanne Butterhill 16½, who had been second in a similar contest at the Icecream Ballroom in London, topped the poll.

There was also a surprise in store for Plinney Princess Pauline Leroy. When the 240 dancers discovered she was 21 that night, she turned in and sang "Happy Birthday," and then saw her bumped 21 times by Carnival officials. Prize-winners were as follows:

PROCESSION RESULTS: Trade Tableaux (Wickford): 1. Eileen's London Road; 2. "Wickford Standard Recorder"; 3. Wickford Table Tennis Club; Trade Tableaux (outside): 1. Benson and Hedges; 2. Basildon Salvage Company; Humorous tableaux: 1. Wickford Clinic Mothers' Club; 2. Wickford Baptist Church; 3. Weymouth Youth Club; Basildon Artistic tableaux: 1. Wickford Round Table; 2. Wickford Sports Club; 3. National Savings; Decorated car or van: 1. Mr. and Mrs. Church of Woking; 2. Basildon Council Play Leadership; 3. Carver and Ward Sports and Social Club; Equestrian in fancy dress: 1. Miss A. Townsend; Pedestrian in fancy dress: 1. Japanese Ladies; 2. Mono Cyclists; 3. Wickford Horikawa Educational Association; Best Overall Float: G.P.O. Best Queen's Float—1. Romford; 2. Corringham.

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The Top Town Tournament final arranged for the Wickford Town Show was cancelled because Billericay and Wickford failed to send teams. A framework supporting rubber tyres for an obstacle race collapsed while children were swinging on it, and several received bumps and scrapes, but no one was seriously hurt.



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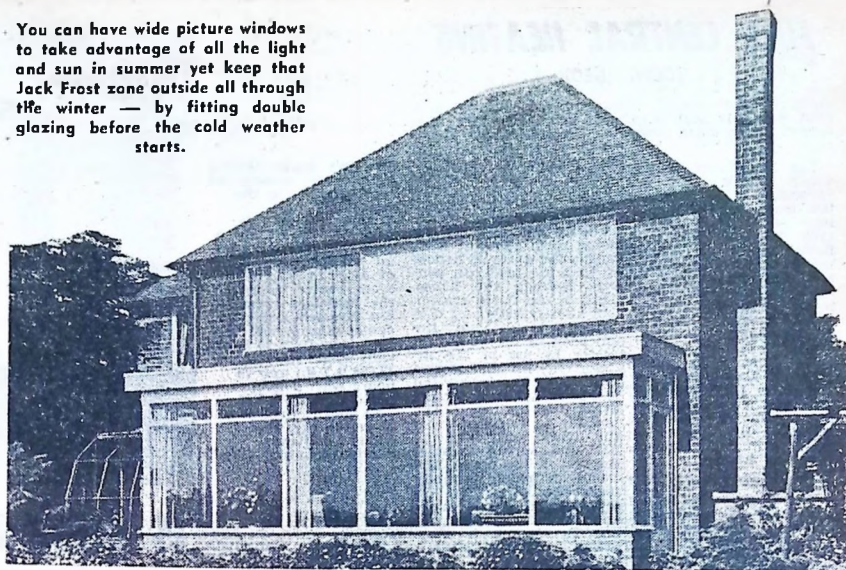
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cases it is positioned in a heat cabinet in the existing fireplace of the living room, where it will give any reasonable temperature in all weather conditions.

With some flued convector systems it is necessary to leave the door of the living room open, at least during the warm-up period, so that the heat can convect through the house. This is the basic system. But at very little cost it is possible to increase the efficiency of the flued convector by use of the BP Calorvent. An unobtrusive grille with an electric fan is placed high up in the living room/hall wall. The hot air is impelled from the living room into the hall and spread through the rest of the house. The colder air which naturally seeks the lowest level is re-admitted through another grille for re-warming. By adding a time-switch to the electric fan it is possible to "programme" the heat to the rest of the house, say for a short period before bedtime. A package-deal offer called Warmare, based on a flued convector.

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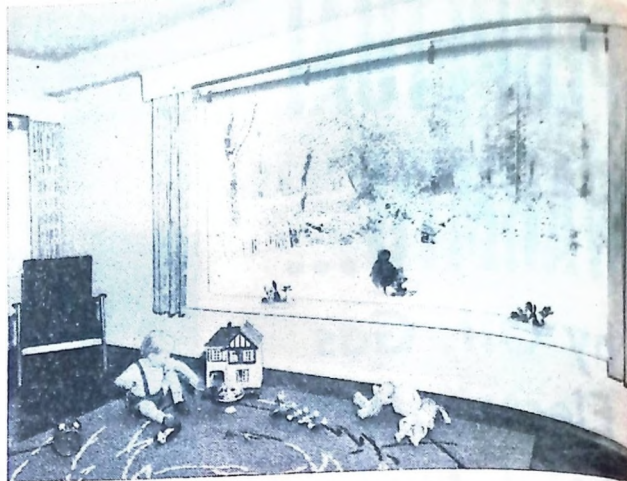
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Pressure-jet boilers usually employ a heavier fuel which is forced through a small nozzle causing the oil to atomise. The atomised oil is mixed with combustion air supplied by a fan and the resulting mixture is burned in the combustion chamber of the boiler. It is ignited by an electric spark and the burner starts and stops automatically under the control of a thermostat.

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Safety Valve

Where there is any possibility of the tank or any pipework freezing they must be adequately insulated. In addition a safety valve must be fitted on or in the pipework, adjacent to the heating appliance to relieve any pressure should this occur.

Non-automatic boilers, such as solid fuel boilers, must always be provided with a gravity relief circuit to dissipate the heat produced by the boiler should the heating accelerator stop due to failure or interruption of the electricity supply.

These are a few of the safety factors which must be incorporated into the design and installation of heating systems if accidents of the nature described are to be avoided.

If you have any doubts about the quality or safety of your system

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Storage heaters are self-contained units

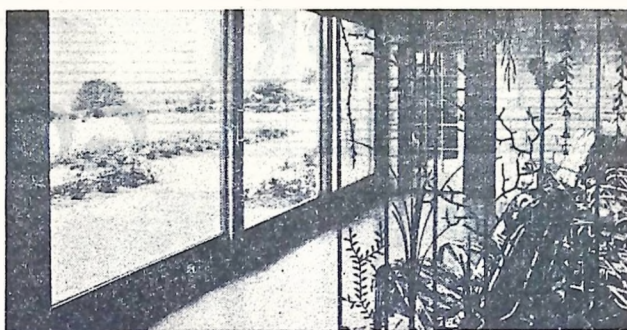
with an electric element embedded in a heat storage material such as fire clay. This storage material is insulated to control heat output. When the element is switched on, all the heat is absorbed by the storage material, and then is gradually released into the room. An advantage of such systems is that they use "off-peak" electricity, thus reducing running costs. They still, however, cost more than the "refined" fuels to run.

If the radiator in the living room is of the fan-assisted type and the evening is particularly cold, then the touch of a switch will raise the temperature of the room ten degrees in as many minutes.

Fan-assisted radiators were largely developed by Eastern Electricity and the prototype still heats the Board's garage at Stowmarket. Basically similar in design to the original heaters,

the fan-assisted radiator is fitted with an electric motor and a fan and is so well insulated that very little heat escapes until the fan is switched on. Then air is drawn into the case, circulated over the hot core of the heater and expelled into the room through a duct.

The small amount of heat given off from the heater say, during the day, is sufficient to take the chill from the atmosphere in the hall of the house; the much hotter air expelled when the fan is operating, can be supplied through the duct and a grille to the neighbouring room. Fan-assisted radiators are, therefore, ideal for warming two adjacent rooms, a bedroom and the living room. They can be installed with the minimum of structural alteration, and when used with the standard radiators in the other rooms of the house, will provide a complete central heating system.



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Running costs of gas-fired systems are generally higher than solid fuel, lower than electricity and cheaper or dearer than oil according to the area. With large deposits of natural gas being found in the North Sea, the gas authorities are confident that the future of gas as a competitive fuel is assured.

There are two main types of gas-fired central heating: wet systems and warm air systems. In the first category, conventional or balanced fuel boilers ranging from 30,000 Btu/h to 200,000 Btu/h are available. The water is heated by jets in the boiler (if the jets blow out, the gas supply is automatically cut off)

and circulated by gravity or under pressure through small-bore pipes to the radiators. One leading gas-fired system, Servowarm central heating, dispenses altogether with the need for a separate boiler. Water is heated inside the master radiator, a slim boiler/radiator combined, and then circulated to the other radiators. This saves both valuable room space and the cost of installing a separate boiler.

Warm air systems are normally used for new houses or flats, but an increasing number are being installed in existing homes. The air is warmed through ducts, entering the rooms through grille openings situated either at floor or skirting board level. A third method of gas-fired heating is that of heating by radiation — having a series of gas fires installed as required in rooms throughout the house.

SOLID FUEL

COME 60,000 full central heating systems using solid fuel were installed in this country last year. Solid fuel is an inexpensive fuel with regard to running costs, and solid fuel boilers tend to be among the least expensive to purchase. Of the two types of solid fuel, anthracite is generally more expensive than coke, but has a higher thermal content. But both coke and anthracite require expensive storage space outside or inside the home. The storage space should not only be accessible to the delivery man but also, from the point of

view of convenience, not too far removed from the boiler itself. Solid fuel boilers have to be stoked and raked from anything between once or twice a week to once or three times a day. The larger the boiler, the more work is involved. Boilers using solid fuel cannot be as precisely controlled as those using refined fuels.

A typical solid fuel installation in a small home consists of a small domestic boiler, with a low heat output, capable of supplying two or three radiators, a towel rail and a small amount of domestic hot water. A wide range of larger

boilers, with outputs from around 35,000 Btu/h, are available, suitable for providing full central heating and hot water for average three-bedroomed and larger houses. Such boilers usually have to be stoked twice a day in mild weather and three times a day in cold weather.

Gravity feed boilers, ranging from 40,000 Btu/h, usually burn anthracite and need to be stoked once every twenty-four hours. The fuel is fed into a reservoir at the top of the boiler (the hopper) and moves slowly down to the fire as required.

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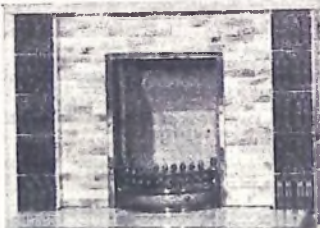
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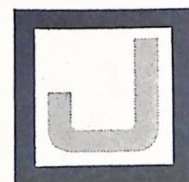
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FACTORY GOSSIP



Mock wedding before the real event

MARRIED AT HOLY CROSS CHURCH, BASILDON, ON SATURDAY, JACQUELINE LEGG (19) AND GEORGE KREUDER (25), SEEN IN THE ABOVE PICTURE.

BUT BEFORE THE CEREMONY AT THE CHURCH THEY FACED A GRUELING SEND-OFF FROM THEIR WORKMATES AT THE CARRERAS FACTORY DEPOT IN HOWARD CHASE.

They dressed Jackie in a mock wedding gown with posters, coloured paper and dubiously-originated messages.

And then, as the couple left the factory two days before their wedding, staged a confetti farewell.

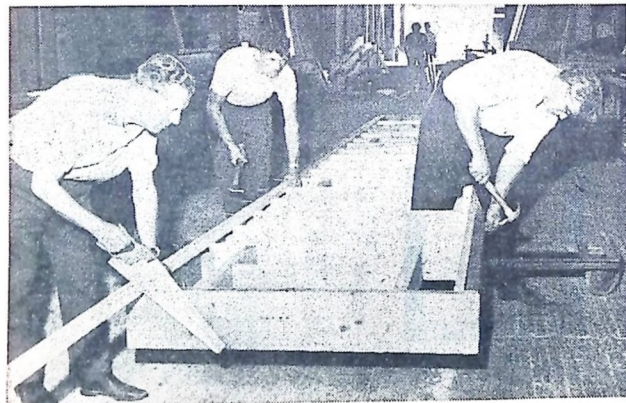
Adding a happy note to the scene was a well-dressed sweep, alias workmate John Reay, of Wickford.

Jackie and George met three years ago at a party and not at the factory where she has been working for five years.

Jackie, who lives at Waldegrave, Kingswood, Basildon, and George, who lives in Ardleigh, Basildon, work in the printing and export departments of Carreras.

Big spending to create efficiency

MANAGING Director of Essex Stonecrafts, Ltd., of Wickford, Mr. John Mellon, this week supervised the installation of new equipment. For Mr. Mellon, a great personal triumph. For the firm, savings in costs and time and increased efficiency.



Workmen at Essex Stonecrafts, Ltd., with a schoolroom floor. The men are Ken Ite, Charlie Purkis and George Lunn.

lighter machinery and more power tools. While I was over there I ordered the best of this type of machinery."

The trip itself was organised by the Canadian High Commission, and Mr. Mellon was full of praise for the precision of his schedule, which enabled him to see the maximum number of people in the minimum amount of time.

While he was over there he had a scant seven hours of leisure time, but was able to take in some of the Calgary Stampede, and bought himself a Stetson to mingle with holidaymaking Canadians, plus a Western-style shirt.

Equipment is coming through quickly, but even before it has all arrived Mr. Mellon will be off again, this time to Scandinavia to meet timber agents, and to investigate Norse methods of construction.

He gets promotion

NEW Purchasing Manager at Rosedale, Ltd., of Billericay, manufacturing chemists, famous for their

hair-sprays and shampoos, is Mr. Sidney Edwards.

Mr. Edwards has been promoted from Assistant Purchasing Manager on the resignation of Mr. Norman Warton, of Swanley, Kent, who has gone to another firm.

Mr. Edwards, who, like Mr. Warton, was with a rival firm, Fassett and Johnson,



Mr. S. Edwards, new purchasing officer at Rosedale, of Sydenham, Kent, before they took over Rosedale's at the beginning of the year, has been with the firm for 4 1/2 years.

A resident of Chigwell, he was pleased with the decision to transfer him from F. and J. to Rosedale's in February.

"Living in Essex, it is very much easier for me to travel to Billericay, and it is much more pleasant working in the country than the town in Kent," he told the "Standard Recorder."

Married for 17 years, Mr. Edwards and his wife, Pat, have a 12-years-old son, David, who doesn't look like following in father's footsteps. He wants to be an architect instead.

Outside office hours Mr. Edwards enjoys motoring, gardening and do-it-yourself. "I am a firm believer that when you leave the office you leave your work behind and rest up so you are fresh the following day," he explained.

THIS CACTUS WILL BE IN FACTORY FLOWER SHOW



A THREE-FOOT HIGH MEXICAN CACTUS WILL BE THE CENTRE-PIECE OF A FLOWER SHOW ORGANISED BY THE MACHINE SHOP OF THE MARCONI FACTORY ON THE No. 1 INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

The show, confined to factory employees, will be held at the canteen today (Friday). But organisers in the machine shop hope the cactus will have been sold by that time.

Mr. Norman Miller, of the machine shop (seen above with the plant), told a reporter this week: "We hold this show every year and all the flowers are sold. The money we make is then donated to a local charity. Last year we raised £8 10s. for the nurses' comforts fund at Billericay Hospital."

Workers at the factory and outsiders can supply the flowers and pot plants to be sold. Said Mr. Miller: "Anybody who wants to buy our cactus or donate any flowers can contact me at the machine shop. I will be only too pleased to hear from them."

The man who raised the cactus is Mr. Tom Stuart, of the plating shop. He bought a packet of seeds two years ago—and one of them grew into the cactus.

Upside down, the painting has a message

EX-COMMERCIAL ARTIST, NOW WORKING AT HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE IN THE GORE, DON TURNER, OF YARDELEY, LEE CHAPEL NORTH, STILL DABBLES IN PAINT AND BRUSHES.

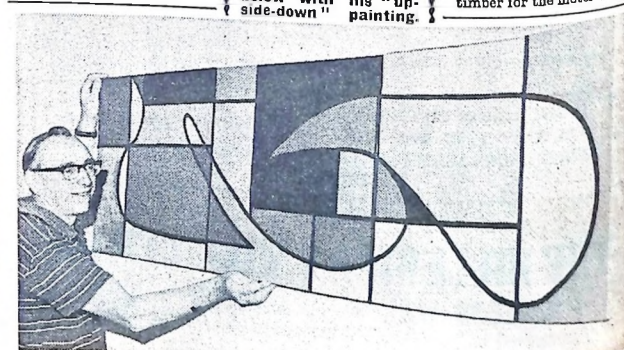
Odd walls in his home, which would otherwise be blank, are neatly hung with his paintings.

And they are mainly abstract works that few can understand at first sight.

Says Don: "I don't claim to be anything special with a paintbrush, but my pictures certainly help decorate the home."

"I hang them up for a little while and if I don't like them I can always throw them away."

A 60-inch painting in his Mr. Turner is seen below with his "upside-down" painting.



MOTELS IN GREECE, of Essex Stonecrafts, Ltd., of Wickford, are negotiating to help in building a chain of 50 motels in Greece. They are working in association with a Canadian construction company and, if the contract goes through, will provide prefabricated timber for the motels.

A fishy tale from Lee Chapel North

A FISHY tale from Lee Chapel North this week threatened to alienate the Tenants and Community Association from their numerous sections and clubs. At their meeting on Tuesday the Norseman Anglers' Club withdrew from the Association on the grounds that a new Executive Committee ruling would decimate their membership.

When the proposal was defeated by just one vote, the Club took back its letter of resignation, and threats of disastrous breakaways by other sections were averted. The proposal from Mr. Les prior would have made it obligatory to belong to an Association before joining a section.

The angling club refused to accept the idea and withdrew from the Association before the vote was taken. Other section representatives made it clear that they might well have followed the anglers, had the vote gone the other way.

Opposing the idea, Chairman of the anglers, Mr. Anthony Adams said the decision to break away from the Association had been taken by members of his section, few of whom lived in Lee Chapel North.

Of the 32 senior members and seven juniors, only nine anglers live in the district. The rest come from outside the area, some from as far as Brentwood and Grays. But all resented being told that they must belong to the Association before the Club, said Mr. Adams.

He told the meeting: "The Committee tried to avoid this by offering to pay anglers' subscriptions from Club funds."

"They object to the dictatorial attitude of the Association and the decision to break away came from the floor of our meeting. They strongly object to being told that they must be members of the Association."

Vice-Chairman of the anglers, Mr. John Sherill agreed and added: "If you make this ruling, we are going to lose the bulk of our membership—unless we break away."

"If all the outsiders left our Club, we would not have a club and the Lee Chapel North district would lose an amenity. We are getting the benefit of the support of outsiders. We don't want to turn them away."

Mr. Adams told a reporter: "The anglers have been harping on about this for a long time, but as far as we are concerned it would mean disaster."

Other section representatives also made it clear that they were anxiously awaiting the result of the vote—they too were expecting to lose membership if the ruling was enforced. Chairman of the Association, Mr. Wade Vandenberg said: "We are very sorry about this. The whole matter has been brought to a head by one person who refuses to join the Association."

The voting was five for the proposal, six against, with four abstentions. The anglers withdrew their resignation.

Model boy in Court

THE THEFT of two model car kits from two Basildon shops was admitted by a 14-years-old boy at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday. He was put on probation for a year.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

Chairman Mr. T. Simpkins celebrated his 80th birthday by providing cakes for everyone at the weekly meeting of the Lee Chapel South C.A.P. on Wednesday. He received the usual musical honours. Members played Bingo with Mr. Roberts calling and Mr. Rivett checking. Two new members received a hearty welcome, and good wishes for their recovery went to the Club's four sick members.

No praise for the Residents

WHILE NOT praising the Residents' Association for winning a seat from the Conservatives in the recent Burstead Ward by-election for Basildon Council, Wickford Labour Party have used the result to have it go at the Conservatives.

They say in the September issue of their publication the "Wickford Supplement" that the loss of the seat was "another blow to the Tories prestige."

The result was, they add, "no near thing, either. It was decisive and is an indication of the distorted results which occurred in the main local elections earlier in the year."

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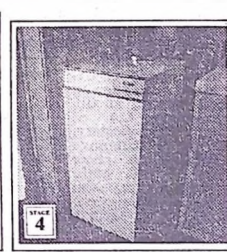
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Pipe runs being laid (the small-bore pipe slips neatly through walls and fits snugly against skirting boards).



New hot water cylinder is fitted and lagged with special insulating jacket.



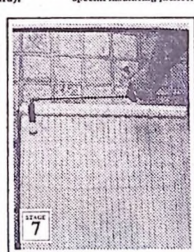
Boiler is secured in position.



Radiators clamped in position and connected to pipes. There are 5 radiators in the package offer.



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Towel rail is clipped on to radiator in the bathroom.



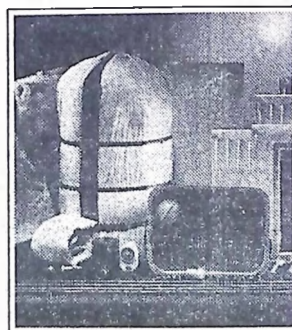
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A CARNIVAL TROPHY



The Wickford Carnival Window Dressing Competition was won by Gayflowers. Our picture shows Mrs. I. Revening and Mrs. B. Revening receiving the trophy from Carnival Queen Ann Camp.

Appoint parents as school managers and governors

PARENTS AS school managers and governors instead of a political party system of appointments is advocated by Billericay and District Association for the Advancement of State Education in their September "Local Schools" magazine.

Referring to the controversy over accommodation and fire risk at Buttsbury Primary School, a writer notes that one of the chief conclusions of the Plowden Report on Primary Education was that parents' interest was of tremendous importance and very much more must be done to bring them into education. One means recommended was to appoint parents representatives as primary school managers.

The writer adds: "If Buttsbury parents had had such a representative they would have had more warning of the decision to put some 120 junior children in infants' accommodation, and would have been notified of it earlier than the last few days of the term."

"Parents would be better informed of the possible fire risk with regard to the upstairs classrooms of the new junior school building. There would be no need for outside bodies, like Buttsbury Residents' Association — or our own association on other similar occasions — to get a public meeting to answer parents' worries."

The article ends, "Booner

or later Basildon Council must chuck out their system of appointing managers and governors by party machine and let in people simply on the grounds of their interest and usefulness to the schools."

The Association have had their request to the Committee for Education for parents to be co-opted on the governing bodies of comprehensive schools turned down as "inappropriate."

So safe!

An attempt was made on Monday night to break into a safe at Laindon Secondary School with an electric drill.

But it was unsuccessful and the intruders left without stealing anything.

On the same night, tobacco and cigarettes worth £12 were stolen from the Station Cafe, Laindon.

SUNDAY PREACHERS

Preachers at Wickford Methodist Church on Sunday were Mr. J. McAvoy, of Huddersfield, in the morning, and the Minister, Rev. Brian Gammon, in the evening.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



This exhibition was a credit to Billericay

AT THE Reading Rooms in the High Street, Billericay, on Saturday I found a really fascinating exhibition of paintings and other forms of art—all done by the children of Billericay as part of their everyday school work.

I spent a most enjoyable hour wandering round and looking at the paintings—about 150 of them—and the pottery, puppets, brass rubbings and tapestries on show there, and I felt quite pleased when I recognised some of the exhibits, from my visits to various schools.

The paintings and things were all the work of children from eight schools in Billericay—Buttsbury, Billericay, South Green and Sunningwell Infants' and Junior Schools, to be precise. The undersevens had their own section, right at the front of the exhibition as you went in, and the rest of the exhibits were graded into age groups.

Some of you really can draw and paint, can't you? I saw some quite outstanding pictures, with definite promise to them, and although they were all exhibited anonymously, I feel sure that I should recognise the work of some young artists if I saw any more of it.

One of the things that I liked best was obviously a class project—a model Saxon village, which had been very carefully dressed with the children's own toys. There were pigs in the sty, for example, and two model oxen drawing the cart. The roofs were beautifully thatched, with carefully-cut straw.

There was also a very creditable effort on the lines of the Bayeux Tapestry. It is lively and colourful, and very neatly done. Some of the pottery was gorgeous; I particularly liked

the curly-horned sheep, which reminded me of the Highland sheep I saw on my holiday. There were some grand puppets, too, and I am sure you all had a lot of fun making and performing plays with them.

The exhibition was staged by the Association for the Advancement of State Education and was called "Art in Billericay Primary Schools." If you were one of the many children I met there, I'm sure you felt as impressed as I was to see all the exhibits, all neatly planned for everyone to see.

Love from AUNTIE LIZ.

Why not join?

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR HAPPY PALS' LEAGUE, SEND YOUR FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND DATE OF BIRTH TO AUNTIE LIZ, "STANDARD RECORDER," 10, SOUTH-ERNHAY, BASILDON.

WE GO ALL "BATTY"

I WAS walking up my garden path one evening, having been to take the rubbish down to the incinerator, when something went "Whoosh!" right past my ear. It really startled me for a second, and then I saw that it was a bat.

Bats are funny little things. Have you ever seen one close to you? They fly about at dusk, just before it is dark, but during the daytime they find a dark place to hide in, preferably sheltered and warm, and there they sleep, upside down, till it is time to go foraging for food again.

Apart from being called "bat," they are also known as "pipistrelle," from the Latin "pipistrellus," which means—a bat! The head and body measure little more than an inch and a half, but their wings, the over eight inches in span. The head is flat and broad, with a blunt muzzle and a wide mouth. The short, broad ears are rather triangular in shape, with blunt tips.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

A VERY happy birthday is wished this week for the following Happy Pals:—

Aileen Coralie Bennett, of Hestley Grove, Basildon, three; Heather Taylor, of Kingsley Close, Wickford, four; Joanne Smallbone, of Little Lullaway, Basildon, two; and Kim Warner, of Mynchers, Basildon, five, all on Friday, September 15th; Noel Munro, of Goldsmith Cottage, Hills, 12, Gary John George, of Pattiswick Square, Basildon, 10, and Cheryl Harwood, of Great Sandlers, Basildon, nine, all on Saturday, 16th.

Margaret Town, of Somerset Gardens, Pitsea, 10, and Shirley Newman, of Yensing Gardens, Billericay, 11, both on 17th; Gillian Brown, of Clay Hill Road, Basildon, nine; Joy Stratton, of Danbury Row, Basildon, eight; Peter Robinson, of Lindwell Lane, Basildon, 10; Jacqueline Kett, of Great Gregorie, Basildon, 13, and Paula Davies, of Clifton Avenue, Basildon, 10, all on September 18th.

Ian Leslie Cordery, of Primrose Field, Harlow, three, on September 19th; Kathleen Humphreys, of Little Spenders, Basildon, six, on the 20th; and Mary Jane Almond, of Guernsey, 11, on the 21st.

Shelley Newman, of Vane Hill Drive, Basildon, 12, and Charlotte Avenue, Wickford, 13, all on September 21st.

Very many happy returns to you all.

AUNTIE LIZ

Meet "Uggles" and Christine



THIS WEEK I went to see a little girl who loves cats. Not only does she love cats—she can do anything with them, including bringing them up by hand (which is not by any means easy!)

She is 12-years-old Christine McMoore, and she lives at Nevendon Road, Wickford. When I visited Christine she was feeling rather sad—she had been hand-rearing a kitten for about four weeks, and it was making wonderful progress. Then, all at once, it disappeared—and Christine is afraid that someone may have taken it away. If they have, she asks that they take very good care of it because it is still so very young and needs lots of care. If they can't cope with it, please could she have it back?

Christine is very well known in the district for her love of animals, and if anyone has a homeless or abandoned cat they bring it to her. She would like to be a veterinary surgeon when she grows up, or if she doesn't pass enough "O" levels she might apply to become an animal auxiliary.

When our photographer tried to take Christine with one of her six cats, the first one refused to be taken. It probably didn't like the flash! So she fetched one of the nicest, quietest, most amiable cats I have seen for a long time (apart from my own gentle little Laura). She introduced him as Uggles, and he posed beautifully! (See picture above).

I hope you will let me come and see you again if you get any more kittens to hand-rear, Christine. I know it's very hard work, and I think you are splendid to undertake such a thing—especially as they have to be fed every two hours, night and day!

AUNTIE LIZ

DUMBELLE



ONE OF THE EXHIBITS AT THE CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION, HELD AT BILLERICAY READING ROOMS ON SATURDAY, WAS THIS JOLLY HUMPTY-DUMPTY. OUR PICTURE SHOWS MARGARET AYLETT (10) AND JUDITH MARTIN ALSO 10, BOTH OF BUTTSBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL.

★ ROW OVER SWIM POOL CHARGES ★

COUNCIL HIT BACK AT CRITICS

BASILDON COUNCIL this week came out fighting against complaints that the new swimming pool charges are too high. For pools as good as Basildon's, they claim, the charges are "about average."

Recreation Chairman Coun. Derrick Pope issued the statement. "The pools which do charge less," he points out, "are usually older, open air and of a lower standard than Basildon's brand-new pool."

He quotes weekend prices at the new Coventry pool as 4s. for adults and 2s. for children, and goes on:-

"In fixing charges for a modern swimming pool a fair balance has to be achieved between the costs to be met by swimmers and ratepayers. Basildon Council have accepted that the ratepayers should meet an annual deficit expected to be in the region of £40,000, and the entrance charges have been fixed with this in mind."

"Moreover, for regular swimmers, books of 12 tickets will be available for the price of 10, and a scholarship system is being worked out to allow a limited number of promising swimmers free regular use of the pool. In addition, children will be taught to swim free of charge by professional teachers during normal school lessons."

Coun. Pope later challenged Basildon M.P. Eric Moonman to come into the Council Offices and learn just how the swimming pool charges were worked out.

"About a month ago," said Coun. Pope, "Mr. Moonman said he was coming to the Council Offices to ask why other swimming pools were able to charge much less than Basildon. We have all the details now, and we have figures which would justify charges to Mr. Moonman, but so far he has made no approach."

"I have released this to the Press in my name rather than hanging on for him to approach us. It looks as if we could wait for ever. Even now, if Mr. Moonman wants specific details, they are ready for him."

Shaken at Shotgate

COMPLAINTS that the ever-increasing heavy traffic using Bruce Grove, Shotgate, has caused damage to property by vibration have been received by Shotgate Community Association.

"This is an old issue and one that Wick Lane residents and this Association have been fighting for some years with little or no success," the Association state in their September newsletter.

They decided, however, to send a protest letter to Basildon Council and a copy to local M.P. Eric Moonman.

Left £6,441

Mr. John Ernest Morris, of Portholme, Fern-dale Road, Langdon Hills, who died on December 26th last, left £6,441 12s. gross, £6,342 8s. net. Duty £127. He left £50 to the General Fund of St. Mary's Church, Langdon Hills; £50 to the General Fund of the Bermondsey Old Parish Church, S.E.1, and £50 to the Stansfield Oxford and Bermondsey Club, Wrights Building, Grange Road, S.E.1.

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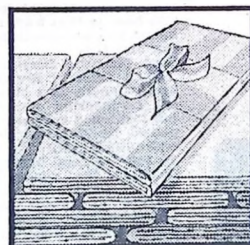
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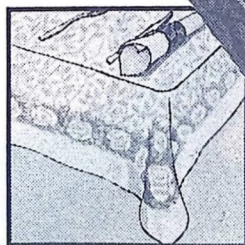
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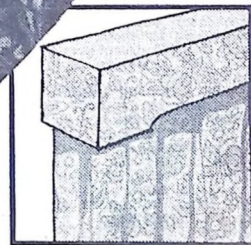
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People — and what they are doing...



Le Mans winning car in Basildon

LE MANS WINNER LAST YEAR—A STREAMLINED, ROCKET-SHAPED BLACK FORD, G.T. 40, MARK II—WAS IN THE SHOWROOM OF SOUTH ESSEX MOTORS, CHERRYDOWN, AT THE WEEKEND.

With the 6,997 c.c. car were the Zodiac which won the 1968 Monza, breaking nine international records, and a sand-

stained Corsair. This was driven by Eric Jackson and Ken Chambers from Cape Town to London, 5,752 miles in 111 days, to beat the boat back to England.

Driver of the GT 40 was Bruce McLaren. Twenty local motoring clubs were invited to see the cars and a steady stream of visitors came into the showroom.

Said S.E.M. General Sales Manager Mr. Reg Poole: "It was quite an achievement to get these cars down here. They are in demand as a lot of other Ford dealers also want to put them on show." Mr. Poole is seen above with the GT 40.

His job a challenge

FORMER handyman Ernest Jones gained an insight into people's social needs when he went from house-to-house when he was working for Lewisham Council. Now Warden of Wickford Community Centre, Mr. Jones is able to put what he learned into practice.

Mr. Jones was settling into his new job this week after nine years as warden of a Greenwich community centre.

He told the "Standard Recorder": "I was with Lewisham Council before I went in for social work and I met all sorts of people and saw some of their problems."

"I think a community centre is somewhere to create a neighbourly spirit between all types of people... they can discuss their day-to-day problems and can regard the community centre as a second home, as their possession. The centre can all a social vacuum."



Mr. E. Jones, now Warden of Wickford Community Centre.

At Greenwich Mr. Jones was helped by his wife and will again be assisted by her at Wickford.

Why did the couple leave Greenwich? "I regard Wickford, which is very different from urban Greenwich, as a challenge," explained Mr. Jones.

Mr. Jones also intends to continue his hobbies in his new home. "They are carpet making and music. But my main hobby is people," he added. "Be it the old lady in the market, or the chappie from the Chamber of Commerce."

A shop for Scouts

A SCOUT shop has opened at Beech Road Headquarters, Vange. The new Scouting uniform, together with books and camping equipment are sold on Saturday mornings by members of the B.P. Guild.



Mrs. Iris Spurgin

Chairman of the Guild is Mrs. Iris Spurgin, aged 48, of Clay Hill Road. Her Committee and Guild members do a lot of behind-the-scenes work helping local Scout groups.

"The shop sells, or can order, anything in the Scouting line," she said. "It also helps with funds as it means we have the profit which would have gone to the shops."

Mrs. Spurgin is looking ahead to a "terribly

busy" 1968. For in April Basildon will organise the Essex County Handicraft Exhibition. The following month the town plays host to the County annual meeting of the B.P. Guild.

Mr. Spurgin is Chairman of the District Scout Council. They have a 23-years-old son.

Sergeant is retiring

POLICE officer for 30 years, Sergt. D. F. Lilley is to retire from Basildon Headquarters. Aged 52, he lives at Redgrave Road, Vange, and is the administration officer at Basildon.

Married with two grown-up sons, he will move to Wivenhoe, near Colchester. Sergt. Lilley came to Pitsea Police Station from Brentwood 10 years ago and moved to Divisional Headquarters when it opened at the Town Centre.

Two young artists

TWO children from South Green County Infants' School, Billerica, Allison Dutch (5) and David French (5), have pictures in the National Exhibition of Children's Art at the Royal Institute Galleries, London. There are 713 exhibits, chosen from 60,000 paintings and drawings and over 15,000 pieces of craft work. Allison's entry is called "A Big Flower" and David's "A Stormy Sea."

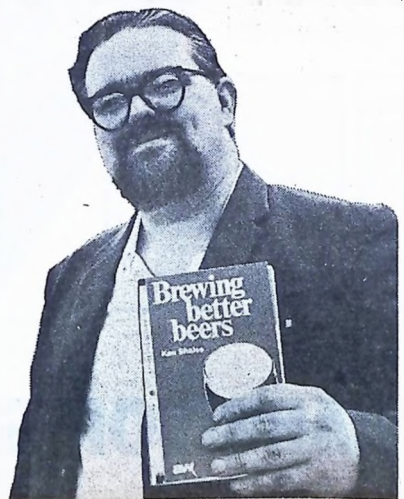
Brewmaster General of Boozledon!

BREWMASTER GENERAL of Boozledon! That could only be Mr. Ken Shales, of Braybrooke, Ghyllgrove, who produces about 200 gallons of beer and 100 gallons of wine every year.

Known nationally as an expert on brewing, Mr. Shales has now burst into print... his book, "Brewing Better Beers," will be published by the "Amateur Winemaker" later this month.

The paperback writer is a chemist at Ford's, Dagenham. He says: "I have

been brewing for 10 years and most of the recipes are original to myself. They have all been tried and tested. This is unique, because I am afraid a lot of other people who write about beer and wines are deficient in technical know-



Mr. Ken Shales with his book.

Even ants are bigger in the United States



BACK IN Basildon after an eight-days-all-expenses-paid tour of America—won in a canned food contest—are Mr. and Mrs. William Herbert, of Berry Lane, Langdon Hills.

For Mrs. Emma Herbert it meant a chance to speak with her pen-friend for 35 years, Mrs. Edith Skretteberg, of Sherridan, Wyoming.

"Edith's sister-in-law sent me two dollar bills a couple of years ago. And I told her I would have come and spend them—well, I did!" said Mrs. Herbert.

"I phoned Edith from New York—3,000 miles away—for six minutes. It only cost 1 dollar 50 cents. 'Oh well, why do you know,' she said as she answered the phone." The couple went over on the Queen Elizabeth and returned in the Queen Mary. Mr. Herbert, aged 59, and his wife were one of 50 couples who won the Del Monte "Tour America"

contest. They were given their tickets at a ceremony at Tesco's Town Centre supermarket. Mr. Herbert and his wife are seen above with a covered wagon souvenir from West Virginia and bread rolls baked on the Queen Mary.

CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR

Their stay was in luxury hotels with plenty of champagne and caviar—"I don't like that," Mrs. Herbert pointed out. She prefers West Virginia steaks and hams: "It is cooked wonderfully and melts in your mouth."

While at the Niagara Falls she made another phone call. This was to an aunt in Ontario after whom she was named, but who she had never seen.

Asked about her general impressions of America she said: "It is out of this world. The country is so vast and there are large roads which run for thousands of miles. Their road sense is far better than here in England. Cars don't cut in and out of traffic lanes and drivers also keep the same distance between cars."

"The whole country is clean. There is no litter either in the towns or countryside—they should see Basildon Town Centre on a Saturday afternoon!"

Husband Bill is a storekeeper for Newcombe and Hastings. He has lived in Basildon 35 years and before worked as a dock marine engineer. His hobbies are woodwork and gardening, and Emma enjoys needlework.

They went up the Empire State building and saw all the normal tourists spots like the Kennedy memorial, the United Nations building and the White House.

Entering New York, the Queen Elizabeth went under a bridge. "The mast just went under," said Bill. "It looked like we would hit the bridge and everyone ducked."

In the sea lanes off America the Queen was met by patrol boats and planes. And coming home by the mile of Wright the Queen Elizabeth was followed up Southampton Water by a board of small sailing boats and motor cruisers.

Said Bill: "We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and will never forget it. There will always be things we will remember. We have seen rolls of cine film to look back on." Added Emma: "It is so different back here. Everything is bigger in America—even the ants!"

OUTWOOD COMMON'S SHOW



Gales did not wreck all the blooms

LIKE THE other horticultural shows in the district, Outwood Common's Gardening Club event showed the effects of the gales.

Nevertheless, they still managed to produce some blooms and produce well up to show standard at Sunnymede School on Saturday and the domestic classes, too, were well represented.

Chairman Mr. John Chilver collected the Harry Ward Trophy for the best dahlia exhibit, the blue ribbon for the best in show (tomatoes) and the National Chrysanthemum Society's certificate; the National Rose Society's medal went to Mrs. C. Howard; the Domestic Class Trophy was won by Mrs. M. Crosbie, with Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Robinson as runners-up; and the Outwood Common Trophy for highest overall points was won by Mr. C. Briggs, with Mr. J. Chilver as runner-up.

RESULTS

FLORAL CLASSES. One specimen rose—1, Mrs. Howard; 2, Mr. G. Jones; 3, Mrs. Foye; H.C., Mrs. Howard. Three roses, one or more varieties—2, Mr. Lingard; 3, Carol Whitman. Eight roses, one or more varieties—1, Mr. Pettit; 2, Mrs. Foye; 3, Mrs. G. Jones; 4, Mr. G. Gravill. Pansies, nine blooms, displayed—1, Mr. R. Willgress. Mixed flowers, one vase, for all-round effect—1, Mrs. F. Brown; 2, Mrs. C. Briggs; 3, Mr. N. Pettit. Mixed flowers, one vase, for frontal effect—2, Mr. N. Pettit; 3, Miss G. Sparkes. Gladioli, one specimen spike—1, Mrs. S. Norwood; 2, Mr. N. Pettit; 3, Mr. A. Beck. Gladioli, three spikes, any variety—1, Mrs. T. Webster. Pot plant, any flowering variety—1, Mr. N. Pettit; 2, Mr. G. Jones; 3, Mrs. Hemming. Pot plant, foliage or fern—1, Master Christopher Beck; 2, Mrs. L. Norwood; 3, Mrs. C. Briggs. Cacti or succulents, one specimen—1, 2, 3 and H.C., Mr. Sims. Chrysanthemums, three incurved, one or more varieties—1, Mr. J. Chilver. Chrysanthemums, three reflexed, one or more varieties—1 and 2, Mr. J. Chilver; 3, Mrs. Hemming. Chrysanthemums, three intermediates, one or more varieties—1, 2, 3 and H.C., Mr. J. Chilver. Dahlias, decorative, large—1, Mr. A. Beck; 2, Mr. J. Chilver; 3, Mrs. C. Briggs. Dahlias, decorative, five smaller miniatures, one or more varieties—1, Mrs. C. Briggs; 2, Mr. F. Willgress; H.C., Mr. A. Beck. Vase of dahlias for frontal effect—1, Mr. J. Chilver; 2, Mr. G. Jones; 3, Mrs. C. Briggs. Dahlias, poms, five over 2 in.—1, Mrs. Leggett; 2, Mr. K. Gravill; 3, Mr. G. Jones. Dahlias, poms, five small—1, Mrs. Leggett; 2, Mrs. C. Briggs; 3, Mrs. Leggett. Dahlias, in container, for all-round effect—1, Mr. J. Chilver; 2, Mr. N. Pettit; 3, Mr. K. Willgress. Dahlias, any other variety, five blooms—1, Mrs. Leggett.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES. Potatoes, four oval, one variety—1, Mrs. Leggett; 2, Mr. K. Gravill. Carrots, three short, one variety—2, Mrs. Leggett. Broccoli, three globe—1, Mr. A. Beck; 2, Mr. K. Gravill. Beans, right runner—1, Mrs. Leggett; 2, Mrs. Hemming. Tomatoes, six ripe for table—1 and 2, Mr. J. Chilver; 3, Mr. R. Routledge; H.C., Mrs. C. Briggs. Rhubarb, three sticks—1, Mr.

R. Routledge; 2, Mrs. Leggett. Onions, three autumn sown—1, Mrs. Leggett; 2, Mrs. Hemming; 3, Mr. K. Gravill. Onions, three spring sown, grown where sown—1, Mr. K. Gravill. Cucumber, one ridge—1, Mrs. Hemming. Cucumber, one frame or greenhouse—1, Mrs. C. Briggs; 2, Mrs. Alabaster; 3, Mrs. C. Briggs. Marrow, one for table use—1 and 2, Mrs. C. Briggs; 3, Mrs. Leggett. Any other vegetables, including ornamental, i.e. gourds, etc.—1, 2 and 3, Mr. K. Gravill. Container of soft fruits, not exceeding 1 lb.—1, Mrs. C. Briggs. Any other fruit—1 and 2, Mr. C. Routledge; 3, Mrs. C. Briggs.

DOMESTIC CLASS. One 1 lb jar pickled onions or shallots—1, Mrs. B. Laffor. Sausage rolls, four, short crust—1, Mrs. Crosbie; 2, Mr. K. Willgress; 3, Mrs. J. Chilver. Victoria sandwich, to recipe given—1, Mrs. T. Webster; 2, Mrs. Crosbie; 3, Miss G. Sparkes. 1 lb jar home-made jam, soft fruit—1, Mr. R. Routledge; 2, Mrs. N. Pettit; 3, Mr. K. Willgress. 1 lb jar home-made jam, stone fruit—1, Mrs. Crosbie. One hand-knitted garment, new, unwashed—1, Mrs. F. Robinson; 2, Mrs. V. Howard; 3, Mrs. N. Pettit; H.C., Mrs. Nuttall. One embroidered article, new, unwashed—1, Mrs. V. Howard. Arrangement of flowers and foliage, for dinner table, including one candle—1, Mrs. C. Briggs; 2, Mrs. F. Robinson; 3, Mrs. J. Chilvers. Spray for buttonhole—3, Mr. R. Routledge. Arrangement of flowers, foliage and natural grasses in wine glass—1, Mrs. L. Norwood; 2, Mrs. Foye; 3, Mrs. L. Norwood. Arrangement in picture frame, titled to depict arrangement—1, Mr. K. Gravill. Floating floral arrangement in bowl or dish—1, Mrs. A. Beck; 2, Mrs. J. Foye; 3, Mrs. C. Briggs.

CHILDREN'S CLASS. Miniature garden in standard woden seed-box—1, Miss J. Brown; 2, Master Garry Foye; 3, Miss Amanda Briggs. Collection of berries, fruit, tree or shrub displayed on stand, at least four varieties—1, Miss C. Webster; 2, Miss C. Chilver. Handicraft—1, Miss P. Willgress; 2, Miss Kim Jones; 3, Miss Christine Chilver. Master J. Willgress. Vegetable man, accessories allowed—1, Miss Kim Jones; 2, Master J. Willgress; 3, Master J. Willgress. Jam jar of garden flowers—1, Miss Kim Jones; 2, Master J. Willgress; 3, Master J. Willgress. Master Christopher Beck. Miss Christine Chilver. Miss Carol Williams. Miss Carol Pullman. Miss Gillian Bache. Master Garry Foye. Miss Clara Robinson. Master J. Willgress. Miniature wild flower arrangement in egg cup—1, Miss Kim Jones; 2, Miss Christine Chilver; 3, Miss P. Beck and Miss Sharon Robinson.

SERIOUS CRACK

Basildon Development Corporation are back at the Le Chapel South Community Centre in the Knares, repairing a wall. The wall, on the east side, has a large crack which Corporation spokesmen described as "serious" but not dangerous. The trouble was reported to the Corporation months ago and engineers have been studying the crack which is believed to be caused by a foundation slip.

Admiring some of the fine exhibits at Outwood Common Gardening Club's show on Saturday.

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Three thousand bulbs in his garden



THE FIRST thing noticeable about the garden of Mr. A. E. J. Warner's home in Enfield Road, Shotgate, is the unusual number of lichen lines! They seem to radiate from a central point all over the garden.

In fact, they are not for hanging out the washing at all—but to guide Mrs. Warner to the apple tree, the shed or the greenhouse whenever she wants to find her husband—for she is nearly blind and he has put up the lines to help her.

Despite her disability, however, the Warners are a devoted and cheerful couple and this is very noticeable when one visits them. Mr. Warner has a strong sense of fun and his wife is very quick to laughter. Between them they really enjoy life.

They have been married now for 45 years. They met when Alfred, as a smart young man with a twinkle in his eye, first went to work at Edison's, Ltd., in Southgate, North London. There, in the office, was a young lady whom he liked on sight. Now they have a daughter and two grandchildren, of whom they are both extremely proud.

When we visited Mr. Warner (who is seen above) he was in great demand—from neighbours in trouble after a recent gale. "They all know where to come," he says. "I do what I can for them—I like to feel needed!" He had just finished mending a hole in a neighbour's greenhouse with polythene and another person was begging him to mend a plug for her.

He has made many improvements in his own home—he has quite a fair skill at carpentry. He likes to keep busy and active.

He is Vice-Chairman of the Shotgate branch O.A.P., and many of the succulents and pot plants thriving in his greenhouse are destined for sale for branch funds. He is very proud, too, of his fine show of roses and told us that he thought there must be about 3,000 bulbs in his garden. "It's a picture in the spring!" he says.

He and his wife have a recipe for married happiness—"Don't argue! It isn't worth it!" they say. They are looking forward to celebrating their golden wedding in five years' time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Billerica O.A.P. branch held their harvest festival at their weekly meeting on Wednesday week at the Rose Hall, Billerica. The attendance was good and the harvest offerings were of a good standard. Flowers, fruit, vegetables and other produce were soon sold, and the proceeds went towards the branch funds.

A cordial welcome back was accorded to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Platt. Those still on the sick list were remembered with sympathy, and sent good wishes for their recovery.

GOOD OUTING

"One of the best outings ever" was the verdict of the Vange branch O.A.P. at their weekly meeting at St. Clude Hall, Vange. They were discussing their recent trip to a potato crop factory at Portsmouth. Three new members were given a warm welcome by Mrs. L. Rust, Vice-Chairman, who presided over the meeting. They were Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Protheroe and Mrs. Bottomley. Good wishes and sympathy went to Mrs. Hinds, at present in hospital. The afternoon was spent playing Bingo and Mrs. Rust was the caller.

VETERAN READERS' PAGE



MEMBERS OF FORD'S No. 1 PLANT "HELPING HAND COMMITTEE" STAGED AN OUTING FOR THE OLD PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT ON FRIDAY. OUR PICTURE SHOWS THEM OUTSIDE THE FACTORY BEFORE LEAVING.

Over 60's
now 20!

MEMBERS of Langdon Hills Over-60's Club celebrated their 20th anniversary last week with 70 guests sitting down to an excellent high tea.

Vice-Chairman Mrs. Sheppard presided in the absence of Mr. W. J. Holland, absent through sickness. Sympathy and best wishes for his recovery were conveyed to him via Mrs. Holland.

After the meal, members played a few party games, and the rest of the evening was spent enjoying a programme No. 1 branch on Thursday week at the British Legion Hall.

Chairman Mrs. M. Sibthorpe presided over the meeting. Mrs. Sheppard was not so well, and Mrs. Poole, welcomed back after her holiday, and Mr. Faithful especially mentioned as she had given their services to the Club during the past year.

During the evening birthday honours went to Mrs. Holloway, Mr. Jenner, Mrs. Attenborough, Mrs. Gristwood and Mrs. Whitfield.

Mrs. Cobb received a hearty welcome back after sickness.

they all enjoyed the recent trip to Margate, and also the outing given by Ford, Ltd.'s Helping Hand Club for the old people.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. Patterson, and her helpers. The Chairman thanked everyone who brought gifts for the raffle table.

Silent tribute

MEMBERS stood in silent tribute for Mr. Sherwin, former member, who died the previous Sunday, at their weekly meeting of Laidon to Clacton, which will be free to members and will include tea.

Good news was received of two years. Also welcomed back were Mr. and Mrs. Adams and Mr. Mills, who have been away sick. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Costman, Mrs. Furness, Winnie and Mrs. Maxam. Mrs. Costman also collected the tea money and money for the sick fund.

Musical birthday honours were given to Mrs. Morgan, with game of Bingo; 25 gifts were received for the raffle table, afternoon concluded with a singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Numbers depleted

HOLIDAYS and sickness depleted the numbers of the Shotgate No. 1 branch at their weekly meeting on Wednesday week.

Members were saddened to hear of the death of an old friend and Committee member, Mr. Hayes, of Newenden Road, Wickford, and everyone stood in silent tribute for him.

Mr. Bunce, who presided, announced the final arrangements for the forthcoming Jubilee sale, and for the outing to members and will include tea.

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WELCOME VISITORS

A visit from Mr. and Mrs. Frank White to entertain members of the Basildon Physically Handicapped Club proved as welcome as ever on Thursday week.

Members thoroughly enjoyed a programme of old time favourites, and the soloists were the Club's own Mrs. Harwood, who gave some monologues, and Mrs. Furness, who sang solos. The Club's President, Rev. W. H. Holden, presided.

Sick members were remembered and sent good wishes for their recovery, including Mr. Maltby, Mrs. Saxby and Mrs. Harrold. Mrs. Edwards received a hearty welcome back to the Club after an absence of two years. Also welcomed back were Mr. and Mrs. Adams and Mr. Mills, who have been away sick. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Costman, Mrs. Furness, Winnie and Mrs. Maxam. Mrs. Costman also collected the tea money and money for the sick fund.

TIME FOR THRIFT

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White paid one of their ever-welcome visits to the Basildon No. 1 O.A.P. branch at their fortnightly meeting on Friday. Everyone joined in the committee singing and quite a lot of them danced to the old time tunes. Mrs. Wen Vee, Chairman, presided in the absence of Mrs. Bunker. Plans for an outing to Walton were finalised. Everyone was notified of the start of a thrift club for next summer's holiday.

A wonderful outing

MEMBERS of the Helping Hand Club arranged a trip last week for 13 old folk, all from Basildon and district, 38 of whom were former employees of Ford, Ltd., and now residing in Basildon.

The rest of the party were members of various organisations for the elderly people of the district.

Three coaches took the party, together with members of the Helping Hand Club, who helped on the journeys. The first destination was Clacton, where the old folk had lunch and a good look round the town, and tea was taken at Walton-on-the-Naze.

In addition, every guest was given four shillings to spend on a "cuppa" during the day.

The Helping Hand Club's members all work at the Ford No. 1 Radiator Plant, and raise money for the annual outing for old people by works collections and raffles or competitions. This is the fifth year that they have been able to arrange such a trip.

Before setting off on the outward journey the coaches called at the factory, where Plant Manager Mr. A. Napier, Mr. C. Chesney (Plant Superintendent) and Mr. N. Newton (Plant Engineer) came out to have a word with the old people and to pose for a picture with them before they set off.

Lucky spot prizes

DANCING, with "lucky spot" prizes and party games provided a very pleasant social afternoon for members of the Le Chapel North Darby and Joan Club at their meeting on Thursday week.

Birthday honours went to Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Collier. Eight members on the sick list at present were wished to return to the Club.

Plans were announced for a trip to Westcliff Palace Theatre on September 27th. Mrs. Bonnett and William helpers served the teas.

The registrar announced that there were 86 members present, and 41 gifts were received for the raffle. Mrs. Evans played the piano for the opening and closing hymns.

IMPROMPTU DANCE

An impromptu old time dance provided entertainment for the members of Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens at their weekly meeting on Thursday week. Mr. Bunce obliged on the drums, the piano was shared by Mrs. Mervyn, Lee and "Mary" Mrs. Cartwright presided in the absence of the Chairman, Mrs. N. L. Baker, at present on holiday. A cordial welcome was accorded to "Maud" on her return after sickness and also to four new members. Mrs. Le Brun and Mrs. Mervyn served tea and biscuits.

A lively programme

THOSE TWO good friends of Basildon's senior citizens everywhere, Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, entertained members of the Ghyllgrove O.A.P. at their weekly meeting last Monday.

Everyone joined in the community singing and quite a lot in the old-time dances, and afterwards Chairman Mr. J. R. Chapman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. White for their entertaining and lively programme.

Sick members were remembered and sent the good wishes of their colleagues. Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Beasley, Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Jew were especially mentioned. Mrs. Brookwell and Mrs. Coglan were welcomed back after sickness.

Members said how much



Wickford No. 2 O.A.P. branch held their harvest festival at Wickford Community Centre on Friday.



Despite the gales, Billericay's Show was good

DESPITE TEMPESTUOUS gales, that took a heavy toll of intended entries for Billericay Horticultural Society's autumn show, the number of exhibits was only slightly less than last year. The quality of the blooms and vegetables that did find their way on to the exhibition tables was very fine indeed, doing credit to the growers.

The judges were especially pleased with the chrysanthemums and vegetables. There was praise, too, for the cookery classes, which were of a very good standard, and the judges commented that the jellies were far superior to those of previous years.

Despite the fact that Wickford had a Carnival and its own horticultural show to offer, the Billericay show was well patronised; some 150 people had paid an entrance fee by 3.45 p.m., and by half-past four the number had swelled appreciably.

The major awards were for the combined summer and autumn shows. The Banksian Medal, for the largest total of prize money earned in the horticultural classes at both shows went this year to Mrs. J. Rolfe, who also won the Charlotte Gunter Cup for the highest aggregate points, and the Louise Davies Cup for the highest aggregate points in the vegetable section.

Mr. L. A. Dove won the Autumn Cup for the highest aggregate points in Class 25 to 34 inclusive, and the Julia Wood Cup. The Alan Vincent Dahlia Cup, the National Dahlia Society Bronze Medal and the silver medal for the best dahlia exhibit all went to Mr. J. Horne, and another triple winner was Mr. A. R. Vincent, who won the Harry Ward Chrysanthemum Cup, the National Chrysanthemum Society's Bronze Medal and the same society's silver medal for the best chrysanthemum exhibit.

A silver cup for floral art went to Mrs. D. Allen; best in show award of six bush roses went to Mr. W. Prothero; and three floribunda bushes were won by Mrs. J. J. Norris, the runner-up to the Charlotte Gunter Cup.

FULL RESULTS

CHRYSANTHEMUMS. OUTDOOR. Two vases, three blooms, two varieties—1, A. R. Vincent, intermediate, three blooms, one variety—1, A. R. Vincent; 2, S. J. Osborne; 3, J. Horne. Incurved, three blooms, one variety—1, S. J. Osborne; 2, Mrs. O. Mulliner; three blooms, one variety—1 and 3, A. R. Vincent; 2, S. J. Osborne. One bloom, intermediate—1 and 2, A. R. Vincent; 3, S. J. Osborne. One bloom, reflex—1 and 2, A. R. Vincent; 3, S. J. Osborne. One vase, five blooms, medium—1, A. R. Vincent; 2, S. J. Osborne. One vase, one N.C.S. Class not included in show—1, A. R. Vincent; 2, A. J. Baldwin.

DAHLIAS. One bloom, plant/large—1 and 2, L. Martin; 3, H. J. Wood. Three blooms, medium, one variety—1, Mrs. H. Cowling; 2, L. Martin.



Above: Judges and officials look at some fine onions exhibited at Billericay Horticultural Society's show on Saturday, and on the left Mrs. L. Rush is seen judging a floral display exhibit.



with one or more accessories, depicting one named "Special Day"—1, Mrs. D. Brown; 3, Mrs. J. Gordon. Arrangement featuring wood—1, Mrs. D. D. Allan (best in show); 2, Mrs. H. D. Atkinson; 3, Mrs. E. Swift.

COOKERY. One bottle home-made wine, red—1, W. Lloyd; 2, S. A. Kitchen; 3, Mrs. Q. Mulliner. One bottle home-made wine, white—1, W. Lloyd; 2, Mrs. Q. Mulliner; 3, S. A. Kitchen. 1 lb. jar stone-fruit jam—1 and 3, Mrs. C. Harrison; 2, Mrs. V. J. Painter. One jar fruit jelly—1, Mrs. C. Harrison; 2, W. A. Youngman; 3, Mrs. D. Brown. Victoria sandwich—2, Mrs. M. E. Collinson; 3, Mrs. M. Squires.

CHILDREN'S SECTION. Under 10 years—Plate, pan or box of mustard and cream—1, Kelvin Vincent; 2, Graham Brown; 3, Anita Vincent and Stephen Parry. Under 10 years, collection of garden flowers, own container—1, Heather Collinson, Graham Brown, Gillian Atkinson; 2, A. Dempsey; 3, Kelvin Vincent, Frances Cattanch, Janet Swift, Jacqueline Gordon and Gillian Atkinson. 10-15 years, collection of garden flowers, own container—1, Tracey Rolfe; 2, Hazel Wills; 3, David Gordon, Christine Gordon.

Stole wire at Pitsea

POLICE in the Roundabout area of Basildon decided to stop a car because the boot appeared to be well weighted down.

In the boot were coils of copper wire which had been taken for British Rail's maintenance depot at Pitsea, said Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting, at Billericay on Tuesday.

Walter Cherry (42), of Blyth Avenue, Shoeburyness, Barry Cooksey (27), of Woolpack, Shoeburyness, and Thomas Fairhall (36), of Station Approach, North Fambridge, admitted stealing the cable worth £50.

"We are going to take a calculated risk with the three of you," said the Chairman, Mr. H. R. Dunnic, discharging them conditionally for twelve months.

They were also bound over on £50 each to be of good behaviour for 12 months and were ordered to pay five guineas each costs.

FRIDAY CLUB

Sunnymede Friday Club resumed at the Junior School this week, when two new members—Mr and Mrs. Cross—were welcomed. A cross-the-song title competition was won by Mrs. Kelly with Mrs. Pearson as the runner-up, and the meeting finished with a sing-song.

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Scouts showed their activities



Members of the 2nd Wickford Scout Group showed some of their many and varied activities.

HIGHLY WICKFORD CARNIVAL

Here is a page of Wickford Carnival WALL. The dusky maidens from (seen below) really stopped the pictures also indicate the night



He led the procession



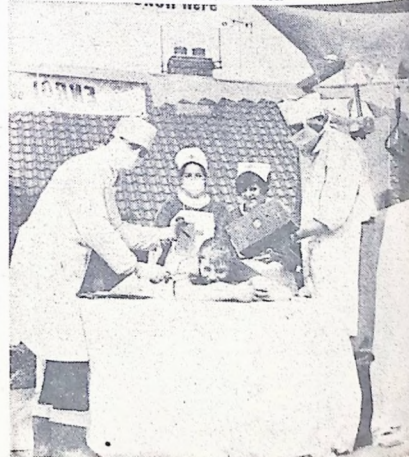
Above: Marshal Billy Foyle, who led the procession, takes Romford's charming Carnival Queen (Patricia Lefevre, 21) pillion on a quieter horse than he usually rides!

On the left the G.P.D. Telephone Weather Service float—they certainly brought a sample of the best weather.



A Hawaiian theme for the Wickford Modern Ballroom Dance Club's float. There was a round of events to follow the procession, including the Town Show, a Flower Festival at St. Andrew's Church and a Carnival dance.

A bit gory was the blood donors' entry, but behind the fun was the message of the value of giving blood to save other people's lives.



Here's Wickford Carnival

TS OF 'S FINE PARADE

taken by our photographer, BOB
Modern Ballroom Dance Club
their hula dance. The other
of entries in the procession.



It's the Boys' Brigade for them



The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe had so many children she didn't know what to do—so she sent them to the 2nd Wickford Company of the Boys' Brigade!

A black and white affair



The Black and White Minstrels were represented by the couple seen above, Les and Joyce Mileman, of the Wickford Old Tyme Dance Club.

There were several good entries by organisations connected with Wickford. The float seen on the right was provided by Wickford Community Association Players.

The colourful Romany caravan scene on the left was entered by Wickford Round Table and Ladies' Circle, who won a prize.



Gloria Shayler (Carnival Queen of Billericay) is with Ann Camp, in the centre. On the right is Basildon's Idine Cahan. It was a wonderful day for Ann Camp, and she received greetings by crowds all along the procession route. Her princesses, Sonia Martin and Lesley Ince.



The collectors were members of the Wickford Play Leadership Scheme, and most attractive they were, too.

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WEDNESDAY (EVENINGS)

BALLET AT 6.30 P.M.
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★ Wickford Horticultural Show ★ PRAISE CAME FROM ALL THE JUDGES

"A VERY good show, with outstanding exhibits in the
chrysanthemum classes — especially considering the
weather!"

This was the verdict of the judges at Wickford
Horticultural Society's show in the Junior School
hall on Saturday.

The homecrafts judge
thought that the cakes and
jam were excellent, and
the proprietress of a local
florists, who judged the
floral art, praised attractive
layout.

The ladies who stormed up
and down with paint-spray
attachments on vacuum-
cleaners, and spraying miles of
corrupted cardboard, must
have been delighted when they
saw the result of their
labours. The mottled neutral
background set off the arrange-
ments to perfection.

A lady's shoe, a tiny frying
pan, a china ladle, of the kind
more usually found in a bowl
of fried rice, and a top hat
were among accessories for
floral art.

Most eye-catching exhibit
of the show was a huge pump-
kin weighing 42lb. By com-
parison the marrow alongside
a mere baby of 12lb. 13oz.,
seemed small.

RESULTS

SPECIAL AWARDS
Dublin Cup, for most plants
in chrysanthemum classes, National
Society of Horticulturists, N.C.S. Certificate
and Blue Ribbon for best
entry, fuchsia classes — Mr.
Townsend. Garden News
Shield for best entry in show.
Cine Cup for highest number
of first prizes. Dr. Frew Cup
for highest points in both
shows, and Cup "B" and Cup
"C" for highest points in
Sections "B" and "C" both
shows, to Mr. Webb. Bronze
Medal for highest points in
Section "A" and Cup "A"
for highest points in Section
"A" both shows. Mr. Parker
P.G. Certificate for best exhibit
Section "B" — Mr. Brook. P.G.
Certificate for best exhibit
Section "C" — Mr. Sutton.
N.C.S. Silver Medal — Mr. Sut-
ton. N.C.S. Certificate — Mr.
Herbert. Bronze Medal, highest
points in show, both shows —
Mrs. Evans.

SECTION "A" OPEN
Nine pods runner beans —
1. Miss Chinery; 2. Mr. Parker;
3. Mr. Miller. Five potatoes —
1. Mrs. Benham; 2. Mr. Par-
ker; 3. Mr. Cook. Plate 12
shallots, picking — 1. Mr.
Furze; 2. Mr. Mason. Plate 12
shallots, large — 1. Mr. Webb;
2. Mr. Furze; 3. Mr. Cook.
Three onions, autumn sown or
sets — 1. Mr. Furze; 2. Mr.
Webb; 3. Mr. Mason. Three
beetroot, globe — 1. Mr. Cook;
2. Mr. Parker. Two Cucumbers
Parker. Six tomatoes for table
— 1. Mr. Evans; 2. Mrs. Webb;
3. Mr. Cook. Any vegetable out-
size — 1. Mr. Parker; 2. Mr.
Wilson. One truss tomatoes —
1. Mr. Mason; 2. Mr. Cook; 3.
Mrs. Webb.

SECTION "B" OPEN
Four dessert apples — 1. Mr.
Brooks; 2. Mr. Webb; 3. Mr.
Cook. Four cooking apples —
1. Mr. Webb; 2. Mr. Miller;
3. Mr. Furze. Four dessert pears — 1. Mr.
Emery; 2. blackberries — 1.
Mrs. Lawton; 2. Mr. Cook; 3.
Mrs. Wilson.

SECTION "C" MEMBERS
One specimen rose H.T. — 1.
Mrs. Reed; 2. Mrs. Wilson;
3. Mrs. Sear. Three roses, H.T.
— 1. Mr. Mason; 3. Miss
Chinery. Three sprays flori-
bunda — 2. Mr. Mason; 3. Mrs.
Jeffrey. Three dahlias, de-
corative, medium — 1. Mr.
Townsend; 2. Mrs. Reed; 3.
Mrs. James. Three dahlias,
small or miniature, cactus or
semi-cactus — 1. Mr. Herbert;
2. Mr. Townsend; 3. Miss
Chinery. Three dahlias, medi-
um or semi-cactus — 3. Mr.
Parker. Three dahlias, any
other variety — 2. Mr. Cook;
3. Mrs. Reed. Three cactus
— 1. Mr. Webb; 2. Mrs. Do-
binson; 3. Mr. Sutton; 2.
Mr. Herbert; 3. Mr. Townsend;
Ditto, Section 23b — 1. Mr.



Mr. J. E. Webb with
an armful of trophies
he won at Wickford
Horticultural Show.

Townsend; 2. Mr. Knell. Ditto,
Section 24a — 1. Mr. Town-
send; 2. Mr. Sutton; 3.
Mr. Knell. Ditto, Section 21b
— 1. Mr. Brightwell; 3. Mr.
Sutton. Ditto, Section 23a — 1.
Mr. Sutton; 2. Mr. Herbert; 3.
Mr. Knell. Ditto, Section 25b —
1. Mr. Sutton; 2. Mr. Knell; 3.
Mr. Sutton. One vase spray
chrysanthemum, specimen — 1.
Mr. Townsend; 2. Mr. Herbert;
3. Mr. Sutton. One vase spray
chrysanthemum, 5 stems — 1. Mrs.
Lawton. Six pansies or violas
— 1. Mr. Geary.

SECTION "D" MEMBERS

Three pots cacti and/or suc-
culents — 1. Mr. Webb. One
gladiolus, specimen spike — 1.
Mr. Brightwell. One pot plant,
foliage — 1. Mrs. Adams; 2.
Mr. Mason. One pot plant,
flower — 1. Mr. Webb; 2. Mr.
Mason. One vase annuals, six
stems — 1. Mrs. Reed; 3. Mrs.
Chinery. One pot cactus or
succulent — 1. Mr. Webb; 2.
Mr. Chitheroe. Three roses, H.T.
— 1. Mr. Parker; 2. Mrs. Sear;
3. Miss Chinery. One specimen
rose H.T. — 1. Mr. Chitheroe;
2. Mr. Parker. One pot fuchsia
— 1. Mr. Townsend; 2. Mr.
Mason; 3. Mr. Brightwell. One
pot zonal pelargonium — 1.
Mr. Mason; 3. Mr. Brightwell.
One zonal pelargonium — 1.
Mrs. Evans; 3. Mr. Evans.
One vase perennial flowers, 4
stems — 1. Mr. Chitheroe.

SECTION "E" COLLECTIONS, MEMBERS

One collection chrysanthemum,
as scheduled — 1. Mr. Townsend;
2. Mr. Brightwell. Tray of
seed sours — 1. Mrs. Phil-
litt.

SECTION "F" NOVICES

Three dahlias, any variety —
1. Mr. Biggins; 2. Mrs. James.
One chrysanthemum, spec-
imen — 1. Mrs. James.

SECTION "G" CHILDREN

— 1. Janet Geary. Essay in not
more than 150 words — 1.
Judith Miller; 2. V. Murphy.

SECTION "H" MEMBERS

One jar pickled onions — 1.
Mrs. Jones; 2. Mrs. Adams; 3.
Mrs. Cook. One jar soft fruit
— 1. Mrs. Furze; 2. Mrs. Ben-
jamin; 3. Mrs. Lawton. One jar
of stone fruit jam — 1. Miss
Chinery; 2. Mrs. Evans; 3.
Mrs. Drinn. One Victoria
Miss Roffey; 3. Mr. Evans.
Bottled fruit, stone fruit — 1.
soft fruit — 1. Mrs. Webb; 2.
Mrs. Cook. Cherry cake to
recipe — 1. Mrs. Evans; 2.
Mrs. Cook; 3. Mrs. Adams.

SECTION 1. FLORAL ART, OPEN

Green and white arrange-
ment — 1. Mrs. Webb; 2. Mrs.
Do binson; 3. Mr. Chitheroe.
Arrangement in unusual con-
tainer — 1. Mr. Webb; 2. Mrs.
Brooks; 3. Mrs. Do binson.



At Wickford Horticultural Show the two heavyweights in
the show were Mr. D. Wilson's 42lb. pumpkin, Cinderella
variety, and Mr. A. Cook's giant marrow, 12lb. 13oz.

Man stole film pack at works

WHILE employed by Ilford,
Ltd., at Basildon, Derek
Graveney (38), of Fairfax
Drive, Westcliff, stole a
cine film pack, worth
£3 11s. 3d., said Mr. T.
Lavelle, prosecuting, at
Billericay on Tuesday.

Graveney pleaded guilty
to the theft and asked for
a similar offence, involving
property worth about £30,
to be considered.

Said to have no previous
convictions, he was fined
£75, which he was
ordered to pay at £1 a
week with three months'
prison in default.

The film pack was seen
in his car in the firm's car
park by a security officer.

When interviewed,
Graveney said he had been
a camera club secretary
and had taken one or two
things over the past two
years, said Mr. Lavelle.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Queen's appeal

AS YOU may know this
year I have had the
privilege of being chosen
to represent Basildon as
their Carnival Queen.
On the night of Satur-
day, September 23rd,
the Carnival Guild are
holding their annual
walk from Edmonton to
Southend. This is a dis-
tance of some 40 miles.
As I am in no sense of
the word athletic it will
be a sheer miracle if I
reach Southend in one
piece. This is, of course,
a charity walk and with
the money I hope to
raise I shall do my best
to see that some of the
handicapped and less
fortunate children in
Basildon have a Christ-
mas and presents at Christ-
mas.

In order to make this
effort worth while should
like to raise £100. May I
please ask if any of you
readers will be my sponsors?
In case they are not quite
clear on how a charity walk
works, permit me to explain
that a sponsor guarantees
to pay me "x" amount per
mile. The amount they are kind
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The George Hurd Centre



£40,000 building for the old folk

COMPLETED FOUR months before schedule, the George Hurd Centre, a brand new centre for old people, will be officially opened on Monday, September 18th.

The opening ceremony will be performed by the Chairman of the Council, Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P., and the first senior citizen to enter the building will be Mrs. Kate Hurd, widow of the Centre's namesake who did so much in the area for old people.

The Centre started life as the result of a report of a study group appointed in 1964, which advocated a considerable extension of the Meals-on-Wheels

ment Corporation. Plans were drawn up by the Council's Architect — and after three years of solid hard work, the new building is at last ready for opening.

TWO FUNCTIONS

The Centre has two main functions. It will provide a number of facilities for the elderly who are able to get there, and will also serve as a central point for distribution of the Meals-on-Wheels service. Meals will also be distributed to Day Centres run by the W.R.V.S., the Salvation Army and the Old People's Welfare Committee.

Up to 50 people can be accommodated in the main room, which includes television and a library, and will, of course, afford the opportunity for a friendly chat in comfortable surroundings. As many as 100 people can sit down to lunch in the



Mrs. Kate Hurd, who is 80 and will be the first to enter the new building.

dining room, and there is a demountable stage for social events. The garden will also be a popular spot in the summer months.

With the present equipment, up to 400 meals a day can be prepared for distribution, and it is hoped to expand this capacity to 600 meals a day.

The building has cost £40,000 which includes kitchen equipment and furnishings. Control and administration is the responsibility of the Medical Officer of Health.

In charge of the general management of the Centre is Mr. George E. Griffin. Mr. Griffin, who was chosen from 15 applicants, has had considerable experience as a catering officer.

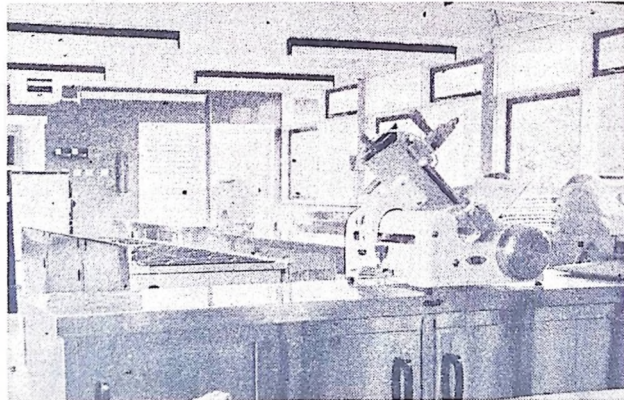
For 21 years he was with the Supply Catering Branch with the Royal Navy, and his last post was in Plymouth. He has never undertaken a job like the administration of an old people's centre before, and says quite candidly that his probationary period of three months will work both ways. If at the end of that time he feels that he is not the man for the job, he will have no hesitation in saying so.

Until then his wife and five children will remain in Plymouth. Mr. Griffin's first impressions of Basildon are quite favourable, and he is impressed, too, with the Centre itself. The kitchens are particularly fine with the most up-to-date equipment possible. They have cost £5,000 to equip. The lounges are comfortable, and tastefully fitted out. The dining room will at present seat 90 people, but Mr. Griffin hopes that very soon this will be increased to 120. If necessary, there is room to build an extension to the dining room at a later date.

The new manager's right-hand woman is Mrs. Josephine Peterson, who lives at Great Knightleys, Basildon, with her husband and three children. She will be in charge of the office work, which will be considerable, and says that she is looking forward very much to the official opening.

Mrs. Peterson has not lived in Basildon for very long. Her home town is Truro, Cornwall. She and her husband, who is the Senior Training Officer for Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd., like the town very much indeed.

The magnificently-equipped kitchens at the new George Hurd Centre.



Mr. George E. Griffin, first manager of the George Hurd Centre.

service, and recommended that this expansion should receive first priority in any programme for improved welfare facilities.

The proposal was for a central kitchen, attached to a day centre. Visits were paid by the Council to a centre in London, and the George Hurd Centre was designed on similar lines.

After a conference with representatives of voluntary and other organisations in the district, Basildon Council negotiated for a site with the Develop-



Miss Irene Doris Colbourne, of Whitmore Way, Basildon, was married on Saturday at Holy Cross Church, Basildon, to Mr. Melvyn Edward Ager, of Scrutton Road, Stanford-le-Hope. Rev. E. B. Buxton officiated.

The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. S. T. Clarke. She wore a crown of white satin, with an embroidered train, and had a head-dress of white roses and orange blossom to hold her bouffant veil. Her bouquet was of sold tea roses.

The bridesmaids were two cousins of the bride, the Misses Patricia Taylor and Jennifer Newton, and also Miss Christine Cornish, a friend. They wore dresses of gold satin, with boleros of white lace, and carried bouquets of white carnations and freesia. The best man was Mr. David Ager, the bridegroom's brother. (Photo by Derek Durey)



Mr. Roger Baldwin, of Mountnessing Road, Billericay, and Miss Doris Thornton, of Surbiton, Surrey, were married on Saturday at Billericay Evangelical Free Church. The bride was given away by her mother and wore a satin gown. Misses Margaret Eaton and Sharon Butcher were bridesmaids, and Mr. William Thornton was best man. (Photo by Don Reed)



All Saints' Church, Vange, was the setting on Saturday for the wedding of Mr. Frederick Donald Shaw, of Bylles, Basildon, and Miss Carol Ann Cullen, of Rokells, Basildon. Rev. R. Moorehouse officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white slimmer satin with a white Italian lace coat. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by eight bridesmaids in rainbow-coloured full-length dresses. The best man was Mr. R. Rinecross.



Attended by four bridesmaids, Miss Margaret Valerie Bradfield, of Beecham Court, Laindon, was married to Mr. Edward George Hudson, of Gernons, Basildon, at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday. Rev. Keith Plaister officiated, and the bride was given away by her father. She wore a white slimmer satin dress with a lace coat, had a short veil and carried a bouquet of yellow roses and staphanotis. Bridesmaids were Miss Marilyn Bradfield (bride's sister), Miss Linda Callow (friend of bride), Miss Rita Hudson (sister of groom) and Miss Suzanne Hudson (sister of groom). They wore turquoise full-length dresses.

CARAVAN STOLEN

A BRAND new four-berth caravan was stolen from Market Road, Wickford, at the weekend, and Wickford C.I.D. are appealing for anybody who might have seen it being towed away, or who could offer any other information leading to its recovery, to contact them at the Police Station in London Road, or telephone Wickford 5422.

A white Sprite, owned by Cambridge Motors, Ltd., it had been undergoing some minor repairs.

YOUNG WIVES

The Billericay Congregational Young Wives Group had a social on Thursday to begin the new season. President was Mrs. R. Atterley, and a business was prepared by Mrs. A. Wood, and Mrs. M. Quince. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. M. Gray, at the piano, and Mrs. J. Nash presided.

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Contestants and members of the Billericay Lawn Tennis Club at finals day on Saturday.

Disqualified ... too young

BASILDON'S 13-YEARS-OLD Linda Motton came second in the 300 yards against much older competitors in the Festival of Sport on Saturday, but was disqualified — for being too young!

It was a big disappointment for Linda, whose time of 2m. 20s. was a new record for the Basildon club.

It was a great day for Basildon's senior ladies on the track. They won every event entered.

Margaret Giles, Valerie Sures and Barbara Hildon conquered all the challenges from other clubs and completed a busy day by winning the sprint relay with 20 yards to spare.

Overall, the Basildon athletes either broke or equalled 15 club records during the sports and many personal best performances were set up.

Most exciting track race was the senior men's mile, which local runner Cy Kilbb lost in the last 10 yards in a photo finish.

Most successful of the senior men was Bob Miller, who had a hat-trick of wins in the 100 yards, 220 yards, the 100 yards and 220 yards. He also helped to break the club's one-mile money relay record.

In the final reckoning Basildon finished second 23 points behind Bracknell. They lost ground badly in the field events where the main bright performance was by Alan Cockell, who cleared 40ft. 0in. in the triple jump — a club record.

PROMISING START

BASILDON BOYS' CLUB (UNDER 15) 1.
SOUTHDOWN BOYS' CLUB 2

BASILDON Boys did a very good job against more experienced opponents on Saturday in their first match of the season.

There was no score in the first half, but early in the second Southdown took the lead with a well-taken goal from Johnson. Soon afterwards Basildon made it 1-1 with a nice goal from K. Reynolds, after the Southdown defence had been caught flat-footed.

Ten minutes from time R. McLennan got the winner for Southdown when he given too much room by the Basildon defence.

Referee J. Aldridge did an excellent job and refused to accept any fee.

Southdown: G. Linton; G. Mariani; J. Ball; E. Batten; Johnson; J. Ballini; A. Hoskins; D. Everitt; L. Finch; R. McLennan; C. Cornwell.

Basildon: P. Baxley; A. Harris; D. Bassett; R. Barrett; J. Jefferson; I. Lawrence; K. Reynolds; M. Soley; G. Keeley; B. Stanford; J. Marlborough.

Steel band

BASILDON Rugby Club hold an open-air barbecue in their headquarters in Nicholas Lane, Laindon, on Saturday and will have a steel band providing music.

MORE TITLES FOR TENNIS STAR

BILLERICAY LAWN Tennis Club's Mike Engle, who won the men's singles and mixed doubles titles in the Brantwood League individual championships the previous week, won the men's singles and doubles and mixed doubles in his own club's annual championships on Saturday.

In the singles final he beat G. Mason, a previous winner of the title by 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. In the first two sets the two boys fought on equal terms but in the third Engle cut loose and Mason could find no answer to the pressure.

For his second title Engle combined with J. Grottick to beat R. Moss and P. Cranston by 6-3, 6-4, and then went on to complete the hat-trick by partnering Mrs. M. Willis in the mixed doubles, beating G. Mason and Mrs. P. Menden 6-3, 6-4.

In the ladies singles final, the contestants were the same pair as last year, but this time Mrs. Hilary Atkinson turned the tables on the holder, Mrs. Benny Gould, to win an exciting match 7-5, 6-3.

Mrs. M. Cranpin and Mrs. E. Booth beat Miss M. Perry and Mrs. S. Allen 7-3, 6-2 in the ladies doubles final. Cups and medals to the winners and runners-up were presented by Mrs. S. Moss, the President's wife.

KINGSWOOD 4.
WICKFORD A 5

SIX OF THE nine matches went to three sets when Kingswood met Wickford "A" in a Basildon Tennis League match on Saturday. Wickford won 5-4.

Wickford's heroes were number two pair M. Dale and F. Self, who won their three games. Scores: G. Le Page and P. Peables (Kingswood) beat G. Decani and R. Green 7-6, 6-3.

lost to M. Dale and F. Self 6-5, 6-3; G. Collier and K. Bowser and A. Parr 4-6, 6-3, 6-0.

Morris and T. Dowling (Kingswood) beat G. De Cani and R. Green 6-5, 6-3; lost to Dale and Self 6-1, 4-6; lost to K. Bowser and A. Parr 4-6, 6-3.

Brough (Kingswood) lost to G. De Cani and R. Green 6-3, 6-5, 3-6; lost to M. Dale and F. Self 4-6, 2-6; beat K. Bowser and A. Parr 2-6, 6-3, 9-7.

P.L.A. visit

Tomorrow Basildon United are at P.L.A. (Tilbury) at Holy Cross in a Thurrock Thames side Combination match and the team will be: M. Flack; B. Bryan; G. Roberts; E. Thorogood; M. Barham; C. Wright; G. Barham; J. Penneck; J. Mann; J. King; R. Wallis.

Basildon United Reserves line-up (at home to Battlesbridge) last Monday: M. Smith; M. Flack; B. Bryan; G. Roberts; E. Thorogood; M. Barham; C. Wright; G. Barham; J. Penneck; J. Mann; J. King; R. Wallis.

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The Basildon Ladies' team of Doris Alinger, Peg Copeland and Eileen Palmer never really hit form, but bowled well considering this was their first game together. Three consecutive games in the 400's saw them to a 1319 total and a second place.

The mixed doubles team of John and Ann Buckley bowled in the King Rogers League bowled very well last week. Joyce Morris and Mary Butts got the joint high game of 231 and Joyce bowled high series of 776.

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PITSEA F.C.

Fifteen members sent 120 birds to Norththerton on Saturday with results as follows: 1. F. Short, Jun., 1,272; 2. G. Warr, 1,262; 3. P. Short, Jun., 1,255; 4. B. Baxter, 1,252; 5. P. Short, Sen., 1,246; 6. B. Baxter, 1,229.

Rugby Club beaten by Chelmsford

Chelmsford 11 pts., Basildon Rugby Club 1st XV 3 pts.

BASILDON RUGBY Club 1st XV, who had such a wonderful season last year, began this season in relatively poor form, playing well below their best and going down 11-3 to Chelmsford.

Basildon opened the scoring with a good penalty kick from D. Rees and for the first quarter of an hour Basildon displayed sparkle and initiative with S. Mills and J. Borowski showing up well. For Chelmsford, B. Lewis equalised with a penalty.

Play deteriorated after this and Chelmsford were lucky to score in the corner after a disputed tackle and pass. Lewis scored and converted this try.

There was very little constructive play for the remainder of the game with both sides being content to work being the tackling, and chances of the line-out and line-outs at the beginning of the second half, but too often the line-outs developed into loose scrummages. Mett made one decision to break but had no backing, and then Light was well tackled when running clear. Scott lifted Chelmsford's H. Jones scored a try to make it 11-3.

Basildon counter-attacked, but the Chelmsford defence worked well, spoiling any Basildon attack. They played well around and denying them very much possession.

They relied on Basildon's mistakes to score tries and on the pressure in the tactical worked.

Basildon Builders 10 pts., Chelmsford Ex. 6 pts.

M. Flack got off to a good start with a win over Chelmsford Builders, but two goals to a try and a penalty.

Basildon were in trouble early on as the Chelmsford

forwards were far faster on the ball and dominated the line-outs and tight scrums. The home side were forced to cover a lot of ground, but thanks to the tackling of Davies and Jones they held out.

Basildon settled after 20 minutes, although Chelmsford did go three points ahead with a try, and the ferocious tackling of Bulldogs back row, Smith, Simpson and Redman, began to take effect.

In the second half the Basildon team won plenty of clear ball, but Collins and Knott made some fine breaks, and Davies set a fine example in the field running. Knott converted.

Two beautiful breaks, one by Collins and one by Knott, split the Chelmsford defence and led to Basildon's second score. Knott found Jones and the latter broke across the centre to score beneath the posts.

Chelmsford added to their score with a penalty.

THE FOUR Basildon Rugby teams playing this week are made up as follows:

1st XV v Thurrock at Gloucester Park (Clubhouse 4 p.m.): D. Rees; R. Evans; B. Knott; J. Comer; I. Sharp; L. Mett; G. Jones; A. Bugh; D. Smith; C. McLennan; J. Borowski; I. Shaw; T. Brockley; S. Mills; T. Light.

2nd XV v Thurrock at Gloucester Park (Clubhouse 4 p.m.): M. Moore; C. Parr; T. Davies; R. Evans; B. Knott; T. Collins; D. King; G. Chislett; R. Heald; W. Smith; D. Towler; S. Smith; B. Simpson; B. Redman.

3rd XV v Thurrock at Gloucester Park (Clubhouse 4 p.m.): M. Miller; J. Walker; J. Freeman; B. Brown; (capt.) P. Balllock; P. Naylor; G. John; J. King; J. Berry; M. Hammond; G. King; R. Pickett; R. Rees.

4th XV v Beckenham at Gloucester Park (Clubhouse 4 p.m.): M. Moore; C. Parr; T. Davies; R. Evans; B. Knott; T. Collins; D. King; G. Chislett; R. Heald; W. Smith; D. Towler; S. Smith; B. Simpson; B. Redman.

5th XV v Beckenham at Gloucester Park (Clubhouse 4 p.m.): M. Moore; C. Parr; T. Davies; R. Evans; B. Knott; T. Collins; D. King; G. Chislett; R. Heald; W. Smith; D. Towler; S. Smith; B. Simpson; B. Redman.

6th XV v Beckenham at Gloucester Park (Clubhouse 4 p.m.): M. Moore; C. Parr; T. Davies; R. Evans; B. Knott; T. Collins; D. King; G. Chislett; R. Heald; W. Smith; D. Towler; S. Smith; B. Simpson; B. Redman.

7th XV v Beckenham at Gloucester Park (Clubhouse 4 p.m.): M. Moore; C. Parr; T. Davies; R. Evans; B. Knott; T. Collins; D. King; G. Chislett; R. Heald; W. Smith; D. Towler; S. Smith; B. Simpson; B. Redman.

8th XV v Beckenham at Gloucester Park (Clubhouse 4 p.m.): M. Moore; C. Parr; T. Davies; R. Evans; B. Knott; T. Collins; D. King; G. Chislett; R. Heald; W. Smith; D. Towler; S. Smith; B. Simpson; B. Redman.

RECORD FOR AMBASSADORS

This series puts her in third place in the league behind Ann Dolly of Wembley and Dolly holds fifth position.

Ambassadors won all their games by over 100 plus in their League match at Southend last Monday. Playing the Tipsters, they bowled 1100 of 622, including a rather than ease up increasing the pressure in the second game for a 602. Dave Buckley rolled a 210.

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Second place for Basildon in Festival of Sport



The Basildon trampoline team who took part in the Festival at Bracknell: Sally Munro, David Fitch, Pamela Brown and Mr. C. Fretwell.

SOCCER TEAM UNBEATEN

MONTHS OF patient training by Ted Thurwood paid off for Basildon football. His well-drilled team, the pick of Basildon, moved confidently through the competition, making more than one onlooker wish for a Basildon football team that could play together like this always.

In their first match the team met Stevenage, had more of the game, but missed their chances, and only went through with a late Fred Hucker goal. There was a shade of luck about this one, for Stevenage hit a post just before the end.

In the second match the competition was played on a league basis. Basildon beat Bracknell 2-1. Goals came, in the first half, when Hucker hit a post and a Brian Barlow scored, and early in the second, when John Hucker pushed home a Brian Barlow pass.

Through the afternoon the Basildon team strode on. In the next match they beat Crawley 1-0. Hucker scoring after a nice pass from Roger Short, and in their last game they accounted for Welwyn Garden City 2-0.

Anxiety crept into this one as Basildon held on to a two goal lead gained through Hucker and George Day, but with Ted Thurwood hopping from one foot to the other on the sidelines they held on for both points, a 100 per cent record, and the title.

Basketball

BASILDON'S BASKETBALL team finished third out of six. They had a walk-over when due to meet Welwyn, then lost to Bracknell in the second game of the pool 38-37. In the semi-final they played Crawley, and won 56-52 in a free-scoring game.

The team was Laurie Drain, Eddy Horn, Alan Stow, George Cluett, Dick Green.

Netball

THE FIRST three teams in the netball competition were level on points, and the final result was taken on goal average. As a result Basildon were placed third.

The first team had won four of their matches and lost one, and the second won two and lost two.

The two teams were—
"A" team — Alan Bridle, Janet Fay, Joan Buck, Jill Smith, Veronica Howard, Wendy Morris, Daphne Morla.
"B" team — Sue Green, Valerie Barber, Sharon Dutch, Carol Iles, Christine Smedley, Jillian Porter, Brenda Earle.

Judo

THE JUDO team, who have done so well in the past, were this year rather a disappointment.

The seniors met Bracknell, eventual winners, in the first match, and were beaten. Then they drew with Stevenage in the other leg of their pool.

The children's team were beaten by Stevenage, Bracknell and Hemel Hempstead in that order, and finished last of the four teams entered.

Swimming

STARS of the Basildon Swimming team were the men's freestyle squad who won their event.

The rest of the swimmers were badly hampered by last-minute changes in the programme, of which Basildon were not informed, so that many swimmers found themselves having to try other strokes than those for which they had been training.

The team did manage 78 points, but the quick change that had to be carried out before they started roached their chances of any further success.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN OF BASILDON WHO DID US PROUD IN THE FESTIVAL OF SPORT AT BRACKNELL ON SATURDAY. FINAL PLACING WAS SECOND, BASILDON'S BEST IN THE THREE YEARS OF THE COMPETITION, AND THIS YEAR OUR COMPETITORS WERE BEATEN ONLY BY THE HOST TOWN, BRACKNELL.

Basildon entered a team in all but one of the 26 sports this year. They won only four of them, but all the teams put up fine performances.

The events we did win were the popular ones in Basildon. The football team, carefully nurtured over the past months by Ted Thurwood, swept through their competition with a 100 per cent record; the cricketers beat the host town in an exciting final; the cyclists won convincingly, and the darts players hit an inspired streak of form to come first in their competition.

In some sports the Basildon representatives were outclassed, but all of them gained valuable points.

Minister of Sport Mr. Dennis Howell presented the Festival of Sport Cup at the end of the events and, once again, for the third time in the three-year history of this event, it went to the host town.

The advantages of staging the sports on their own grounds with all their best sportsmen readily available, and the choice of sports their own seem too big for any visiting team to overcome. It would add some points to the competition if these differences were levelled out.

The organisation at Bracknell was good. It only fell down when it came to communicating the results of the sports to all the men and women concerned. The majority of the Basildon contingent, in fact, left the sports for home without really knowing where their team had been placed.

Final scores in the competition were: Bracknell 1st, Basildon 2nd, Crawley 3rd, Stevenage 4th, Harlow 5th, Welwyn 6th.

"We would like to congratulate everybody who entered," said Sports Council Chairman Cyril Moore. "It really was an excellent performance by all concerned."

Team prize for our cyclists

BASILDON'S CYCLISTS lived up to their reputation, carrying off the team prize and supplying third, fifth, sixth and seventh individual places. They did so, what is more, despite a number of rather cruel strokes of fortune.

First Ian Metcalfe punctured after 10 miles, then as the Basildon team worked themselves into a good position Gaunt and Gower, who had been doing a lot of the pacing, dropped out.

With 20 of the 70 miles gone Doug Gresham, of Bracknell, broke away, and with him went Basildon's Roger Barton. Three other Basildon riders, Norman Sycamore, Kelvin Clay and Dennis Wharf, settled in, well up the field.

Near the end Basildon suffered misfortune number

two. Roger Barton attempted to sprint up a hill, and stripped the cog from his top two gears. He eventually finished third, with Norman Sycamore and Kelvin Clay taking equal fifth position behind him, and Dennis Wharf coming in seventh.

Dennis was second rider into the stadium when an official mistook his position, and he had completed a lap when he was informed he still had two miles to go. Out on to the road went Dennis again, and came in seventh to clinch Basildon's first victory in the Festival.



The Basildon cycling team being presented with the trophy for winning the 70-mile road race at the New Town Festival of Sport at Bracknell on Saturday. Presenting the cup is Mr. C. Thare, of "The Bracknell News," and receiving it is Roger Barton, Norman Sycamore, Kelvin Clay and Dennis Wharf.



The victorious Basildon darts team pictured after their win at Bracknell.

CONVINCING WIN FOR DARTS PLAYERS

BASILDON'S PUBS can be proud of their darts players. They proved themselves the best of all the new towns at the Festival and did so in an extremely convincing manner.

In the final they met Crawley and crushed them with some inspired throwing. There were four in the team. They played four singles first of all, then joined up for two pairs, and finally came together for a team game.

Against Crawley, Basildon simply won the first four singles to ensure victory. Steve Bignall, first at the board, won easily, then Bill Alden also won his game 2-0. Eddy Whale made it 3-0 to Basildon, finishing his last game with a grand slam from 102. He got a treble 20, 10 and double 161.

Finally, Frank Hibbert, a terrific form, won at a gallop, finishing the first game with double 16, the second with double 17 and making it 4-0 for Basildon.

There were three other Basildon teams in the competition, and they, too, distinguished themselves with some fine throwing. Ernie Alderman, of Cranes, got a maximum 180.

Basildon's second team took fourth position after a play-off. They were T. Noland, W. Berry, M. David and E. Alderman.

The two other teams in the competition were—C. Wallace, D. Fook, J. Bolton and B. Pearce, and S. Bracey, T. Hancock, H. Adams and G. Edgar.

Hockey

THE MEN'S hockey team, in the past one of Basildon's strengths, was this year sadly hampered by the start. Brian Potter, their outside left, called off at the last minute and the team were forced to play with ten men throughout.

Nevertheless they won the first game by beating Bracknell 2-0. Goalscorers were Charles Reed and Peter Woodward from a short corner. Harlow did not turn up for their second round tie, so Basildon progressed painlessly to the semi-final although they did all in with a friendly against Bracknell.

The afternoon was rather a sad one. They lost a semi-final against Welwyn Garden City 2-0. As the 10 players became increasingly tired they lost the losers semi-final enough to be out of the competition by a corner in extra time.

BASILDON LADIES began in extremely confident style, beating Stevenage 4-1. They were 2-0 up at half-time with goals from Judy Boothman and Margaret Southwell, and despite giving away a simple one soon afterwards they went on to win 4-1 with further goals from Sylvia Lowing and Monica Munro.

They did not realise then that the team they most feared, Welwyn Garden City, had won 6-0 in the other half of the draw, and in a strange system of points scoring worked out by the officials, the one number of goals scored counted.

Basildon drew with Welwyn in the next round 1-1 (Sylvia Lowing got the goal) and found themselves placed second in their pool. So they took to the field for their third or fourth place.

In this six-a-side cricket, fours count as sixes and sixes as tens. Basildon bowled out Stevenage 3-1 with Holmes, Baker, Peter and Lockwood each taking a wicket. Then Sean Peter hit 31, with one ten and two sixes. His partner, Freg Lockwood, simply had to stay at the crease, and Basildon went through to the final.

Basildon met for stiffer opposition in the final and when they were bowled out for 53 the advantage looked to be with opponents Bracknell. For Basildon, Lockwood and Baker each got 18.

Inside two overs, Bracknell had scored over 30 and Basildon's chances looked bleak. Then the wicket changed, from Baker the course of the final suddenly changed. Baker got two wickets for one run in his over, and Bracknell fell behind from then on. They finished at 47, six runs behind, and Basildon had won.

Volleyball

THE VOLLEYBALL team, rather as expected, were in a most completely ill-lipped by their opposition, but they did produce some good play, and were in fact unlucky not to gain more reward than they did.

In the first match they lost to M. Crawley on an injury, and went down 15-10. In the second game Crawley beat them 15-5, 15-8, and in the third Bracknell won a close fought match 15-13.

Trampoline

THE TRAMPOLINE team, little considered among the possible contenders, in fact, turned out trumps.

David Fitch won the men's individual championship, and Pam Brown failed to do the same in the women's championship by just 0.05 of a point. She took second place, and Sally Munro came fifth.

Overall Basildon came second in the men's and first in the women's event, a fine performance.

David Fitch was only asked to compete on the Thursday evening before the Festival.

Rugby

BASILDON BEGAN as if they were going to be outclassed in the rugby competition, but as it went on so they improved, reserving their most dramatic burst of power for the last sensational game, in which they came back from being 8-0 down to beat Bracknell 10-8. Bracknell at that time were favourites to win the tournament.

Basildon finished with four points from four games, only one more than the opposition out of the five teams entered, but at least they left the competition with heads held high.

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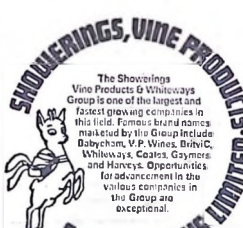
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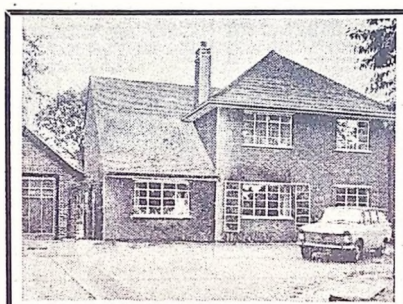
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Princesses had a "Queen" as driver



Having passed her driving test, Billericay Carnival Queen Gloria Shaylor feels quite confident to drive her Princesses to Wickford Carnival.

Nurses' party for destitute children from Florence

BILLERICAY St. Andrew's Hospital Roman Catholic Nurses' Guild threw a party for destitute children from Florence and the shanty towns of Italy on Saturday.

Organised in conjunction with the Brentwood branch of International Help For Children, it took place at the Friends Meeting House, Shenfield.

"The main reason for the party was that we wanted to give the children some good times to remember when they get back to Italy," Guild President Nurse A. O'Shea explained later.

"They live in the most appalling poverty in Italy and would otherwise never normally experience anything like this."

Over 30 children attended the party where they were entertained by Basildon magician Alan Goodall, and his daughter,

Laura, and a song and dance duo, following a slap-up tea.

Floral Group

BILLERICAY FLORAL Arrangement Group held their September meeting on Wednesday week in the Women's Institute Hall and members and friends had a demonstration entitled "Autumn Flowers," given by Mrs. Newman.

Winners in the members competition for an arrangement under the title "Welcome" were: Senior advanced, Mrs. Bacon; advanced, Mrs. Salmars; novice, Mrs. Allen.



There was no Top Town Tournament at Wickford Carnival—but the trophy was presented by Coun. Terry Chapman (Vice-Chairman of Basildon Council) to representatives of the Basildon and Billericay Top Town teams. They are supported by their Carnival Queens and Courts. Basildon and Billericay teams did not appear—just as Wickford failed to compete in the other rounds.

BILLERICAY HIGH STREET DEVELOPMENT

SHOULD CARM AND HISTORY GIVE WAY TO MODERN SHOPS?

A BLOCK of shops in Billericay High Street have no architectural or historical interest to warrant their preservation, say developers, Glynden Investments, Ltd. This was stated to Ministry of Housing and Local Government Inspector Mr. V. H. Loney at an inquiry commenced on Tuesday by Mr. John Taylor.

Acting for Glynden Investments, Mr. Taylor was referring to Nos. 58-68, High Street, where they want to build new shops, showrooms and a restaurant.

The inquiry was an appeal against Basildon Council's lack of decision for the proposed development and a proposed building preservation order on Nos. 58 to 64, High Street.

In his submission Mr. Taylor said that buildings 58-60 were classified in the High Street report as "could be replaced." Numbers 62-64 were not classified and the others were recommended for preservation.

His opinion on the evidence was that the buildings had no merit whatsoever, and even if there were, the costs involved in preservation would be astronomical, and the final result would be less than adequate from the points of view of accommodation and the preserved building.

Speaking of the preservation of 100, High Street, he said: "The most preserved are a few shops of timber. You have a mock-up of the old building which you could have achieved with modern development. Any qualities of continuity which the buildings may have could also be achieved by redevelopment."

Mr. Taylor also contended that the idea of retaining the buildings was impractical.

"By any standard these premises are inadequate. No one will know until they start the scale of restoration which would have to be done. A great deal of money would have to be spent to preserve the facades or to present any facades like a reasonable living accommodation."

Mr. Roy Jones, an architect, dealt with work carried out in the past on some of the buildings and added: "It is noted that the buildings are all in very poor condition structurally. All major elements require extensive remedial work."

"It cannot be agreed that the type of work carried out at 100, High Street represents preservation. It only makes mockery of such an order."

The costs involved for the kind of work cannot be estimated as the extent of this is unknown until the fabric is completely opened up. However, the cost involved would not likely be less than twice that for a new building of equivalent floor area."

Cross-examined by Basildon Council's solicitor, Mr. A. G. Cooper, surveyor Mr. L. J. Frost said: "Billericay has a very long history of shopping and this interest has been extended by substantial development of the Billericay district. But the High Street as a shopping area is convenient. It has the principal multiple stores."

"Its character or charm has nothing to do with the people who come to shop there by reason of the traffic problems."

"People I have spoken to and very little regard for the charm. They were primarily concerned with getting their goods in clean surroundings."

Asked if he knew that a Ministry circular which stated that not all buildings worth preserving were listed, Mr. Frost said: "This circular points out that we should be more keen about our heritage. But if these buildings in Billericay High Street are our heritage, I am afraid my keenness evaporates."

not a plan for Billericay, but a number of rules which might be applied to the town. He also claimed in cross-examination that a number of the conclusions reached in the report had been reconsidered and judged again.

He had been very sad and ashamed that by looking at this in the wrong way earlier on, we might have been jeopardising this part of Billericay High Street."

Mr. Rock was referring to the new site numbers 58-68, High Street, Billericay. He said the majority of the buildings on the site should be retained. They would be a great loss to the High Street.

He considered the detailed plans of the applicants' proposal were of a confused character.

In his proof of evidence, Mr. Rock said: "The application covers many properties which are mostly in three attached buildings. Numbers 58-62 and 64-68 are most interesting buildings and it would be a great loss to the street scene if they were demolished. Numbers 62-64 are not of such high quality, but they add something to this part of the street."

He also observed: "Increasing the town will need, and at the moment has the character to support. The sort of development which depends on lower rates and rents to survive—the older buildings on this site need once the pressure for commercial development has been relaxed."

And he concluded: "The houses on the site maintain the sort of historical continuity, the character environment and quality of townscapes which are needed."

Billericay's High Street was one of the most charming county towns within 25 miles of London, he said. He claimed that buildings had to be assessed not individually but as components of the whole which would suffer considerably if they were removed.

The Council realised that in the past, necessary work had been given for development. But these new buildings represented a considerable loss to the landscape of the town.

As it was not only the Council who were interested in the preservation of Billericay High Street, the district had responded well to meetings organised by the Council and the C.P.R.E.

LADIES' CLUB

Outwood Community Ladies Club held their first meeting after the summer recess on Monday at Sunnyside Junior School. Chairman Mrs. Webster presided and 15 members were present to discuss the Club's autumn programme. 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"Sexy Sue" from Shotgate



There was plenty of novelty in Wickford's Carnival, and Alan Strang, aged 10, of Shotgate, was popular as "Sexy Sue." The collectors did well along the procession route.

IT WAS THEIR FINEST HOUR



Wickford's Carnival Queen, Ann Camp and her two princesses, Sonia Martin and Lesley Ince (seen above) had a grand time in Wickford's Carnival procession on Saturday.

The sun shone, the crowds turned out and the cash rolled in so that this year the organisers had no worries. The proceeds from the Carnival street collection will go to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay. All the organisations who took part in the Continental Fair kept their profits for themselves.

The procession was half a mile long and included eight queens, two bands and many pedestrian collectors. Between 4,500 and 5,000 people went to the Town Show ground, but the Top Town Tournament final was cancelled because this time it was Basildon and Billericay who failed to field teams — previously Wickford had failed!

NEARLY 5,000 WENT TO THE FETE FIELD



Everyone flocked to the fete field after the procession.



Pipe Sergeant T. Smith "gies 'em a blow." He is seen at Wickford Carnival with Janet and Jennifer Rees and Carol Cooper, the Queen of Spare Parts, from Basildon Salvage Company.

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THE FAMILY FROM THE MANSE



Mrs Margaret Rooney tries her luck at judging the weight of a cake at Langdon Hills Methodist Church garden fete on Saturday. With her are Rev. J. J. Rooney and their children, Bridget (17 months) and Kathryn (4 years).

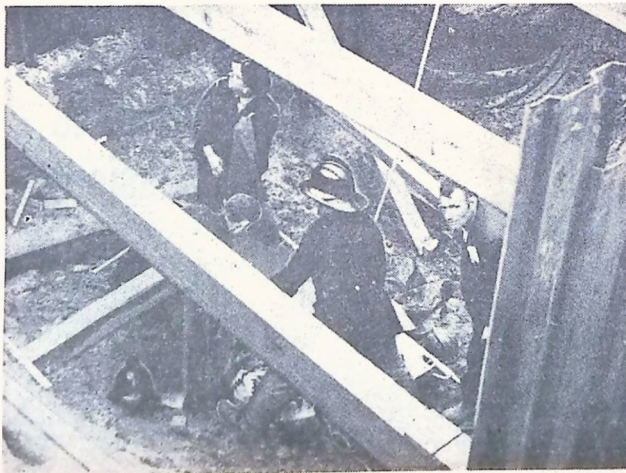
FIREMEN HELPED TO RESCUE TRAPPED MAN

Drama came to Basildon's new hospital site in Nethermayne on Wednesday as firemen worked to rescue a workman who had fallen into a deep excavation.

Problem for Police and ambulance crews who were called to the scene was how to get the injured man, Mr. Ronald Harding, of Pooles Lane, Hullbridge, out of the 20ft-deep pit made treacherously slippery by heavy rain earlier in the afternoon.

This is where Basildon Fire Brigade came in. Under the supervision of Station Officer F. Thompson, they drew their extended ladder appliance alongside the hole and lowered ropes.

After the man had been strapped to a stretcher they then hauled him to safety (see picture below). The operation taking over 20 minutes, Mr. Harding was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, with leg injuries, but was not detained.



No room for beauty in local parks

BASILDON Council are opposed to building anything beautiful in their parks because of the "senseless orgies of destruction" by vandals.

This was stated on Monday by Chairman of Basildon Council's Parks Committee Coun. Derrick Pope.

He claimed that an extra £1,000 a year could be spent on parks if the rate of vandalism could be curbed.

And the Council could also build more beautiful things.

Coun. Pope told a reporter: "We spend so much money replacing equipment destroyed by vandals that we are unable to complete other projects."

"We spend a great deal on repairing and replacing equipment provided in parks for the public and the Play Leadership schemes."

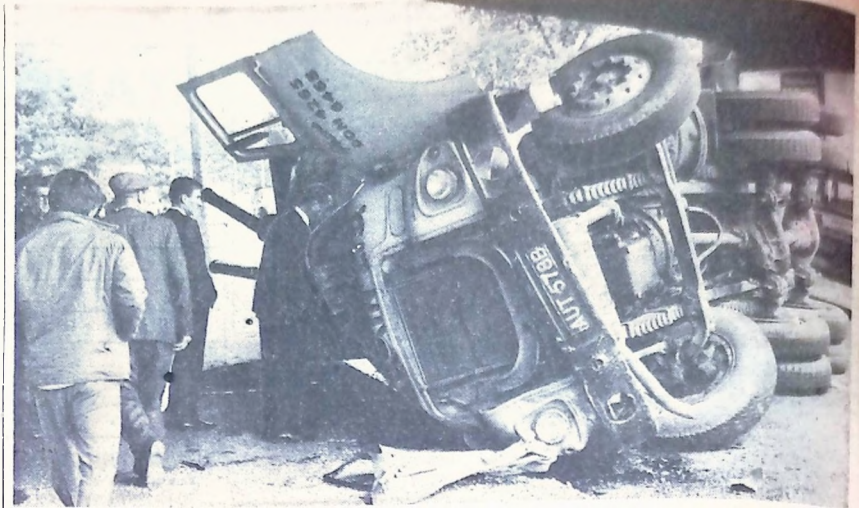
"And you can't build anything pleasant to look at in parks. Anything we provide must be built of steel and concrete and even then it will not last indefinitely."

"In the recreation area at Pound Lane, Lalndon, we built three seats for mothers to use when they take children to the Park. They cost £100."

"Although they were made of steel and concrete, the steel slats were ripped and torn and the concrete was pulled out of the ground and smashed."

Coun. Pope said the vandalism was not confined to the New Town, but damage to public property was not so marked in the outer areas like Billericay and Wickford.

He added: "Two thousand years ago the Greeks had the same problem when the youngsters practised with their swords, decapitating the statues of heroes on the Hill of Mars. "Basildon Council is trying to combat the vandalism with Play Leadership schemes—the Greeks didn't have a word for that."



TWO CRUSHED WHEN LORRY OVERTURNS

A MAN and his seven-years-old daughter were killed in Pitsea on Thursday week as a tip lorry crashed into the railway bridge and then rolled on to their Ford Anglia.

The man, Mr. Terence Gould (36), of Lawrence Road, Canning Town, was driving towards Southend with his wife and two children.

In the opposite direction came the tipper driven by Mr. Leonard J. Smith (30), of Second Avenue, Dagenham. It crashed

into the High Road railway bridge, turning over on to the Goulds' car.

The Anglia, its top completely crushed, careered into a wall on the outside of the road, and the lorry finished on its side beneath the railway bridge, where it remained, blocking one lane for three hours.

Mr. Gould and his seven-year-old daughter, Pauline, received fatal injuries; his

wife, Rosina (32), and son, Michael (13), were taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay and have been allowed home.

The accident occurred just after mid-day. Police are trying to trace anyone who saw the crash.

Essex Coroner Dr. Charles Clark opened the inquest at Grays on Monday and adjourned it for a month. Evidence of identification was given by Mr. Ronald

Gould, of Fern Walk, Canning Island, brother of the dead man.

P.C. Walter Watkins told the Coroner that the lorry struck the underside of the bridge, tilted over and hit the car.

The picture below shows the car in which Mr. Gould and his daughter were killed.



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