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Watch it— from Monday



MEMBERS OF Basildon's Police Force are seen taking instructions on how to use the new breathalyser kits.

At special classes organised at the Great Oaks Police Station they have been trying out the new devices themselves.

In charge of the classes is Traffic Inspector A. Collins, of Chelmsford. He told officers that the approved Police breathalysers were the only devices acceptable—drivers could not avoid the test by producing their own.

From Monday officers in patrol cars only are allowed to stop any driver and, with reasonable grounds, ask him to submit to the test.

With a positive result

the driver would then be taken to a Police Station and given further tests.

Our picture shows seated, P.C. B. C. Stanbridge (left) and Chief Inspector J. T. Baker blow into breathalysers. Supervising, Inspector Collins, and watching procedure is P.C. M. J. Asplind.

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Trapped by timber fall

A 20ft. pile of timber slipped and trapped Mr. Arthur Green at Farnham Wharf, Vange, on Wednesday afternoon. He left the cab of a fork-lift truck when the wood fell. Taken to Billericay Hospital, Mr. Green had serious injuries to the lower half of his legs.

DECREE NISI

The Special Commissioner at Southend Divorce Court on Tuesday found cruelty proved when he granted a decree nisi to mother-of-three Mrs. Doris May Pettigrew, of Devonshire Road, Laindon. Mr. George Ernest Pettigrew—they married at St. Mary's Church, Langdon Hills in 1958—was ordered to pay his wife's divorce costs. Discretion was exercised in respect of the petitioner's committed adultery. Custody of the three children has already been committed to Mrs. Pettigrew by the magistrates.

"LAST THREE STEPS TO DEATH"

BASILDON COUNCIL heard of the "last three steps to death" at their meeting last week.

Telling the story of the Broadmayne / Ghyllgrove traffic lights, Labour Group leader Coun. Joe Morgan said the Council should be ashamed of themselves for accepting a "nothing doing" reply from the Ministry.

Earlier, the Council were concerned about the short changing of traffic signals.

"This is a 20 foot carriage-way," said Coun. Morgan. "And when someone is walking across, it is the last three steps where a person could be killed. The Ministry's answer to this was that people should cross further up the road."

Coun. Morgan had also written to the Ministry and was told that there would be another investigation of the junction. The matter was referred back to the Works Committee.

A well developed apprentice



It's an old factory custom, handing out an apprentice when his apprenticeship is completed. David Stroud (21), of Eastwood, was initiated as a full photo litho camera operator at Pembroke Cartons factory at Basildon. He toured the factory on a mock mobile television camera float made of photographic junk.

Laindon father on attempted murder charge

DAUGHTER INJURED IN CAR CRASH AT BRIDGE

BILLERICAY COURT EVIDENCE

A LAINDON father was alleged at Billericay on Tuesday to have tried to murder his four - years - old daughter by driving her in his car into Dunton Railway Bridge.

He was Colin Francis Deacon (28), of Spurriers, and he was remanded in custody for a week charged with causing his daughter, Elaine, grievous bodily harm with intent to murder her.

Det.-Sergt. John Chapman said there was a background of domestic upset between Deacon and his wife.

About 5.30 a.m. on Monday morning he left home, taking with him his daughter. He went in his car to Langdon Hills where he said he deposited some rubbish.

Flung out

He then drove to Lower Dunton Road and drove the car into the side of the railway bridge. His daughter was thrown from the vehicle into the road receiving head injuries. She was still in hospital.

Deacon received only slight injuries. He was taken to hospital but discharged, said Det.-Sergt. Chapman. He added that the car was a complete write-off. When interviewed by the Police as to the cause of the accident Deacon could not give a satisfactory explanation.

Later, his wife handed

kill himself and she would find the vehicle in Lower Dunton Road in a mess.

He also said in the letter that his daughter had awakened as he left home, that she understood what he was doing, and he was taking her with him, added the Det.-Sergt.

a letter to the Police which Deacon had written, and which she had found at the home. It said he was intending to

CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER

METHODISTS and Anglicans unite at Lee Chapel North on Saturday to lay a foundation stone at the £34,000 church of St. Paul's, which is being built at Ballards Walk.

The two churches are working together in Lee Chapel North and the Bishop of Chelmsford will join with Rev. Frank Eden (Chairman of the Methodist District) to dedicate the stone at the new Methodist church.

"We are working together," said Basildon Rural Dean Rev. Arthur Dunlop. "We are feeling our way and the future suggests that instead of a multitude of churches there will be one building where we combine."

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Billericay's "Royal" family



SALUTE BILLERICAY'S new Royal family! The Davis family of Balmoral Close have taken on the title since they returned home from holiday on the Isle of Wight, where Mrs. Maureen Davis, aged 26, won "Queen of the Week" title and her children, Kerry and Lee, won Prince and Princess titles.

The family won the competitions at Warner's Woodside Bay Holiday Village all in the last week of this year's holiday season.

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Mrs. Davis, who has another 18-months-old daughter, said: "I'm not usually interested in competitions—but I got dragged into this one without any choice."

Kerry won Princess of the Week title and Lee was runner-up in the Prince of the Week competition.

The competitions were judged by other holiday-makers, who were not aware that they were all of the same family.

Out for bargains



The younger customers found plenty of bargains at a jumble sale organised by the A.T.C. Welfare Committee held at the Recreation Rooms, Billericay, on Saturday.

Olympic swimmer at Billericay



Elizabeth Long, the Olympic Games swimming finalist and holder of 11 national titles, opened Billericay Junior School's indoor swimming pool on Saturday and is seen with some of the school's exhibition swimmers. The pool cost over £7,000, and parents and teachers have raised £5,500 in less than two years. Report and more pictures on Page 5.

BILLERICAY HIGH STREET CONTROVERSY

IS IT DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO KEEP BILLERICAY SECOND-CLASS?

THE BILLERICAY High Street Report controversy was given a new twist at a meeting of Billericay Chamber of Trade and Commerce on Monday.

"The Report," claimed local industrialist and High Street shop owner Mr. James Ball, "is a deliberate attempt to keep Billericay as a second-class town."

"It is being used as an excuse by the Council to make Billericay unattractive to shoppers to promote Basildon as the main shopping centre in this area."

Managing Director of Glynden Investments, Ltd., Mr. Ball's attack follows a recent appeal by his firm against the Council's lack of decision about the proposed development and a proposed building preservation order on Nos. 58-64, High Street.

"The most disturbing thing to come out of the inquiry is the fact that Mr. David Rock of Building Design Partnership (the firm who prepared the report), has done a volte face," he said.

"In the Report, Nos. 58-64, High Street, were designated as being of 'no great architectural value and could be replaced, but at the appeal Mr. Rock, appearing for the Council, said he was ashamed of his original opinion and that these buildings should be retained.'"

It seemed, therefore, said Mr. Ball, that the Council could get the Report's recommendations altered whenever they wanted to prevent

redevelopment in the High Street.

"Another great threat to the future of the town is that while this plan is under discussion all development in the High Street is frozen," said Mr. Ball.

"It may be years before the Council make up their minds about the Report and by that time the High Street will have become a lifeless museum."

Chairman Mr. Lionel Wernick agreed with Mr. Ball, but he said that the Chamber was,

on the whole, for preservation.

"We don't want to see all the High Street bulldozed down indiscriminately," he said. "But at the same time we cannot agree with the preservation of dilapidated, rat-infested and unsightly buildings just for the sake of preservation."

"It is therefore vital events in an expanding town like Billericay which has a spending power fast approaching about £1M. to blast away all the rubbish that is there, and unless this type of redevelopment is permitted the High Street will go into cold storage."

"It is therefore vital that we should be represented on the Council's High Street Study Group and be given a say in the picture of the town centre," he concluded.

A resolution that "The Chamber of Commerce should be invited to send representatives to the Study Group with a view to assisting the Council in their future deliberations about the High Street" was passed unanimously, and it was decided to write to Basildon's Town Manager informing him of the resolution.

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DON'T FORGET YOUR GOOPLES



Mrs. L. Beeby, wife of Runwell Liberal Association's Treasurer, started preparing for her bazaar stall last February. She made all the goods sold, including some "Gooples"—her own invention—rather like Gunks with gifts inside!

WARTIME SURPRISE FOR A WICKFORD GARDENER

MR. HARRY Rayment, of Swan Lane, Wickford, and his neighbour, Mr. Fred Leggett (87), are rivals when it comes to gardening—so Mr. Leggett could be excused for feeling a little peeved when Mr. Rayment's son turned up a potato with a difference!

Embedded in the potato is a piece of shrapnel, thought to be part of the remains of a bomb dropped

in the area during the last war.

A retired railway maintenance ganger, Mr. Rayment, 76 last April, served with the 3rd Royal Sussex Regiment in the 1914-18 war.

Gardening is his favourite hobby and he has won a number of prizes at Wick-



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ford O.A.P. Association No. 2 branch horticultural shows, but his son has to do most of the spade work.

His neighbour, Mr. Leggett, is a retired engine driver, and he gives away most of the vegetables he grows.

Residents of Wickford for 41 years, he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

"FLOWER POWER"

A "Flower Power" event is being held by Billericay Mothers' Club on Thursday, October 26th, in the Recreation Ground, High Street, Billericay, and Wickford Mothers' Club are invited to join them.

THEY CAN — CAN YOU?



THE CAN-CAN WAS DANCED AT "REVUE 67" GIVEN BY THE SOLITAIRES AT WICKFORD COUNTY JUNIOR SCHOOL ON SATURDAY IN AID OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY. SOME OF THE CAST ARE SEEN ABOVE.

Nine thousand miles' trip— then a good English pint!



WICKFORD ROUND Table member Mr. Gordon Badcock, of Fantom Chase, Wickford, represented the Essex Area Round Table at the three-day World Conference of Young Men's Service Clubs in Canada recently.

He was accompanied by the Chairman of Wickford Round Table, Mr. Roy Thompson, of Mill Road, Stock.

They were greeted at Montreal Airport at the beginning of a two-week stay by a crowd of Canadians in national costume.

During their stay Mr. Badcock and Mr. Thompson visited National Parks in the Rocky Mountains, Niagara falls and Toronto, where they stayed with members of the Kinsmen Club.

Their last few days were spent looking round Expo '67.

They arrived back in England after a round trip of over 9,000 miles, tired and thirsty for "a good old English pint."

"The beer out there is very gassy, but Canada is a mighty fine place," they commented.

Mr. Gordon Badcock (left) and Mr. Roy Thompson look at some of the souvenirs from their trip to Canada.

(Photo by Wickford Camera Centre)

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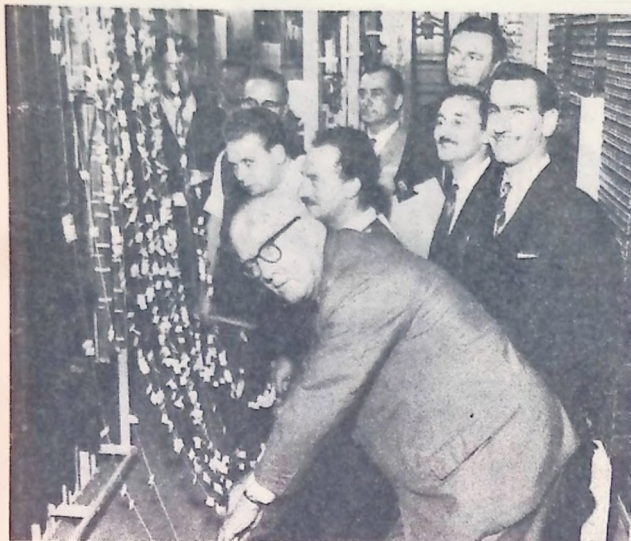
Wickford death

MR. RONALD Godfrey Keene, of Mount Road, Wickford, a resident in the area for 47 years who was well known in connection with his building and contracting business, died on Tuesday at Billericay Hospital.

Mr. Keene gave up his business early this year. There will be a service at Wickford on Wednesday and he will be cremated at Southend.

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Now the Association have done the only sensible thing. Despite their great need for more room, they have decided not to proceed with the demountable building. The cost of its erection would not be justified by the short time it would be allowed to remain in existence, they say. Their decision does mean, however, that with membership growing and more affiliated organisations undoubtedly coming along the accommodation problem will get worse and not better.

It is now up to the local authority to reconsider their decision on the three years or come forward with an alternative site if the proposed site cannot be used for longer than the time they have laid down.

Resistance to scrapping closed shop for employees

ANY ATTEMPT to scrap the closed shop currently operating in Basildon Council's Maintenance Department will be resisted by the painters, it was announced this week.

Now, union membership is a condition of employment for Council workers. The possibility of the ruling being scrapped was revealed last week by leader of the Council Coun. Anthony Stockley.

Mr. George Randall, shop steward of the U.D.C. painters, is against the move. He said the union would fight it every inch of the way and he had challenged Coun. Stockley to debate the issue in the open. Mr. Randall told a reporter: "This is a Council trick to reduce their staff without the problem of dealing with a union. If the closed shop ruling is scrapped, it will mean that none of our painters will belong to a union and we will not be able to take any kind

of industrial action when necessary. That means no action when they want to run down or sack their staff."

"It will make us particularly vulnerable to individual sackings and redundancy. We are opposed to the whole idea. I am now challenging Coun. Stockley and the Council to discuss this with us at a public meeting. From the National Union of Public Employees, Area Secretary Mr. Jack Kitchen said: "I note that Coun. Stockley said this summer regarding the opening of youth clubs during the recess period had opened up the whole subject."

In order that the Tory Group be advised of the true situation, I would like to point out that the Council's attitude regarding the condition of work does not apply to school-

keepers or any of the education staff."

"I can only repeat what I said at a meeting last Monday—since Basildon U.D.C. has applied the closed shop ruling, the relationship, industrialwise, has been on a very high level. Let us not get confused with the two different sections."

Coun. Stockley then says they had a ridiculous situation where a great majority of councillors were prepared to work and open schools, but their union stopped them. Again, this is a mis-statement and the Tory group should consult the chief officers of the council who would no doubt furnish them with the full facts.

"Let me make it perfectly clear that Basildon U.D.C. is fortunate in the main, having loyal and conscientious employees, and the Union—at least this union—is most anxious to co-operate for the smooth running of all services."

"But I am afraid that a lot of unnecessary trouble can arise through people not being aware of the facts."

"I would be only too happy to meet the Tory Group, the Liberal Group, the Labour Group or any group, on any matter in the interests of the members of N.U.P.E. and the 55,000 of the people employed by Basildon U.D.C.—and the authority."

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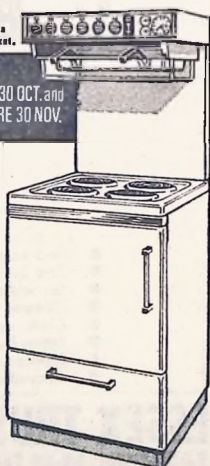
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Now the Association have done the only sensible thing. Despite their great need for more room, they have decided not to proceed with the demountable building. The cost of its erection would not be justified by the short time it would be allowed to remain in existence, they say. Their decision does mean, however, that with membership growing and more affiliated organisations undoubtedly coming along the accommodation problem will get worse and not better.

It is now up to the local authority to reconsider their decision on the three years or come forward with an alternative site if the proposed site cannot be used for longer than the time they have laid down.

Resistance to scrapping closed shop for employees

ANY ATTEMPT to scrap the closed shop currently operating in Basildon Council's Maintenance Department will be resisted by the painters, it was announced this week.

Now, union membership is a condition of employment for Council workers. The possibility of the ruling being scrapped was revealed last week by leader of the Council Coun. Anthony Stockley. Mr. George Randall, shop steward of the U.D.C. painters, is against the move. He said the union would fight it every inch of the way and he has challenged Coun. Stockley to debate the issue in the open. Mr. Randall told a reporter: "This is a Council trick to reduce their staff without the problem of dealing with a union. If the closed shop ruling is scrapped, it will mean that none of our painters will belong to a union and we will not be able to take any kind

of industrial action when necessary. That means no action when they want to run down or sack their staff. It will make us particularly vulnerable to individual sackings and redundancy. We are opposed to the whole idea. I am now challenging Coun. Stockley and his Council to discuss this with us at a public meeting. From the National Union of Public Employees, Area Secretary Mr. Jack Kirchin said: "I note that Coun. Stockley puts this summer regarding the opening of youth clubs during recess periods had opened up. In order that the Tory Group be advised of the true facts, I would like to point out that the Council's attitude regarding the condition of work does not apply to school-

keepers or any of the education staff."

"I can only repeat what I said at a meeting last Monday—since Basildon U.D.C. has applied the closed shop ruling, the relationship, industrially, has been on a very high level. Let us not get confused with the two different sections."

Coun. Stockley then says they had the ridiculous situation where a great majority of contractors were prepared to work and open schools, but their union stopped them. Again, this is a mis-statement and the Tory group should consult the chief officers of the Council, who would no doubt furnish them with the full facts. "Let me make it perfectly clear that Basildon U.D.C. is fortunate in the main, having loyal and conscientious employees and the Union—at least this Union—is anxious to co-operate for the smooth running of all services. "But I am afraid that a lot of unnecessary trouble arises through certain people not being aware of the facts. "I would be only too happy to meet the Tory Group, the Liberal Group, or any other group on any matter in the interests of the people of Basildon, and that is the authority."

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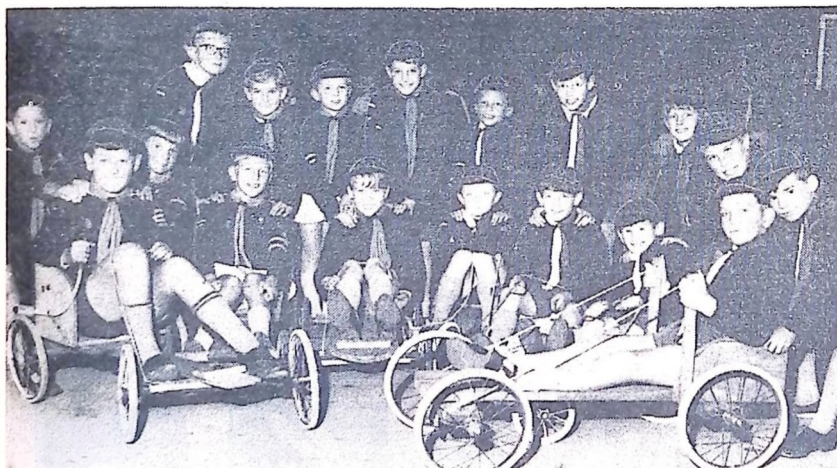
HARVEST TIME AT SCHOOL



Bryn Infants' School held a harvest service last week, and pupils are seen above with produce which was later given to old people.



The 5th Basildon Brownies held an open evening in the Congregational Church Hall in Honey Pot Lane, Basildon, on Wednesday week.



A quick pose for the photographer and then Cubs of the 2nd and 3rd Billericay Packs were ready for the start in a Go-Kart competition held in the playground of Billericay Secondary School.



Some of the people who took part in the Billericay Methodist Church Youth Club sponsored walk on Saturday. They are seen checking up on the route before starting.

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Use of schools —the need for cautious action

A SUB-COMMITTEE which deals with the extraneous use of school premises reported to Essex Education Committee on Monday that they were interested in Basildon Education Committee's suggestion that schools be made available for children to do their homework following the afternoon session or in the evenings.

At the same time, the sub-committee wanted more detailed information on the matter and also on the Basildon Committee's proposal that fuller use of schools and their facilities, such as swimming pools, should be permitted for all sections of the community during school holidays. In particular, information was required concerning supervision and any additional expense.

It was reported that at Basildon most schools were already in use on five nights a week, either as youth centres or evening institutes, or let to outside bodies. The swimming pools at Craxlands and Laindon Secondary Schools had been made available to a few outside organisations. The greater use of school playing fields raised problems, there was a danger of over-use resulting in pitches becoming unfit for play.

So far as holiday use was concerned, the sub-committee pointed out that the general conditions regarding school premises provided "that except in special circumstances approved by the Divisional Executive, schools should not be used during the normal Easter and Summer holidays in order that cleaning, redecoration and other essential work may be carried out."

As an experiment Divisional Executives were permitted to allow Youth Service use this summer so the sub-committee felt no further action should be taken until they reviewed the matter this autumn.

Ald. G. C. S. Curtis, Chairman of the sub-committee, said they were in sympathy with the use by the community of school premises and facilities, but the matter was not quite so simple as it might appear. "It means," he observed, "the caretakers have to work

extra hours — and in some cases they are not very agreeable to do so. The finding of suitable caretakers is not one of the easiest tasks we have, so we have to go about this somewhat cautiously."

SHOWING THE FLAG

FORMED ONLY a year ago, Runwell branch of Chelmsford Liberal Association now have 50 members, and, with an eye to the future, held their first bazaar on Saturday to raise funds.

The event, held in the flag-decorated Parish Hall, drew a large crowd and was said by Branch Treasurer Mr. Percy Beeby to have been "quite successful as bazaars go."

A jumble sale in the spring was the only previous event the branch had held.

In addition to a wide variety of stalls and sideshows, a major attraction for the children was a Punch and Judy show.

A box of chocolates for the lucky number at the door was won by Mrs. Robinson. Joanne Thompson also won chocolates for the lucky programme number.

FIRST VISIT TO BASILDON

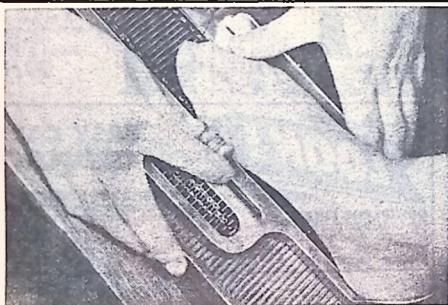


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It was the first time they had played in Basildon. Conductor was Mr. James Stobart and Music Club Secretary Mrs. Rita Dawson was pleased with the numbers who came to the concert. Mr. Stobart is seen on the left of the other picture with Mr. Mark Knight, leader of the Orchestra, and the soloist, Miss Elaine Clark, a member of the Club.

Miss Clark is the daughter of Mr. Fred Clark, former organiser of the Club, and lives at Furrowfield, Vange.

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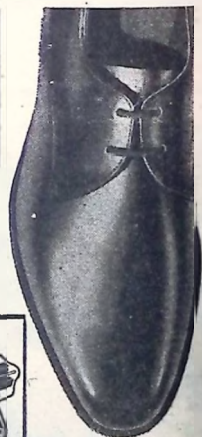


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OLYMPIC SWIMMER PRAISES SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL

MISS ELIZABETH LONG, Olympic Games swimming finalist and holder of 11 national titles, told parents at Billericay Junior School's swimming pool opening on Saturday: "I have opened many pools in the country, but yours is rather above the usual standard that I have seen."

Miss Long, after declaring the pool open, plunged in and swam a few lengths, followed by some of the children.

The pool cost over £7,000 and was financed mainly by parents and teachers, who raised £5,500. The fund was launched less than two years ago by school Headmaster Mr. Jack Wilson.

Mr. Wilson told the 500 parents why he started the fund, explaining that in his personal experience he had seen five people — some children — who came near to drowning.

He said: "In most of the cases it was because they panicked, even though it was shallow. I want 100 per cent of the children who leave this school to at least not be scared of water — even if they can't swim."

He continued: "Less than two years ago we had no money at all, but we've raised £5,500. I don't think any other school in the country could have done this and to everyone who helped us, thank you."

The opening was attended by school managers, representatives of the contractors who built the pool and other guests, including Chairman of Basildon Council Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P., who said:

"There are some parents who think too much emphasis is placed on sport. My answer to them is simply to bear in mind Miss Long's

attainments. She went in for 10 G.C.E.s before going to Australia. That is proof that brains and physics can go together."

Mr. D. Burrage, Chairman of the Funds Committee, who spoke first, jolted the education authorities by apologising to parents for having to be cramped into the school dining hall.

"We hope now that the Council will give further thought to the new accommodation that we really need because this hall doesn't really give the teachers a chance. We hope that pressure will be brought to bear so that we can have much better accommodation," he complained.

The pool, which is indoor and heated, measures 40ft. by 20ft. and is 3ft. 3in. deep on one side and 2ft. 3in. deep on the other. The school hope that 500 children a week will use it, all between the ages of six and 11.

Council aid?

Brentwood branch of the Catholic Women's League Housing Association, Ltd., have asked Basildon Council for a grant to help buy a property in Billericay to be adapted for houses and flats for elderly people. The Council have recommended "sympathetic consideration."

No Council survey on shop hours

A PROPOSAL that Basildon Council should conduct a survey on the desirability and public reaction to standardisation of shopping hours in the Town Centre was thrown out last week.

The proposal heard at the Council meeting was put forward by Coun. Alf Dove after the Public Health Committee had suggested that the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers should conduct an opinion poll.

The Union had asked the Committee to consider proposals that shops should close all day Monday, but operate until 7 p.m. on Fridays.

Coun. Dove told the meeting: "It is not a union's job to conduct public opinion polls. It behoves us as a Council to do this."

His amendment to the original resolution was lost.

Forestalled?

Legal proceedings under the Food Hygiene Regulations are to be taken by Basildon Council in respect of four stalls in Wickford Market.

The platform party at the opening of Billericay Junior School swimming pool.

Could not produce documents

MR ALFRED Woolley, of Finchfield Way, Wickford, was found not guilty at Billericay Court on Tuesday of driving while uninsured and without a Test Certificate, or, alternatively, failing to produce them.

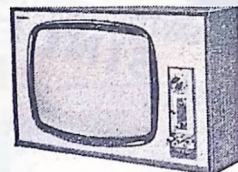
Mr. Woolley was stopped by Police while driving his Ford van along Arterial Road, Laindon, on July 26th, and he elected to produce his driving documents, which produced some duplicate copies.

"I think my documents were lost in the post or at County Hall," Mr. Woolley told the Court.

Stamp club starting

A SUCCESSFUL inaugural meeting of Billericay Philatelic Society was held on Wednesday week, when 22 prospective members arrived with the promise of more to come. An acting committee was appointed and will put proposals before a meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11th, at the Crown Hotel. All prospective members are asked to take some sheets from their collections to form a display. Further information from Acting Secretary Mr. N. G. MacDonald, 66, Norsey Road, Billericay (phone Billericay 55370).

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The coconut shy was one of the sideshow attractions at the official opening of Billericay Junior School's swimming pool.

The Archdeacon of Southend (Ven. E. N. Welch) and Mrs. Welch inspect the plan of the church with the architect (Mr. A. B. Dannatt).



Some of the audience who enjoyed a concert given by The Solitaires from Southend at Wickford Junior School on Saturday in aid of the Church of England Children's Society. The organiser was Mrs. D. Robinson, of Wickford, who was thanked by Mr. R. Powell, Secretary of the Society in Essex, Herts and Beds.

SENTENCE VARIED —CHEF RELEASED FROM PRISON

SENTENCE OF nine months' imprisonment imposed on Paul Raymond Thorpe (23), chef, of Delimands, Basildon, at Leicestershire Sessions on May 9th for being an accessory after the fact to warehouse-breaking and theft, was varied by the Court of Appeal on Tuesday to enable him to be released on Wednesday.

Lord Justice Edmund Davies, sitting with Mr Justice John Stephenson and Mr. Justice James, said two other men who actually broke into the warehouse were each fined £35 at a Magistrates' Court.

Thorpe had previous convictions and a probation order against him still continued, said the Judge.

Thorpe's marriage was stable and a probation officer had said he could see no reason for Thorpe to commit further offences.

"We take the view that the public's interests will be satisfied if such a sentence is substituted to enable him to be released tomorrow," added the Lord Justice.

HAPPY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Morley and Mr. Bonham were the callers when members of the Langdon Hills Over-60 Club spent a happy afternoon playing Bingo last Thursday. Musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Wood, who brought cakes for everybody's tea. It was reported that Mrs. Holland, the Chairman's wife, was unwell, and also on the sick list were Mrs. Holloway and Mrs. Urwin. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Andrews and Mrs. Hooges.

Billericay artist wins merit award

MR. WILLIAM FROST, of Billericay Art Club, has been awarded the seal of merit for his painting in the South-Eastern Federation of Art Societies' annual exhibition currently on view at the Guildhall Art Gallery in London (see picture below).

Ninety-four clubs contributed to the exhibition and, says Billericay Club Secretary Mrs. G. A. Tarrant, "even to have a work accepted is a considerable honour." Out of 800 pictures submitted less than 300 were hung.

Mr. Frost, who lives at Warner Close, Billericay, won the award with a still life in oils. For several years now he has been earning an enviable reputation with still

lives and portraits. His painting of the Pilgrim Fathers leaving Billericay is prominently displayed in the local branch of Barclays Bank.

Two other members of Billericay Art Club also have pictures on view at the Guildhall exhibition. They are Mr. R. E. Jordan, of Maltese Road, Chelmsford, and Mrs. Grace Lowe, of Trinity Close, Billericay. Mrs. Lowe's painting is of Laindon Hills and Mr. Jordan's is of Great War-



CUB-SCOUT SOAP-BOX RACERS ON PARADE

SOAP-BOX type Go-Karts hurried round Billericay Primary School's playground on Wednesday week, when Cub-Scouts fought it out for a trophy.

A pack may hold the trophy for one month, after which any pack in the Wickford and Billericay area can challenge the holder.

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Councillor half-an-hour in "hot-seat"

AN ACCUSATION was made on Monday that "people" were trying hard to cause a rift between the unions and Basildon Council's Labour Group.

"They are doing it for obvious political reasons," claimed Coun. J. Morgan, leader of the Group, at a meeting of Basildon's National Union of Public Employees branch.

Coun. Morgan accepted a special invitation to the meeting to explain his reported remarks about Basildon Council's dustmen at a recent Council meeting. He was in the hot seat for over 30 minutes.

The report published in the "Standard-Recorder" brought a hard hitting reply the following week from the Council's Manual Workers Shop Stewards Committee.

They wanted to know if Mr. Morgan expected dustmen to stand to attention at the appearance of a Labour councillor.

"Such a remark was entirely unnecessary," claimed the councillor. "It was a disgusting thing to say considering it was our Group who fought for years for the conditions under which you work today," he said.

Coun. Morgan claimed the alleged offensive remark at the Council meeting was directed not at the dustmen, but at the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. S. A. Wadsworth.

"Everytime we asked a question about refuse collection," he said, "the Tory Works Committee Chairman gave an answer which was different from the instructions issued to the men by Mr. Wadsworth. I asked someone to go upstairs and shake Wadsworth by the neck."

For the Shop Stewards, Mr. R. Fergusson said the dustmen were incensed when they read the report.

"Everyone was fuming and I decided to answer it in a letter to the Press. I did this with the full backing of my Committee," he said.

It was also stated that the report caused a bad relationship between the public and the dustmen, particularly at Vange. "On the Friday morning when it was published people ran out of their homes waving

the paper in front of us," said one man.

In the end the meeting accepted Coun. Morgan's explanation.

But the Shop Stewards, via Mr. Fergusson, made it quite clear that they would not hesitate again to come out in defence should any person or organisation "castigate union members unfairly".

TO LEAD A DEPUTATION

BILLERICAY Councillor Gordon Field, concerned about the acute accommodation problems in local schools, is to lead a deputation to Essex County Council demanding better educational facilities.

If he gets no satisfaction he is going to Whitehall to see the Minister of Education.

NEW OFFICE

Basildon Council will give the Citizen's Advice Bureau office space at Fodderwick Town Centre. Up to five sessions of two hours can be held weekly and the Council will pay the first £25 of the yearly Bureau phone bill. At the moment, the Bureau operate from a room at Basildon Congregational Church Honeycot Lane.

'I KILLED HER' WROTE LODGER

—Axe case prosecution

A 66-YEARS-OLD Wickford widow told Billericay Magistrates on Tuesday of the night she was attacked by a man with an axe as she entered the front door of her bungalow in Guernsey Gardens.

She was Mrs. Frances Price, and her lodger, Thomas Connelly (54), a labourer, was charged with wounding with intent to murder her. He was committed for trial, in custody, to the Essex Assizes.

Miss Valerie Snook, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that Connelly had been lodging with Mrs. Price since March, 1965.

Went to pub

On September 18th she took him a cup of tea in bed at 7.10 a.m. and left for work as a cleaner at the White Swan Public House. About 12.15 p.m. Connelly went into the White Swan and had a conversation with her. He said he would not be in for dinner that day and asked her to have a drink with him.

She refused and Connelly said: "That will be the last time I ever ask you to have a drink with me," and he left.

About 12.45 p.m., said Miss Snook, Mrs. Price went to the Castle Public House and was having a drink with a man when Connelly came into the bar and saw them, but did not say anything. He had two drinks and left.

Mrs. Price eventually arrived home about 8 p.m. and, as she opened the front door of her bungalow, she felt a severe blow on the back of her head. She saw Connelly in front of her holding an axe in his hand. He continued to hit her with it until she fell to the ground. He left and went to his bedroom and shut the door.

Mrs. Price managed to call a neighbour, an ambulance was called and she was taken to Billericay Hospital, where she was found to have a five-inch cut in her head and three other smaller cuts, Miss Snook went on.

She said that Police went to the bungalow and P.C. Walker saw Connelly open the door holding his throat. He then shut the door and P.C. Walker had to force an entry.

He found Connelly lying on his bed unconscious with his throat cut and the gas taps fully on. There was a penknife nearby.

A note was found written by Connelly which said: "I killed her," and referred to her going with another man.

Miss Snook said that Connelly was taken to hospital, where he was found to be deeply unconscious and suffering from loss of blood and excessive barbiturate.

Axe in Court

Mrs. Price, who was allowed to sit while giving her evidence, half-collapsed when she was shown the axe, to which a hair-net was adhering.

Describing what happened when she arrived home Mrs. Price told the Court: "He was waiting for me."

Holding her head in her hands she went on: "I put the light on and he was there to attack me. He kept raining the axe on my head. I put my knee up quickly and he threw the axe in the bathroom. Nothing was said at all."

Bedroom

Mrs. Price said that when Connelly slung the axe away she threw herself down on the mat and heard him shut his bedroom door. "I know he thought I was gone. I pulled myself up to the street door and ran to my next door neighbour and asked her to get me an ambulance. I never lost consciousness," said Mrs. Price.

She said she had told Connelly to leave her house for the past 18 months. "He said I had been a good mother to him and he did not want to leave. He said he had somewhere to go, but he did not go."

Forty stitches

Dr. Robert Ashley Mills, Casualty Registrar at Billericay Hospital, said Mrs. Price had to have 40 stitches in her head.

Connelly's main injury was a two-and-a-half inch cut and his blood barbiturate level was found to be slightly in excess of therapeutic level.

Det.-Insp. Alfred Mitchell, who saw Connelly in hospital, said Connelly told him he had written the note found in the bungalow because he thought he had killed Mrs. Price.

"I did it," he added.

Connelly was remanded in custody. Through his counsel, Miss Margaret Higgins, he had nothing to say.

Inadequate bus service

RUNWELL PARISH Council have complained to the Eastern National Omnibus Company about the inadequate services from Brack Hill area to Pitsea.

But Eastern National have written to the Council saying it is "impossible" to increase the service for economic reasons. They said a special check had been made on the number of people likely to use the route, but the number of people involved did not warrant a new service.

Chairman Mr. R. P. Liberty commented: "I suppose we'll have to keep on plugging."

The Council have been told that they can expect no better bus service from their area to Pitsea.

The Council are to instal a litter bin near the telephone kiosk and a public seat in Church End Lane. Members decided to provide the bin following a request from Chelmsford Rural District Council.

The County Council are to be asked to temporarily make up the footpath at Runwell Gardens.

Essex County Council were asked to permanently make up the road and they said it will be made up "in the near future," but could not be done immediately.

OVER-60's

A well-attended meeting on Tuesday of Wickford Sairation Army's Over-60 Club, the Silver Anniversary, led by Brig. Collins, with members of the Club taking part.

PUNGENT QUESTIONS ABOUT SMELLY DITCH

THE SMELLY ditch which runs through Gloucester Park permeating the perimeter streets of Ghyllgrove is under fire again. But the Ghyllgrove Tenants' Association are sniping at Basildon's Town Manager, Mr. David Taylor.

In desperation, the Association have written a sharp letter to him complaining bitterly about the ditch.

And a statement from Basildon Council, just as sharp, disclaims responsibility for it.

The Association ask: "Are we wrong in thinking that the Council were elected to represent us in ALL matters which may create health hazards or possibly endanger the lives of children in the district?"

"Were you not employed by the Council to ensure that Basildon is provided with a co-ordinator of administrative services, thereby enabling with 'problems' which arise within the town, whether they are in the field of entertainment or safety?"

"If the answers to the above questions are in the affirmative, would you please explain your reasons for referring our request for assistance to the Water Board?"

"If the answer to this question is in the negative would you please explain what your job entails?"

"It would also be appreciated if the Council would also inform us of their duties, as of the public, are not the only electors suffering under a responsibility regarding the people who are supported by local taxes."

The letter also states that the Association have pushed Board, Basildon Council, Health Corporation, Police and the local M.P.

course is the responsibility of the Essex River Authority. Council officers have visited the site several times and have carried out investigations, complaining many of which arise from the dumping of rubbish despite warnings.

A slight rat infestation has been cleared and representations concerning the arch have been taken up with the Essex River Authority.

"No statutory nuisance exists and the Council have no power to do more than they have done."

Pianist wanted

THE Gaylinks Show—a group of young people who give free concerts to old age pensioner clubs and hospitals—are looking for a new pianist.

The current man on the piano, Mr. Len Green, leaves the group in January. "He is an excellent pianist and we are sorry to lose him," said Secretary Mrs. E. Woolhead.

Sixteen-strong, the group are fully booked into next year. They are mostly young people who work at Carreras. Last week their winter season started with a concert at Shotover.

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LATEST FASHIONS —AT SCHOOL



Some of the pupils of Graylands Secondary School, Basildon, attended a fashion show in the main hall. Models were male for a change, and were Dave Traves (left) and Stephen Boylins, who were photographed in car coats. The Manager of Hepworths, Mr. A. Fellott, lectured the children for an hour on clothing fashions and chatted to Frances Pendrous about the two smart car coats.



Holy Cross Church, Basildon, Sunday School held their harvest festival with a family service on Sunday afternoon. It was followed by an exhibition of the work of the Sunday School and prizegiving. Our picture shows Rev. E. B. Buxton with some of the prizewinners.



Waiting for their meal are some of the guests at the Billericay British Legion women's section annual fish-and-chip supper at the Rose Hall on Friday evening.



Some of the guests who enjoyed the Billericay Parish Church harvest supper held at the Archer Memorial Hall on Saturday.

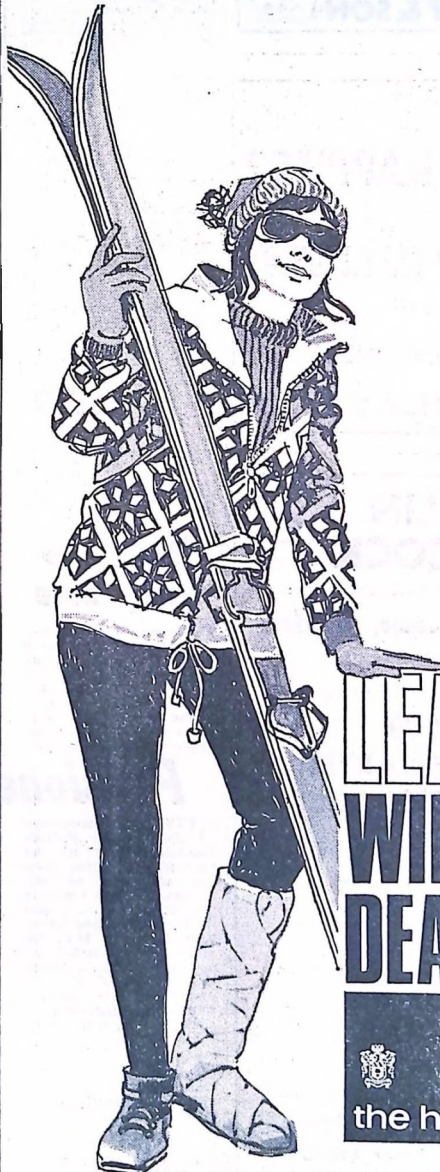
Pitsea Church gift-day



St. Gabriel's Church, Pitsea, held a thanksgiving weekend, and Saturday was chosen as the gift day. The Rector (Rev. A. E. Harvey) received gifts amounting to about £50 for the Assistant Clergy Fund, and he is seen above chatting to Mrs. B. Summers and her daughter Carol, who live in Rectory Road, Pitsea. The Rector said afterwards: "I was fairly pleased with the result. There appears to be a fair amount of goodwill about."

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Classrooms are bulging

WHAT a pity you did not contact me before writing your leading article: "Education grab-all — and the results." The experience you quote is not borne out by the response to this session's enrolment in all sections of this institute, including that held at our Mayflower School Department, Billericay. On the contrary, it is a story of bulging classrooms and lengthy waiting lists. A quick count shows that more than 3,000 receipts have already been issued for this session at a point in time probably some four weeks earlier than this figure was reached last year.

This will probably mean a register entry on a subject basis in excess of 4,000, at a conservative estimate, because many are quick to realise the financial advantage of the £3 2s. 6d. fee, which enables an adult to attend for two or more classes for the year.

While fees have been increased this year this still only works out at less than one shilling per night. If a person attends two classes and about sevenpence per night, if they attend for three classes per week. Not expensive, I should have thought. If you compare this with a night at the local cinema or a dance hall, and certainly more profitable many would say.

There are some classes for which the fee charged is about 2s. 6d. per evening, but if you want to join one of these you will need to have your name entered upon one of the waiting lists. I hope to meet the excess demand for budinism, which is one such class, by starting yet another group at Fryers School on Friday evenings.

My staff are still very busy dealing with late enrolments and regular telephone inquiries concerning them. The increased work this huge response has created leaves me with no time at present to give you full details. It is, however, interesting to note that this year no fewer than three first-year German classes have been started in the Ford tractor factory to meet the demand of some 80 adults who go straight from work to the classroom to study German from 6.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. before returning home.

Before closing this letter may I thank you for your help in locating suitable staff for the Monday morning class in art held at the Women's Institute at Billericay. J. WILLIAMS, Principal, Basildon Evening Institute.

There's no worry here

IN your issue for Sept. 22nd last it was stated in an article under the heading "Stand By For Blasting!" that the organ recently installed in the Methodist Church, Billericay, had "caused concern" to me "because

AFTER the sensational defeat of Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker at the Leyton by-election, upon the elevation of Mr. Sorenson to the Lords to provide a "safe" seat for the former, the latter, who as their M.P. for many years was beloved of the electors, stated that the defeat was partly due to the abstention of the thousands of old age pensioners in the borough.

Perhaps the same can be said concerning the Government's defeat, if not at Cambridge, at least at Walthamstow, where, if my memory is not at fault, there are more senior citizens than at Leyton.

And no wonder! Possibly before this is in

THE Wickford Labour Party have expressed their concern at the removal of a local councillor to Burnham-on-Crouch. An even more serious matter is that this gentleman has just been appointed to serve on the Board of Governors for Laindon Comprehensive School.

Surely, if boards of governors have any useful function they should be drawn from local people in touch with local problems and should include representatives of parents?

One cannot help remembering the Pitsea

Adventure might stop vandalism

I agree with Mr. Patrick Dawson's article on vandalism in Gloucester Park concerning the football changing huts, but while agreeing with him I must point out that the tenants who live within 50 or 60 feet of them don't turn a blind eye, and we also have consciences.

We have tried to stop this destruction, but have only met with a lot of abuse. At one time I was actually pelted with lumps of mud. I have four children who take up most of my time, and I wonder if Mrs. Dawson has time to watch huts all day. If Mr. Dawson wants to use the energy of these vandals, I suggest an adventure play park. If the children were used in to help with such a scheme I'm sure they would fight to the death to defend something they had helped build.

There is football and cricket for men and older boys and Play Leadership, but organised games are not everyone's cup of tea. Perhaps in their own way the children are hitting back at the Corporation for this oversight. — J. I. SARGEANT, 109, Redcliffe, Basildon.

of teething troubles," and, later on, mention was made of the "array of pipes."

I am anxious in case a false impression has thereby been given to your readers, and I write to assure you that I have no concern whatsoever about the instrument, but that, on the contrary, all who have had any dealings in the matter are delighted, both with the instrument itself and with the efficiency and consideration with which it has been installed.

Some delay has arisen — but this is due, not to any teething troubles in the organ itself, but to the screen in front of the pipe chamber, which was neither designed nor constructed by the organ builder, but was in place long before he was consulted. — B. G. HOLLAND (Rev.), 93, Mountnessing Road, Billericay.

An urgent necessity

THE disadvantage of rent rebate schemes, unless fully met by national funds, is that they impose further financial penalties upon skilled and hard working

people, who are already finding the present level of income taxation burdensome and strongly disincentive. Added impositions on a purely local basis are unfair and intolerable.

Commuting is pretty horrible, but the fact is that employers will not pay higher wages or salaries than they are forced to do by organisations of the state of the labour market.

Employers know this only too well! We have here a notice course, which rationally should have been much lower in priority, and not a railway station, which is an urgent necessity. Good communications here would cause a rise in wage levels. — KEN SHALLES, 8, Braybrooke, Ghyllgrove.

Counsellors wanted

MAY I bring to the notice of your readers the urgent need of this the Basildon Marriage Guidance Council for more volunteers to help with the work of marriage counselling and education for family life. There is, I feel sure, no need to stress the importance of the need for such a service, and the effort to build and rebuild happy family life. And, considering how delicate and responsible the work is, no apology can be made for the

fact that more rigorous standards of selection and training are involved than for any other voluntary social work in this country. The amount of work at present being handled by our counsellors is so great that we urgently need more volunteers.

The counsellor works part-time and is unpaid, although expenses are met. Both men and women are needed, and the age range is usually from about the late 20s to 40s or thereabouts. A minimum of one year's experience is required. A three-hour session of work is required at weekly, and occasional, note writing, correspondence and reading hours a week.

Volunteers must first be sponsored by Thurrock Marriage Guidance Council, to whom we are affiliated at present, and are willing to attend two or three selection conferences, organised for trainees, and accepted for training. Each lasting four to six hours.

The only cost of selection is travel to and from the centre where the conferences are held. With grants are available to cover part or all of the expenses if necessary.

The first step is for anyone interested to get in touch with me and I will then send further particulars with a view to seeing whether they would like to apply. This form can be sponsored for selection — JOAN FARR, Hon. Secretary, Basildon Marriage Guidance Council, Nevendon Hall, Basildon.

CUTTING BACK THE HEDGES

WITH reference to the article in your paper recently about the hedge on Bell Hill, which Mr. Boughtwood brought to your notice, I must say that although Mr. Boughtwood has a valid complaint, the main responsibility for the cutting of this hedge lies with the owner or occupier of the property in exactly the same way as it does for a fence or wall.

At one time it was the practice of the highway authorities, including both the Basildon Urban District Council and the Essex County Council, to cut back hedges, because of all the administrative work involved in serving notices. However, with rising costs and tightness of money for highway maintenance this practice was abandoned many years ago and it is only in exceptional cases, e.g. where ownership or responsibility cannot be established, that the Council carry out any hedge trimming.

Preliminary notice was served on the reputed owner of the land in question on July 15th this year, a card having previously been left with him by the Area Highway Officer, but not taken up. I would like to point out that this work was not carried out by Council workers, as was stated in your article, but by the owner of the hedge. Both the Council and the County are only the delegated highway authorities. It is not their responsibility for the Council to serve a Statutory Notice or legal action. This must be done by the County Council through the County Highways Committee. — G. E. WHEATLEY, Secy., Essex County Council, Billericay.

Pensioners must be grateful for tiny crumbs from the Chancellor's table!

print we old folk will have received the magnificent rise of 3s. from a grateful Government. Although the increase is 10s., according to the Government's reckoning, many weeks ago the national Press—all liars according to some distinguished Cabinet Ministers — announced that the extra cost of living since the Government came into power was 6s., and the cost has been rising continually since then, so that the

10s., like the last increase in the pension, will soon become of little value in purchasing everyday necessities. Small wonder, then, that the old age pensioners are up in arms about their shabby treatment. But who is there to fight for us?

Even the "Pensioners' Voice," the monthly journal for old age pensioners associations, is playing "soft pedal," possibly because at the General Election they urged their two million

members to vote Labour as they were the Party most able and most willing to do with old folk in a generous and practical manner.

So the senior citizens must fight for themselves—and what an uphill task it is to be sure. But we must all, I suppose, be grateful for crumbs that have fallen from the Chancellor's table, and sing in unison, "Thank you from whom all blessings flow!" — JOHN T. MOYLER, 2, Clopton Green, Basildon.



Wickford Congregational Church celebrated their 156th anniversary with a family supper and concert in the Church Hall on Saturday evening. Our picture shows some of the guests.

MARINA AND SPORTS CENTRE FOR NOTHING?

BASILDON COUNCIL ARE NOW COMPLETING NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF WAR DEPARTMENT LAND IN PITSEA FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MARINA AND SPORTS CENTRE, WHICH EVENTUALLY, THEY SAY, WILL COST THE DISTRICT NOTHING.

But it will strengthen claims for Basildon to become a regional centre with a wide range of sporting facilities and the means to exploit them.

The Council's Executive Committee approved plans in principle at their last meeting. They also accepted the District Valuer's report and instructed the Finance Committee to provide the money. No cost price has yet been released.

And at a special Press conference, Leader of the Council Coun. Anthony Stockley announced that the new recreation centre, currently known as the Pitsea Sea Transport Depot, may be in use for sailing within a year. The Ministry of Defence have already given permission for work to start before completion of the sale.

Still in the proposal stage plans include in order of expected completion:—

- Dinghy moorings and keel craft moorings for the sailing fraternity;
- A shooting range;
- A Go-Kart track;
- Facilities for camping and caravanning on the style of Continental caravan parks;
- Space for model aeroplane flying.

The noise involved in these pursuits would not affect housing areas, which are a long way off.

Anticipated phasing is over 10 years, but this will depend on the prevailing economic climate.

But in any case the Council expect the centre to pay for itself. They think the 118-acre centre will have a wide attraction, drawing people from all over Essex. It will thereby become self-sufficient.

The Council have already made sure of a sizeable income from the letting of premises and buildings being left by the Ministry of Defence.

The Engineer and Surveyor has been instructed to negotiate with industrial interests to let buildings on the site for storage purposes.

In favour of the project, Coun. Stockley said its accessibility would make a big difference to patronage. It was close to the A13 and the Pitsea Railway Station. It was also on a direct route from Southend Airport to London.

In addition to the 118-acre recreation centre and the storage facilities is an adjoining area of marshland almost as big. This will provide the urban district with another precious commodity—tipping land. The Council are confident that this area will provide tipping space to supply their needs for the next 20 or 30 years.

Up to nine inches of topsoil for this area will be provided from earthworks carried out on the centre.

When this is finished a further scarce commodity will have been provided—riverside land for further development, possibly to extend the recreation centre.

Said Coun. Stockley: "There are virtually no limits to the imagination when planning a project of this kind. 'One can envisage a wonderful centre by letting the imagination run wild. But it will not be a sports centre in the style of Gloucester Park. 'There, the sports are on an organised basis. At Pitsea we see individuals getting together enjoying their sports at their own pace.

"This is yet another string to our bow in our claims for Basildon to become a regional centre."

On the question of finance, he said: "The development will be phased and will not be a great cost. 'We are very anxious that this project

should not be a burden to the ratepayers over a long period. Of course they will probably have to pay something towards it over a couple of years."

Museum closes for a spell

THE CATER Museum, High Street, Billericay, closed this week until Monday, October 16th, for the curator's annual holiday, and during the time the Junior Section of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England will do some redecorating work in the premises. They have already decorated the period kitchen, and Miss M. Dutch has taken home the curtains and items from the other period rooms for washing.

Latest additions to the Museum include some lace ruffles worn at the Battle of Culloden in 1746 and a tablecloth which originally belonged to a daughter of 'Lord Lovat of the '45,' the 1745 rebellion.

More modern additions include photographs of the old City Coaches on the London to Southend route, at various dates.

Says Curator Mr. Harry Richman: "This service is now incorporated in the Eastern National services. Although the City Coaches only ceased a few years ago, there has been unexpected difficulty in tracing photographs of them, and it was only a few weeks ago that I was given the name of a person in Lewisham who was able to help."

The Museum is now searching for photographs and other souvenirs of buses, such as 'Patten's,' 'Old Tom's' and 'Wickford Coaches,' which were well known in the district between the two wars.



All that lovely jolly—Chairman of the A.T.C. Welfare Committee Mr. Ted Rosler, Cadet Sgt. D. Palmer and Cadet M. Keane are well pleased with the takings at the jumble sale held at the Recreation Rooms on Saturday in aid of the Squadron's funds.

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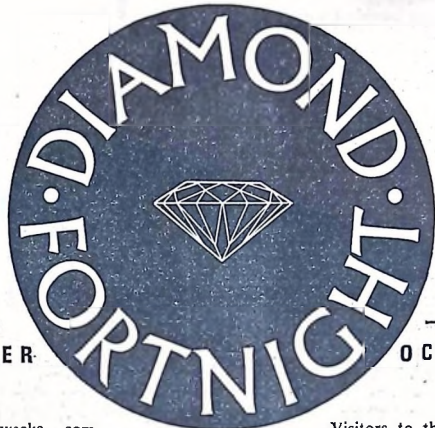
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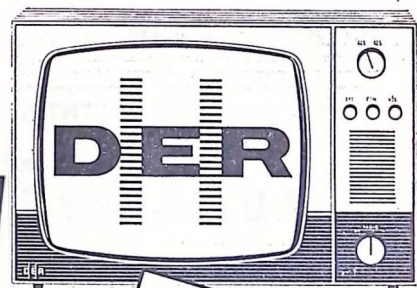
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HORRIFYING? AMUSING? A play with a message? Which could really be applied to Samuel Beckett's "Endgame," which Wickford Community Association Players presented on Saturday?

Any of the descriptions, or any permutations of them, would be true of this way-out play telling of the last four people left on earth after an atomic attack writes Bob Jefferies.

It is a play which the Group were courageous to stage, and it was part of a low budget presentation which they called "An Evening of Mixed Theatre" and in which individuals performed items of their own choice.

The rather intangible theme of "Endgame" is played out on a comparatively bare stage and with only a four-strong cast.

Casting was good, and the play was ably directed by Terry Daly.

DEBUT

The main characters, Clov, played by Terry Fletcher, and Hamm, played by George Thurley, who was making his debut for the company, had the stage virtually to themselves for over 60 minutes of almost continuous dialogue. They came through it all exceedingly well. Terry Fletcher brought out the inanity of Clov, the lackey to wheelchair-ridden and blind Hamm. In this part George Thurley drew a fine picture of Hamm's position of futility and frustration. The pair of

them brought laughs from the audience—which could have been of embarrassment through realisation that this sort of thing could happen in real life, or because a half-witted person, such as Clov, is usually the butt of humour, be it on the stage or in life.

The most bizarre part of the play, although children in the audience found it funny, concerns characters in two dustbins—the only "props" on the stage.

NOT FUNNY

They are Hamm's mother and father, and they are kept in bins because the atomic blast had left them without any legs. Which somehow destroys the humour of the situation for adults.

In these two parts Terry Daly and Brenda Denison had less to do than the major characters, but they carried off their portrayals nicely. In all, it was a play which warranted a far greater and more appreciative audience than it got, but the company were not worried. For, as Mr. Daly pointed out, it was an experimental evening to see what could be presented on a

low budget, hence the lack of publicity.

It was, however, rather strong meat for a Saturday night, and the first half of the programme would better have followed the play, for it was mainly musical and would have provided a soothing dessert.

There were clarinet solos by Pamela Luna, poetry reading by Olivo Luna and selections from "Ruddigore" by Diana Broad, who was accompanied by Peter Taylor at the piano. Comper was Chris Mills.

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Mystery Thriller "The Shattered Room" (Sunday and Monday) is set in a small American coastal village and concerns a young wife who returns to her former home, haunted by terrors of the past. "The Professionals" (Tuesday for five days) is a tough outdoors adventure set in Mexico fifty years ago. The story tells of four men hired to ride into Mexico and bring back the wife of an American millionaire, whom he believes to have been kidnapped by a guerrilla leader.

Radion, Laindon

"Frankenstein Created a Woman" (Sunday and Monday) is another fantastic concoction of horror not for the squeamish. Baron Frankenstein is experimenting in an Austrian village, hoping to retain the soul of a body after death. Showing Tuesday for five days, "El Dorado" tells the story of an ex-miner who becomes a sheriff who holds the peace between rival ranchers, the rich and unscrupulous on one side and a settler on the other.

Century, Pitsea

"The Professionals" (Monday for one week) is a tough outdoors adventure set in Mexico fifty years ago. The story tells of four men hired by an American millionaire to ride into Mexico and bring back his young Mexican wife, whom he believes has been kidnapped by a guerrilla leader.

Odeon, Southend

"The Sand People" (up to and including Wednesday) an epic drama of an American gun boat and her crew during a 1926 Chinese revolution. Adapted from the novel by Richard McKenna it has a strong flavour of anti-colonialism and clearly sympathises with the desire of the Nationalist Chinese to get rid of the Manchu despot.

Ritz, Southend

"Divorce" (American Style) (Sunday, for seven days) is a light-hearted story about a couple who have argued and argued all through their married life (sixteen years) and eventually they get a divorce. Trouble starts when they each become jealous of the other's romances.

Essex, Westcliff

"The Professionals" (Sunday, for six days) is a tough outdoors adventure set in Mexico fifty years ago. The story tells of four men hired by an American millionaire to ride into Mexico and bring back his young Mexican wife, whom he believes has been kidnapped by a guerrilla leader. Wednesday only "Macbeth".

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As a change from transporting other brides in his taxi, Mr. John Collier, of The Meadoway, Billericay, gave his daughter Wendy to be married to Mr. Terry Lord, of Braintree, at St. Mary's Church, Billericay, on Saturday. The newly-weds are above. (Photo by John E. Kimber)

Buttsbury Junior School protests

Educationists face 300 angry parents

NOT ALL the children at Buttsbury Junior School will get a proper education due to accommodation difficulties, Headmaster Mr. C. A. J. Bromhead told parents on Friday.

"I cannot give a definite assurance that all the children will be able to participate in all aspects of school life under the present conditions," he said.

The meeting was attended by about 300 parents, and tempers frayed as Basildon Education Committee Chairman Coun. Gordon Field, who chaired the meeting, and District Education Officer Eric A. Dixon struggled to answer a hail of questions and accusations.

The meeting was called for by parents after it was announced that the new Buttsbury Junior School would not be able to accommodate 120 first-year pupils, who would, therefore, have to stay on in the infants' school building.

Action call

The parents demanded immediate action to alleviate the accommodation problem by providing demountable classrooms at the school.

They also wanted to know why a big enough school was not built in the first place.

Coun. Field and Mr. Dixon replied that practically nothing could be done to solve the problem immediately.

No cash

Main reason, they said was lack of cash, but educational policy laid down by the County Council and the fact that a new junior school at Brightside—Brightside—is in the 1968/69 building programme also had a bearing on the situation.

"There is just not the money available to provide new schools and/or demountable classrooms any quicker than we are doing now," said Coun. Field.

"Only this year I asked Essex County Council for a 50 per cent increase in the money we get for education in this area, but what did I get? Just 10 per cent, later further cut back by the Government because of the squeeze."

"Basildon Education Committee are all concerned about this problem as you are. I believe that Buttsbury parents have a genuine complaint, but our hands are tied."

Cash again

Asked what was to stop Basildon Council providing extra demountable classrooms while waiting for Brightside, Coun. Field replied that they were almost as expensive as an extension.

Mr. Dixon added that it was not educational policy in the Basildon urban district to have schools exceed three-form entry.

"It is felt this is quite large enough if heads are to know their children intimately," he said.

"The answer is not to go on ad infinitum adding extra classrooms to accommodate overflow, but to build new schools, such as Brightside."

Putting Essex County Council's view was Coun. Edward Hobbs, who read a letter from Chief Education Officer Mr. David Bunker. The letter, said Coun. Hobbs, stated that Essex Education Committee were aware that the balance of accommodation between junior and infants' schools did not represent the current demand, and that the balance on the junior school would continue to grow during the next few years. They were also aware that the number of children at

these schools would soon grow to well beyond what is usually regarded as desirable for primary schools.

The Committee had, however, considered carefully the number of children already in school and below school age and the expected completion of new houses in the area.

On the basis of this information they felt that the existing 1,280 places were sufficient to meet any demand up to September, 1970. Pressure on existing schools would then be relieved by the opening of Brightside, with 320 places, not later than September, 1970.

"There can be no reasonable doubt that Brightside School will be ready in time to meet any demand exceeding the number of places at the existing Buttsbury schools," said Mr. Bungey in the letter.

Too late

But many parents were unsatisfied with these explanations. "We want to know what is to be done now, not in 1969. Our children will have left junior school by then," shouted one parent.

Coun. Field replied that he also was not happy about the situation and promised to bring the parents' views to the attention of the County Council.

Also on the agenda for the protest meeting was the question of the fire risk at Buttsbury Junior School. Concerned that fire precautions at the school were inadequate, parents last month asked the Chief Fire Officer to inspect the building.

Mr. Dixon said this had happened. He had suggested the door at the foot of one staircase was a weakness and should be made more fire-resistant by lining it with asbestos sheeting. This had been done, said Mr. Dixon.

No fire risk

The Chief Fire Officer was fully satisfied with the safety of the building.

The Headmaster, however, is not. The school is built on two blocks, each with its own staircase, and Mr. Bromhead would like to see the two blocks connected in case one staircase becomes smoke-filled in the event of a fire.

"I know the staircases are fireproof," he said, "but the children would still panic if they had to walk one of them through smoke. I should like to be able to take all the children down one or the other staircase."

Mr. Bromhead was backed by parents, and Mr. Dixon agreed to take the matter up with the Chief Fire Officer and get an estimate of the cost of constructing a "walkway" between the two blocks.

HARVEST GIFTS

Members of the London Dairies and Joint Club were entertained at their last meeting by Mrs. Cooper and her family. Mrs. Cooper and her family were entertained at their last meeting by Mrs. Cooper and her family. Mrs. Cooper and her family were entertained at their last meeting by Mrs. Cooper and her family.

CONCERT PARTY

A visit from the Belfast Concert Party was greatly enjoyed by all members of the Les Chapel North Dairies and Joan Club at their weekly meeting last week. Three members were welcomed back after illness: those still away were sent good wishes for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Curie celebrated her birthday and musical honours went to her, and to Mr. and Mrs. Baker for their wedding anniversary. The recent outing to the Palace Theatre, Westfield, was voted a great success by everyone. Mrs. Bennett and helpers served the tea.

BILLERICAY MAN THREW HIMSELF UNDER TRAIN

A 34-YEARS-OLD Billericay man suffering from a depressive illness was killed when he threw himself under a tube train at Whitechapel Underground Station, East London, in August. At Poplar Coroner's Court on Thursday the jury returned a verdict that pharmacist Alan Wardell, of 42, Chestnut Avenue, Billericay, killed himself.

Giving evidence of identification, Mr. Robert E. Wardell, of River Drive, Upminster, told the Coroner (Dr. D. M. Paul) that his son had been a healthy and normal person up until 12 months before his death, when he developed a depressive illness. He was treated at the London Hospital at Whitechapel, where he improved and was later discharged.

A week prior to his death he suffered a recurrence and was treated at Runwell Hospital.

On August 22nd he was transferred to the London Hospital.

Dr. Patrick Tooley, Consultant Psychiatrist under whom Wardell had been a patient since January this year, said that Wardell arrived at the hospital at 5 p.m. on August 22nd, 45 minutes later he was seen by the house physician who found him anxious and depressed.

Dr. Tooley added that Wardell ate a normal supper and played cards with other patients that night. At 10.30 p.m. he was given sleeping tablets and was given further tablets during the night when he still couldn't sleep.

In the morning he washed, shaved and dressed and walked to the ward door. Asked by a nurse where he was going, he replied something to the effect: "to get my bags."

He returned to his bed and asked to see the house physician who was making his rounds.

At 9.15 Wardell was noted to be absent. Dr. Tooley said he was told of Mr. Wardell's disappearance, but was not at all alarmed. He added that there was nothing in Mr. Wardell's reports to be concerned about.

On the evening of the 23rd, when Mr. Wardell died, Dr. Tooley said Mrs. Wardell told him that her husband had expressed suicidal ideas and thought that he was suffering from an incurable mental disease.

Station woman Frances Whaley said as a train drew into the station she saw the deceased turn his back to the train and

DEATH OF Mrs. A. BOND

MRS. Adela (Babs) Bond, formerly of Station Avenue, Wickford, died on her 40th birthday last week at her home in Dawlish, Devon.

Mrs. Bond, who moved to Dawlish a year ago, lived in Wickford for 25 years after she was married.

She was the wife of Mr. Frank Bond, of Frank Bond and Sons, Wood Factors, of Wickford.

A director of the company, she accompanied her husband on many occasions in his capacity as President and Chairman of Wickford Chamber of Trade.

They moved to Dawlish to expand the business. Mrs. Bond was a founder-member of Wickford Archaeological Society, which was formed about five years ago. She was also Secretary of the Station Avenue Frontagers' Association.

About 18 months ago she underwent an operation for cancer. She never recovered fully, said her husband.

A memorial service to Mrs. Bond will be held on Sunday at St. Catherine's Church, Wickford.

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FACTORY GOSSIP



SECRETS WERE SAFE IN HIS HANDS

FOR 29 years warehouseman for Her Majesty's stationary office, old-timer Mr. Harry Batt retired last week.

One hundred and sixty friends, people who have worked with him for many years, stayed behind after work at the Basildon centre in The Gore last week to drink his health and wish him a happy retirement.

A table loaded with gifts from his workmates bore witness to his popularity.

Harry started with H.M.S.O. in 1938 at the depot in Cornwall House, Waterloo. Since then he has been at five depots, the last being at The Gore.

When he came to Basildon 11 years ago he was at the first office in Bowlers Croft. He worked there for seven years until the new office opened.

Hundreds of Government secrets and masses of information have passed through his hands during his work.

At Bowlers Croft he was even in charge of the canteen. At that time he was helped by his wife, Ada, who was also at the farewell.

Before joining the service Mr. Batt, who is 65, was in both the Army and the Navy a total of 17 years.

Mr. Batt was given an official farewell and presented with his gifts by Director of the office Mr. D. A. Jameson.

Apprentice banged-out

THERE was another banging out at Pembroke Cartons' factory on Friday.

At 11.50 a.m. workers stopped



David Stroud receiving his indentures from production director Mr. K. Hunt at Pembroke Cartons' factory.

working and reached for the nearest noisiest piece of equipment to hand.

They then made the loudest sound possible as David Stroud (21), of Eastwood, was initiated as a full Photo Litho Camera Operator.

An apprentice until then, he received his indentures from Mr. K. H. Hunt, the Production Director.

For the ceremony David was put aboard a mock mobile television camera float, made of photographic junk, and pushed around the factory.

Gift 13—take care!

IN RESPONSE to representations made by the British Safety Council to Carreras, Ltd., special "Take care" notes are to accompany gift catalogues distributed for Guards cigarettes.

The warning concerns an illustration of Page 15 of the catalogue, showing a man in a bath, conveniently within reaching distance of a heating and lighting unit affixed to the bathroom wall. Says the Council: "A macabre note is added, unwittingly no doubt, by the labelling of the fixture as gift No. 13.

"There is no doubt that

many thousands of people (many of them unfortunately, not familiar with the serious hazard entailed) will assume that the position illustrated is a suitable one for the heater."

Many thousands of copies of the catalogue have already been distributed throughout Britain. Say Carreras: "We agree that the illustration is most unfortunate. From now on we shall send out a special warning note with the catalogue."

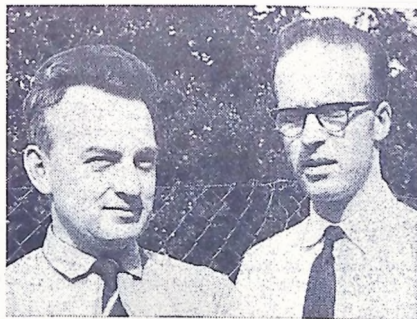
Billericay to Kent

THE FINAL clearing out of Pennells and Sharpe, Ltd., Billericay, organ-making works, took place on Friday.

Due to expansion, the firm have moved down to Swanley in Kent.

Mr. Robert Pennells told the "Standard Recorder" that he hoped to have nine employees to begin with, and 12 by the end of the year.

He said that it was difficult to find staff nowadays, as there was a shortage of craftsmen,



Messrs. Pennells and Sharpe, Billericay's organ builders, who have left the district.

and they had to either train people for the job or try and persuade craftsmen to come and live near the works.

As well as the original directors, Mr. Pennells and Mr. Raymond Sharpe, there will be two others, Mr. D. Allen and Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Pennells will shortly be moving from his home in Rushdene Road, Billericay, to live in Maidstone, and Mr. Sharpe is moving from Northfields Close, Billericay, to Swanley.

The business has certainly expanded, from a small workshop in Crown Yard to a new factory with a department devoted to export.

Cheers and good luck to retiring Mr. Harry Batt (right) and his wife Ada from the Director of Basildon H.M.S.O. in The Gore, Mr. D. A. Jameson.

Marconi equipment for aircraft

ON TUESDAY the first British Lockheed Hercules aircraft are being introduced to the Royal Air Force at the R.A.F. station at Lyneham in Wiltshire. All of these aircraft are fitted with British electronics, including the Marconi v.h.f. communications system, type AD160; the v.h.f. navigation system, type AD260; the automatic direction finding system, type AD360; and the SELCAL selective calling system, type AD900.

This will be the first of the

Their business is very brisk



TUCKED AWAY in a small shed behind Billericay's bustling High Street is one of the town's busiest carpentry and joinery factories. Griffiths and Drage have been in business there for 18 months.

Mr. Christopher Drage (23), a father of two, of Bakers Lane, West Hanningfield, who is a partner in the two-man concern, said: "We take business in any branch of the joinery trade—from shopfitting to staircase making and organ making."

Chris, with his partner, Ron Griffiths (seen above), of Knightsbridge Walk, Perry Street, Billericay, says that business is brisk and they are booked up six weeks in advance.

But their premises, which are off Lion Lane, present problems because they are too small.

Chris explained: "We are far too cramped. When we make a staircase it is almost impossible to get on with other work."

The duo cannot employ anybody because the shed does not have the facilities to comply with employment regulations.

"We've applied for a factory on Billericay Industrial Site so we can expand and employ joiners, but this is still very much in the balance," Chris said.

Some of their work can be seen in the Coach and Horses Public House, Chapel Street, where Chris and Ron fitted new wall panels and, of course, new bars.

Shopfitting, it seems, is not the busiest section of the trade. "We've been in business for 18 months and we haven't had one job for shopfitting," Chris smiled.

"It's become quite a joke between us!"

THEFTS A cleaning machine worth £150 has been stolen from the Ford Tractor Plant, Basildon. A Ford Cortina car, owned by Mr. John Stoner, of Little Lullaway, Basildon, was stolen from the Ford Tractor Plant car park on Monday.



WHEN BAPTISM IS A "MOCKERY," A PRIEST SHOULD REFUSE IT

THE TRADITIONAL Anglican Church custom of infant baptism is questioned by Rev. Keith Wood (Vicar of St. Andrew's, Fryerns) in his parish magazine this month.

In the last year he has baptised 111 babies and young children. Only nine had any family connection with his church—no one in the other 102 families was a churchgoer.

"Not one of these parents has so far begun to practice what he promised for his child," says Mr. Wood.

A rare exception will be a little girl called Elisabeth, who is to be christened at this Sunday's evensong. She will be brought up in a household of believing, practising Christians.

"There's nothing hypocritical in making baptismal promises if you believe in them firmly and will do your best to teach your child not only by word of mouth, but also by personal example," Mr. Wood points out.

He suggests a decree to allow a priest to refuse to baptise unless the child belongs to a Christian home in which "the promises made at baptism are not a pure mockery."

Recently Mr. Wood saw a poster outside a church saying: "DON'T HAVE YOUR BABY BAPTISED."

"Hear, hear!" he commented. "I made a mental note to put up a similar poster one day at St. Andrew's."

Change of name for League of Friends of two hospitals?

A CHANGE of name to the League of Friends of St. Andrew's and Mayflower Hospitals, Billericay, will be on the agenda for approval on October 18th, when the League of Friends of St. Andrew's Hospital hold their annual public meeting in the W.I. Hall.

This was announced at the League's Executive Committee's monthly meeting.

The Mayflower was originally known as St. Andrew's Annexe and before that was Billericay Isolation Hospital.

The Committee were informed that work was going ahead for the installation of trolley telephones in Burstead and Villieria wards, the last two at St. Andrew's suite, for the service.

A membership of 346,

which included four new members in the past month, was announced.

The meeting decided to again provide gifts for patients and staff in the hospital on Christmas Day.

FUCHSIA CLUB

Members stood in silent tribute for Mrs. Mascall, a former member of the Pitsea Fuchsia Club, who died recently. Birthday honours went to Mrs. Tull and Mrs. Lowe. A special cake for afternoon tea. Mrs. Harris entertained members with song and dance tunes, and Mrs. Nutman, Mrs. Loman and Mrs. Douglas gave solos.

GREAT BURSTEAD WEDDING

The wedding took place on Saturday at Great Burstead Church of Mr. John Bright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bright, of Maple Mead, South Green, and Miss Margaret Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wells, of Well Mead, South Green. The bride wore a full-length white dress with daisies on the bodice, veil and train and she carried a bouquet of pink roses and a car number plate as an ornament. She was given away by her father. Bridesmaids were Miss Marion Wells, sister of bride, Miss Angela Rayson, bridegroom's cousin, and Miss Debra Whisker, the bride's cousin's daughter.

First on his feet to agree was Coun. Bill Chaik, who said the residents had been cheated.

"The fact that Coun. McQuaker has waited three hours to raise the issue shows the degree of interest he has in this."

"The Council should let the residents have a say in these matters. What are you afraid of? The fact is you would prefer to have a Communist sitting on com-

Residents make a fuss and win committee seat

THE ALLOCATION of seats on Basildon Council committees was criticised by Residents' Association Councillor Alan McQuaker at last week's Council.

His statement, attacking unfair distribution of seats, drew a barrage of comment from Labour councillors and secured a seat on the Security Study Group for new Councillor Brian Hooks, of Billericay Residents' Association.

Coun. McQuaker said the result of the present situation was too much power being vested in too few people. This was dangerous in itself, but it also gave rise to the few councillors being overworked.

"This is undemocratic and an insult to the electorate," he said. "It is wasteful of knowledge, experience and energy available to the Council. It is an insult to Coun. Hooks personally."

SILENT TRIBUTE

Silent tribute was paid to the memory of a former member, Mrs. Mascall, by the members of the Vange branch at their weekly meeting on Friday. She was one of their oldest members. Mrs. Turner, a new member, received a warm welcome; musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Carle and Mrs. Swinburne. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing Bingo with Mrs. Gay and Mrs. Rust as callers.

Target—a hall for Burstead

THE parishioners of Great Burstead want a church hall. And they are setting about raising funds to get it.

Since the demolition of the old vicarage the need for a hall has become very urgent, and ways and means of raising the money required are being sought by the Parochial Church Council.

"Many schemes, such as the sale of Christmas cards by the Mothers' Union, social evenings, increased freewill offerings and other ideas are under way, and, while each may only provide a drop in the ocean, we are confident that our efforts will eventually enable us to provide a hall of which we can all be proud," said a Parochial Church Council member.

BY WALKING, METHODISTS MAY GET £100

ORGANISERS of Billericay Methodist Youth Club's 20-mile walk on Saturday are confident that they reached their £100 target.

"The money has not yet been counted," said an official, "but we're definitely happy that we reached our target."

Forty walkers—Youth Club members and other interested people—left the church in Western Road at 10 a.m., trekked round Hanningfield Reservoir and returned to the church via Wickford.

The walk was in aid of the Club's new football section and general funds. The money will help pay for soccer equipment—boots, shirts, shorts, etc.—and make the Club's kitty look a lot healthier," said an organiser.

Only five of the walkers flagged out, most of them older people. Eldest participant was Miss E. Beckett, who is "over 50" and could not quite manage the sound trip. She retired after 12 miles with blistered feet.

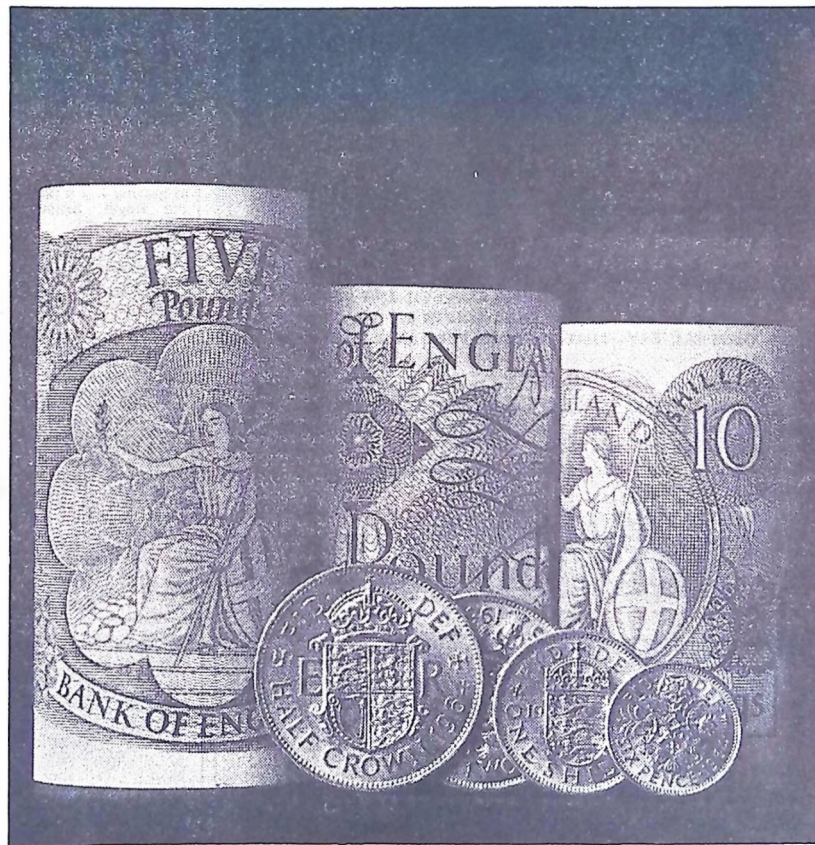
Each walker was sponsored by a number of local industrialists, traders and friends, and the average money staked was 11s. 6d per mile.

WELCOME VISIT

A welcome visit from the ever-popular Mr. and Mrs. Frank White was heartily enjoyed by members of the Laidon No. 1 branch at their weekly meeting at the British Legion Hall. Mr. O. Dew, Mrs. Thorpe, Mrs. Chapman and Mr. G. Walters were the hosts. Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe, two new members, were welcomed, and good wishes went to the branch's sick members, especially Mrs. Ellery, Mrs. F. Sheppard celebrated her birthday and was accorded musical birthday honours. A total of 29 gifts were received for the sale.

PLANNING AHEAD

A concert party from Runwell branch were warmly welcomed at the weekly meeting at Wickford No. 2 branch last Friday. Taking part were Mesdames Robertson, Keeling, Goodard, Thomas and Springham, with Mrs. Christopher at the piano. A speedy recovery of better health was wished for all sick members. It was announced that already the summer holiday for 1968 was being planned. Mr. Perkins presided over the meeting; tea was served by Mesdames Tillard, Perkins, Carmen, Tanner and Hambridge. In charge of raffish, bring-and-buy stall, etc. were Mrs. Read, Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Cleverly, Mr. Adams, Mr. Hambridge and Mr. Perkins.



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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Meet the Adams children



WE HAVE A FAMILY OF HAPPY PALS, NEWLY JOINED THIS WEEK—AND THEY SAY, WITH TRUTH, THAT THEY ARE THE ADAMS FAMILY!

THEY ARE WENDY (8), MARTIN (11), ALINA (9) AND BABY VERONICA (2)—ALL SEEN ABOVE. WENDY, WHO WROTE TO ME, ASKING ME TO ENROL THEM ALL, SAYS THAT THEIR MOTHER SAYS THEY LIVE UP TO THEIR NAME.

I expect there are very few of you who haven't seen the famous television Addams family (with two "D's"). I wonder whether you enjoy their gruesome doings as much as I do? I have a special weakness for that carnivorous plant, that eats its dinner with such obvious enjoyment (to say nothing of its appreciative hiccups!) And I could certainly make use of that most enterprising "Thing," couldn't you?

Big brother Martin Adams insists he is "Thing" when the children at school tease them about being the Adams family, but Wendy says they don't really mind. Welcome to our Happy Pals' League, children; we're delighted to have you. Wendy, you enrolled too late to have your birthday mentioned in the list—but we all wish you many happy returns of the day for October 4th.

We also had two other new Happy Pals who enrolled too late to be mentioned in the birthday list. They are Cheryl Hull, of Great Mistley, Basildon, five on the 6th, and Susan Hull, her sister, eight on the 2nd. Happy birthday, girls!



A FILM TEST FOR MARION

THIS WEEK I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT A YOUNG GIRL WHO COULD VERY WELL HAVE A GREAT FUTURE IN FRONT OF HER. HER NAME IS MARION TANNER (SEEN ABOVE), OF BEECHAMS COURT, LAINDON, AND SHE IS 11 YEARS OLD.

Apart from being a brilliant ballet student, Marion plays the piano and composes music. Already she has her own agent, who has high hopes of getting her a place at the Royal School of Ballet.

This week, Marion is going to take a film test, at the London Academy of Modelling. As you can imagine, at her age it is really quite an achievement.

Marion has two sisters and a brother, and has just started at Woodlands Girls' School. One of her proudest possessions is a certificate for classical ballet, signed by the great Victor Silvester, on behalf of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing.

Marion, I know all our Happy Pals will join me in wishing you all the best of luck in your future career—and of course, the same goes for your film test. I hope we shall be hearing lots more of you, in the not-too-distant future.

AUNTIE LIZ.

BIRTHDAYS

MANY happy returns of day are wished this week for the following Happy Pals:—

Yvonne Anne Brown, of The Hatherley, Basildon, eight; Christine Sims, of St. Mary's Crescent, Pitsea, 10, and Mark Walker, of Mynchens, Basildon, three, all on October 6th; Sandra McQuiggan, of Bardfield, Vange, nine, Sally Atkinson, of Toucan Way, Basildon, Katherine Hall, of Beaufort Road, Billericay, 11, all on October 7th.

Nigel Hallett, of 21st Avenue, Thorpe Bay, 12, and Paula Richards, of Grimston Road, Basildon, 12; Vincent Paul Jordan, of Long Ridge, Basildon, four on October 8th; Pamela Charles, of Rochford Road, Prittlewell, 13, Terry Walker, of Boulton Road, Laundon, seven, Nigel John Hand, of Vowler Road, Langdon Hills, 10, Russell John Saxton, of Boxtons, Basildon, 10, Alfred Russell, of Ramsden Park Road, Billericay, 12, and Linda Karen Pringle, of Kings Edward Road, Laundon, four, all on October 10th.

Michael Wadley, of Beadell Avenue, Westcliff, eight, and John William Boundy, of Sparrows Horn, Basildon, 11, both on October 11th; Vivienne Ann May, of Roberts Road, Laundon, 13, Richard Slater, of Byffets, Basildon, nine, and Helen Rosemary Jones, of The Knowle, Basildon, 11, all on October 12th.

A very happy birthday to you all! AUNTIE LIZ.

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DUMBELLE ***

by Bernard Richardson



The elderly people who live in Witchards, Basildon, were surprised and delighted to see about 60 children, all from Moat House School, Basildon, knocking at their front doors and handing over harvest festival gifts. In charge of the party was Mr. W. Palfreyman, and the children, who went in pairs, delivered 30 parcels. The goods for the parcels came from their own special harvest festival, and Rev. C. Rusbridge supplied a list of names of needy old people who would appreciate a parcel. In the picture above are (left to right) Derek Herbert, Martin Evers, Margaret Harrison, Mrs. Alice De-Botte and Mr. Augustine De-Botte.

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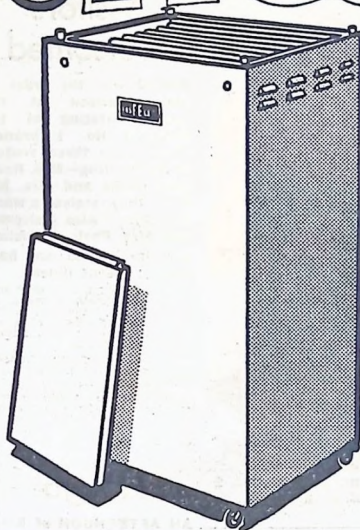
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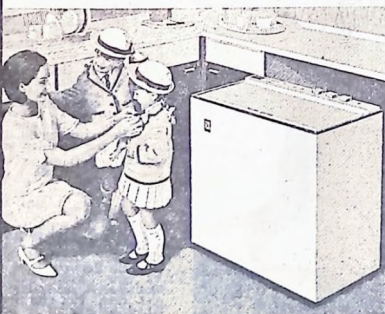


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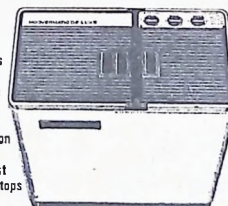


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VETERAN READERS' PAGE



All the nice girls love a sailor! Three happy members of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens' own concert party are (left to right) Mrs. E. Le Brun, Mr. F. Bursell and Mrs. R. Holt.

Visitors welcomed

BINGO was the order of the afternoon at the weekly meeting of the Shotgate No. 1 branch. There were three visitors to the meeting—Mrs. Read, Mrs. Drake and Mrs. McGra; they received a warm welcome. Also welcomed was Mrs. Poole (Assistant Secretary), who was back after a recent illness.

Sick members were sent good wishes for their recovery, including Mrs. Watson, suffering from the effects of a bad fall, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Hubble and Miss Staines.

Musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Good. Mrs. Tanner was the pianist.

Mr. Bunce made special mention of the concert last week, and thanked the tea hostesses, who did such an excellent job.

Bingo

AN AFTERNOON of Bingo was enjoyed by members of the Lee Chapel South O.A.P. at their weekly meeting of the Lee Chapel South Community Centre. Caller was Mr. Roberts, and Mr. G. Rivett was the checker.

A special vote of thanks was moved by Chairman Mr. J. Simpkins, to Mr. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. Rivett, for the splendid work they do every week in preparing the hall for meetings.

All members were told about the new George Hurd Centre, where members can get a well-cooked dinner for 15s. 3d., and can use the TV and radio lounges to rest and chat. Mrs. C. Cornish expressed the hope that old folk in Basildon would make full use of the Centre.

WHEN THEY MADE SURE RABBITS WEREN'T CATS!



QUITE A COMMON sight in the Pitsea district is the upright little figure of Mrs. Caroline Winter pedalling her tricycle along the roads. Although at 77 she no longer cares to visit the Town Centre through Basildon's busiest roads, she still gets herself around to all the meetings that interest her—a pensioners' club, Women's Fellowship meetings, a weekly service at a tiny mission hall a good three miles away, and so on.

Mrs. Winter has one of the happiest smiles, and cheeriest personalities, imaginable. The other members of the Pitsea W.R.V.S. Luncheon Club look forward to her coming in—they say the meal is all the more enjoyable for her jokes and chatter! The W.R.V.S. staff say you always know when she has arrived, by the roars of laughter!

Mrs. Winter, who has just taken up residence in the new old people's bungalows at Parkhurst Road, Pitsea, has been a native of Pitsea for many years. She was born in Poplar and her memories of the old days

in London are still very vivid.

"I can remember how cheap food was; bullock's cheeks, smoked haddocks—a penny each!" she says. "Fish and chips—a ha'penny piece and a ha'porth of chips. I remember the hot potato stalls; the rabbits on the street stalls—and you had to see them skinned, in case they sold you a dead cat!"

Of her schooldays, she says, "They were dreadful! I was always in trouble! Her eyes twinkled, and she goes on to explain, "Being the eldest girl, I had to go shopping before school, so I was always late in. Then I got kept in after school as a punishment, and got punished at home for being kept in! I simply couldn't win any way!"

Until she was 38, Mrs. Winter was in domestic service. Then one day she had a visit from a friend whose brother had lost his wife, and had a young son to bring up. The friend talked to Caroline, and, before she left, she had persuaded her to meet her brother and have tea with him; she felt they would make an ideal couple. They met twice, the second time in Kew Gardens; and on their return they were engaged. "We had 35 years of very happy married life," says Mrs. Winter, emphatically.

During their working life, they ran two small businesses, the second of which was destroyed by a land-mine during the war.

One ambition that was never realised for Mrs. Winter was to go on the stage. When she was a girl such a career was simply not respectable, and the uncle and aunt who brought her up utterly forbade her to think of it. Nevertheless, Caroline Winter has entertained many people in her time—with her fine singing voice, with the St. Michael's Ladies Choir, or simply "playing the fool," as she puts it, in the pensioners' concert party.

Of her trusty tricycle, she says that her husband bought her the first one, and when he saw how well she managed it, he bought her a second, too. He was 80 when he started to ride it, and he rode it practically every day until he died at 88, three years ago. Now her new one lives in the bow of her bright little bungalow.

Lifeboat launching was outing thrill

THE SEPTEMBER activities of the Runwell branch included their annual dinner, which was combined with an outing to Clacton. Members watched the lifeboat launched in the teeth of a gale.

The branch agreed to send a letter to the Federation, backing their fight to get some relief for O.A.P.s of the increase of electricity charges.

Many of the members went for a week's holiday at Cliftonville, and, despite a few showers, had a thoroughly happy holiday.

During the month, the branch's own concert party gave an entertainment which was greatly enjoyed. Mrs. Christopher was the pianist.

The sick list has at present only three members, who were wished a speedy recovery by the Chairman, Mr. R. Croot, on behalf of all members.

Community singing and the solving of a crossword puzzle provided entertainment for other meetings during the month. Members are reminded of the forthcoming bazaar on October 15th.

Twelve are sick

A QUIZ, organised by Mrs. Freeston, Club Secretary, provided entertainment for members of the Basildon Physically Handicapped Club at their weekly meeting on Thursday week.

The Club's sick list now has 12 members, and good wishes were sent to them all, for their recovery. President Rev. W. A. Holden reported that he had been to see Mr. E. Smart, the Chairman, who has been ill for several weeks, and is now making slow progress.

Mrs. Monk played the piano for the sing-song and Mrs. Harwood gave some monologues. Mrs. Furness and Mr. S. Walker sang songs.

Sales of clothing were conducted by Mrs. Corderoy and "Winnie," and tea hostesses were Mrs. Coatman, Miss Morgan, Mrs. Saxby, "Winnie," Mrs. Maxam and Mrs. Holden.

CORRECTION

Mr. C. Davey, of Littlethorpe, Vauxes, who featured in our Peninsula feature in the September issue, writes to say that he was not a member of Steppingbrook, Mrs. Locker, Mrs. Council at one time.

Entertained themselves

IN THE absence of a concert party, members of the Pitsea No. 1 branch entertained themselves at their meeting last week.

Mrs. White was at the piano. Mrs. Chapman gave a monologue, Mrs. Hayward gave one or two comic songs and Mr. Judge sang some ballads.

Birthday honours were accorded to Mr. R. Chambers. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Andrew. A hearty welcome back was given to Mrs. Barthrum and Carrie and Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox who have been on the sick list for some time.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Mrs. Russell was the pianist for an afternoon of community singing at the weekly meeting of the Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens.

Chairman Mrs. E. Thurston presided and Mrs. Patterson, at present in hospital, was sent good wishes for her recovery. A gift of a cot blanket was sold for the funds. Mr. Chatting and his helpers served tea.

BACK AGAIN

Members of Billerley O.A.P. who had been away on holiday, and, despite a few showers, had a thoroughly happy holiday.

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GOOD TIME COMING

Members of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens' Club enjoyed entertainment given by their own colleagues at their weekly meeting on Thursday.

Soloists were Mrs. Holt, Mr. Le Brun and Mr. Pursell; Mr. Bundy played the drums and Mrs. Moreday was the pianist. Mrs. Green, absent through sickness, was sent the good wishes of all members for her recovery. Musical birthday honours went to two members, with Mrs. Moreday at the piano.

Forthcoming attractions for the Club were announced by Chairman Mrs. N. A. Baker, and included a trip round Essex and a visit to a theatre.

Mrs. Le Brun and her helpers served tea and Mrs. Cartwright conducted clothing sales.

HAPPY TIME

Members spent a happy afternoon playing Bingo at the weekly meeting of Ghyllgrove O.A.P. on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Secretary, were the callers. Among the forthcoming attractions for Club members will be a concert on October 21st, at the Basildon Congregational Church hall; a Play Leadership show on October 14th, at Timberlog School; and at their next meeting, a distribution of harvest festival goods, donated by the Headmistress and children of Ghyllgrove Infants' School.

Mrs. Patterson, who is in hospital, was sent good wishes by everyone for her recovery; and a hearty welcome back went to Mrs. Cushman. Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Adams, returning after illness. Members received a visit from Rev. A. Dunlop who was made very welcome. Two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Herson, were welcomed; and Mrs. Martin, Club Registrar, announced that there were now 106 members. Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Cushman were in charge of tea money, sales and Bingo tickets. Tea was served by Miss Scarsbrook, Mrs. Locker, Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Bennett.



Members of the Lee Chapel North O.A.P. Club who were entertained by a concert party from Westcliff at their meeting last week.



Members of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens at their weekly meeting at Pemberry Hall, Basildon.

Basildon does well in giving blood to save lives

AN INJURED motorist, blood pumping from his wounds, is carried to a waiting ambulance and almost immediately his veins receive a supply of the life-giving fluid—drawn from someone he will never know.

But in the agony of the moment he scarcely notices the bottle suspended above his arm. Certainly he pays it no more attention than the little girl, cruelly burned, who soothes away her shock.

Both casualties, in fact, know as little as the man in the street—apart from the country's million and a half blood donors—of the hours of work which ensured that each bottle's contents was an exact match for the patients' needs.

As far as this part of Essex—and north-eastern London—is concerned, this painstaking work is carried out in a secluded, modern building in Brentwood. The North-East Metropolitan Regional Blood Transfusion Centre.

Nerve centre

Built in 1955 and improved with three major extensions, it is the nerve centre of blood supplies for 129 hospitals.

It meets the demands of hospitals as far apart as Southend, Harwich and London (the latter calls for 7,000 pints of blood each year), caters for a population of three-and-a-half millions and handles 113,000 pints of blood a year. Each week the centre collects and stores 2,200 bottles of blood.

When a donor sees his or her blood trundled away in a pink pot it does not, as many people think, go straight to the blood bank.

It is put through the most rigorous checks and re-checks by the 200 staff at Brentwood, who use some of the most modern equipment in the world.

Every donor's blood is checked and has to be ready for dispatch to any needy hospital not later than 4 p.m. the next day.

Blood taken from a donor totals two-thirds of a pint, the bottle already being one-third full with an anti-clotting solution. Mr. Average has about ten pints of blood flowing through the hundreds of miles of veins in his body and he does not miss what he gives away.

100,000 donors

It takes him about half-an-hour to regain the volume of blood he has lost, and ten days to make up the red cells.

There are over 100,000 donors in the region giving their blood twice yearly. In Southend there are 1,500, in Basildon 1,000, in Thurrock 600 and in Tilbury 300.

Stanford-le-Hope now holds separate sessions and has yielded 300 donors, while in South-East Essex Rayleigh leads with 700. Rochford has 500-600 donors, Thundersley has 500 and Canvey 450.

Donors who have given ten pints of blood are presented with a bronze medal; 25-pinters get the silver and 50-pint veterans—of whom there are 200 in the region—are awarded the gold. Every donor this year gets a small certificate to mark the Transfusion Service's 21st birthday.

When blood has been tested for grouping, disease and harmful antibodies (these attack a healthy person's red cells) it is stored just above freezing level in a vast refrigerator.

Pure blood is not kept for more than 21 days; but

plasma—a clear fluid which rises to the top of the bottle—keeps for eight years.

Sometimes the plasma is deliberately separated from the blood—for example when the donor has had malaria. His blood—which carries the virus—is thrown away and the plasma is kept in packets about the size of a box of frozen peas.

The Centre has had to expand. More blood is demanded now than at the height of the Blitz in 1940.

This is partly due to the population explosion and the development of the car. But it is also because of the more complex surgery carried out today; a heart-lung operation, for instance, needs 80-100 pints of blood.

This Brentwood Centre is equipped with sophisticated research laboratories, a registry office, checking apparatus and four part-time needle sharpeners. (Needles destined for the patient's arm get special attention.)

Pride of the Centre is Henry—properly called an auto-analysing—who resides in the research laboratory and does sterling work in detecting harmful antibodies.

Antibodies are the cause of Rhesus babies and, if undetected, attack a healthy person's blood. And Henry is the only fellow in Europe who can measure them in weight.

He was originally an American machine, but was modified by the British, and cost several thousand pounds.

It was at Brentwood's research laboratory, in 1956, that the "I" blood group system, which causes anaemia, was discovered.

The Centre even takes care of pregnant women. In the ante-natal department the blood of every mother-to-be in the region is checked.

And if a Rhesus baby (a child with its blood cells destroyed) is born, a perfectly safe and compatible blood group will be instantly available for retransfusion.

Vital match

That the new blood matches is vital. If it does not there is an almost 50/50 chance of the child dying.

Finding two blood specimens the same is not as easy as it sounds. The well-known ABO and Rhesus groups

have many sub-types and blood from 10,200 donors was once tested before two people were found whose group matched the patient's.

The new laboratory has been built with the future in mind. The number of blood donors is expanding by a steady five or seven per cent each year and the demand for blood is ever present.

So the extension has been designed with room for the developments of the next ten years—a decade which may see the Centre handling 200,000 pints of blood a year. Giving blood is painless and saves lives. Donors are called on twice a year and, as already explained, do not miss what they give.

No ill-effects

There are no ill-effects—if you are unsuitable the experts who check your blood will reject you. And although the Centre never attempts to give medical treatment or advice, a rejected donor may be told that it would be wise to see his doctor.

You can become a blood donor by writing to the Regional Blood Transfusion Director, Regional Blood Transfusion Centre, Crescent Drive, Brentwood.

The actual session takes about half-an-hour; ten minutes giving blood and a 20 minutes rest.

WHY NOT HAVE A GO? AFTER ALL YOU GET A CUP OF TEA OUT OF IT. AND THE MOTORIST AND THE LITTLE GIRL GET THEIR LIVES.

SPEED UP SHOTGATE SEWERAGE SCHEME — BID FAILS

A MOVE to speed up Shotgate sewerage extension scheme was blocked at Thursday's Basildon Council meeting.

The suggestion was by Coun. Joe Morgan, leader of the opposition, who pointed out the scheme had been in the estimates since 1965.

The scheme was subject of an inquiry held in July and Basildon Council are waiting for a Ministry decision before they go ahead. They hope to start in April next year.

Coun. Morgan recommended that work should start immediately the Ministry's decision is released—this year if necessary.

"If we don't get a decision tonight," retorted Coun. Morgan, "we will be no nearer to it in May next year."

Chairman of the Works Committee Coun. James Lyon said: "It is subject to a lot of things. If for some reason the Ministry think the tenders are too high then we will have to start again."

He added: "Mr. Morgan seems to think that we would start the scheme in the middle of winter."

The motion to start immediately the Ministry give their decision was defeated 21-10.

PLAY AREA PROPOSED

BASILDON Council's Housing Committee are having preliminary discussions on a £1,550 play area at Rettendon Gardens, Wintle.

An architect's plan has been submitted to the Committee, although a date has not been fixed for work to start. Council officers are looking into the possibility of taking on full responsibility—building and maintaining—before further steps are taken.

New Clerk takes over



The retiring Clerk to Runwell Parish Council (Mr. A. E. Wood) hands over to the new Clerk (Mrs. E. Harbert) at Monday evening's Council meeting.

Petition laughed out of Council

A PETITION with 1,000 signatures protesting against the high admission charges to Basildon Council's new swimming pool was laughed out of the Council Chamber last week.

The petition, handed to Recreation Committee Chairman Coun. Derrick Pope, had wrong prices quoted in the preamble. Prepared by Coun. Ken Tyson, it had taken weeks of collection.

In three cases prices of admission to the pool had been misquoted. It said children's admission was 2s. and adult admission was 3s. 6d. and 4s.

Said a happy Coun. Pope: "This is a clear case of a Tyson-type survey. They always go wrong."

"I feel very sorry for the people who have been misled into signing this petition. They were obviously led up the garden. Personally, I would have signed the petition if prices were as he quoted."

them on the petition form." The prices are, in fact, as follows: Normal periods—2s. 6d. for adults, 1s. for children. Peak periods and weekends—3s. for adults, 1s. 6d. for children.

MR. W. J. TAYLOR
Mr. William John Taylor, of Park Stores, Stock Road, Billericay, died on Sunday aged 81. Mr. Taylor, who lived in Billericay, spent his last years, was buried at his home town, Horchurch, on Thursday.

FOLK FIVE
The Crowstone Folk Five, a Christian folk group from Southend, sang at St. Gabriel's Church, Prittle, evening service on Sunday. "It was our harvest festival weekend and attendees were excellent," said the Rector, Rev. Arthur Harvey.

A TYPICAL SESSION IN PROGRESS, WITH DONORS GIVING THEIR BLOOD.



£93 in handbag, but she stole goods worth 14s. 5d.

A WOMAN in a Basildon self-service store put articles in her basket and covered them with a paper bag. She put a packet of gherkins in the crook of her arm, then, as she left, picked up a bottle of bleach.

She went through an empty check-out, showed the bleach to an assistant and asked her to take for it as she was in a hurry.

The woman, Mrs. Julia Pearce, left without paying for the other articles, Mr. T. Lavelle (prosecuting) told Haverley Justices on Tuesday.

Pearce, of Mapleford Sweep, Basildon, pleaded not guilty to stealing groceries worth 14s. 5d. belonging to Victor Value.

The case was found proved and she was fined £20, with two guineas costs, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment.

Mr. Lavelle said that at the time of the alleged offence Pearce had £93 in her handbag and about £12 16s. in two purses.

Pearce admitted to the Police she had not paid for the goods. "It was not intentional, I felt so ill and confused," she said.

She had taken some tablets for hay fever before going into the shop.

Pearce told the Court she vaguely remembered being in the shop and knew she had to get out. After that she did not remember anything until she was in the Police Station.

People—and what they are doing...



They're on the way to New Zealand

A NEW life "down under" is awaiting Mrs. Julie Ruane, 48, of Clay Hill Road, Basildon. She sailed to New Zealand on Tuesday accompanied by her daughter, Delia, 15.

They will be joining Mrs. Ruane's husband, Patrick, who is already there, and who has found a small bungalow for them.

The Ruane family have lived in Basildon for four years, and Mrs. Ruane will miss all her friends and workmates very much. On the other hand, she is looking forward to her new life.

A grand farewell party was given for her at the Prince of Wales, Laindon, last week, by her friends and colleagues at Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd. She has been with the firm from 1958, with a break when Delia was born.

Her gifts from them all included a quilted dressing gown, jewellery and a cheque. From the girls on her own section she received a half-sovereign, mounted in a gold ring and suspended on a gold chain.

The greatest wrench for the Ruane family was parting with their dog, which they had had for three years. "That was an awful night, the night he went!" says Mrs. Ruane.

Delia was a former pupil of Woodlands Girls' School. She will be going to a new school in New Zealand.

Back from New Zealand

SETTLING down in their home at Noak Hill Road, Billericay, are Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Cockerill, who have arrived back in Britain after nearly 18 years in New Zealand.



Mr. and Mrs. Cockerill, of Noak Hill, Billericay.

"I've enjoyed every minute of it," Mrs. Dorothy Cockerill said. Her married daughter, Sandra (22), will be arriving from New Zealand at Christmas to spend a few years here.

Mr. Cockerill, Chief Marine Inspector for the United Kingdom of the Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society, Ltd., was posted back by his employers. He is a life underwriter.

Though Mrs. Cockerill remembers Britain as home, she still pines for her cliff-top house overlooking Auckland Bay and the sub-tropical climate which she describes as "pleasantly mediocre."

Mr. and Mrs. Cockerill, who lived in Surrey before going overseas, have been round the world three times, seeing Australia, South Africa, Vietnam, China and many other countries. What is the most striking change in Britain since they left? "The affluence," said Mrs. Cockerill without hesitation. "Everybody has a car; everybody goes on Continental holidays and there's a lot of money about. When we left—although it was soon after the war—money was scarce. Nobody ever thought of Continental holidays or buying cars. We drove through London the other day and couldn't believe it... thousands of cars everywhere."

"And we thought we were in a foreign country because there were so many different languages being spoken—Spanish, French, German, etc."

The couple came to Billericay because it was the nearest rural area to where Cyril works, Romford. Will the couple stay in Britain? "I don't really know," Dorothy smiled. "We will certainly be here for two years—but I'm not sure what will happen after that. We like the open air—putting our plants inside the house and living outside—and you can't do that in England."

Time for a rest

LESLIE Grinyer (38) does not believe he is indispensable, but hundreds of villagers in Crays Hill are not so sure! Founder and Chairman of Crays Hill Horticultural Society Show for 15 years,

A farewell party was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Laindon, by members of S.T.C., Ltd., Coil Shop to say goodbye to their supervisor, Mrs. Julie Ruane, who is emigrating to New Zealand.



Mr. Les Grinyer, retiring from the Crays Hill Horticultural Society Chairmanship after 16 years.

Mr. Grinyer, a composer, of Oak Avenue, has resigned and the villagers fear the show will become extinct unless somebody quickly

Mr. John Mansie—who keeps 40 birds in the garden aviary of his Whitmore Way home—is the new Secretary of Basildon Cage Bird Society.

He has taken over from Mr. Bert Smith, of Sunnyside, Pitsea. A British Railways overhead wireman, Mr. Mansie specialises in British birds. "Very few people keep British birds," he told a reporter. "Because of the laws to protect wild birds, you can only keep them if they are bred in captivity and ringed. His interest in birds started at the age of 14, when he kept a pigeon and canary. Now he has six champion fan-tail pigeons—as pets for his daughter Jacqueline."

Mr. Mansie's wife Ann also shares his interest and helps with the Society's bookwork. A 29-year-old cockney, he joined the Society two years ago when he came from Bow. His aviary includes chaffinches, wrenwings, bullfinches, greenfinches and yellowhammers.



New secretary



THERE IS an organisation man behind every community centre. And at Bowers Gifford—the newest of the Basildon centres—that means Community Association Secretary Mr. John Harvey (seen above).

volunteers to take on the A task.

But, said Mr. Grinyer: "I don't think there is any real danger of the show winding up just because I have given up. I am sure someone else will come forward to take on the job—after all no one is indispensable."

"If, however, nobody comes forward, the Show Committee will just have to find some means of sharing the work between them. They cannot possibly give up the show. It has been Crays Hill's greatest day for years."

"I am sorry in a way that I shall not be taking such an active part in the show anymore, but after 15 years I felt I deserved a rest. I think it was also about time I stepped down to give someone else the chance of running the event."

A hymn wanted

OFFERED for a modern hymn—a £550 prize by St. Andrew's Church, Fryerns. It has to be written on a subject of Christian concern "viewed from 1967 and not from the neo-gothic standpoint of the Victorian hymn-writers."

The competition is set by Rev. Keith Wood, the Vicar. The winning hymn will be sung in St. Andrew's for the very first time, he adds. How about it, you budding psalmists?

Bowers Gifford is the little community between Pitsea and Ta. pots, which calls itself a village. It certainly has community spirit for it worked over the years to raise the £6,000 that built the Community Centre.

This was opened in March last year. First Secretary of the Association was Mrs. H. M. Westlake, who is now Treasurer. Mr. Harvey took over from her in September.

A reporter asked how the village reacted to its long-awaited Centre. "The socials and dances have been pretty well attended," he said. "But some of the evening sessions are not very well attended."

He feels this lack of support may be because some people find nothing to attract them to the Centre. "You need a variety of things to attract people and get them interested," he pointed out.

So far about 10 clubs use the centre. Latest is the Cine Club, formed last month—who were well supported at their first meeting. A number of their members comes from outside Bowers Gifford. Mr. Harvey came to the village from Wales 10 years ago. He is married with three children, Nell (13), Lynne (11) and Jacqueline (10).

RED CROSS INSPECTION

DETACHMENTS FROM Billericay, Wickford, Basildon, Rayleigh and Hockley attended the annual meeting and inspection of Billericay Division of the British Red Cross Society at Wickford on Wednesday week.

Chairman was Divisional President Mr. King and also present were Mrs. W. D. Gosling (President of Essex branch), Miss P. Cass (branch Secretary), Mrs. I. Jenkins (Divisional Secretary), Mrs. J. Harvey (Divisional Nursing Superintendent), Divisional Youth Officer and Treasurer (Mr. A. J. Barcham) and Divisional Training Officer Mr. F. W. C. Kiches.

During the evening Mrs. Gosling presented Mrs. King with the fifth clasp to the Voluntary Medical Services Medal representing 40 years' service, and congratulated Barbara Hutton on gaining the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. Mrs. G. West was also presented with the Voluntary Medical Services Medal for 15 years' service.

Mrs. King gave a detailed report of the work of the Division during 1966, which covered almost every aspect of Red Cross work, including hospital duties, first-aid posts, escort duties, the physically handicapped and visits to elderly and sick people.

In her address Mrs. Gosling congratulated the Division on the enormous amount of work they had undertaken during the year, but she said it was obvious more members were needed to cope with the expansion of their activities. More men were especially needed. Financial help and manpower were matters of extreme urgency, particularly in Essex, she concluded.

After the meeting nurses and men paraded for inspection by Mrs. Gosling and were again congratulated on their excellent turnout.

Safe drivers

THREE local men—all from the Billericay depot of the Milk Marketing Board—were last week presented with safe driving awards.

They were Mr. W. West, of Perry Street, Billericay; Mr. S. Barnes, of Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse, and Mr. K. Willis, of Langham Crescent, Billericay, who won the awards in an annual competition sponsored by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, and also received M.M.B. cash prizes.

Mr. West's award was for 11 years' safe driving, Mr. Willis' for 13 years and Mr. Barnes' for 12 years.

The awards were presented by Mr. G. C. Mathews, RoSFA Eastern Region representative.

The men were three of 43 from the Billericay, Hoddesdon and Leigh-on-Buzzard transport depots of the Board.

Drivers from the three depots transport 28 million gallons of milk, collected from four counties, two million miles every year.

At the peak period in early summer these drivers were responsible for the collection of 100,000 gallons every day.

Said Mr. D. P. Curtis, Depot Superintendent at Hoddesdon: "At least 90 per cent of our drivers eligible for the competition have received safe driving awards this year—a very fair indication of how safety-conscious drivers are at Billericay and the other depots."

600 VISITORS

Some 600 visitors are estimated to have attended the Festival of Arts and Flowers for festivals held by St. Mary's Church, London Hills, in August. A total of £28 was received in gifts at the church bazaar, and £15 was taken in refreshments. Visitors came from as far away as Japan, Uganda and Canada, and the Rev. E. C. Telford was delighted with the Festival's successful success.

Council in training

COURSES are being organised to train councillors in the work of local government at Basildon—one course for Conservatives and a second for Labour councillors.

Town Manager Mr. David Taylor told the Public Relations Committee about the official course, and members of the minority Labour group said they would run "a similar but more intensive course."

Council officers will speak at the courses. The meeting agreed to let the Labour group use Council duplicating facilities for work on their course.

OLD PAINTINGS

Three watercolour paintings of London Hills were presented to the Rector of St. Mary's Church, Rev. E. C. Telford, by the daughter of a former groom at the Rectory. They were painted by the daughter of Rev. Mr. Peole, Rector of St. Mary's from 1886 to 1904.

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Memorial to a beloved doctor

THE MEMORY of the "kind doctor who had a way with children" was perpetuated at Laindon on Tuesday, when a plaque was unveiled at the school which bears his name—Chowdhary Junior School.

Dr. Dharm Sheel Chowdhary was loved by many in Laindon. The programme for the ceremony stated: "It was not for any single achievement, but because to everyone who knew him he was, quite simply, a 'good man'.

"More than anything else, it was his way with children that led to the naming of the school after him. He could always win over the most timid or frightened child with a packet of sweets he kept in his drawer.

"For an ill child he would drop everything and go at once. If in the days before the National Health Service the parents were badly off, he would never charge a fee," said the programme.

"His sad death in 1959 deprived the Urban District not only of a first-class doctor, but also of a unique and unforgettable personality.

The plaque, given by his wife Mrs. Savitri Chowdhary, was unveiled by her son, Mr. George Chowdhary Best. It was dedicated by the Rural Dean, Rev. Arthur Dunlop (see picture above).

Mrs. Chowdhary also presented photographs of the Doctor to Mrs. V. F. Griffiths (Head of the Infant School) and Mr. P. F. Jones (Head of the Junior School). Also handed over was the Chowdhary Cup to Mr. G. LeSurr, Chairman of the Monarchs.

A tribute to Dr. Chowdhary was paid at the ceremony by Coun. D. Pope, Vice-Chairman of the Education Committee. A vote of thanks was proposed by Coun. G. E. Field (Chairman of the Education Committee).

Harvest gifts for lepers

HARVEST festival services at the three churches of Laindon-cum-Basildon Parish at the weekend were well attended. "The churches were full at the major services," said Rural Dean Rev. Arthur Dunlop.

Gifts were later sent to the leper home of St. Giles at East Hanningfield.

At the Sunday morning service in St. Martin's Town Centre, members of the Sunday School presented four flags for dedication. The group has now been split into teams.

Children at Holy Cross Church saw a display explaining the aims and activities of their Sunday School.

Harvest festival feeling at St. Nicholas', Laindon, was increased by an out-sized bird's nest in the wall. Someone filled a medieval stoup—a holy water basin—with straw and put a few eggs in the nest.



Mr. Michael William Murray, of Belmont Park Road, Leyton, married Miss Madeleine Elizabeth Cook, of Salisbury Drive, Billericay, at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay, on Saturday. Bridesmaid was Miss Debbie Sandelson, niece of the bride, and best man was Mr. Brian Murray, bridegroom's brother. (Picture by Peter L. Sexton).



Mr. Frederick Branch, of Nether Priors, Basildon, and the former Miss Carol Fortnam, of Cressalls, Basildon, are honeymooning following their wedding on Saturday at St. Martin's Church, Basildon. The bride had six attendants. They were Sheila Gilton, June Summers, Maureen Summers, Christine Summers, Carolyn Branch and Alison Branch. Best man was Mr. Ray O'Shea, and the couple were wed by Rural Dean Rev. Arthur Dunlop.



St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, was the scene on Saturday of the wedding of Mr. Peter Alfred Moser, of Cressalls, Basildon, who married Miss Linda Dergi O'Loughlin, of Markham Chase, Basildon. Rev. K. Plaster officiated. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of flocked nylon, cut into a train, with an underdress of white silk. A crystal coronet held her bouffant veil, and she carried a bouquet of white carnations, yellow rosebuds, stephanotis and lilies of the valley. She was attended by two of her sisters, the Misses Lorraine and Dawn O'Loughlin, and Miss Pamela Tiskett, the bridegroom's cousin.

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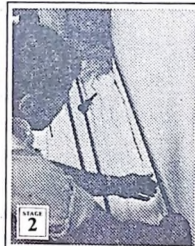
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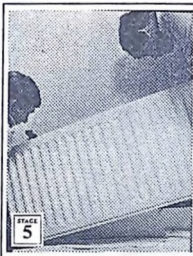
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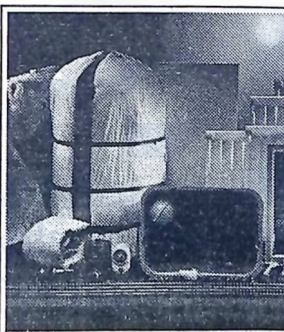
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CORPORATION AND YOUNGSTERS COMING TO TERMS

BASILDON DEVELOPMENT Corporation and New Town youngsters are coming to terms on the provision of self-supporting play areas.

They have agreed to a joint programme of providing cycle racing tracks in Barstable, Vange, Pitsea and Lee Chapel North.

The programme has already started in Barstable, where a track already prepared by the Corporation is being extended and banked.

The agreement followed a petition organised by the youngsters of Barstable. It was presented to the Corporation with the help of Barstable Councillors, Joe Morgan and George Elder. They were assisted by Mr. Ted Wadey, Chairman of the Barstable Labour Party.

Organising the "coalition" is the Corporation's Chief Landscape Architect, Mr. Patrick Dawson, who last week offered to put to good use the excess energies of vandals in the district.

Said Mr. Dawson: "It seems that at last we are coming to terms with the youngsters in the town. Too many of them sit back and expect everything to be provided for them—then they are not satisfied."

"This time they have come forward, told us what they want and offered to do something towards it themselves."

"The Corporation are limited in what they can spend money on, but there are occasions where they can help out."

The Corporation will do all the earth-moving work and provide surfacing. Youngsters will lay the surface themselves.

At Barstable the track will be enlarged. Surfacing and fencing will be supplied.

At Vange a new track will be cut and surfacing supplied. This track will be near Puck Lane.

At Lee Chapel North, on waste land in Falstones, the track will be cut out and surfacing supplied.

And in Pitsea similar conditions will apply. But here a concrete vandal-proof shed will also be supplied for meetings of cyclists and for cycle repairs.

A Halson committee has been formed between youngsters who hope to form neighbourhood leagues and Mr.

Coun. Joe Morgan said: "The Corporation are to be congratulated on this move towards a better understanding of the youth of the New Town."

MOTHERS' SOCIAL

Over 30 members attended a social at the September evening meeting of Bilericav Mothers' Club. Prizewinners of games were: Elimination Bingo, Mrs. D. Dean; Mrs. Maskell for having the oldest coin in her purse; Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Braybrook for dressing as a mummified "mummy," and Mrs. J. Dompeter, who won the raffia.

VICAR AND SONIC BOOMS

QUOTE BY Rev. Keith Wood (Vicar of St. Andrew's, Fryerns) on sonic booms:

"We're all in favour of progress, but not progress at any price; and shattered nerves, heart attacks, surgical accidents, maddened dogs, frightened children and the like seem altogether too high a price to pay for the benefit of the chosen few who want to be where they're going before we've left where they are."

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Long wait for bus shelters

IF BASILDON Council continue to build bus shelters at their present rate it will be 58 years before every bus stop in the urban district has a shelter.

This was stated at Basildon Council's meeting on Thursday when Coun. Ken Tyson urged that provision should be made to speed up the programme.

There are 170 bus stops in the district which justify bus shelters—but the work involved would cost £30,000.

Coun. Tyson complained: "It seems silly that in this day and age a housewife can't wait at a bus stop without the risk of getting drowned by rain."

Coun. James Lyon, Chairman of Works, said: "I entirely agree with Mr. Tyson, but we only have £1,000 a year to spend on bus shelters—and £400 of that is spent on maintenance due to damage by vandals."

Coun. Joe Morgan quipped that unless the scheme was put in the capital works programme it would be 58 years before all the bus shelters were equipped.

Leader of the Council Coun. A. V. Stockley said the estimated sum of providing 170 shelters was larger than they had anticipated, and they were therefore contacting Eastern National in the hope that they will help foot the bill.

"We want to get the money without using cap-in-hand to the ratepayers," said Mr. Stockley.

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DOUBTFUL BENEFITS OF A FAMILY RECREATION CENTRE —ACCORDING TO A COUNCILLOR

A RUN - DOWN kursaal of the worst type. A motel catering for the worst possible clientele. This could be the legacy of a Development Corporation plan for a family recreation centre in Cranes Farm Road, according to Basildon Council's leader, Coun. Anthony Stockley.

He was summing up after a heated Council debate on Thursday on why the Planning Committee had not given the go-ahead for the project, said to involve a £2M. private investment.

The Committee decided to tell the County Council and the Ministry that insufficient information had been given.

But the Labour benches took exception to the decision. Coun. Geoffrey Bond started the ball rolling by submitting an amendment, later defeated, giving Council support to the scheme subject to suitable detailed plans being provided.

Coun. Gerald Krejzl agreed: "We can never have too many recreational facilities in this new town."

Outside aid

"Unless a private developer does the job, we will not get anything like this until the end of the century. If people from outside are willing to come in and do the job we should let them."

"There are people in the City putting up the money—they know where the money is going. Let's see what this is all about and not just throw it away."

Recreation Chairman Coun. Derrick Pope, replying, said: "If all these things were to be provided it would be very nice."

"But there are a few things to be thought about. It would not be much use getting up a petition about the charges, because they would have to be economic."

Coun. F. J. Champ agreed and added: "We want a properly phased plan and we want to know where the money is coming from. We don't want to end up with just a motel and nothing else."

Summing up, Coun. Stockley emphasised the Council were

not against the idea in principle. What they wanted was a sound private enterprise.

"We know the cost of these things," he said. "If it does not make a profit, it will go bankrupt and we will be left with a run-down kursaal of the worst type."

"We don't want this to be wasted land. There must be other developers who have really viable schemes. For instance, a greyhound stadium would be viable."

"My personal fears are that this is an attempt to persuade the Council to allow a motel on the Arterial Road, catering for the worst possible clientele."

HARVEST SOCIAL

There was a welcome for the new Assistant Curate of Wickford (Rev. T. Gilling) when he attended a Harvest social in St. Andrew's large hall last week. Mr. Ron Goodwin was M.C. and caterer was arranged by Mrs. B. Harvey.

AFRICAN TRADE

On Monday at their weekly luncheon Rotary Club had as speaker Mr. Brian Clarke, of Chelmsford. His subject was the pattern of trade in West Africa. Rotarian Bert Phelps presided.

THE POOR OLD C. OF E.!

ASKS REV. Keith Plaister in this month's Laidon-cum-Basildon parish magazine: "Ought the church to be still filling in gaps left by the Welfare State?"

He suggests that instead of running a youth club, St. Martin's Church should agitate to persuade the local authorities to provide better facilities themselves.

"With their resources, they are in a position to do far more than the poor old C. of E.," Mr. Plaister, a young curate, says.

"Let us not, above all, be deluded into thinking that because in the mid-1950's it may have been considered a status symbol for a church to possess a flourishing youth club, it is necessarily so today," he adds.

Basildon man is fined and sent to prison

TERENCE HILL (22), of Takely Ride, Basildon, pleaded guilty at Billericay on Tuesday to taking and driving away a motor car without the owner's consent; driving without insurance and "L" plates and unaccompanied by a competent driver; stealing £1 19s. 1d. while employed by Normand Ltd., Roundacre Service Station, Basildon, and falsification of accounts.

Hill, who had previous convictions, was fined £24 with three months' imprisonment as an alternative for the motoring offences and he was sent to prison for six months on the other two charges.

He was also disqualified from driving for two years.

Michael Olley (18), of Ardleigh, Basildon, pleaded not guilty to being carried in a car knowing it had been taken without consent.

The Bench found there was no case to answer and Olley was discharged.

Prosecuting, Mr. T. Lavelle said that the manager of the Service Station found a car missing from the forecourt where Hill was employed as an attendant on night shift.

The car was stopped in Southend by the Police. Hill was the driver and Olley was in the passenger seat. Hill said the car belonged to his mate, but admitted it had come from the Service Station when a sign saying "For Sale. £50" was seen on the back seat.

In Court Hill said he was short of money at the time he committed the offences.

Remodelled

AN estimate at £260,541 for extending and re-modelling Billericay County Secondary School was approved by Essex Education Committee on Monday.



Wickford Fanciers' Society held their monthly show at the Castle Hotel, Wickford, on Sunday afternoon. Our picture shows some of the younger members admiring a silver Rex.

Ruthless amalgamation of churches is advocated

DISCUSSION OF the Chelmsford Diocese report of the Bishop's Lay Commission by the Basildon Deanery clergy and laymen on Tuesday inevitably led to the question: What are the laity prepared to do for the Church?

The report, released in May this year, was prepared by nine laymen, including Mr. R. C. Boniface, General Manager of Basildon Development Corporation.

It coldly examined the role of the church in the diocese over the next 15 years when the population would reach nearly half-a-million people. And this in the light of spreading existing resources.

A summary of the report was given by a member of the group who prepared it, Mr. D. R. Pelly. Assisting him was the Archdeacon of Southend, the Ven. W. N. Welch.

Mr. Pelly said the laity must be prepared to help the clergy more fully to allow them to tackle the more urgent problem of spreading the Christian message.

He was horrified at the decline of the church—he estimated that at the present rate of decline, by the year 2000 there would be no more confirmations.

Mr. Pelly stressed that in many cases, laymen who were not eloquent enough to express their religion did the church more harm than good by trying. This was the job of the parson.

The Rural Dean, the Rev. A. Dunlop, who presided, observed: "We can begin to take action now. The laity could do more to relieve the clergy of paperwork. Do you realise how much paperwork your priest has to do? Have you considered expenses for your priest to run his car or scooter? Or a secretary to help him with paperwork?"

"Why do the clergy have to be approached before anything can be done?" Proposals in the Commission's report include those for financial consolidation. Said Mr.

Pelly: "There is not as much money in Basildon as there may be in older areas for building churches."

On parish amalgamation, he told clergy: "The only way we can get enough ministers is by amalgamation of parishes. This would be achieved by combining, say, two out of three churches. We mean ruthless amalgamation to build up the body of the main church."

"Sell the churches? We can't afford to keep them just sitting there as ancient monuments. We can't allow our faith to be spent on preserving bricks and mortar."

"If we don't do some of these things, it is our

opinion that the church is going to go out of business. We must have the last ounce out of our resources. But it is vital to realise that this must be done with the co-operation of the individual parishes."

The Archdeacon replied: "Recruiting parsons is very difficult. Many men are married when they are ordained. I know many parsons whose wives are very disillusioned over this."

Local wills

Mrs. Elizabeth Violet Plummer, of Newenden Road, Wickford, who died on July 29th, was wife of Mr. John Henry Plummer, left £4,840 7s. gross, £3,260 6s. net.

Mrs. Edith Mary Darby, of Runcell Road, Wickford, died on July 4th, left £28,378 2s. gross, £28,448 2s. net (estate £5,192).

TORIES QUIZ

A quiz was held between Basildon and London Conservatives and a Young Conservatives at a meeting in High Road, London, on Wednesday week. Susan Minkin, John Tait, Stuart Orrock and Tony Tait, all from Basildon, were the winners. John Godwin, John Hayner and Derek Owers, all from Basildon, were runners-up. The quiz was won by Basildon's Chairman Derek Banks.

Cut-price opening for new centre

BECAUSE OF the need for financial economies, Runwell Hospital Management Committee have decided that there should be no opening ceremony on a formal basis for their new £15,000 patients' social centre.

Their ban will also cover other small buildings in the hospital grounds.

The social centre will commence to operate as soon as a head of the department—ward sister or charge nurse—has been appointed. The Committee are now considering the appointment.

Help towards the cost of the building came from King Edward's Fund for London (£11,000); the North-East Metropolitan Board (£1,000); and gifts amounting to £3,000, from

Miss Doris Burrows, a member of the Management Committee, in memory of her mother and father; the Wickford Rotary Club have supplied chairs and other furnishings for the games room.

A plaque commemorating the gifts has been put up in the centre.



The wedding between Mr. Denis Chambers, of Grange Cottage, Begger Hill, Ingatstone, and Miss Jean Margaret Cole, of Scrub Rise, Billericay, took place on Saturday at Billericay Roman Catholic Church.

Father Geoffrey Pye conducted the service, and the bride, who was given away by her father, wore an Empire-line dress of wild silk with bolero of guipure lace with crystal tiara and bouffant veil. She carried a spray of orchids.

She was attended by the Misses Janet Cole (sister), Mavis Chambers (sister of the bridegroom) and Carol Philp (friend of bride). They wore pink crocheted mini-dresses and carried sprays of pink carnations.

Mr. Terence Bonner (friend of the bridegroom) was best man. (Photo I. P. Dove)

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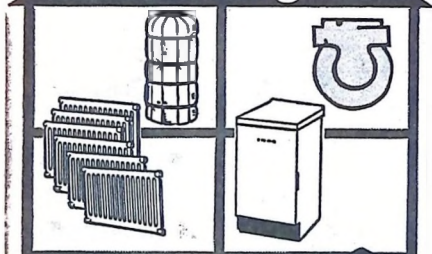
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AFTER THE WEDDING, A HOSPITAL VISIT



After their wedding on Saturday Mr. Stanley Stripp, of Baddow Road, Chelmsford, and the former Miss Barbara King, of Ash Glen, Buckwylms, Billericay, visited the bride's mother, Mrs. Jessie King, who was in hospital with a broken leg. At the ceremony at Christ Church, Billericay, the bride wore a white brocade dress, which she made herself, and a tiara, and carried a bouquet of red roses, lilies and freesia. Best man was Mr. David Attridge, and Rev. Mr. Williamson officiated.

(Photo by Peter L. Sexton)



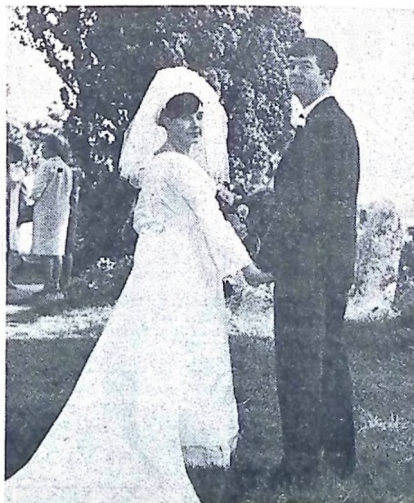
Mr. David William Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Long, of Goldsmith Avenue, Corringham, married Miss Joan Margaret Cater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cater, of Whitmore Way, Basildon, at St. Basil's Church, Pitsea, on Saturday. (Photo Highlands Studios)



Mr. Barry Cox, of High Road, Benfleet, was married on Saturday at St. Margaret's Church, Stanford-le-Hope, to Miss Brenda Fogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fogg, of Abbotts Drive, Stanford-le-Hope. The bride was attended by her sister Doreen and Miss Tracy, a friend. Best man was Mr. W. Howe, a friend.



Mr. Terrance Rattenbury and Miss Sandra Johnson, both of Basildon Drive, Laindon, were married at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday. Bridesmaids were Misses Evelyn Johnson, Janice Blake and Linda and Jill Woodward. Mr. Ronald Rattenbury was best man. (Photo by Highlands Studios)



Honeymooning in the Isle of Wight are Mr. Victor Thomas Broughton, of Perry Street, Billericay, and former Miss Mary Joyce Earp, of Victor Gardens, Moxley. They were married at St. Mary's Church, Hawkwell, on Saturday. Wearing a white satin dress, trimmed with nylon brocade and pearls, the bride carried yellow roses and freesias. She had two attendants and a ring boy. Best man was Mr. John Bixley. (Picture by T. J. Driscoll).



Miss Doreen Beryl Bailey, of Pound Lane, Laindon, was married to Mr. Christopher Edwin Davis, of West Dulwich, at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, on Saturday. The bridesmaids were Misses Carol Hatch, Dawn Bailey, Jennette Moore and Cheryl Weir. Stephen Bailey was the ring boy and Mr. John Fowler was best man. The bride, given away by her father, wore a white satin dress. (Photo by Derek R. Beal)

BRIDES



Wearing a white brocade dress and tiara, the bride, Mrs. Margaret Edwards, of Kathleen Ferrier Crescent, Spurgeon, of Tankerville Drive, was married on Saturday. The bridesmaids were Susan Evans and Susan Stratford. Best man was Mr. E. Ridley (bridegroom's brother). The couple are spending their honeymoon.



Holy Cross Church, Basildon, was the venue for the wedding between Mr. E. Ridley, of Long Riding, Basildon, and Miss Eileen Rosemary Rose, of New Park, on Saturday. The bridesmaids were the bride's sisters, Jacqueline Rose and Susan Stratford. Best man was Mr. E. Ridley (bridegroom's brother). The couple are spending their honeymoon.

WEEK



a bouquet of orchids, Miss Linda Lindon, married Mr. David George St. Clement's Church, Leigh, on Nicola and Tracy Forshaw and Ronald Spurgeon. The couple are Histonville.

(Photo by Leslie Arnold)

On the right are Mr. Michael John Barre, of Kelvedon Close, Hutton, and his bride, the former Miss Gay Carol Brown, of Sudbury Road, Downham. They were married at St. Margaret's Church, Downham. Bridesmaids were Misses Linda Brown, Katherine Cook and Kathleen Cornhill, and Paul Neil was an attendant. Mr. Martin Giles was best man.



Above are Mr. Daniel Finbar Davis, of Bunters Avenue, Sharnbury, and Miss Jeanette Elizabeth Broomfield, of Condeek, Basildon, who were married at St. Basil's Church, Pitsea, on Saturday. Miss Rosemary Carr attended with page boy John Broomfield. Best man was Mr. Maurice Gifford, who took the picture.

AN ARMFUL OF WIFE!



Left: Miss Pauline Burt, of Runhills, Wals, Basildon, married Mr. David John Finn, of Harold Hill, at Holy Cross Church, Fryerns, on Saturday. Bridesmaids were Misses C. Reeves, P. Finn, D. Finn, A. Finn and L. Jefford. Best man was Mr. John Finn.

(Photo by J. Hearns)



Mr. Paul Douglas Rosser, of Kents Mill Road, Benfleet, and Miss Joan Elizabeth Petty, of Ardleigh, Basildon, were married at St. Nicholas Church on Saturday. The bride, given away by her father, had as her bridesmaids Misses Lynda Rosser and Pauline Petty. Mr. R. L. Maynard was best man.

(Photo Florides Photographic)



Married by Basildon Rural Dean Rev. Arthur Dunlop on Saturday were Miss Sylvia Janet Clark, of Eldeland, Basildon, and Mr. Derek Terence Hansen, of Leytonstone. Miss Clark wore a dress of georgette and Swiss lace, with shoulder-length veil, and carried a spray of orchids and stephanotis for her wedding at St. Martin's, Town Centre. Bridesmaids were Margaret Clark and Joan Galloway. Best man was Mr. Robert Priest, and the couple left for a Clacton honeymoon.



The bridal gown, three bridesmaids' dresses and a page boy's outfit were all made by Miss Linda Owens, of Bretons, Lee Chapel North, for her wedding on Saturday at St. Martin's Church to Mr. Timothy Michael Mason, of Faldones, Basildon.

(Photo by Orbit Camera)



At St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell, on Saturday, Mr. David Thimporne, of Inverness Avenue, Westcliff, married Miss Janet Sandra Conduit, of London Road, Pitsea. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of crystal satin with a long lace coat and shoulder-length veil secured by a white floral spray. She carried a bouquet of carnations and roses and was attended by the Misses Mavis Sawyer, R. Kingsbury and J. Thimporne. Mr. Ray Butler was best man.

(Photo by Richlands Studios)



Four attendants and a page boy attended Miss Cecilia Mary Foxwell, of Athelstan Gardens, Wickford, at her wedding to Mr. Barry John Edward Stone, of Ebbott Gardens, Wickford, at St. Catherine's, Wickford, on Saturday. The bride's attendants were Mrs. Sheila Foxwell, Miss Sheila Cox, Miss Janet Cox and Miss Julie Young, and page boy Master Gary Young. Best man was Mr. L. Johnson and the couple left for a Lowestoft honeymoon. The bride wore a brocade Empire line dress.

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DISAPPOINTMENT FOR WICKFORD'S COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

THE GREATLY needed extra accommodation at Wickford Community Centre is unlikely to materialise in the near future.

The Community Association's members, at a general meeting on Friday, decided not to proceed with a scheme for getting additional rooms.

For months discussions have been taking place concerning extra accommodation next to the Centre. At one time it was thought land near the market might be used, but it was not available.

Then the car park at the rear of the Centre was proposed, but Basildon Council would only give permission for the site to be used for three years, with the Association responsible for all costs incurred.

Members were told on Friday that the scheme would cost between £800 and £900 and they decided, not to proceed in view of the very limited time.

BRIGHT CENTRE

Mr. Maurice Hagg, who presided, referred to the arrival of Mr. Ernest Jones, the new Warden, and to the happy atmosphere prevailing at the Centre since it reopened in August. The redecoration of the Centre and the unity among officers and members was encouraging.

Mr. Jones thanked members for their friendly welcome and said he and his wife thought Wickford Centre one of the most attractive they had seen. Other associations had been accommodated in a variety of buildings, but at Wickford the building was one planned for the purpose.

In time the Centre would be the main attraction of the town, with the life of the town emitting from it. He looked forward to many happy years there.

GROUPS MEET

Wickford Churches youth groups met together on Monday for a social at St. Andrew's small hall.

CO-OP GUILD

Mrs. Violet Putney entertained members of the Vange and Pitsea Women's Co-operative Guild at their meeting on Monday. During the afternoon three new members joined the Guild, Mesdames V. Farnett, D. Tennant and W. Gourley.

Youth fined £10 after disturbance

A FINE of £10 with £4 18s. 9d. costs was imposed at Billericay last week on Raymond Martin (19), of Rettendon View, Wickford, who pleaded guilty to using insulting behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

For the prosecution Mr. T. Lavelle said a group of youths were standing near the Arcade forecourt, Wickford, making quite a disturbance.

They were asked to move on by P.C. Stanton. All did, except Martin, who was asked three more times but refused to move.

Seeing what was going on, the other youths returned and gathered round and started to support Martin. In taking the rise out of the Policeman, Martin, in Court, said the youths had been making a noise, watched by the Police, half-an-hour before he joined them.

As soon as he started to talk to them the Police came over. He said he resented this.

CLAIM SETTLED

Approval has been given by Basildon Council for the acceptance of £250 in settlement for duplication on termination of the lease of 108, High Street, Billericay.

Meeting need

The present experimental "Meet Your Councillor" programme run by Basildon Council is to be continued.

Gift day

THE OLDEST person to give at Basildon Congregational Church's yearly gift day on Sunday was 97 years old. "Several elderly people gave very generously," said the Minister, Rev. Reg Williams.

Result of the gifts was £120 for church funds. "It was a very successful day and the church was packed in the morning," said Mr. Williams.

Council deny toilets to Green Belt homes

BASILDON COUNCIL are forcing people to face the next 20 or 30 years without cesspools, drainage or bathrooms, said Coun. Bob Chaplin at last week's meeting.

"We are forcing people to use earth closets because we stop them building their extensions. And this is in areas where there is no drainage," he said.

Coun. Chaplin was criticising the number of planning refusals meted out by the Council in areas within the Green Belt.

"We are stopping people putting in bathrooms, cesspools and lavatories just because of the Green Belt. But some of these people might live in these places for 20 or 30 years."

"I have got complaints galore about this Planning Committee, but none of them are listed in the Council minutes. The

majority of councillors are being deprived of knowing what is going on," he claimed.

Speaking for the Planning Committee, Coun. F. J. Champ said: "We have recently introduced a system whereby all councillors can see why we refuse these applications."

"The fact is that we have to conform to regulations laid down for us to follow."

Coun. Champ said there were three main reasons for the refusal of many applications. The first was Green Belt consideration, and the second was access to properties. The third was the enormous number of objections from residents living nearby.

'STANDARD RECORDER' ACTION BRINGS RADIO ONE SERVICE TO 15,000 HOMES IN BASILDON

INTERVENTION BY the "Standard Recorder" brought the sound of 247 metres medium wave band—the new Radio One—into 15,000 Basildon homes on Tuesday night.

Earlier the head office of Rediffusion, who run the wired TV and radio network of the New Town, had told their Basildon office: "We will not put out Radio One."

The statement, which is now torn-up, said 61 per cent of B.B.C. Radio One programmes would be repeated on Radio Two, which is piped on the Rediffusion circuit. "We would be virtually repeating Radio Two," the statement continued.

Dozens of people phoned the office of this newspaper and Rediffusion to protest: "Why can't we receive Radio One?"

The position was confused by a rumour that Rediffusion did intend broadcasting Radio One—sometime next year.

So on Monday a reporter put this question to Rediffusion London General Manager Mr. F. L. Rowe: "Is it so that you are not piping Radio One until next year?"

He replied: "This is true."

Mr. Rowe promised to look into the position. Next morning there was a directors' meeting where, we understand, the Basildon problem was discussed.

RECONSIDERED

That evening he phoned the "Standard Recorder"—the company had reconsidered their decision.

"Prior to the commencement of Radio One, Rediffusion decided to defer making a recommendation to Basildon Development Corporation concerning distribution of the new programme until we had ascertained the extent of its appeal to the public," said the new statement.

"Now in view of the number of requests for Radio One we have discussed the matter with the Corporation and have decided to effect the

change from today (Tuesday)."

And that night on Channel D of the Rediffusion dial, New Towners found the new "pop" music programme.

LUXEMBOURG GOES

But as the company's agreement with the Corporation was to supply only four radio stations, Radio Luxembourg had to go.

The company now distributes the four B.B.C. wavelengths to 15,000 Basildon homes.

One of the people who protested to this paper about Rediffusion's earlier statement was Mr. Terence Chandler, of Ingaway, Lee Chapel South.

He said: "Rediffusion are at the moment installing the wired system to new Corporation houses. Do the Corporation realise this system is nearly obsolete in that it has provision for only one additional TV channel and no additional radio channel?"

He foresaw a time when people would have to buy a second television to see channels which Rediffusion could not pipe.

Fined—no L-plates

A 16-YEARS-OLD Basildon boy admitted at Grays Juvenile Court last week that he used a motor cycle on the A13 at Thurrock in August without L-plates and that he carried an unlicensed passenger.

He was fined £1 and had his licence endorsed. His 15-years-old friend—also from Basildon—was similarly punished.

NO HORSES IN CHURCH

AN OPEN-AIR "Horse Riders' Service" will be held at St. Mary's Church, Ramsden Bellhouse, on Sunday. The congregation, consisting of members of Ramsden Riding Club and other riders, will be mounted on their horses during the service.

Rev. Stanley Gutteridge commented: "We had the same type of service last year—and it was quite successful. The Ramsden Riding Club asked me if I would do it for them again this year."

If it rains? "We'll have to go in the church... and the horses will have to stay outside," said Mr. Gutteridge. Wickford Salvation Army will be there to lead the singing.

COST OF STAYING AT SCHOOL

TO MAKE provision for the raising of the school-leaving age, Essex Education Committee are seeking authority to spend just over £1,000,000 on extending a number of schools in 1969-70.

They include Billericay County Secondary, where the extensions would cost £162,512; Basildon Woodlands Comprehensive, £131,678; and Basildon Fryerns-Craylands Comprehensive, £138,131.

Sow the lights

Members of Wickford Christian Diagonals went to Southend on Sunday, after evensong, to see the Illuminations.



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TEACHERS CENTRES WILL BE BUILT

TO MEET A STRONG AND GROWING DEMAND BY TEACHERS' GROUPS ESSEX EDUCATION COMMITTEE ARE PLANNING TO SET UP SIX EDUCATION CENTRES, ONE OF WHICH WOULD SERVE BASILDON DIVISION AND THE OTHER SOUTH-EAST ESSEX.

On Monday the Committee gave approval in principle to such a scheme and agreed to include sums totalling £4,000 in their 1968-69 capital and revenue estimates for this purpose.

At present the Committee have an Education Centre at Chelmsford, which serves as headquarters for County courses, conferences and exhibitions. There are parallel wood and St. Osyth's Colleges of Education. It was reported that South-East Essex Divisional Executive had recommended that a centre should be established in its area, initially in accommodation at King John County Secondary School and in the long term by special provision to be made in the Sixth Form College.

Basildon recommended a suitably equipped and furnished temporary centre in available school accommodation as soon as possible and a permanent one in the Basildon College of Further Education as the long-term provision.

Looking for bargains



YOUNG CUSTOMERS WHO ATTENDED THE RUNWELL LIBERALS' BAZAAR IN THE PARISH HALL ON SATURDAY.

VANGE MEN KILLED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

A MAN WAS killed and another seriously injured when their van was involved in a collision with a lorry on the A13 at North Stifford, just outside Grays, on Tuesday.

Passenger in the van Mr. Thomas Moores (57), of The Slades, Vange, died.

Driver Mr. James Wallis (38), also of The Slades, Vange, had to be freed from the wreckage by firemen. He is detained in Orsett Hospital with serious multiple injuries.

The men were driving down to Kent when the collision occurred about 100 yards the London side of the A13's junction with Cuckoo Lane, at North Stifford. The lorry was travelling towards Southend when it was in collision with the van coming from the opposite direction.

Lorry driver Mr. Peter Johnson, of Pershore Road, Birmingham, escaped injury.

WITNESSES WANTED

Another Vange man, a pillon passenger, was killed last Friday evening when the motor cycle he was on collided with a car along the Stanford-le-Hope By-Pass.

The rider of the motor

cycle and the driver of the car were seriously injured.

The dead youth was Thomas Poland, of Dene-court, Basildon. He was passenger to 17-years-old Raymond Hand, of High Road, Hockley.

Driver of the car involved was Stephen Mills (17), of Campbell Road, Gravesend.

Mr. Hand and Mr. Poland were travelling towards Grays when the crash occurred.

The Police have appealed for witnesses of the accident to communicate with them at once. Traffic was heavy at the time and the Police think people must have seen the accident.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

Mr. Raymond Woods, an uncle to comedienne Avril Anderson, died at Billericay Hospital on Saturday aged 69. His funeral is being held at Southend Crematorium today (Friday).

MEMBERS WANTED

CELEBRATING their 10th anniversary this year Buttsbury Residents' Association have started a drive to swell their ranks.

Circulars have been sent out, and there will be a follow-up by a member to explain what the Association stands for and what they have achieved since their formation in 1957.

"Our aims and objects are to negotiate with local authorities and other organisations on members' behalf; to watch their interests, especially regarding planning applications; and to hold meetings with speakers about matters likely to be of interest to members," said Secretary Mr. Michael Horton.

Temper rise as Wickford traffic piles up

AS THE TRAFFIC congestion grows in Wickford's narrow High Street, so the patience of early morning car drivers coming in to either go to the railway station or pass through to their work place becomes more exhausted.

"At one time I could leave home and allow myself 15 minutes to get to work on the Cranes Farm Road Industrial Estate at Basildon," said a man from Runwell.

"Now," he added, "it takes me a quarter of an hour to clear Wickford town centre. It is much easier and quicker to get through the main street at the height of the shopping period, or on a Saturday morning."

Bus drivers, lorry drivers, in fact all the motoring fraternity, whether they live locally or not, are finding the High Street a hold-up point which is becoming worse and worse.

The residents of Shotgate are no exception. Workers from there who have to travel to Wickford between 7.30 and 8.30 a.m. daily are up in arms at the severe congestion which, they claim, has become very bad since mid-summer, with no apparent reason.

Shotgate Community Association have got their teeth into the problem and have written to the County Council Highways Committee asking for their views.

Said an Association officer: "The congestion now being experienced is not only frustrating to car drivers and bus travellers, but also results in lost time and other inconveniences."

"As far as one can see nothing is being done to overcome the congestion, and with the approaching winter with all its dangers the position can only become worse."

Wickford and District Chamber of Trade and Industry having for years been trying to prod the local authorities into action to produce a plan for the town centre redevelopment which would include a new road pattern.

In the first review of the County Development Plan

the construction of a relief road for the High Street is proposed and the major need is stated to be the diversion of through traffic from the town centre.

Cyclist in his blind spot

PLEADING guilty to careless driving, Reginald Wale, of Morris Avenue, Billericay, was fined £5 at Billericay Court on Tuesday.

Mr. David Williams, prosecuting, said defendant pulled out without checking traffic behind him in Southend Road, Billericay, and collided with a cyclist who was about to overtake him.

Wale told the Court: "I was parked in the middle of two other cars. The cyclist must have been in my blind spot because I checked my mirror."

Chairman of the Bench Mr. H. S. A. Rothson said: "We believe your story—it was just one of those things."

Wale was ordered to pay £1 1s. costs.

CONSULTANTS

The appointment of consultants Sir Frederick Snow and Partners for the Outwood Common Road, Billericay, improvement scheme has been approved by Basildon Council's Works Committee Chairman.

STOP THE BUG

A CALL for the health authorities to investigate the mystery bug of Basildon's winters is made by Rev. Keith Wood (Vicar of St. Andrew's, Fryerns) in his parish magazine.

"We're sick of being sick," he says.

"The bug has made its unwelcome reappearance in Basildon. The bug is, of course, the 'gastric'—gastro-enteritis, gastric flu or whatever else you care to call that awful vomiting and diarrhoea that seems more prevalent in Basildon than almost anywhere else on earth."

Mr. Wood asks if the cause is in our water, drains or the soil. "There must be a reason," he says. "Can't we, please, find out what it is?"

Back in town

FORMER Billericay Member of Parliament Mr. Edward Gardner returns to his old constituency on October 25th to talk to Laindon and Basildon Young Conservatives.

But the talk is non-political. It is titled "Called to the Bar" and Queen's Counsel Mr. Gardner will speak about his work in the Courts.

WENT TO RAYLEIGH

The Rector of Wickford (Rev. Frederick France) with Assistant Curates, Rev. F. Goldthorpe and Rev. T. Gilling attended a meeting at St. Michael's Church, Rayleigh, on Monday.

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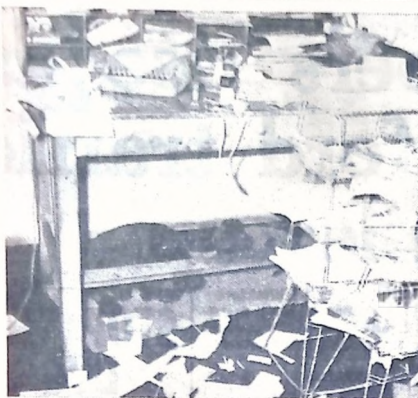
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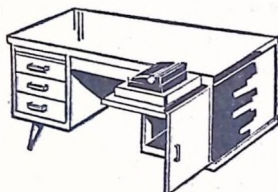
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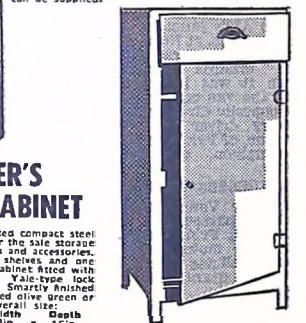
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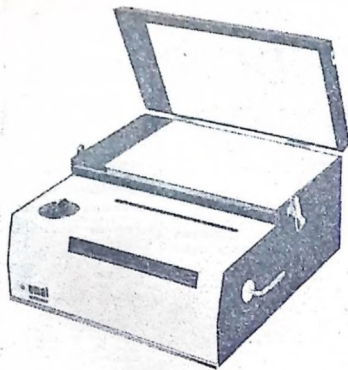
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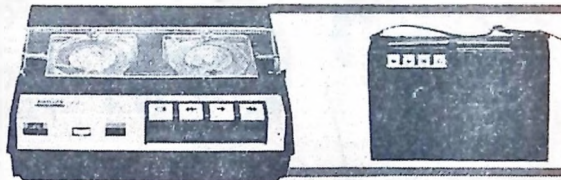
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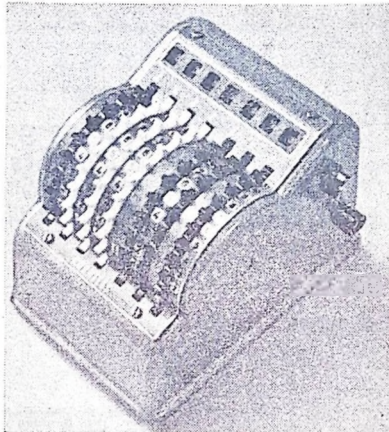
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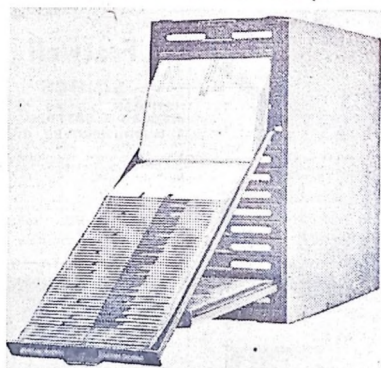
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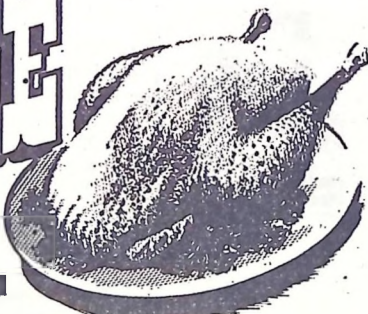
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WEEKEND TEAMS

BASILDON RUGBY Club
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1st XV (v Bexley at Gloucester Park)—D. Rees, R. Evans, J. Comer, P. Knight, I. Shepherd, I. Mett, G. Johns, C. McLennan, J. Linn, A. Bush, J. Borowski, I. Shaw, T. Brockley, S. Mills, B. Redman.

2nd XV (v Bexley away)—B. Moore, R. Miller, M. Jones, T. Davies, G. Parry, O. Knott, T. Collins, R. Head, G. Chislett, D. King, D. Townsend, M. Hammond, R. Smith, R. Simpson, R. Price.

3rd XV (v Bexley at Gloucester Park)—J. Watkin, J. Faulkner, D. Bailey, J. Fretwell, K. Bull, O. Egan, P. Bullock, O. Phillips, D. Smith, K. Oliver, J. Berry, G. Smith, G. King, R. Pickering, G. Rees.

Colts XV (v Barking Park Colts)—J. Naylor, I. Lewis, J. Sullivan, G. Clulow, M. Norris, J. Glanotti, T. Lawrence, P. Denham, B. Butcher, M. Woodbridge, K. Bradley, M. Foster, D. Doughty, D. Lockett, R. Warwick.

Sunday XV (v Old Brentwood at Gloucester Park)—B. Moore, I. Shepherd, T. Davies, E. Knott, R. Evans, O. Knott, T. Collins, M. McLennan, G. Johns, R. Head, D. Townsend, I. Shaw, T. Brockley, R. Simpson, B. Redman.

Nominated for awards

Players must be nominated for Basildon Sports Council's 1967 cricket awards before October 14th. Awards are given for batting and bowling and for the "best all-round cricket performance".

They will be presented at the Sports Council's presentation evening in November.

Team manager

Mr. Albert Cune, of The Frempels, Basildon, has been appointed team manager of Fryerns Boys' Club's under-15 football team.

New 'keeper

Goalkeeper Mick Foster, who recently moved from London to Basildon is looking for a local club. He can be contacted at 45, Jermyns, Basildon.

"Scottish" rugby

London Scottish and Northampton, who both had mixed fortunes last season, meet in the B.B.C. 2 feature "Rugby Special" match to be screened from Richmond Athletic Ground on Saturday, October 14th. Scottish lost only 11 of the 32 matches played last season and Northampton struggled to regain their stature of former years.

BASILDON 1ST XV 31 PTS., BISHOP'S STORTFORD 5 PTS.

A PENALTY and a dropped goal in the first four minutes gave Basildon Rugby Club's first team a cracking start against Bishop's Stortford on Saturday. They never looked back afterwards and went on to win 31-5 in fine style.

The opening penalty came from Rees in the second minute. The Johns followed two minutes later with a dropped goal.

Bishop's Stortford found little difficulty in containing the Basildon forwards in the early stages, although they fell further behind 3-0 when Rees kicked another penalty. Knott then followed up a kick ahead and won the touch-down to score the first of his three tries before the Bishop's winger crashed over for a score-reducing try before half-time.

After half-time, Basildon's superior scrumming power, with Linn hooking first in his debut for the first team, began to tell and the fluent running of the three set the same alight.

After Knott had run in for another try after good handling, points began to mount up. Evans scored in the corner and Rees kicked another penalty to round off an immaculate afternoon's performance of full-back play. Further tries followed from Brockley, who was up from a scrum very quickly to pounce on a loose ball, and Knott, who stroled over for another.

The game showed that Basildon's game is improving in their loose play and getting cleaner and quicker possession by driving in hard and binding tightly.

Bulldogs get 50 points

BASILDON BULLDOGS 50 PTS., BISHOP'S STORTFORD "A" 0
THE MAIN feature of this match was the mediocrity of the Stortford opposition. Basildon chalked up a half-century of points and it could have been more.

Stortford's covering was almost non-existent and allowed the Basildon backs to display their talent to the full, an opportunity which was not neglected.

Outstanding among the backs was new player Ralph Vaughan, who was continually scoring the three-quarters in attack to give Basildon the extra man.

Despite the overwhelming victory, the Basildon pack did not have a particularly good game, lacking cohesion and showing very little possession from the set scrums.

The line-out work was scrappy on both sides, neither team getting much clean ball. But both Robin Head and Bob Simpson played their usual competent game, particularly in the loose.

Scorers were: B. Miller (four tries), M. Jones (three), O. Knott (one try and three conversions), B. Moore (one try and one conversion), T. Collins (one penalty and three conversions), D. Simpson (one try) and K. Vaughan (one try).

Fretwell shines

BASILDON 3rd XV 20 PTS., BISHOP'S STORTFORD "B" 0
A MUCH-IMPROVED Basildon third team beat Bishop's Stortford quite handsomely to complete a hat-trick of wins by the locals.

The scoring was opened when a handling movement by the three-quarters left winger Bull little room to move, but his clever cross-kick found Fretwell waiting to score a copy-book try under the posts. Fretwell converted it himself.

Basildon's next points came from an exceptionally well-taken individual try by Cwyn Rees. Always searching for the loose ball, Rees pounced on a Stortford handling mistake and ran through a number of would-be tacklers to score under the posts. Fretwell added the extra points.

There was no keeping Fretwell out of the score-chart and he added another five points by scoring a further try and making the conversion.

Basildon's final score came from another piece of good football, a three-quarter move with a change of direction by Bulley who ran effortlessly through to score under the posts.

Fretwell brought his match tally to 14 points by making the conversion.

Colts beat Gidea Park

BASILDON COLTS 15 PTS., GIDEA PARK 5 PTS.

THE BETTER running and kicking by Basildon proved the decisive factor in this game on Saturday.

Basildon led 9-5 at half-time with tries from Faulkner, Warwick and Lawrence. The Park replied with a goal resulting from a Basildon error.

Play improved in the second half. Sykes scoring two tries — one a brilliant effort — and M. Day converting one. Naylor shone at full-back for Basildon.

Billericay trounce Old Ignations at Woodford

BILLERICAY RUGBY CLUB made up for the previous week's narrow defeats by trouncing Old Ignations Rugby Club at Woodford on Saturday.

First team won by 25 points to 16 and Billericay's second team also ran out winners by 36 points to 14.

First team scorers for Billericay were John Blackburn, Graham Ford, Richard Shipton (captain), John Brown and Peter Felt. Four conversions were shared between Shipton and Hingle.

In the second team match Old Ignations were two men short at the kick-off and they did well to prevent Billericay crossing the line more often than they did.

At the break Billericay led one of their men to Ignations for the second half and this led to an improvement in the game.

Billericay scored 10 tries with three conversions, and Old Ignations four tries with one conversion.

Commenting on the play after the match, Club Publicity Officer Steve Russell said: "Even though these were good wins for Billericay, some good individual performances.

"In the first team, 'In the pack, John Brown, normally a centre-three-quarter, played a very good game. He, along with Derek Kell Peter Vowles and Geoff Ford (back leader), showed the necessity of being able to get to the loose ball as quickly as possible.

SCHOOLS' RUGBY

Local Derby success for Barstable

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neighbours Fryerns in this eagerly awaited local derby on Saturday.

After Lawrence had kicked an early penalty, Barstable seemed to have the game under control. A good try after a quick back from a five-yard scrum to make it 6-0.

Just before half-time, Lawrence kicked another penalty to add three more points to Barstable.

Splitting rugby came from both sides in the second half, although the three quarters failed to make best use of the service they received.

Barstable used more endeavour in attack and with a good individual try and a conversion which was converted, carried the score to 11-6.

They eventually completed the scoring with a converted try by Clulow.

Other Results: Barstable Under-13 13 pts., Fryerns Under-13 13 pts.; Barstable Under-11 0 pts., Fryerns Under-11 0 pts.; Barstable Under-9 9 pts., Fryerns Under-9 6 pts.

COUNTY TRIALS

THREE BASILDON Rugby Club players have been selected for Essex trials.

They are Woodlands school teacher Trevor Light and Joe Borowski who play against Old Cooperians and number eight forward Stuart King whose trial is against Walsstead.

FIVE BOYS from Barstable Grammar Technical School, Basildon, are taking part in County rugby trials this week. They are Christopher Bradley and John Brown (Under-15 age group) and Tony Lawrence, George Clulow and Ronald Edwards (Under-19s).

"On the whole, however, the pack did not have a very happy day. Line-out play was scrappy, and so was the loose kicking."

In the three-quarter line Richard Shipton played a very sound game, particularly on the defensive side, but the remainder of the three played an average game with the usual crop of dropped passes and missed tackles.

It was a similar story with the second team pack, as said, and, although the score suggests a walkover, it turned out to be quite a hard-fought match.

Tomorrow the 1st XV play the Burnham-on-Crouch on home pitch at Wivenhoe Sports Ground, Steeple Road, and the 2nd XV are away to a Chelmsford side.

Scored nine

Berry Boys 9, Fryerns Boys 14
Fryerns hammered Berry in a National Association of Boys' Clubs knock-out match at Landon on Sunday. Gordon Hulbert netted nine of their goals.



FRYERNS AREA RESERVES.

Essex leads Fryerns side to six-a-side championship



The Fryerns team which won the Basildon schools' six-a-side championship last Saturday.

LED BRILLIANTLY by district forward David Essex, who must surely be in line for a County cap this season, Fryerns Grammar-Technical School carried off the Basildon Schools' six-a-side championship on Saturday.

After a series of wind-swept matches, Fryerns crushed Beauchamps (Wickford) in the final by three clear goals.

In the semi-finals Fryerns beat local rivals Barstable 1-0, and Beauchamps defeated Nicholas 2-0, two late goals settling the issue.

Semi-finals

Fryerns 1, Barstable 0
Fryerns were always the classier side in this semi-final, showing their power in the first minute when they hit the woodwork twice through Essex and Gilmour.

Barstable fought a brave defensive action in the first half and there was still no score at the break, although Fryerns were in front by a corner.

They increased this by another corner immediately on the restart when Essex weaved his way right through before being stopped.

Essex deservedly got the only goal of the match with three minutes to go, crashing home a tremendous cross shot into the side netting.

Nicholas 0, Beauchamps 2
Nicholas were slightly unlucky to go under to Beauchamps in the other semi-final. They possessed more ideas in attack than Beauchamps, but never turned this superiority into goals.

After a goalless first half, Nicholas felt behind when Oakley scored a great opening goal for Beauchamps. A minute later the referee settled the issue when Collins made it 2-0 in a breakaway.

Final

Fryerns 3, Beauchamps 0
Clever Essex soon put his stamp on the final with a brilliant run in the first minute which produced a goal number one for Long.

After this the game went pretty well as expected. Essex went close with a shot which hit a post, and then after another great dribble put a goal on a plate for Gilmour, who only had to tap the ball into the empty net.

The best effort for Beauchamps in this half was a shot by Oakley which Good saved cleverly.

In the second half Gilmour hit a post and he and Cavill missed others before Gilmour scored an easy third for Fryerns.

Fryerns: Good, Banks, Cavill, Gilmour, Essex, Long, Beauchamps: Hawes, Reeves, Brown, Skiller, Collins, Oakley.

Full results

First round — Nicholas "A" 2, Laidon "B" 0; Bilerley 2, corners, Craylands "B" 0; Barstable 1, Fryerns "B" 0; Fryerns "A" 2, Nicholas "B" 1; Timberlog 0, Beauchamps "A" 1; Craylands "A" 1, Woodlands "A" 0; Laidon "A" 2, w/o Beauchamps "B" 1; Woodlands "B" 3, Mayflower 0.

Second round — Beauchamps 2, Woodlands 0; Fryerns 2, Craylands "A" 0; Laidon 0, Barstable 1; Nicholas 2, Bilerley 0.

Semi-finals — Beauchamps 2, Nicholas 0; Fryerns "A" 1, Barstable 0.

Final — Fryerns 3, Beauchamps 0.

Schools soccer

BARSTABLE ENTERTAIN MALDON

BARSTABLE GRAMMAR TECH 3, MALDON GRAMMAR 3

AFTER TAKING AN early lead in this friendly on Saturday, Barstable slumped to a 3-1 defeat at half-time.

The strong wind made play rather scrappy in the second half, but Barstable managed to score twice to bring the scores level.

Barstable Grammar Tech 4, Maldon Grammar 2
Barstable's Under-14s came through with a good win on Saturday after trailing 1-0 at half-time.

In the second half Barstable scored four times in succession before Maldon pulled back a second goal following a defensive slip in the closing minutes.

WICKFORD THREE UP

LEE CHAPEL JUNIOR SCHOOL 0, WICKFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL 3

WICKFORD GAINED their third success within eight days with this win against Lee Chapel in a friendly match at Lee Chapel on Wednesday week.

Despite the scoreline it was an even game throughout with the ball swinging from end to end.

At the interval Wickford held a one-goal lead, the goal being scored by Parker.

After the interval Ford scored two further goals. Outstanding for Wickford was Parker, particularly in the second half when he was switched from attack to left half.

Wickford: Ford, Parker, Hughes, Brown, Collins, Oakley.

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Gunners too good for Maldon Town

Maldon Town 2, Basildon and Pitsea 5

ALTHOUGH THEY brought on ex-Southend and Liverpool professional Kevin Baron as a substitute, Maldon Town were shot out of the Essex Intermediate Cup by Basildon and Pitsea on Saturday.

The match provided a happy return to competitive Saturday soccer for centre-forward Tony Holden, who notched three of the Gunners' five goals.

In the early stages Maldon did all the pressing. They missed a great chance when their centre-forward shot over a rising goal from close range and were unlucky to see a fine shot from their outside-left fly just wide of an upright.

After withstanding a great deal of pressure Basildon and Pitsea broke away to take the lead through Holden, who finished off a good move by Meary and Lester.

This goal unsettled the previously confident Maldon and the Gunners took advantage of this to go further ahead when Holden rounded the centre-half and cracked a shot past the goalkeeper.

One for Watson
The Gunners were now right on top and pressed on with another fine goal when Watson beat three men before pushing the ball home.

The introduction of Kevin Baron into their team brought more life to Maldon at the start of the second half. He provided more thrust down the middle, but the Basildon defence proved equal to the occasion.

Then they broke away on the right and when Kevin Baron was pulled down in the area, Holden marched up to make it 4-0 from the spot despite protests from the home side.

This goal really rocked Maldon, who stormed back into the attack to score through McCabe. This was the tonic Maldon needed and five minutes later Baron headed a second.

Again the Gunners retaliated and after having what looked a good goal disallowed for offside, made it 6-2 when Prentice instilled home another goal.

In the last 15 minutes Maldon lost much of their fire and seemed content to keep the score down.

REFEREES WARNED

REFEREES ARE warned by Football League Secretary Alan Hardaker that if they expect players and officials to the field they should accept the decisions of administrators of the field.

Referring to criticisms of FIFA's four-step ruling in Football Referee, the official Journal of the Referees Association Mr. Hardaker says pointedly: "The Football League is constantly trying to impress on everyone in the game that the decisions of a referee on the pitch MUST be accepted."

"And here we have their official journal hitting out at FIFA. It doesn't make sense."

Spurs to win?

Southend United have not won at White Hart Lane during their last six league visits. They try again on Saturday.

BUSINESS HOUSES RESULTS

ESSEX BUSINESS HOUSES Football League results:

Premier Division — L.E.S.S.A. 3, Hoffmann Athletic 2; Warnes 3, Royals 1; Bata 2, Pegasus 1.

Division I — English Electric 1, Thames Board Mills 3; Ford 2, Romford 1; C.W.S. 4, Ford United 1; Bata 7, Marconi 1.

Division II — Dagenham 2, P.L.A. 1; Green and Silley 3, Stork 2; C.W.S. 4, Ford United 1; Bata 7, Marconi 1.

Division III — Crompton 1, Marconi 0; P.L.A. 1, Green and Silley 3; Stork 2, C.W.S. 4; Ford United 1, Bata 7; Marconi 1, Dagenham 2.

Division IV — Dagenham 2, P.L.A. 1; Green and Silley 3, Stork 2; C.W.S. 4, Ford United 1; Bata 7, Marconi 1.

Division V — Dagenham 2, P.L.A. 1; Green and Silley 3, Stork 2; C.W.S. 4, Ford United 1; Bata 7, Marconi 1.

Division VI — Dagenham 2, P.L.A. 1; Green and Silley 3, Stork 2; C.W.S. 4, Ford United 1; Bata 7, Marconi 1.

Division VII — Dagenham 2, P.L.A. 1; Green and Silley 3, Stork 2; C.W.S. 4, Ford United 1; Bata 7, Marconi 1.

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Williams gets five in big win for Bowers

Bowers United 8, Romford British Legion 3
BOWERS UNITED at last showed signs of their real potential when they cracked in eight goals against Southern Essex Combination side Romford British Legion in the first round of the Essex Intermediate Cup on Saturday.

Hero of the team was centre-forward Ron Williams, who hit the net five times.

Bowers set the pace in the opening minutes when outside-left Storey headed home a goal. Williams crossed shortly afterwards he made it 2-0 by tapping up a half-chance when the goalkeeper lost possession.

Bowers were right on top at this stage and when Legine was brought down in the penalty area Williams netted from the spot for the third goal.

The Legion's raids were blunted by a good Bowers defence and when the home side returned to the attack Williams put through a good ball for outside-right Ley to score with a fine shot on the run. Just before half-time Williams increased the lead to 5-0.

Picture goal
At the start of the second half Bowers scored a picture goal. The move started from defence by Bowley went to McGuire, who clipped the ball to Ley on the wing. He wasted no time in getting across his centre which Williams met on the run and crashed in a terrific shot.

The Legion reduced the arrears with a neat lob by their left-winger and then made it 6-3 with a header by their outside-right with the Bowers defence in a tangle.

Bowers returned to the attack and Storey, who had been tripped in the area to give Williams another goal from the spot.

The Romford side reduced the deficit once again only for Bowers to have the last word when Williams notched his fifth with a hard shot.

RESERVES CRASH TO ULTING
ULTING VILLA 5, BOWERS UNITED 2.

WHILE THEIR seniors were scoring eight goals at home, Bowers United Reserves conceded the same number.

BEST DAY FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

BASILDON'S professional golf tournament could not have been held on a better day than Monday, Basildon Council were told last week.

At their meeting last week Chairman of the Public Relations Committee Coun. Fred Mercer said: "Quite a lot of thought went into the fixing of this date."

On the Sunday, the News of the World tournament was just being held and on Monday the Dunlop Masters Tournament was to start.

"If we had chosen any other day we would not have been able to attract any of the big name golfers or the best players."

Essex "cap" for young footballer

SIXTEEN YEARS OLD
Basildon footballer Peter Oliver is to get his first Essex "cap" on Saturday.

Peter, of East Thorpe, Basildon, is in the Essex team to play against Forest at Woodford.

Also playing are Trevor Morris and Dennis Wilkins from the Southend Youth League. As a schoolboy, Peter represented Basildon right from the Primary age group. He has been a member of Fryerns Boys Club for some years and last season represented the Southend League in the Nubian Cup.

The also took part in a football visit to Belgium organised by the Southend Borough Combination in conjunction with the Youth League.

Basildon meet
Next season's annual meeting of the Essex Inter-League Combination will be held at Basildon.

Approved
Ferd (Basildon) Cricket Club have joined the Sports Council's cricket section. Their application was approved at Thursday's meeting.



The Beauchamps team, finalists in the secondary schools' six-a-side tournament on Saturday.



Basildon goalkeeper Hugh McKillop is beaten for the second time against Nicholas School in the secondary schools' six-a-side tournament on Saturday. The match—between the losing semi-finalists—was won by Nicholas, who therefore took third place.

Basildon League Review

LAST-MINUTE EQUALISER FOR WOODLANDS

IRISH CLUB 4, WOODLANDS Y.C. 4
A LATE, INJURY-TIME EQUALISER BY BURNS
SALVAGED WOODLANDS YOUTH CENTRE 4
A BASILDON LEAGUE POINT AGAINST THE IRISH
CLUB AT HOLY CROSS ON SATURDAY.

It was a good performance by the Irishmen, who were without three of their star players, Evans, Cave and Jewell.

Woodlands did most of the early attacking and the Irish defence had to withstand some terrific pressure. But the attacks came to nothing and as so often happens the Irish then broke away and scored. The move was started by Dunn with a pass to Epton whose long cross caused panic in the Woodlands goalmouth. Downey took full advantage of it to slip in and score.

Woodlands soon returned to the attack and after good work by West and Burns opened in the equaliser. Five minutes later they made it 2-1 through Burns following a mix-up in the Irish defence. In the second half the Irishmen had much more of the same but from a long clearance the Woodlands' left-winger took the ball in his stride to bang in number three.

Fight back

Three-one down now, the Irish Club's renowned fighting spirit then emerged and with Hurley urging his men on, it came as no surprise when Downey, with a clever lob, made it 3-2. When the Irishmen equalised through Barrett, 10 minutes later Woodlands were really at sixes and sevens.

The score remained at 3-3 until 10 minutes from the end when Unton cut in from the left and fired home a rocket which was to give the Irishmen the lead again.

Woodlands picked themselves off the floor and came storming back, but the Irish held out until the last minute when Burns was on the spot to crack home the equaliser after Smith had pushed out a hard shot from West.

It was a game full of excitement even if it lacked a great deal of good football.

YARDLEY RUN RIOT

YORK SHIPLEY 2,
YARDLEY 11

AFTER TWO defeats and a shaky opening 10 minutes, Yardley finally started their pre-season form in this Basildon League match on Saturday, hammering 11 goals past the bewildered Shipley defence.

By midway through the second half the main interest in the game was who would get most goals out of Sharpe and Skinner for Yardley. They ended up with four apiece.

Playing fast, open football, Yardley soon forged ahead with a Sharpe goal and then increased it through Skinner, who got into the net with a hard drive from the edge of the penalty area.

A penalty from Sharpe, who sent the goalkeeper the wrong way, made it three and by half-time further goals from Foster and Skinner had carried the score to 5-0.

Shipley's resourceful forward Loveland pulled back a goal early in the second half and, after Yardley and replies, scored a second goal to make it 6-2.

After this it was one-way traffic, Yardley carrying their score to 11 before the end. Sharpe and Skinner ended with four apiece and other goals came from Stevens, Hight and Foster.

Fixtures

Charity Cup — Basildon and Pitsea v Yardley; Corringham v Manor; Irish Club v Belhus Park; Moors v Ilford Sports; Nicholas v Basildon Athletic; Outwood Common v Wood-

NICHOLAS GRAB BOTH POINTS

NICHOLAS Y.C. 2
BASILDON AND PITSEA
RESERVES 1

NICHOLAS YOUTH Centre's youngsters were rather fortunate to snatch the two points against Basildon and Pitsea Reserves at Laindon on Saturday.

It was a game which the Gunners should have wrapped up in the first half when they had the advantage of the wind.

The Gunners fell down in front of goal although on one occasion Ball was unlucky with a long low shot which was cleared off the line.

He and Brown also missed good chances before the Gunners lost McManister who was carried off with a back injury in the 20th minute.

In the 30th minute Basildon and Pitsea went ahead when a 40-yard free-kick from Lane found the net via the crossbar.

Nicholas looked dangerous in breakaways and before half-time their right winger equalised with a curling shot.

Nicholas missed a penalty in the second half before they went into the lead with a goal by their centre-forward from a right-wing cross. After this the Gunners put pressure on Nicholas, but the equaliser evaded them.

HOW THEY STAND

BASILDON FOOTBALL LEAGUE positions, up to and including September 30th—

PREMIER DIVISION									
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal Diff	Pos
Ilford Sports	10	7	1	2	24	10	14	+14	1
Nicholas Y.C.	10	6	2	2	20	10	14	+10	2
Woodlands	10	5	3	2	18	10	13	+8	3
Basildon Athletic	10	4	4	2	16	10	12	+6	4
Yardley	10	4	3	3	15	10	11	+5	5
Basildon & Pitsea	10	3	4	3	14	10	10	+4	6
York Shipley	10	2	5	3	12	10	9	+2	7
Moors	10	2	4	4	11	10	8	+1	8
Irish Club	10	1	3	6	10	10	5	0	9
Basildon & Pitsea Res.	10	1	2	7	9	10	4	-1	10
Basildon Athletic Res.	10	1	1	8	8	10	3	-2	11
Basildon & Pitsea Res.	10	0	1	9	7	10	1	-3	12
Basildon Athletic Res.	10	0	0	10	6	10	0	-4	13

FOUR GOALS SHARED

BERRY BOYS' CLUB 2,
BILLCIRLEY BOYS 2

BERRY BOYS' Club played well to get a Basildon Youth League point from Billcricley on Saturday after trailing 2-1 until near the end.

A well-taken goal by R. Strand gave Berry a shock lead in the first minute, but they eased up and allowed Billcricley to score twice, once from a penalty.

Some brilliant goalkeeping by Ludlow kept the Berry Boys in the game in the second half before they netted a great second goal to level the scores.



The honour of playing for the first time on Freryns Boys' Club's new pitch in Cranes Farm Road went to the club's senior team on Saturday. They are pictured before the game against Manor United, which they won by a double-figure score.

Champions ahead in league race

BOTH LAINDON Athletic and the Irish Club lost their 100 per cent Premier Division records in the Basildon League on Saturday. The slips leave champions Ilford Sports the only side in the division not to have dropped a point.

The Irish Club dropped their point in an eight-goal thriller with Woodlands. Downey after 30 minutes the Irishmen fought back to lead by the end of the first half when Burns equalised for Woodlands.

Laundon Athletic were knocked off the top perch when Ilford's beat them 2-0. The Phantom men take over the lead on goal average.

A goal in each half was enough for the Ilford side who were even able to afford the luxury of a missed penalty by Alan Holder.

One of the most encouraging results in the Premier Division was Nicholas Youth Centre's 2-1 win over Basildon and Pitsea.

After being defeated in their first match, the South Centre have recovered with two wins on the trot.

York Shipley are really struggling. On Saturday they went down 11-2 to Yardley. Sharpe and Skinner shared eight of the goals.

Pace-setters

In Division I three teams are setting the pace. Scotta with an unbeaten record lead at the moment followed closely by Belhus Park and Laindon Athletic.

Latest victims of Scotta were Corringham Youth who ended a six-game unbeaten holding out in a goalless first half.

Belhus Park met an unexpected Nicholas Reserve for nine. Lawson setting the pace.

At Langdon Hills, the Athletic Reserves squeezed through to a narrow win over Moors who were upset by some of the referee's decisions. Two goals disallowed.

Yardley Reserves settled down well and recorded their second win in two games by beating Nicholas Reserves 4-0. After their big defeat, they recovered well to defeat Manor 10-0 on their new ground at Cranes Farm Road.

Results

Premier Division — Ilford Sports 2, Laindon Athletic 0; Irish Club 2, Woodlands 2; Nicholas 2, Basildon and Pitsea 1; York Shipley 2, Yardley 11.

Division I — Belhus Park 9, Irish Club Reserves 0; Freryns 10, Manor 0; Laindon Athletic Reserves 2, Moors 1; Scotta 4, Corringham 0; Yardley Reserves 4, Nicholas Reserves 0.

Cup games

The League Charity Cup takes over from the League programme on Saturday. The draw has favoured the big guns as in only two matches are Premier sides in opposition, Basildon Athletic v Yardley.

The competition has acquired a reputation for excitement and it is possible some shock results will occur.

At the Gun Meadow, Basildon and Pitsea will have their work cut out holding Yardley, while in another interesting game Nicholas Youth Centre entertain Basildon Athletic.

The two Division I leaders away to Premier Division sides, Scotta v Basildon Athletic and Belhus against the Irish Club.

Premier leaders Ilford Sports visit Moors and should prove too strong for the home side and Woodlands will be expected to win against Outwood Common.

My eight for the second round on December 9th are: Corringham, Irish Club, Ilford Sports, Nicholas, Woodlands, Laindon Athletic and York Shipley.

RACE FOR WEIR STOCK CAR TITLE

NEW WORLD champion Andy Webb will be one of the Formula II stock car stars out to increase his points aggregate at Rayleigh Weir's R. K. Motors Trophy meeting this Saturday (October 7th), commencing at 7.30 p.m.

With only two more meetings to go at Rayleigh this season, all the regular drivers, now have their eyes on collecting as many points as possible and being declared Rayleigh Points Champion for 1967.

Eddie Asling is currently in the lead with 70 points, closely followed by Dave Chisholm with 67 points and Ian Durham with 61.

Durham has to miss this Saturday's meeting due to a prior business engagement. The other competitors will certainly take this opportunity of jumping above him if they can.

Points for the Rayleigh Points Championship have been awarded all seasons from the heats and final of each meeting. The first six placed drivers earn from six to one points in the heats and from 12 to six in the final.

Team racing returns to the Weir for the final meeting on October 21st—introduced by popular request, the match is a two-legged event between Rayleigh and King's Lynn, will be the main feature of the programme.

The second leg is scheduled for King's Lynn the following Saturday (October 28th).

Home banker

Manchester United entertain Arsenal next Saturday and with four victories in their last four games against the Londoners at Old Trafford will be doing well to make it five in a row.

Top scorer

The two goals Jimmy Greaves scored in the First Division game with Sunderland last Saturday brought his league total to 29, the top scorer of present-day players.

Moores unlucky to lose 2-1

Laindon Ath. Res. 2, Moors Utd. 1
UNLUCKY Moors United in this Basildon League game at Langdon Hills on Saturday.

It was one of those games when little went right for Moors, who justifiably walked off the pitch when they were to do to win.

In addition to the disallowed goal by Skerritt (a free-kick) and Henry (a header from a corner), they also hit the bar twice when they were fighting for an equaliser.

For the first 10 minutes Moors played a man short before the arrival of their goalkeeper. In spite of this the game was fairly even until Gernon put unbeaten Laindon ahead.

It came from a long ball down the middle which split the Moors defence, Gordon receiving a square pass from Gineby to net easily.

Moors' second goal came five minutes from half-time when Kent was scored by full-back evaded the goalkeeper and ended in the net.

A few minutes later Moors pulled back one when the Athletics' left-half, Nunn, lobbed the ball into his own net.

In the second half with Moors being able to beat the bar twice when they were to do to win.

Laindon must have been relieved to hear the final whistle after the hammering they had taken.

Thorney Bay outplay Freryns

THORNEY BAY 3,
FRERYNS B.C. 1

IN THEIR first Youth League match this season, Thorney Bay defeated last year's Division II winners, Freryns, 3-1 in a game on Saturday.

Thorney Bay played some good football in the first half which brought goals from T. O'Connor and J. Statham.

Freryns' breakthrough came when Barry Bay beat the goalkeeper in which goalkeeper R. Gernon, who has been chosen for the league side, had little to do.

In the second half Thorney Bay kept up the pressure and the Freryns goalkeeper saved well from T. Gernon and J. Statham.

But he stood no chance when Barry Bay beat the goalkeeper and shot low and hard into the net for the third goal.

Thorney Bay: R. Carter, Lewis, Denton, S. Carter, Gernon, Statham, O'Connor, Gernon, Bates, Bux, Tadi, and



Manor United football team.

SUNDAY LEAGUE REVIEW

CANVEY UPSET
PEGASUS AT
HERD LANE

PEGASUS 2, CANVEY UNITED 4

PEGASUS WERE GIVEN A THREE GOALS' FIRST HALF ROASTING BY CANVEY AT HERD LANE ON SUNDAY AND FINISHED ON THE LOSING SIDE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE LEAGUE THIS SEASON.

Canvey were always faster and more aggressive than the disappointing Ollimen and ran out worthy winners.

Opening at a very fast pace, Canvey were soon in front when the Pegasus goalkeeper, after making a good save, presented them with a goal by dropping the ball at an opponent's feet.

Pegasus did not seem to be upset by this reverse and continued to play slow, methodical football until Canvey went further ahead with another easy goal after robbing a defender in the penalty area.

When Canvey made it 3-0 just before the interval, it was obvious Pegasus faced an uphill fight in the second half.

A disallowed goal soon after the resumption seemed to bring some determination to the Pegasus team, but it was Canvey who scored first following another defensive slip.

Changes in the Pegasus forward line then seemed to bring rewards and Oxlley netted twice, the second after some great work by Thorogood, to get back into the game.

Oxlley almost made it three with a fine shot from a free-kick which hit the bar and rebounded into play.

Canvey became a little anxious at this stage, but held on to their lead until the end.

Stability
improve

CANVEY 3.

STABILITY 2.

ALTHOUGH DEFEATED at Canvey on Sunday, Stability played some of their best football so far this season in the Sunday League.

Stability controlled the midfield play in the first half but were level at 2-2 at the interval.

Canvey were first to score from a fine move in the 20th minute only for Stability to reply six minutes later through McQueen.

S. Smith twice went close for Stability with fine headers, but their defence was split open in the 38th minute when a Canvey half-back sent a high ball down the middle for the centre-forward to head home over the advancing goalkeeper.

Stability replied once more just before half-time with a very fine move down the left-wing. R. McQueen sending in a low ball for S. Smith to bang home.

In the second half both goalkeepers excelled themselves with good saves, but it was Canvey who notched the winner with 15 minutes to go through their centre-forward.

Results

BASILDON SUNDAY League

results:—

Premier Div.: Double Six 2, Laindon Hotel 2; Pegasus 2, Canvey 4; Priors Athletic 1, Ghyllgrove 2; Sorrento 8, Newcombe and Hastings 0.

Div. I: Chesterhall 5,

B.E.N.O.C. 1; Sorrento "A" 1, Gifford Rangers 2.

Common 4, Double Six "A" 0; Canvey "A" 3, Stability 2; Gifford Rangers "A" 4, Gifford Rangers 2.

Div. II: Ghyllgrove "A" 0, Bonallack 3; Outwood Common "A" 3, Wans Pritchard 2; Shell 2, Canvey "B" 5; Scott Hale 3, S.E.M. 2; Chesterhall "A" 0, Sorrento "B" 3.

Div. III: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. IV: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. V: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. VI: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. VII: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. VIII: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. IX: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. X: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XI: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XII: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XIII: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XIV: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XV: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XVI: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XVII: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XVIII: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

Div. XIX: John Tann 0, Murco Sports 3; Manor Rovers 2, Craylands Youth 3; S.E.M. "A" 0, Essex C.C. 6; Gator Gas 0, Carter-Ward 4; Double Six "B" 1, Norton Sports 1.

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Sorrento "B," one of the teams in the Second Division the Sunday League.

Marconi kicked off playing against the wind and the Town were soon on the attack. Taking full advantage of the blustery wind, their defence sent the forwards for a knock after attack and Marconi seemed to have no plan in their approach work.

The second half started at

half Berry. It led to the
Nomads' equaliser.

In the second half Runwell scored twice more despite West End's brave attempts to put punch into their attack.

For a while Mowlems played with fresh heart, but the wind was taken out of their sails when Wynn got the United's sixth goal from a right-wing

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Basildon Table Tennis CARSONS MAKE STRONG BID FOR THE PREMIER TITLE

Barr wins Yardley Trophy

ON a day when many of the fancied players came unstuck with the strong win Bill Barr won Basildon Golf Club's Yardley Trophy from a field of 57 players on Sunday.

Paving the way for Barr, who returned a cross 88, finished two down. Second place went to Ted Creed, who finished nine down (also three down) because of his better score on the second nine. Creed's score 85 was the lowest score of the day.

Top placings were: 1. W. Barr (2 down); 2. T. Creed (9 down); 3. J. Benford (19 down); 4. F. Llewellyn (21 down); 5. B. Hardie (4 down); 6. N. Coker (4 down); 7. H. Newell (4 down).

In the Kingston Knock-Out cup, third round, B. Kise defeated Dick Murphy 3 and 2 on Sunday to go through to the next round.

Another Kingston winner was K. Leefer, who beat Ted Simpson 2 and 1.

DARTS

Champions open with a 7-2 victory

LAST SEASON'S Basildon Central Darts League champions Marconi started the new season well last week with a 7-2 win over the Castlemaine.

The biggest win of the week was the Commodore's 8-1 thrashing of the Owl and Pussycat. Only Secretary, K. Treuman, failed to notch a win.

Results: Plough and Tractor 4, Gun 3; Commodore 8, Owl and Pussycat 1; B. St. George 5, S.T.C. 4; Owl and Pussycat 6, Marconi 2; Castle Maine 2; Telford 4; Albert Manns 5; Double Six 5, Pords 4.

London and District Darts League results:

Essex C.C. 4, Kerys 5; Owl and Pussycat 4, B. St. George 5; S.T.C. 4, Owl and Pussycat 6; Marconi 6, Ford 3; Crane 6; Sherrwoods 4; Windsor Fortune 3; White Hart 5; Marconi Colts 4.

QUART POT UNBEATEN

UNBEATEN QUART Pot chalked up a 7-2 away win over Bonallacks to lead the Wickford and District Darts League by two points.

The other unbeaten teams are Paul Fry, Shepherd and Dog, Norton and Dog, Bullocks with Paul Fry in second place with a superior games average.

Results: Stow Bullocks 5, Long Riding 4; Norton 7, Invader 2; Quart 7, 3; Crane 6; Bonallacks 2, Quart Pot 7; Castle 4, Pitsa 2; Paul Fry 3, King's Road 2; Shepherd and Dog 7, Butyl Products 2.

League positions:

Quart Pot	18	Paul Fry	18
Shepherd and Dog	17	Paul Fry	18
Norton	16	Paul Fry	18
King's Road	15	Paul Fry	18
Castle	14	Paul Fry	18
Paul Fry	13	Paul Fry	18
Paul Fry	12	Paul Fry	18
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Paul Fry	9	Paul Fry	18
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SHELL PRODUCED the best result so far in the Stanford-Lido and District Darts League when they beat Wickford and Pitsa 6-0 on Monday night.

Results: Corringham S.C. 6, n.d.; B. St. George 5, n.d.; S.T.C. 4, n.d.; U.S.C. 4, n.d.; Lido 6, n.d.; Vange and Pitsa 6-0 on Monday; Croydon 3.

Hockey

LADIES LOSE TO RAYLEIGH

BASILDON 2, RAYLEIGH 2.

WITH ONLY 10 players, Basildon Ladies Hockey Club lost narrowly by the odd goal to Rayleigh on Saturday.

Although depleted Basildon started confidently and centred forward Monica Munro put them ahead early on.

Black defensive work by Basildon soon cancelled out this lead and by half-time they were 3-1 down.

In the second half Basildon had numerous shots at goal and many misses. All the forwards had scoring opportunities but were felled at the last minute by the full-backs.

The only goal of the half came from Monica Munro following a pass from left-half Marion Love.

Marion Love proved a useful member of the forward line and was unlucky not to score.

Tomorrow (Saturday) Basildon are away to Marconi at Chelmsford.

WITH HUGH MOLLOY, MIKE WATTS AND FRED LOCKWOOD MAKING A FORMIDABLE TRIO, CARSONS "A" WILL TAKE SOME STOPPING IN THE BASILDON TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE'S PREMIER DIVISION THIS SEASON.

Wickford felt the force of their strength last week and were crushed 10-0, although both West and Wheeler did take the odd games off Molloy.

Pitsa Legion "A" with a weak side compared to their past championship-winning teams, could only muster a draw with Kingswood "B" in a maximum from Richie Mellings. Timewell both came up trumps for Kingswood with two wins apiece. The Legion "B" fared even worse, going down 10-0 to Stan Dean, Harry Spracks and Pip Gallagher.

One of the best games in the Premier Division was between Carreras and Springfield "A" which the Cats won 6-4.

Norman Stephenson emerged with three wins for Carreras and B. Randall won two. One win apiece for Frazer, Lyons and Palmer and a doubles win for Frazer and Palmer gave Springfield their four successes.

Easy wins

Apart from three matches which went to 7-3 all the matches in Division I resulted in easy wins.

But in Division II Kingswood "D" and Timberlog fought out an exciting 5-5 draw. G. Thurston emerging unbeaten for the Lokers. Kent and Palmer each won two for Kingswood.

Waterloo Sports just failed to share the points in this division going down 6-4 to Ilford "B". Ilford's hero was A. West who won his three games, two of them 21-17 in the decider.

Results

Premier Division: Bonallack "A" 8, Kingswood "C" 1; Pitsa B.L. "A" 5, Kingswood "B" 5; Kingswood "A" 10, wood Common Trophy.

Division II: Shell "B" 6, Nicholas "A" 7; Bonallack "C" 3, Nalgio "A" 3; Springfield "B" 3; Bonallack "B" 3; Wickford "D" 6; Nicholas "C" 9; Springfield "C" 1; Wickford Y.C. "B" 1, Ford "B" 9.

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Talking Sport with Peter Lucas

THE FRUIT OF THE TOWN JUST BE A STADIUM

Cricket K.O. changes

CHANGES MAY be made in the organisation of the Sports Council's nonular cricket knock-out competition next season.

An idea put forward at the meeting, if accepted at the annual meeting, will mean playing the fixtures on set nights and grounds and an earlier finish to the competition.

To give the tournament a complete overhaul, the Cricket Section are setting up a sub-committee "centred" round Competitions Secretary Angus Lamb "to make recommendations to the annual meeting. The ideas put forward by Laidlaw C.C. on Thursday would bring the Basildon competition, more in line with Southend's.

There, several matches are played on one big ground on the same night, the dates being fixed in advance by the organisers.

A similar arrangement was made by the Basildon Youth League last season and it worked successfully.

Umpires for the knock-out matches are a problem, and the Section decided once again to make attempts to run an umpires course.

This time an approach will be made to County P.E. Officer, Mr. Harry Crabtree in the hope that a class can be started.

Cup final

The Greenwood Charity Cup final replay is to take place at Boxers United's ground on Sunday, October 29th. In the first match, the finalists, Boxers United and Fosses drew 1-1 after extra time.

Grand slam

A grand slam of four wins in four matches was achieved by Basildon Rugby Club on Saturday. The club beat 118 for 13 against St. Paul's. The club has 80 players on its books but more are needed if four teams are to be fielded each week this season.

Inter-league squad to be strengthened

THE BASILDON League admitted on Monday taking "too much of a gamble" on youth for their representative sides. Now they are to strengthen their inter-league squad with some older and more experienced players.

Team manager, Mr. George Stirk made the admission at the league meeting on Monday. "We agreed to plump for a young team and in doing so we took a lot of chances," he said.

From our experience last season it is clear we took too much of a gamble and have now decided to strengthen the squad with some older players.

This season the Basildon League face their toughest inter-league programme ever. In addition to three matches in the Essex Inter-League Competition they are committed to three matches with Harlow, Kingston and the Sunday League. In addition another game is being arranged, under floodlights, with Barking Reserve, as a try-out before the Essex match against Mid-Essex.

At the moment the venue and date for the Mid-Essex game has not been fixed, but it may take place at Basildon, Southend, in November.

On Monday Mr. Stirk warned the league that some very hard matches lie ahead. "But we must not only think about results from the start, we must be on a knife's edge playing all these young players, but when we are losing matches we must be able to win them."

Members of the steering committee of the new Basildon Club, Arthur Laidlaw and Fred Larn both denied the approaches were official. "We made it clear in our minutes that we would not play players from other clubs. This is policy and we must stick to it."

"If players having a drink ask others to join the Club there is very little we can do about it."

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He later gave an assurance on Basildon's behalf that no approaches would be made on

UNLESS BASILDON COUNCIL OR THE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ALLOCATE A SITE FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A SOCCER STADIUM, BASILDON WILL NEVER GET A SENIOR AMATEUR TEAM COMPARABLE TO THOSE OPERATING IN OTHER NEW TOWNS.

This was the unanimous verdict of 16 "soccer administrators" who sat round a table at Timberlog Secondary School on Tuesday to discuss what steps could be taken to bring senior, and at a later date professional, football to Basildon, writes PETER LUCAS.

Entrusted with the unenviable task of co-ordinating the diverse views expressed at the meeting was the Chairman of the Sports Council, Football Section, Laidlaw Schoolmaster, George Morris.

His terms of reference, issued by the main Sports Council, were to investigate the possibility of establishing a senior soccer side in Basildon.

Facing him round the table were representatives from three organisations which had already taken steps which they believe would eventually produce the kind of team the town needs.

They were Basildon United—the old Armada F.C.—who adopted their new name this season with an eye on a senior side; Fryers Boys Club, who stated publicly a few months ago that their aim was the same; and the Basildon League, who have been seeking a young representative side "to form the nucleus" of a senior team.

Problem facing Mr. Morris and the Sports Council was how to get them together. After two hours' discussion the question remained unanswered.

Of the three Fryers Boys Club have their nose slightly in front because of the fact they have already been allocated a ground by the Corporation in Frances Farm Road. Their plans to build this with a clubhouse and stadium.

But even representative, Mr. W. Wilson, was not prepared to say he had any intention of co-operating with moves to form a town club. "This

is not our business," he said. "We are a club and we are not prepared to be taken over by a town club."

On Wednesday the General Manager of the Development Corporation, Mr. R. C. Benifield, said he would be prepared to attend a meeting with the Sports Council and Urban Council "to see what can be done to help."

He said: "We have always considered Basildon will be big enough to support a professional football team."

The Town Manager, Mr. D. Taylor, said he had no intention of accepting any invitation of this kind as he is always willing to meet anyone concerned with matters affecting the development of the district.

Cricket plan turned down

A BIGGER programme of cricket representative matches for local players was snuffed at Tuesday's meeting of the Sports Council's Cricket Section.

Next season the Section will concentrate on three things—the Cup holders' match, the first round of the Inter New Towns Festival of Sport, and if possible an evening match against the Southend Cricket Association.

It was obvious from the discussion at the meeting that most clubs were against having their best players taken away for representative games at weekends.

For this reason a big programme of inter-association games was turned down.

We want a letter from them," continued Mr. Burch. "If players want to better cricket and decide to join a club, let them do it. We know this from the fixtures we have already. In 1968 they will be even better."

As he is Chairman of Basildon's steering committee, Mr. Fred Larn, who was present at the discussion and Mr. Tony Williams (Vice-Chairman) presided.

He stated two of Laidlaw's players had been approached. Mr. Williams asked Basildon to give a directive to other clubs. This is policy and we must stick to it.

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decision must rest with our committee," he said.

Basildon League Secretary Joe Hearn said his committee was prepared to back their young representative side financially until it was ready to stand on its own into senior football. He did not think they would have much difficulty gaining entrance to a league of the necessary standard.

For Basildon United George Bushnell, who has been planning for senior football for some years, obviously believes that if Basildon is to have a town club it should be Basildon United.

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Kingswood Squash Club was handed over by the contractors on Monday prior to commencement of play in about a week's time. Making last-minute preparations at the handover were Mr. Rex Guppy (the man behind the building of the Club, seated right), Mr. William McConach (Manager, seated left), Mr. Ronald Cox (architect, centre), Ron Reynolds (coach, second left) and representatives of the building contractors.

Squash club available next week

TWO WEEKS before its official opening by the Minister for Sport, Mr. Dennis Howell, play starts next week at the 500,000 Kingswood Squash Club.

Even before the six international class courts start to open with playing activity, the club's membership has already topped the 300 mark.

Founders of the club is Mr. Rex Guppy who believes it will fill a big gap in Essex sporting facilities. When the first game is played at Kingswood it will be a great moment for him.

In 1962 squash in South Essex seemed finished when two courts at the Palace Hotel, Southend, closed down. At that time the club there had 250 members.

Attempts were made to find other sites for Basildon and an appeal for £10,000 was issued. Both failed. Then along came the idea of a club in Basildon which, with co-operation from the Development Corporation, soon got off the ground.

One of the top squash coaches in the country, Mr. Rex Reynolds, has been appointed professional at the club. His experience includes coaching at Eton, Hurlingham College and at the Northwood Squash Centre.

Catering will be supervised by Michael Schuler and the general running of the club will be in the hands of Mr. McConach.

Transfered

Telefax skipper John Ager has been transferred to the Thurrock Thameside Combination. The transfer was agreed between the two clubs on Tuesday.

tion had been investigated and the committee was satisfied none of its six members were concerned.

They had found one member who "might have stepped out of line" and he had been reprimanded. It is an apology to the Section is needed," said Mr. Guppy. "It is quite prepared to give it."

Mr. J. Johnson (Newtown) said one of his players was approached by the Basildon Club after the Basildon Club's President's game this season.

Standard Telephones added to the list of players being asked to join Basildon "at least three times a week."

After giving an assurance no player would take place in the Basildon Club's first half through a penalty, the Basildon Club's President's game this season.

Attack followed attack, but

Hicks header was late decider for Scott Hale

SCOTT HALE 3, S.E.M. 2
SCOTT HALE won an evenly-contested Division II match at Wickford on Sunday.

With a keen wind behind and under the slope advantage, Scott Hale pressed for most of the first half, but S.E.M. were always dangerous in breaks.

After 20 minutes Lloyd put Scott's ahead with a well-taken header from Darnell's cross, and Hicks matched the second with another header from a well-judged lob by Stid.

S.E.M. attacked strongly in the second half and scored twice in the first 30 minutes to level the scores.

With Lloyd and Darnell working hard, Scott Hale always threatened and with five minutes left, he snatched the winner with a Hicks header after a break taken by Westaway, bent a change by full-back Barrell.

Deserved win for Bonallack

CHYLLGROVE 0, BONALLACK 3
THE STRONG wind ruined this Sunday League Division II game as a spectacle, but did not prevent Bonallack from securing a well-deserved clean-cut win.

Bonallack had the wind on their backs in the first half, but they came through and eventually increased their lead through Savall.

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After this the Bonallack boys got well on top and it was a matter of time when Dean, receiving from Lee, shot low and hard past the Chyllgrove goalkeeper for the third.

In trying to save, the goalkeeper hurt his fingers and had to retire to a position on the field.

Chyllgrove never gave up trying, but on the day Bonallack were the better side.

OUTWOOD COMMON "A" 3, WASS PRITCHARD 2
IN THIS Basildon League Division II match at New Lodes on Sunday, Outwood common had to cover a lot of ground due to a poor forward line.

Centre-forward M. Smith scored all their goals and W. Turner was outstanding in a hard-working defence.

This win brings the Common to maximum points for three games.

'KEEPER TO THE RESCUE

PENALTY PRODUCED FIRST GOAL

CHESTERHALL "A" 0, SORRENTO "B" 3
SORRENTO STARTED well in this Division II match on Sunday and in the first 10 minutes Willis went close and Savall hit the crossbar.

They were still pressing for the opening goal when Savall was brought down in the area and Groom made no mistake from the spot-kick.

Chesterhall muffed a chance of equalising from a free-kick and were also unlucky when Jones cleared a shot off the Sorrento goal-line.

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HIGH TIDE AT SOUTHEND

Flowers in parentheses indicate height of water above datum.

Fri. 2.40 (18.3) 2.52 (18.3)
Sat. 3.23 (18.3) 3.35 (18.3)
Sun. 4.06 (18.3) 4.18 (18.3)
Mon. 4.50 (17.3) 5.8 (17.3)
Tue. 5.38 (16.0) 6.28 (16.0)
Wed. 6.38 (14.5) 7.22 (14.5)
Thurs. 7.54 (14.1) 8.55 (14.1)
Fri. 9.32 (13.0) 10.15 (13.0)
(October 13th)

Tidal predictions supplied by the pool Observatory and Tidal Institute (copyright reserved).

Cyclo-cross

Four internationals are expected to compete in the Basildon Cycling Club's cyclo-cross over Gloucester Park on Sunday. The event starts at 2 p.m. and is expected to finish about 40 minutes later at the same point.

No candidate

Because they have no worthy candidate, Basildon Sports Council's cricket competition of Basildon's Sports Personality of the Year competition.

Trophy game

Basildon Schools' Under-16 team play south round in the Basildon Schools' Trophy at Ryde on Saturday. The event starts at 2 p.m. and is expected to finish about 40 minutes later at the same point.

Tenpin Bowls Review

WALK-OVER FOR AMBASSADORS

THE FIRST TENPIN BOWLING GAME OF THE NATION-WIDE INTER-CITY TRAVEL LEAGUE WAS A WALK-OVER FOR BASILDON'S AMBASSADORS ON SUNDAY — THEIR RIVALS, ACTON, WERE UNABLE TO MAKE THE MATCH.

Basildon competes in the London section of the League and matches continue until March. Then come the national finals to find the British League champions.

With no one to play against on Sunday, the Ambassadors found it difficult to his high scores and rolled only a 2574 series, their best game being a 211. Laurie Ramsey rolled the high series with 577 and Barry Prince had a 563.

Monday night's Pavilion League proved a much harder task for the Ambassadors. The Gentlemen were in great form. A low first game of 816 saw them 95 pins behind their Southend opponents.

Fortunately they started to find form in the second game, and, helped by a 224 from Barry Prince and 205 from Roger Bright, rolled a 925 game to secure a win by 82 pins.

with the totals almost even, a thrilling last game was assured, but with a 941 game, which included a 213 from Ramsey, the Ambassadors clinched victory by 45 pins. Barry Prince rolled the high series with 578. Laurie Ramsey rolling 546 and Don Wood 542.

Barclays Bank challenge

SEVENTY-SEVEN pins was the margin win over Basildon in the final of the Inter-Barclays Bank challenge competition at the Bowl.

The finalists were 1328 against 1251.

The Bureley team members were Ken Linge, Geoff Cox, Mike Creek, Kelvin Moll and Roger Thompson.

Two girls, Beryl Hope and Linda Wright, were in the Basildon team which included Geoff Spooner, Steven Bates and John Limmer.

In the Hunters League Roger Bright had the 686 high series and 279 high game. He had split in the 10 of his

first game and then opened the second game with six strikes and had a top in the seventh frame and then finished off with strikes for a 279.

A five-strong Basildon team, including Bright, went to Walton Pier Bowl on Sunday and came second against five other teams.

Rally drivers to cover 450 miles

THE 450-MILE "Britvia" car rally starts at 4 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, October 14th, from Chelmsford Gattle Market, and is organised by Chelmsford Motor Club.

First to be waved away by the Chelmsford Carriway Queen will be John Menhinick (Barrow), the Eastern Area Rally Champion, with his crew of Vic Bucknell and wife Nancy Menhinick, winner of the "Britvia" last year.

Second away will be ex-Monte Carlo Rally driver Ron Cliff (Barnet), who came second last year.

The most interesting part of the rally from the spectators' point of view will be the special stages, which are held on airfields on private land, where the drivers are motor-ing as fast as they can.

Details of these with information of times and suitable advantage points will be available at the start.

The route will go from Chelmsford to the Wash and back again, and so will provide a tough test for driver and navigator, as well as for car reliability over some of East Anglia's lesser-known and roughest roads.

HOW THEY STAND

HUNTERS LEAGUE			
Club	W	L	Pts
Ambassadors "C"	1	1	1
Charrilocks	1	1	1
Cutters	1	1	1
Harold Leger	1	1	1
Charrilocks	1	1	1
Three highest games scored by			
Southend W's 463, Southend W's 427,			
Ambassadors W's 405, Ambassador "C"			
1151, Cutters 1095.			
Individual high game, R. Bright 683			
279; individual series, R. Bright 683			

FRIDAY MIXED DOUBLES			
Club	W	L	Pts
J. & P. Copeland	1	1	1
Harris & E.	1	1	1
Greenland & D.	1	1	1
W. & D. Alinger	1	1	1
Mitchell & J.	1	1	1
Sampson	1	1	1
Three highest games scored by			
Jim Fairbrother 552, Fred			
Ren Betts 265, Betty Blowers 217,			
Mary Betts 533, Joyce Morris 220.			

MONDAY MIXED DOUBLES			
Club	W	L	Pts
Roy & Norma Hook	1	1	1
Collin & Sylvia Grant	1	1	1
Robert & Ann	1	1	1
John & Anne Buckley	1	1	1
John Moore & Rita	1	1	1
Three highest games scored by			
Len Morris 560, Jim Fairbrother 552, Fred			
Mary Betts 533, Joyce Morris 220.			

LATHOL LEAGUE			
Club	W	L	Pts
Dodgers	1	1	1
Lions	1	1	1
Arrows	1	1	1
Bowlers Anonymous	1	1	1
Mints	1	1	1
Three highest games scored by			
Lions 564, Jokers 552, Jokers 556,			
Shepherd 247, D. Bailey 221, J. S.			
Turn 215.			

TRADES LEAGUE			
Club	W	L	Pts
S.T.C. Jets	1	1	1
Falcons	1	1	1
Cutters	1	1	1
Sods & Sons	1	1	1
Falcons	1	1	1
Three highest games scored by			
Swires 552, J. Fairbrother 571,			
Clark 564.			

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE			
Club	W	L	Pts
Lathol Coasters	1	1	1
Golden Boys	1	1	1
Newcombe & Hatt	1	1	1
Tribeaux	1	1	1
Gnomes	1	1	1
Three highest games scored by			
P. Murray 242, J. Green			
223, a Bailey 208.			

ATLAS LEAGUE			
Club	W	L	Pts
Corks	1	1	1
Woodhills	1	1	1
Invaders	1	1	1
Gnomes	1	1	1
Three highest games scored by			
Tom Shapley 587 was made up			
of 202, 190 and 195.			



Some members of Nicholas' Youth Centre who won the Essex Association of Angling Clubs' Youth Service Challenge Trophy last Sunday.

Angling trophy for Nicholas

NICHOLAS YOUTH Centre carried off the Essex Association of Angling Clubs' Youth Service Challenge Trophy on Sunday at the fifth attempt.

In competition with 40 other youth clubs on the River Chelmer, Nicholas came out on top with a total catch of 3lb. 6oz. 2dr., mainly perch and gudgeon.

One of the Nicholas team was Peter Roache. Ron Young, Eddie Wilson, Len Denham, Dave Young, Dave Briggs, Dave Bridgeman and Bob Beattie.

OLYMPIAN RESULTS

ESSEX OLYMPIAN League results last Saturday were:— Bishop's Stortford Swifts 2, Billericay Town 1; Burnham Ramblers 2, Dungenow 1; Essex Police 2, Writtle 4.

Fixtures for tomorrow (Saturday):— Billericay Town v Bishop's Stortford Swifts; Dorset Press v Burnham Ramblers; Dungenow v Essex Police; Sawbridge v British Mathews; League Cup, preliminary round; Crittalls (Baintree) v Essex County Council Staff.

Top marksmen

Leading goalscorers in the four divisions of the Football League after last Saturday's games were: Davis (Southampton) and Ritchie (Sheffield Wednesday) 10; Hector (Derby) and Lee (Bolton) 9; Yardley (Tranmere) 11 and Talbot (Crewe) 9.

Happy Palace

When Crystal Palace beat Queen's Park Rangers 1-0 on Saturday and took over the leadership of the Second Division they reached their highest position in the Football League in 65 years.

Off target

Allan Clarke, of Fulham, took his first penalty for the Londoners on Saturday in their game at Burnley. He missed and Burnley eventually won 2-0.

CLOSE FINISH AS WICKFORD CLASH WITH SOUTHEND

Wickford 122, Southend 125-7

THIS CRICKET match at Runwell Road, Wickford, on Saturday was full of incident and was won in the penultimate over by the visitors by three wickets. It was their last main match of the season.

Wickford had first use of a damp wicket and in 43 minutes had lost three wickets for 28 runs. Then opener A. Goddard was joined by skipper P. Madams and they added 44 in 31 minutes.

Then Madams was bowled for 26, a knock which included two sixes and two fours. Goddard was fifth out with the total at 60, his patient innings producing 34 runs.

After this only S. Coates (17) and A. Finch (10) offered any real resistance and the last five wickets fell for the addition of 20 runs, Wickford being all out for 122 in 137 minutes.

In the Southend attack, J. Wilson was in tremendous form and turned in one of his best performances to take 8-53 (five bowled) in 21.4 overs.

Southend made a bad start in their reply, losing both their openers in eight minutes for one run, but then A. Mitchell and D. Watkins put on 51 in most of the scoring and was sent back for 28.

Watkins continued to do most of the scoring and was seventh out with the total at 107. His 62 included eight fours, 18 in ten minutes and Southend finally won with two minutes to spare, having batted for 116 minutes.

Wickford used five bowlers and all had some success with Debenham (2-41) and Green (2-22) the main wicket-takers.

Wickford: Scooby c Cotgrove b Wilson 16, Goddard c Lauder b Wilson 34, Crook b Wilson 4, Gardner b Wilson 0, Madams b Wilson 26, Coates c Cotgrove b Wilson 17, Berry b Lauder 1, Finch c-b Lauder 10, Debenham b Wilson 1, Green n.o. b, Total 122.

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Billericay's "Royal" family



SALUTE BILLERICAY'S new Royal family! The Davis family of Balmoral Close have taken on the title since they returned home from holiday on the Isle of Wight, where Mrs. Maureen Davis, aged 26, won "Queen of the Week" title and her children, Kerry and Lee, won Prince and Princess titles.

The family won the competitions at Warner's Woodside Bay Holiday Village all in the last week of this year's holiday season.

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Mrs. Davis, who has another 18-months-old daughter, said: "I'm not usually interested in competitions—but I got dragged into this one without any choice."

Kerry won Princess of the Week title and Lee was runner-up in the Prince of the Week competition.

The competitions were judged by other holiday-makers, who were not aware that they were all of the same family.

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Out for bargains



The younger customers found plenty of bargains at a jumble sale organised by the A.T.C. Welfare Committee held at the Recreation Rooms, Billericay, on Saturday.

Olympic swimmer at Billericay



Elizabeth Long, the Olympic Games swimming finalist and holder of 11 national titles, opened Billericay Junior School's indoor swimming pool on Saturday and is seen with some of the school's exhibition swimmers. The pool cost over £7,000, and parents and teachers have raised £5,500 in less than two years. Report and more pictures on Page 5.

BILLERICAY HIGH STREET CONTROVERSY

IS IT DELIBERATE ATTEMPT TO KEEP BILLERICAY SECOND-CLASS?

THE BILLERICAY High Street Report controversy was given a new twist at a meeting of Billericay Chamber of Trade and Commerce on Monday.

"The Report," claimed local industrialist and High Street shop owner Mr. James Ball, "is a deliberate attempt to keep Billericay as a second-class town."

"It is being used as an excuse by the Council to make Billericay unattractive to shoppers to promote Basildon as the main shopping centre in this area."

Managing Director of Glynden Investments, Ltd., Mr. Ball's attack follows a recent appeal by his firm against the Council's lack of decision about the proposed development and a proposed building preservation order on Nos. 58-64, High Street.

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"In the Report, Nos. 58-64, High Street were designated as being of 'no great architectural value and could be

redeveloped in the High Street."

"Another great threat to the future of the town is that while this plan is under discussion all development in the High Street is frozen," said Mr. Ball.

"It may be years before the Council make up their minds about the Report and by that time the High Street will have become a lifeless museum."

Chairman Mr. Lionel Wernick agreed with Mr. Ball, but he said that the Chamber was

on the whole, for preservation.

"We don't want to see all the High Street bulldozed down indiscriminately," he said. "But at the same time we cannot agree with the preservation of dilapidated, rat-infested and unhygienic buildings just for the sake of preservation."

"It is therefore vital events in an expanding town like Billericay, which has a spending power fast approaching about £1m. to blast away all the rubbish that is there, and unless this type of redevelopment is permitted the High Street will go into cold storage."

"It is therefore, vital that we should be represented on the Council's High Street Study Group and be given a say in the picture of the town centre," he concluded. A resolution that the Chamber of Commerce should be invited to send representatives to the Study Group with a view to assisting the Council in their future deliberations about the High Street, was passed unanimously, and was decided to write to Basildon's Town Manager informing him of the resolution.

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DON'T FORGET YOUR GOOPLES



Mrs. L. Beeby, wife of Runwell Liberal Association's Treasurer, started preparing for her bazaar stall last February. She made all the goods sold, including some "Gooples"—her own invention—rather like Gunks with gifts inside!

WARTIME SURPRISE FOR A WICKFORD GARDENER

MR. HARRY Rayment, of Swan Lane, Wickford, and his neighbour, Mr. Fred Leggett (87), are rivals when it comes to gardening—so Mr. Leggett could be excused for feeling a little peeved when Mr. Rayment's son turned up a potato with a difference!

Embedded in the potato is a piece of shrapnel, thought to be part of the remains of a bomb dropped

in the area during the last war.

A retired railway maintenance ganger, Mr. Rayment, 76 last April, served with the 3rd Royal Sussex Regiment in the 1914-18 war.

Gardening is his favourite hobby and he has won a number of prizes at Wick-



Shrapnel embedded in the potato.

ford O.A.P. Association No. 2 branch horticultural shows, but his son has to do most of the spade work.

His neighbour, Mr. Leggett, is a retired engine driver, and he gives away most of the vegetables he grows.

Residents of Wickford for 41 years, he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year.

"FLOWER POWER"

A "Flower Power" evening is being held by Billericay Mothers' Club on Thursday, October 26th, in the Recreation Rooms, High Street, Billericay, and Wickford Mothers' Club are invited to join them.

THEY CAN — CAN YOU?



THE CAN-CAN WAS DANCED AT "REVUE 67" GIVEN BY THE SOLITAIRES AT WICKFORD COUNTY JUNIOR SCHOOL ON SATURDAY IN AID OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY. SOME OF THE CAST ARE SEEN ABOVE.

Nine thousand miles' trip—then a good English pint!



Mr. Gordon Badcock (left) and Mr. Roy Thompson look at some of the souvenirs from their trip to Canada.

(Photo by Wickford Camera Centre)

WICKFORD ROUND Table member Mr. Gordon Badcock, of Fantom Chase, Wickford, represented the Essex Area Round Table at the three-day World Conference of Young Men's Service Clubs in Canada recently.

He was accompanied by the Chairman of Wickford Round Table, Mr. Roy Thompson, of Mill Road, Stock.

They were greeted at Montreal Airport at the beginning of a two-week stay by a crowd of Canadians in national costume.

During their stay Mr. Badcock and Mr. Thompson visited National Parks in the Rocky Mountains, Niagara falls and Toronto, where they stayed with members of the Kinsmen Club.

Their last few days were spent looking round Expo '67.

They arrived back in England after a round trip of over 9,000 miles, tired and thirsty for "a good old English pint."

"The beer out there is very gassy, but Canada is a mighty fine place," they commented.

Wickford death

MR. RONALD Godfrey Keene, of Mount Road, Wickford, a resident in the area for 47 years who was well known in connection with his building and contracting business, died on Tuesday at Billericay Hospital.

Mr. Keene gave up his business early this year. There will be a service at Wickford on Wednesday and he will be cremated at Southend.

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Discotheque opens at Basildon

EX-RADIO LONDON disc jockey Mark Roman was guest at the opening of a discotheque for 250 people at Basildon Bowl on Monday.

He spun records with the first of the local disc jockeys, 25-years-old Barry Wood, of Clayburn Side. Four other Basildon men complete the rota.

Barry is seen above getting some advice from Mark Roman.

Mr. Joe Wibden, a former Bowl manager, returned for the opening. He is now Promotions Controller for Ambassador Bowling, owners of the New Town lanes.

"I remember when I was here a lot of youngsters said: 'There is nowhere to go except the Bowl,'" he told a reporter. "So we decided to open a dancing club."

"If this is a success we shall certainly consider doing the same at our other Bowls," he added.

Mr. Wibden did not think his discotheque would be competition for Mecca Dancing. "We are not in competition with Mecca. It's a large dance hall with a different atmosphere," he said. And as if to prove his point, Locarno Manager Mr. Roy Winkfield was there at the reception on Monday.

Shirts shone fluorescent in the changing soft-light effects—an essential to a discotheque.

Discothequemen usually comes over at a peak volume. But in defence to older ears—it didn't on Monday; till the teenagers took over after the reception.

Five disc jockeys at the Bowl are Danny Yeomans, Dudley Brake, John Wardell, Stephen Goodchild and Barrie Wood. "We have five disc jockeys so we can try and develop a different approach, rather than having one person time after time," Mr. Wibden explained.

Carnival Queen Geraldine Gahan was another guest. Several people asked Mark Roman for his views on the B.B.C.'s new Radio One. "They have copied London all the way down the line," he said.

"In three months Radio One will either be a very good sound—or die a natural death," he added.

Paper sack collection

PAPER sack refuse collection system—which serves 6,000 houses in Kingswood, Lee Chapel South and Vange—is being extended by Basildon Council to Fryerns and Ghylgrove.

First started a year ago, the system will then cover 11,000 houses.

"Paper sack collections are being introduced by progressive authorities throughout the country, and it is particularly pleasing to see the good reception they have been given in Basildon," said Towns Manager Mr. David Taylor.

"After a few initial complaints about having to put the sack outside the gate, householders quickly appreciated the cleanliness of the new method, with no litter being split, and a greater standard of hygiene," he added.



In — out — back again at two Basildon factories

A STRIKE at Rydgeway Plastics in Howard Chase, involving 40 men, ended on Wednesday after two days haggling with the management and the Area Secretary of the National Union of Vehicle Builders.

All happy

WORKERS at York Shipley (Refrigeration Engineers) in Cranes Farm Road went back to work on Tuesday after a token strike over pay and conditions.

Action followed the suspension of one man, later reinstated, who refused to do work for which he was not classified or paid, said union officials.

Members of the Boiler-makers' Union and the Amalgamated Engineering Union voted to go back when they were "met halfway" by the management.

Boiler-makers' shop steward Mr. John Cheshire said after men decided to go back: "This has been an excellent exercise in co-operation."

"At this stage I am happy that the management have met us half way. I think we have better industrial relations now than we have ever had before."

The man was suspended on Monday morning and the two unions stopped work in sympathy.

After a meeting on Monday, it was agreed that work should resume pending negotiations which took place on Tuesday morning. As a result, the man was reinstated and further negotiations are now under way regarding pay and conditions.

Manager of manufacturing at the factory, Mr. R. H. Spencer, termed the issue as a wildcat strike and made several points:

• The man concerned was paid and qualified to do the work he was asked to do.

• The number of strikers at no time reached more than 40 per cent of the work staff and was mainly confined to 15 per cent.

He added: "There was a lack of communication in the factory because machinery normally employed to air grievances, was not used. 'The whole issue was resolved in a very few minutes and the boiler-makers now have a more clear cut picture on what they are required to do. 'Nothing happened which could not have been ironed out very quickly without resorting to wildcat strikes,' he said.

The strike started on Monday after a wage and productivity agreement had been offered. The men called a meeting for 12.30 p.m. in the works canteen. But some of the men went home to lunch instead of attending the meeting, which was reconvened at 1.30 p.m. (see picture above).

Works Manager, Mr. Christopher Krimmel told a reporter: "That was all right, but when they had not returned to work by 1.40 p.m., the management asked them to return to work. When they refused we considered this was withdrawal of labour. This was when the men involved started shouting about lockouts."

After discussions with Area Secretary of N.U.V.B., the men agreed to go back to work on Wednesday at 1.30 p.m., two days after the strike began.

Said Mr. Krimmel: "The wage and productivity agreement we made with these men involved a wage

increase of 20 per cent. "Naturally, to agree to this kind of thing, the management must be sure that the extra productivity is worth it. One of two men liked the wage increase, but objected to the work."

On Tuesday the men claimed the shop committee had been suspended by the management. They were refusing to return to work until the committee were reinstated.

The men agreed to go back to work unconditionally on Wednesday, but it is understood that further negotiations have been arranged.

Play Leadership Centre is criticised

THE Play Leadership Centre at Fryerns is in a deplorable state, Chairman of Basildon Council's Recreation Committee Coun. Derrick Pope agreed last week.

He was answering a question from Labour Councillor Alf Dove, who asked if Fryerns was a model play centre.

Coun. Dove complained: "There are heaps of rubbish in the grounds of the Centre. It looks more like a junk yard than a model play centre."

Replying, Coun. Pope said: "Fryerns has been the subject of some staff difficulties, but in general it has been a most successful play area."

"The experience gained here will be used in the improvement of existing facilities and in the setting up of new areas."

"But I agree that Fryerns is very untidy and we are now trying to do something about this. I can assure you the rubbish will be cleared up."

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