

BASILDON Standard RECORDER

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FLAGPOLE FOR THE COUNCIL OFFICES

BASILDON COUNCIL will shortly be displaying their own flag from a new aluminium flagpole to be erected at their offices in Fodderwick.

"A flagpole is something we have been sadly lacking," said a Council spokesman.

"In the past, we have been unable to accord visitors to the town the kind of courtesy they are entitled to. Now visitors will be able to see the appropriate flag flying when they drive around the town.

"It will also bring us into line with most councils throughout the country who have their own flagpoles for special events."

Besides occasions when visitors are in the town, the flagpole will be used on Royal occasions and other public days.

The new pole will also give the Council a chance to use their own new flag—a white flag with the chairman's badge on one side.



Vandals wreck changing huts

CHIEF LANDSCAPE architect for Basildon Development Corporation Mr. Patrick Dawson has offered to use the excess energy of New Town vandals!

"If they have so much energy to spend, let them come to me," he said. "I can put it to good use in parks and play areas."

"There is a mile of work we cannot get around to and a young labour force like this is just what we are looking for."

Mr. Dawson was commenting on the latest spate of destruction—this time in Gloucester Park where the Chylgrove Football Club's two dressing huts have been wrecked.

The huts were provided by the Corporation because the club had no facilities. All summer they have been stored by the Corporation and they were erected in Gloucester Park a month ago.

But when Mr. Dawson visited the huts on Monday he found the doors ripped off, windows smashed and the roof torn off one. Inside the other all the fittings had been smashed.

He told a reporter: "They have been devastated and something should be done to stir the public conscience over this kind of thing."

STAGGERING

"All this destruction took place within 50 or 60 feet of houses. Surely somebody saw them."

"And the staggering thing about this is that the kids who do this kind of thing are probably the same people who would want to play football."

The huts, worth about £150, are now useless. Mr. Dawson said the Corporation may be able to help the club—but he did not know how.

He also claimed that

Corporation playgrounds were suffering. "It is purely malicious," said Mr. Dawson. "We have tried to keep the toilets open for the children at the Great Gregorie Playground in Lee Chapel South. But every time we open them the vandals just go in and wreck the place."

He said the only answer to vandals was to have guards protecting the property. When a greenkeeper was employed at the new golf course, vandalism ceased abruptly.

COLLAPSED

Forty-five years old Nancy Littlefield, of Bullards Walk, Basildon, was found in a collapsed state in a telephone box near the Plough and Tractor public house, Basildon, early on Sunday morning. She was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay.

VAN STOLEN

A van, belonging to Mr. Ralph Jones, Long Ridling, Basildon, was stolen from the car park of the Carreras Social Club on Friday between the hours of 8-10.15 p.m. Police have not yet traced the vehicle.

GIANT MOTH FOUND

A STRANGE and rare moth, one of the biggest in the British Isles, flew into the kitchen of the Humpage family in Beeleigh West, Basildon, on Sunday evening.

The moth, with about a four-inch wingspan, was identified by a "Standard" reporter (armed with his "Observer's Book of Larger British Moths") as a convolvulus hawk moth. It does not apparently breed in England, but flies in every summer from the Continent.

Its appearance in the Humpage household scared the mother, Dorothy, excited the children and intrigued Mr. Roger Humpage.

He trapped it in a large jar and there it lies at the moment with a large dahlia stuck in beside it as company and food.

Mr. Humpage, a Teleflex worker, is willing to let any interested collector have his capture. He can be contacted at 14, Beeleigh West.

Party time for a grand old lady

THE OLDEST inhabitant of any Essex residential home for the elderly, Basildon's grand old lady, Mrs. Elizabeth Cole, celebrated her 103rd birthday at Mundy House on Thursday.

It is the fourth birthday she has had since coming to live there; and she is still as bright and active as when she arrived.

Proudly she showed the beautiful flowers and cards—17 in all—which she had received. "These flowers are from my daughter—she never forgets!" she said, pointing out some chrysanthemums. Her daughter is 85.

In pride of place among the birthday cards was a telegram from Essex Welfare Committee. Mrs. Cole still remembers the telegram she received from Her Majesty the Queen on her 100th birthday.

She presided with dignity over her birthday party, with a corsage of pink rosebuds pinned to her pretty party blouse. All the residents of Mundy House were there and the centrepiece was a large iced cake, with a

single large candle and three tiny ones. To accompany it, there was a bottle of sherry, for everyone to drink her health.

Representing the Area Welfare Office at Benfleet was Mr. A. Jackson, who had come to congratulate Mrs. Cole and have a cup of tea with her.

Mrs. Cole is pictured above with the warden and matron of Mundy House, Mr. and Mrs. A. Natrass and Mr. A. Jackson.

Guides' walk

Seventeen girls and two guides of the 5th Basildon Guide Company (Basildon Congregational Church) left Honeycot Lane on Sunday to walk 13 miles to Southend. The walk, sponsored by parents and friends, was in aid of company funds. All the girls, aged between 11 and 16 years, completed the course, arriving in Southend in 3½ hours.

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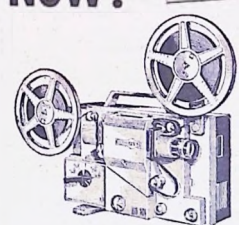
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Council officer in court

ALBERT JOHN George Cooper (47), a chief officer and solicitor of Basildon Council, of London Road, Billericay, was found guilty of careless driving when he appeared at Grays Court on Friday.

He pleaded not guilty and conducted his own defence.

The prosecution alleged that before taking Sun Corner his vehicle was too far across the road and thus in the path of oncoming traffic. A collision occurred and both Cooper and the other driver, Geoffrey Henry Duncan Fox (28), a clerk, of Headley Road, Billericay, were summoned for careless driving.

The prosecution alleged Fox approached the lights too fast from the Laindon Road. He pleaded not guilty.

Cooper submitted that there was no case to answer. Justices, however, decided there was and he went into the witness box to give evidence on his own behalf.

Under cross-examination he admitted the accident probably would not have happened had he not moved forward, but he considered the amount he moved forward to be "prudent." He thought the junction itself highly unsatisfactory and a contributory factor.

Fox told the Court he was going home at the time and was not in any hurry.

Both men were fined £10 with witness expenses of £5 1s. and three guineas towards prosecution costs.

FINED £15

Kenneth Utton, of Brock Hill, Wickford, was found guilty of careless driving at Billericay Court on Tuesday and fined £15 and two guineas costs.

DOES GHOST PROWL AT RECREATION GROUND?

TWO BILLERICAY men claimed this week that at dusk recently they had seen a ghost walk across the water at Lake Meadows Recreation Ground.

The men, both residents for many years, but who did not wish their names mentioned, said that the apparition did not even ripple the water as it walked from the bowling green side to the other bank and then disappeared.

Said a Council employee at the ground: "We have not had anybody report such happenings to us. It was

possibly the reflection of things from nearby houses on the other side of the lake. We have seen this sort of thing after the ground is shut at night."



Mr. Hunt surveys the footpath.

Thriving class—but no teacher

A WELL-SUPPORTED adult art class at Billericay's Women's Institute Hall may have to shut down through lack of an instructor.

The class started successfully last year with two-hour sessions each Monday morning under the auspices of Basildon Evening Institute.

Enrolment has been good again this year, but the budding artists will have to be disappointed if an instructor cannot be found.

"It would be such a shame to have to close it down," said the Institute's Principal, Mr. T. Williams, this week.

"If one does not come forward by next Monday the class will have to die."

Sweet and red

A competition for sweet red wine was held by Billericay Wine-makers' Society at their September meeting in the Co-op Hall. The quality and appearance of the exhibits gave the judges, Mr. Mower and Mr. Rafot, a difficult task in deciding the best.

Successful entrants were — 1. Mr. M. Griffith; 2. Mr. B. Davis; 3. Mr. S. Kitchen. As the judging was in progress members had a "natter and a noggin."

Crossing ahead

Approval in principle has been given by the Minister of Transport for pedestrian crossings at the northern end of Billericay High Street and at the junction of Nevendon Road with London Road, Wickford. She has turned down one in Stock Road, Billericay, by the hospital.



SURPRISE FOR THE COLONEL

THERE was a surprise in store for Col. Vernon S. Laurie when he attended a Conservative constituency meeting at Billericay on Thursday week.

Recently retired as President of the Association, Col. Laurie was presented with a shooting stick, a cigar case and a gold propelling pencil on behalf of all branches of the Association.

The new President, Col. A. J. G. Mohring, made the presentation and referred to Col. Laurie's service to the Conservative Party since 1945.

He had been President of the Chelmsford Association, Vice-Chairman and Chairman at Romford, Chairman of Billericay and Brentwood Association and, from 1956 until last March, President of the existing Association.

Col. Laurie had thus held senior office in every Conservative Association with which Brentwood had been associated since the war, Col. Mohring said.

In the picture above Col. Laurie tries out his new shooting stick.

Vicar's talk

Vicar of Billericay Rev. David Greaves told fellow members of Billericay Rotary Club of his experiences while a prisoner-of-war in Italy and Germany when he spoke at the Club on Monday. Rotarian Bert Phelps presided.

Residents angry about neglect to footpath

ANGRY RESIDENTS at Norsy Road, Billericay, are fighting mad because, they claim, Basildon Council has neglected them. And now they will face another long winter without a proper pedestrian footpath, adequate road drainage or lighting.

The residents have urged the Council to lay a new footpath for over two years... without success.

Mr. Ernest Hunt, a 67-years-old pensioner, who last year organised a 30-strong petition demanding action from the Council, grumbled: "It's only lack of attention that has caused it to get so bad."

"I've been a driver for over 40 years and know that these conditions can cause serious accidents."

His wife Lily said: "We've been here nearly 30 years—but it has never been this bad. The path used to be quite good but the big lorries have ruined it, although

it's not their fault." Mrs. Betty Dennington (29), a mother of two young children, complained: "I won't let my children out on their own because it's far too dangerous. I have to use a pushchair on the road." "It gets ten times worse in the rain. I very often postpone a trip out because of the puddles and mud."

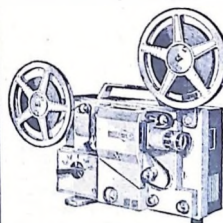
Mrs. Colin Sabine, a housewife with two children, said: "Most of the school children in the area wait for the morning bus in my driveway because it's safer."

Delayed

Spokesman for Basildon Council said: "The Council are going to carry out permanent repair work at the footways of Norsy Road. At this moment, however, Post Office telephone cables are being laid and the Council repairs are being delayed until the excavations are complete."

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WICKFORD CAME SECOND

WICKFORD took second place in their first inter-society horticultural competition on Saturday.

Also taking part were Benfleet, Canvey and Wickford societies. Held at Rayleigh, it was the thirteenth competition and proved to be a tough battle of flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Judges Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Spurling took nearly two hours to judge the 15 classes and commented afterwards on the high standard of all exhibits, particularly the dahlias.

Floral art judge Mrs. Redkins was also impressed with the exhibits and she finally chose Mrs. Bridgeman, of Rayleigh, as the winner.

Mrs. Ruby Sanders presented the winning shield to the Rayleigh Society's Chairman, Mr. E. G. Perry, and he in turn congratulated the Wickford Society at coming second on their first attempt.

Results were: Rayleigh (48 points), Wickford (42), Benfleet (38) and Canvey (31).

DIG RESTARTS

The Billericay Archaeological Society saw a film "Romans in Britain" at their monthly meeting. It described this country's legacy of monuments remaining from the days of occupation. On Saturday the Society visited Colchester museum and saw excavation in progress at a Roman site outside the town. The Society's own dig — on a local manor house — restarts shortly and will carry on through next month. It is hoped to launch a similar operation to excavate the site next summer.

Road closed

An application is to be made by Basildon Council to Billericay Magistrates for an order stopping up part of Moreland Road, Wickford, running in a westerly direction for 55ft. from its junction with Swan Lane, subject to the reservation of footpaths about nine feet wide on the northern and southern sides.

Volunteers wanted

VOLUNTARY helpers are wanted to help man Wickford's new Priority Club, which was opened on Monday.

"We are urgently in need of people who can spend a few hours making and serving teas and light refreshments," said the Secretary of Wickford Old People's Welfare Committee (Mrs. B. Askew) this week.



Miss Penny Clarkson (above), of the Wickford Fencing Club, gives Scout Ewan Elliott of 3rd Billericay, tuition in using a foil at the Billericay and Wickford District Scout Association's Diamond Jubilee Show on Saturday. Meanwhile six-years-old Emily Paice (below) finds a less energetic pastime. More pictures on centre pages.



AXE ATTACK: POLICE VIGIL AT HOSPITAL

A WICKFORD woman had an emergency operation in St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, on Monday night after she had been attacked with an axe at her home in Guernsey Gardens.

She was Mrs. Rose Price (66), who, returning to her home about 8.30 p.m. on Monday, sustained severe head injuries when she was hit by a man with an axe as she opened her front door.

Police were called to the house and found a man lying injured in one of the rooms.

He was also taken to St. Andrew's for an emergency operation.

A Police vigil is being maintained by his bedside.

Mrs. Price's condition was described by a hospital spokesman on Thursday as "poorly, but a little improved."

The man was still "critically ill."

WICKFORD WEDDING

Married at Wickford Congregational Church on Saturday were Mr. Michael Harrington (Barrie) Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Harvey, of Barkwood Park, Oppington, Kent, and Miss Mary Kathleen Baynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Baynes, of Brock Hill, Wickford.

Ex-carnival queen weds

EX - WICKFORD Carnival Queen Patricia Bird, of Leasway, Wickford, was married on Saturday at St. Catherine's Church, Wickford, to Mr. Andrew Donald Ballantyne, of Newcastle.

The bride was given away by her father, and attended by Olivia Bird, Mary Cramp and Gillian Brand.

She wore a full-length gown of white satin with lace sleeves and her long veil was secured by a floral headress. She carried a bouquet of orange roses and carnations. Mr. Derek Bond was best man.

FOUR IN HIGH STREET CRASH

FOUR people, three of them local, were involved in a two-car crash in Wickford High Street in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, but allowed to leave after treatment, were: Mr. John Tibbs (22), of Tyleno Road, Canvey Town; Mrs. Brenda Ayres, of St. Catherine's Close, Wickford, and Mrs. Susan Crooks, of Carlidge Avenue, Wickford.

Detained for observation, but discharged on Sunday, was Miss Elizabeth Oates (22), of St. Catherine's Close.

The fire station siren gets a blasting

THE DEAFENING roar of Wickford Fire Station's hefty siren is reducing families who live nearby to "nervous wrecks."

"It's got beyond a joke," complained 32-years-old Mr. Alan Stephens, of Nevendon Road, who says it "scars the living daylight" out of his 18-months-old daughter, Marianne, and young son, Graham.

The siren—similar to ones used during the war—is triggered off from headquarters at Grays.

"It wouldn't be so bad if it did not go until 10 p.m.," said Mr. Stephens. "I realise they've got to have some type of alarm... but need it be so loud during evenings?"

"Quite apart from the harmful effect this siren could have on the very young and old, it can only be detrimental to the nervous and those with unhappy war memories."

Pensioner Mr. Percy Franklin, who was Officer-in-Charge at Wickford Fire Station for 13 years, said: "I'm quite used to it—but I suppose it can be annoying. It only lasts for three-quarters of a minute."

His wife, Winifred, joined in: "It's certainly very disturbing on a summer's afternoon in the garden—and I'm used to it."

"It's impossible to Every time the alarm roars, Mrs. Jean Stephens, of Nevendon Road, has to run to comfort her 17-months-old daughter Marianne.

talk when it's at full pitch."

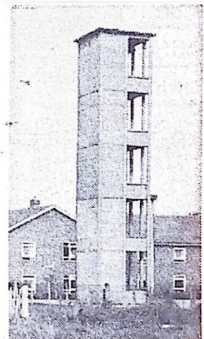
Mr. Joe Rogers (51), a labourer, also of Nevendon Road, commented: "It's certainly an inconvenience... but I feel more sorry for the person whose house is burning down. Everyone was glad to hear them during the war."

"Bleepers"?

Mr. Stephens suggests short-range "bleepers" should be used by the firemen.

"This was tried at Cambridge just before I left the service," said Mr. Franklin, "but I don't think it was very successful, although I never heard the official statement. Short-wave radios have also been tried."

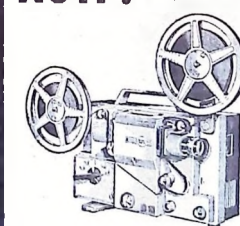
A spokesman for Fire Brigade Headquarters,



The siren, which is the cause of the protest, is housed at the top of this tower.

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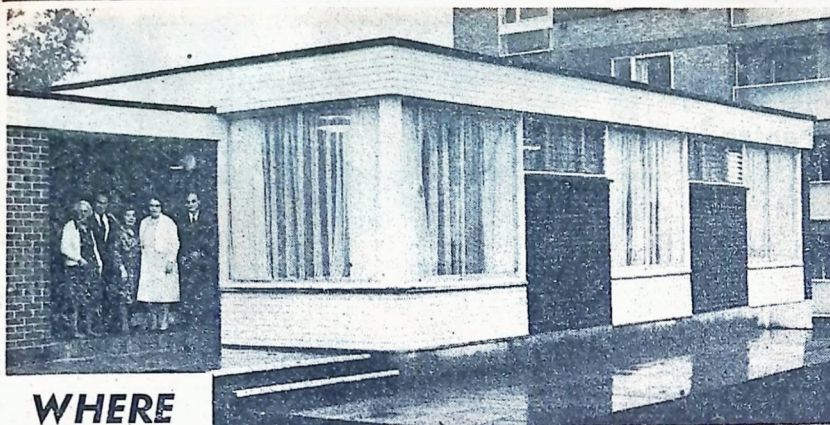
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WHERE ARE THE V.I.P.s?

THE NEW common room at Littlethorpe, Vange, was opened on Thursday and the picture above shows some of the old folk who will use the common room looking out at the wet, empty path to see if the official party is coming.

In the picture on the right Mr. C. W. Dant and Coun. Mrs. Elizabeth Forster meet some of the old folk and have a cup of tea with them. Mr. Dant (seated on the right) is the Housing Manager of the Basildon Development Corporation.



The vocal score of the "Mikado" being studied by members of Billericay Youth Opera Company who met at Billericay Secondary School last week for their first rehearsal of the musical.



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Left: Pictured at the Conservative adoption meeting on Thursday are Constituency Chairman Mr. Brian Edwards, prospective candidate Mr. Robert McGrindle, Mrs. McGrindle and Constituency President Col. A. J. Mohring.

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Below: Billericay A.T.C. Cadets with parents and friends who left their headquarters by coach for Biggin Hill on Saturday to see the Air Show.



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Bandit for community centre?

FRUIT machines may be placed in Bowers Gifford Community Hall. By one vote on Monday the Association annual meeting instructed its Committee to consider the possibility.

"They are a great money-maker," said Mr. David Elves. "People hiring the hall would also use them—and a one-armed bandit wouldn't take much room."

"The amount of money raised is fantastic," he added. "About £200 a quarter is made this way at a bowling alley." But President County Councillor Howard Pembroke warned: "I think we will have to find out from the Council if these are permitted."

Mr. George King-Craven said only members of the Association would be legally entitled to use the machines. Other members suggested other types of sump-in-the-slot amusements and games should also be looked into.

The question of security was raised. Following a comment on the danger of the hall being broken into, Mr. Pembroke said: "I expect a lot of you have read about the game in the North of England where fruit machines have been raided late at night, over a long period, through officials."

A 13 to 12 vote decided that the Committee should consider the issue.

Chairman Rev. Eric Ford told the meeting: "Before the Committee take a definite decision they will hold a postal ballot."

Stand by for blasting!

THE recently-installed £2,300 organ at Billericay Methodist Church, which has caused concern to Rev. Bernard Holland because of "teething troubles," should soon be sounding up to full pitch.

Said Mr. Holland: "There's a fantastic array of pipes... and these organs take some wearing in. But we're having a mechanic down to make final adjustments."

THURSDAY CLUB

Members of South Green Thursday Club awarded wedding anniversary honours to club members Mr. and Mrs. D. Whitlock last week. The couple have been married six years. The club heard that a former member, a Mrs. Jones, who had moved to Devon, had recently died. Entertainment for the afternoon was provided by the South Green Memos—club members. Vice-Chairman Mrs. M. Gibson took the chair because Mr. W. Gibson, the chairman, was attending a hospital appointment.

GIFTS FOR HOSPITAL

Matron of St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, Miss Q. Jackson tries out a new rocking chair given this week to the Hospital's Nurses' Home by the Shoebury Upholstery Company. It was handed over by Mr. R. H. Arkell (left). Also in the picture are Mr. J. Coubrough (licensee of the Winged Horse, Basildon) and Mrs. M. Sims, who organised the pile of pennies at the Winged Horse for the hospital. When it was knocked over this week it added up to £13.



KNIFE ATTACK ON POLICE

Man jailed for a year

A POLICE-SERGEANT'S fight with a man armed with a knife in a Basildon Town Centre shop was described at Billericay on Tuesday.

Christopher MacCarthy (21), of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to shopbreaking and theft at Millets (Western), Ltd., causing £40 worth of malicious damage to the shop window and assaulting P.S. Geoffrey Markham and P.C. William Crowhurst.

Said to have previous convictions, and to have been released from prison 11 days before committing the offences, MacCarthy was sent to prison for 12 months.

Prosecuting, Mr. T. Lavelle said that Police went to Millets' shop and found MacCarthy was in an upstairs room. Police had surrounded the shop and MacCarthy opened a window and threw down a tailor's dummy at them.

Police-Sgt. Markham went into the room and saw MacCarthy trying to get out of the window. He managed to get outside and was hanging with a 15ft. drop below him with Sgt. Markham holding on to him.

PULLED BACK

He was pulled back into the room and another struggle started. MacCarthy asked to be allowed to take off gloves he was wearing and to loosen his tie.

He was allowed to do this and then began to fight Sgt.

Markham and P.C. Crowhurst. The Sergeant looked down and saw MacCarthy had a knife in his hand and it was coming up into his stomach. He twisted away and the knife missed him, said Mr. Lavelle.

He alleged that MacCarthy had said: "I only had a knife, if I had a gun I would have killed you, you."

MacCarthy told the Court: "I only have a feeble excuse. I was drunk at the time. I was there is no truth in the statement that I was trying to stab a Police officer."

"No" to move to reopen road to traffic

BASILDON COUNCIL'S Works Committee are strongly opposing moves to have Nevendon Road South, near the Cricketers, Nevendon, reopened to traffic to ease congestion at the Marconi Roundabout on the Arterial Road.

At their last meeting it was decided to send a letter to the Ministry of Transport supporting the closure.

The original suggestion to reopen Nevendon Road came from Basildon Trades Council. They claimed that congestion was bad enough at the roundabout during rush hours to merit the use of the road.

But Basildon Council are looking further ahead to when a grade separated junction is built at the roundabout.

The engineer reported that he was opposed to the suggestion because Nevendon Road was unsuitable to through traffic. Residents living in the road would also resent it.

The Council will write to the Ministry of Transport stating their opposition to the road-opening suggestion, but urging an early start to works for adequate traffic capacity at the roundabout.

YUNCONS MERGER

THE Laindon and Basildon branches of the Young Conservatives' Association have amalgamated.

Now to be known as the Laindon and Basildon Young Conservatives' Association, it is to be chaired by Mr. Derek Banks.

The branch has yet to name new committee members and decide on the first meeting of the new body.

Weather did not spoil W.I. show

DESPITE THE recent bad weather, Langdon Hills W.I.'s 12th annual produce show had a splendid response to their appeal for entries. From 39 members came 208 exhibits, all of excellent standard.

Mrs. L. E. Goodfellow and Mrs. N. E. Hellyer, who judged them, were most impressed with the quality of the entries.

For the fourth year the cup for the highest points went to Mrs. Rosemary Robinson with 34 points. Runner-up was Mrs. Heather Breckley with 33 points. The President, Mrs. Audrey Walker, presented the prizes, and Mrs. Green Miller organised the show.

Picture above shows Mrs. Rosemary Robinson, Mrs. L. E. Goodfellow, Mrs. N. E. Hellyer, President Mrs. Audrey Walker and Mrs. Heather Breckley.

RESULTS

Flowers—1. Mrs. Breckley; 2. Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Hellyer; 3. Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Miller. Cookery—1. Mrs. Cook; 2. Mrs. Gregory; 3. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Watson. Preserves—1. Mrs. Bradley; 2. Mrs. Robinson; 3. Mrs. Stowe. Fruit—1. Mrs. Robinson; 2. Mrs. Broadbridge and Mrs. Markham; 3. Mrs. Broadbridge and Mrs. Markham. Vegetables—1. Mrs. Robinson; 2. Mrs. Barrett; 3. Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. E. Carter.

Laindon man wins claim

A LAINDON man was awarded a redundancy payment of £517 10s. by the Industrial Tribunal in London on Tuesday. He was Mr. Louis Henry Cole, of High Road, Laindon, who had claimed against Cole of Laindon, Ltd., Laindon Vehicle Works, New Southend Road, Laindon.

Mr. Cole told the Tribunal he had worked for the company, which was formed by his father, since 1947. Eventually the shares in the firm were bought by a Mr. Cook and a Mr. Hill, and new owners moved in about April, 1965.

Mr. Cole continued as works manager. His salary was reduced by £10 a week, but was eventually increased to £22 10s.

Mr. Cole contended that his dismissal was associated with reorganisation.

Mr. Henry Charles Cook, a director of Cole of Laindon, said Mr. Cole had gone to Brighton to buy a hotel.

He considered Mr. Cole could not run the hotel and the company at the same time and was of his best.

He asked Mr. Cole to resign from the company. He refused.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Billericay Business and Professional Women's Club met last week and the President (Mrs. M. A. Williamson) introduced new members. Speaker well known local personality, Rev. R. Messenger, from Stock, spoke on "Life from Greenwoods"—the country centre of the West Ham Central Mission. He was thanked by Mrs. R. Rowlands.

Free tea

A lib. packet of tea was given to each member of Shoebury Social Club at their meeting on Tuesday week, when they had a film show on "Christ the King". The film was screened, the showings were arranged, and a Ceylon tea for sale and packed. Prices were set by Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Pettit.

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The week's weddings



BELOW: Rev. W. A. Holden officiated on Saturday at Trinity Methodist Church, Basildon, at the wedding of Mr. John Norman Dearlove, of Oxford, and Miss Patricia Ann Turner, of The Greenstead, Basildon. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. R. A. Turner, and wore a full-length gown of white nylon with silver embroidery and a floral and diamond head-dress. (Photo by Highlands Studios, Leigh)

LEFT: Miss Jacqueline Jessop married Mr. David Charles Hill at St. Catherine's Church, Wickford, on Saturday. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Jessop, of Highcliffe Road, Wickford, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Hill, of West Beech Avenue, Wickford. Attendants were Miss Stephanie Moul, bride's cousin, Mrs. Christine Barrett, friend, and Miss Susan Hill, groom's sister. Best man was Mr. Thomas Rowell, a cousin of the groom. (Photo by J. Hearne Wickford).

RIGHT: Mr. Cyril Owen Kimble, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kimble, of Pound Lane, Pitsea, married Evelyn Maria Batchford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, of Orange Road, Pitsea, at Southend Register Office on Saturday morning. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a pale blue lace dress and coat to match. Best man was Mr. J. Kimble. (Photo by I. P. Dove, Pitsea).



BELOW: The Christadelphian Hall, Basildon, was the scene of the wedding on Saturday between Miss Marilyn Elizabeth Miles, and Mr. Norman James Hooker. Miss Miles is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Miles, of Brock Hill, Wickford, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hooker, of Chelmondston, Ipswich. (Photo by J. Hearne, Wickford)



BELOW: The wedding took place at St. Gabriel's Church, Pitsea, on Saturday, of Miss Carol Ann Goody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Goody, of Winifred Road, Pitsea, Basildon, and Mr. Michael William Hough, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hough, of East Grinstead, Sussex, formerly of South Benfleet. Bridesmaids were the Misses J. Brown, L. Hough and J. Pace. Mr. T. Hough was best man. (Photo by Florides Photographic, Basildon).



ABOVE: Thundersley Congregational Church was the scene on Saturday for the wedding of Mr. Alexander James Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Noble, of Church End Lane, Wickford, and Miss Anne Christine Lofting, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lofting, of Fox Meadows, Thundersley. (Photo by Highlands Studios, Leigh)



ABOVE: Off on a secret honeymoon now are Mr. Brian E. Butler, of Noak Hill Road, Billericay, and the former Miss Gwen Elizabeth Seaman, of Gloucester Road, Chelmsford, who were married at St. Markdalone Church, Great Burstead, last week. (Photo by John E. Kimber, Billericay)



BELOW: Scene of the wedding between Mr. William John Oldham and Miss Monica Irene Tucker on Saturday was St. Catherine's Church, Wickford. Mr. Oldham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Oldham, of Alma Close, Wickford, and his bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tucker, of Swan Lane, Wickford. Attendants were Leila Tucker, Nicola Williams and Suzanne Gaylor. Best man was Mr. Derek Richardson, a friend of the groom. (Photo J. Hearne, Wickford).

BELOW: The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints' Church, Vange, between Mr. Christopher Martin Baker, of Pockham, London, and Miss Elsie Victoria Fedarb, of Mistley Path, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-skirted lace gown with a long veil and carried a bouquet of red roses and white heather. Miss Rose Fedarb and Miss Anne Watkins attended and Mr. Ronald Baker was best man. (Photo by Florides Photographic, Basildon).



ABOVE: Mr. Dennis Boulter and Miss Pauline Jean Culmore were married at St. Mary's Church, Great Burstead, on Saturday. Mr. Boulter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Boulter, of Trinity Road, Billericay, and his bride is the daughter of Mrs. Culmore, of Ridgewell, Halstead. Attendants were Miss Janet Culmore, Miss Pearl Duff and Miss Janice Letch. Best man was Mr. Victor Mock. (Photo by J. Hearne, Wickford).



ABOVE: Mr. John Richard Longstaff, of Nichol Road, Laindon, and Miss Jean Dodd, of Arterial Road, Laindon, were married on Saturday at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown with a long train and carried red roses and lilies of the valley. Misses Susan Carol, Margaret and Cathy Toms, and Julie and Ance Collins and Master David Ambler attended. (Photo by Florides Photographic, Basildon)



BELOW: Mr. George Edward Evans, of Melton, Suffolk, and Miss Valerie Lillian Smith, of Roodgate, Basildon, were married on Saturday at Holy Cross Church, Basildon, by Rev. B. Suxton. The bride was given away by her father and wore a gown of pink Swiss cotton with a long veil secured by a head-dress of small pink flowers and carried a bouquet of pink orchids. She was attended by her sister, Patricia. (Photo by Florides Photographic, Basildon).

RIGHT: Married at Holy Cross, Basildon, on Saturday were Miss Ann Jordan and Mr. Michael William Jarvis. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jordan, of Little Bentley, Basildon, and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jarvis, of Collier Row, Romford. Attendants were Miss Lesley Jordan, Mrs. Christine Grant, Miss Carole Jarvis and Miss Susan Gahan. Their dresses were made by the bride. Best man was the groom's brother Mr. W. Jarvis. (Photo by F. W. G. Kingdom, Basildon).



LEFT: Miss Irene Conway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Conway, of North Street, Rochford, married Mr. Ronald Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Codenham Strait, Basildon, at St. Andrew's Church, Rochford, on Saturday. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of crystal satin with a lace train and a diamond band head-dress which secured a three-quarter length veil. She carried a bouquet of tea roses and carnation buds and was attended by Mrs. Barbara Bolt, and the Misses Jean Jones and Linda Parkins. (Photo by Recency Studios, Southend).



ABOVE: St. Basil's Church, Basildon, was the scene on Saturday for the wedding of Mr. John Hawkins, of Burnt Mills Road, Basildon, and Miss Christine Joyce Singleton, of Southcote Crescent, Basildon. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of white nylon with a scalloped veil secured by a head-dress of white flowers and carried a bouquet of roses. Miss Kay Singleton, Pat Hawkins and Helen, Julie and Lynne Singleton were bridesmaids, and Mr. Dave Tomlinson was best man. (Photo by Highlands Studios, Leigh)



ABOVE: At present honeymooning in Mallorca are Mr. Victor Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Bell, of The Gore, Basildon, and the former Miss Simone Annette Bonet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Bonet, of Barnards Close, Vango. They were married at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday. Bridesmaids were Miss Anne Beechey, Miss Christine Williams, Miss Christine Martin and Miss Christine Hadley. (Photo by I. P. Dove, Pitsea)



ABOVE: All Saints' Church, Vango, was the setting of the wedding on Saturday between Miss Barbara Ann Mann and Mr. John Walker. The bride's parents live at Pinmill, Basildon, and Mr. Walker comes from Clanton, London. Attendants were Mrs. Linda Omeara (groom's sister), Miss Janet Matthews, Miss Linda Jeffery, Miss Tracey Yates and Miss Tracy Peters. Best man was Mr. Alan Percy.

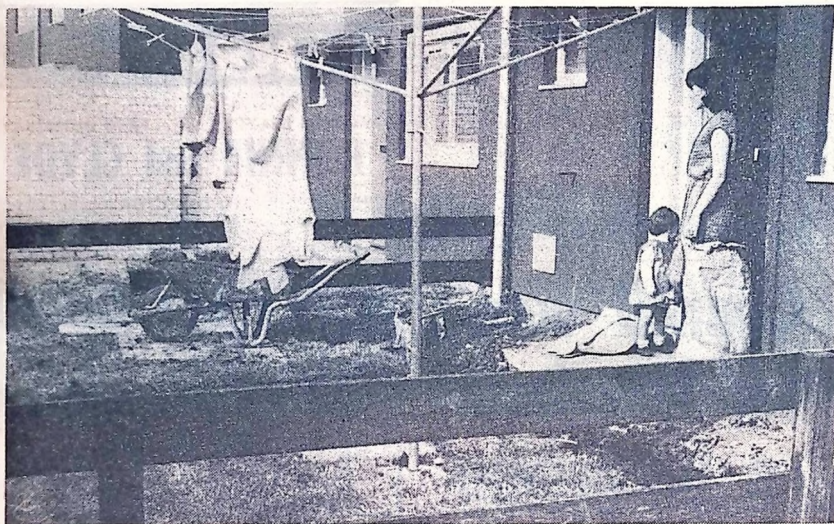


ABOVE: Mr. Derek John Oakes, of Pendle Drive, Basildon, and Miss Evelyn Patricia Tibby, of London Road, Vango, were married on Saturday at Fryers Baptist Church. The bride was given away by her uncle and wore a full-length gown of white satin and lace with a short bouffant veil secured by a pearl and diamond head-dress, and carried pink roses. Miss Rosemaria Tibby, Miss Maureen Castle, Master Robert Worrall and Master John Tibby attended, and Mr. Reuben Tibby was best man. (Photo by Highlands Studios, Leigh)

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Laindon and Langdon Hills pensioners who had a week's holiday at Hopton-on-Sea last week organised by the Laindon Old People's Welfare Committee.



Workmen dig up garden

—FOR THE THIRD TIME!

WHEN MR. Leonard Oliver came home from work one day last week he could hardly believe his eyes. The workmen were digging up his garden for the third time.

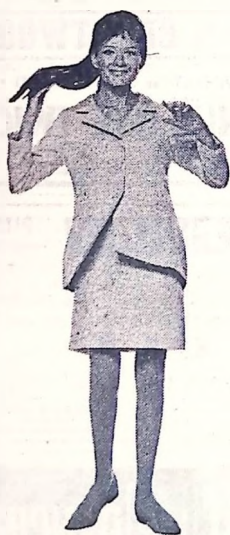
Twice before his garden was excavated when the contractors were hastily summoned to repair the drains at Oldwyck and Swanstead, Vange. The second time they assured him that, as far as his house was concerned, they had finished. On the strength of that, he had the lawn turfed. But the turfs had hardly settled — when along came the workmen yet again.

Mr. Oliver (24), his

wife Margaret (23), and their daughter Suzanne (19 months), moved in only seven weeks ago from Clacton and already they are having doubts about the wisdom of the move.

"I can't let the baby go into the garden — she might fall down the hole!" says Mrs. Oliver. "She's miserable — she loves to trot in and out, and she can't bear being kept in!"

In the picture on the left Mrs. Oliver and Suzanne look at the ruins of their newly laid lawn.



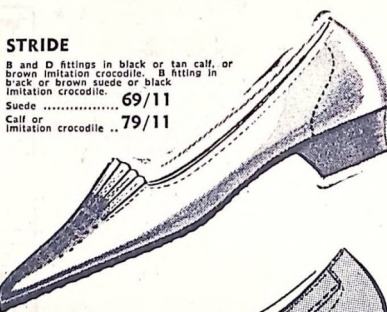
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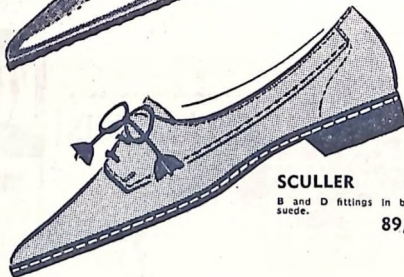
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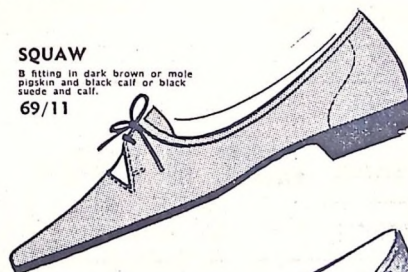
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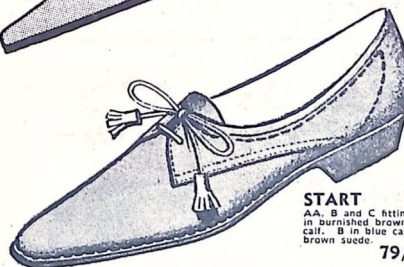
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Ritz, Billerica
A tale which lives up to its spooky title "Devils of Darkness" will be showing Sunday and Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday "25th Hour" is the drama of a Rumanian peasant's suffering during the last war. Thursday for three days, "Penelope" is a comedy about a young woman who turns back time to gain the attention of her neglectful husband.

Radion, Laindon
A Western drama "Hombre" is about a white man who has been brought up by Indians and trained in the ways of the Apache. Tuesday for five days "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" is the ever-popular musical starring Howard Keel. Set in the West it tells how a farmer marries a young girl and takes her out to his ranch, where she discovers that she is expected to look after his six bullying brothers.

ABC, Southend
American gangster drama "Bonnie and Clyde" (up to and including Wednesday) is based on real life. The period is the early 1930s. Clyde Barrow, not long out of prison for armed robbery, a young man without scruples, meets Bonnie Parker when she catches him trying to steal her mother's car. Immediately attracted to each other, she goes off with him, ready to pursue a life of crime. This is the start of the Barrow gang, which ends in murder and bloodshed.

Odeon, Southend
Sophisticated comedy, "A Guide for the Married Man" (up to and including Wednesday) is a raucy witticism about a happy husband who didn't want to be unfaithful. Married for twelve years and still in love with his wife, he none the less finds himself disturbed by the attractive curves of other women. Advised and tempted by his friend on how to deceive a wife without being found out, he gets as far as a motel bedroom with an eager divorcee, but this proves to be his cure.

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MAN WHO RECEIVED HI-JACK GOODS IS FINED £100

PART OF a lorry-load of cigarettes that disappeared when the vehicle was hi-jacked from Basildon were discovered in a garage sales manager's car.

This was stated at Chelmsford Court on Thursday week when Harry Leonidas Crowe (48), of Sixth Avenue, Chelmsford, pleaded guilty to receiving 6,375 cigarettes knowing them to have been stolen.

He was fined £100 and ordered to pay 15 guineas costs.

Mr. Vernon Frost, prosecuting, said Police officers went to Crowe's house with a search warrant and found a quantity of cigarettes in the boot of a car. These were identified as part of a lorry-load worth £36,000, destined for export, which had been hi-jacked in Basildon.

Mr. W. J. Bailey, for Crowe, said he fell into temptation when he was offered cigarettes at a cheap price.

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Tu.	4.44 (16.2)	4.56 (16.1)
W.	5.21 (15.3)	5.40 (15.2)
Th.	6.9 (14.4)	6.40 (14.4)
Fri.	7.14 (13.8)	6.1 (14.2)
Sat.	8.42 (13.8)	9.36 (14.7)

(September 29th)
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Drove while disqualified

AT BILLERICAY on Tuesday Henry Kelley, a 30-years-old company director, of Oak Green, Billericay, admitted driving a motor car while disqualified.

He also pleaded guilty to having no motor insurance. The defendant's mother, Mrs. Alice Kelley, also appeared on a charge of permitting the offence. The charge was dismissed.

Kelley was fined £50 for driving while disqualified and £25 for not being insured. He was disqualified for a further two years.

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The Basildon area was infested with pre-war

Scheme for 170 bus shelters

BASILDON Council will go into the question of providing 170 bus stops in the Urban District with shelters.

This was revealed at a meeting of the Works Committee when it was reported that the total overall cost of the shelters would be about £30,000.

It was stated that the 170 bus stops in question were in spots where a shelter was justified.

The Committee deferred action but ordered an investigation into ways of financing the shelters through assistance from Eastern National and advertising in the shelters.

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NEW TORY CANDIDATE NOW OFFICIAL

WITHIN MINUTES of his official adoption as Tory parliamentary candidate for Billericay Robert McCrindle had lashed out at Labour incompetence and failure and was outlining his own formula for economic growth.

Mr. McCrindle said he saw the current situation like this: "The highest August level of unemployment for 27 years; the Prices and Incomes policy something of a laughing stock; the T.U.C. in revolt against its own Government, and, the most important of all, no growth in our economy."

Unless and until we could re-create economic growth, said the 37-years-old insurance broker, all the fine words and promises were nothing. He believed the cause was the complete and utter failure of the policies embarked upon by the Labour Government, and the incompetence of their administration.

Confidence

Giving his formula for economic growth Mr. McCrindle listed: "Confidence, competition and constructive trade unionism."

"We must return confidence to the people by having a very close look at the taxation system. We need a taxation system giving an incentive to the people, and the incentive to keep more of what we earn, an incentive to make more profits."

Private enterprise was the lifeblood of our society, and we should be doing everything in our power to advance it. "I am not, and the Conservative Party is not, anti-Trade Union, but we oppose the abuse of power within the Trade Unions at this time," he said.

Turning to the social services, Mr. McCrindle said the time had arrived when we must carefully look at the whole basis on which they rested. The Beveridge Report was a great social document in the 1940's, but whether it still applied today he very much doubted.



ROBERT MCCRINDLE

On education, Mr. McCrindle said priorities in this field were perfectly clear. "First incentive to keep more of what we earn, an incentive to make more profits." Private enterprise was the lifeblood of our society, and we should be doing everything in our power to advance it. "I am not, and the Conservative Party is not, anti-Trade Union, but we oppose the abuse of power within the Trade Unions at this time," he said.

Leadership

Mr. McCrindle went on: "Without leadership, all the fine qualities of the Conserva-

tive Party would fall to the ground. The election successes earlier this year were due to Ted Heath. For the same reason we shall win Cambridge on Thursday. We have chosen the next Prime Minister of this country. We do not want another Harold Wilson, but someone in contrast to him."

After paying tribute to his predecessor (Mr. Edward Gardner, C.C.), Mr. McCrindle said he believed the people of the constituency were really Tory, though they might not realise it.

The meeting, at the Archer Hall, Billericay, was presided over by Mr. Brian Edwards, the Association Chairman. The proposal to adopt Mr. McCrindle came from Coun. E. C. Hall, Basildon District Chairman, and was seconded by Coun. E. A. Mather, Brentwood District Chairman.

Rally at South Green

BILLERICAY Covenanters celebrated their ninth anniversary at South Green Chapel at the weekend.

About 50 teenagers gathered for a youth rally on Saturday, led by David Powell and Lesley Trotter, who discussed the activities of the year, leading into items showing the year's work.

A taped commentary was illustrated by colour transparencies of the young people in various moods. A coffee bar scene, acted by Michael King, Noel Hunter and Ann Cole, all of South Green, was typical of practical discussions held during the past 12 months.

The Pastor, Rev. Howard Kenit, gave the closing address.

Sunday evening service at the Chapel was led by the teenagers and the lesson was read by Keith Hunter.

Covenanters of the Year awards were received by Brenda Owen and John Owen (seniors) and Lynette Rayner and Graham Podd (juniors).

MORE WEDDINGS



ABOVE: St. Martin's Church, Basildon, was the scene on Saturday of the wedding between Miss Christine Ann Lightfoot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lightfoot, of Gurling, Tye, Basildon, and Mr. Paul Thurgood, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Thurgood, of Parkside Avenue, Romford. Attendees were the bride's sister Margaret, Miss Julie Dowden, a cousin, and Karen Davis, her god-daughter. The best man was Mr. Stuart Gater, Wickford. (Photo by Stan Caldwell, Wickford).

ABOVE: The wedding took place on Saturday at Christ Church, Perry Street, Billericay, between Mr. Craig Anthony Swift, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Swift, of Sims Drive, Chelmsford, and Miss Patricia Ann Dodd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Dodd, of Norsey Road, Billericay. (Photo by John E. Kimber, Billericay).

BELOW: Smiling after their wedding at St. Mary's Church, Woodham, were Mrs. Marian Joan Reina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Reina, of Pear-tree Cottage, The Street, Woodham, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Houser, of Long Lynderswood, Basildon.

BELOW: Mr. Robert Edward Jenner, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Jenner, of The Old Rectory, Dunton, was married on Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Little Burstead, to Miss Maria Elizabeth Hockley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Hockley, of Dunton. Dunton Waylotts. (Photo by W. J. Charlesworth, Basildon).



BELOW: Mr. John Palfreeman, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Palfreeman, of Sutton Road, Huthwaite, Notts, and Miss Ann Callow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. H. Callow, of Wash Road, Laindon, who were married at Great Burstead on Wednesday week. (Photo by John E. Kimber, Billericay)



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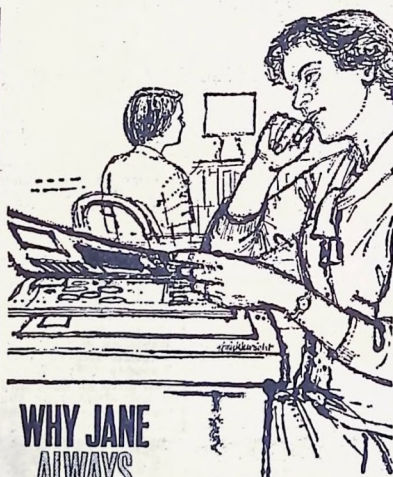
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This was stated at Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford on Friday when Mrs. Patricia Christine Rowe, of Luney Road, Vange, pleaded guilty to housebreaking and stealing, and possessing housebreaking implements by night.

She was put on probation for three years, with a condition she underwent medical treatment as required.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Basil Hobson, told her: "It is quite clear that something extraordinary has happened to you completely out of character."

Mr. David Knight, prosecuting, said on June 29th Mrs. Rowe broke into a bungalow at Pitsea and stole £12 from a wallet in a drawer.

TUCKED IN TROUSERS

Just over a month later a Police officer at the rear of a parade of shops in Pitsea found Mrs. Rowe in complete housebreaking kit.

Tucked into the top of her trousers were a number of items including two glass cutters, a screw-driver and two tyre levers.

Det.-Con. Eric Rogers said in June this year Mrs. Rowe was put on probation for offences of attempted larceny and wilful damage.

Dr. Ian Cameron, consultant psychiatrist at Runwell hospital, where Mrs. Rowe was a patient, said at the time of the offences she was suffering from a psychiatric disturbance. This seemed to have passed, and she was in better health.

LOST HIS APPEAL

AN 18-YEARS-OLD Basildon youth has lost his appeal at Essex Quarter Sessions against conviction by Billericay Magistrates of breaking into a nursery school, intending to steal.

At Chelmsford last week the Appeal Court confirmed the sentence on Colin Smith, of The Upway, by the lower Court—three years probation with a condition of residence for 12 months in a hostel.

Mr. H. Stone, for the respondents, recalled that on March 28th a groundsman at Holy Cross Recreation Ground saw a face appear at a broken window of the nearby nursery school. Soon after two youths ran away and the Police were called to investigate.

Smith ran away from a group of children as Police officers approached to question them. He was later arrested and taken to the Police Station, where he denied any knowledge of the offence. After some time he made a statement admitting being concerned with two other youths.

In evidence, Smith denied committing the offence. That morning, he said, he had been walking around after deciding not to go to work. He ran away from the Police officers because he "did not like Policemen."

Smith said he made the statement admitting the offence because he wanted to get out of the Police Station.

Insurance offences

A BILLERICAY man and his friend from Canvey Island were fined at Billericay on Tuesday on three charges concerning a motor cycle.

John Hickey, of Stock Road, Billericay, was fined a total of £13 for driving with no insurance, no test certificate and no Road Fund licence.

His friend, Anthony Barlow, of Gille Avenue, Canvey, was fined the same sum for permitting the offences. Both were given 14 days to pay. They told the Court they thought they were insured at the time.

New classroom

A demountable classroom costing £4,105 is to be built at the Comprehensive Training Centre, Church Road, Basildon.

Fine the emigrating councillors, urge two Liberals

Motorist is fined £12

FOR HAVING NO insurance and no Road Fund licence and failing to produce a certificate of insurance on May 2nd, Laurence Tanner, of Kandwood, Hutton, was fined a total of £12 at Billericay Court on Tuesday.

Tanner, who pleaded guilty to the charges, was given seven days to pay.

Ladies' Club

Outwood Common Ladies' Club held their first meeting after the summer recess at Sunnymede Junior School, Chairman Mrs. Webster presided and 15 members were present to discuss the Club's autumn programme. Mrs. Patterson won the table and ten hostesses were Madames Wilfred and Morgan.

Local barriers must come down says Civic Chaplain

A HARD-HITTING sermon, attacking urban district "barriers" and party politics, came from Basildon's Civic Chaplain on Sunday.

Rev. E. C. Telford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Hills) preached the sermon at a civic service in St. Martin's, Basildon, before a congregation from mixed churches and local organisations, including the

Police and Basildon Council.

Mr. Telford told a reporter: "The point of the sermon was that barriers in many walks of life should be knocked down."

"The Church now consider it outdated to talk of acting on their own. They are getting together, as demonstrated by the service. There is no difficulty in breaking this barrier and I consider it a good example of how other barriers can be broken."

"I was speaking particularly of the rigid barriers between different parts of the urban district."

"These barriers must be broken down to produce a harmonious existence. One area of the urban district must not be considered different to another."

"In the same way, it is high time people in politics learnt that you can't always follow party lines if you are a thinking man."

"Party lines must be pushed aside as much as possible, perhaps even to the point of voting for the other side. This applies in Parliament as well as in local politics."

The service was well attended and the congregation included Chairman of Basildon Council, Councillor A. Baron, Councillor Engineer Mr. S. A. Wadsworth and the Minister of the Wesleyan Congregational Church, Rev. S. Hodges, who all read lessons. The Rural Dean, Rev. A. J. Dunlop, and Billericay priest Father G. Fye said prayers.

The collection was in aid of the disabled, the physically handicapped people of the district and the service was preceded by a parade led by the Essex Yeomanry.

BENCH CRITICISE MOTOR INSURANCE COVER NOTES

BILLERICAY MAGISTRATES on Tuesday criticised the drawing up of insurance certificates and cover notes and conditionally discharged two men summoned for an insurance offence.

Chairman of the Bench, Mr. J. A. Watford, giving the discharge, said he wanted to give attention to the matter.

The men were charged with having no insurance and permitting use without insurance.

Driver Mr. Kenneth Topp, of Rokells, and his neighbour, Mr. Kenneth Peck, said in Court they thought they were both covered by insurance.

On behalf of Topp, it was said: "You may feel this is the sort of thing which happens all too often."

"Brokers issue policies which do not indicate their limitations properly."

Both insurances were produced for the Bench to examine.

Discharging the defendants, Mr. Watford said: "You certainly have a point here."

Anyone reading these documents in the normal way would feel they were

entitled to drive any car. "Things like this should be made more clear than they are."

"It is hardly fair for the insurance company to use a code on a cover note. They should make it so that anyone else can read it."

"These papers should be compiled as they are meant to be read."

"More attention should be given to this problem, and for this reason we are conditionally discharging the defendants and not endorsing their licences."

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HEIDI'S take great care over the essentials of first-class hairdressing. Three full-time stylists each have seven years' experience; juniors attend college and one already has several diplomas and is on an advanced course. To gain even more experience Heidi are probably the only local salon to enter the Southern Region colour competition of the national competition.

REGENCY
REGENCY HOUSE salon is situated only a few minutes' walk from the town centre and for the past three years has specialised in quality hairdressing to suit all tastes. Its director, Mrs. Greta Bak, herself a master hairdresser, is in attendance to advise clients on their hair problems, also in the correct use of hair pieces and fashion wigs for which the salon has developed a high reputation, hair pieces being sold for as little as 55/6 to full wigs at 0 gns.

PETER'S HAIR FASHIONS
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STEVEN
STEVEN, of Billericay, has been established around three years and must be one of the most up-to-date salons in the area. Equipment is the most modern and there is accommodation for thirty customers. Manageress Barbara Hill and her staff of nine specialise in perming, colouring and cutting and styling using L'Oréal products.

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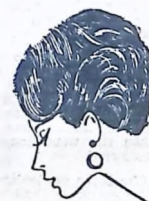
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MEET SISTER CHRISTMAS

ONE OF the most popular and well-known employees of Ilford, Ltd., must surely be Sister Kathleen ("Kay" to her friends) Christmas, who has presided over the firm's sick bay since 1959.

There are very few employees who have not met her at some time during their working life, for the beautifully-equipped medical unit deals, not only with casualties, but also with such things as anti-flu injections, mass X-ray and blood donor sessions.

In fact, Sister Christmas says she spends more time in clerical work than nursing.

She trained for general nursing and midwifery at Oldchurch Hospital and, at 21, joined the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve. She nursed in South Africa and India, where she met her husband. During the Second World War she was at a base hospital in the Burma campaign.

After the war she ran her own maternity home at Warley for 14 years. She gave it up when her husband had a long and serious illness. Then the chance came to become an industrial nurse at Ilford's, of Basildon—and she took it.

"I'm so glad I did; it's a wonderful place to work," she says. "Their Warley factory is very near my home—but I much prefer to be at Basildon. Everyone here is so friendly and helpful."

Sister Christmas loves needlework, knitting and crochet work—and makes most of the clothes that her fashion-model daughter wears.

When her daughter needed a wig for her work, Sister Christmas obtained permission from the B.B.C. to visit their studios to learn how wig-making was done. Then she went home and made one!

She loves gardening, and at present is building a retaining wall in her front garden.

One of the things she is proudest of is that her great-great-grandmother, was one of the Florence Nightingale's nurses. Since then there have been many nurses in her family.

Many proud Basildon parents will know Sister Christmas, too, for she has been one of the judges for the Carnival baby show for four years.

Versatile equipment

THE VERSATILITY of high-temperature radiant heat stoving ovens, manufactured by Maywick, Ltd., of Wickford, is demonstrated at the Croxson factory of W. K. Supplies, Ltd., where one of these units has been installed recently for curing different finishes on a variety of products.

W. K. Supplies are stove enamellers to the trade, and among the multitude of items they handle are metal dog baskets, air-conditioning equipment, garage forecourt display units and other metal and wire-work products.

John keeps the hedge trimmed

...and he likes his work!

DOES GARDENING get the better of you? Do hedges need trimming with frightening regularity and close in round herbaceous borders?

If the answer is "Yes," you would not like John Strutt's work.

John (pictured below) trims a quarter of a mile of hedge around Carreras' factory every time it needs a "haircut."

True, he has the added advantage of knowing a lot about the horticultural pursuits. And he has an electric cutter.

But Mr. Strutt, 59 and fighting fit, actually loves the work. And well he might for he is a nurseryman of some standing in the district.

He has lived in Basildon for many years and once owned the Pippa Hill Nursery before it was bought by Basildon Development Corporation.

Now he has a nursery in Gardiners Lane, Basildon.

Says John: "Cutting a quarter of a mile of hedge isn't such a bad job. It is the kind of job which makes a great difference when you have finished."

He is not alone at Carreras, for his daughter, Jill (20), works in the factory's data processing department.

FACTORY GOSSIP

TRACTOR ORDER FROM MEXICO

FORD TRACTORS, of Basildon, have contracted to produce £1,000,000's worth of tractors by the end of this year.

The tractors have been sold to a Mexican industrial organisation and the first batch of components will leave for Mexico today (Friday) on the m.v. American Corsair.

By Christmas the shipments from Basildon will total over 1,000 tractor units.

Under the contract the Mexican firm will assemble the components from Ford.

Ford will provide technical assistance in launching the project. The completed units will be sold throughout Mexico by Ford-franchised dealers.

But bigger things are on the way. At the contract signing, Vice-President and General Manager of Ford Tractors Mr. Robert Hampson forecasted that the Mexican market would total at least 5,000 units, of which Ford are aiming at one quarter.

Mr. Hampson said: "We believe Ford Tractors can make a substantial contribution towards putting modern agricultural tools on Mexican farms."

Yorkshire job for Standard

THE CENTRAL Electricity Board have placed an order with Standard Telephones and Cables' Transmission Group at Basildon for a light-traffic microwave system using the company's newest equipment.

The system will provide four speech circuits between the Board's two power stations at Ferrybridge and Eggborough and the substation at Monk Fryston, all in Yorkshire.



Holiday plus honeymoon

IT WAS a holiday farewell with a difference which work colleagues at John Tann, Ltd., safe and strongroom engineers, of Radford Crescent, Billericay, bade wages clerk Miss Rosemary Leadbeater last week.

For Rosemary was combining her holiday with her wedding and honeymoon.

Rosemary (24), of Main Road, Hockley, will marry Mr. Albert Raynor, also of Hockley, at her local Methodist Church on Saturday.

Stars shown round Ford's

SHOWBIZ PERSONALITIES in Basildon on Friday, visiting the Ford tractor plant were Arthur ("Call Me Arfer") English, Billy Dainty and Dorothy Wayne (picture above).

The three stars, who were appearing in summer shows in Southend, asked for a guided tour of the factory.

There were plenty of quips and comic cuts on the way round and Ford announced that they were the first showbiz V.I.P.s to use the new loop induction tour equipment.

Wearing big earpad headsets, the trio were given a pre-recorded patter on machinery methods and mass production.



QUEEN'S AWARD

Members of the John Tann staff who will take part in the walk.

Workers will walk to aid Youth Group

EIGHT MEMBERS of the staff of John Tann, Ltd., safe and strongroom engineers at Radford Crescent on Billericay's industrial estate, have volunteered for a Sunday job on September 30th.

But it won't carry time-and-a-half pay for them, or any other personal gain.

They have entered for a 20-mile walk being organised by Billericay Methodist Youth Group, which will start and finish in the town and follow a route through the Hammingfields and Wickford.

Walk organiser is 19-years-old Stephen Read, a leader of the Group, who is a student apprentice at the factory.

"I decided to try to get people in the firm to take part and the response has been very good," he said. "All sections of the staff have also answered a call to sponsor walkers very well," he added.

Youngest volunteer is 16-years-old Steven Bird, a trainee. Oldest—"I won't see two score years and 10 again"—is Miss Emily Beckett, accounts office supervisor. So far she has

been sponsored to the extent of 11s. a mile, the highest of the eight.

She will have female company, for cashier Carol Faulkner (19) will also be taking part.

The other members of the "team" are Terry Clark (20), student apprentice; Brian Cooke (22), tin shop worker; Peter Davies (20), apprentice, who all play for the Youth Group football team, and Michael Goodwin (27), a draughtsman.

The walk is to raise money for the Youth Group.

ARTS OFFER

CARRERAS have offered to stage Basildon Civic Arts Society events at their factory social centre in Nevendon Road. The offer comes at a time when—built—the Civic Arts Centre is less.



SPOTLIGHT ON TWO KINDS OF FLOWER PEOPLE

THE PICTURE on the right and the one below spotlight two different kinds of flower people.

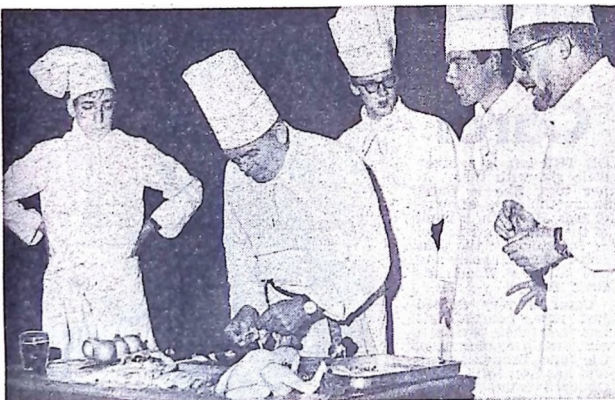
The very hip flower children left the Congregational Church, Honeypot Lane, Basildon, on Sunday morning on a sponsored walk to Southend.

They are members of the 5th Basildon (Congregational) Guides and they were walking to raise funds for their own Guide Company.

The flower people below are Mrs. W. Marsh and Mrs. D. Nicholls pictured by our cameraman at the Runwell W.I. flower and produce show on Thursday week, where they both won first prizes in the floral section.



Below: Some of the guests at Basildon Congregational Church harvest supper at the Church Hall on Saturday.



Above: Did too many cooks spoil the chicken, or did many hands make light work? These chefs attended to the food at the barbecue held by the Billericay Conservatives at the home of Mr. Terry Thomas on Saturday.



BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

A SURPRISE birthday party greeted Mrs. Jane Alderton last Saturday when she arrived at the W.I. Hall in Samuel Road, Laindon.

To celebrate her 80th birthday her friends and relatives had hired the hall and laid on a delicious birthday tea, with two cakes — one fruit, one sponge.

Sixty-eight of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were there to greet her. The only ones missing were her grandson and his wife and seven children — and they sent greetings from their home in Australia.

Mrs. Alderton, who lives in Long Riding, Basildon, is pictured on the right with her family and friends.



NEW SCOUT TROOP MEET

THE 4th Billerley (Most Holy Redeemer) Scout Troop (pictured above) met for the first time in the Roman Catholic Church Hall.

"We shall meet now every Monday evening at 7.45," said Group Scout Leader Patrick Reardon.

It was in April, 1966, that the group formed a Cub pack and registered at Scout Imperial Headquarters.

The Cub Pack, which started with 11 boys, now has 24 and there are still vacancies.

The Scout Troop has 11 members, but the G.S.L. and the Scout Leaders, Mr. Jim Mansford and Mr. Don Taylor, are looking forward to increasing the numbers in the very near future.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

BIRTHDAY greetings this week to the following Happy Pals:—

David Hobart, of Ardleigh, Basildon, 6, and Andrew Clark, of Tylands, Tye Common Road, Billericay, 9, both on Friday, 22nd; Lesley Sharon Giles, of Tanswell Avenue, Pitsea, 12, Lorraine Martyn, of Lark Field, Corringham, 9, and Tina Nicholls, of Godenham Green, Basildon, 13, all on 23rd; Annette Harris, of Norwood End, Basildon, 10, Rexinald Cockerton, of West Thorne, Basildon, 15, Anne Collier, of Southview Road, South Benfleet, and Tina Cooper, of West Thorne, Basildon, 13, all on 24th.

Tony Combes, of Moss Close, Vanco, 13, and Linda Haken, of Warwick Drive, Rochford, 10, both on 25th; Elaine Sey, of Mollands, Vanco, 12, on 26th; Paul Hawkes, of Byfleet, Vanco, Neil Murray, of Bremmsons, Basildon, 12, and Jon Buck, of Bourne Avenue, Laindon, 7, all on 27th.

Andrew Neil Elliott, of Sparrows Horne, Basildon, 13, Carole Joyce Jones, of Mistley Path, Basildon, 8, Susan Jean Tucker, of Danbury Down, Basildon, are not known, Jane and Jonathan Thompson, of Oak Green, Billericay, 11, Wendy Cowell, of St. Nicholas Lane, Laindon, 13, Paul Lane, of Albert Drive, Laindon, 6, Stephen Parr, of Butlers Grove, Lansdon Hills, 4, and Peter Barry Clifford, of Quilters Straight, Basildon, 6, all on 28th.

A very happy birthday to you all.

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Last day

Today is the last day to send in entries for our matchbox competition. I shall have a lovely time, looking through all your entries; and next week I shall be able to tell you the winners.

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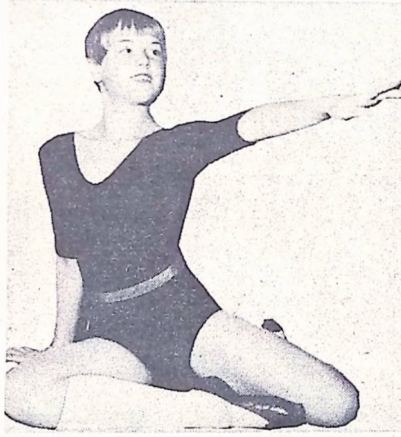
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KISS THE BLARNEY STONE, WHAT'S THAT?



Exam result means free tuition for Carol



ON THE left is another little girl with talent in her toes. She is Carol Beckwith (13), of Witches, Basildon, a pupil of the Gillian Farr School of Dancing for the past four-and-a-half years and she attends Woodlands Girls' School.

Carol is very excited just now, because she has just taken part in a scholarship examination, the Janet Cramm award, and has won third place. Children came from all over the country to take part, and she was one of 64 entries in her section, so she did very well indeed. Her scholarship means that she will receive free tuition now in stage dancing.

She is also studying hard for another exam to be taken very shortly. This is the Gold Star award for tap-dancing, and is the highest award for this kind of dancing. I'm sure your fingers are firmly crossed about this, Carol. I'll keep mine crossed for you, too.

Apart from her hard work at the dancing school, Carol keeps fit with swimming. She also likes reading, but doesn't get a lot of time for it these days.

One day, she would like to make dancing her career, and will continue with the Gillian Farr School until she is old enough to consider a full time job.

Maybe one day we'll see you on television, Carol? Mean while, know you will continue to work really hard; and I know all the Happy Pals will wish you every success.



HERE IS OUR 1,100th MEMBER

APPLICATIONS for membership are rolling in still and pictured above is our 1,100th member, Linda Spies. By now, Linda will have received her gift — as you know, we always give a little gift to the "hundreds."

We have met Linda before — she won a decorated bicycle competition a little while ago, and we had a picture of her with her little brother and her friend.

Linda lives at Roodegate, Basildon, and she is 11 years old. She is very fond of making things with her hands.

Her mother says she is good at needlework, and she does bead-work and shell-work as well. She is also very fond of music.

For the past six months or so, Linda has been a member of the Basildon Drum and Majorettes. This was only to be expected because her brothers have been with the Drum and Trumpet Corps for four years, and anything they can do, she can do as well, if not better!

Linda hasn't made up her mind about her future career yet, but she might become a hairdresser.

YOUNG AND OLD GET TOGETHER

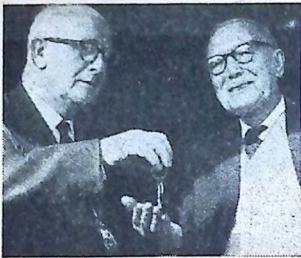


HELLO, Happy Pals. It always gives me a great deal of pleasure to hear about the young people and the old people getting together and enjoying each other's company.

This week I was delighted to hear about Julie Smith, of Danbury Down, Basildon, and her friends. They all go to Manor Junior School, and last Saturday they gave up their afternoon to entertain the old people at Mundy House.

The show lasted about an hour and consisted of dancing, singing and a little play, which the youngsters had learned at school. Afterwards, they met all the residents and talked to them; and the old folk were so pleased to see them that they asked them to go again soon.

Julie and her friends are pictured on the left. AUNTIE LIZ.



Council Chairman Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P., hands over the keys of Wickford Priority Club to Mr. A. Winsor, Chairman of Wickford Old People's Welfare Sub-Committee on Monday.



Above: The crowded scene at Wickford Priority Club in Southend Road during the opening ceremony. See report on Page 19.

The Chairman of the Council (Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P.) and Mrs. K. Hurd with some of the large gathering of people that attended the opening of the George Hurd Centre on Monday. Report on Page 19.



The South Green Chapel Covenanters held a rally at the Chapel on Saturday evening. After the service they tucked-in to the refreshments.



Fryerns Co-operative Women's Guild was formed at a meeting on Monday. Our picture shows some of the Committee members.

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People — and what they are doing...



Residents dedicated, says new secretary

A DEDICATED group with just one aim in mind—to work for the good and betterment of Billericay—was how Billericay Residents' Association were described by their new Secretary, Mrs. Joyce Schwartz (pictured above), this week.

"I say dedicated," said Mrs. Schwartz, "because I was staggered to find out how hard the Association has to work."

"It is only since I took on this job that I have realised the quantity and extent of the work they do, and since I was elected Secretary my telephone has never stopped ringing."

Since Mrs. Schwartz moved to Stockwell Close, Billericay, with her husband, Edwin, a clerk, and son, Stephen, 12 years ago, she has formed a strong liking for the town, and that is one of the reasons why she joined the Residents' Association.

"I wouldn't like to live anywhere else now," she said. "I have never found anybody really unfriendly here, and everybody is so interested in the town. Their enthusiasm is catching, and that is what has kept us in Billericay."

"Another main reason why I joined the Association is that they are dead against party politics in local government, and I think the Council could learn a lot from the way our Association is run."

A member of the Association for 11 years and a former South Green Area Committee Secretary, Mrs. Schwartz has taken over from Mr. Brian Hooks, of Outwood Common Road. Mr. Hooks was Association Secretary for three years before his recent election to Basildon Council on an R.A. ticket.

Married for 20 years, Mrs. Schwartz's other interests include reading, crossword puzzles and music.

Entertainers required for new concert party

THE LEE Chapel North Tenants and Community Association may shortly have a concert party of their own.

The idea comes from the Social Secretary and Outings Secretary of the Association, Mr. Leonard Hyde, who is pictured above with his wife, Joyce.

As well as enlisting the aid of his wife, he is also receiving help from long-time member of the Association Mr. George Clapp.

The trio were authorised at their last meeting to explore the possibility of forming the party.

Says Mr. Hyde: "My wife and I

Muriel is no Wanted newcomer to operatics

TONIGHT (FRIDAY) Mrs. Muriel Benbridge (37) will be making her debut with Billericay Amateur Operatic Society in one of the major roles in "Merrie England" at the Archer Hall.

"It is an honour to get a leading role in the first production the Operatic Society have put on since I joined them," she said this week.

"It represents a challenge in a town where nobody knows you and you have to stand or fall by your first performance."

Mrs. Benbridge is not a newcomer to opera, however. She was a member of

with a team of French and English wrestlers to give some exhibition wrestling at Expo '67.

YOUNG ARTISTS

TWO five-years-old local artists have pictures in the National Exhibition of Children's Art at the Royal Institute Galleries, London. They are Alison Dutch and David French, of South Green Infants' School, Billericay.



MRS. BENBRIDGE

Richings Operatic and Choral Society for 21 years before moving to Mill Road, Great Burstead, Billericay, in December.

"In fact," she said, "an operatic society was the first thing I looked for when we moved here because it has always been a dominant interest in my life."

Married for 18 months, Mrs. Benbridge is also a member of Great Burstead's St. Mary's Church Choir.

Her husband, Victor (40), a works study engineer, is an amateur wrestler. Recently he visited Canada



Wanted —a drill instructor

WANTED urgently by the 70-strong Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps—a drill instructor.

"An ex-Army or Air Force N.C.O. with the relevant experience would fit the bill nicely," said Bandmaster Mr. P. J. Friend this week.

His duties would include instructing both the senior and junior sections for an hour each Sunday morning, exercising general discipline control and training junior N.C.O.s.

A second instructor is required to teach brass one evening a week and to arrange brass music for the Corps.

"We can offer no payment," said Mr. Friend, "only an assurance that we are a well-formed enthusiastic organisation with great potential."

Volunteers should contact Mr. J. Spirens at 115, Roodgate.



Inspector retires

MR. SIDNEY Emm (66) for 12 years a building inspector with Basildon Council, has retired.

Immediate Past President of the urban district branch of Nalco, Mr. Emm, of Rottendon View, Wickford, plans to spend his retirement photographing: fishing and gardening.

Our picture shows him being presented with a long service gift from the Council by Engineer and Surveyor Mr. S. A. Wadsworth.

ST. BASIL'S NEW PRIEST

NEW PRIEST at St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church, Vange, is Father Anthony Foulkes (pictured right).

He replaces Father G. Mahoney, who left recently, and he expects to be there for about a year.

Though his duties have not yet been decided, he expects to take over those of Father Mahoney. He will then deal with the youth of the church among other things.

Father Foulkes belongs to the Lancaster Diocese and is on loan to Brentwood because of the current shortage of priests due to the massive population increase here.

He has also been to Garstang, near Preston and Blackpool.

Since he has only been here for a week, Father Foulkes is undecided about his impressions of Basildon.



MRS. CAROL SACH WITH DAUGHTERS CHRISTINE (9) AND GILLIAN (7).

They're "fenced in" at Basildon

FAMILY WITH a yen for the wide, open spaces, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sach, of Tangham Walk, Ghyllgrove, are off soon to the U.S.A.

Basildon gives them that "fenced in feeling" and they are off to the lake country on the borders of Michigan and Ohio.

There they will meet Mrs. Carol Sach's family and settle down to the American way of life.

The idea of emigrating came from Carol. She has just returned from a three weeks' holiday with her parents and, after years of persuasion, she has coaxed her husband to make the decision.

Ron and Carol will be taking their two children, Gillian and Christine, and they hope to be away by Christmas.

Says Carol: "This country has little to offer working people who want to make a go of things. Over there the opportunities are greater and there is room to breathe."

Carol's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Cathy Bayford, formerly of Langdon Hills. They have been in America for 10 years.

Ron, whose parents live at Kingswood, works for the Basildon Development Corporation.

"I have finally been persuaded to take the plunge," he said this week. "I am keeping my fingers crossed for myself, but I know Carol and the children will be happy whatever happens."

TOP COPS



FOR THE third year running Chief Insp. R. Canham, of Basildon Police, has captained the Essex Police cricket team to victory in the No. 5 Police District competition.

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LOOKING AFTER THE OLD FOLK

1.—At Basildon

BASILDON'S NEW £40,000 day centre—named after the New Town's champion of the old folk, the late Coun. George Hurd—was opened on Monday.

First person to step inside after the opening by Council Chairman Mr. A. Baron Burn was George's widow Mrs. Kate Hurd, of Wharf Lane, Vange.

The opening of the centre in Fauners, Basildon, was attended by a large gathering, including councillors, welfare workers and members of the W.R.V.S.

For the occasion the Council's Parks Department had provided a fine display of flowers both inside and outside the building.

The Centre will serve a double purpose. It will provide a number of facilities for elderly folk who are able to get there. Meals are obtainable and it has comfortable lounges, one with a handsome TV set donated by Messrs. Redifusion, Ltd.

In the kitchens, meals will also be prepared for the Meals-on-Wheels service, operated by the Women's Royal Voluntary Service. These will be dispatched to the W.R.V.S. day centres, the Salvation Army and the Old People's Welfare Committees.

It is hoped that up to 400 meals per day will be prepared in the kitchens. Later, it is planned to extend this capacity to 600.

The building was designed by the Council's architect, Mr. K. S. Cotton, Dip.Arch., A.R.I.B.A., and cost £40,000, including kitchen equipment and furnishings. Control and administration is the responsibility of the Medical Officer of Health.

2.—At Vange

THE OFFICIAL opening of the new common room at Littlethorpe, Vange, on Thursday was the culmination of Basildon Development Corporation's plans to re-house 70 old people who have lost their homes owing to redevelopment.

Littlethorpe is a fine new block of modern flats, with bungalows adjacent, and is now completely occupied. The last thing to be built was the common room, where the tenants can meet one another and have a sing-song round the piano, read, play cards or just chat over a cup of tea.

It is comfortably furnished with armchairs, gay rugs and plenty of small tables.

There are shelves for books and plants, and the long windows overlook Vange High Road.

At the opening on Thursday, officials of the Corporation met some of the tenants, and talked to them over refreshments. Mr. C. W. Dant, the Corporation's Housing Manager, was present. The Basildon Council were represented by Coun. Mrs. Elizabeth Forster, and others in the gathering of officials were Ald. R. Goodwin, Mrs. C. Gadsdon, a former Chairman of the Council, and Mr. R. P. Sheppard and Mr. J. C. Vince, from the Area Council office.

3.—At Wickford

WICKFORD'S PLUSH £13,500 old people's day centre—the Priority Club at Southend Road—opened with a ceremony watched by 100 people on Monday.

Council Chairman Mr. A. Baron Burn performed the opening. "This centre fills a very pressing need for the rest and recreation of retired people," he said. "I have no doubt it will be an overwhelming success."

"It should be the rallying point for the older generation to meet and talk of the old days—for the old days will always be the best days for old people," Coun. Burn added.

Coun. F. B. Laine, Council Welfare Committee Chairman, said the centre made old age for him seem "rather a pleasant outlook."

The key of the door was handed by Coun. Burn to Mr. A. Winer, Chairman of Wickford Old People's Welfare Sub-Committee. Mr. Joel Watford, Vice-Chairman of the Sub-Committee, proposed votes of thanks.

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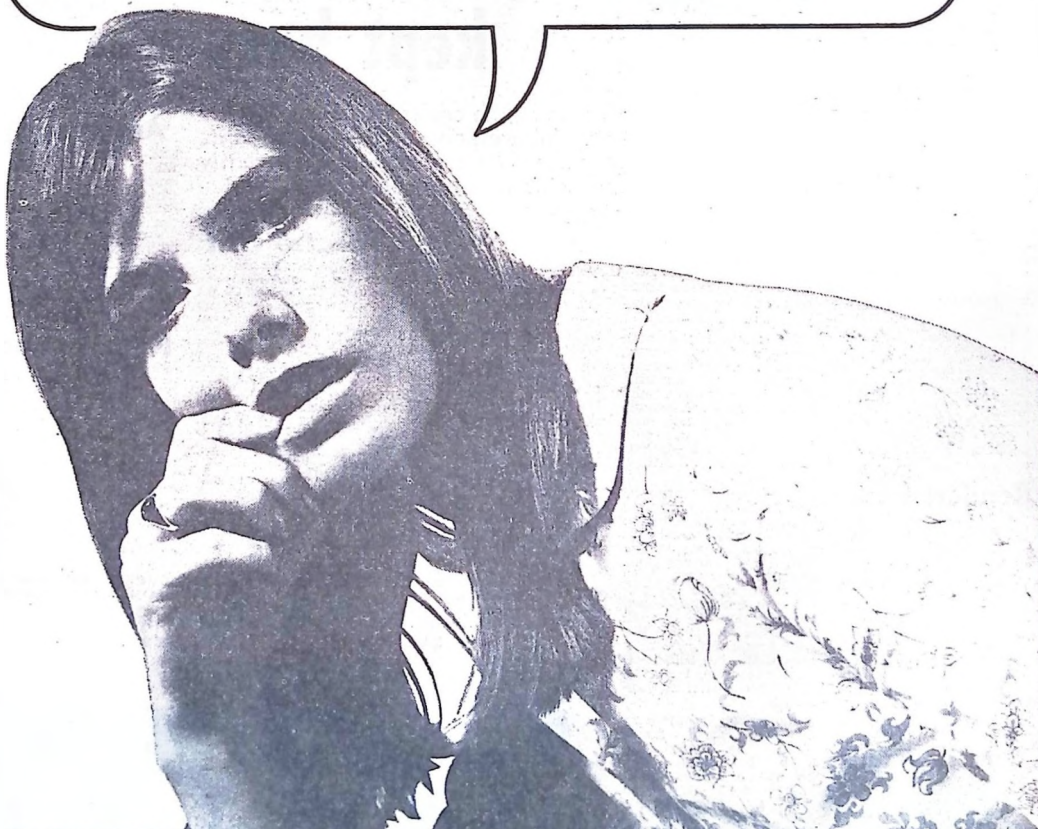


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Reorganised

Wickford Winemakers' Circle, which ranks in the top five circles in the country, have had a reorganisation which means they can now take in more members. "We met on the second and fourth Thursday in each month, the second being for beginners and the fourth taking the form of a general meeting where we all talk in and enjoy ourselves," Mr. V. J. Hamuels, a member, told the "Standard Recorder". Meetings are held at 8 p.m. in the Community Centre, and last week members had a slide illustrated talk on the production of parsley wine.



BASILDON No. 1 O.A.P. WHO WENT ON AN OUTING TO WALTON ON NAZE FOR A DAY LAST WEEK.

Chairman returns

A WHIST drive was the entertainment at the weekly meeting of the Langdon Hills Over Sixties Club on Thursday. Mr. Bland was the M.C. and the winners were Mr. Hodges, Mrs. Jenner, Mrs. Urwin and Mr. Jenner.

Five members — Mrs. Emma, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Holland, Mrs. King and Mrs. Jenner, celebrated their birthday and received musical honours. Mrs. Bland provided cakes and sandwiches.

Mr. Morley, Secretary, Chairman, Mrs. Shppard, who is at present on holiday, sending everyone her kind regards.

Mr. Holland, Chairman, returning after a spell of illness, was given a warm welcome back. He thanked all members for their attention, kind inquiries and good wishes during his illness.

Pensioners at holiday camp

A HOLIDAY for 39 pensioners at a Hopton-on-Sea holiday camp was organised by Mrs. Irene Cann and Mrs. Alice Jackson, of the Laidon Old People's Welfare Committee last week.

The weather was reasonably kind to them and they all enjoyed themselves. The highlight of their stay was a visit from the Chairman of the Bieldon Council, Coun. Baron Burn, J.P.

During the week the party's members won several competitions. Among the winners were Mrs. R. Parsh (glamorous great-grandmother), Mrs. C. Liller (glamorous grandmother), Mrs. G. Wicken and Mrs. M. Blackley (fancy dress), Mrs. V. Livermore (fancy dress), Mrs. Peck (fancy hats), Mrs. T. (talent competition and fancy tie) and Mrs. J. Linsell (Kiss of the cat and knobby knees contest).

Silent tribute

Members stood in silent tribute for the death of a former member, Mrs. Phila, at the weekly meeting of the Shotgate No. 1 branch on Wednesday.

Since the previous meeting the branch has had a highly successful jumble sale which was very well attended, despite the fact that it clashed with Westford Carnival. Members have had most enjoyable outings to Clacton and Mrs. Moens and Mr. Cable proposed a vote of thanks to the organisers.

Mrs. Chester entertained with songs at the piano.

West End outing

Mrs. Holt was the soloist and Mrs. Meredydd played the piano to entertain the members of the Bieldon No. 2 Senior Citizens Club at their weekly meeting on Thursday.

Chairman Mrs. A. L. Baker, who presided over the meeting, was welcomed back from her holiday; a welcome back was also extended to the Club's Registrar, "Maid".

The Chairman announced plans for an outing to West End show later this year. Mrs. Courtwright was in charge of the raffish and tea hostesses were Mrs. Le Brun and Mrs. Richardson.

Sing song

COMMUNITY SINGING was the entertainment of the afternoon, when members of Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens' Club met at Fryerns Community Hall last week. Mrs. Russell was the pianist.

Chairman Mrs. E. Thurston presided over the meeting at which good wishes were sent to Mrs. Cooper who is ill. Mr. Chatting and helpers served the tea.

Social planned

Musical entertainment for Billerica branch O.A.P.s was provided at their weekly meeting by Messrs. Potter, Carter and Hodges. Mrs. Plumbridge and Mrs. Hurd, Pianist was Mrs. Pierce. Mr. Spencer, Vice-Chairman, presided and Mrs. D. Beckett, Secretary, read letters from Mrs. L. Harrington, the Chairman, and Mrs. G. Riches, a former Secretary. It was announced that there would be a social afternoon at the end of the month. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Cayer were the tea hostesses.

Singers entertain

A full afternoon's entertainment by the Darby and Joan Singers gave much pleasure to members of the Basildon Darby and Joan Club at their weekly meeting on Friday.

Vice-Chairman Mr. G. Walters presided over the meeting. Ill member Mrs. Eider is making slow progress towards recovery; the meeting was told.

Four members celebrated their birthdays and musical honours went to Mrs. Pinner, Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Rowe and Mrs. Webb. Mrs. Webb, who was 83, sang "The Old-Fashioned Roses" and was afterwards accorded a vote of thanks.

The Vice-Chairman thanked everyone who had brought gifts for the raffish.

Member retires

A bring-and-buy sale occupied the greater part of the meeting of the Ghyllgrove O.A.P.s at Barnet, Hail Basildon, on Monday. Mr. J. R. Chapman conducted the auction, assisted by Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Patterson. Members heard with regret that Mr. Board, who has been ill for some time, has retired from Club membership as he is now in a nursing home. She and other ill members, Mrs. Benesley, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Denney and Mr. Moyley, were all sent good wishes. Mrs. Penstone, a new member, was welcomed.

Rendered solo

A free-and-easy afternoon was enjoyed by the members of the Wickford No. 2 branch at their weekly meeting at the Community Centre, Wickford, Mrs. Benesley and Mrs. Tanner were the pianists. Mr. Cohen obliged with a solo, and the British Legion Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Read, Mrs. F. Perkins, Chairman, presided, and sent good wishes to all ill members. Musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Melling. The members were given details of their outing to see the Southend Illuminations at the end of the month.

Successful sale

A bring-and-buy sale was held at the weekly meeting of the Laidon No. 1 branch at the British Legion Hall on Thursday. It was very successful and the proceeds went to the branch funds.

Afterwards, Mrs. Payer entertained at the piano and musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Payer, 78, and Miss Smith.

The Social Secretary, Mrs. E. Chapman, announced that there would be an outing to a London theatre some time in October. Tea hostesses were Mrs. E. Lucas, Mrs. Dew and Mrs. Chapman.

Chairman Mrs. M. Sibthorpe presided.

Council gift

Basildon Council's Health and Welfare Committee are to donate £2.50, towards the cost of hiring a coach to take members of Billerica Club for the Blind to visit a similar club in Corringham.

VETERAN READERS' PAGE



Carpenter who is very happy when he's kept busy

A MAN with the magic of the craftsman in his fingers is Mr. Charles Davey (above), one of the new tenants at Littlethorpe, the new flats and bungalows recently opened for the senior citizens of Basildon, at Vange.

When Mr. Davey left school he was apprenticed as a carpenter and everywhere one looks around his home there are evidences of his skill. The dining table, the shelves, the drop-head cabinet for his wife's sewing machine—they are all his work, and the finish to them would put many a present-day workman to shame.

He showed me with pride a little toolbox, one of the first things he ever made for his wife. Its lid is carefully inlaid, it has a tray for cottons and scissors, etc., and under the lid are tiny boxes, to hold various small objects, all fitting beautifully.

"The first thing I asked for when I came here was a work-bench and somewhere to put it," he told me. "The Basildon Development Corporation were very good—they are supplying the timber and two electric points; I shall make the bench; just the way I want it. Then if any of the old folk need anything done, I can do it for them—shelves, cupboards, etc."

Mr. Davey is happy to be busy, and doing things for other folk. During his working life, he was a trades union secretary for the T.G.W.U. for twelve years, and for more years than he could count he was a member of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Many years ago he was a member of the Stepney Council, but found that it took up far too much spare time.

During the First World War Mr. Davey was badly crippled. If he had not been, he would have made the Army his career for he loved the life. As it was, however, he spent 16 years with the Territorials, and in the second war he was in a bomb disposal squad.

Afterwards, he worked for some time inspecting furniture at one of the big Remploy factories, that are staffed by dis-

abled people. When he retired—only six weeks ago—he was employed in office work in an advertising department.

He and his wife Jenny have been married for 39 years. "We've never slept on a quarrel yet!" he says.

They met at a dance. He spoke to her and she snubbed him, hard! Then he won a box of chocolates and presented them to her during the interval.

They have one daughter and three grandchildren. Although they are of different religions, they don't argue about it. They just agree to differ.

E.W.

Theatre visit

Mrs. Harris and her concert party entertained the members of the Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club at their weekly meeting on Thursday.

Mr. J. Haeger presided over the meeting and good wishes were sent to the Club's nine ill members.

Musical birthday honours went to Mr. Rowe, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Crouch, and anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Dennison, who have been married for 41 years.

It was announced that there would be an outing to the Westcliff Palace Theatre on September 27th.

Mrs. Bonnet and helpers served the afternoon tea.

THESE SAILORS ARE MEMBERS OF VANGE O.A.P. CLUB, WHO ENTERTAINED LEE CHAPEL NORTH DARBY AND JOAN CLUB LAST WEEK. ALSO IN THE PICTURE IS THEIR PIANIST, MRS. M. C. HARRIS.





A SURPRISE FOR HARRY AND TILLY AT THE LOCAL

THERE WAS a very pleasant surprise for Mr. and Mrs. H. Anstey when they visited their favourite pub, the Red Lion, in Billericay, on Thursday evening.

It had been planned by the landlords, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bevis, in celebration of the couple's golden wedding. The actual wedding date is September 22nd, but as Mrs. Bevis was due to fly to Spain on her holiday, she wanted to make sure of a little celebration for the Anstey's before she left.

Apart from personal gifts, gold cuff-links for Mr. Anstey and earrings for his wife, there was a handsome sheaf of carnations and a bottle of champagne to drink their health.

The Anstey's were married during the First World War — "We met, courted, got engaged and were married, all in seven weeks!" recalls Mrs. Anstey. "He was home on leave from Salonika — and afterwards he went back to France."

Apart from his war service, Mr. Anstey served for 50 years with a famous firm of mineral water manufacturers, as a salesman. Now that he has retired, he still works part-time as a roundman for a local bakery.

The couple have lived at Laindon, in New Century Road, for 26 years. They have a large garden, which they care for together.

Now aged 74 and 71 respectively, Mr. and Mrs. Anstey — Harry and Tilly to their friends — say that they have always worked together ever since they started married life in the Parish Church at Clapham Common.

They have a small car, from which they get much pleasure, and their journeys out would not be complete without a call on their friends at the Red Lion.

The picture above shows Harry and Tilly Anstey (centre) with Mr. and Mrs. A. Bevis.

Bus Terminus cleaning price soars

BASILDON Council have increased the price of cleaning the Town Centre Bus Terminus. It will now cost Eastern National £650 a year instead of £200.

Sweeping and cleaning of the Station is carried out between Monday and Friday every week.

The Council estimated the new cost at £900, but accepted an offer of £650 from Eastern National.

LOCAL WILLS

Mr. George Stanley Jeppson, of Short Road, Billericay, who died on June 30th, left £5,471 4s. gross, £4,149 12s. net.
Mr. Harry Gowers, of London Road, Pitsea, who died on June 5th, left £11,821 14s. 6d. gross, £10,806 net.

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Above: Wherever there are Scouts you will find a hot dog—this time the Dads did the cooking!

Below: Pillow fighting on a pole. Scout Philip Merrin, of 4th Wickford, catches Simon Marchant, of 1st Runwell, a good blow to the head. Philip was the winner.



SCOUTS'



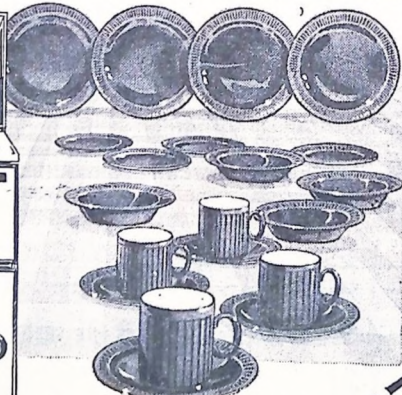
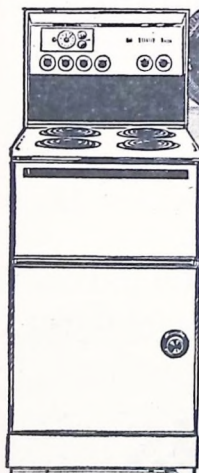
Above: The pipes of the Ilford Pipe into the arena at the Billericay District Scouts' Association Diamond at Sun Corner, Billericay, on



Some of the large crowd that watched



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Left: Up to on bridge plays

Below: Chantry District Girl Guides who took part in the tent-pitching competition.



An exciting moment during Wickford Fencing Club's demonstration.



JUBILEE SHOW



Above: Linda Goulding (13) gives John Swann, of 2nd Wickford, a hand with his nappy as they prepare for the pram race.
Below: 3rd Billericay Agha.



Left: David Barrett, recently returned from the World Jamboree in America, opened the show.



Winners of the pram race were Mark Dockrill (in the pram), pushed by Robert Shuler, both of 2nd Billericay Troop.

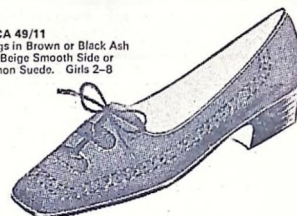


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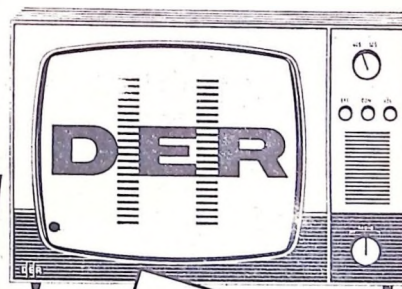
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Diamond Jubilee Celebration THE CHANGING FACE OF SCOUTING

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by District Commissioner Stan Elgar that an American Scout would open the Diamond Jubilee Show of Billericay and Wickford District Scouts on Saturday surprised the crowd present.

But they got a bigger surprise when David Barrett, one of the local boys who went to the American jamboree, appeared wearing American Scout uniform and with a nasal twang to his voice—declared the show open.

A member of the 4th Billericay Group, David has only recently returned home.

After the opening he donned the new look British uniform for Scouts. He was the first in the district to be fitted out in it and it was its first public showing locally.

Some 300 Scouts representing all ten Groups in the Association took part in the Show, which was organised by a small committee headed by Derek Edwards, A.D.C.

Accent was on the lighter

side of the movement, but all aspects were shown. Historic displays, including old-style and modern camp kitchens, and lightweight modern camping equipment, drew attention to the way Scouting is changing.

The entrance to the ground was flax bedecked and a "Skylon" in the form of a diamond, made of silver-painted bamboo canes and some 25ft. in height, was suspended over the flag. It was made by John Taitling, Scout Leader of the 3rd Billericay.

Billericay Scout Pipe Band marched to the field before the opening, and during the afternoon gave a display.

There was a balloon race, a continuous film show of this year's St. George's Day parade, the Cub Scouts' Father and Son weekend at Thriftwood, and the Cub Scouts' district camp at Danbury.

Many young people tried crossing a rope bridge built on the field, and in the centre ring there were competitive events. Four teams took part in a ballista contest—shooting flaming arrows at a small straw stack. And there was a slow bicycle race and pillow fight on poles between teams of Scouts and dads.

Wickford Fencing Club gave a display, and Scouts Venture Scouts, Rangers and Girl Guides took part in a tent-pitching competition won by the Venture Scouts, with the Scout team second and Girl Guides third.

A four-legged race was followed by a final parade and then a football competition. The finale was staged with Scouts marching and counter-marching until they ended up with raised cards spelling out the words Diamond Jubilee 1907-67.

Strike a light!

VANDALS smashed street lamps worth £242 8s. 5d. in the year ending June 30th. Basildon Council were told this week. The money represents the replacement of 1,201 lamps.

Roads adopted

Basildon Council's Works Committee has approved the adoption of the following roads: Wickford—West Beech Avenue, including the grassed area; West Beech Close, including the grassed area; Bromfords Close, including the grassed area; and a subsidiary footpath from West Beech Avenue to Southend Road, Billericay—The Links, Ian Road and Weir Wynd, Laindon—Bramley Gardens.

A TARGET FOR THE LIBERALS

LIBERAL Leader Mr. Jeremy Thorpe has stepped into the Billericay Constituency Liberal Party's recruiting campaign.

He has urged the Association to make greater efforts in the coming autumn campaign. And he has set a recruiting target of 1,000 members for the Billericay Association.

Local Chairman Mr. Brian Wignall said this week he had accepted the challenge and was instigating the campaign vigorously.

Mr. Wignall added: "The complete failure of the Labour Government and their resort to dictatorial methods has sadly disillusioned the many thousands of people in Basildon, Billericay and Brentwood, who, fed-up with 13 stagnant years of Conservative Government, turned to what they thought was radical and thoughtful leadership. "No one in Britain is unaware of the big bluff and double-cross, and Mr. Wilson's vision of glory is now rapidly fading before his eyes."

"The present climate of opinion must give Liberals their best chance of a breakthrough and we must recognise that this is our opportunity and that we cannot be guaranteed any more."

"It is the duty of all ward chairmen to lead the campaign into the homes of the electorate. One thousand new members in a target easily within our reach."

Noise from hospital

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 residents. It was further reported that a water-pump house had been erected without the Council being consulted. The minutes add.

Fun and funds

The 2nd Wickford Scout Group's Carnival float and stalls in the Town Show raised about £15 for Group funds.

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North Thames Gas is now offering to install a real High Speed Gas central heating system at a fixed price of £263—with no deposit and up to 10 years to pay!

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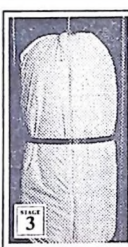
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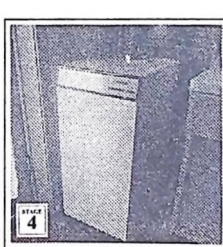
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New hot water cylinder is fitted and lagged with special insulating jacket.



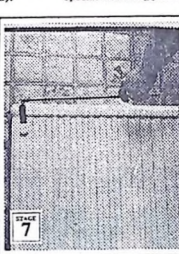
Boiler is secured in position.



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.



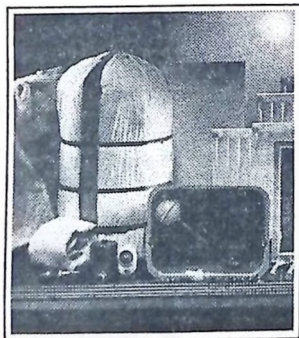
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Record-breaking show for Runwell

THERE were 208 entries contributed by 27 entrants—the highest numbers ever for Runwell Women's Institute's fourth annual flower show at the Parish Hall on Thursday week.

"The show is getting bigger and better every year," said President Mrs. D. K. Fillmore. "It is a healthy sign that interest in the Institute is being maintained."

Standards have risen, too, according to the judges, Mr. A. Villon and Mrs. K. Prebble, who were particularly impressed with the cakes and sweets.

Prize for the member gaining most points in the show was won by Mrs. Fillmore, who also won the prize for the best exhibit in Class "A."

Prizes and certificates were awarded to Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Everest, and Mrs. Jackson for the best exhibits in Class "B" and Mrs. Bambridge for the best embroidery exhibit.

"All in all, everything went off very smoothly," said Mrs. Fillmore, "but now we must start preparing for our next big event—a Christmas bazaar in aid of Cancer Research at the Parish Hall on November 11th."

Results were as follows:

CLASS "A": Vegetables—1. Bambridge, 2. Saunders, 3. Kennerly, 4. Salads—1. Bambridge, 2. Millis, 3. Bambridge, 4. Marrow—1. Millis, 2. Bambridge, 3. Millis, 4. Any other vegetable—1. Bambridge, 2. Bambridge, 3. Bambridge, 4. Woodcock, 5. Davis.

CLASS "B": Apples—1. Fillmore, 2. Woodcock, 3. Woodcock, 4. Mitchell, 5. Fillmore.

CLASS "C": Sprays of ranunculus, polyanthus or daisies—1. Woodcock, 2. Woodcock, 3. Woodcock, 4. Woodcock, 5. Woodcock.

CLASS "D": Pot plant—1. Bambridge, 2. Woodcock, 3. Woodcock, 4. Woodcock, 5. Woodcock.

CLASS "E": Fruit—1. Fillmore, 2. Fillmore, 3. Fillmore, 4. Fillmore, 5. Fillmore.

CLASS "F": Any other fruit—1. Fillmore, 2. Fillmore, 3. Fillmore, 4. Fillmore, 5. Fillmore.

CLASS "G": Any other class—1. Fillmore, 2. Fillmore, 3. Fillmore, 4. Fillmore, 5. Fillmore.

CLASS "H": Any other class—1. Fillmore, 2. Fillmore, 3. Fillmore, 4. Fillmore, 5. Fillmore.

CLASS "I": Any other class—1. Fillmore, 2. Fillmore, 3. Fillmore, 4. Fillmore, 5. Fillmore.

CLASS "J": Any other class—1. Fillmore, 2. Fillmore, 3. Fillmore, 4. Fillmore, 5. Fillmore.

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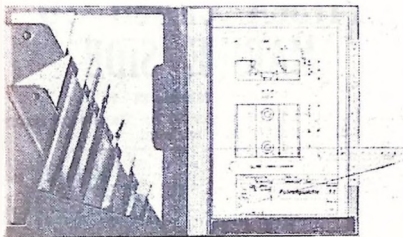
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Spotlight on Basildon Sunday League

Newcombe just fail

PRIORS ATHLETIC 2, NEWCOMBE & HASTINGS 1
NEWLY - PROMOTED Newcombe and Hastings slumped to their first match Premier Division defeat in the Sunday League, but they made established Priors hunt all the way for the points.

They lost their right-half with an injury after 15 minutes and were not allowed to bring on a substitute because they failed to nominate one to the referee before the game.

Priors attacked continuously from the start and after 15 minutes were rewarded with a goal from a shot from 15 yards by Doug Prance.

Only good goalkeeping by Con and poor finishing kept the score down to 1-0 at the interval.

Priors had to wait until 20 minutes from the end before they scored their second through Fifth from a cross by Stevenson.

Newcombe and Hastings still refused to give in and repaid five minutes from time with a goal by their centre-forward.

Woodley at full-back started for Priors with Godfrey at centre-half a close second.

Results

Basildon Sunday League

Premier Division: Sorrento 4, G. Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division I: Sorrento "A" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division II: Sorrento "B" 5, Shell 1; Wess Pritchard 3, Outwood Common 3; Canvey 2, S.E.M. 2; Houlthall 3, Ghyllgrove 1.

Division III: John Tunn 13, Craylands 0; Manor Rovers 0, Carter Ward 4; Norton Sports 2, Double Six 2; "B" 5, S.E.M. 2; "A" 3, Essex C.C. 3; Scimitar 1.

Division IV: Sorrento "A" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division V: Sorrento "B" 5, Shell 1; Wess Pritchard 3, Outwood Common 3; Canvey 2, S.E.M. 2; Houlthall 3, Ghyllgrove 1.

Division VI: Sorrento "C" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division VII: Sorrento "D" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division VIII: Sorrento "E" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division IX: Sorrento "F" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division X: Sorrento "G" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XI: Sorrento "H" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XII: Sorrento "I" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XIII: Sorrento "J" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XIV: Sorrento "K" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XV: Sorrento "L" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XVI: Sorrento "M" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XVII: Sorrento "N" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XVIII: Sorrento "O" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XIX: Sorrento "P" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XX: Sorrento "Q" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

Division XXI: Sorrento "R" 4, Gilbarco 1; Outwood Common 3, B.F.N.C. 0; Cliford Rangers 6, Double Six 2; "A" 1, Canvey 1.

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GOAL RUSH BY PITSEA AT GUN MEADOW

PITSEA UNITED 9, GHYLLGROVE 0
PITSEA OPENED THEIR SUNDAY LEAGUE PROGRAMME WITH A 9-0 HAMMERING OF A BEWILDERED GHYLLGROVE SIDE AT THE GUN MEADOW.

They did so despite the absence through injury of Tony Holden, Keith Keyes and Alan Tonkins.

It was obvious from the kick-off Pitsea were a class above their opponents, but the visitors defended well and only after 20 minutes did Pitsea spring into the lead when Des Pitt neatly back-kicked the ball home.

This goal proved just the fuse the home forwards needed. Frank Thorndown, close-season signing from Cliford Rangers, beat two men and hammered home number two.

Watson and Staff joined Thorndown to pull the visitors' defence apart for the remainder of the first half, but despite all the pressure they failed to score again.

The second half was 30 seconds old when Pitsea went further ahead as Des Pitt sliding home a Jimmy Staff through ball. From then on goals rolled in at regular intervals.

Thorndown got number four from a Watson pass, then Des Pitt scored his third following a great run from Keith Sadler. Play was all in the Ghyllgrove half and the visitors' defence in the Pitsea goal only touched the ball twice in 45 minutes.

Pitsea's fourth goal of the day to make it 6-0, then Frank Thorndown, crowned a fine display to make it 7-0. Half-backs Billy Head and Greber had a complete grip on midfield and this enabled Pitsea to pile on even more pressure.

With 10 minutes left Jimmy Staff headed home a Thorndown cross to score the best goal of the match and George Watson put the final nail in the coffin with a complete right-foot drive for number nine.

The game began rather uneventfully with Essex Country Club the first to settle down and the first to play as a team. The home goals they registered during this period virtually settled the match.

They got their goals because of two defensive mistakes by Scimitar and a neat header from a corner after the break. It was rather a different story with Hawthorne, the Scimitar forward, pulling back a goal after a scramble around the Country Club goal, and Scimitar generally having more of the game.

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Champions beaten

SORRENTO 5, CORRINGHAM 4
CHAMPIONS Corringham were beaten in their first Sunday League match of the season on Sunday. They were hammered 5-1 by Sorrento, who won their first season's competition.

The match provided a classic opening to the season with a bit of good football and a goal to please the spectators.

Corringham started like champions and opened the scoring early on with a long shot which goalkeeper Connolly let slip through his arms into the net.

Sorrento overcame this reverse brilliantly and were soon on terms when they beat his man, side-stopped the goalkeeper and banged the ball home following a move involving centre-half Cave and right-winger Card.

The Basildon boys got on top after this, but, by a rather lucky penalty decision which gave them their second goal scored from the spot by Page.

Card had a great shot brilliantly tipped away, and Derby who was gradually coming more into things, was unlucky with a header before Corringham equalised after getting the Sorrento defence in a tangle and goalkeeper Connolly in a position.

In the second half Corringham took the lead for the second time with a good shot, the ball coming from left to right, before being headed home.

Sorrento were soon back into the attack and equalised when a brilliant Wenn slammed in a half-brick ground shot from 20 yards which caught the goalkeeper short.

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Two-goal thriller

DOUBLE SIX 1, CANVEY 1

CANVEY and Double Six shared two goals in a thrilling Sunday League Premier Division clash at Gloucester Park on Sunday.

It was a game in which the two goalkeepers played a man-of-the-match role in the man-of-the-match tag and Bates in the Six goal played a brilliant role behind a great defence.

After a goalless first half, both teams came out looking for goals in the second half and it was Canvey who got the first from a free-kick.

Eventually the Six equalised from a great move which R. Williams used to finish the first from a free-kick.

On this showing the Double Six could well upset the "glamour" clubs this season. Their point was due to a fine all-round team effort.

ESSEX COUNTRY CLUB 3, SCIMITAR 1

THE GAME began rather uneventfully with Essex Country Club the first to settle down and the first to play as a team. The home goals they registered during this period virtually settled the match.

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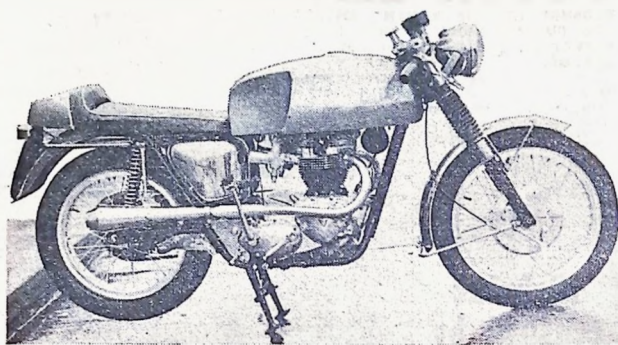
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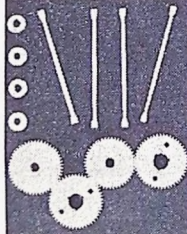
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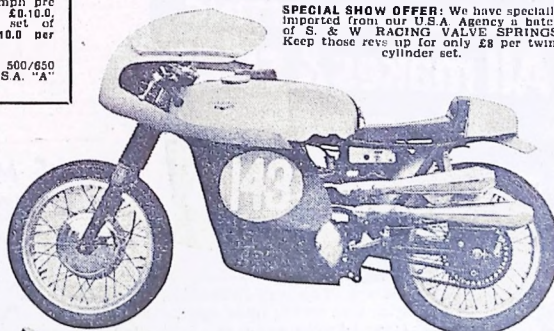


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Council officer in court

ALBERT JOHN George Cooper (47), a chief officer and solicitor of Basildon Council, of London Road, Billericay, was found guilty of careless driving when he appeared at Grays Court on Friday.

He pleaded not guilty and conducted his own defence.

The prosecution alleged that before taking Sun Corner his vehicle was too far across the road and thus in the path of oncoming traffic. A collision occurred and both Cooper and the other driver, Geoffrey Henry Duncan Fox (28), a clerk of Headley Road, Billericay, were summonsed for careless driving.

The prosecution alleged Fox approached the lights too fast from the Lalndon Road. He pleaded not guilty.

Cooper submitted that there was no case to answer. Justices, however, decided there was and he went into the witness box to give evidence on his own behalf.

Under cross-examination he admitted the accident probably would not have happened had he not moved forward, but he considered the amount he moved forward to be "prudent." He thought the junction itself highly unsatisfactory and a contributory factor.

Fox told the Court he was going home at the time and was not in any hurry.

Both men were fined £10 with witness expenses of £5 1s. and three guineas towards prosecution costs.

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Kenneth Utton, of Brock Hill, Wickford, was found guilty of careless driving at Billericay Court on Tuesday and fined £15 and two guineas costs.

DOES GHOST PROWL AT RECREATION GROUND?

TWO BILLERICAY men claimed this week that at dusk recently they had seen a ghost walk across the water at Lake Meadows Recreation Ground.

The men, both residents for many years, but who did not wish their names mentioned, said that the apparition did not even ripple the water as it walked from the bowling green side to the other bank and then disappeared.

Said a Council employee at the ground: "We have not had anybody report such happenings to us. It was

possibly the reflection of things from nearby houses on the other side of the lake. We have seen this sort of thing after the ground is shut at night."



Mr. Hunt surveys the footpath.

Thriving class—but no teacher

A WELL-SUPPORTED adult art class at Billericay's Women's Institute Hall may have to shut down through lack of an instructor.

The class started successfully last year with two-hour sessions each Monday morning under the auspices of Basildon Evening Institute.

Enrolment has been good again this year, but the budding artists will have to be disappointed if an instructor cannot be found.

"It would be such a shame to have to close it down," said the Institute's Principal, Mr. T. Williams, this week.

"If one does not come forward by next Monday the class will have to die."

Sweet and red

A competition for sweet red wine was held by Billericay Wine-makers' Society at their September meeting in the Co-op Hall. The quality and appearance of the exhibits gave the judges, Mr. Mower and Mr. Ratot, a difficult task in deciding the best.

Successful entrants were — 1. Mr. M. Griffith; 2. Mr. B. Davis; 3. Mr. S. Kitchen. As the judging was in progress members had a "natter and a noggin."

Crossing ahead

Approval in principle has been given by the Minister of Transport for pedestrian crossings at the northern end of Billericay High Street and at the junction of Nevendon Road with London Road, Wickford. She has turned down one in Stock Road, Billericay, by the hospital.



SURPRISE FOR THE COLONEL

THERE was a surprise in store for Col. Vernon S. Laurie when he attended a Conservative constituency meeting at Billericay on Thursday week. Recently retired as President of the Association, Col. Laurie was presented with a shooting stick, a cigar case and a gold propelling pencil on behalf of all branches of the Association.

The new President, Col. A. J. G. Mohring, made the presentation and referred to Col. Laurie's service to the Conservative Party since 1945.

He had been President of the Chelmsford Association, Vice-Chairman and Chairman at Romford, Chairman of Billericay and Brentwood Association and, from 1956 until last March, President of the existing Association.

Col. Laurie had thus held senior office in every Conservative Association with which Brentwood had been associated since the war, Col. Mohring said.

In the picture above Col. Laurie tries out his new shooting stick.

Vicar's talk

Vicar of Billericay Rev. David Greaves told fellow members of Billericay Rotary Club of his experiences while a prisoner-of-war in Italy and Germany, when he spoke at the Club on Monday. Rotarian Bert Phelps presided.

Residents angry about neglect to footpath

ANGRY RESIDENTS at Norsey Road, Billericay, are fighting mad because, they claim, Basildon Council has neglected them. And now they will face another long winter without a proper pedestrian footpath, adequate road drainage or lighting.

The residents have urged the Council to lay a new footpath for over two years... without success.

Mr. Ernest Hunt, a 67-years-old pensioner, who last year organised a 30-strong petition demanding action from the Council, grumbled, "It's only lack of attention that has caused it to get so bad."

"I've been a driver for over 40 years and know that these conditions can cause serious accidents."

His wife Lily said: "We've been here nearly 39 years—but it has never been this bad. The path used to be quite good—but the lorries have ruined it, although

it's not their fault." Mrs. Betty Dennington (39), a mother of two young children, complained: "I won't let my children out on their own because it's far too dangerous. I have to use a pushchair on the road."

It gets ten times worse in the rain. I very often postpone a trip out because of the puddles and mud."

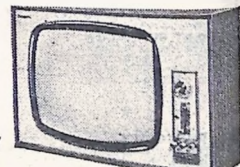
Mrs. Celia Sabine, a housewife with two children, said: "Most of the school children in the area wait for the morning bus in my driveway because it's safer."

Delayed

Spokesman for Basildon Council said: "The Council are going to carry out permanent repair work at the footways of Norsey Road. At this moment, however, Post Office telephone cables are being laid and the Council repairs are being delayed until the excavations are complete."

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WICKFORD CAME SECOND

WICKFORD took second place in their first inter-society horticultural competition on Saturday.

Also taking part were Benfleet, Canvey and Wickford societies. Held at Rayleigh, it was the thirteenth competition and proved to be a tough battle of flowers, fruit and vegetables.

Judges Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Spurling took nearly two hours to judge the 15 classes and commented afterwards on the high standard of all exhibits, particularly the dahlias.

Floral art judge Mrs. Rudkins was also impressed with the exhibits and she finally chose Mrs. Bridgeman, of Rayleigh, as the winner.

Mrs. Ruby Sanders presented the winning shield to the Rayleigh Society's Chairman, Mr. E. G. Perry, and he in turn congratulated the Wickford Society at coming second on their first attempt.

Results were: Rayleigh (48 points), Wickford (42), Benfleet (39) and Canvey (31).

DIG RESTARTS

The Billericay Archaeological Society saw a film "Romans in Britain" at their monthly meeting. It depicted this country's legacy of monuments remaining from the days of occupation. On Saturday the Society visited Colchester museum and saw excavation in progress at a Roman site outside the town. The Society's own dig — on a local manor house — restarts shortly and will carry on through next month. It is hoped to launch a full-scale operation to excavate the site next summer.

Road closed

An application is to be made by Basildon Council to Billericay Magistrates for an order stopping up part of Grand Road, Wickford, running in a westerly direction for 55ft. from its junction with Swan Lane, subject to the reservation of footpaths about nine feet wide on the northern and southern sides.

Volunteers wanted

VOLUNTARY helpers are wanted to help man Wickford's new Priority Club which was opened on Monday.

"We are urgently in need of people who can spend a few hours making and serving teas and light refreshments," said the Secretary of Wickford Old People's Welfare Committee (Mrs. B. Askew) this week.



Miss Penny Clarkson (above), of the Wickford Fencing Club, gives Scout Ewan Elliott of 3rd Billericay, tuition in using a foil at the Billericay and Wickford District Scout Association's Diamond Jubilee Show on Saturday. Meanwhile six-years-old Emily Paise (below) finds a less energetic pastime. More pictures on centre pages.



AXE ATTACK: POLICE VIGIL AT HOSPITAL

A WICKFORD woman had an emergency operation in St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, on Monday night after she had been attacked with an axe at her home in Guernsey Gardens.

She was Mrs. Rose Price (66), who, returning to her home about 8.30 p.m. on Monday, sustained severe head injuries when she was hit by a man with an axe as she opened her front door.

Police were called to the house and found a man lying injured in one of the rooms.

He was also taken to St. Andrew's for an emergency operation.

A Police vigil is being maintained by his bedside.

Mrs. Price's condition was described by a hospital spokesman on Thursday as "poorly, but a little improved."

The man was still "critically ill."

WICKFORD WEDDING

Married at Wickford Congregational Church on Saturday were Mr. Michael Burlington (Barrie) Harwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Harwood, of Burwood Park, Cyplington, Kent, and Mrs. Mary Kathleen Baynes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Baynes, of Brook Hill, Wickford.

Ex-carnival queen weds

EX - WICKFORD Carnival Queen Patricia Bird, of Leasway, Wickford, was married on Saturday at St. Catherine's Church, Wickford, to Mr. Andrew Donald Ballantyne, of Newcastle.

The bride was given away by her father, and attended by Olivia Bird, Mary Cramp and Gillian Brand.

She wore a full-length gown of white satin with lace sleeves and her long veil was secured by a floral headress. She carried a bouquet of orange roses and carnations. Mr. Derek Bond was best man.

FOUR IN HIGH STREET CRASH

FOUR people, three of them local, were involved in a two-car crash in Wickford High Street in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, but allowed to leave after treatment, were: Mr. John Tibbs (23), of Tylene Road, Canning Town; Mrs. Brenda Ayres, of St. Catherine's Close, Wickford; and Mrs. Susan Crooks, of Cartridge Avenue, Wickford.

Detained for observation, but discharged on Sunday, was Miss Elizabeth Oates (22), of St. Catherine's Close.

The fire station siren gets a blasting

THE DEAFENING roar of Wickford Fire Station's hefty siren is reducing families who live nearby to "nervous wrecks."

"It's got beyond a joke," complained 32-year-old Mr. Alan Stephens, of Nevendon Road, who says it "sears the living daylight" out of his 18-month-old daughter, Marianne, and young son, Graham. The siren—similar to ones used during the war—is triggered off from headquarters at Grays.

"It wouldn't be so bad if it did not go until 10 p.m.," said Mr. Stephens. "I realise they've got to have some type of alarm... but need it be so loud during evenings?"

"Quite apart from the harmful effect this siren could have on the very young and old, it can only be detrimental to the nervous and those with unhappy war memories."

Pensioner Mr. Percy Franklin, who was Officer-in-Charge at Wickford Fire Station for 13 years, said: "I'm quite used to it—but I suppose it can be annoying. It only lasts for three-quarters-of-a-minute."

His wife, Winifred, joined in: "It's certainly very disturbing on a summer's afternoon in the garden—and I'm used to it."

Every time the alarm roars, Mrs. Jean Stephens, of Nevendon Road, has to run to comfort her 17-month-old daughter Marianne.

talk when it's at full pitch."

Mr. Joe Rogers (51), a labourer, also of Nevendon Road, commented: "It's certainly an inconvenience... but I feel more sorry for the person whose house is burning down. Everyone was glad to hear them during the war."

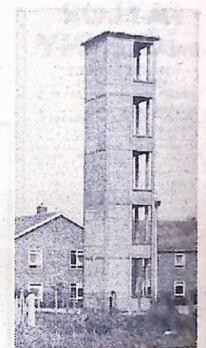
"Bleepers" ?

Mr. Stephens suggests short-range "bleepers" should be used by the firemen.

"This was tried at Cambridge just before I left the service," said Mr. Franklin, "but I don't think it was very successful, although I never heard the official statement. Short-wave radios have also been tried."

A spokesman for Fire Brigade Headquarters,

Hutton, said: "A siren has been installed at Wickford for many years and we haven't had any complaints. There has been no change in the alarm system. Experiments are being carried out by the Home Office with transmitters used by the firemen in their pockets, but this is still in the experimental stage. The Home Office are aware of the nuisance caused to residents living nearby, but at the moment there is no better scheme."

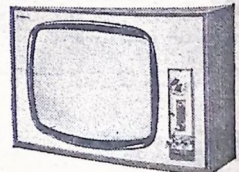


The siren, which is the cause of the protest, is housed at the top of this tower.

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GUARD TOLD WOMAN TO 'GET KNOTTED'

A NIGHT security officer, charged with using indecent language, was "given the benefit of a doubt" at Billericay on Tuesday.

The charge against Mr. Robert Cecil Glendennan, of Barrington Close, Basildon, was dismissed.

A Police prosecutor told the Court Mr. Glendennan was alleged to have used indecent language against two women and their children.

Mr. Glendennan told the Court he had been provoked by the children. They had tried to touch his dog which could have been vicious.

He denied using the strongest expression, but admitted telling one woman to "get knotted."

He told the Court: "I realise the phrase I used was not a nice one, but I have heard it used on the television and if it is good enough for the home then it can't be that bad."

AT HIS NEW DESK

POLICE Insp. Bruce Irwin (36), who replaces Insp. Peter Joslin, started work at Benfleet on Thursday.

Insp. Joslin has left to study at Essex University.

Insp. Irwin, who is married, comes from Basildon, where he has been for the past two years. He has spent nearly 16 years in the Force and has been stationed at Braintree, Romford, Clacton and Chelmsford.

Insp. Irwin will supervise the running of both Benfleet and Canvey Police Stations.

One of his main interests is swimming and he is vice-captain of Basildon Divisional Police Swimming Team.

H.M.S.O. CELLARS FLOODED

CELLARS at the H.M.S.O. office block in Ghyllgrove, Basildon, were flooded by about 18in. of water during Friday night.

A security guard, who looked into the cellar storerooms on Saturday morning, found the premises well awash. He called the fire brigade, who pumped the premises dry by midday.

Little damage was done. Workmen in the building could offer no explanation about how the water got in, but a fireman, helping mopping up operations, said that a valve had been left on.

Local sailor is robbed, beaten-up in Cape Town

A 19-YEARS-OLD Basildon man, serving aboard the Royal Navy's largest aircraft carrier Eagle, was beaten-up and robbed when the ship docked at Cape Town.



TREVOR COLEMAN

He is ex-mechanic at the Basildon Bowling Alley Trevor Coleman, of Great Knightleys, Lee Chapel North.

He has been in the Royal Navy for two years and is now a plane handler on the carrier, at present on its way to Singapore.

The ship left Britain five weeks ago and since then he has written one letter to his parents in Basildon.

Stabbings

He wrote: "The first night in Cape Town 56 of our blokes got rolled. This means beaten-up and their money taken."

There have also been three stabbings and the crime rate here is worse than in Soho.

"I got knocked out and had my wallet taken and I lost £7. All I remember is someone coming up and talking to me to distract my attention and then I got hit over the back of the neck."

It is the first time for six years that a Royal Navy aircraft carrier has put in at Cape Town.

Apart from the thieves 2,000 people welcomed the carrier.

Bigger car park plea

CAR PARKING at Laindon Railway Station has reached chaotic proportions again in spite of the large car park provided.

Basildon Development Corporation and Basildon Council have now written to British Rail asking for extensions of facilities there.

The action follows complaints from residents of Salisbury Avenue, where over-spill parking has occurred.

Helping hand from Council

HOME-OWNERS at Harrow Road, North Benfleet, will receive a helping hand from Basildon Council to carry out a foul water drainage scheme.

The Council's Works Committee have agreed in principle to providing £1,500 towards the cost of the scheme.

The drain, which will serve 13 properties, will cost £2,500.

Blitz for seat on Hospital Board

BASILDON Council are going all out this year to have two urban district representatives accepted on the North-East Metropolitan Hospital Board.

The Health and Welfare Committee have submitted two names and unless they are accepted they will take the matter further.

To date, the urban district has not been represented on the Board. Smaller districts have had direct representation, while Basildon has missed out.

One of the nominees is the Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee, Coun. Desmond Savage. He told a reporter: "We want to get on the Board in time to deal with the construction of the new hospital."

ARTERIAL TO BE BRIDGED

THE MINISTRY of Transport will build a bridge across the Southend Arterial Road at the Fortune of War roundabout, Laindon.

The bridge—to cost an estimated £13,000—will be built during the next four months by Essex County Council as agents for the Ministry.

HATS STOLEN

Thieves stole nine rubber mats from Bluehouse Infants' School between the time the school was closed on Thursday and opened again on Friday. Their value is £4 10s.

Meet a flower guide

Flower girls were seen in Basildon on Sunday — complete with flowers painted on their faces!

But they weren't imports from hippie San Francisco.

They were local Guides taking part in a sponsored walk to Southend.

The one on the left is Susan Houghton, a Company Leader of the 5th Basildon Guides.



LICENCE WAS IN GAELIC

IRISHMAN John Kinella, of Clieckett Road, Basildon, produced a driving licence written in Gaelic after he was stopped while driving his vehicle in Basildon.

He claimed, at Benfleet Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, that he had been told an Irish driving licence would cover him.

For this offence he was fined £25. For two previous offences of having no Road Fund licence he was fined £5 and £2 respectively and for having no Test certificate he was fined £2.

Kinella was ordered to pay £1 costs and to pay the total fines at £2 a week.

Quarrel that went too far

A DOMESTIC quarrel went rather further than most similar quarrels, said Mr. T. Lavelle (prosecuting) at Billericay, on Tuesday, when Michael Walsh (35), of Wilchards, Basildon, admitted acting in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace.

He was bound over in the sum of £50 to keep the peace for 12 months.

Mr. Lavelle said that a row between Walsh and his wife followed an argument about a meal. In the course of the row Mrs. Walsh ran to a balcony and her husband pulled her hair. She screamed and the noise brought out neighbours.

Stole from meter

"I WAS OUT of work at the time," Edward Whale (33), of Falkonham Rise, Basildon, told Billericay Justices on Tuesday, when he pleaded guilty to stealing £25 15s. from the electricity meter at his home.

He was given a conditional discharge and was ordered to pay five guineas costs.

He had repaid the money to the Board, it was stated.

STOLE LIGHT

Michael Rustman (23), of Norwood End, Basildon, admitted at Billericay Court on Tuesday stealing a parking light. He was fined £10 with five guineas costs.

No TV licence

Mr. George Maguire, of Rokells, Basildon, was fined £10 at Billericay last week for having no television receiving licence.

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