

# BASILDON Standard RECORDER

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## Disappointments galore — but Pitsea Scout keeps smiling!

AN 18-YEARS-OLD Pitsea boy is still in St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, five weeks after he became paralysed in France, writes ALVAR HURLEY.

He is Pitsea (St. Michael's) Scout Terry Bishop, of Popes Crescent, Pitsea, who in the past two months has had a long round of disappointments.

Originally, Terry was to have gone to America on the Scout Jamboree in Idaho. At the last minute he found he was four weeks too old to go.



Terry Bishop giving the thumbs-up sign at the Scouts' open evening.

Another trip, organised on a Greek cargo boat, was cancelled because of the closure of the Suez Canal.

Undaunted, he and three pals organised a tour of the Continent with a motor van.

It was in Germany he cut his foot. The cut was

slight, but his pals decided he must have an injection for it.

Soon after that Terry became ill and his arms became paralysed. Rather than put him in a French hospital the boys took him to a French doctor who was unable to diagnose the illness.

Then they bundled him back home quickly where he was rushed straight to St. Andrew's Hospital.

His mother, Mrs. Kay Bishop, told a reporter on Tuesday: "We understand that he may be allergic to the injection. But, in any case, he is recovering quite well. We expect him to be out of hospital shortly."

Terry, who was allowed out of hospital for three hours on Saturday to attend a Scout open evening, now has one more blow to face.

He left school last term and expected to go to the Brighton College of Technology. He will now be unable to start until next term!

### MEMBERSHIP 25

Just over a month old, the Fryerns Co-operative Women's Guild now has a membership of 25. This week Couns. Joe Morgan and J. Buckley spoke to the Guild on the work of the Council and plans for the future.

## There's a model car, somewhere!



It was model night at the South Essex Motors (Basildon), Ltd., Basildon headquarters, and members of local photographic societies were invited to photograph new model cars and models of a very different kind! We leave you to guess which were the most popular subjects!

## BREATHALYSER — RESULT OF OUR INVESTIGATIONS

# TRADE SLASHED — AND HELPED

THE THREAT of the breathalyser has slashed trade at many Basildon pubs by up to half, a "Standard Recorder" investigation revealed this week.

Many of the landlords round the edge of the New Town are worried men because the volume of people in their pubs and of drinks bought have both fallen drastically.

Nearer the Town Centre the local pubs who cater for housing estates are still happy; in fact, their trade has in some cases gone up.

But out in the country, where they depend on cars for trade, the picture is a gloomy one.

Five Bells, Vango, trade halved; Barge Inn, Pitsea, drastic cuts of quarter to a half of trade; Jolly Cricketers down by a third; Gunn Inn, Pitsea, dropped badly; Fortune-of-War, halved; Crown Hotel, Laindon, dropped. These are the reports.

Some of the licensees stressed that drivers are not enjoying their drink any more. "They're scared stiff," said Ted Gahan, who runs The Barge at Pitsea.

"Drivers are terrified of drinking more than they should." He did add that perhaps the trend would right itself in later months. But on the first Saturday of the new law his trade was cut by half.

"It's a constant source of conversation in all the bars," said manager of the Portano of War Michael Little. "At lunchtime it is particularly noticeable, and the evenings, too, have been hit."

"I would say this will mean the end of country pubs. We are just hanging on until our new restaurant opens. I hope this will bring the people back."

Can the pubs change to meet the challenge and attract custom for other things apart from alcohol?

"I don't see how they can," said manageress of the Gunn Inn, Pitsea, Mrs. Edith Teach. "The idea of going into a boozery to have a drink, if you can't do that what's the point of coming?"

Proprietor of the Jolly Cricketers Mr. Percy Calcutt struck a rather more hopeful note.

"Trade has gone down by about a third," he admitted, "but I would not attribute this entirely to the breathalyser. There are other reasons as well—the time of the year, the cost of living."

Up at the Crown Hotel, Laindon Hills, publican Mr. George Edwards was also optimistic.

they're positively rubbing their hands. "Trade hasn't gone down here as I expected," said manager of the Castle Mayno Mr. W. Bridge. "Those that do come drink more and walk home."

At the Double Six trade is still booming, and so is the Commodore in Basildon. The drinkers seem to have taken Barbara Castle's message to heart. If they're going to drink they walk.

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## ORIENT FOR BASILDON?

ORIENT Football Club, the Third Division side which might move to Basildon, were offered a site for a stadium at the junction of Cranes Farm Road and Gardiners Lane on Wednesday.

Mr. R. C. C. Boniface, General Manager of Basildon Development Corporation, met Mr. Reg Briggs, a director of Orient, and after lunch they viewed the proposed site.

Mr. Boniface reported that great progress had been made.

Report and picture on Page 39.

### Lock out!

Basildon Council Housing Committee are taking no action on a staff suggestion concerning the modification of locks in bathrooms and toilets of Council properties to facilitate opening from the outside.

### RUBBISH FIRE

The Basildon Fire Brigade attended a small rubbish fire in Clayburn Circle on Friday evening. There were no other fires on the unlucky 13th, but there were two false alarms.

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# BILLERICAY Standard RECORDER

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## Billericay High Street Study Group's recommendations are accepted

BILLERICAY'S HIGH Street Study Group has been dissolved by Basildon Council's Executive Committee and their recommendations have been accepted. Another group has been formed to deal with the development aspect of the recommendations.

The two main principles to be followed are that the present character should be preserved while at the same time sweeping changes in the traffic flow should be made.

The Council envisage Billericay High Street free of traffic on a considerable length.

Leader of Basildon Council Councillor Anthony Stockley said on Wednesday the Executive Committee had accepted all the recommendations of the study group.

"I think the group have made a very good job of integrating the main representations which have been made to us by the organisations and individuals of Billericay who are interested in its future."

The recommendations accepted are:

- The present character of the High Street should continue to be preserved; consideration will be given to the merits of any proposal for integrating residential with commercial development.

- As soon as practicable, all through traffic should be diverted from the High Street.

- Commercial traffic having business in the High Street shopping areas should be diverted from the High Street, provision being made

for servicing areas wherever the opportunity occurs in connection with redevelopment proposals.

- In due course, consideration should be given to the elimination of all traffic from the High Street or from specific sections of it, should such a course appear practicable and desirable.

- In order that work on a central area plan can be facilitated, Building Design Partnership should be asked to undertake certain additional work costing between £500 and £1,000, Essex County Council being approached to bear some of this cost.

Coun. Stockley said the Council's interest was not to cut up the High Street into little courts as had been suggested by Building Design Partnership.

The Council had received strong representations from one group in Billericay against this proposal.

He told a reporter: "The outcome of this is that we now know precisely where we are going, although many of the details depend on the eventual road pattern."

## Cracks in bridge causing alarm

### BUT THERE'S NO DANGER

CRACKS, UP to a foot in depth and two inches across, have appeared in the brickwork arch of Tinkettle Bridge on the Southend Road from Billericay to Crays Hill.

There is also a visible bulge in the brickwork on one side of the bridge, and Ramsden Grays Ratepayers' Association feel that there is a real danger of it collapsing if there was a crash on the bridge.

"There have been numerous accidents at this bridge and White's Bridge just along the road because they are narrow and the road is very windy," Ratepayers' Chairman Mr. Len Reason told the "Standard Recorder" this week.

"If a heavy lorry or a bus were to crash into the side of Tinkettle Bridge we are convinced that all one side would disintegrate and fall into the River Crouch."

#### PAST PROTESTS

"We have protested to Basildon Council and Essex County Council in the past, but nothing will be done until a bus full of people demolishes the bridge and overturns into the river."

The Ratepayers' Association are demanding that immediate action be taken to strengthen the east side of the bridge.

They are also asking for adequate fencing or crash barriers along the road approaching both bridges to prevent vehicles forced off the road from diving into the river. Hump-back Bridge warning signs and the parapet of White's Bridge, part of which was knocked down in a recent accident, rebuilt and extended.

"If nothing is done by our general meeting in November we shall really stir up a hornets' nest," threatened Mr. Reason. "We shall mount a campaign to bring as much pressure to bear on the authorities as we can."

#### NO DANGER

Commented the County Bridge Engineer when the "Standard Recorder" contacted him for a statement: "I have examined both of these bridges recently, and structurally, there is no danger to either."

"I did not find any cracks in Tinkettle Bridge which were dangerous. This type of bridge is, however, apt to crack along the spandrel walls, but this is nothing to worry about."

"I have some brickwork repairs to do on it in the near future, but this is just surface work."

"The main danger lies in the fact that both these bridges are narrow, but it is eventually hoped to bypass them."

"As for constructing crash barriers at these bridges, there is not enough room at

the side of the road. We should have to buy land bordering the road to make room for them, and this seems hardly worth it in view of the fact that they will eventually go out of service."

## DIED AFTER ACCIDENT

A 72-YEARS-OLD Billericay man died after an accident in Runwell Road, Wickford, on Tuesday.

The man, James Arthur Clemence, of Kingsway, a pedestrian, was struck by a car driven by Mr. Arthur Turtle, of South House, Maldon, who was driving home.

Mr. Clemence died later at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay.

## Members were mannequins

MEMBERS of Wickford Evening Townswomen's Guild acted as mannequins when they had a fashion show by Barbara's of Wickford at their October meeting.

The dresses and suits were described by Mrs. Alim. Competitions were won by Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Hawes and the lucky Townswomen magazine was won by Mrs. Perkins.

#### Re-elected

Two former Billericay men were re-elected officers of the "D" Group of the British Legion at the annual meeting at Great Baddow last week. They were Mr. T. Kennedy (Chairman), now living at Frinton, and Mr. C. Livermore (Secretary) who lives at Witham.

The pictures above and below show Mr. L. Reason pointing out cracks in Tinkettle bridge on the main road between Wickford and Billericay.



## MODERN MOTHERS

WICKFORD Modern Mothers' Club met on Monday in the Community Centre when a competition for the best home-made Victoria sponge sandwich was won by Mrs. Silvia Skingle.

She was presented with a rose vase by Mrs. Jones, wife of the Centre Warden, who judged the competition.

Mrs. Jones received a box of chocolates.

It was announced that the next meeting on November 5th would be held in the evening.

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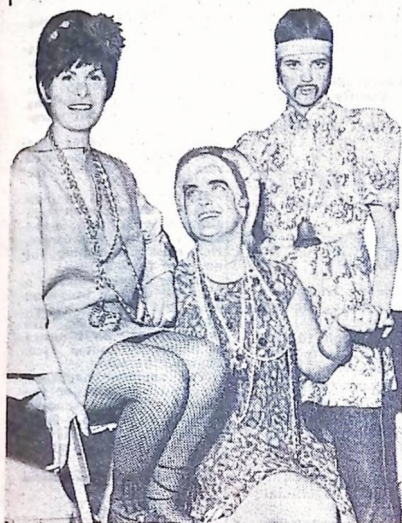
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## STALLHOLDERS WERE 'WITH IT'



THESE STALLHOLDERS at Wickford Community Association's Autumn Fayre at the Community Centre on Saturday were definitely "with it."

THEY WERE MISS M. HUTCHINGS, MRS. O. ROUSE AND DIANE MILLS.

The event was a great success and attracted more than a thousand people. It was the Association's first autumn fair and all profits will go to the Association's funds.

Because of the success, the fair will probably become an annual event.

There is another picture and story on Page 29.

### Mini-walk

The cadets of Billericay British Red Cross are holding a mini-walk over a distance of 12 miles on Sunday. It will start at Lake Meadows. About 100 walkers are expected, and money raised will go towards Red Cross work locally and overseas.

## BUSY TIME FOR ROYALTY



Looking very happy at being surrounded by such a bevy of beauty is Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P. (Chairman of the Basildon Urban District Council), at the Wickford Queen of Queen's dance held at the Locarno Ballroom, Basildon, on Friday. Queens came from Wickford, Basildon, Chelmsford, Thurrock, Canvey, Heston, Corringham, Romford, Harlow and Suntingford, and the title went to "Miss Chelmsford" (Janice Rowland).

## "Mad" scooterists are terrorising Wickford folk

### Park, a racing circuit

WICKFORD POLICE are on the look-out for motor cyclists and motorists who are using Wickford Memorial Park as "a racing circuit."

The investigation results from a petition signed by at least 10 families at the far end of Mount Road complaining that "mad individuals" were driving along the park's footpath and causing a danger to young children. The motor cycles' deafening roars are also annoying.

Mrs. Peggy Wood, a 28-year-old mother of two, who signed the petition, grumbled: "It's got past a joke. I think some of them use the footpath as a short-cut from Runwell Road. I'm frightened that my children might get knocked down by one of them. After all, you don't expect to see traffic coming from that direction."

Mount Road is a No Through Road. It stops at a cul-de-sac and a wide path—separated from Mount Road by three bollards—leads into the park.

A car which sometimes zooms across the park has to mount a kerb to miss the bollards.

The petition, organised by Mr. T. J. Crump, has been signed by all the residents concerned and handed to Wickford Police.

Mrs. J. Howe said bitterly: "The children like to play in the cul-de-sac, but I'm too scared to let them out. The motor cycles go so fast that the children wouldn't stand a chance."

**THE PETITION**  
The petition reads: "It is our understanding that this route is confined to pedestrians and pedal cyclists only; therefore, we would be pleased to receive confirmation of this and information as to steps you could take to prevent what is obviously a dangerous pastime by people who seem to be utilising this section of Mount Road and the track to the park gates as a race circuit."

"We feel that sooner or later one of our children will be playing by the pump house at the bottom of the road and run out across the track when one of the mad individuals on their scooters are riding past."

they could erect a fence or gate across the entrance.

A spokesman for the Council said: "We are hoping to ease the problem by asking the Police to patrol the area more often, although, of course, they are restricted with manpower."

"We will put up new warning signs—if the others have been pulled down."

"This, we feel, represents a considerable risk. So far there have been no accidents—but we think this is just a matter of time."

The Police have contacted Basildon Coun to see if

## Gift of £401

Wickford Rotary Club will present St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, with a cheque for £401 9s. 10d. towards the cost of a pace-maker and ascelloscope on Thursday.

Consultant surgeon at St. Andrew's Dr. A. Gilbert has been asked to be present to accept the cheque at a ceremony at the Castle Hotel, Wickford.

### TORY MOTION

Billericay, Basildon and a network of Conservative Association have a motion for the agenda at the Conservative Party Conference at Brighton this week. The motion reads: "That this conference believes the time has come for the Conservative Party to restate its belief in freedom and individual enterprise."

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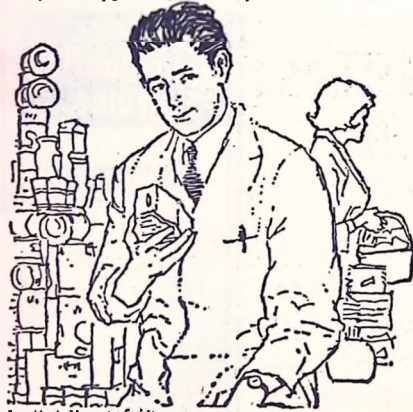
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## THIS IS OUR OPINION

HAZARDS LIKE the Tinkettle and White's Bridges on the Southend Road between Billericay and Grays Hill are a symptom of accidents, not their cause.

All too often motorists blame a tight bend in the road, a particular road junction, or a narrow bridge for their own incompetence.

It is not denied that all these things contribute to an accident, but the onus is on the driver to make allowances and take the necessary action to avoid a mishap in these situations.

It is no use, therefore, for Ramsden Grays Ratepayers' Association to expect the local authorities to take the blame when accidents occur at these two bridges.

Nor is it reasonable to expect them to completely rebuild these bridges only for them to be made obsolete when the new by-pass is built.

There is no disputing, however, that these types of hazards should be adequately signposted, and the Ratepayers' Association are right in demanding more warning signs.

The authorities should, in their own interests, erect more warning signs at this point—for it must be expensive to keep on repairing these bridges all the time their parapets are being demolished by vehicles approaching them too fast.

As for the structural safety of Tinkettle Bridge, the Ratepayers' Association should accept the expert opinion of the County Bridge Surveyor.

He should have no reason, political or financial, to submit anything other than a completely unbiased and factual report.

## PASSING THE BUCK AT WICKFORD

RESIDENTS AT Mount Road, Wickford, have a problem. How can they stop motor cyclists and the occasional motorist driving across Wickford Memorial Park and on to Mount Road?

Their road, which ends at a cul-de-sac where a path leads off to the neighbouring park, has suddenly turned into a "short-cut route" for drivers in funnel road who are too lazy to go the round trip. This, they claim, creates a danger to small children and an annoyance because of the noise.

The residents' complaints are valid. But doesn't it seem ludicrous that the problem could be corrected at a very small cost in a very short time if it were not for the red tape that clogs up the machinery of local government.

It would probably cost less to provide a sturdy fence and gate across the path than it would in man hours and paperwork to get the official O.K. to erect one.

Meanwhile, Basildon Council say that the Police can handle the problem. But they arrived at that conclusion after the Police had contacted them asking for their assistance!

This appears another case where the different departments "pass the buck."

## DON'T HAND OVER TOO MUCH POWER

BASILDON'S NEW local government structure, centred around the Town Manager principle, made an impact when featured on B.B.C. television

on Sunday alongside schemes adopted by two other authorities.

Undoubtedly Basildon's scheme is the most advanced, in spite of the fact that it has only been in operation since 1965.

It was admitted on television that Basildon's scheme has had its teething troubles. This is inevitable when efforts are made to shake off in one swoop systems which date back to Victorian times and beyond.

But not everyone will agree with Town Manager Mr. David Taylor, who wants the councillors to make the decisions on policy and then leave the officers to get on with the job.

Councillors are elected representatives of the public and, as such, have every right to keep in touch, as watchdogs of the ratepayers, with all schemes being undertaken by the Council.

To hand over completely to Council officers the implementation of policy decisions could lead to abuse in some authorities to the ratepayers' detriment.

## League of Pity

AN AFTERNOON of fun and games was spent by the 33 out of 45 members of Billericay branch of the League of Pity—the Junior N.S.P.C.C.—who attended the branch's annual party on Saturday in the Mayflower Hall.

Games were organised by Mrs. Marjorie Casson, who runs the branch, and there was also a film show by Mr. Newell in which the children saw "For Pity's Sake," a film of the work of the Society and the assistance which can be given by its junior section.

Mrs. Casson told the "Standard" League members' ages can range from five to 16, but teenagers seem reluctant to join.

Medals for collecting money for the League were presented by N.S.P.C.C. Chief Inspector Frank Freeguard, of Chelmsford.

During the year £46 had been sent to Headquarters, of which £16 was savings by members, a slight increase on last year, and the remainder from a rummage sale, afternoon tea and donations.

Children took gifts of tinned food and other articles to the party for the N.S.P.C.C. to distribute to the needy.

## MOTORISTS MUST ALSO ACCEPT SOME RESPONSIBILITY

## Sun was too bright for a car driver

RONALD CANNINGS has a motor cyclist's when he turned from St. Nicholas Lane into Basildon Drive, where he lives, Billericay Bench heard on Tuesday.

He was fined £8 for careless driving.

"I didn't see the bike. The sun was right in my eyes," defendant was said to have told P.C. F. Robertson, of Laindon Traffic Police.

The motor cyclist could not give evidence as he was hurt in the accident and did not remember the incident.

Cannings, aged 18, denied the offence.

Witness Mr. George Francis, of Cromer Close, Laindon, said the defendant's Ford Anglia was travelling "very fast." His car turned without warning.

Mr. Francis added that the motor cyclist's speed was "well within the limit."

Defendant said he indicated, slowed down and changed gear, and looked before taking the corner. He saw a car coming, but no other traffic.

Poplar trees threw a shadow across the bend and the motor cyclist, wearing black, must have been there. "As I turned I heard a motor cycle engine," he said.

The accident happened, he said, because of the evening sun and shadows across the road. Questioned, he agreed his sun visor was not down at the time.

## Essex Yeomanry afloat

IN THEIR new role as a Home Defence Unit, men of the Essex Yeomanry have been undergoing adventure training of various kinds.

Recently the Colchester and Southend (East Street, Prittlewell) Batteries combined to have a weekend afloat on the Norfolk Broads.

Some fifty men travelled to Norfolk and took over nine cabin cruisers and one sailing boat from a boatyard at St. Olaves.

After a breakfast cooked centrally on the Saturday morning each boat crew was given rations, and looked after its own feeding arrangements for the rest of the weekend.

During Saturday and Sunday the cruisers and sailing boats made good use of the expanse of Oulton Broad and of the various rivers which form the Southern Broads.

## BLACKBOARDS TOO GLOSSY FOR READING

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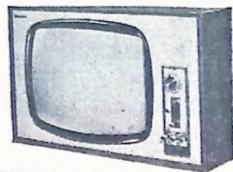
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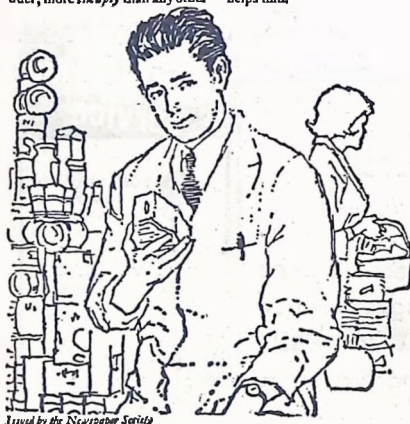
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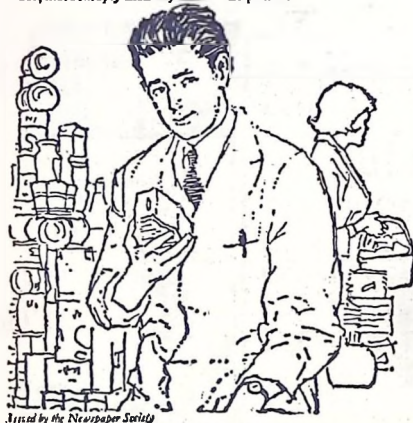
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In his warning to the public the Det.-Chief Inspector says:—

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## £5 fine for speeding

FOR DRIVING a van at over 40 m.p.h. Alfred Woolley, of Finchfield Way, Wickford, was fined £5 at Billericay on Tuesday.

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### Party line

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Coal and similar bulky commodities had to be delivered on sledges in the winter, when the roads were too bad to allow the passage of a horse and cart.

"Still, I think we had some good times then—people all pulled together and we made our own entertainment," says Mr. Robertson. "These days the New Town doesn't seem quite the same."

Like many other settlers in the district, Mr. Robertson was born in London's East End, in Stepney. Of his early school days he confesses with a grin that more often than not he "played hockey."

He and his chums would dodge school and catch tiddlers in Stepney Cut! Afterwards they exchanged the little fish for rags, which they sold for pocket-money.

As he grew older his father taught him his own trade of engraving, but the young James wanted something that took more physical effort. He became a shopfitter, and he remained one for the rest of his working life. By the time he retired he had risen to the rank of general foreman.

From an early age uniforms appealed to him.

From the Boys' Brigade in the Nile End Road he went to the Queen's Cadets. In 1908 he joined the Territorial Army. In 1915 he became a member of the King's Royal Rifles in time to see service on the Somme. He is justly proud of the fact that he was mentioned in despatches.

His father had a life-long interest in gardening and horticulture, and was one of the founders of the Laindon Horticultural Society, together with a Mr. Syrett. Now, carrying on the tradition, Mr. Robertson grows flowers in his own garden just for pleasure.

At most Club meetings there are bunches of flowers available for these pensioners who have no gardens of their own, brought by him, and sold at a nominal price, which goes towards the funds.

He and his wife say they met on what they call "The Monkey Parade," down which boys and girls paraded in twos and threes, seeking friendship which could lead to courtship. They have been married now for 54 years, and have a son and daughter, a grandson and two granddaughters. Their son was born during the First War, and he was 11 months old before his father saw him for the first time.

Mr. Robertson stated that he started the present Lee Chapel South Pensioners' Club at his home in Ingaway, Basildon. It ran there for about three months, until it outgrew the premises, and migrated to the Community Centre. Now it is a thriving and happy Club with 100 members.

## Over £50 raised

WELL OVER £50 was raised by members of Vange branch O.A.P. at a bazaar held in St. Chad's Hall, Vange, last Saturday. It was officially opened by Basildon Carnival Queen Geraldine Gibbs and her Court, who afterwards toured the stalls and drew the raffle results.

Mrs. E. Cook made presentations of bouquets and chocolates to them and said how much their presence had helped towards the success of the bazaar.

The proceeds will go towards the branch's Christmas dinner in December.

## Chairman was disc jockey

MR. H. BUNCE, Chairman of Shotgate No. 1 branch, was the disc jockey for the dance that followed an American tea at the meeting.

Members spent a happy afternoon listening to the music and joining in the dances. Musical greetings were offered to four new members, Mesdames Read, Gibbs and Drake, and Mr. Aigate.

A special welcome went to Mrs. Green, back again after her recent illness; other sick members were reported on and good wishes sent to them for their recovery. They included Mrs. Henbest, Mrs. Hubble, Mrs. Good, Mrs. Ralph and Mrs. Watson.

Birthday honours went to Mr. Butler, a former Chairman, and Mrs. Read, a new member.

## Planning ahead

ALREADY members of Vange branch O.A.P. are making plans for an early summer holiday next year.

At their weekly meeting on Friday at St. Chad's Hall, Vange they discussed this and also a trip to a London theatre and a pantomime early in 1968.

Mrs. Harris led the afternoon's sing-song and everyone joined in the choruses. Anniversary honours were sung for Mr. and Mrs. Pirie.

Members were reminded about the branch's Christmas dinner, to be held on Thursday, December 14th.

## BIRTHDAY CAKES

Pastries were provided for afternoon tea of the Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club members at their weekly meeting by Mr. Peters, celebrating his birthday. Musical birthday honours were accorded to him and to four other members. There were four new members.

## RECORD NUMBER OF GIFTS

A RECORD total of gifts—147—graced the raffish table at the weekly meeting on Wednesday week of the Lee Chapel South O.A.P. Club at the Community Centre.

Secretary Mrs. C. Cornish reported that she had written to the Headmistress of the Lee Chapel South Infants' School thanking her and all the children for the wonderful harvest festival goods they had given to the Club.

Tributes were paid by Chairman Mr. T. Simkins to the untiring and tireless work of Mr. and Mrs. Hocking and Mrs. Cornish, who do so much for the old people of the district. Their latest efforts produced a piano for the George Hurd Centre, which has now been delivered.

Birthday honours went to Mrs. Larking and Mr. Thomson. Mr. J. Robertson was the caller for the bingo session, and Mr. G. Rivett was the checker.

## A RECORDED ENTERTAINMENT

A RECORDED entertainment gave pleasure to the members of the Basildon Physically Handicapped Club at their weekly meeting in on Thursday week. Mrs. Harwood gave monologues, and Mrs. Sheppard sang.

President Rev. W. H. Holden presided and asked that absent friends should be remembered. Special thoughts went to the members on the sick list and good wishes were expressed for their recovery.

Mrs. Harrod and Mrs. Sheppard received a hearty welcome back after their recent illness. Tea was served by Mrs. Coatsman and her helpers and Mrs. Adams conducted the sales.

Plans were finalised for the Club's annual dinner on October 20th, to which many friends have been invited. Among them Sir Richard Bonaluck. It was also announced that Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens' Club have invited Handicapped Club members along for tea at a date to be announced.

## Remarkable old lady

TWO MINUTES' silence was observed by members of Billerica branch in tribute to a former member, Mrs. Miriam Darling, the branch's oldest member.

She died at the age of 97 and was fairly active until recently; members described her as a most remarkable and well-liked old lady.

Vice-Chairman Mr. Spencer announced that the branch's invalids were improving in health. After refreshments members played Bingo.

## SILENT TRIBUTE

Silent tribute was paid by members of the Pitsea Branch Club to Mrs. Maud Lake, a former member, at their weekly meeting on Monday. Mrs. Lake lived at Pound Lane, Bowers Gifford, and will be sorely missed. She was known for her lively wit and cheerful personality. Birthday honours went to Mrs. Penn. Mr. Parker and Mrs. Treloar were welcomed back after absence through illness. Good wishes were sent for the recovery of Mrs. Chapman. Members spent the rest of the afternoon playing Bingo.

## CHYLLGROVE CLUB

Members of Chyllgrove O.A.P. Club enjoyed music and dancing at their weekly meeting on Monday. Mr. Manning played the piano, Mr. W. Donney brought his accordion and Mr. Good obliged with comic songs and ballads. Sick members were remembered and sent the good wishes of their colleagues. Reports were received on Mrs. Patterson, leaving hospital soon, also Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Beasley.

## ANNUAL DINNER

Members of the Wickford No. 1 branch chose the Country Club, Upminster, for their 22nd annual dinner last week. Mr. S. Smith, Social Secretary, who put in much hard work to arrange the evening, said grace and Chairman Mr. E. Hardy welcomed the 130 members present. After dinner Mr. and Mrs. Frank White entertained with music for dancing and various games. A large box of chocolates and other gifts were raffled for branch funds and raised £5 17s.



Above are members of Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens leaving Long Riding to visit the Palace Theatre at Westcliff on Wednesday week.



Wickford Silver Threads Club held their own harvest festival at their weekly meeting on Tuesday week at the Salvation Army Hall. Our picture shows some of them with their fine display of produce.



## THEY LOOKED NICE AND TASTED NICE



These tasty cakes were popular at a jumble sale and fete held by the Basildon branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society in Basildon Congregational Church Hall on Saturday.



Pitsea St. Michael's Scout Troop held an open evening on Saturday, when they presented a powder compact and table lamp to the Cub Scout Leader, Mrs. V. Wiseman. They also presented a bird table to Mr. Wiseman.



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THE PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS GERALDINE WITH SOME OF THE OLD PEOPLE AND GIFTS WHICH WERE OFFERED FOR SALE.



THE PICTURE ON THE RIGHT WAS TAKEN AT THE LAINDON TELEPHONE EXCHANGE DINNER HELD AT THE BULL'S EYE, BASILDON, ON SATURDAY.  
IT SHOWS MRS. D. JAMES PRESENTING A FAREWELL GIFT TO SUPERVISOR MISS G. SINGER.

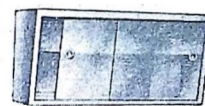


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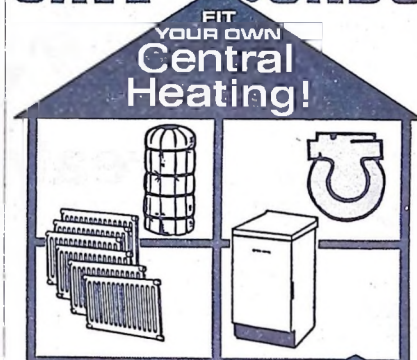
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## New political debating club

A NEW political debating club, the Scorpion Club, met for the first time at Glenharry, High Road, Laidon, on Sunday.

Chairman Mr. Derek Chicks told a reporter: "We are going to spend our first three weeks discussing the Common Market and our meetings will be held each Sunday afternoon. All young people are welcome to come."

At Sunday's meeting Mr. Chris Cannon outlined the history of the Common Market and Miss Andrea Taiting explained the workings of the European Parliament.

Mr. Derek Owers pointed out the various alternatives facing Britain, and a general discussion ensued.

### LITTLE BURSTEAD W.I.

Mrs. Thompson opened Little Burstead W.I.'s 14th annual meeting. It was agreed to hold a friendly whist drive every month as the open evening on September 14th had been so enjoyable. Nominations for committee were taken and it was hoped many members as possible would attend the annual general meeting on November 1st.

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# Trevor Bailey's big surprise for Council—and himself

FORMER ENGLAND cricketer and captain of the Essex club Trevor Bailey, who has a toy-distributing company based at Marsh Camp Farm, Vange, had been operating his business for 18 months before he asked Basildon Council if they wanted his rates.

They didn't want them, but told him: "You shouldn't be there!"

And, as a result of this encounter, the Council served enforcement notices on his business requiring him to cease operating.

He appealed against the notice and found himself before a different kind of umpire on Tuesday when he made his case to Ministry of Housing Inspector Mr. A. H. T. Clayton at a public inquiry.

The premises being used by Mr. Bailey for storage of his toys were formerly an anti-aircraft control establishment which belonged to the War Department when it was built in 1916.

During the course of the inquiry it was referred to as a "fortress" built with reinforced concrete to withstand external bombardment. It was "ideal" for use as a store for Trevor Bailey Enterprises, Ltd., who rent the building from Miss Dorothy Gardner, who owns Marsh Camp Farm, and who was also represented at the hearing as an appellant.

Speaking for Mr. Bailey, Mr. Patrick Surrey said that planning permission for use of the building as a store should be given. In any case, the enforcement notice of nine months was too short.

Trevor Bailey Enterprises were wholesale toy merchants, he said, who had used the premises for storage purposes since 1964. It was the only warehouse they had. It was ideally situated near to a main trunk road, near to Tilbury Docks (for import and export purposes) and near to Southend Airport. It was also close to the Dartford Tunnel, allowing quick access to other counties south of the Thames.

Since Mr. Bailey was also dealing in fireworks at this time of the year, the "bunker" qualities of the building were ideal for their storage. It was fireproof, had no windows and only two doors.

Mr. Surrey claimed there was no traffic problem caused by his business, no public nuisance and no visual amenities were affected.

### FAMILY CONCERN

On his own behalf Mr. Bailey said the business was a family concern run by members of his family, who employed only one salesman. He was the director of the company, which hoped to raise its gross turnover to £100,000 by 1970.

In his opinion, the premises

at Vange could easily accommodate a turnover of £250,000.

And he told the Inspector: "I went to pay the rates and the Council had no idea the company had been at the premises for 18 months—and they would not have known had I not gone to pay the rates!"

It was part of Mr. Bailey's case that the land could not be used for any other purpose. The heavy armoured building would cost at least £10,000 to demolish—and one estimate was of £15,000. And even if it were pulled down the land could not revert to agriculture. It would be an "untidy hole."

Speaking for Miss Gardner, Mr. R. H. P. Young said there were no means by which Basildon Council could force her to pull down the building.

"Something should be done with it," he told the Inspector. To say it was a change of use was not quite correct, he said, because up until 1914 the area had been used as a brickworks.

Answering a case that traffic was being generated by the use of the premises, Mr. Young said it was a busy thoroughfare even in 1914. He produced a photograph showing 10 horse-and-cart combinations waiting to use the nearby level crossing across the railway line.

### COUNCIL'S CASE

Basildon Council's case was that the premises had, in fact, already been used without planning permission.

Permission would not be forthcoming from the Council anyway because a storage use was not appropriate—it was part of the proposed Metropolitan Green Belt. It was of the utmost importance to protect the interests of the Green Belt, especially in view of the proposed expansion of Basildon New Town.

Council Solicitor Mr. Michael Haynes said: "The appellants have not shown any special reasons why an exception should be made to the Green Belt policy."

The Council also claimed

that a departure from policy at this stage would set a precedent. Storage space for industrial purposes was very short in this district and other concerns would straight away seek planning permission for other similar buildings near the site.

It was in this connection as well that the Council opposed an increase of traffic on the level crossing—the only access to the farm.

Chief Planning Assistant to the Council Mr. Gordon Reeds maintained that it would be impossible to allow permission on the condition that traffic was kept to a minimum. It would be impossible to enforce the condition. The possibility that heavy traffic might use the crossing was a serious hazard to British Rail travellers.

Basildon Development Corporation, represented by Mr. M. E. New, were opposed to the continuance of use as accommodation on grounds of Green Belt policy and precedent considerations.

Mr. New also pointed to the new A13 diversion, engineering works to start in March, 1968.

Under cross-examination, Mr. New said the new road had, in fact, been designed taking into account the usage of the appeal site by the Civil Defence.

## Council help Moat House Holiday Home

BASILDON Council will help the holiday home at Wickford—built by local organisations for Moat House school-children—by providing the water supply and drainage.

This work is costing £2,500, the Council Finance Committee were told.

### Watch this space

Basildon Council's Consultative Panel for Billericay High Street is to continue for a further period to October 31st, 1968. The basis of membership will be unchanged. It consists of Building Design Partnership, two persons nominated by the Council for the Preservation of Rural England and Basildon Council's Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. S. A. Wadsworth.

## Buttsbury School—parent takes up the cudgels

PARENTS' furore over conditions at Buttsbury Junior School goes on. Mr. John Barr, of Mountnessing Road, father of two, has taken up the cudgels and written to the County Education Officer, the Department of Education and Science and Basildon Committee for Education.

Mr. Barr's seven-year-old daughter is a first-year pupil at the school, but as there is insufficient room she is accommodated at the infants' School along with about 160 other children. "Although she receives the normal education for her age, the fact remains that she is not receiving the proper benefits of a junior school because she doesn't participate in the environmental life of the school," says Mr. Barr.

He calls it an "absolute scandal" that the school was found to be too small only one month after it opened.

Pointing out that he has been told the permanent solution to the problem is the building of the Brightside School, due in 1969-70, Mr. Barr hopes that the school will not be too small, particularly in view of development at Queen's Park, which is due to start in 1971.

He calls for the demolition of classrooms on the transferred School site to be transferred to the Junior School as a temporary solution to the problem.

Noting that this suggestion had been turned down because of cost, Mr. Barr adds: "Children must come before the cost, and even if the new school is a little overbooked as a result of the addition of such temporary classrooms, this is preferable to the continuance of the existing unsatisfactory arrangements."

Mr. Barr's second child, a boy, aged 10, attends the Junior School, and Mr. Barr is complaining about the fire risk there, and he asks for the situation to be remedied immediately by the building of some form of exterior fire escape.

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# SATURDAY BRIDES — AND BRIDEGROOMS!

Below: Mr. John Black, of Edinburgh, and the former Miss Patricia Mary Burgess, of St. Edith's, Courtenay, who were married on Saturday at St. Helen's Church, Westcliff. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length gown of white satin and exquisite lace and a pearl and diamond coronet. She carried roses, carnations and fuchsia. Miss Elna Robert-Watson, Miss Elma Robert-Watson and Master Michael Bouchie attended, and Mr. William Black was best man. (Photo Highlands Studios)



Pictured cutting their wedding cake last Saturday are newly-weds Mr. and Mrs. Terence Lambeth. They were married at St. Martin's Church, Basildon Town Centre. The bride was formerly Miss Pamela Rosalind Laurie, of North Colne, Basildon. The bridesmaids were Patricia (bride's sister), Pauline Laurie (cousin) and Carol (sister). The bridegroom, who lives in Brempsons, Chylarova, was attended by Mr. Stephen Orricks, his best man.



Holy Cross Church, Basildon, was the scene on Saturday for the wedding of Mr. Michael Leslie Bolton, of Birmingham, and Miss Eileen Susan Olden, of The Hatherley, Basildon. Rev. E. B. Buxton officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of heavy satin and lace and a long veil, and carried a bouquet of red roses. Susan and Wendy Redmund, Sharon Chaplin and Sandra Doboo attended, and Mr. Samuel Brown was best man. (Photo by Highlands Studios)



Married on Saturday at Brentwood Register Office were Mr. Frank Catton, of Somerset Gardens, Pitsea, and Miss Carol Davis, of St. Mary's Crescent, Pitsea. The bride was given away by her father and wore a navy blue dress and a navy blue dress and a pink coat and carried pink roses and white carnations. Mr. Leslie Therobald was best man. (Photo Highlands Studios)



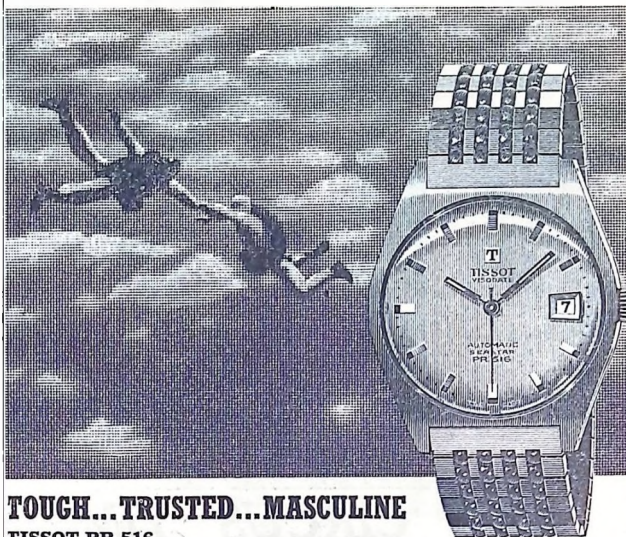
Mr. Gerald Stanley Folkes, of Butneys, Basildon, and Miss Marian Joan Curtis, of Roodgate, Basildon, were married on Saturday at St. Martin's Church, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of satin brocade and a veil of Brussels lace secured by a pearl and diamond head-dress. She carried a white ribbon and spray of fuchsia and roses. There were seven bridal attendants and Mr. Allan Folkes was best man. (Photo by Highlands Studios)



The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints' Church, Yango, between Mr. Michael James Martin, of The Lynce, Basildon, and Miss Carol Mae Hymas of Clayhill Road, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of lace over tulle and a single rose securing a bouffant veil. She carried a bouquet of apricot roses. Misses Lynn and Tina Hymas, Mrs. Dawn Petrie and Teresa Whately attended, and Mr. David Martin was best man. (Photo by Highlands Studios)



Mr. Christopher William Ellis, of Pound Lane, Bowers Gifford, and Miss Irene Rosina Payne, of Quilters Close, Basildon, were married on Saturday at Holy Cross Church, Basildon. Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of shimmering satin and lace and a shoulder-length veil secured by a head-dress of roses and pearls. Misses Ann Webb, Gail Rontree and Clare Rontree attended. (Photo Highlands Studios)



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## CIRCUS TIME FOR THE CUBS

THE CRACK of the ringmaster's whip sounded in the hall of Mayflower School, Billericay, on Saturday for the circus had come to town.

With it came tigers, lions, elephants, monkey and other animals. But they were all two-legged. They were Billericay and Wickford Cub Scouts dressed to take part in their annual Cubcraft competition.

Over 80 boys took part from eight of the 14 packs in the district. It was the first time in the five years the competition has been running that there had been a theme—it was circus.

The afternoon started with a grand parade with Cubs in individually dressed as any circus animal or performer. Then there were various displays, leap-frog and forward roll heralding the entry of the clowns, for which points were awarded.

Every item in the programme included first-aid after a make-believe fall from

a tightrope—was based on Cub training. Mr. Ron Meers, an A.D.C. for Cub Scouts, Wickford, complete with red coat, top hat and whip, was the ringmaster and judges were Mrs. Phyllis Simmons, Mrs. Pauline O'Neill, A.D.C. Cub Scouts, Thurrock, and Mr. Harry O'Neill, A.D.C. Venture Scouts, Thurrock.

The trophy for most points went to 1st Runwell (55.2), second were 6th Billericay (52.3) and third 4th Billericay (50.0) (48.0).

Four Leaping Wolf Badges, the last to be awarded in the district because the "New Look" in Scouting has replaced the badge with the Link Badge, were presented by Mrs. Rosemary Weatherburn, A.D.C. Cubs.

They were received by Paul Curwin, Vincent Lewington, Graham Bond and David Needham, all members of the 3rd Billericay Pack.

## WICKFORD HOST FOR BIG SHOW

WICKFORD Horticultural and Allotments Society are to act as hosts next year to the inter-Society competition, in which societies from Canvey, Benfleet and Rayleigh take part.

Wickford took part in the competition for the first time this year.

They hope to put into being a number of suggestions to improve the competition.

They have decided that because of the falling off in entries, their own chrysanthemum and dahlia show should be combined with their autumn show on September 7th. The date booked later in the month—September 21st—will be used for the inter-Society event.

Both shows, and also the spring event on May 4th, and summer on July 6th, will be held in the Junior School, Market Road.

## Six days brought Bible up to date

A SIX-DAY exhibition which brought the Bible right up to date was held in St. Andrew's Church, Wickford, last week.

Nearly all the Wickford churches assisted with it and the Rev. Leonard T. Pearson conducted the exhibition.

Mr. Pearson is 83 years old, and has been back and forth to the Holy Land over the past 40 years. Said Rev. Frederick France, Rector of Wickford: "He is so very much up-to-date, and was able to talk about the three-day war and how it has gained for Israel the whole of the City of Jerusalem. He also gave an enlightening talk on the Bible lands and present-day problems."

Mr. Pearson also explained in a series of talks how the prophecies of the Old Testament are being fulfilled today.

Among the exhibits in the church were priceless curios and antiques from Babylon and Palestine, as well as scrolls of law, and Eastern costume.

On Tuesday pupils from Wickford Junior School went to see the exhibition, and on Wednesday pupils from Beauchamps Secondary School visited the church.

Also during the week ladies from various groups attended and dressed up to demonstrate ways of wearing Eastern dress.

Large numbers of people saw the display each evening, said Mr. France.

It was "a very successful and instructive effort," he added.

### BRING AND BUY

A bring-and-buy sale held by Shogate Ward Special Group last week raised £7 12s. Proceeds will go towards their Christmas party. Prize-winners were Mrs. Lees, Mrs. Skeggs and Mrs. Livings. Tea was served by Mrs. Deacy and Mrs. Simmons.

## Where did dead woman get drug?

ON THE DAY after her admission to Runwell Hospital, 47-years-old Miss May Dowsett, of Bridge Road, East Ham, died from an overdose of aspirin.

This was stated at the inquest at Chelmsford on Monday, when the Coroner (Dr. Charles Clark) recorded that she took her life while suffering from a mental illness.

Evidence was given that her mental trouble dated from the last war, when she was working in an underground munitions factory. When she was admitted to Runwell Hospital on October 2nd she was distressed and breathless, and antibiotics were prescribed.

Dr. D. C. Caldwell, consultant to Southern General Hospital, said analysis of the blood was negative so far as barbiturates were concerned, but showed evidence of an overdose of salicylate—some form of aspirin.

The Coroner was told that only four barbiturate drugs were found at deceased's home. It was not known where she got the aspirin.

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# Billericay ombudsman loses, but is praised in Court

ARCHITECT GEORGE Barrell, of The Avenue, Billericay, stood up in Billericay Court on Tuesday and told the Bench, "I am taking this up more as an ombudsman and not for personal gain."

Mr. Barrell was objecting to a proposal by Basildon Council to make up The Avenue under the Private Street Works Act.

His objection was quashed. For the Council it was stated that it was proposed to make up the road with an 18ft-wide carriageway, two six-foot footpaths and grass verges of varying widths. It was the Council's minimum standard for residential private streets.

The estimated cost was £4 6s. 11d. per foot frontage, which was lower than the normal cost because a developer building in the vicinity was making a contribution.

The Council claimed that the objections put in by Mr. Barrell were not valid. He maintained it was not a private street as the Council had laid and maintained a sewer in the road and were indirectly responsible for the electricity. As they had provided nameplates and were responsible for the refuse collection it was evidence of their formal ownership of the road.

He also objected on the grounds that there had been some material informality, defect or error in respect of the Council's resolution for making up

residents in the road who might have difficulty in paying.

The cost of the work should be charged to the Council, he claimed.

The Chairman, Mr. H. R. Dunnico, told Mr. Barrell: "We have listened very carefully to your case, but we must reject your appeal and find for the Council."

"We would, however, like to say this. By no means think that you are ever wasting your time by exercising one of the few last rights left to the public citizen by coming to this Court, although our hands are somewhat tied behind our back."

"It seems the Council have acted as fairly as they can within the limits of the situation."

Mr. Dunnico said he hoped that Mr. Barrell's neighbours would appreciate his efforts on their behalf.

## RECTOR FOUGHT FIRE

THE RECTOR of Dunton, Rev. Frank James, successfully fought a fire in the garage at his Rectory in Church Road on Sunday night.

When two fire engines from Basildon arrived the fire was out and they were not needed.

"I went to investigate when I heard my dog bark," said the Rector this week. "I could see the flames through the window."

"Barking furiously was a sheaf of corn and some hay I managed to drag it outside, but not before it had set light to an old scooter."

Mr. James believes the fire was started deliberately. "Whoever was responsible could have made a better job of it if they had used a can of petrol which was in the garage."

## On probation for indecency

A 25-YEARS-OLD Wickford man, Malcolm Andrews, of Carroll Gardens, was given three years' probation by Rochford Magistrates on Wednesday for indecent assault and indecent exposure on a train between Shenfield and Hockley.

Chairman Mr. A. T. Bishop, J.P., told him: "We think your wife is a charming person and we sincerely trust that you will endeavour to honour what she thinks about you."

Andrews' wife, Mrs. Sylvia Andrews, told the Court the offences would not make any difference to their married life.

For Andrews it was said he realised the seriousness of the matter and the great distress caused to the lady concerned.

Andrews appeared after pleading guilty to the charges. He was remanded in custody two weeks ago for reports.

A condition of the probation order was that he attend a clinic for twelve months.

## Bird bath 1½ cwt.—stolen

A BIRD bath, three feet tall and weighing about 1½ cwt., was stolen from the front garden of a house in The Fremmells, Basildon, on Saturday night. A vehicle must have been used to take it away," said its owner, Mrs. Clare Prager. The bird bath is white and has a coloured and black mosaic pattern on it.

PARK DRIVE Basildon Council have applied to Essex County Council to build five houses and the garages at Park Drive Wickford.

## JUMBLE SALE

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## Big profit at "Cockney" fete

COR, HOW abah! that then! Billericay Parish Church made £330 clear profit with their "Petticoat Lane" autumn bazaar on Saturday.

It was a gay affair, starting at 10.30 a.m. and going on to early evening, with the stalls and slideshows in the Archer Hall carrying a wide range of goods and all doing a roaring trade. The picture shows some young customers at the lucky dip stall.

Within the first 90 minutes of opening nearly 200 entered the hall, and for the early-comers there were lots of bargains.

The stalls were manned by representatives of organisations connected with the church and also church members, many of them dressed in cloth caps and "Petticoat Lane" clothes.

Tea, coffees and light lunches were served, and a special feature was a "Mary

Poppins" set on the stage. Organised by the Youth Group, and for children only, it was a gay scene, with a roundabout, seesaw and other amusements for the youngsters, who also received a packet of sweets.

There were two "Mary Poppins" in the morning: she was Marjorie Trasler and in the afternoon Patricia Greaves.

The bazaar was arranged by the Church Social Committee and will help pay off the debt of about £3,000 for Christ Church, Perry Street.

Announcing the financial result, the Vicar, Rev. David Greaves, commented: "Very successful."

The proceeds were well up on last year.



Lee Chapel North Community Queen Josie Sullivan took the first of a course of driving lessons on Saturday. Mr. R. E. Goodspeed, proprietor of Jons School of Motoring, gave the free driving lessons as part of the Community Queen prize.



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# Basildon to be twinned with German town?

**BASILDON COUNCIL** are going ahead with plans to twin Basildon with a Continental town—most likely twin at this stage is Heiligenhaus in West Germany.

At the Council's Public Relations Committee meeting last week Town Manager Mr. David Taylor was asked to look into the possibility of the match with Heiligenhaus.

But at Tuesday's Executive Committee meeting both sides of the Council were asked if there were any alternative suggestions.

A spokesman for the Council, Mr. Norman Chisman, said on Wednesday the twinning of Basildon with a Continental town would open up many cultural, sporting and civic outlets.

Mr. Chisman was involved with the twinning of Benfleet and Romainville near Paris.

The idea is sealed by the two councils joining in civic functions. From that, sporting and cultural organisations join in their events.

The general public are then encouraged to foster good relations by taking an interest in their twin town.

In Benfleet the idea has worked very well for nearly six years. Now there are reciprocal agreements between the two towns which even extend to parties of children being exchanged for holidays and Christmas parties.

The original choice of Heiligenhaus for Basildon was inspired by the German town's enthusiasm.

Already Woodlands Youth Centre have reciprocal arrangements with the town.

## New store?

International Tea Company Stores, Ltd., of London, E.C.2, are negotiating with Basildon Council to open a new shop at 52, Billericay High Street, Basildon. Council have asked the Company for detailed plans.

## FATHER OF TWO WAS INDECENT

"I DON'T know why I should lower myself to do such things," Thomas Frederick Mason (21), of Seven Acres, Shotgate, told Chelmsford Magistrates on Thursday after pleading guilty to indecent exposure while sitting in his car. He asked for five similar offences to be taken into consideration.

Married and father of two children, he said the only explanation he could offer was that for two or three months he was a tractor driver earning only £10 or £11 a week, and was then "on the Labour" for some time.

He did not have enough money to make ends meet, so he used to stop in his car and puzzle out how he could pay his bills. If his father knew of the offences he would disown him.

The Court was told all the offences were committed in the Great Baddow area while defendant was sitting in his car.

Sentence was postponed for the preparation of medical and psychiatric reports.

## Film shows for Scouts

**ST. ANDREW'S** Hall, Billericay, was packed to capacity on Tuesday when the 2nd Wickford Scout Group invited David Barrett, of 4th Billericay Scouts, to show film slides of his trip to the 12th International Jamboree at Idaho, America, and his stay with a family in Chicago.

Dave was accompanied by his skipper, Mr. Bob Jackson. The evening started with a film of the District Father and Son Camp held in May, and the District Cub-Scout Camp at Danbury in August, which was attended by District Information Officer Mr. Vincent Baker of Azalea Drive, Wickford.

A film was also shown of the National Scout Car Race at Brighton in July. Skipper of 2nd Wickford Scouts, Mr. Tony Loveday introduced the new Akela, Mrs. Wells of Mount Close, Wickford, who is looking after the newly-formed 2nd Wickford Badger Pack.

## Crossing warden injured

"LOLLIPOP lady" Mrs. Florence Smith, of Great Gregorie, Basildon, was injured in an accident with a scooter at her crossing in Nethermayne, Basildon, on Friday.

She was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, but released the same day after treatment.

# Fete to help the Multiple Sclerosis Society

A FETE and jumble sale held in aid of the Basildon Multiple Sclerosis Society raised nearly £20 after the deduction of expenses.

It took place on Saturday at the Basildon Congregational Church Hall and was encouragingly well attended.

During the afternoon there was an exhibition of judo, put on by Mr. George Stubbings and some of his boys.

In charge of the arrangements were Mrs. R. Neill and Mrs. J. Moore. Mrs. C. Adams took care of the catering and refreshments and the sideshows, lent by Messrs. Glibarco, Ltd., were in the capable hands of Messrs. H. Page and S. Embleton.

Other helpers were Miss Jackson, Mrs. A. Walker and Mrs. Manning; and Mr. S. Walker was taking entrance money at the door.

Mrs. Neill has still two unclaimed raffle prizes—a nightdress case, won by pink ticket No. 11 and a brooch, pink ticket No. 25.

Her address is 77, Pendle Drive, Basildon.

## Untaxed car —£5 fine

**MICHAEL** Roy Hammond, of Goldings Crescent, Vange, was fined £5 at Grays Magistrates' Court on Wednesday week after being found guilty of driving a car without a Road Fund licence.

It was stated that when stopped by Police Hammond said he did not know whether there was a Road Fund licence for the vehicle or not. It belonged to his cousin.

Hammond, who was not in Court, was ordered to pay £1 costs.

## Another pool delay?

THERE have been further delays in the building of the new Basildon swimming pool, the Council Recreation Committee heard recently.

The Council will release no details of what these delays are or how long plans have been put back.

A spokesman said this week: "A meeting was held recently with the contractors, who have submitted a programme for the remaining work. This programme is now being looked at, and until this has been done we have no comment to offer."

Other trouble for the Council comes from Kingswood Community Association and Basildon Trades Council. Both bodies have sent letters to the Council objecting to the proposed admission charges.

**BASILDON TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD** WERE ENTERTAINED BY MRS. C. H. DORREL (LEFT), WHO GAVE AN INTERESTING LECTURE ON FLORAL ART AT BARDFIELD SCHOOL ON TUESDAY EVENING.



"CATCH THE MOUSE" WAS ONE OF THE SIDESHOWS AT THE BASILDON MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY'S FETE AT BASILDON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL ON SATURDAY.

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# BASILDON COUNCIL ON TELEVISION BUT NOT THE LABOUR GROUP WALK-OUT!

**COUNCILLORS MUST be content to make policy decisions and then leave the Council officers to get on with the job of implementing them.**

**This was one of the strong points made by Basildon's Town Manager Mr. David Taylor in a television programme screened on Sunday.**

Interviews with Mr. Taylor, Leader of the Council, Coun. Anthony Stockley and Leader of the Labour Group Coun. Joe Morgan were included in the programme which showed Basildon's new system of local government centred around the Town Manager.

Also screened was part of a Council meeting from the Foddewick Chamber. It showed Coun. Morgan arguing out a point of order with the Chairman, Coun. A. Baron Burn.

But not shown was the tumpus later in the meeting when the Labour Group walked out en bloc.

In his interview Mr. Taylor spoke of councillors' fears of "being officer dominated."

He said: "It is their job to create policy, but it is the chief officers' job to implement that policy. He felt the officers should be left alone to do this without having to keep going back to committees for various approvals."

Coun. Stockley said the Town Manager scheme of local government with an

Executive Committee playing a major part in the making of the big decisions was still in the experimental stage.

"We are still feeling our way," he said, "and in the coming year we will have to consolidate."

He referred to the management techniques which are applied in industry under free enterprise and stated that these techniques can be applied to local government for increased efficiency and a better product from the rate.

Coun. Morgan started his interview with a slamming of "the old idea" whereby a Town Clerk had to be a solicitor. "It was virtually a closed shop," he said.

He told the interviewer he could see the Basildon system under the Town Manager broadened to include the whole of the Thames conurbation.

"It is up to the Town Manager to sell Basildon to the Government," he said.

On the programme Lord John Maude said the Basildon scheme redefined the actual duties of a councillor.

"Whether the councillors allow the officers to get on with the job after policy decisions have been taken depends," he said, "on how clever the officers are."

## VERY PLEASED

On Monday a Basildon Council spokesman stated they were "very pleased" with the programme.

"We think we stole the show; after all, our reorganisation scheme was the main talking point," he said.

## They'll ask to see Mrs. Castle

INFURIATED BY the attitude of authorities to their demands for zebra crossings in Great Knightleys and Markhams Chase, in Lee Chapel North, Basildon, officers of the Lee Chapel North Tenants and Community Association are planning to seek help from Minister of Transport Barbara Castle.

At a heated meeting of the Association on Tuesday, Liaison Officer Mr. Peter Moloney read various letters from Basildon Council in which they alleged that the survey undertaken at these points showed insufficient cause for zebra crossings.

"They must have taken their survey when we were all in bed," says Mr. Moloney.

Parents of children attending the five schools in Markhams Chase itself — Chowdhury Infants and Junior, Janet Duke Infants and Junior, and Bluehouse Primary — are hotly demanding action. Mr. Moloney told his Committee. Since two small children lost their lives in this district they have been growing steadily more angry at lack of response to their requests.

Mr. Moloney proposes to give the Council one more brief chance to rethink their decision; then he will approach Mrs. Castle, Minister of Transport. Mr. Wade L. Vandenberg will accompany him.

During the discussion, high praise was given to the efforts of Mrs. Margaret Speller, self-appointed road crossing guard, who sees the children across the road in Markhams Chase because she feels so strongly that it is time someone did something. "She's doing a splendid job," said Mr. Vandenberg.

## Axe attack: Man unfit to plead?

WHEN Thomas Connolly (54), a factory worker, appeared at Essex Assizes at Chelmsford on Tuesday to face a charge of wounding 66-years-old Wickford widow Mrs. Frances Price, of Guernsey Gardens, with intent to murder her, his counsel Mr. M. J. Lipkin said there were grave doubts whether he was fit to plead.

At counsel's request Mr. Justice Howard put the case back for the preparation of medical reports.

## He gave up—



## He carried on!



## Carnival officials had a long, long walk pushing pram

**TWO BILLERICAY CARNIVAL ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS PUSHED A PRAM ROUND AND ROUND THE 11-MILE CARNIVAL PROCESSION ROUTE FOR 24 HOURS OVER THE WEEKEND.**

Sponsored to the tune of about £3 a mile, their object was to boost Carnival funds following the disappointing financial outcome of Carnival day.

Assistant Secretary Mr. John Christian covered 49 laps of the course through the High Street, London Road and Western Road, and walked 73½ miles.

Chairman Mr. Dennis Withington only lasted 13½ hours, covering 29 laps—a distance of 43½ miles. But he did rejoin Mr. Christian on his last lap, after a rest and massage, as a gesture of good faith to the sponsors.

A check-point was set up at Sun Corner throughout the 24 hours each lap was recorded, and the walkers were able to refresh themselves with salt and glucose tablets, orange drinks, soup, chocolate and various other low residue mixtures.

Lap times of the walkers, who had both been previously cleared by a doctor and a chiropodist, ranged from 19 minutes at the beginning of the walk to 40 minutes at the end.

Commented Walk Publicity Officer Mr. Jim Hopkins, afterwards: "We hope to have raised over £200 with this effort, and it is all due to the guts, sheer tenacity and single-mindedness that made it possible for two sedentary wage slaves to face up to

possible ridicule and a 70-odd mile trek. "Not national headline stuff, perhaps, but to those of us on our small committee who watched and helped them over the 24 hours, it was a very considerable achievement. Our pictures show Mr. Withington at the top and Mr. Christian alone with the pram."

## Don't be afraid of Socialists

"DON'T BE afraid of us Socialists," Coun. Alfred Dove told Basildon Council's Education Committee last week.

Coun. Dove was commenting on the success of a Labour idea for the Youth Education Consultative Committee. "I expected the reaction of fear to this idea," he said. "But just because an idea comes from this side of the Council Chamber, don't be afraid of it. A lot of research goes into our ideas and they should be dealt with on a non-partisan basis."

## Soccer players searched

**MEN WHO had been playing football at Ilford's, Basildon, were searched by security officers after an employee had lost a wage packet which was in his jacket which he had left folded up by the pitch.**

On Tuesday at Billericay, James Gregory (30), of Rokells, Basildon, pleaded guilty to stealing the packet, containing £18, and also to stealing film belonging to the firm.

He was fined £30, with two guineas costs, and was ordered to pay at £3 a week or go to prison for three months.

Mr. Malcolm Simons, prosecuting, said Gregory told the Police he had found the wage packet lying on the ground and had taken it.

The film was found at his home.

## DECREE NISI

In an undefended action at Southern District Court on Tuesday a decree nisi was granted to a former Billericay man on the grounds of his wife's cruelty.

The decree was granted to Mr. Stewart Clewlow of 510, Hedingham, and formerly of Perry Street, Billericay.

He married Mrs. Irene Frances Clewlow at Romford in 1940. Their two children are now adults.

## LAINDON

### DARBY AND JOAN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White entertained members of the Landon Darby and Joan Club with electric organ, drums and piano at the weekly meeting last Friday. Everyone joined in dancing and community singing. Mrs. Lockert, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Elphinstone were the soloists. Musical birthday honours went to Miss Stanley and Mrs. Howlett. Mr. and Mrs. Larwood celebrated their wedding anniversary and good wishes were sent to all sick members. A hearty welcome went to Mrs. Barker, a new member. Tea brought by Mrs. Divine and her helpers and the usual raffle, with 30 gifts, was held for funds. Members were reminded of the annual dinner to be held on October 27th.

## FILM SHOW

A film show given by Essex Trustee Savings Bank was enjoyed by members of Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens at their weekly meeting. Mrs. E. Thurston presided and reported that the Club's two sick members were making good progress. A doll bought by Mrs. Brown was raffled for the fund, and raised £2 0s. 6d. Mrs. Manton and Mrs. Connor received a hearty welcome back after absence, and a welcome also went to a new member, Mrs. Drake. Mr. Chatterton and his helpers served tea.

## CONFERENCE REPORT

Reports on sectional committee meetings at the Norwich conference were given at Billericay Rotary Club's luncheon on Monday. Rotarian Bert Phelps presided.

## A WRONG NUMBER IS SO ANNOYING!

**A SLIP-UP in the Basildon telephone directory has cost a Ghyllgrove woman hours of sleep and a lot of patience.**

For her telephone number is listed the same as Basildon Council's Recreation Department at Laindon.

She gets eight or nine calls in the course of a morning—all wrong numbers.

She is Mrs. Caroline Starling of Butneys, who is regularly called out of the bath to answer a wrong number.

"It's very inconvenient," she said. "It might sound a little funny to anyone who is not affected. But from my point of view, it is very annoying. The telephone people tell me they can't do anything about it until next June when the new telephone directory comes out."

Mrs. Starling is a shift worker at Carreras and quite often she has to get out of bed to answer the phone. "I can't let it ring," she explained. "It might be an important message for me."

The Telephone Manager's office at Southend told a reporter: "There has been an error in the telephone directory—it does not happen very often."

"Of course, she will not have to put up with this inconvenience until next June when the directory will be corrected. But in the meantime, all calls will be redirected. Callers

## Early closing at Crosswall

**CROSSWALL** booking office at Fenchurch Street Station is no longer open after 8.45 p.m. The main booking office remains open.

Only passengers with tickets are allowed through at Crosswall and the entrance itself is open until 9.45 p.m. instead of the present 7 p.m. The alteration has been made to help the interchange between Fenchurch Street and the new Tower Hill station. The Crosswall entrance is only open Mondays to Fridays.

## SPECIAL BUSINESS

Billericay Business and Professional Women's Club met at the Friends' House last week. The President—Mrs. A. M. Williamson—was in the chair. The special business was the briefing of the Club delegate, Mrs. V. V. Hammond, for the National Conference at Bournemouth, next week. Members discussed resolutions ranging from drivers' tests to law of adoption, income tax anomalies to drug addiction. The Social Committee Chairman announced plans for a Christmas supper.

## Passed— first time

WHILE everyone at Rosedale Chemical Products, Ltd., of Radford Way, Billericay, sat in the canteen eating their steak and kidney pudding, pretty Jeannette Speller sat in a corner eating her bread and cheese. But Jeannette will have the last laugh, for she is saving furiously to buy a car.

After having only 14 lessons, Jeannette, who is 18, passed her driving test first time.

She is a keen tennis and badminton player, and likes reading. She also holds a bronze medal for ballroom dancing.

Jeannette used to work at the Telephone Exchange, but nine months ago moved to Rosedale. Has she a boy-friend? "Yes," says Jeannette, "but he's in Canada, so I can't be getting married yet."

## Auctioneers' Junior Centre

Mr. Bernard Braine, M.P. for Essex, has asked us to join the Incorporated Society of Auctioneers (and Valuers) to help the Junior Centre on the economic factors leading to the Government's decision to join the European Economic Community. Mr. Braine stressed that even though the auctioneers and valuers in his view, almost inevitable, thirty-five members and guests attended the meeting at Chelmsford.



# Car stealing escapades end in sentences of imprisonment

FOUR BASILDON men connected with the Ford Motor Company, at Dagenham, used knowledge they gained there to steal whatever Ford car which happened to be convenient, said the Recorder, Judge Carl Aarvold, at the Old Bailey on Tuesday.

He passed sentence of two years' imprisonment on Kenneth Woodward (28), grinder cutter, of Great Mistley, Basildon, and 12 months' on William Jackson (28), toolmaker, of Plumberow, Basildon.

Donald Auty (25), toolmaker, of Cleveland Road, Basildon, was fined £150 and given six months in which to pay. In default he would go to prison for nine months.

A fourth man, Alan Durrant (27), capstan setter, of Long Linderswood, Basildon, was fined £75, to be paid in four months, the alternative being six months' imprisonment.

Woodward pleaded guilty to seven charges of car-stealing and two of larceny of property from cars. Jackson pleaded guilty to stealing five cars and to two other charges of stealing property from cars.

Auty pleaded guilty to two charges of car-stealing and Durrant guilty to one charge of receiving a car, knowing it to have been stolen.

The Recorder entered a verdict of not guilty in respect of Woodward and Jackson on a count alleging that they conspired to cheat and defraud persons, who might be induced to buy cars, by false pretences.

A count alleging that Woodward and Jackson conspired to forge motoring documents was ordered to remain on the file.

They had pleaded not guilty. Woodward asked for 12 other offences of larceny and Jackson six other similar offences to be taken into account.

Mr. Henry Pownall, prosecuting, said on December 14th Jackson was approached by the Police, who had been keeping observation in the car park of a cinema.

Jackson said he was the owner of a car and produced a certificate of insurance, which turned out to be forged. In the boot of the car were a wireless and a saucepan, which he admitted having stolen a few moments before. He was taken to the Police Station and the other matters referred to in the indictment then came to light.

He confessed to stealing, with Woodward, a number of cars in the Dagenham and Romford districts during the preceding six or eight weeks.

Later Woodward showed the Police an enormous quantity of stolen things in a shed at the back of his garden. The Police also recovered a number of insurance certificates.

Woodward said he and Jackson printed the documents to use "if we were stopped by the Police in a nicked car."

Other forged documents were found and 18 car keys and a spanner, which, counsel said, were for getting into cars. The Police also took possession of some car-index plates and printing and numbering machines.

Auty, when told of the allegations, said, "I have never been mixed up in anything like this before," and referred to thefts of cars at Stevenage and Leigh-on-Sea.

Durrant said, "I have been a fool. When I got the car I thought it might be stolen, but I took a chance."

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## Now a Queen's Guide



Wickford's first Queen's Guide for 13 years is Margaret Hearn, of Swan Lane, Wickford. She was presented with her certificate by Mrs. N. T. Sudell (District Commissioner for Rochford), and also in the picture is Wickford's Guide Leader (Mrs. E. Tyrrell).

## WHY WINEMAKERS HAD CHAMPAGNE

WICKFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION WINE-MAKERS' CIRCLE DRANK CHAMPAGNE AFTER COUNTING THEIR SUCCESSSES AT THE ESSEX WINE FEDERATION SHOW ON SATURDAY.

Winners were—Mrs. W. Butler: 5 firsts, 4 seconds, 4 thirds, 1 highly commended; Southend Cup for the best red sweet; trophy for the three-bottle class; Peter Dodds Memorial Trophy for Master Wine-maker (individual with the most points).

Mrs. R. Dodds: 4 firsts, 4 seconds, 2 thirds, 2 highly commended; Mr. Moore's Trophy for Dessert Class. Mrs. M. Shelley: 5

thirds Mr. B. J. Samuels: 1 third, Mr. F. E. Smith, 1 highly commended. These awards enabled the circle to retain the Burns Perpetual Trophy for the club with most points.

### TO TAKE ACTION

Legal proceedings are to be taken against a stallholder in Wickford Market. The proceedings are to be instituted under the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations.

## Misinformed the Police

PLEADING GUILTY to stealing £9 15s. from the electricity meter and £1 18s. from the gas meter at his home, Paul Newberry (25), of The Frame, Basildon, was placed on probation for two years at Billericay last week.

A man with no previous convictions, he was said to have come to the Police Station and reported that his meters had been broken into while he was away for a week-end. He later admitted he had committed the offence.

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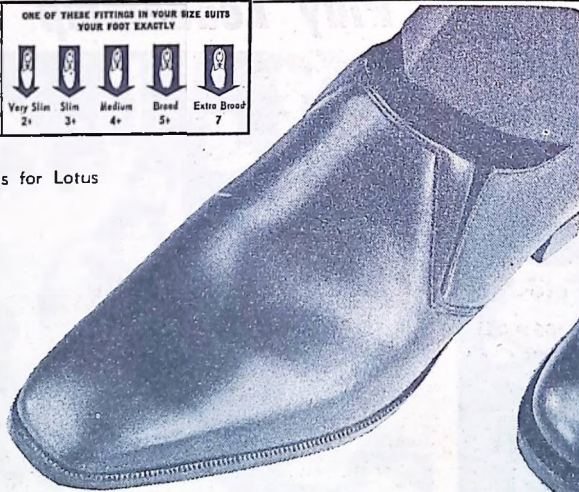


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# Cub Scouts make it circus time



BILLERICAY AND WICKFORD DISTRICTS CUB SCOUTS HELD A CUBCRAFT WITH A CIRCUS THEME AT MAYFLOWER SCHOOL ON SATURDAY. OUR PICTURE SHOWS SOME OF THE CUBS WHO TOOK PART.



The Rural Dean (Rev. Arthur Dunlop) officiated at the wedding of Miss Teresa Stratton, of Faldstones, Basildon, and Mr. Brian Wright, of Stanford Road, Canvey Island.

There were three bridesmaids—Miss Eileen Stratton, the bride's sister, Miss Joan Waters, a friend, and Miss Patricia Wright, the bridegroom's sister.

They wore apricot and blue silk dresses and carried carnations and poppies. The bride wore a white brocade empire-line dress with lace sleeves. She carried pink roses.

The best man was the bridegroom's friend, Mr. Mark Brooks.

After the reception the couple left for the honeymoon in Eastbourne.

(Photo: W. J. Charlesworth)



The Ramsden Bellhouse Choral Group held a concert at the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Ramsden Heath, on Saturday evening.



The picture below shows guests at Wickford Baptist Church's harvest supper and social at Shotgate Community Hall on Saturday.

## "Alice in Wonderland"



WICKFORD METHODIST CHURCH HELD A COFFEE CABARET IN THE CHURCH HALL ON SATURDAY EVENING, AND THE PROCEEDS WENT TO THE CHURCH RESTORATION FUND.

FOUR YOUNGSTERS WHO PLAYED THE TEA PARTY SCENE FROM "ALICE IN WONDERLAND" (SEEN ABOVE) WERE ALICE (WENDY MATTHEWS), MAD HATTER (HELEN CURSON), DORMOUSE (JACQUELINE POWELL) AND MARCH HARE (DENISE BACKHOUSE).

## Play Leadership concert



The Basildon and district Play Leadership Scheme did a grand job during the school holidays, when the workers arranged all kinds of entertaining events for children. There is no let-up for these workers, even in late autumn and winter, and our picture above shows some of the youngsters who took part in a concert at Timberlog School on Saturday.



## Used contacts to get cheap films from a factory

GORDON WARD (34), of Purlings Road, Bushey, Herts, was a lorry driver calling at Ifford, Ltd.'s factory at Basildon, and he used his contacts there to set up a little side line business of selling films cheap because he knew people who could steal them and let him have them cheap, said Mr. Malcolm Simons (prosecuting) at Billericay on Tuesday.

Ward and Nigel Greenacre (36), of Brempton, Basildon, admitted receiving film knowing it was stolen, and Edward Taylor (32), of Great Greigie, Basildon, admitted stealing film worth £89 15s. 11d.

Ward was fined £70 or three months' imprisonment, with five guineas costs.

Taylor and Greenacre were fined £50 each with similar costs and three months' imprisonment in default.

They were ordered to pay at £3 a week.

Mr. Simons said security officers saw Greenacre, who admitted having film at his home. He said he did not take it from the store, where he was a warehouseman, but it was his job to get it out of the factory.

He implicated Taylor and he was interviewed, as also was Ward. Both admitted their part in the offences.

Taylor told the Court, "I didn't really do it for personal gain, more as a favour. No financial arrangements were made."

Greenacre said, "I admit I have done wrong and I am thoroughly

ashamed of myself. I have let my family down."

Said Ward by a man approached by a man where I live to get films. I have lost my job over this. I am very sorry for what I have done."

## Ban for six months

A 17-YEARS-OLD Basildon youth was disqualified for six months at Billericay on Tuesday for driving a motor cycle without insurance cover, only one L-plate and carrying an unlicensed passenger.

John Coysten, of Jermaines, was told by the Chairman, Mr. H. S. A. Rothson, that the Court had powers to disqualify him for 18 months as he had two previous driving convictions.

He was fined £5 for no insurance, £3 for no L-plate and £2 for carrying a 16-years-old girl as an unlicensed pillion passenger. He admitted the offences.

"You should have learnt your lesson by now," Mr. Rothson said.

## HOSPITAL TRAINING FOR YOUNGSTERS

A NEW scheme of education and training for young people who wish to enter one of the hospital professions has been pioneered by the South Essex Hospital Management Committee.

It came into operation in September and is operating in the Tilbury, Orsett and Thurrock hospitals and St. Andrew's and Mayflower Hospitals in Billericay. Special approval of the Ministry of Health has been obtained, and it is thought other hospital groups will wish to copy the scheme if it proves a success.

It is called the Hospital Cadet Scheme and is planned as a partnership between the hospitals and Thurrock Technical College. Young people aged 10 or 11 are accepted for a one or two-year cadetship. They must have had five years of secondary education and have attained or be capable of attaining the standard of at least two "O" levels.

In each year of the cadetship two periods of nine weeks each are spent at the College, and the remainder of the year in the hospitals. Subjects studied in college include English, mathematics, hygiene, physics, human biology, chemistry, a modern language and cooking. A choice will be made from these according to the needs and ability of the individual student.

While in hospital nearly all departments will be visited and cadets will spend days or weeks in each, as appropriate, learning what goes on and trying out routine duties according to their ability. The object is to give the cadets as wide a knowledge as possible of all the professions and occupations which make up the hospital team. During the one or two-year period a cadet will be able to decide which profession he (or she) would like to follow. He will be guided in his choice by the college staff as well as the hospital staff.

## QUEEN'S BADGE FOR MARGARET

AFTER FOUR years' hard work, Margaret Hearne, Leader of the 1st Wickford Guide Company, was presented with her Queen's Guide Badge by Mrs. Siddel, District Commissioner for Rayleigh area. The presentation was in St. Andrew's Hall, Wickford, on Friday.

Margaret, who lives at Swan Lane, Wickford, is 16 years old, a trainee hairdresser and an ex-pupil of Beauval's Secondary School, Wickford. She is a member of the Diagonals Church Club, likes canoeing and loves animals.

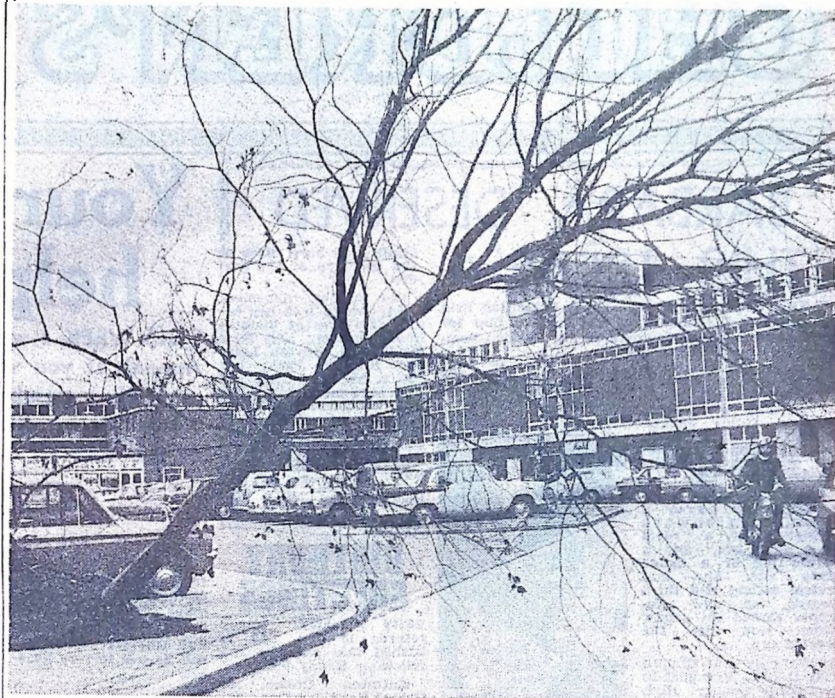
One part of her Queen's Guide course was to gain the Commonwealth Badge, which meant studying a

particular Commonwealth country. Margaret chose Ceylon.

Both her employers and her parents were very helpful to her while she was studying and gave her every encouragement. She passed her C.S.E. in seven subjects.

Margaret especially requested that Mrs. Siddel should conduct the presentation as they are good friends.

## CASUALTY OF THE GALES



BASILDON ESCAPED LIGHTLY FROM THE 90 M.P.H. GALES WHICH SWEEPED OVER SOUTH-EAST ENGLAND CAUSING HAVOC ON MONDAY NIGHT. THE MAIN CASUALTY IN THE TOWN CENTRE WAS A CORPORATION-PLANTED MATURE TREE WHICH WAS UPROOTED IN THE CAR PARK BEHIND KEAY HOUSE (SEE PICTURE ABOVE). ANOTHER TREE WAS DAMAGED IN TOWN SQUARE. VARIOUS REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF ELECTRIC CABLES BEING BLOWN DOWN "ALL OVER THE AREA," WHICH KEPT EASTERN ELECTRICITY ENGINEERS BUSY THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

## ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGE—FATHER IS REMANDED

WHEN COLIN Deacon (28), of Spurriers, Laindon, appeared on remand at Billericay on Tuesday charged with attempting to murder his four-years-old daughter, Elaine, he was further remanded in custody for a week.

Mr. Malcolm Simons, County prosecutor, said the file of the case was with the Director of Public Prosecutions.

"As soon as he is ready the Police are ready, but I cannot give any indication when the case will go on, but it is unlikely to be delayed more than a week or two," said Mr. Simons.

It is alleged that Deacon drove his car, in which his daughter was passenger, into the railway bridge in Lower Duntun Road, Duntun.

The car was a write-off, but Deacon and his daughter escaped with comparatively minor injuries.

Mr. Simons said that Deacon's wife gave the Police a letter which had been written by Deacon, and it clearly showed he intended to commit suicide.

The Bench refused an application for bail, and the Chairman (Mr. H. R. Dummico) said, "We should appreciate every effort being made to expedite this matter so that it can be heard on October 31st."

### STAGING FOR POOL

Telescope staging costing £500 is being bought for the swimming pool by Basildon Council. This money has come from "underpensions" on other items of pool expenditure, the Finance Committee decided.

## Noisy hawking

EDWARD ASH, of Spurriers, Laindon, was fined £3 at Grays Court on Friday for noisy hawking.

P.C. David White said he stopped Ash, who was driving an ice-cream van in Manor Road, Grays, at 11.35 a.m. on June 25th. It was sounding its electric loud speaker of chimes.

He asked Ash if he knew the times these should be operated and Ash admitted that he did, adding, "I keep getting done for this. It was 12 quid last time."

### FILM SHOW

Laindon and Basildon Young Conservatives saw a film show at their last meeting. On October 29th the branch will hold the second in a series of fortnightly social evenings. With dancing and indoor games.

## SECOND TUNNEL MEETING?

THE MINISTRY of Transport in London on Wednesday announced that a meeting between officials of the Ministry and Essex and Kent County Councils may be held early next month to discuss the building of a second Dartford Tunnel.

The tunnel was the subject of a Bill in the House of Commons which received the Royal Assent in July last year, but there still remains the question of the timing of this project.

A Ministry spokesman said on Wednesday that until they "got the site consultant's report of the future road pattern north of the Thames" they could not say when the project would begin.

Both Essex and Kent County Councils had asked the Ministry to meet them to discuss the tunnel, and it was now thought probable that this meeting would take place early in November.

## PLANNING TO GET MARRIED?

BASILDON MARRIAGE Guidance Council are holding a series of short courses entitled "Looking At Marriage."

The courses offer help in preparation for marriage and are held at Great Oaks Clinic, Town Centre, Basildon, on Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m.

The first course took place in September, course two will take place in November, course three in January, course four in March and course five in May. Each lasts for four consecutive weeks.

Names of couples interested in the courses should be sent to the Education Counsellor, Basildon Marriage Guidance Council, 51, Toucan Way, Basildon.

There were altogether nine stalls, manned mostly by parents of children who attend the Corps.

Profits will go towards financing schemes—like the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme—which are not paid for by the Government.

## Busy head

BILLERICAY Secondary School Headmaster Mr. John Goldwin, who is Chairman of the Eastern Region National Savings Educational Committee, presided at the sectional meeting during the weekend Eastern Region Conference at Clacton.

He recently spoke at Skegness at the East Midlands Regional Savings Conference on savings banks in schools.

On November 25th Mr. Goldwin will be speaking at the triennial meeting of the National Educational Committee at Church House, Westminster.

## AIR CADETS PLEASED WITH BAZAAR

WICKFORD 174 Squadron of the Air Training Corps held their first autumn fair at St. Peter's Hall, Wickford, on Saturday and organisers declared themselves "satisfied" with the public support they received.

Mrs. Mable Alston, Secretary of the Corps' Welfare

Committee, said: "Considering it's the first autumn fair we've held, I don't think we can complain—particularly as Wickford Community Association are holding theirs



# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## BARBARA DESERVED THIS TROPHY

AT THE GIRL Guides' Handicraft Exhibition held on Saturday the winner of the Kefford Cup for Guides was Barbara Needham, of 5th Laindon Company.

Barbara, who is 14½, is seen below with her very fine camp blanket, which was covered with flags, pennants, Guide badges, shoulder knots and handicraft exhibition award ribbons, and with which she won first prize.

She also won firsts for a Christmas card, a mosaic, a patchwork cushion cover, a "room in a shoe box," and a nature log of a Guide camp site. She had several second and third awards, too, and altogether earned 20½ points, which won her the coveted cup.

Barbara lives at Church Road, Duntun, and goes to Brentwood County High School. She has been a Guide for three-and-a-half years, and a Brownie for four years before that. She says she doesn't know whether she will become a Ranger in time, but she will think about it!

Well done, Barbara—your exhibits were really lovely, and your sewing is beautifully neat. I am afraid mine was nothing



Lesley Rugg (9), with her beach book, at the Guides' Handicraft Exhibition on Saturday.

### BEACH BOOK

Isn't it a beautiful book that Lesley Rugg has made? It was her exhibit for the Guides' Handicraft Exhibition, and she made it all herself.

It is shaped like an oyster shell, and Lesley cut all the pages carefully out with a pair of pinkish shears to give them a decorative edge. Each page has a collection of things found on beaches—various feathers, seaweed specimens, shells, etc., all named and neatly stuck into place with transparent tape.

Lesley says she and her mother spent a long time searching for the names of things in a very large book they got from the library.

She also said that while she was making the exhibit she gradually became aware of a certain smell that was growing steadily stronger as she worked. When she investigated she found six, both on 28th, that some of the shells were still inhabited! She had to scrape out the dead mussels and whelks before she could proceed with sticking in the

shells, and bury them at the very top of the garden!

You possibly remember Lesley—we've met her before. She lives at Victoria Road, Laindon, and is a member of the 5th Laindon Brownie Pack; but she is also the little girl who sent me a story, she had written called "The Mysterious Bag." She had made that into a book, too, with a beautifully decorated cover. Lesley has certainly realised early in life that it is the packaging that sells the goods!

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

VERY MANY happy returns of the day is wished this week to the following Happy Pals:—

Kathleen Groom, of Gravel Road, Southend-on-Sea, seven, Michael Stock of Bourne Avenue, Laindon, 11, Maureen O'Keefe of Redgrave Road, Vange, 11, Diana Charlotte Saunders of Belmont Avenue, Wickford, seven, Sally Cooper, of Delhi Road, Pitsea, eight, and Susan Oliver, of Long Riding, Basildon, also eight, all on Saturday, October 21st.

Mark Robinson, of West Avenue, Langdon Hills, 12, on the 22nd; Geraldine Marshall, of Great Knightleys, Basildon, 10, Ann Jeanette Stratton, of Danbury Down, Basildon, age not known; David Reeve, of Percy Road, Laindon, 10, and Andrea Marriott, of Theydon Crescent, Basildon, 11, all on 23rd.

Elizabeth Mason, of Fanton Chase, Shotgate, nine, mother spent a long time searching for the names of things in a very large book they got from the library. She also said that while she was making the exhibit she gradually became aware of a certain smell that was growing steadily stronger as she worked. When she investigated she found six, both on 28th, that some of the shells were still inhabited! She had to scrape out the dead mussels and whelks before she could proceed with sticking in the

A very happy birthday to you all.

AUNTIE LIZ.

## Your chance to help old folk

THIS WEEK I want to tell you about our Christmas Appeal. If you were a Happy Pal last year you will probably remember that we had a lot of fun, and quite a lot of work, collecting groceries for the needy old folk of the district, and toys for children who would not otherwise have had any presents at Christmas. For those new members who have joined us since then, however, this is what it is all about.

Our aim is to collect as many grocery gifts and toys as we can; the more the better. A little later in the year I shall have a big Christmas tree in the office and I shall be asking for gifts to put round it. It does not matter how big or small the gift is, but, whatever it is, you may rest assured that it will be put to very good use.

Groceries can be — well, anything that an old person would be glad of to put in the pantry: a packet of tea, a pound of sugar, a little tin of fruit, etc.

Christmas things, like puddings, are welcome, too, but it would be better not to bring things that will go stale quickly, like mince pies! Chocolate biscuits do not keep all that well, either, because if the goods have to be kept anywhere where there is central heating they might melt, so if you decide on a packet of biscuits plain ones would keep better.

As to toys — they can be anything you no longer want yourself — as long as they are in good working order and clean condition.

Things perhaps that you had when you were younger and no longer play with; or maybe a game that you never really cared about or a jigsaw puzzle you never had time to make. Anything, in fact, that would give an

in need at Christmas bring it to our office at 10 Southernhay, — and leave your name and address so that I can thank you properly, won't you?

Love AUNTIE LIZ.

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## DUMBELLE \*\*\*

THE FOLLOWING MORNING



by Bernard Richmond





# MORE ABOUT THAT HOLIDAY THEY WILL NOT FORGET

## Frights on a mountain pass

WHY DID A coach break down four times on its way to Austria? Was it through lack of maintenance? Could this have been foreseen, or was it just an unfortunate chapter of accidents? And what can be done to prevent it ever happening again?

These and other searching questions are being asked by a number of people returned from a coach holiday tour in Austria.

The story was sparked off by Mrs. Maggie Schwartz, one of the passengers, who wrote home to her daughter, Mrs. Valerie Sumner, of Pitsea. As reported in this paper two weeks ago, Mrs. Sumner, frantic with worry for her parents' health and safety, asked us to print extracts from her mother's letter.

No other passengers have come forward, to give their versions of the trip, and the series of mishaps that befell it.

The first breakdown occurred on the road to Rheims—the accelerator cable broke. One of the passengers, Mr. Peter Brooks, of Gay Bowers, Basildon, who was travelling with his fiancée, Miss Linda Freeman, and her parents, volunteered to make a temporary repair, so that the coach could take them further to their destination. This he did—lying beneath the coach in his best suit, in pouring rain.

Some four kilometres further along the road the cable broke again, but this time, fortunately, they were near enough to a garage to summon a mechanic. In the absence of any spares for a British vehicle, a repair was effected that would get the party to St. Anton, their destination.

## MORE TROUBLE

However, their troubles were not yet over. About 3.30 p.m. on a mountain pass, the engine boiled dry. The driver announced that a delay of half-an-hour was imperative, to allow it to cool.

Mr. Ronald Freeman, of Gay Bowers, Basildon, future father-in-law of Peter Brooks, found that by leaning over the parapet of a low wall, he could catch the mountain breeze in a bucket. He described the drop below as sheer; it was by now pitch dark, and the rain was still coming down relentlessly. Eight buckets of water were collected in this way, and out into the cooling system of the coach.

Mr. Freeman says: "It was really frightening. We were in a very dangerous spot, right on an S-bend; we had to direct the traffic round our coach."

Before the coach finally reached the hotel in St.

Anton, it had boiled yet again, and this time Mr. Freeman put another 12 buckets of water into it.

He says that he has had many years' experience of such vehicles and his daughter's driver, Peter, is a driver mechanic. They allege the coach was not suited to high-altitude work and that the faulty accelerator cable should have been noticed long before it broke.

"I feel it should be thoroughly investigated—for the sake of other people who might make a trip in the same vehicle," says Mr. Freeman. "We were a mixed party, young and old—but suppose it had been a party of children, or old people only?"

In agreement with him is Mr. M. Schwartz, who says that he was driving coaches before the war. "Chubby don't just break—they fray first," he says. "With proper maintenance and supervision, this should have been noticed."

Various members of the coach party felt that they would not like to undertake such a trip again. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. E. Bearman, of Church Road, Basildon, who also felt that the hotel facilities in St. Anton could have been vastly improved; Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrington, of Pansdown, Basildon, who were very annoyed at the breakdown, but otherwise enjoyed their holiday; and Mr. G. Atkins, of Bourns Avenue, Laidon, whose wife and daughter have been ill with nerves ever since their return.

Painting a brighter picture was Mr. John Mills, of Pattiswick Square, Basildon, who felt that from a young man's point of view, the trip was excellent and he thoroughly enjoyed it. He considered the breakdowns were unfortunate, but would be happy to go again. A young lady, who did not wish her name to be mentioned, also said that she was quite happy about all the arrangements.

We talked to Mr. H. A. Bartolo, of The Goblins, Basildon, who acted as travel consultant for the party. "I would like it made quite clear that I was not the courier," he says. "I went on the trip as an observer; although I had visited the St. Anton hotel before, I wanted to ensure that everything was 100 per cent up to standard."

He says that the bad weather made the other tribulations of the party so much worse, and by looking into the question of the coach with the Eastern National Omnibus Company.

An Eastern National spokesman had no further comment to make. Previously they stated that a new spare part

had been flown out to Innsbruck for the coach but this had been diverted to Munich, because of bad weather. This proved to be the new accelerator cable, and not a part for the cooling system, as previously thought.

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## Centenary celebrations

Basildon was strongly represented at a dinner at Walthamstow on Tuesday to mark the centenary of the Co-operative Insurance Society. Four other districts besides Basildon were involved—Barking, East Ham, Romford and Walthamstow.

The toast to the Society was proposed by Divisional Superintendent Mr. G. C. Conroy. Afterwards the 500 present danced to Victor Silvester's Orchestra, and were entertained by Betty Lunn's floor show and "balloon souther" Trevor Little.

A fire in a Co-op shop in Tenby, South Wales, in 1865 first set the wheels in motion for the formation of the Society. Two years later the company was re-registered and the first meeting held in the Mechanics' Institution in Manchester.

Today the C.I.S. is the second largest industrial/ordinary life assurance office in Britain, with a total life premium income of £58,000,000.

## A £300 cheque for research

A CHEQUE for £300 was presented on Monday to the General Secretary of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation Trust, Mr. Ron Tucker, by the Basildon and Billericay group of the Trust. It will be used for research into a cure for cystic fibrosis, a child-killing disease.

The group, formed only 18 months ago, have now given the Trust £900.

Members of Billericay and Wickford Ladies' Circles were also present to hear Mr. Tucker thank them personally for their contributions.

Mr. Tucker spoke of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis

conference he attended in Toronto; and said that the United Kingdom had a lot to offer the world, with their 15 major research projects.

He concluded by saying that the work done by the Billericay group had been "really wonderful," and that they were regarded more as a branch now!

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# People — and what they are doing...



## RESTING AFTER 33 YEARS' FINE SERVICE

ONE OF the stalwarts of Laindon St. John Ambulance Brigade, 73-years-old founder-member Ted Root, has retired after 33 years' service. For his service to the Brigade, Ted was made a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John in 1964.

It was a proud moment for him at the Brigade's annual meeting when he was presented with a tea maker by his colleagues (see picture above).

Secretary and Divisional Sergeant at Laindon, Ted started with the Brigade at a time when the Southend Arterial Road was just becoming popular for day trippers to the seaside. "At weekends were were kept on the go all the time," said Ted this week.

In recent years the service given at road accidents by the Brigade has decreased due to the advent of ambulances and Police cars equipped with radio. This is one reason why the Laindon Brigade sold their Arterial Road headquarters some time ago.

But the call for St. John men and women in other directions is just as great and locally they are struggling to keep up with demands with a small membership of qualified personnel.

"There is so much more we could do at local events if we had more people," said Supt. Ted Powell this week.

Now, a school of her own

MRS. B. JACKSON, Deputy Head for three years at Ghyllgrove, is to take charge of her own school. She will be Headmistress of Bryn Infants, Basildon. This school, which has been run by Miss G. Jones since it opened 10 years ago, has about 140 children. Before coming to Ghyllgrove in 1962 Mrs. Jackson was a teacher at Langdon Hills. She lives at Roodegate and is married with two children, Michael (15) and Susan (13). Both Mrs. Jackson and her husband, Charles, are keen on boating. They are members of Leigh Sailing Club and have a boat in the Estuary.

"Boating at Leigh is not an expensive hobby," Mrs. Jackson said, "you pay yearly for a mooring and



Mrs. B. Jackson, to be Head of Bryn Infants' School.

to take the boat in and out of the water." But she feels that yacht marinas will add greatly to the cost of boating. "Because sailing has become so popular people realise there is a lot of money to be made out of it," she pointed out.

Instrument for good

A BRANCH of the Mothers' Union has been formed at St. Martin's Church, Town Centre. It is led by Mrs. W. I. Dunlop, wife of the Rector. The first members were enrolled at a service on Sunday. Asked for his view on the Mothers' Union—who have been attacked by many clergymen—Rev. Arthur Dunlop said: "We believe they can be an instrument for good. They stand for all that is good in family life." He added that Mothers' Union groups covered every part of life from cooking to churchgoing.

## Veteran car out again

THERE will be a local entry in the London to Brighton veteran car run on November 5th. A 1903 Humber Olympia Tandem will be driven by its owner, Mr. Malcolm Smith, of Brock Hill, Wickford.

Mr. Smith bought the vehicle just over a year ago. When he saw it advertised from an Inverness address he sped up there in 48 hours, towing a 1924 Bullnose Morris along the entire journey of 1,000 miles. He was able to offer this in part-exchange. The Humber Tandem has been on five Brighton runs before, and was originally in Lord Montagu's museum, then it passed into Lord Roote's hands before going to the owner at Inverness. Mr. Smith drove it in last year's "run."

The vehicle has two wheels in front and one behind. There are no gears, but just a clutch and brakes. The

engine is air-cooled, single cylinder, four-stroke, with one exhaust and one automatic inlet valve.

The carbide gas lamp system is still in good condition, as are the comfortable—though exposed—passenger seat, umbrella and umbrella-holder.

## No G.C.E.'s — but he has his own business

A SMARTLY-DRESSED young man (seen below) marched into the "Standard" office last week and said briskly: "My name is Adrian Wildish and I've just opened new offices in Billericay to expand my advertising and printing business. I'm 17."

He added: "You may be interested in a story . . . and it'll be free advertising for me!" And smooth-talking Adrian had won himself another small business success.

Adrian has based all his operations from 105 in the High Street. Now he's waiting for the telephone to be connected and for the

orders to start pouring in. Bubbling with enthusiasm, blond-haired Adrian, whose ambition is to retire in his late 20's, already has a business patter, which must follow in the steps of Charles Clore, the self-made multimillionaire. "I started on my own about eight months ago with £5,"

he said, "and I can't complain at my progress."

Hard work and long hours don't deter Adrian. "I work at least 12 to 14 hours a day," he declared, "but it doesn't bother me—it's for my own ends."

He admits to knowing very little about advertising or printing, but points out: "My job is to get the best quality service at the lowest prices . . . and this I've achieved."

He said: "I already have about 120 clients in Essex and Suffolk, and I consider that a reasonable start."

Behind every successful man, they say, is a woman—and Adrian even has this qualification. His girlfriend, who lives at Brighton, manages all the secretarial duties.

"At the moment my business is just a 'one-man-band,' but I hope to start employing staff within the next year. My girlfriend looks after the correspondence while I tramp the streets finding clients."

Adrian talks to publicans, hotel managers and other businessmen, and offers business headed paper and cards at a low price. The advertising side of the business deals mainly with specially inscribed pens and pencils, beer mats and

services. "I just contract all the work out. By getting the printers to tender against each other I get the best service at the lowest price," he declared. Adrian, who lives at Swan Lane, Stock, and left Wickford Secondary School at 15 without any G.C.E.'s, occasionally takes time off for his favourite hobbies—boating and cinemagoing.

## Midnight ramble

BILLERICAY LIBERALS and friends had a midnight ramble on Saturday walking first to Margate, then from there to Galley Wood Common for a breakfast of soup and sandwiches. They then returned to Stock to complete, by dawn, a journey of 12 miles.

## She will supply us with news



NEW PRESS Officer for Basildon West women's section of the Labour Party is attractive 23-year-old Mrs. June Charles, of Withards, Basildon (seen above).

She is also Ward Organiser for the newly-formed Central Ward Labour Party. And June also does part-time secretarial work at the Labour Party Constituency headquarters in Billericay.

"I have always been interested in politics," she said. "My mother was an Essex County councillor and also served on the Basildon Council. I used to help with her election campaigns."

June and her husband Dave have always been active in public life and have both served as officers on Basildon Youth Council. They helped run the first Whit Monday

feet in the Town Centre—which was a great success. Life is never dull for Mrs. Charles because she is the mother of two boys, Christopher (4) and Paul, who is three years old. And also in the house is an attractive mongrel dog answering the name Nelson. Mr. Charles is a "bouncer" at the new dancing club at Basildon Bowl. Previously he worked at the Locarno. During the day he is an ice-cream salesman.





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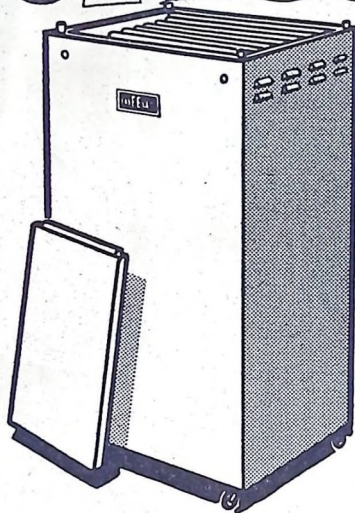
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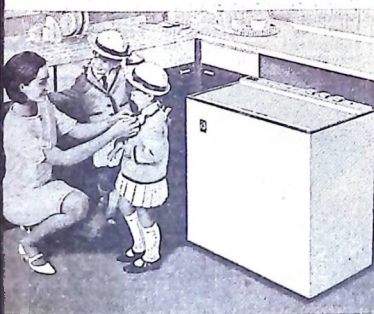


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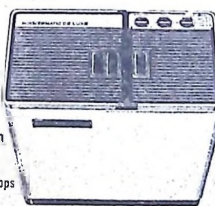
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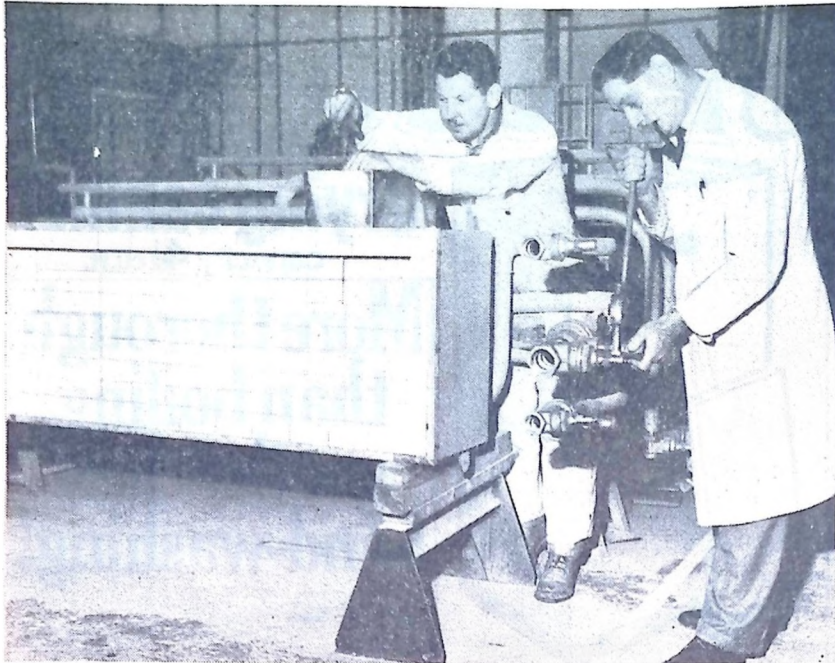
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## ANOTHER BIG AID TO ROAD MAKING

THE MENAGE OF SMOKE AND FUMES FROM MACHINES WHICH PLANE ROADS BEFORE RESURFACING MAY SOON BE A THING OF THE PAST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TECHNIQUE WHICH USES PROPANE GAS INSTEAD OF OIL FOR HEATING.

The technique was invented in the United States, but it is only in this country that it has been put to this use. The manufacturers are Maywick Appliances, Ltd., of Wickford.

They have been jointly responsible for the development of this technique with the Municipal Appliances Co., Ltd., of Bamber Bridge, near Preston. The planning took about 18 months.

The technique uses a propane air fired "luminous wall" which softens the road surface so that it can be sheared off with minimum power, maximum tool life and forward speed. The operation leaves a level surface for resurfacing.

The new unit was tested for several weeks in built-up areas and there were no complaints from the public. Operators can now wear a collar and tie if they wish, as there is no smoke to dirty their clothes.

Production of the burner unit, at Maywick's Hanningfield factory, is at present dependent upon orders. Usually there are ten people working on the job and it takes approximately a week to make the panel for the "luminous wall."

### MALE VOICES

Brian Holliday, of Plant Security, Ford Tractors, is looking for as many male voices as possible to join him in forming the Tractor Plant Male Voice Choir.

Miss Eileen Olden, of The Hatherley, Fryerns, went home "dressed up" from work last week. Her workmates at Reichenbach and Co. (British), Ltd., in Church Road, Landon, learned she was to be married at Holy Cross Church on Saturday. Since they work in a blouse and clothes-making factory, they soon dressed her as a mock bride. Eileen, who is 20, married Mr. Michael Bolton, of Birmingham.



You should not miss this show



CARRERAS Motor Club may show the new Ford, B.M.C. Rootes and Vauxhall models at their own Motor Show on October 21st.

This is the first weekend of the Earls Court Motor Show and could well be the first chance New Towners will have to inspect the new models "in the metal."

It will also be a splendid start to the Carreras event, the third annual show which promises to be the best so far.

To be held at the Carreras Sports and Social Club in Nevendon Road, it will have more separate attractions this year than before.

The Show will run through Saturday and into Sunday and is expected to attract a record crowd of more than 2,000 people this year.

Registrar of the Motor Club Mr. Brian Bealand (seen above) said this week: "The success of our earlier shows has spurred the Committee to greater things this year. The Show is always open to the public and we feel that with bigger attractions bigger crowds will follow."

Four dealers commissioned to produce the new cars will show two. One on static display and another for test purposes. They will also display one unusual car—usually a racing model.

Always a favourite at this kind of show, Police equipment designed to test reaction will be used.

This will include the driving simulator.

Carreras Camera Club and the Lee Chapel South Amateur Cine Club will combine to produce a photographic display. Visitors will be invited to photograph a female model (clothed).

A continuous film show will be staged in a marquee showing the 1967 Indianapolis 500, the 1967 Guards Trophy Race and the Green to Gold.

New innovation will be the "motique" and fashion store of "top-gear" for ladies. The motique is mobile. Women visitors will be able to see new modern fashions and try them on in luxurious changing rooms aboard the motique.

The Albany Tyre Company will display a range of motor equipment and the Carreras Club will provide a Sealxtric racing track. Fobbing Farm will bring along their ponies for the children.

Other attractions will be a display by the Essex Police dogs, a show of publications and equipment from the Automobile Association and the Institute of Advanced Motorists, soup tasting and target golf.

A continuous on-the-hour programme draw will be run throughout Saturday and Sunday. Prizes for this have been donated by New Town traders. At the Saturday evening dance, Sketcheys, the dry cleaners, have offered a prize of 50 guineas to the best-dressed couple. They are also providing a further 20 guinea prize.

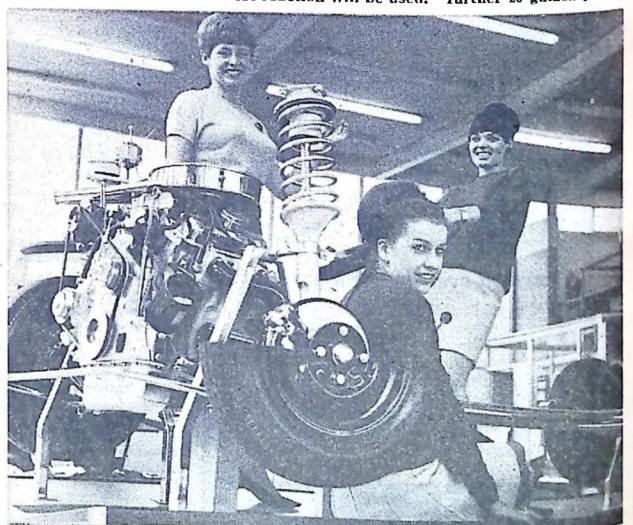
At Maywick, Ltd., Hanningfield, Mr. H. Radford and Mr. S. Savel are seen working on their latest burner.

retired from S.T.C. in 1942. He has been retired as long as most junior members of the Club have worked for S.T.C.

Among the members are a husband and wife—Mr. and Mrs. W. Colven—and a brother and brother-in-law, Mr. C. Marlborough and Mr. W. C. Flack.

Club President Mr. G. F. Lawrance welcomed the guests, chief of whom was Mr. J. Ayres, Transmission Group Executive Director. "I feel like an interloper," he joked. Mr. Ayres has been with the company for only two years.

"You have earned and deserved this celebration," he said. "As the person holding, at this particular time, the responsibility for the ultimate future and prosperity of S.T.C.'s major group, I can say there is no other outfit that can live up to you."



THESE THREE LOVELIES—ALL CARRERAS WORKERS—WILL BE OFFERING THEIR SERVICES AS MODELS FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHIC ATTRACTION AT THE CARRERAS MOTOR CLUB SHOW THIS WEEKEND.

LEFT TO RIGHT THEY ARE MIRIAM PARKINSON (26), A STATISTICS TYPIST, MADGE PAIFREEMAN (21), A COMPTOMETER OPERATOR, AND PATSY BURKE (17), A TYPIST. THE TRIO ARE PICTURED ON A MOTOR CAR CHASSIS AT SOUTH ESSEX MOTORS IN CHERRYDOWN.



## Ann gets engaged at big dance

THE WICKFORD Carnival Queen of Queens contest was a double celebration for Wickford Carnival Queen 19-years-old Ann Camp.

For besides being hostess to nine visiting queens, she was also enjoying her own private celebration, having just become engaged. She told a reporter: "This really is a special evening for me. It is wonderful to be hostess at your own dance, but my fiancé and I are also celebrating getting engaged."

The lucky boy is 21-years-old William Clements, of Lynford Drive, Wickford. They have not yet fixed a wedding date.

The Queen of Queens contest was won by Chelmsford Queen 18-years-old Janice Rolland.

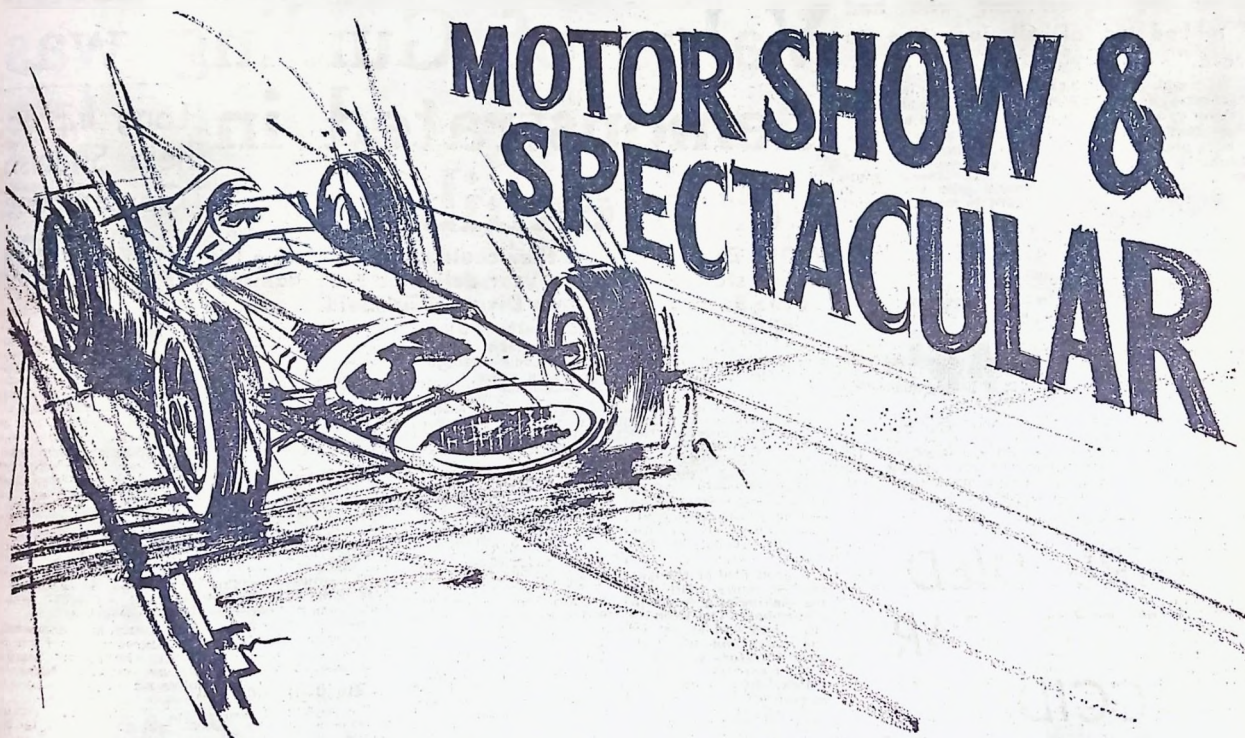
Janice, who lives in Baddow Road, won the King-Craven Cup. She has also won the Queen of Queens contests at Billerica and Pinner, Middlesex.

### Field of progress

RUNWELL Junior School have got permission to use part of Wickford Memorial Park for football practice for an hour on Friday afternoons. Permission has been granted by Basildon Council's Recreation Committee until the school's own playing field is ready for use.



Bardfield Junior School have put on a display of books suitable for children in their school hall. They hope to attract parents of the children and give them some constructive ideas for buying books for Christmas. Essex County Library and Smith and Sons are each putting on displays, although the hall is not open to the general public. Our picture shows some of the children of the school with welfare assistant Mrs. J. Kennington.



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## Tory retort to Prime Minister

# Government must take some blame for 'Brain Drain'

COMMENTING ON Prime Minister Harold Wilson's speech about Britain's "Brain Drain," made at the opening of the Ford Dunton Research Centre, Mr. Robert McCrindle, Conservative parliamentary candidate for Billericay, issued a statement this week saying that equally to blame for the problem were the Government who had "robbed us of all incentive to earn."

He complained: "This Government have increased taxation by almost £1,000M. in three years and have robbed us of all incentive to earn. When will they learn that it is not a criminal offence to earn a high salary and to be allowed to see the benefit of one's labour by retaining more of it?"

"There are comparatively few stars in industry and if the box office is to provide a high standard of living for the extras, then the producers in Whitehall must stop siphoning the lion's share of the takings."

Mr. McCrindle opened his statement saying: "Mr. Wilson spoke at Basildon last week about the 'Brain Drain' and said one of the reasons why bright young scientists and technologists emigrate is that their way to the boardroom is hard."

"This may be true, but the Prime Minister must accept that a reason at least as cogent for the

loss of these young people, who we can ill afford to lose, is the incidence of tax on rising salaries."

"A case was recently reported of a chemical engineer who emigrated to Spain at a salary of £12,000 a year tax free."

"His firm in this country would have had to have paid him £180,000 a year to give him a take-home pay of £12,000."

"It is little wonder that many of our best brains are leaving us, and, for each one who does, the country loses between £6,000 and £16,000 in the cost of his training with an inestimable further loss to the country in years to come."

## GIRL DIED AFTER CAR ACCIDENT — DRIVER FINED £40

PAUL AYLING (20), of Oak Avenue, Grays Hill, Billericay, was fined £40 at Billericay Court yesterday (Thursday) after pleading not guilty to careless driving. The proceedings followed an accident in Basildon, in which a 17-years-old Corringham girl died.

Ayling, an apprentice bricklayer, drove his new automatic car into a bend at the Five Bells roundabout far too fast and lost control, said Mr. Christopher Cochrane, prosecuting.

The girl who died, Miss Jane Audrey Brooks, of Thames Crescent, was one of two girls in the rear passenger seat of his car. Mr. Cochrane said there was no reason for the driver to lose control except that he was going too fast.

P.C. Francis Robinson said he went to the scene about 11.30 p.m. on July 29th, and found Miss Brooks in the road. It had been raining and there was a 72ft. skid mark leading on to a small island in the centre of the road which preceded the main roundabout.

P.C. Robinson said Ayling told him: "It's entirely my fault. I got into the bend far too fast, completely misjudged it and lost control."

Ayling, in the witness box, said he did not remember telling the Police that.

Referring to the accident, he said because of the mud on the road it was exceptionally slippery.

"I didn't see the mud at the time — I wasn't in a state to — but I've seen mud on that spot at other times."

Mr. James Smith, of Second Avenue, Stanford-Le-Hope, who was a front seat passenger in the car, said Ayling was not driving too fast.

Mr. Clibert Rodway, defending, said there was no evidence to support that defendant was going too fast and submitted that Ayling's account of the accident was reasonable.

Asking for a lenient fine, Mr. Rodway said the defendant's car was written off and he had £600 still to pay. He was doubtful the insurance company would pay because they were in financial difficulties.

Ayling was ordered to pay three guineas costs.



## Value of Guiding was demonstrated in this exhibition

MORE EXHIBITS than they could count, and of a far higher standard than last year, delighted the organisers of the Basildon New Town Division Girl Guides' annual handicraft exhibition on Saturday.

The exhibition was staged at Barstable Grammar School and an estimated 500 people attended during the afternoon. Some are seen above.

Attracting most entries were classes for Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and many entries looked most tempting. One or two Brownies had obviously had difficulty with their Victoria sponges, but as most housewives produce at least one "sad" cake in their lives, these little girls could be forgiven!

A good deal of thought and ingenuity went into the making of a "room in a shoe-box." The winning entry had real carpet on the floor and the doll-sized furniture was fashioned from thin card and delightfully upholstered in pink velvet.

The needlework was of a high standard, too, although the Judges in their criticisms pointed out that when the schedule specified "hand sewn," machine stitching would automatically disqualify entries.

Similarly, several Christmas table decorations "on an eight-inch square base" were disallowed for being on a base of a different size.

Divisional President Mrs. I. A. Pettitt, paid tribute to the help encouragement and patience of parents, without whose co-operation the exhibition could not have been staged. She felt that Guiding gave a wonderful start in life to the future women of Basildon. The prizes were presented by Mrs. E. Dixon, standing-in for her Basildon Education Officer husband, who was absent through illness.

### AWARDS

**Boniface Cup** for winning Guide Company — 1. 5th Laindon, 69 points; 2. 1st Pitsea and Vange, 24 points; 3. 2nd Pitsea St. Michael's tied with 5th Basildon, 16 points.

**Angwin Cup** for winning Brownie Pack — 1. 2nd Pitsea St. Michael's, 22 points; 2. 8th Basildon, 19 points; 3. 9th Basildon, 18 points.

**Kefford Cup**, for winning individual Guide — 1. Barbara Needham, 5th Laindon; 2. Valerie Wilson, 1st Pitsea and Vange; 3. Susan Mitchell, 1st Laindon.

**Kefford Cup** for winning individual Brownie — 1. Lesley Rugg, 5th Laindon; 2. Jayne Teesdale, 1st Pitsea and Vange, tied with Jennifer Smith, 3rd Laindon.

**Acutt Cup**, for winning individual Senior Guide — 1. Janet Whiskin; 2. Judith Wright; 3. Patricia Tinworth tied with Heather Taylor.

**Grist Cup**, for any adult Guider, Trefoil Guild member etc. — 1. Miss M. Baerlocher. Divisional Commissioner: 2. Mrs. Scott, Pitsea L.A.; Eileen Riches, 6th Basildon, and Joyce Green, 3rd Laindon (all tied).

## Drove on to pavement

LEARNER driver Mrs. Vera Fergus was fined £10 at Billericay on Tuesday for careless driving. She admitted mounting the pavement and hitting a shop front at Wickford.

Fergus, of Waverley Crescent, Wickford, said she took a corner wide and two buses were nearby. It was the first time she had driven for a year.

### THEIR OWN SHOW

The Club's own concert party entertained their colleagues of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens on Thursday week. A programme of comedy and music was enjoyed by all, and everyone joined in the choruses. Musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Alice Walker, and tea and cakes were served by Mrs. Le Brun and "Rose". Mrs. Cartwright was in charge of sales. A vote of thanks was proposed to the organisers of the Club's trip last week to a theatre.

## Long trip to help Spanish Government

MRS. PHILLIS Hunt dropped a gear and manoeuvred the huge ten-wheeled lorry into the car park off Billericay High Street.

"And who is it that reckons women can't drive?" she asked, but there was no need to answer for Mrs. Hunt had driven from Madrid, to Ireland, toured Scotland and still had hundreds of miles to travel.

Mrs. Hunt with the help of another lady, had taken on a seven-months promotion tour for the Spanish Government to sell olive oil.

Mrs. Hunt, who is employed by International News Service, Ltd., of Holborn, London, was flown to Madrid to drive the specially equipped lorry back to England.

The trip was sponsored by the Spanish Government, who already supply 80 per cent of Britain's olive oil.

The seven-months round trip is almost at an end. They have four weeks to travel the South of England and then their job is complete.

The lorry was parked in Billericay on Tuesday morning and passers-by were asked to take a free sample of the oil. The lorry moved off at lunch-time to Chelmsford.

## HE STOLE HAM AND CHICKEN

AFTER TWO cases of frozen chicken and a gammon ham had been found behind a shed at the rear of Kingston's butcher's shop, High Street, Billericay, Police kept observation.

They caught an employee — Arthur Bill — who came in through a back gate and started moving the articles.

Mr. Malcolm Simons, prosecuting, told this to Billericay Justices on Tuesday, when Bill (29), of Rising Grove, Laindon, admitted stealing the articles, worth £8 10s.

A man with no previous convictions, he was fined £21, with two guineas costs, to be paid at £2 a week or go to prison for three months.

"I am sorry it happened," said Bill.

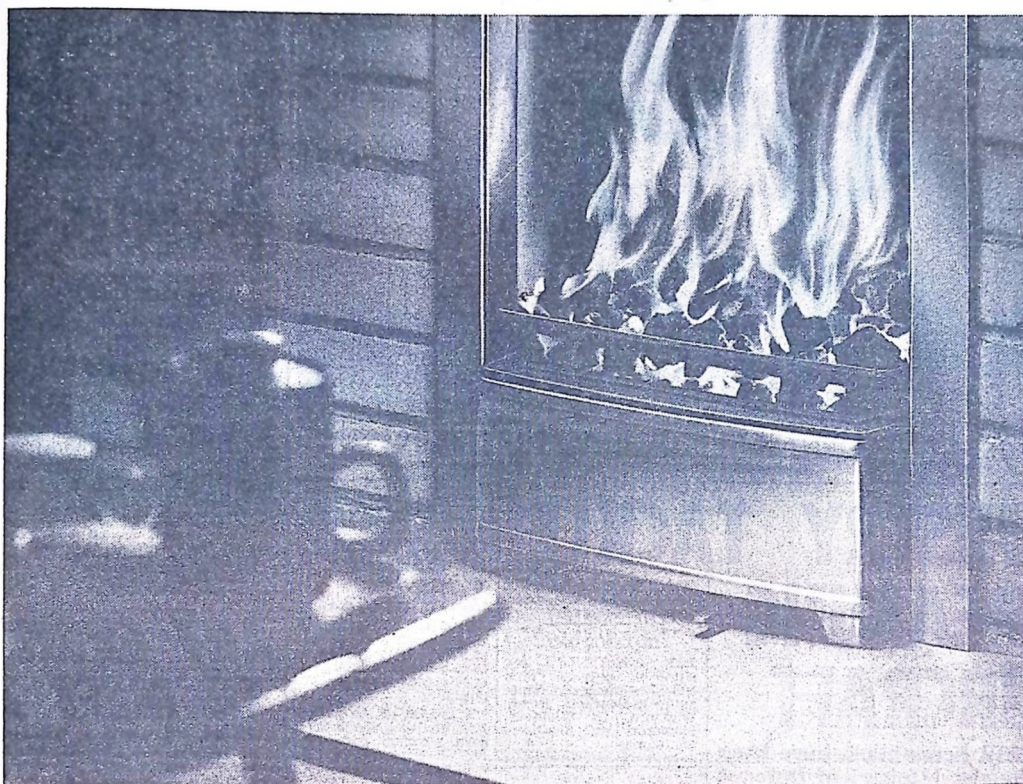


Some of the guests at the Wickford 41 Club's third annual social at Runwell Parish Hall on Saturday.

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## MINISTRY TACKLE SCREAMING AIRCRAFT

ROYAL AIR Force pilots have been warned by the Ministry of Defence not to fly aircraft low over Billericay.

The caution has been sent to pilots following an avalanche of protests from local residents, including patients in Billericay Hospital, complaining about an R.A.F. fighter which screamed over Billericay on June 22nd at low level.

"Pilots have again been reminded of the need to avoid Billericay," said Mr. Merlyn Rees, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the Royal Air Force.

Leading the protest was Billericay M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman, who wrote to the Ministry demanding an explanation. Mr. Moonman said he is satisfied with the Ministry's action.

Said Mr. Moonman: "Clearly there was a great upset among local people, and I sincerely hope that the people who wrote to me will feel reassured with the action taken."

### Don't care?

"I received at that time complaints from patients in Billericay Hospital, although the hospital authorities apparently found no one who seemed to mind. You can take it from me there were patients who were upset."

"If people in Jackson's Lane and Norsey Road heard that dreadful screaming aircraft there can be no doubt that patients in hospital did too."

Mr. Rees, in a letter to Mr. Moonman, said: "As I promised in my letter of June 30th I have carried out a full investigation of the report of low flying over Billericay

Hospital on June 22nd."

The investigation has confirmed that four R.A.F. Hunters flew at low level along a route affecting Billericay on that occasion, and that two aircraft probably flew fairly close to the town itself.

"It is clear that a number of residents were upset by the noise of these aircraft. As you know, pilots are instructed to avoid flying over built-up areas including Billericay, but, at the speed at which modern military aircraft fly, this is sometimes difficult to achieve."

"I very much regret that two of the Hunters came so close to Billericay on June 22nd. I believe that the number of aircraft involved and the formation in which they flew may well have made them more noticeable than usual."

### Formations

"All flying units have been reminded, therefore, of the need to space out aircraft whenever formation flying is not essential."

"Pilots have again been reminded of the need to avoid Billericay and I hope you will have no further cause for complaint."

Mr. Moonman commented: "You may say

that I am satisfied with the manner of the letter and the apology."

### Implacable?

THE SUGGESTED resetting of plaques from the War Memorial Bungalow in Southend Road, Wickford, to Wickford Memorial Park, has been abandoned.

## HIGH TIDE AT SOUTHEND

Figures in parentheses indicate height of water above datum

	3.m.	(18.0)	2.25	(18.0)
Fri.	2.47	(18.0)	2.55	(18.0)
Sat.	3.15	(17.7)	3.25	(17.0)
Sun.	3.43	(17.0)	3.50	(16.9)
Mon.	4.13	(16.7)	4.35	(16.0)
Tue.	4.50	(15.3)	5.15	(15.2)
Wed.	5.37	(14.0)	6.17	(14.0)
Thurs.	6.28	(14.1)	7.33	(14.4)

(October 27th)  
Tidal predictions supplied by Liverpool Observatory and Tidal Institute (copyright reserved).

## COUNCIL REJECT AN OFFER

AN OFFER to "dedicate" six-and-a-half acres of land at Fanton Chase, Shotgate, to Basildon Council has been turned down by the Council.

A proviso of the dedication was that the Council gave planning permission for development of an adjoining six- and- a- half acres.

The land, which is near a proposed children's playground, was offered as public open space. The owner wanted to put the remaining land to "industrial use."

The Recreation Committee said the land was "not a convenient shape for laying out of sports pitches" and was too near the proposed playground.

Members agreed that "in the circumstances the offer be not accepted."



Miss Elaine Claissie's matron of honour at her wedding on Saturday was her twin sister, Mrs. Stella Chaswell. St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon, was the scene of the wedding between Miss Claissie, of Cromer Avenue, Laindon, and Mr. John Henry Garwood, of Springfield Park Road, Chelmsford. Other bridal attendants were Christine Crossley and Lyndia Anderson. Best man was Mr. A. Pogram and the couple were married by Rev. Arthur Dunlop. (Flinders Photographic, Ltd.)



Mr. Edwin Higgins, of Toronto, Canada (formerly of Ramsden Heath), married Miss Valerie Ann Leisk, of Hurlock Road, Billericay, on Saturday at St. Mary's Church Great Burstead. Rev. Mr. Holly officiated. The bride was given away by her father. Bridesmaids were the Misses Jean Gibson, Carol Leisk and Heather and Julie Leisk. Best man was Mr. Phillip Evres. (John Kimber)

## ART GROUP ARE TO MEET AGAIN

EVENING MEETINGS of Wickford Community Association Art Group are to restart on Tuesday after a lapse of over a year.

Originally started four years ago, the evening meetings are being revived because "there is an increasing demand for somewhere people can go to paint together."

The evening meetings were initially abandoned through lack of support, but, said Mrs. Watson: "Since then there seems to have been an upsurge of people interested in art who are not catered for by the Evening Institute."

"We are aiming at a free and easy evening when people can paint what they like, or just drop in for a discussion about art."

"We hope these evenings will stimulate and encourage people to paint, and to paint better," she said.

Meetings will be at the Community Centre on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. There will be no admission fee, but potential artists must be members of the Community Association (membership fee 5s.).



Carnival princesses from the County attended the first Essex Carnival Princess contest on Saturday at the Civic Hall, Grays. Twenty-two girls from Barking, Canvey, Chelmsford, Harlow, Southend, Wickford, Hornchurch, Romford, Basildon, Corringham, Brentwood and Thurrock competed, and the winner was 17-years-old Gillian Cooper, a clerk, of Fortin Way, Belhus. Judges were Dr. S. S. Boral and his wife and Mr. T. Morrish (Deputy Manager of the Swimming Pool and Civic Hall). Guests were the Chairman of Thurrock Council (Coun. Pat Bolger, J.P.) and his wife. M.C. was Mr. Eric Gregory, and music for dancing was provided by Ray Norman and his Band. The evening proved so successful that Thurrock Carnival Association, who organised it, intend holding a similar contest each year.



# Workless for 16 years, he put £13,743 in the bank

MR. SAMSON BAREHAM (45), of High Road, Vange, who said he had not worked since 1951, was asked at London Bankruptcy Court on Thursday week to explain how he was able to pay £13,743 into bank accounts since then.

He replied he had the money by him in the house and he paid the money into the banks over a number of years.

"There is nothing wrong with that is there?" he asked.

"No, but it is very improbable," commented Mr. Hunt, the Registrar.

Mr. Wilfred Whitehead, Senior Official Receiver, said bankruptcy proceedings were started against Mr. Bareham by the Inland Revenue in 1964 based on assessments, in the absence of returns from Mr. Bareham, for the seven years to 1961.

The total involved was £5,708. In addition there was a claim for £200 for National Insurance.

Assets were shown in a statement of affairs at £16,171 and were mainly in cash at banks and building societies.

Mr. Bareham said he had not worked since 1951 because his father had been ill and he had looked after him.

Concluding his examination, the Registrar said Mr. Bareham's evidence was very

hard to believe, but it seemed the State would out suffer because there were ample funds to pay tax claims.

Mr. Whitehead agreed, but added that further tax claims might be made.

## LITTLE STINT

There are too many children in Billericay Congregational Church Sunday School. Too many, that is, until three people offer to share in teaching projects with seven to 10-year-olds. Otherwise the school will be unable to cope. So if anyone is able to offer to do a stint of at least six weeks they should contact Mr. Emery at 12, St. Mary's Avenue, Billericay, telephone 51485.

## R.A. REQUESTS

Buttsbury Residents' Association are asking Basildon Council for details of proposed development opposite Bridge Parade, and on the corner site in front of Billericay Railway Station. They also want to know when the footpath near the children's playground in Lake Meadows will be made.

## Owner wants Council to buy land

THE OWNER of land at The Chase, Broomhills Estate, Little Burstead, has served a purchase notice on Basildon Council claiming that because of refusal of planning permission the land cannot be used properly.

Basildon Planning Committee have decided to ask the County Council to act on the notice.

Town Manager David Taylor told the Committee that the land was regarded as within the Green Belt surrounding Basildon, where the County normally agree to act as the acquiring authority.

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## Car stealing escapades

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Passing sentence, the Judge said Woodward was the instigator of it all and used the other defendants as they came to hand. He built up the paraphernalia for a more professional approach in what might have become a lucrative trade in stolen cars.

Det. Insp. Douglas Cresswell said Woodward had four previous convictions for dishonesty. Jackson was of good character, hitherto.

In reply to Mr. Michael West, defending the officer said the printing equipment used by Jackson and Woodward was originally intended for honest purposes.

"No great fortune" had been made by these men out of the offences.

The officer added that Auty had never been in trouble before. Durrant had one previous conviction for larceny.

## DUTY CHEMISTS

### BILLERICAY

M. W. Shadforth, 49, High Street, Billericay, will be duty chemist for week commencing Monday (October 23rd). They will be open to 6.30 p.m. every weeknight (except Wednesday when they will be open from 7.30 p.m.). On Sunday (October 24th) they will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

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VICAR WAS SPEAKER  
Guest speaker at the weekly meeting of Billericay Inter-Parish, held at Mayflower Hall last week was Rev. D. R. Grayson, Vicar of Billericay. He spoke about the importance of efficiency and courage. Acting President Mrs. L. Whitaker presided and Mrs. Quartermain read the scripture. Robert Smith, on the piano, Mrs. L. Pullen was accompanist. They are both members of Billericay Methodist Church. This was served by Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Fettes.

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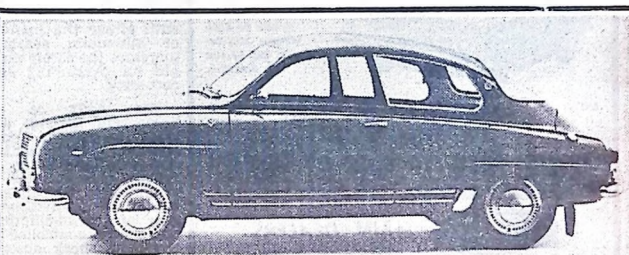
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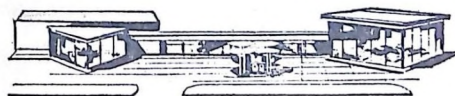
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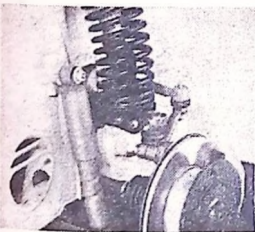
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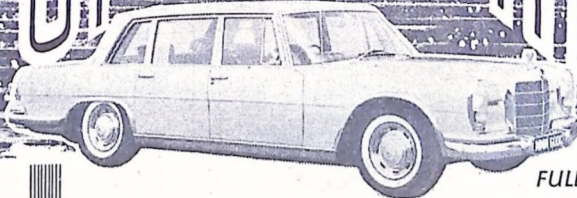
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## VW

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There are no fewer than nine improvements to the Beetle including vertical headlamps with changed shapes to the front wings and new larger rear lights, fared-in handles with trigger door release instead of press-button catches. A shortened engine cover draws attention away from the shortened tail pipes. The windscreen wipers, too, are larger, as is the rear mirror. A 12-volt light system is now standard on the VW1500 and VW1600. There is a larger float chamber for the carburettor, new carburettor pre-heating arrangements and a new baffle plate to prevent excessive quantities of oil being drawn through the crankcase ventilation.

## FIAT 124 Sports Coupe

THIS beautifully styled Fiat, the 124 Coupe, is shown at Earls Court for the first time. Luxuriously trimmed, it is far more than a coupé version of the 124 saloon, although the specification is basically similar.

It is in the engine compartment that the most important difference is to be seen, and experienced, too. The bore of the standard four-cylinder, water-cooled front-mounted 124 has been increased from 73mm. to 80mm. and twin belt-driven overhead camshafts have been fitted, resulting in power output of 80 b.h.p. the red line occurring on the rev. counter at 6,800 r.p.m.

## RENAULT 4

THIS sturdy, functional little 845 c.c. car is one of the most ubiquitous in Europe and is becoming popular over here, too. Among features for 1968 are a completely new, four-speed, fully-synchromesh gearbox. There is a new, larger and more pleasing front grille in which the headlights are now incorporated. The bumper bar blades are of a neater, curved profile and have rubber-faced over-riders. Tubular "buffalo horn" type nudge bars from the front wings to the front bumper give additional protection in congested parking.

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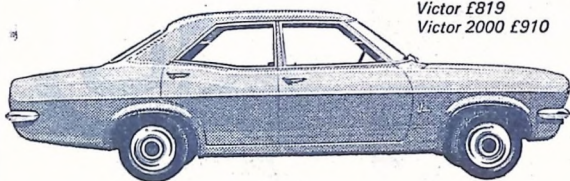
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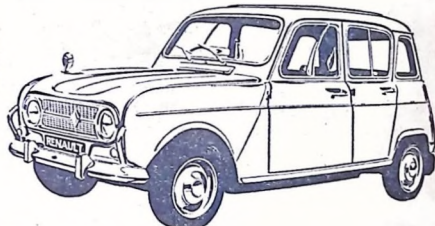
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## THE BIBLE COMES TO LIFE



An exhibition entitled "The Bible Through An Eastern Window" was held at St. Andrew's Church, Wickford, last week. Our picture shows members of the congregation who took part.

Nearly all the Wickford churches assisted, and some of the exhibits were priceless curios and ancient relics from Babylonia and Palestine, as well as Scrolls of Law and Eastern costumes. Visitors included parties of schoolchildren, and 83-years-old Rev. L. T. Pearson, who has had extensive experience in the Holy Land over the past 40 years, gave enlightening talks on Israel in the past and during the recent troubles. He also endeavoured to explain, in a series of talks, how the prophecies of the Old Testament were being fulfilled today.

## TIME TO MAKE-UP



The cast, make-up people and stagehands of the Billericay Women's Institute Drama Group who presented a two-act play, "Her Husband's Harem," at their headquarters last week.



A careers convention held at the Flying Club, Wickford, last week. A number of children.

## COSTERMONGER VICAR



St. Mary Magdalene Church, Billericay, held a Petticoat Lane bazaar at the Archer Memorial Hall on Saturday. Our picture shows costermonger Vicar Rev. Mr. Greaves serving Wendy and Lynne Slade.



St. Catherine's Church, Wickford, was the scene of the wedding of Mr. Stenham Ballard, of North Benfleet, and Miss Barbara Elizabeth Wirth, of Wickford, on Saturday. Mr. Ballard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballard, of Benfleet Park Road, Benfleet. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. Wirth, of West Beech Avenue, Wickford. Given away by her father, Barbara wore a full-length dress of white nylon with a floral head-dress. She carried a bouquet of white roses and yellow carnations. Bridesmaids wore the Misses Kay and Cecilia Smith. They wore aquamarine treble satin dresses with white head-dresses. The best man was Mr. David Chessman. The couple left for a honeymoon in Bournemouth. (Photo by J. Newman)



## re-spread pictures

Heath Women's Institute held a with dancing and cabaret at the Thursday. Attractive "Black Cat" Yvonne May, Rosemary Dean and Angela Benson.



## THEY SET THE FASHION



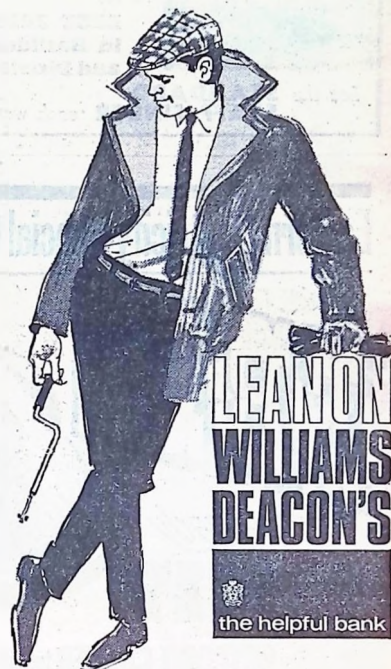
Billericay Ladies' Circle held a fashion show at the Archer Memorial Hall on Thursday evening. Our picture above shows some of the members who modelled the gowns.



Wickford Air Training Corps held a bazaar in aid of Squadron funds at St. Peter's Hall, Wickford, on Saturday. Providing a taste of honey is Anne Morell, and her eager customers are Cadet Corporal C. Morell and Cadets K. Taylor and K. Brenley.

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## Don't burst it!



Billericay League of Pity held a tea party for their members on Saturday afternoon at the Mayflower Church Hall, Billericay. Busily blowing up the balloons was Anne Attridge (13), assisted by Susan Barton, also 13.



Married at St. Gabriel's Church, Pitsea, on Saturday, were Miss Jennifer Wilkinson, of Sparrows Hearne, Kingswood and Mr. Derek Axam, of Shobury Road, Southend. Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of wild silk with goulure lace and a matching train. She carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds and stanhaniotis.

The bridesmaid was Miss Sylvia Carter (a friend), and best man was Mr. W. Cheshire. The service was taken by the Rector of Pitsea (Rev. A. Harvey).

After the service the couple attended their reception held at the Runnymede Hall, Thurday.



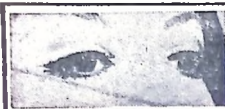
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## CHEERS!

Samples of the wines described by Mr. Clark, of the South African Wine Farmers' Association, were available to the 50 members of Billerley Winemakers' Society present at the October meeting in the Co-operative Hall. Mr. Clark spoke about South African wines and a colour film was shown following wines through all their various stages.

**Old folk's flats**  
BASILDON Council's Finance Committee have agreed in principle to allow a grant towards the conversion of a property in Billerley for old people's flats. The Catholic Women's League Housing Association (Brentwood branch) have applied for the grant, but full details have not been finalised.

# "Foolproof" scheme to end Wickford's traffic jams? A CARPENTER'S CLAIM

**WHILE THE planners try to solve the ever-increasing traffic congestion problems at Wickford, local carpenter Mr. Dennis Parker has worked out a "foolproof" scheme which, he believes, is the answer to all their problems.**

Forty-one years old Mr. Parker, of Second Avenue, Shotgate, who has lived in Wickford all his life, is deeply concerned about the "traffic chaos" which develops in Wickford every morning, afternoon and evening.

"It's about time somebody woke up to the problem and got things moving," he grumbled.

Mr. Parker estimates that his plan would cost

about £21,000 and take approximately five weeks to complete. "It's no good the authorities saying nothing can be done. They need pushing," he says.

Mr. Parker, who has written to Basildon Council and Transport Minister Mrs. Barbara Castle, says flyovers and by-passes will not altogether solve the problem.

He points out that today's traffic is only 20 per cent of the total traffic expected in 1987 and believes his plan is the quickest and most

economical way to relieve the choked High Street.

**Bridge**  
His plan is to divert westbound traffic into Southend Road by building a short road from Crouch Drive to Runwell Road, with a Bailey Bridge across the River Crouch.

He would place No Entry signs in Runwell Road to High Street, from the High Street to Southend Road and Jersey Gardens. There would be a No Right Turn sign in Swan Lane to High Street.

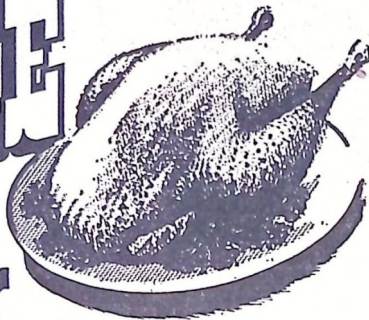
Mr. Parker explained: "This would give us a one-way street via Wickford Broadway to Runwell Road, Crouch Drive and Southend Road, and enable us to have three-lane traffic in Southend Road—for east and west-bound traffic and centre lane for Swan Lane."

He would then reopen the north end of Jersey Gardens and build a short road between Jersey Gardens and Station Approach. This would give adequate access to Wickford Station, for Southend Road traffic could use the Swan Lane entrance and the Newdon Road traffic could use Station Avenue.

Mr. Parker concluded: "If this plan does not suit some, maybe they would like to send in their ideas."

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## Basildon man fined for Carnaby Street theft

EMPLOYED for six years in a hardware shop, situated among the many clothes shops in Carnaby Street, a 22-years-old badge maker was fined £20 at Marlborough Street Court on Thursday week for stealing property worth £18 from the shop.

Stephen Clabby, of The Lyng, Basildon, pleaded guilty to stealing 45 sheets of emery paper, two pieces of gold metal and a quantity of plate, silver and wire, the property of H. A. Jordan and Co.

Pt. Michael Hollicay told the Court that, acting on information, he went to Carnaby Street and saw Clabby leave the shop carrying a bag. He stopped and questioned him, and, upon searching the bag, found the property inside.

The officer said that defendant was a man of good previous character who had been at the shop six years. He was due to leave the shop to start up his own business, using money he had received for damages incurred in a serious accident. He had said that the theft was really a silly slip on his part.

Defendant told Magistrate Mr. Edward Robey that he knew other people in the trade who took bits of property on the side, not that he was using that as an excuse. He did take a little bit of property, thinking it might help him out in his own business.

## DEATH OF DOCTOR'S DAUGHTER

DAUGHTER of Dr. John Marshall, Wickford's first doctor, Mrs. Jessie Graves, died at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billerley, on Thursday week, aged 84.

For many years she helped her father with his practice, stretching from Pilsen to Woodham, which had to be covered on horseback.

She was born in Wickford High Street and lived in the town nearly all her life. She was a great lover of the Essex countryside.

A widow for 47 years, she was married to Edward Basil Graves, who died in 1919 after serving in the First World War.

Chairman of the Wickford British Legion (women's section) for 25 years from the 1920's, she was also very fond of horses. In her early days she hunted with her father with the Essex Union Foxhounds.

Buried in her husband's grave in St. Catherine's Churchyard, Wickford, on Tuesday, she leaves a daughter and two sons.

## NIGHT LIFE CAME TO RAMSDEN HEATH

NIGHT LIFE came to Ramsden Heath with a vengeance on Thursday when the Women's Institute presented their "Black Cat Cafe," a social evening with cabaret and some dancing.

It was held in aid of cancer research, and the support was outstanding—there was standing room only in the Y.M.C.A. Hall.

Comper was Ken Cook who, apart from singing, playing piano and keeping things running smoothly, introduced Downham W.I. drama group's presentation of "The Queen's Pleasure," which was followed by a team of Highland dancers from Romford and District Scottish Association.

There were songs at the piano by Ramsden's own Lella Lawrence, and dancing by three members of the Mala School of Dancing.

The hall decorations were on a black cat theme and the highlight of the evening was the "Cat Girls"—teenage daughters of some of the W.I. members.

Acting as usherettes and waitresses, dressed in "cat suits," complete with masks, ears and tails, they were a great hit with male guests.

At the end of the evening thanks were expressed to the artists—all gave their services free of charge—to members who had made and given the refreshments and to local tradesmen who donated raffle prizes.

## MORE MEMBERS

With 27 new subscriptions received in the past month, approved an oil storage tank and pipework on Beaulieu Farm Estate, Waterworks Road, Wickford.

## Library girls put out blaze

GIRLS working at Whitmore Way Library, Newdon, grabbed a fire extinguisher and put out a blaze at Fryerns Community Centre on Saturday evening.

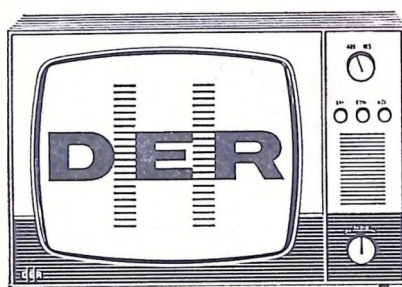
"Young boys set fire to four sacks stacked outside the boiler house," said Warden Mr. Fred Newbury. "It could have been dangerous."

Sacks had been used by vandals before, Mr. Newbury added. On Monday he called at a school to try to find the culprits.

"The fire on Saturday had started to get out of hand when it was spotted by the library staff," he added.

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## More meals

Repairs to Chantry Cottage, Billerley, where the W.V.S. run their meals service, have been given the go-ahead by Basildon Council. The repairs, estimated at £194 8s., include the installation of a kitchen sink.



# THE WINEMAKERS HELPED



## Thousand people flocked to Wickford's Fair

WICKFORD COMMUNITY Association's first autumn fair, held in the Community Hall on Saturday, was a great success, attracting more than 1,000 people.

Because of its success, the fair, organised by the Association's Activity and Events Committee, will probably be an annual event from now on.

Vice-Chairman of the Committee Mrs. Irene Gant said: "It is quite obvious that the public turned out in full to support us."

Over 700 people had crowded into the main hall less than one-and-a-half hours after the doors opened.

"It's too early to say really, but I think we will hold another one next year," said Mrs. Gant.

The fair was opened by local "cowboy" personality Billy Foyle.

The 14 stalls were manned by members of affiliated organisations and sections within the Association, and included fancy goods, raffles, roll-a-penny, books, flowers and wines.

All profits will go towards Community Association funds.

Highlight of the afternoon was when Wickford Carnival Queen Ann Camp and Princesses Lesley Ince and Sonia Martin arrived to present prizes to winners of the cookery and handicraft exhibition organised by Mrs. Gant.

The event raised £144 for general funds.

It was estimated that, with the hall taking its capacity crowd of 300, it was, during the opening time of the fair—two hours 45 minutes—filled at least three times.

Results were as follows:

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## Convention on careers

"I ADVOCATE that if the children went to such a careers convention each year for five years they still wouldn't know sufficient about careers opportunities," said Mr. J. K. Goldwin, Headmaster of Billericay Secondary School, speaking of Wednesday's careers convention at the school.

He also said: "Parents often need to know as much as the children themselves."

Not many parents accompanied their children and there was a greater number of younger children than in previous years. Pupils from Mayflower School were also invited.

There was a steady flow of youngsters and a bank manager said it was the best supported convention he had seen in six years.

Further Education establishments were well represented and the Principals of Thurrock Technical College and Southend College of Technology were present.

Careers were represented ranged from domestic science to engineering and from the Armed Forces to accountancy, teacher training, farming and the Fire Brigade.

## Two drivers wanted

BASILDON PLAY Leadership Scheme require two drivers to help take the Fryerns Area Scheme to Upper Booth, near Edeale, Derbyshire.

Unless drivers can be found the outing will have to be cancelled or, at any rate, postponed, said Play Leader Mr. Terry Haddert this week.

The outing is now arranged for November 10th, 11th and 12th. It will consist of a walking weekend in the Peak District. The party will stay at the Edale Centre for Outdoor Pursuits.

Anyone who can assist the scheme should contact Mr. Haddert at Basildon 43300.



Wickford Winemakers' Circle stall proved very popular at Wickford Community Association's autumn fair.

## Collapsed after Court hearing

THE THEFT of two books worth 9s. 6d., and a handbag and skirt, valued at £2 19s. 10d., from two Basildon stores, led to Mrs. Patricia Stone (42), of Danacre, Laindon, appearing at Billericay last week, when she admitted the offences.

She asked for a similar offence to be considered. During the lunchtime adjournment, when the Bench had ordered Mrs. Stone's husband to be contacted to be present, Mrs. Stone collapsed and was taken to hospital.

In the afternoon the Bench adjourned the case for 14 days. Prosecuting Mr. Malcolm Simons said that Mrs. Stone was seen taking the books, and when questioned the other articles were found in her possession.

She had £33 with her at the time. A woman with no previous convictions, Mrs. Stone said she did not know why she had done it.



Mr. Frederick Wesley John Perrins, of Pelican House, Grove Street, London, married Miss Linda Ann Sullivan, of Salesbury Drive, Billericay, at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay, on Saturday. Father Geoffrey Pye officiated. The bride wore an empire-line dress of full-length heavy satin, with lace top, lace train and a short veil. Also a gold crucifix. She carried a bouquet of pink roses, freesia and lilies of the valley, and was given away by her uncle, Mr. P. McGurk. Bridesmaid was Miss Jennifer Susan Sullivan (the bride's sister). Best man was Mr. Edward Lawrence. The couple are honeymooning in Devon and Cornwall.

(Photo by Peter L. Sexton)



Mr. Robert Peter Bowley, of Sparrows Herne, Basildon, married Miss Catherine Rose Harper, of Elm Bank, Crays Hill, on Saturday. The ceremony took place at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Ramsden Bellhouse, and Rev. Stanley Gutteridge officiated. The bride, given away by her father, wore a white satin full-length dress with train, guipure lace bolero top, full-length lace head-dress and train. She carried a bouquet of gold roses, stephanotis, freesia, with white satin ribbon intertwined. Bridal attendants were Mrs. Ruth Collen (bride's sister) and Mrs. Joan Gould (bridegroom's sister). They wore turquoise wild silk dresses with lace bolero tops. Bradley Gould was page boy. Best man was Mr. Peter Kelly.

(Photo by Peter L. Sexton)

## FASHION SHOW FOR GOOD CAUSE

A FASHION show held in aid of Billericay and Basildon Group of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation Trust on Thursday evening raised between £25 to £30. See picture below.

The show, arranged by Billericay Ladies' Circle,

and put on by Janet House of Billericay, took place in the Archer Hall.

There were seven professional models displaying clothes of the middle price range, from 69s. 11d. to 20 guineas, and of all styles.

Janet House put forward a £5 voucher for a competition

in which seven outfits had to be placed in order of preference, and the winner was Mrs. Britton, of Ferry Street, Billericay.

A raffle was also held for five prizes donated by local shopkeepers.

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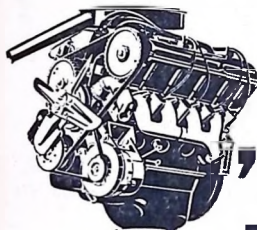
gift ideas for the motorist. Christmas is just around the corner and there is a large selection of such items as fog and spot lamps, wing mirrors, wheel trims, steering wheel gloves, etc., as well as the more basic necessities — tyres, batteries, etc. Why not go along and see for yourself?

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## Extra-time victory for the Gunners

**Basildon and Pitsea 5, Sawbridgeworth 2**  
**GUNNERS, WITH five reserves, only found their true form in extra time of this Olympian League Cup game on Saturday.**

Holden, Fredericks, Watson, Irving and Meany were all missing from the Gunners' line-up. Nevertheless, they should have won comfortably well before extra time. Weak finishing let them down.

Hayes was the first culprit taking a good chance too casually after four minutes. He centred well, minutes later but Lester's header was tipped over the bar.

Basildon and Pitsea paid the penalty for their weak finishing after 20 minutes when Sawbridgeworth broke away and the ball flashed across the goalmouth twice before Thomas tapped it past Conn.

Gunners were quickly back on terms. Lester receiving the ball from Brown and racing 30 yards past the defence to score.

### Own goal

Gunners continued in their bad habits after the interval. Prentice lobbed over from eight yards, but Hayes shot from way out and a Sawbridgeworth defender had the misfortune to divert the ball past his own 'keeper.

Bromage burst through again and his shot was only partially saved, but Lester thumped the ball well over from close range. The visitors began to get back into the game after this. They forced three corners and, as the Gunners waited for the final whistle, Thomas headed home the equaliser.

Sawbridgeworth continued to look on top in the early minutes of extra time, but Gunners gradually found their form and just before the second interval they were awarded a corner which Bromage converted.

There was no stopping the home team now and the last 10 minutes was a non-stop onslaught. Hayes got the fourth and then Lester scored direct from a corner with an elusive curling kick.

Gunners' stars in defence were Bromage and Moseley, and Hayes up front.

## OLYMPIAN LEAGUE RESULTS

**ESSEX OLYMPIAN League results last Saturday were:**

League: Billericay Town 0, Critchall (Braintree) 4; E.C.C. 2, Dunmow 2.

League Cup First Round: Basildon and Pitsea 5, Sawbridgeworth 2; Burnham Ramblers 2, British Matthews 0; Collier Row 0, Old Chelmsfordians 2; Essex Police 3, Dorset Press 1; Manor Athletic 3, Bowers United 0; Writtle 1, B.S. Swifts 4.

**FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY**

Billericay Town v Old Chelmsfordians; Bowers United v Sawbridgeworth; Collier Row v Basildon and Pitsea; Burnham Ramblers v Essex Police; Critchall (Braintree) v Manor Athletic; Dorset Press v Dunmow; Writtle v Bishop's Stortford Swifts.

## HOW THEY STAND

**OLYMPIAN League positions, including last Saturday's results, were:**

Team	W	D	L	P	F	A	P
Burnham Ramblers	6	1	1	0	12	6	12
British Matthews	5	1	2	0	10	6	12
Dunmow	5	1	1	1	11	5	12
Critchall (Braintree)	4	1	1	1	11	5	12
Stortford Swifts	4	1	1	1	11	5	12
Collier Row	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Billericay Town	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Old Chelmsfordians	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Basildon and Pitsea	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Essex Police	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Dorset Press	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Manor Athletic	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Writtle	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Bishop's Stortford Swifts	3	2	1	1	10	6	12
Bowers United	3	2	1	1	10	6	12

## K.O. FOR BOWERS

**MANOR ATHLETIC 3, BOWERS UNITED 0**  
**BOWERS UNITED** made an early exit from the Essex Olympian League Cup when they were beaten 3-0 by Manor Athletic in the first round at Brentwood on Saturday.

Manor proved an extremely efficient side, ripping through Bowers' defence straight from the kick-off and almost taking a shock lead.

Manor was unlucky with a shot for Bowers which was deflected for a corner before Manor opened the scoring in the seventh minute after goalkeeper Sims had parried the kick-off and almost taking a shock lead.

Williams hit the bar for Bowers in one raid, but Manor always looked more dangerous and it was no surprise when they went further ahead in the 35th minute.

In the second half Bowers' defence received a battering from the home forwards and only great work by Mason at centre-half and Sims as goal helped to keep them out.

Then a needlessly conceded corner led to Manor's third, the ball being nodded down to the inside-right who cracked it home.

Bowers tried hard to get back into the game, but Manor defence was too strong.

## RESERVES WIN 6-5

**BOWERS UNITED 6, BARDFIELD UNITED 5**

**LEADING 6-2 at one stage, Bowers United were given a fright by Bardfield who scored three late goals in this Essex League match on Saturday.**

Bardfield took the lead in the third minute when their right-winger raced through to score, but by half-time Bowers were 4-1 up.

Mainly responsible was centre-forward Des Pitt, who equalised with a fine header and then scored another two late goals in quick succession. The fourth came from a penalty by Evenden.

Simpson headed Bowers' fifth soon after the interval from Gordon's cross. Bardfield reduced the arrears, and then Pitt made it 6-2 with a fine solo goal.

Over-confident Bowers were then hit by a Bardfield onslaught which produced three goals. One came from an own goal by Bowers and the last, a penalty, from a penalty.

## Ian stays

Ian McNell, who had two seasons at Rother Hall after spells with Brighton, Leicester and Aberdeenshire, was on the short list for the managers' job at Hastings, but decided to withdraw and remain as player-coach with Highland League Ross County. Ian helped the County win the league title for the first time in their history last season and they top the table this season.

## Crowds drop

Football League attendances last Saturday fell for the first time this season. Compared with the corresponding weekend last season, the drop was 8,314, largest decrease, 25,074, being for Second Division gates.

The junior field gets under way in the inter-youth centres' cross-country race on Sunday. Below: Senior race winner P. Bishop (Nicholas) in centre with the junior winner, M. Walden (Billericay), on right, and D. Beat (Billericay), who came second in the junior race.



## YOUTH CENTRES CLASH IN CROSS-COUNTRY RACES AT TIMBERLOG

**NICHOLAS WON the senior race and Billericay the junior event in the first South-East Essex Inter-Youth Centres' cross-country at Timberlog Youth Centre, Basildon, on Sunday.**

Fifteen three-man teams took part, mostly in the junior race. They included Nicholas, Woodlands, Timberlog, and Billericay Youth Centres from the Basildon area, Great Wakering, Shoeburyness and two teams from the Play Leadership Scheme.

The senior race over 2 1/2 miles was won by Paul Bishop (Nicholas), who led his team to victory over Timberlog's only two competitors.

M. Walden (Billericay) came home first in the junior race over 1 1/2 miles, which was won by Billericay.

Individual winners were presented with leather wallets, while the team prizes were thermos jugs.

One of the organisers, Mr. Rodney Vint (Assistant Warden of Timberlog Youth Centre) was pleased with the outcome of the races — the first of their kind to be held in the area for some years.

The whole idea is to get youth centres together and Sunday's races are sure to lead to other events following on.

## BASILDON EIGHTH

**IN HIS first senior race over 2 1/2 miles, Paul Bishop led well to finish eighth for Basildon Athletic Club out of 104 finishers in the S.E. Essex Cross Country League race at Colechester on Saturday.**

Basildon's team scored 152 points, but could only finish eighth out of 12 clubs. Colechester won with 255 points, while the third with 229.

# WICKFORD FALL TO THE ROVERS

**GREAT WAKERING ROVERS 2, WICKFORD TOWN 0**

**A STRONG Great Wakering defence blocked any chances of Wickford Town gaining any points from their Southend and District League Division III match on Saturday.**

## WILLIAMS HAT-TRICK

**WICKFORD TOWN RES. 4, HULLBRIDGE RES. 1**

**A WILLIAMS hat-trick after the interval, to add to a Warby first half goal, gave Wickford Town Reserves their first points in the District League Premier Reserve Division on Saturday.**

Warby's goal came after 21 minutes when his long shot slipped under the bar.

With wind and slope advantage, but back, but were well contained by the stout defensive work of Pendle, Green and Adams.

But once Town got back into the game, Dan Williams increased their lead then added two more inside ten minutes. They should have gone even further ahead, but failed to score from the penalty spot.

Hullbridge snatched their consolation goal when the Town defence got into a tangle near the end.

**HULLBRIDGE 6, WICKFORD TOWN 1**

Weaknesses in defence and lack of power in the attack led to Wickford's heaviest defeat for many seasons in this District League Premier Division game at Hullbridge on Saturday.

A faster and more competent Hullbridge side showed up all the faults in Town's line-up and took advantage of all of them.

**WICKFORD TOWN RES. 4, HULLBRIDGE RES. 1**

**RUNWELL HOSPITAL 1, CANVEY 3**  
**RUNWELL HOSPITAL** crashed in their Southend and District League Division I encounter with Canvey on Saturday.

Runwell played well but Canvey adopted the correct tactics to take full advantage of strong wind. Their four goals were well timed; the Canvey forwards only took four shots at the goal throughout the game.

Runwell's goal came after 10 minutes from Anthony and they were unlucky on several occasions not to increase their score.

In the 36th minute Canvey equalised and went on to hit the net three more times and made short work of the weak Runwell defence.

## Three down

**RUNWELL HOSPITAL 6, HOCKLEY AND HAWKELL 3**

**AN UNSETTLED Runwell** eleven took another defeat on Saturday as Hockley and Hawkell, in their Southend and District League Division II match, took three goals.

Runwell, who have performed better in friendly matches, put up a weak defence and forward line although Hockley had some anxious moments on occasions.

## BASILDON TEAM IN ODD SHIRTS

**URGENTLY needing strikers to face their big inter-league match programme is the Basildon Youth League's representative side.**

We have been promised some said Team Manager Bill Parfitt this week, "but so far we have had to make do with odd and ones."

Recently Bill had to turn his team out for a friendly match in odd shirts. He felt ashamed to send the boys out like this, he said.

So far Bill and his assistant have given trials to 41 players in five trials matches.

This weekend the team will be selected for the first serious match against Marlow at Fardley's on Saturday.

The choice of a goalkeeper has been a difficult problem because there is little to choose between the two main choices.

On November 5th, the league team goes to Godalming (Surrey) to oppose the team which finished second in the Bobby Moore Trophy last season.

The first County cup-tie is on December 16th when the team will play Forest in the Nubia side play Forest in the Mallinson Cup.

Before these games Basildon have to have all their team problems sorted out.

## Rangers crushed in cup-tie

**FRYERNS BOYS' CLUB 7, BELFAIR'S RANGERS 2**

**IN A DEVASTATING second-half burst Fryer's men won the challenge of Belfair's Rangers in this Southend Youth League Essex Cup match on Saturday.**

The result looks like a runaway victory, but Fryer's men made to work hard during the first half. They went ahead after 15 minutes, after putting over a perfect corner for Kenneth to score. But the Basildon side were mistaken minutes later when Ellis latched on to a long through ball and lobbed it over the advancing Belfair's head.

Kenneth restored Fryer's lead after half-an-hour when he finished off a Card, May, Keeley move. Fryer's moved again and again to make the penalty when Ellis again flashed away and lobbed the ball over the bar, but West cleared off the line for a corner.

At the start of the second half, Fryer's hit an inspired goal. May made it 3-1 from the most exciting most of the team, and Kenneth went straight through from the corner to get another — 4-1.

Then came what was perhaps the best goal of the lot. 'Keeper Belfair was forced to tip the ball to Hockley who crashed it to Vincent who crashed the ball home from 30 yards.

Fryer's eased up again, and Ellis, who had forced the ball past Belfair for the Rangers second.

Kenneth hit Fryer's big goal with an acute angled shot and after a good move Card swerved past the defender to get the seventh.

**6-2 ahead at the break**

**RAYLEIGH ATHLETIC 3, FRYERNS BOYS' CLUB 6**

**IN A HALF of superb attacking football Fryer's ran up a 6-2 lead at Rayleigh on Saturday in this Southend Youth League Division I match.**

Playing in a high wind, Fryer's started off well, and after only four minutes right-winger Paul Canlin shot into the lead. Rayleigh were then downed wide open, to equalise after 10 minutes, but this only spurred Fryer's forward line to further life.

Three minutes later they were in the lead again as Tony Charlton collected a corner and shot home. Fryer's were in this time.

Low went in the press, and after two minutes a shot from Canlin cracked the bar. Paul Canlin was more picked up the rebound and scored.

Several attacks were made on the Rayleigh goal, but Canlin hit the bar. Then the keeper off guard for a number of seconds, Fryer's were downed wide open, to equalise after 10 minutes, but this only spurred Fryer's forward line to further life.

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## ATHLETICS MEETING PROBLEM

**NO OFFER has been received from a local school to stage the District Secondary Schools athletics meeting next year.**

This was reported at the annual meeting of the Schools' Athletics section last week.

Because the County Sports' date has been changed to June 15th, no date has yet been fixed for the Basildon area meeting.

One date arranged is the District cross-country championships. They will take place at Billericay on January 27th.

Section officers for the year are Chairman, Mr. Whitlock; Assistant Chairman, K. Parry; Secretary, W. Langlois; Assistant Secretary, P. Hyde; Treasurer, K. Dunstan; Cross-Country Secretary, M. Hobbs; Team Managers, athletics boys, W. Langlois; girls, Mrs. C. Moore; Cross-country boys, M. Hobbs; girls, Mrs. V. Surety.

## India's skipper

The Nawab of Patna will captain the India cricket team in Australia and New Zealand this winter.



## BASILDON TABLE TENNIS HOT PACE BY KINGSWOOD

ANOTHER EASY 10-0 win last week gave Kingswood "A" another four points and kept them as the pace makers, three points clear of Marconi, at the top of the Basildon Table Tennis League's Premier Division.

Victims of the Kingswood powerhouse display were Springfield "A," who only managed to win two odd games—both by Brian Cole—in the whole match.

The unbeaten Kingswood players were Stan Dyson, Pip Gallagher and John Morris. Marconi "A" — now second in the table — kept in the hunt with a 9-1 drubbing of Wickford "A," their only defeat being suffered by Dave Marshall who went down to G. West in straight games. In the local derby between the British Legion's two sides the "A" team emerged victorious by 7-3. Ken Sande, winning three. Former champions Rich Melling lost to D. Baker.

Unbeaten Carson "A" had no difficulty in beating the two-man Carreras "A" side 5-1. Norman Stephenson winning the Cats only set against R. Bates.

### Leaders held

In Division I, leaders Carson "B" dropped valuable points in a draw with Springfield "B" while Ford's improved their championship chances by giving C.S.L. "A" their first defeat of the season by a 6-1 margin.

Hero of the unbeaten Ford side was number one G. Alderson who won all his sets in straight games. Rooksby and Buer each won two for C.S.L.

The man to upset Carson "B" was Springfield's John Pado who won his three. Closest he came to defeat was against P. Challis, but he scraped through at deuce in the third.

Already out in front in Division II are Carreras "B" with 16 points from four games. They won 10-0 last week against Rotary Hoes "B" who are now third from bottom.

The other unbeaten teams in this division had mixed fortunes. Timberlog Y.C. drew 5-5 with Waterloo Sports. C.S.L. "B" beat Nalco "B" 7-3. Charlie Vange Church had a walk-over 10-0 win over S.T.C. "C".

One unbeaten record remains in Division III and Ford "B" preserved it by beating Bonalack "C" 6-1. Lane winning three and Russell two.

But Shell "B" who beat Waterloo "B" 8-2, keep on top by two points by virtue of the fact that they have played one more match.

### Results

Premier Division: Pitsen B.L. "A" 7, Pitsen B.L. "B" 3; Marconi "A" 10, Springfield "A" 0; Carreras "A" 5, Carreras "B" 3. Division I: Carreras "B" 6, Standards "A" 4; Marconi "B" 7, Standards "A" 3; Nalco "A" 4, C.S.L. "A" 6; Wickford "B" 2, Marconi "B" 8; Iford "A" 1, Shell "A" 9; C.S.L. "A" 6, Ford "A" 6; Carreras "B" 6.

Division II: Woodlands "A" 3, Nalco "B" 3; Church v Standards "C" w.o.; Iford "C" 7, Iford "B" 3; Wickford "C" 10, Standards "C" 0; Waterloo "A" 5, Timberlog Y.C. 2; Vange Church 8, Hornsea 2; Kingswood "B" 4, Woodlands 2; Carreras "B" 10, Rotary Hoes "B" 0; Nalco "B" 3, C.S.L. "B" 7.

Division III: Wickford Y.C. 5, Shell "B" 8; Springfield "C" 5, Shell "B" 8; Waterloo "B" 8, Bonalack "B" 6; Springfield "C" 4, Bonalack "A" 4; Carreras "C" 4, Bonalack "A" 4; Bonalack "C" 4, Wickford Y.C. 2; Bonalack "B" 2, Bonalack "A" 2.

Junior League: Craylands 4, Springfield "A" 6; Springfield "B" 7, Bonalack 3.

### Positions

PREMIER DIVISION									
W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F
Kingswood	4	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
Marconi	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Carreras	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Pitsen B.L.	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Carreras	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Bonalack	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Springfield	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Pitsen B.L.	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Kingswood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DIVISION I									
W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F
Carreras	4	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
C.S.L.	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Rotary H.	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Marconi	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Springfield	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Nalco	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Shell	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Standards	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Iford	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Standards	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Pegusus	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

DIVISION II									
W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F
Carreras	4	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
Vange Church	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Timberlog	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
C.S.L.	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Kingswood	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Iford	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Norries	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Nalco	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Rotary H.	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Standards	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Woodlands	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

JUNIOR LEAGUE									
W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F
Springfield	4	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
Craylands	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Springfield	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Y.C.	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Y.C.	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Y.C.	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0

### DIVISION III

W	D	L	F	A	Pts	W	D	L	F
Shell "B"	4	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0
Ford's "B"	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Nicholas "A"	3	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Nicholas "B"	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Bonalack "C"	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Nalco "D"	2	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0
Wickford "B"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Nicholas "B"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford "C"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Bonalack "C"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford "C"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
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Wickford "C"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford "C"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford "C"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford "C"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Wickford "C"	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
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## EXCITING SWIMMING

BARTABLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 211 PTS.

BUSH ELMS SCHOOL 208 PTS. TRADING BY one point with the last race coming up, Bartable snatched an exciting three points win over Bush Elms (Hornchurch) in a swimming friendly at Bartable on Friday.

The match was dominated by the Bartable boys who won by 123 pts to 84. The Bush Elms girls won by 124 to 88 but the Bartable girls kept the margin down to enable their team to win on aggregate.

### Invitation

A circular has gone out from the new Shrimpers' Club at Roots Hall to all amateur clubs in the district inviting them to join the Club and use it as their headquarters and for social functions.

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Defeated, but still smiling. Old Fryernists netball team after being beaten by Billericay Y.C. in the Basildon League's Summer Cup Final.



Junior youth bowlers were presented with certificates at a presentation evening at Ambassador Bowl, Basildon, last week. Mr Jim Grimwade, Manager (left), made the presentations.



Nicholas Youth Centre's Members' Committee (mainly boys) have taken up netball and are open to challenges from other teams in the area. Our picture shows the members before a practice.

## Five-nil defeat for Ladies

Basildon Ladies 0, Chelmsford Ladies 5.

BASILDON LADIES were outmatched at Mopsles on Saturday, struggling for 60 minutes without a single goal to their credit.

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### CYCLE SPEEDWAY

## LAST-RACE UPSET FOR WHEELER

UNLUCKY BASILDON Orkan's cycle speedway star Colin Wheeler was just two points from being the first Home Counties rider to win the Broad Oak Charity Cup.

Upsetting the form book Wheeler led throughout the meeting until the last race.

Needing only second place to win the cup, Wheeler got a terrible gate and was crunched out of it. He finished last to end up fifth instead of first in the championship — a big disappointment after such a wonderful performance. Basildon's other rider, Ted Lloyd, finished eighth.

While Wheeler and Lloyd were taking part in the Cup event, the Orkans were losing 64-44 to Hendon Aces. Without Dave Tilloch (16 points) and John Spenser (12) their defeat would have been heavier.

Other scorers for Basildon were John Strong (8), Dave Spenser (14), Andy Sharley (3), Dick Leighton (1).

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## Basildon League Review

## CHAMPIONS SET HOT PACE

Two goals shared

**NICHOLAS Y.C. 1, IRISH CLUB 1**  
THIS HARD-fought Basildon League Premier Division match ended all square on Saturday. First incident came after 10 minutes when a poor back pass failed to reach Petty in the Nicholas goal and he had to drive to another the ball, getting bruised ribs in the process.

Nicholas were first to get the ball into the net, when about six players scrambled the ball home, but the referee disallowed the goal.

Finally Irish club went into the lead when Downey beat two players to a corner kick and headed the ball to Barrett who hit it on the turn to score. For 20 minutes play continued evenly with Hurley, Duan and Downey playing well for the Irish club.

Then Nicholas won a corner. Gentleman took it, and McNally, running in, headed powerfully past Smith.

This levelled the scores, and there was no further scoring.

## West strikes for L.A.C.

**YORK SHIPLEY 2, LAINDON ATHLETIC 2**  
NOT UNTIL the second half did the Athletic get a grip on this Basildon League game. Then three goals by West took them safely through to victory and two points.

Man behind the L.A.C. revival was Bob Sutton, whose non-stop chasing and enthusiasm proved infectious and inspired his colleagues to better things.

With Ron Rose injured and Mick Cullis not available, the Athletic brought in Colin Giney and John Knight, and for a short spell the forward line spent time finding each other and getting used to the strong following wind.

Trying to force home their advantage, the Athletic squandered several chances throughout, over-eagerness before York Shipley made a quick break and scored.

The L.A.C. pined on the pressure after this, and Bob Sutton clipped the crossbar before Synott cracked home a fine equaliser in the 30th minute.

The score remained at 1-1 until two minutes before half-time, when a speculative shot from Peter Sutton went through the goalkeeping hands into the net to put the L.A.C. ahead.

Within five minutes of the restart the scores were levelled as a fine move by their forwards.

This goal spurred the Athletic, who suddenly realised they had to keep the ball on the ground to succeed against the wind.

As a result, Bob Sutton edged them ahead again and followed up with three goals in succession — two very brilliant runs by Synott — to shatter Shipley.

## Great start by Fryerns

**BILLERICAY 4, FRYERNS "A" 8**  
NINE GOALS in their first match saw Fryerns Boys' Club get a great start to their League (Under-15 Division) programme on Saturday.

The avalanche started with an early goal in the first half, leading in the back of the net.

Conditions were not ideal, but both sides played fast, attacking soccer before Billericay equalised in the 20th minute. This gave them more heart and making full use of the wind they added three more quickly all from 10 yds.

After the restart Fryerns took command and scored three times in 15 minutes to level the scores at 4-4.

After this it was all Fryerns and they added five more without reply before the goalkeeping stopped them. Fringing double figures, the scorers were Hulbert (4), Cope (2), Vickery, Brandy and a Billericay defender.

A further £350 grant to Thurrock Sports Council was agreed at Tuesday's Thurrock Council Executive Committee meeting.

Decided to make the grant, on their Finance Committee's recommendation after hearing a committee report on a programme of further Sports Council activities.

**Gates vary**  
While £6,000 was watched Liverpool Road West Main 3-1 with Everton draw 1-1 with Crewe.

LAST YEAR'S champions Ilford Sports are setting the pace in the Basildon League's Premier Division. They consolidated their position on Saturday with a 4-0 win over Basildon and Pitsea, Stan Griffin getting three of the goals.

Newly-promoted Nicholas, after losing their opening game of the season, have now gone three matches without defeat. On Saturday they turned in a good display to hold the Irish Club to 1-1.

Following their fine win over Basildon and Pitsea, Yardley convincingly beat Basildon Athletic 4-0 to move up to fourth place, while second-in-the-table Laindon Athletic pulled themselves together in the second half to beat luckless York Shipley 6-2.

With the Division I leaders, Yardley Reserves, without a name, both Belhus Park and Scotla took advantage to move above them in the table.

Scotla, helped by a Bob Rose, hat-trick, gave Yardley Reserves their first defeat by five clear goals, while Belhus left Corringham 4-0 winners.

Manor United enjoyed their first win at the expense of Ilford Reserves at Langdon Hills and the Irish Club Reserves also broke a 1-1 "duck" by beating Nicholas Reserves.

The strong wind played havoc with most games, particularly the Outwood Common—Fryerns match. Neither side could master the conditions and the game ended in a goalless draw.

**Premier Division:** Ilford Sports 3, Basildon and Pitsea 0; Nicholas 1, Irish Club 1; Yardley Athletic 4, York Shipley 2, Laindon Athletic 4.

**Division I:** Corringham 0, Belhus Park 4; Irish Reserves 3, Nicholas Reserves 2; Manor 3, Ilford Reserves 0; Outwood Common 0, Fryerns 0; Scotla 5, Yardley Reserves 0.

**Cup games**  
With most clubs taking part in the Essex Junior Cup tomorrow, the league programme is very depleted, writes JOE HEARN.

The only game in the programme this league being the match between Irish Club, last year's league and cup champions, and league champions Ilford Sports.

Neither team entered for the Essex Junior League Cup. This was a pity for either club could have shown good run.

Nevertheless, this game should be a corker. Both teams are unbeaten this season, although the Irish Club have twice been held to draws.

On the Irish side, a win for Ilford, but the Irish boys don't know the word defeat, and the factory side will know they have been in a game long before the end.

The Irish club have a very good record against Ilford, but this time they take the lead because of their superior defence.

In Division I, two matches are scheduled. Fryerns are at home to Woodlands Reserves where the home side are also unbeaten.

Yardley Reserves should be too strong for the Irish Club Reserves at Gloucester Park.

**Fixtures for Saturday (October 21st):**  
Essex Junior Cup, 1st Round: Basildon United v Woodlands; Carreras v Basildon Athletic; Laindon Hotel v Basildon and Pitsea; P.T.C. Sports v Belhus Park; Hainham Y.C. v Corringham; Thurrock Y.C. v Laindon Athletic; Belhus Park Athletic v Manor United; Moors v Oakley; Tillingham Community v Nicholas; All Saints v Scotla; Yardley v Lathol Athletic Reserves; York Shipley v Burn.

**Premier Division:** Irish Club v Ilford Sports.

**Division I:** Fryerns v Woodlands; Yardley Reserves v Irish Club Reserves.

**YARDLEY 4, BASILDON ATHLETIC 0**  
YARDLEY TOOK two Basildon League points from this game on Saturday because they were able to control the ball in the strong wind better than the opposition.

Their defence made good use of the long low pass to the hopeful clearances of the Athletic's defence tended to shoot past the off-orm.

After 15 minutes the Yardley tactics paid off, with a goal by Sharpe and just before half-time Skinner left the Athletic defence standing.

The Athletic made sporadic raids in this half but their efforts lacked inspiration.

## Irish grab both points

**IRISH CLUB RES. 3, NICHOLAS Y.C. RES. 2**  
NICHOLAS' Reserves were lucky to escape with an odd goal defeat against the Irish Club Reserves at Holy Cross on Saturday.

The Irishmen hammered away at the Nicholas goal in the first half before Denny put them ahead with a well-taken goal.

A bad defensive error by the Nicholas defence let in the goal for number two and 13 minutes later McNally was on the spot to make it three after Graham's drive had been pushed out.

The Irish strength stemmed from their half-back line. Chatting, Bannion and Pignum, who controlled the midfield play, Graham also worked hard at inside-forward.

Just before half-time Nicholas' but back to their own goal and within minutes of the restart they narrowed the gap to one with a good goal following from a wall of players.

After this the Irish did most of the pressing, but were held by the Nicholas' rearguard.

In a breakaway Nicholas' almost snatched a point, but Tyrrell saved the day for the Irish with a goal-line clearance.

**Dramatic late rally beat Berry**  
BERRY BOYS 5, FRYERNS "B" 6  
LEADING 5-3 with 15 minutes to go, Berry Boys succumbed to Fryerns' late rally in this Youth League match at the Landon Hotel on Saturday.

Berry took the lead with a goal by McCallion in the first few minutes, Fryerns equalised through Outram and Berry went ahead again through Waddington.

The see-saw continued, but Fryerns were in front 3-2 at half-time with two more goals, the first by Nicholas and the second a great header by Ginn.

At the start of the second half Berry piled it on and scored by Jimmins, Waller and Perry shot them into a 5-3 lead.

In the last 15 minutes Fryerns rallied strongly and a snatched a dramatic victory with a substitute, Outburn (2) and Outram.

Fryerns: Roseman; Outram; Longman; Kewies; Etherington, Waghorn; Nicholas, Wood, Cannin, Ginn, Sullivan, Sub, Outburn.

**Pat in a hurry**  
Swindon's Pat Terry scored a hat-trick in 11 minutes against Bourne-mouth last Saturday. Swindon went on to win 4-0.

**Methodist Five Up at the Interval**  
Fryerns B.P. 0, Methodist Youth Centre 7  
METHODIST LOST the toss and were set to play with the strong wind in their favour. They used it to such good effect that by the interval the result of the match was decided.

Methodist Youth Centre have now played three games in the Basildon Youth League (Under-18 Division) and won them all by margins of 33 goals without conceding one.

It took them a little time to settle down, then Isley later an opening for Peterson and he hit the ball into the back of the net.

Swinging the ball around enough to break through and Isley made it 2-0 with a hard shot past the off-orm.

Fryerns had no answer to the speedy Methodist players. They went three down minutes later when Kelly moved the ball to Marven, who fed Peterson, and he scored a second goal.

Methodist continued to swing the ball around and McKiven took advantage of the gaps produced with a fine goal.

Fryerns struck back, but the Methodist defence held them out and Kelly made it 5-0 before the interval with a free-kick.

In the second half, with the wind against them, Methodist had to fight hard to retain domination.

## PEGASUS OUTPLAY CABLES

**PEGASUS 3, DACENHAM CABLES 1**  
PEGASUS CHOSE this Essex Business Houses League game to give a sparkling display and to notch their third League win in a row.

The battle was half won in the first two minutes when Pegasus went ahead after a great movement from defence to attack which ended with Barlow's shot being deflected past the goalkeeper.

For the rest of the half the spectators were treated to a soccer feast by both sides, but with the defence in great form no further goals resulted.

On the restart Pegasus started to get on top with Night playing well in his home debut on the right wing and Barlow spraying passes in all directions to unset the Cables' defence.

It was Night who had a hand in the second Pegasus goal, laying on a great pass for Barlow to pick his spot for a well-taken goal.

The pressure was kept on by Pegasus and when Barlow was allowed to break free on the right he scored with a great flighted shot from near the corner dug a grand goal.

Cables had much more of the attacking after this and Pegasus had to rely a great deal on Del Swinburne and M. Owen to defend.

The Cables did manage to notch a goal before the end and what a great one it proved to be.

It was a brilliant header by the centre-forward.

**BUSINESS HOUSES FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESULTS:**  
Premier Division: Green and Silley 1, Dagenham Dock 0; Plessey 2, Dagenham Dock 1; Plessey 2, P.L.A. 4; Royals 3; Warnes 0; Hoffman 2; Pegasus 3, Dagenham Dock 1.

**Division I:** Kelvin Hughes 0, Thames Board Mills 6; Beta 6, Green and Silley 2; Ford United 2, Cables 1; P.L.A. 3; Sterk 2, English Electric 3; Fondus 1, Ilford 2.

**Division II:** Dagenham Cables 2, Lathol 2; Crompton Park 2, Dagenham Dock 1; Hoffman 1, Ford (Bricklay) 1; Royals 5, May and Baker 2; S.E.W. 7, Dagenham Dock 2.

**Division III:** English Electric 1, Kelvin Hughes 1; Green and Silley 1, Sterk 3; Ilford 1, Ford 1; W.C.S. 6, Ford's (Basildon) 3; Shell 5, Crompton 1; Teleflex 3, Morton 2; Thames Board Mills 3, P.L.A. 2.

**Knock-out Football**  
Soccer knock-out competitions are being arranged between the Basildon Youth League and the Basildon Play Leadership scheme.

Boys are being invited to form teams and compete for the trophies under three age groups: Under-12, Under-14 and Under-16.

Forms can be obtained from Basildon Council's Parks Nursery at Pound Lane, Laindon, or from the Fryerns Play Area.

**One from 12**  
Blackpool, leaders of the second Division, travel to Villa Park on Saturday with the poor record of having conceded only one point from their last six visits.

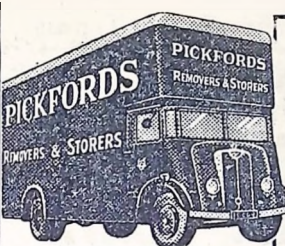
**How They Stand**  
BASILDON AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE POSITIONS: PREMIER DIVISION:

Ilford Sports 1, Basildon Athletic 2, Nicholas Y.C. 3, Yardley Athletic 4, York Shipley 5, Manor United 6, Woodlands 7, Belhus Park 8, Corringham 9, Outwood Common 10, Fryerns 11, Scotla 12.

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## Billericay Table Tennis

BRENTWOOD GAS  
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FAST POINT

BRENTWOOD GAS "A" GAINED THEIR FIRST POINT IN THE PREMIER DIVISION OF THE BILLERICAY AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE LAST WEEK, BUT THEY WENT DOWN 7-3 TO ROTARY HOES "A".

Dennis Morgan beat Dave Ketley and Ron Gibson, Dave Richardson beat Ron Gibson but lost to Dave Ketley, Dick Roberts defeated Ken James and Pat Brennan, and John Lloyd beat Pat Brennan but lost to Ken James. Both teams won a doubles in three sets.

In the rest of the Premier Division, Hutton "A" dropped their first point, when they beat Billericay C.C. "A" 7-3. Brian Cosgrove beat Jerry Lyons and Brian Cole, Gene Ryan beat Jerry Lyons in three but lost to Brian Cole. Hutton Dawson defeated Ron Painter and Bill Murray, and Ron Knight beat Ron Painter but lost to Bill Murray. Both teams won a doubles. Crays Hill "A" also dropped their first point when they beat Brentwood Y.C. "A" 7-3 after five games had gone to three sets. Fred Lockwood and Peter Gurr and Dudley Davenport, John Morris and Harry Sprakes beat Mick Barker but both lost to Steve Willis and Keith Murray beat Dudley Davenport but lost the final game to Peter Gurr in three. Crays Hill won both doubles.

## Back to form

Back on form, Innatestone "A" added another win to their total when they beat Rotary Hoes "A" 7-3. Graham Taplin beat John Lloyd and Dick Roberts. Bill Greenwood beat John Lloyd but lost in three to Dick Roberts. Doug Minett defeated both Dave Richardson and Barry Hammond, and John Morgan beat Barry Hammond but lost to Dave Richardson. Both teams won a doubles. Crays Hill "A" 6-2. Fred Lockwood and Alan Gookey defeated Eric Smith and Dick Ford. John Morris beat Len Thompson and Brian Eve, and Harry Sprakes beat Len Thompson but lost to Brian Eve. Both teams won a doubles.

In Division I, a battle between two teams with maximum points resulted in a 4-2 win for St. Joseph's "A" over Old Brentwoods. Fred Foster and Terry Stahler beat Richard Randall and Bill Robinson. Barry Ashton and Barrie Seabrook beat Keith Cosbee and both lost to Martin Fraser. St. Joseph's won both doubles. Hutton T.T.C. "B" had an easy 8-2 win over Bardwell. Trevor Sear and Derek Little beat good 5-0 and Ken Cattain and Rex Innes and Roy Pilkington beat Barry Bonner and Ken Peters. Hutton won both doubles.

## Hoes pipped

After five sets had gone to three, Brentwood Y.C. "B" pipped Rotary Hoes "C" 6-4. Chris Taylor and Steward Green beat Fred Richardson and Fred Fuller. Ray Phillips beat Joan Hand 2-1 in the third, but lost to Barry Hammond 2-1 in the third, and Joan Hand and Barry Hammond beat Joan Cook. Both teams won a doubles. Hutton T.T.C. "C" beat Rotary Hoes "B" 7-3, the first team to do so this season. Dennis Cosgrove beat Len Boon and Betty Richardson. John Spooner beat Len Boon but lost to Betty Richardson, and Jack Overall defeated Jack Douglas and Jack Overall. Both teams won a doubles.

St. Joseph's "B" and Billericay "B" both straggled for their first win of the season, drew 5-5. For Billericay, Graham Cosgrove beat Eric West and Frank Craddock, and Peter Peak beat Frank Craddock in three but lost to Eric West. For St. Joseph's, Ted Knight beat Ron Gunthorpe and Steve Staples, and Jack Clarke beat Ron Gunthorpe in the third after all games had gone to 21-18. Both teams won a doubles.

## Estric on top

Estric "A" move to the top of the Division II table with a hard-fought 8-2 win over Bardwell. In the first two games went to three, Mick Pain beat David Mullen and Sid Sweeney, and so did Peter Jolly. Cyril Kirby beat Bob Cater and Doug O'neale, and Bob Carter beat Doug O'neale but lost to Ian Holstead. Estric won both doubles. St. John's "A" defeated Brentwood School "A" 8-2. Colin Haynes and David Pinks beat Tim Harrison and Quentin Ford. Rod Cadman defeated M. Ager and Douglas Wignall, and Ron Moody beat M. Ager but lost to Douglas Wignall. Both teams won a doubles.

After a close match Hutton T.T.C. "D" just pipped Wickford T.T.C. "A" 6-4. Douglas Sharp beat Albie Warner and

## Darts

TWO TOP  
STANFORD  
LEAGUE

WITH EIGHT points from five games, the Rising Sun and the Gun head the nine teams in the Stanford and District Dart League.

Last week the Rising Sun beat Pitsea Bull 7-1 and the Gun just pipped the Young Taverners 5-4.

Applications are now being invited for the league's third Dog, Clarity, Competition. Closing date is October 31st, and the entrance fee per team is £1.

League results: Catercracker 3, Landon Crown 5; Rising Sun 7, Pitsea Bull 1; Orsett 2, 3, Railway Pitsea 5; Gun 5, Young Taverners 3.

Positions:—  
Rising Sun ..... 10  
Gun ..... 9  
Catercracker ..... 8  
Landon Crown ..... 7  
Orsett ..... 6  
Railway Pitsea ..... 5  
Young Taverners ..... 4  
Pitsea Bull ..... 3  
St. John's ..... 2  
St. John's ..... 1

P.O.W. ahead  
at Landon

LANDON DARTS League results:—

Ford's 5, Sherwoods 4; Standard 5, Owl and Pussycat 2; Owl and Pussycat 3, B. 5; B. 5, C.C. 4; Crane 4, Winton 1; Marconi 4, White Hart 1; F.O.W. 4, Marconi 3; Colts 3, Kerry's 1; P.O.W. 3.

LEAGUE POSITIONS  
P.O.W. ..... 10  
Sherwoods ..... 9  
Standard ..... 8  
Owl and Pussycat ..... 7  
B. ..... 6  
C.C. ..... 5  
Crane ..... 4  
Winton ..... 3  
Marconi ..... 2  
White Hart ..... 1

CHAMPIONS  
SHOCKED

MARCONI, LAST season's champions, suffered a shock defeat in the Basildon Combination Darts League last week by the old name in blue, bobby team Double Six.

After three weeks of the league programme, there are now only two unbeaten teams in the league. Gun, which made the top of the week with an 8-1 hammering of Telex, and Bull who beat Commodore in the old name in blue. Mick Searson was in fine form again last week scoring 121 in three darts (three trebles) and Mike David (Bull) got a maximum 180.

Marconi's last week were as follows:— Gun 8, Ford's 1; Marconi 5, Double Six 5; Commodore 4, Bull 5; Plough and Tractor 8, Telex 1; Owl and Pussycat 5, B. 5; B. 5, Ford's 5; Crane 1; Albert Mann's 2, Castle Marine 7.

Gun ..... 10  
Bull ..... 9  
Marconi ..... 8  
Commodore ..... 7  
Plough & Tractor ..... 6  
Castle Marine ..... 5  
Double Six ..... 4  
Owl & Pussycat ..... 3  
Ford's ..... 2  
Crane ..... 1  
Albert Mann ..... 0  
Jolly Priar ..... 0  
Fussycat ..... 0  
Owl, Pussycat ..... 0

Ambassadors move to top  
of the league

ANOTHER EASY three points to nil victory took the Ambassadors' tenpin bowling team to a clear two-point lead in the Pavilion League at Southend on Monday.

Although rolling slightly below their average with scores around 880, the Ambassadors won all three games by at least 60 pins, and the first by 150 pins.

Laurie Ramsay rolled a brilliantly consistent series with games of 200, 201 and 207 in his 608 total.

He now holds the Ambassadors' leading average in this league at 187. In the Ladies' Division of the King Keglers League last Monday Joyce Morris (Bosdon) closed the gap and took second place with five wins over Knight (Wendover) and Wyn Collinson (Strentham) also 3-1. Her 778 series against Karen included three games over 200.

Mennville, Mary Betts, the other Basildon representative, also defeated the same two bowlers 3-1. She is now fifth. Ann Garrick continued in the league's number one spot after striking to draw two-all in both matches against Dolly Darke (Bexley).

The afternoon's top score was 234 for Dolly O'neale in her match in which she defeated Dolly Hart 3-1. Basildon girl Julie Milligan took second place in a National League match at Wolverhampton on Sunday.

## Positions

HUNTERS LEAGUE  
Ambassadors ..... 13  
Bardwell ..... 12  
Southend W. ..... 10  
Knights ..... 9  
Charlacks ..... 8  
Wendover ..... 7  
St. John's ..... 6  
Three highest games scored by: 411, Ambassadors "A" 405, 411, Ambassadors "A" 1123, Black & White 1100.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE  
Golden Boys ..... 13  
Lancaster ..... 12  
Pinta-Mine ..... 11  
Covers ..... 10  
Newcombe ..... 9  
Gnomes ..... 8  
Murray 242, S. Gallimore 235, J. Green ..... 228  
Three highest series scored by: D. Watson 604, G. Murray 597, M. Hones and G. Smith 587.

S.T.C. JETS  
Seahawks ..... 16  
Comets ..... 15  
Lightnings ..... 14  
Thunder ..... 13  
Tridents ..... 12  
Gnomes ..... 11  
Murray 242, S. Gallimore 235, J. Green ..... 228  
Three highest series scored by: D. Watson 604, G. Murray 597, M. Hones and G. Smith 587.

TRADES LEAGUE	TP	Pts
Cutlers	10	5362 12
Pinbusters	9	6210 12
Knights	8	6211 11
Falcons	7	6211 11
Andy-Cano	6	5894 10
Three highest games scored by: D. Watson 604, G. Murray 597, M. Hones and G. Smith 587.		

LATHOL LEAGUE	TP	Pts
Nomads	10	5641 15
Knights	9	6346 12
Golden Arrows	8	7366 11
Knights	7	7366 11
Golden Arrows	6	7366 11
Three highest games scored by: D. Watson 604, G. Murray 597, M. Hones and G. Smith 587.		

FRIDAY MIXED DOUBLES	TP	Pts
G. & J. Nash	1	3577 12
Conrad	2	3577 12
G. & J. Nash	3	3577 12
G. & J. Nash	4	3577 12
G. & J. Nash	5	3577 12
Three highest series scored by: D. Watson 604, G. Murray 597, M. Hones and G. Smith 587.		

SHELL LEAGUE	TP	Pts
Mark Lane	15	6719 12
Dalcks	14	6719 12
Knights	13	6719 12
Knights	12	6719 12
Knights	11	6719 12
Three highest series scored by: D. Watson 604, G. Murray 597, M. Hones and G. Smith 587.		

DOZEN LEAGUE	TP	Pts
Knights	15	3279 12
Knights	14	3279 12
Knights	13	3279 12
Knights	12	3279 12
Knights	11	3279 12
Three highest series scored by: D. Watson 604, G. Murray 597, M. Hones and G. Smith 587.		

## BASILDON UNITED RESERVES

Basildon United  
drop a point  
to Canvey Ath.

Canvey Athletic 1, Basildon United 1  
FIELDING A stronger team from the one beaten at Basildon the previous week, Canvey Athletic took a point from unbeaten Basildon United in a Thursday Thames-side Combination match at Canvey on Saturday.

The United made one change, Ron Wynn coming into the side to replace injured Geoff Barham. He took a long time to settle down.

Helped by the wind in the first half Canvey gave the United some anxious moments, but thanks to Carlton Wright and Mick Barham who were playing well, their attacks proved unfruitful.

At the other end the United's attack was blunted by the domination of centre-forward Penneck by pivot Ing who was a tower of strength in the Canvey rearward.

United, after warning of Canvey's early pressure, gradually came more into the side and after several near misses took the lead when Mann collected a hurried clearance and fired through the back-netting defence before hammering home a rocket-like shot.

Star of the United's attack in the first half was Ron Wynn who gave the home right-back a great deal of trouble.

With the wind in the second half the United held territorial advantage for a long time, but Penneck's defence and a Canvey woodwork stopped their scoring.

Then as so often happens Canvey broke away to equalise through Crapps, right against the run of play.

Canvey raised their game after this and rattled the United for a time, but in the last 10 minutes the Basildon team seemed more likely to score.

Results:—  
Premier Division: Oakside 2, Basildon 1; Basildon 1, Canvey 1; Canvey 1, Basildon 1; Canvey 1, Basildon 1.

Basildon United 1: Park Youth 1, Orsett Athletic 3; P.L.A. 5, Tilbury Youth 1; Tilbury C.C. 1, Orsett Athletic 3.

Division I: Corringham and Fobbing 3, Duxes 0; Tunnel Sports 3, All Saints 0; Corringham Youth 0, Tilbury C.C. 7; Hordon 4, Graylets 0; Orsett O.H. 1, Canvey Youth 3; Standard 2, Rainham Youth 3.

Division II: Basildon 7, All Saints 1; Tilbury Youth 11, Corringham 1; Procter and Hamble 1, Almonds 1; Orsett O.B. 2, Roberts Heath 1.

Basildon United 1: Park Youth 1, Orsett Athletic 3; P.L.A. 5, Tilbury Youth 1; Tilbury C.C. 1, Orsett Athletic 3.

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## DARTS

Two still  
unbeaten

Quart Pot and Paul Fry are the only unbeaten teams in the Wickford and District Dart League and are having a great battle for the lead.

At the moment Quart Pot "A", who had a narrow 6-1 away win over King's Head, lead by a single point from Paul Fry, who were 6-3 home winners over Shepherd and Dog. Results:—

Norton Flights 3, Inverce 6; Swan Bullocks 3, Norton 6; Marwick's 4, Spread Eagle 5; Swan 4, Bonallick's 5; Quart Pot "B" 4, Pitsea B.L. 5; King's Head 4, Quart Pot "A" 5; Castle 5, Butyl Products 4; Paul Fry 6, Shepherd and Dog 5.

Quart Pot "A" ..... 12  
Paul Fry ..... 11  
Norton ..... 10  
Marwick's ..... 9  
Shepherd and Dog ..... 8  
Quart Pot "B" ..... 7  
Pitsea B.L. ..... 6  
King's Head ..... 5  
Castle ..... 4  
Butyl Products ..... 3  
Paul Fry ..... 2  
Shepherd and Dog ..... 1

Other placings: Sherwood 12, Costermayne 11, King Canute 10, Friar 11, Marconi 10, Albert Mann 7, Carreras "A" 6, G.P.O. 6, Carreras "B" 4.

## Transferred

Former S.E.M. player George Strick has been transferred to Sunday League team B.E.N.O.C.

Pegasus broken leg victim L. Crickman is out of hospital and was a spectator at his club's Charity Cup match with Semitar last Sunday.

Long Riding  
in front

THE LONG Riding, with 14 points, head the table in the Landon Ladies' Darts League Summer Cup.

Other placings: Sherwood 12, Costermayne 11, King Canute 10, Friar 11, Marconi 10, Albert Mann 7, Carreras "A" 6, G.P.O. 6, Carreras "B" 4.

FOUR GUNNERS NOT  
AVAILABLE FOR  
TOMORROW'S MATCH

WITH GEORGE Watson on duty with the County team, Tony Holden sunning it up on honeymoon in Spain, Alan Fredericks out with an injury and Meaney not available, Basildon and Pitsea will be understrength for Saturday's Olympian League match at Collier Row.

But a bright spot is the expected return of Irvine to his post between the sticks.

Basildon's probable team will be: Irvine; Bromage, Mosley, Brown, May, Layer, Sanford, Prentice, Hayes, Sadler, Lester.

Other team selections:—  
SATURDAY  
Basildon United (at home) to Woodlands V.C. Cup: Flack; Bryan, King, Thorpe, Good, Harrham, Ager, G. Harrham, Board, Mann, Hucker.

Basildon West End (away) to Basildon: Flack; Bryan, King, Thorpe, Good, Harrham, Ager, G. Harrham, Board, Mann, Hucker.

Basildon West End II (friendly) at Eversley Road: Flack; Bryan, King, Thorpe, Good, Harrham, Ager, G. Harrham, Board, Mann, Hucker.

Woodlands V.C. (away) to Basildon United (at home): Flack; Bryan, King, Thorpe, Good, Harrham, Ager, G. Harrham, Board, Mann, Hucker.

Pitsea United (at home) to Basildon: Flack; Bryan, King, Thorpe, Good, Harrham, Ager, G. Harrham, Board, Mann, Hucker.

Prior's Athletic (away) to Pitsea: Flack; Bryan, King, Thorpe, Good, Harrham, Ager, G. Harrham, Board, Mann, Hucker.

Prior's Athletic (away) to Pitsea: Flack; Bryan, King, Thorpe, Good, Harrham, Ager, G. Harrham, Board, Mann, Hucker.

Basildon Angling Club want to form an Angling Section of the Basildon Sports Council. They want all other clubs in the area to contact Secretary W. Way, so they can get together. Once formed, the section could hold competitions and field very strong teams in out-

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# EASY VICTORY FOR BASILDON RUGBY XV AT BRENTWOOD

BRENTWOOD NIL, BASILDON 1st XV 11 PTS. WITH CLUB stalwarts D. King and B. Goldsmith being recalled for first team service, Basildon went to Brentwood on Saturday and came back worthy 11-0 winners.

Quickly into the attack with the wind and slope in their favour in the first half, Basildon went ahead with a penalty by Rees after Borowski had caught the Brentwood full-back in possession. Maintaining the pressure, Mett made a good run and sent over a high cross kick which was penalised for offside. Basildon also missed a couple of penalties before they went further ahead after a five-yard scrum. A good heel and quick service to Mett saw him work a dummy scrum with Knott to go over for a try. Rees converted.

Soon afterwards a Brentwood player sustained a neck injury and the game was held up for 20 minutes until he was taken to hospital. On the resumption Basildon missed a number of chances and were still only 8-0 up at the break.

## Pack shines

The question at half-time was whether the eight points would be enough for Basildon who had to play up the slope and against the wind. Basildon's pack provided the answer. They did magnificent games in working together as a unit.

Good throwing by the wingers and great jumping by Borowski, Shaw and Breckley allowed Basildon to vary their line-out play and the Basildon three often turned defence into attack with fine handling and kicking. Basildon's only score in this half came in the last minute from a move started by Shepherd. The ball went on to Mett and Miller to Knott who went over in the corner. Rees failed with the kick.

## SIX GAMES, NO DEFEATS

BASILDON 2nd XV 11 PTS. BRENTWOOD 0. BASILDON extended their unbeaten run to six games against Brentwood on Saturday, securing rather the worse of it in the back, but winning because of some good running. The weather was windy and wet at Gloucester Park and playing into the wind in the first half Basildon found themselves pressed back by a tall, strong Brentwood pack. The Basildon pack did achieve a measure of equality in the loose, however, and they were able to supply their backs with plenty of the ball. The backs in turn then looked dangerous every time they broke away.

After a lot of Brentwood pressure Basildon went away on the right. W. Jenkins brought the ball inside and M. Jones ran 30 yards for the opening try. Brentwood then went briefly into the lead, coming on a Basildon mis-take for McCarthy to score and Slater to convert.

Basildon came back picking up a fine kick from a determined but to get away in the corner. Moore covered with a fine kick from way out; 8-5.

Playing with the wind in the second half Basildon should have scored a hat-trick. However, Brentwood still dominated the pack and Basildon got little of the ball. The home side did get one try after a fine run by Parry, but made no further score. Brentwood pulled back three points before the end with a penalty from Hilder.

## THIRD TEAM IN TROUBLE

BRENTWOOD 3RD XV 22 PTS. BASILDON 3RD XV 13 PTS. AFTER A good start Basildon's third team were soundly beaten by Brentwood on Saturday.

The Brentwood pack had the better of the exchanges in the lines and set-scums, and constantly gained possession for their three, who used their chances to the full. With little covering by the back row, the Basildon three were too often left in vulnerable positions. Although soundly beaten, Basildon managed to cross the Brentwood line on two occasions with tries by Fretwell and Miller. Day converted one and also scored from a 55-yard penalty.

## DRAW WITH LATE TRY

BASILDON COLTS 3 PTS. MILL HILL 3 PTS.

A TRY in the last five minutes gave Mill Hill a draw in a 3-3, clean match on Saturday.

Basildon's pack was again in brilliant form. Lockett and Fester doing great work in the loose.

In the first half Basildon were lucky not to be trailing when with the overtop Mill Hill centre knocked on. Pressure Basildon went ahead with a Lawrence penalty—a good kick against a stiff wind.

In the second half Basildon continued to press, and only good kicking by Brentwood's out-half saved them. Norris did go over the line for a try, but the pass was judged forward.

Then Mill Hill saved the day with their try in the last five minutes.

## TOMORROW'S TEAMS

BASILDON Rugby Football Club teams for Saturday's games:

1st XV (v Rochester, away): D. Rees, R. Evans, E. Knott, J. Comer, I. Shepherd, M. Mett, G. Johns, A. Bush, G. Chislett, C. McLennan, B. Goldsmith, B. Borowski, R. Smith, I. Shaw, B. Redman.

2nd XV (v Rochester, home): B. Moore, B. Jenkins, T. Davies, M. Jones, C. Parry, O. Knott, T. Collins, R. Heald, D. Smith, D. King, J. Townsend, M. Hammond, G. Rees, R. Pickering, R. Price.

3rd XV (v Rochester, Holy Cross): J. Watkins, J. Walker, J. Fretwell, D. Bailey, E. Miller, O. Egan, P. Bullock, E. Naylor, G. John, O. Phillips, J. Berry, G. Smith, D. O'Connor, L. Lockett, M. McDermott, Res. K. Oliver.

4th XV (v Rochester, away): D. Loutstone, K. Hyman, R. Beaman, D. Wilkinson, I. Lewis, K. Williams (capt.), P. Evans, J. King, K. Godley, M. Woodbridge, M. Day, G. King, J. Wyatt, A. Stowe, Res. J. Cassidy, D. Middleton, G. Kneale, D. Jones.

Colts XV (v Southend): J. Naylor, J. Faulkner, G. Clulow, M. Norris, J. Sullivan, J. Glanville, T. Lawrence, P. Denham, J. Larn, B. Butcher, M. Foster, K. Brindley, R. Warwick, C. Conway, D. Doutry, Res. I. M. Smith, N. Spicer.



Nicholas under-13 rugby team.

## WELSHMAN IS CLUB SKIPPER

LIKE MOST Welshmen, Basildon Rugby Club's first XV skipper Alan Bush was brought up in the game, his early skills being learned at school in Merthyr Tydfil where his rugby master was an ex-Newbridge and Devon player.

Now he is teaching chemistry at Abbs Cross School, Burnchurch, and playing his part in introducing rugby to the pupils there. After his schooldays were over Alan continued his studies at the University College, Cardiff, where he also improved his rugby. He also had experience with Merthyr Tydfil before joining Basildon four seasons ago.



A bustling 131 stone prop forward, Alan's natural inclination is to see the club through a successful season in his first year as skipper. He also hopes Basildon will continue to maintain its reputation for open style rugby which has been built up in recent years.

Another ambition is that many new players will be bred within the New Town. At present the club relies a great deal on immigrants.

## Well done!

Mr. R. C. C. Boniface, General Manager of the Basildon Development Corporation, has sent a letter of congratulation to the sportsmen and women of Basildon (via the Sports Council) for their performance in the Inter New Town Festival of Sport in which they came second.

"Next time they must be first to prove that in one more respect Basildon is best," he said.

## RUGBY IN THE SCHOOLS

# Good performance by Craylands

Graylands 27 pts., William Edwards School 3 pts. CRAYLANDS GOT on top almost from the start of this rugby match on Saturday and their fast-breaking forwards completely contained Burge, the Essex player in the William Edwards School side.

Vickery opened the scoring with two fine tries for Graylands whose forwards played well to increase the first half score with tries by Davies, Watts and Bushell. Vickery converted two of them.

Burge scored a good try for William Edwards, but was injured and had to leave the field for a time. In the second half Graylands scored two more tries through Wilson and Watts who was the outstanding player on the field. Hulbert converted one.

## Easy for Barstable

AVELEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL 0 PTS. BARSTABLE GRAMMAR TECHNICAL SCHOOL 13 PTS. BARSTABLE'S 1ST XV played well against weak opposition at Aveley on Saturday and ran out easy winners. Burton, Lewis, Glanville, Warwick and Spicer one each. Glanville converted five and Lawrance converted one and kicked a penalty.

## Big win

BARSTABLE GRAMMAR TECHNICAL SCHOOL 23 PTS. AVELEY TECHNICAL SCHOOL 0 PTS. IN THIS scrappy under-15 game made worse by the strong wind Aveley were 10-6 up at half-time.

In the second half against the wind Aveley failed to keep their lead and Barstable dominating the scrums and line-outs went on to win easily.

## Hat-trick

BARSTABLE GRAMMAR TECHNICAL SCHOOL 13 PTS. AVELEY TECHNICAL SCHOOL 0 PTS. BARSTABLE MADE it a hat-trick of wins against Aveley on Saturday with this 13-0 victory in the under-13 match. Barstable played the more business-like rugby throughout, but were 3-0 down at the end of the first half. The wind and partly to slow covering and poor handling in defence.

In the second half Barstable's forwards were cleaned up by two young riders. The first part of their first "25" John Olney and Eric Smith, who clocked 17m. 57s. and 17m. 17s. both excellent first attempts at the distance. Although not coming into the middle, John's 14-years-old younger brother Simon produced an outstanding first "25" time of 1b. 5m. 53s.

Other times: Mike Raho 1b. 7m. 16s.; Tim Turner 1b. 7m. 16s.; Glanville 1b. 7m. 16s.; Adams 1b. 7m. 16s.; Steve Richardson 1b. 7m. 16s.; Graham Robertson 1b. 7m. 16s.; Bernie Davis 1b. 7m. 16s. Bernie was riding only his second race after a six years' retirement.

The Olney brothers also went the board in the Junior 10 on Saturday morning, with Simon taking first and first handicap in 20m. 24s. and John the awards for second place and second handicap in 27m. 25s. Other times: Steve Richardson 27.47; Eric Smith 28.16; Lawrence McKee 30.

New member Bob Downs, of London, recorded 31.55.

## Billericay just fail at Rochford

ROCHFORD HARTS R.F.C. 13 PTS. BILLERICAY R.F.C. 1ST XV 11 PTS.

BILLERICAY PLAYED some of their best rugby this season in this away match on Saturday. Their teamwork was first-class, with the pack fighting for possession and then feeding the ball to the three-quarter line, who threw the ball about with success.

At the start Billericay had the advantage of the slope and a strong wind at their backs.

Rochford were the first to score, however, through a defensive lapse of Billericay. A Rochford centre-three-quarter kicked ahead, caught the ball on the bounce and took it over the line between the posts. The try was converted.

Billericay replied a few minutes later with an unconverted try when Mike Hingley opened side flank forwardly, pounced on the home side's fly-half, picked up the loose ball and ran on to score.

Billericay kept up the pressure and were soon rewarded with another try, following a set scrum on the 53-yard line. A good head against the head saw Billericay's ball. It was not until the end of the half that Rochford's skipper Richard Shilton who "scrub-kicked" to the corner, sent Stanley Ball picked up the loose ball and touched down. The try was well converted.

Billericay did not have so much plain sailing after the interval. Rochford were playing downhill and with the wind, soon started to press, and 10 minutes from the restart their left wing-three-quarter made an mastery run to passing inside to the left-centre who ran over for a try near the posts. The full-back converted.

The rest of the game was a see-saw affair and at this point Billericay were leading by 11 points to 10. They were unfortunate for them that a disputed try three minutes from the end gave Rochford a draw.

Outstanding features of the Billericay side were the excellent back row of Mike Hingley, Geoff Ford and Peter Fell and the strength of the three-quarter line now that John Brown has been brought in. Tomorrow Billericay entertain Maldon.

## Excellent performance

BILLERICAY "A" 12 PTS. ROCHFORD 3RD XV 0

THIS WAS an excellent performance by Billericay when it is considered they were short of match practice having had a game cancelled the week before.

The first half opened with Billericay playing into a fierce wind. They were overpowered by a distinct disadvantage, but with superb tackling and covering Rochford were unable to cross their line.

With the wind behind them in the second half it was a different story for Billericay. With constant pressure which was being exerted on the Rochford line it was inevitable Billericay had to score. Through Rob Griffiths, who went on to score twice more, Dave Gurney also scored for Billericay, but neither of the tries were converted.

The win was a result of good teamwork and sound captaincy of Tony Lawson.

## Home again

Back from a two-year spell in Australia, founder member of Prior Athletic John Harvey plays for Priors against Pity in the League Cup on Sunday.



CRAYLANDS UNDER-13 RUGBY TEAM.



# SECTION SUPPORT THE ORIENT MOVE TO BASILDON

**Badminton on the up and up**

**RAPIDLY GROWING** interest in badminton in schools was reported at Monday's meeting of the Basildon Schools' Association's badminton section.

In view of the growing popularity, it was decided to hold a tournament for first and second year players in secondary schools in addition to the already-established competition for older children towards the end of the Spring term.

On the junior side, the interest can be gauged from the 100 per cent increase in the number of teams entering the league.

Eight teams are taking part in two divisions. The line-up is: Division I — Fairhouse, Swan Meadow Manor and Lee Chapel; Division II — Pitsea, Chylgrove, Blue House, Wickford.

Promotion and relegation will be on the one-up-one-down basis.

It is proposed to hold the annual doubles tournament in March, but here again an increase in the number of entries may necessitate some slight alteration in the rules.

It was also decided to try and obtain some tuition by County coaches for children already attending a Saturday morning weekly session.

## PRESIDENT RESIGNS

**PRESIDENT** of the Sports Council Mr. Percy Mallett resigned of two committees and will offer his resignation as President at the end of the year. A letter announcing his decision was read out at a Sports Council meeting on Monday.

He has resigned as adjudicator on the panel which chooses the Sportsman of the Year given up his place on the Policy and Planning Committee and says he will stand for re-election at the next annual general meeting as President.

Reasons he gave in his letter were that he did not do enough for the Sports Council. There were many men more fitted for the post, he said in his letter, able to spend more time and give more help to the Sports Council.

"I am very conscious that in this capacity I have not done very much to advance the aims of the Sports Council," he concluded.

"We are very sorry he has had to resign," said Chairman of the Sports Council Mr. Cyril Moore.

# Chairman warns Sunday Leaguers

**BASILDON'S SUNDAY** Football League have warned that any club breaking the rules will be given maximum fines.

This warning, intended to tighten up on efficiency among clubs, was given by the Chairman of the league, Mr. G. Barnes.

He emphasised there would be no let-up in the campaign to have the job done properly. Officials were being doubled because clubs failed to comply with rules.

Main bone of contention was the posting of result cards, inaccuracy and omissions on the cards, general laxity over matches and a payment of registration fees.

The threat of maximum fines was tempered with another new ruling. Teams would be advised of fines after matches — the fines should either be paid within 14 days or a written complaint against the fine should be handed to officials.

The new rules were introduced when the treasurer collected a record number of fines for irregularities. Said Mr. Barnes: "This is a sorry state of affairs. We have now ruled that maximum fines of 5s. an offence will apply."

"We don't want to raise money out of fines, but as far as efficiency is concerned, we will either kill or cure. What we are aiming for is an efficient league."

In spite of some disagreement, members accepted the ultimatum.

## RAMSDEN UNLUCKY

**RAMSDEN Y.M.C.A. RESERVES** OTTSBUR RESERVES 2

**RAMSDEN Y.M.C.A.** were unlucky to lose their Mid-Essex League Division 1 game to Tillingham on Saturday with Tillingham's star player R. Warner who netted the only goal in the first half.

Ramsden and Tillingham were evenly matched in the second half. Both teams fought it hard going, but managed to score a goal apiece.

## ORIENT'S DRAMATIC MOVE TO CHANGE THEIR THIRD DIVISION OPERATIONS TO BASILDON HAS RECEIVED FULL BACKING FROM BASILDON SPORTS COUNCIL'S FOOTBALL SECTION.

But it put the Section in a quandary over their plans to put Basildon on the soccer map by forming a senior team which could aim eventually for professional status.

In addition, they have had an offer from Basildon United to take them over "lock, stock and barrel with no strings attached" to form the basis of the senior club.

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## First-aid at soccer matches

**BASILDON SUNDAY** Football Club will contact the St. Leonards Ambulance Brigade in an effort to secure first-aid at matches.

The move follows a complaint from Mr. J. A. Lynch of the Double Six Football Club. He said that at Gloucester Park recently a footballer had broken his leg. He said the ground for more than 45 minutes before he was taken to hospital.

Said Mr. Lynch: "There are five pitches in Gloucester Park and anyone is likely to be hurt, but there is no medical attendance on hand and no nearby telephone."

Mr. Lynch also reported that when the man arrived at hospital, people who took him were told they had treated him incorrectly.

The Sports Council Football Section supported the request and also decided to ask the Council to provide a telephone in the new pavilion.

## PICKED FOR NEW TOWNS GOLF MATCH

**BASILDON GOLF** Club have selected a strong team to contest Marlow and Welwyn Garden City in the Inter-New Towns Trophy match at Basildon on Sunday.

Basildon's hopes will be pinned on Ted Freely, Norman Coker, Bernard Krike, Tom Arundel, Chris Thompson, Alan Francis, Dennis Martin and B. Young.

Non-playing captain is Harry Schwarz.

K. Lenford has got through to the semi-finals of the Kingston singles by beating Norman Coker one up.

But Norman is still interested in the Gary Player Trophy and also connects Alan Francis—who beat Peter Lucas 4 and 2—in the final.



Twenty-one on Sunday Wasps Pritchard skipper Pat Walsh pours out a celebratory drink of champagne for his colleagues after Sunday's football match at Markham's Chase.

## MONOPOLY OF SWIM POOL FACILITIES?

**BASILDON SWIMMING** Club, who last month gained permission from the Basildon Sports Council "to be in charge of organisation arrangements" at the new swimming pool, are to be asked to reopen discussion on the matter.

Mr. George Morris, speaking at Monday's meeting of the Sports Council, said such a contentious matter which was passed so narrowly (one vote) should have been fully advertised in the previous agenda.

He said, "There were some people at the meeting who were very much against this. I think the matter should be reopened."

Other members said that to do so would be unbecomingly long and loud. Finally the Sports Council asked for members and they were told it would be constitutional to reopen the Swimming Club to club giving a monopoly over facilities; in this case the training hours allocated by the Council.

Mr. Morris said he did not understand all this discussion," said Secretary of the Sports Council Bob Hawthorne. "Other training hours can be allocated by the club or organisation chooses."

## FOOTBALL PITCH MAY BE CLOSED

**THE BOWL** at Gloucester Park, Basildon's premier football pitch, will probably be closed for a large part of the season to enable contractors to install a new cinder track around the edge of the pitch.

The cinder track, which should be completed by the spring, has been long and eagerly awaited by the athletes, but it seems likely to hamper Town football this season.

George Morris, Chairman of the Football Section of the Sports Council, will try to get contractors from the pitch will be closed.

# Soccer in the Schools The New Towners share honours with Colchester

Colchester Schools 1, Basildon Schools 1

**THE STRONG** wind ruined this under-14 football match at Colchester on Saturday. Basildon were on top in the first half, but missed several chances and had to be content with only one goal at the break.

In the second half Basildon continued to control the play, but after Colchester had equalised they were unable to get in front again.

Colchester 3, Basildon 3. A grand second-half display which produced three goals gave Basildon a well-deserved draw at Colchester in this Under-14 match on Saturday.

Basildon flourished in the first half against a resolute Colchester side whose forwards were much more effective than the Basildon front line.

In the second half Basildon played with much more determination and with Sullivan prompting a series of attacks, scored three goals to force a draw.

Sullivan and Irving were outstanding in the Basildon line-up.

## RESULTS

**BASILDON Secondary Schools** soccer results:

Cook Cup — Barstable 3, Brauchamps 1.

Under-13 League — Woodlands 3, Chalford 0; Timberlog 1, Woodlands 0.

Under-14 League — Chalford 1, Woodlands 0; Nicholas 0, Woodlands 0; Craylands 0, Woodlands 4.

Under-15 League — Laindon 2, Woodlands 1.

Under-16 League — Barstable 1, Woodlands 2.

**WICKFORD JUNIOR SCHOOL 5, JANET DUKE JUNIOR SCHOOL 0.** IT WAS a dream debut for Wickford in this match at Wickford on Friday.

McCarthy, the Wickford centre-forward, scored a hat-trick in this convincing win in this Basildon Primary School League match.

Right from the start Wickford forced the pace and went into the break leading 3-0. Minutes when McCarthy scored from close in.

Five minutes later Bovill made it two-nil, and Wickford went further into the lead when Queen hit a rising angled shot into the top corner of the net.

Second before the interval Bovill scored the fourth — and best — goal of the match with a rising right-foot shot from 20 yards.

In the second half Wickford kept up the pressure. Dominance was maintained by Whisker, having his best game of the season — and Smith kept the play around the Janet Duke area.

Only sporadic raids — mainly initiated by Knap, a strong and promising player — bothered the Wickford defence.

Two more goals were added, both by McCarthy. Both came when he pounced on loose balls in the goal area.

## IMPORTANT MATCHES TOMORROW

**SCHOOL SOCCER** followers have a feast in store as a total of three inter-district cup matches to kick from in the area.

At Springfield Junior School the Primary Schools start their competitive programme with a Crisp Shield match against Woodwich at Nicholas Secondary School, Basildon.

Under-14's play Sutton in the Sun Shield at the Under-15's play Sutton in the Sun Shield at the Gill 13's tackle Sutton at 10.30 a.m.

On Saturday the Primary team turned up with a tripartite against Craylands Secondary School and drew 2-2.

The team for the woodwich match is: Thomas (Wood), Mead; Weston (Wood), Dunch (Whitmore), Keele; Bailey (Wickford), Keele; Francis (St. Teresa's) (Wickford), Campbell (Kingdon).

The Under-14's side for the same against Woodlands; Tibbitt (Timberlog), Bassett (Chalford), Enderington (Nicholas), Serrell (Craylands), Serrell (Craylands), Hearn (Barstable), Keele (Barstable), Burford (Chalford).

## Banks moves

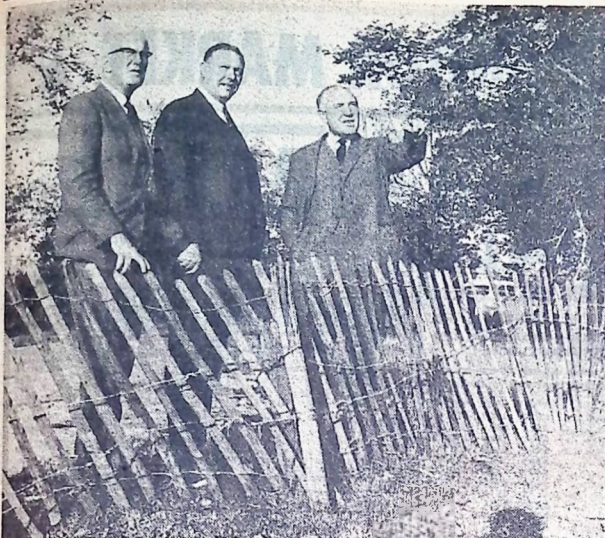
**Farmer** Woodlands Youth Centre player Ron Banks has been transferred to Laindon Athletic.

## Back again On the move?

**After** a season with N.E.M.C. Brian Sartain has moved back to Wood Common. A wing-half, he resigned last week.

**Irish** Club centre-forward Mick Mullin has moved to John Sundin League. He may play against Glynn Grove on Sunday.





Mr. R. C. Boniface, General Manager of Basildon Development Corporation (right), viewing a proposed site for the Orient Football Club stadium with club director Mr. Reg Briggs (centre) and an old Orient player, Mr. Harold Palmer. The site is off the junction of Cranes Farm Road and Gardiners Lane.

## ORIENT DIRECTOR WEVS SITE IN BASILDON

ORIENT FOOTBALL CLUB, STRUGGLING FOOT-  
BALL LEAGUE TEAM, MOVED A STEP NEARER  
BASILDON, OF WEDNESDAY WHEN GENERAL  
MANAGER MR. R. C. BONIFACE OFFERED  
THEM A SITE IN BASILDON FOR THEIR STADIUM.

Both club and Corporation have already responded  
enthusiastically to the idea of Orient, at the moment  
leasing £800 a week, moving to Basildon. On Wed-  
nesday they had their first meeting, director Mr. Reg  
Briggs lunching with Mr. Boniface, then travelling  
with him to the proposed site.

This lies off the junction of Cranes Farm Road  
and Gardiners Lane, in between the two factory  
Estates. Basildon Corporation already own 40  
acres of the 100 acres in this area. They estimate  
its worth at about £100  
per acre.

After lunch Mr. Boniface  
said, "We have made great  
progress far more than  
thought we would today. The  
next move is for Mr. Briggs  
to report back to the club. It  
is for them to say whether  
the site I offer is suitable."  
He then drove round the site  
with Mr. Briggs explaining the  
advantages of his choice.  
He sees from Gardiners Lane  
and Cranes Farm, the fact that  
these roads, serving the indus-  
trial site, would be virtually  
deserted when Orient wanted  
to play matches.

As soon as Orient express  
more interest in Boniface  
has promised to "Put his  
brain boys on it and get  
some or two definite schemes  
worked out."  
He has not yet decided on  
which side of Gardiners Close  
the stadium would be, but  
"if you want the ground,"  
he said the Orient director,  
"we can make it available—  
quickly."

**Fans move**  
"We have to think about  
Orient supporters," said Mr.  
Briggs. "If we can make the  
club successful it is our duty  
to do so there. But support  
has been falling off."  
It has been falling off not  
only because of our lack of  
success, but because many of  
our old supporters have moved  
to Wrexham. We don't want  
the club to fold up, this  
could be the only alternative.  
We mean to get back to  
Division 1," he observed.  
"You will," replied Mr. Boni-  
face. "Basildon is first in  
everything."

**M.P. interested**  
It was also disclosed on  
Wednesday that Basildon M.P.  
Mr. Eric Moonman has been in  
correspondence with the Orient  
and the Corporation over the  
move "for some time."  
I told their Chairman, Mr.  
Arthur Boniface, that I had  
succeeded in Basildon to make  
Moonman a success," said Mr.  
Boniface.

Former Lancashire Com-  
bination player and still an  
active supporter, Mr. Boniface  
has been in the Orient since  
he left Liverpool. Mr. Boni-  
face has also disclosed that  
he had met people in the  
town who are interested in  
forming an Orient Support-  
ers' Club.

"This is a little premature,"  
he said, "but it shows that  
interest. It shows that  
people who have been in the  
club for years and who have  
seen the decline of the club  
can bring them forward. It  
is a good thing to have  
people who are interested in  
the club." "Obviously we would  
have to have a lot of people  
interested in the club. It  
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people who are interested in  
the club."

Basildon and Pitsea forward  
Gordon Watson plays in his  
second Essex trial match on  
Saturday against Ilkeston  
Swifts.

## BASILDON GIRLS MAKE FINE START

AT THEIR first attempt at  
cross-country running, the  
newly formed Basildon girls'  
team took second place in the  
first South-East Essex League  
fixture of the season at Col-  
chester.

Considering this was their  
first attempt it was a great  
performance, and with con-  
sistent training the girls  
should become the top team  
in the area.

The first six home all came  
within 18 seconds of each  
other, and three of them—  
Saunders, Chapman and Tur-  
bulville—were still in front  
running against competitors  
three years their senior.

Basildon tackled points,  
and the only team to beat  
them came from Thurrock  
Harriers. Below came the Essex  
Ladies, Chelmsford A.C., Col-  
chester C.C. and the Huddleigh  
Olympians.

Individual placings were: 6,  
Mary Kibble (O.M. 10), a fine  
performance considering this  
was her first outing since  
June; 8, Linda Newton (O.M.  
14); 9, Jane Saunders (O.M.  
14); 10, Susan Chapman (O.M.  
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BILLERICAY HIGH STREET

## Study Group's recommendations are accepted

BILLERICAY'S HIGH Street Study Group has been dissolved by Basildon Council's Executive Committee and their recommendations have been accepted. Another group has been formed to deal with the development aspect of the recommendations.

The two main principles to be followed are that the present character should be preserved while at the same time sweeping changes in the traffic flow should be made.

The Council envisage Billericay High Street free of traffic on a considerable length.

Leader of Basildon Council Coun. Anthony Stockley said on Wednesday the Executive Committee had accepted all the recommendations of the study group.

"I think the group have made a very good job of integrating the main representations which have been made to us by the organisations and individuals of Billericay who are interested in its future."

The recommendations accepted are:

● The present character of the High Street should continue to be preserved; consideration will be given to the merits of any proposal for integrating residential with commercial development.

● As soon as practicable, all through traffic should be diverted from the High Street.

● Commercial traffic having business in the High Street shopping areas should be diverted from the High Street, provision being made

for servicing areas wherever the opportunity occurs in connection with redevelopment proposals.

● In due course, consideration should be given to the elimination of all traffic from the High Street or from specific sections of it, should such a course appear practicable and desirable.

● In order that work on a central area plan can be facilitated, Building Design Partnership should be asked to undertake certain additional work costing between £500 and £1,100; Essex County Council being approached to bear some of this cost.

Coun. Stockley said the Council's interest was not to cut up the High Street into little courts as had been suggested by Building Design Partnership.

The Council had received strong representations from one group in Billericay against this proposal.

He told a reporter: "The outcome of this is that we now know precisely where we are going, although many of the details depend on the eventual road pattern."

## Cracks in bridge causing alarm

### BUT THERE'S NO DANGER

CRACKS, UP to a foot in depth and two inches across, have appeared in the brickwork arch of Tinkettle Bridge on the Southend Road from Billericay to Crays Hill.

There is also a visible bulge in the brickwork on one side of the bridge, and Ramsden Crays Ratepayers' Association feel that there is a real danger of it collapsing if there was a crash on the bridge.

"There have been numerous accidents at this bridge and White's Bridge just along the road because they are narrow and the road is very windy," Ratepayers' Chairman Mr. Len Reason told the "Standard Recorder" this week.

If a heavy lorry or a bus were to crash into the side of Tinkettle Bridge we are convinced that all one side would disintegrate and fall into the River Crouch."

### PAST PROTESTS

We have protested to Basildon Council and Essex County Council in the past, but nothing will be done until a bus full of people demolishes the bridge and overturns into the river."

The Ratepayers' Association are demanding that immediate action be taken to strengthen the east side of the bridge.

They are also asking for adequate fencing or crash barriers along the road approaching both bridges to prevent vehicles forced off the road from diving into the river. Hump-back Bridge warning signs and the parapet of White's Bridge, part of which was knocked down in a recent accident, rebuilt and extended.

"If nothing is done by our general meeting in November we shall really stir up a hornets' nest," threatened Mr. Reason. "We shall mount a campaign to bring as much pressure to bear on the authorities as we can."

### NO DANGER

Commented the County Bridge Engineer when the "Standard Recorder" contacted him for a statement: "I have examined both of these bridges recently, and, structurally, there is no danger to either."

"I did not find any cracks in Tinkettle Bridge which were dangerous. This type of bridge is, however, apt to crack along the spandrel walls, but this is nothing to worry about."

"I have some brickwork repairs to do on it in the near future, but this is just surface work."

"The main danger lies in the fact that both these bridges are narrow, but it is eventually hoped to bypass them."

"As for constructing crash barriers at these bridges, there is not enough room at

the side of the road. We should have to buy land bordering the road to make room for them, and this seems hardly worth it in view of the fact that they will eventually go out of service."

## DIED AFTER ACCIDENT

A 72-YEARS-OLD Billericay man died after an accident in Runwell Road, Wickford, on Tuesday.

The man, James Arthur Clemence, of Kingsway, a pedestrian, was struck by a car driven by Mr. Arthur Turtle, of South House, Maldon, who was driving home.

Mr. Clemence died later at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay.

## Members were mannequins

MEMBERS of Wickford Evening Townswomen's Guild acted as mannequins when they had a fashion show by Barbara's of Wickford at their October meeting.

The dresses and suits were described by Mrs. Allan. Competitions were won by Mr. Freeman and Mrs. Howes, and the lucky Townswomen magazine was won by Mrs. Perkins.

### Re-elected

Two former Billericay men were re-elected officers of "D" Group of the British Legion at the annual meeting at Great Baddow last week. They were Mr. T. Kennedy (Chairman), now living at Frinton, and Mr. C. Livermore (Secretary) who lives at Witham.

The pictures above and below show Mr. L. Reason pointing out cracks in Tinkettle bridge on the main road between Wickford and Billericay.



## MODERN MOTHERS

WICKFORD Modern Mothers' Club met on Monday in the Community Centre when a competition for the best home-made Victoria sponge sandwich was won by Mrs. Silvia Skingle.

She was presented with a rose vase by Mrs. Jones, wife of the Centre Warden, who judged the competition.

Mrs. Jones received a box of chocolates.

It was announced that the next meeting on November 5th would be held in the evening.

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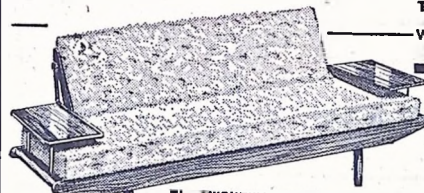
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## STALLHOLDERS WERE 'WITH IT'



THESE STALLHOLDERS at Wickford Community Association's Autumn Fayre at the Community Centre on Saturday were definitely "with it."

THEY WERE MISS M. HUTCHINGS, MRS. O. ROUSE AND DIANE MILLS.

The event was a great success and attracted more than a thousand people. It was the Association's first autumn fair and all profits will go to the Association's funds.

Because of the success, the fair will probably become an annual event.

There is another picture and story on Page 29.

### Mini-walk

The cadets of Billericay British Red Cross are holding a mini-walk over a distance of 12 miles on Sunday. It will start at Lake Meadows. About 100 walkers are expected, and money raised will go towards Red Cross work locally and overseas.

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## BUSY TIME FOR ROYALTY



Looking very happy at being surrounded by such a bevy of beauty is Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P. (Chairman of the Basildon Urban District Council), at the Wickford Queen of Queen's dance held at the Lecarno Ballroom, Basildon, on Friday. Queens came from Wickford, Basildon, Chelmsford, Thurrock, Canvey, Heston, Corringham, Romford, Harlow and Buntingford, and the title went to "Miss Chelmsford" (Janice Rowland).

## "Mad" scooterists are terrorising Wickford folk

Park, a racing circuit

WICKFORD POLICE are on the look-out for motor cyclists and motorists who are using Wickford Memorial Park as "a racing circuit."

The investigation results from a petition signed by at least 10 families at the far end of Mount Road complaining that "mad individuals" are driving along the park's footpath and causing a danger to young children. The motor cycles' deafening roar are also annoy-

they could erect a fence or gate across the entrance.

A spokesman for the Council said: "We are hoping to ease the problem by asking the Police to patrol the area more often, although, of course, they are restricted with manpower."

"We will put up new warning signs—if the others have been pulled down."

Mrs. Peggy Wood, a 28-year-old mother of two, who signed the petition, grumbled: "It's got just a joke. I think some of them use the footpath as a short-cut from Runwell Road. I'm frightened that my children might get knocked down by one of them. After all, you don't expect to see traffic coming from that direction."

Mount Road is a No Through Road. It stops at a cul-de-sac and a wide path—separated from Mount Road by three bollards—leads into the park.

A car which sometimes zooms across the park has to mount a kerb to miss the bollards.

The petition, organised by Mr. T. J. Crump, has been signed by all the residents concerned and handed to Wickford Police.

Mrs. J. Howe said bitterly: "The children like to play in the cul-de-sac, but I'm too scared to let them out. The motor cycles go so fast that the children wouldn't stand a chance."

### THE PETITION

The petition reads: "It is our understanding that this route is confined to pedestrians and pedal cyclists only; therefore, we would be pleased to receive confirmation of this and information as to steps you could take to prevent what is obviously a dangerous pastime by people who seem to be utilising this section of Mount Road and the track to the park gates as a race circuit."

"We feel that sooner or later one of our children will be playing by the pump house at the bottom of the road and run out across the track when one of the mad individuals on their scooters are riding past."

## Gift of £401

Wickford Rotary Club will present St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, with a cheque for £401 9s. 10d. towards the cost of a pacemaker and ascelloscope on Thursday.

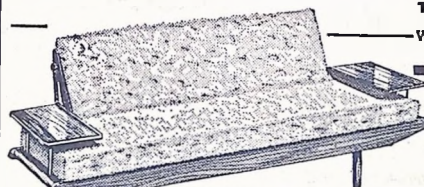
Consultant surgeon Dr. St. Andrew's Dr. A. Gilbert has been asked to be present to accept the cheque at a ceremony at the Castle Hotel, Wickford.

### TORY MOTION

Billericay, Basildon and Brentwood Conservative Association have a motion for the agenda at the Conservative Party Conference at Brighton this week. The motion reads: "That this conference believes the time has come for the Conservative Party to restate its belief in freedom and individual enterprise."

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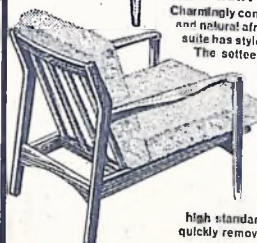
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## NO MUSIC WHILE THEY WORK

### It's demoralising and upsetting the country's economy

**BASILDON TRADES** Council are writing to the Postmaster - General, Mr. Edward Short, to complain that "Music While You Work" has been dropped by the B.B.C.

They claim that the demoralising influence on workers in factories can affect the economy of the country.

Workers and managements of factories all over Basildon are worried by the loss of their daily "morale booster." But no one can do anything about it.

The matter was raised at the Wednesday meeting of the Trades Council by East Essex E.T.U. representative Mr. David Barker.

He told members: "It affects the 1,400 members of our branch considerably. According to law, companies are allowed to play 'Music While You Work' on the shop floor. Now our company feel it is dangerous to broadcast the new programme on Radio 1 and 2 because it might infringe copyright."

"They have gone into the question of providing taped music, but this would cost about £3,000 a year."

"The thing is that at about 10.30 in the morning after a girl gets into the office she gets a bit fed up and looks forward to 'Music While You Work.' This issue could

affect the economy of the country."

Mr. Barker said other factories, including Yardleys and Carreras, were worried about the problem.

Vice-Chairman Mr. T. Jones agreed: "'Music While You Work' is an institution, a way of life. It started during the crucial war years and it had a morale-boosting effect to rally our spirits. It is a tradition we should hang on to."

### Their new secretary

Mr. Albert Kirk, a bachelor, of Ballards Walk, Lee Chapel North, was elected Secretary of Basildon Trades Council on Wednesday.

He succeeds Mr. Walter Wood, who resigned his position recently.

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## ANGRY MOTHERS STORM BUS HEADQUARTERS

### Petition handed in

**ANGRY MOTHERS** and their children stormed the Eastern National bus headquarters on Wednesday evening with a petition demanding a "fair deal" for schools at Pitsea.

Annoyed over the service and livid because of the attitude of drivers, they claimed more than fifty people had signed the petition.

In brief, they want the 233 bus which stops at Pitsea Broadway at 3.52, going to Pound Lane, Pitsea, to stop eight minutes later.

This will give youngsters from Pitsea Junior School and Chalvedon School time to reach the bus for Bowers Gifford.

Organiser of the petition, Windsor Road resident Mrs. Dora Keens (seen above with the petition), told a reporter: "We have taken our petition to Mr. Cox, of Eastern National. They would not accept it right away because we have got to get an appointment with him."

### Frightened child

Mrs. Sylvia Welham, of Pound Lane, fumed: "I have to meet my daughter from school because she is frightened about catching the bus."

"If there was time for her to get to the bus stop on time, there would be no problem. All we want is for the bus to arrive eight minutes later."

Mrs. Brenda Batten, of Lower Avenue, said she caught the bus at the Barge Hotel last week and practically had to plead with the driver to stop at the Broadway to pick up children.

"He asked me if he had to stop. Unfortunately, the stop is not compulsory, so they have the excuse that they haven't seen anybody. If it were compulsory, they

would have to stop anyway."

From what I understand, the bus drivers don't like picking up children because they are a bit noisy."

Mrs. Florence Patten, of Windsor Road, said when she was on the bus mothers who wanted it to wait for children were insulted by conductors.

"The point is that these bus conductors are there to provide a service. That's what they are paid for. They should make some provision for the school-children."

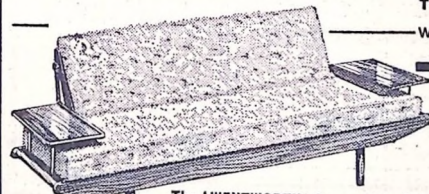
"The Pitsea schools are the only schools which are not provided with a school bus."

### Film show

A film show, with films lent by Colin Guider of his recent trip to the World Scout Jamboree in Idaho, was given to members of the Pitsea No. 1 branch at their weekly meeting at St. Michael's Hall. Operating the projector was Rev. J. H. Chilton, who also gave the commentary, assisted by Mrs. M. Guider. Birthday honours went to Mrs. Judy and Miss Tibbett. Flowers and good wishes were sent to Mrs. Anderson, at present in hospital. Tea was served by Mesdames M. Guider, Bailey, Carney and White and there were the usual sales and raffles in aid of the funds.

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