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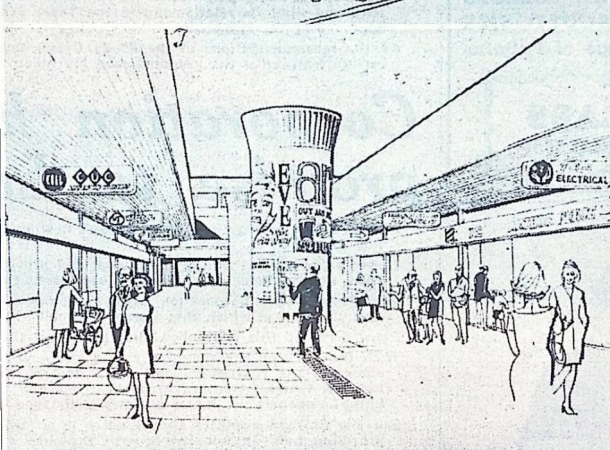
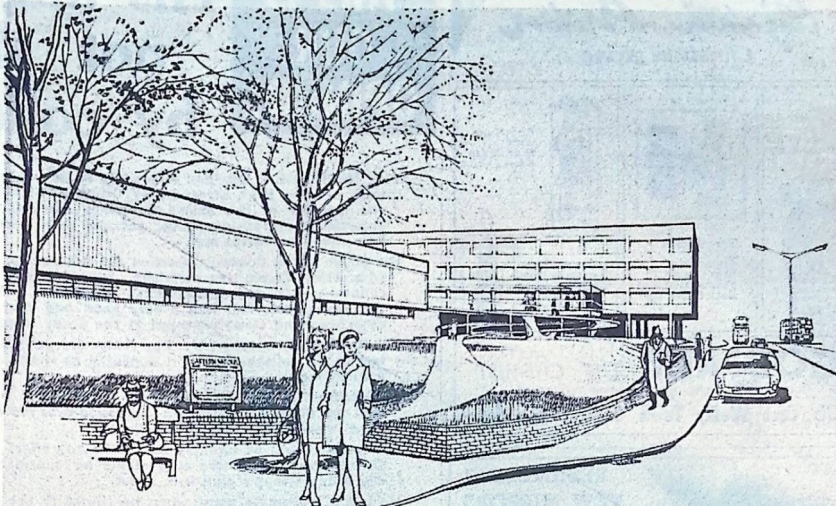
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The transformation of Laindon



HERE ARE SOME IMPRESSIONS OF WHAT LAINDON'S NEW SHOPPING CENTRE MIGHT LOOK LIKE—WORK ON IT HAS ALREADY STARTED.

ALL SHOPS IN THE CENTRE WILL BE REACHED WITHOUT CROSSING ROADS, AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES WILL BE PUT OVER THE HIGH ROAD AND LAINDON LINK.

UNDERGROUND SERVICE ROADS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AND FOOTPATHS WILL LEAD FROM THE HOUSING ESTATES STRAIGHT ON TO THE MAIN SHOPPING DECK.

A SITE HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR A NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH.

Dream shopping centre started

LAINDON'S DREAM shopping centre, promised by Basildon Development Corporation seven years ago, is off the drawing board and builders are churning up the site with engineering works.

The new promise is a centre of about 40 shops, including multiples, with administrative buildings, and possibly a library and clinic. Completion is expected in about two years.

Laindon, at one time "always forgotten," is now getting its full share of development with an £800,000 commercial sector, unique in Basildon and futuristic in design. Basildon Development Corporation are now working on the assumption that the new Master Plan for Basildon (taking it to a population of 140,000) will be approved by the Ministry. This will not, however, affect the shopping centre—except inasmuch as it may have more customers. It will serve the new Laindon housing estates, including areas one, two and three, which back on to the shopping centre, and areas five and four (in order of appearance), which will be on the Laindon Station side of the Link—sub-town centre, acting like the "main" shopping centre as a satellite. First, part of the "glorious future," for Laindon was heard in May 1960, when architect Mr. A. B. Davies told Laindon traders all about it.

At that time there were to be 50 shops and the project was to have been started in 1961. It was going to take between 12 and 15 months to complete. A later reappraisal put the starting date for 1963.

In fact, the preliminary work started in October this year and an 80-week contract is involved. A combined engineering and building contract is being carried out by Thomas Baker, Ltd.

The plan has already been accepted and acclaimed by Laindon traders and it involves the following features:—
• All shops in the centre will be reached without crossing roads. To achieve this, pedestrian bridges will be provided over the High Road and the Laindon Link. (If the new Master Plan is approved, the Link will be cut from Blue-house Farm and the Laindon end of the road will become redundant.)
• Full use of the rise and fall of the site will be made.

Underground service roads will be constructed and while the centre will be "decked," footpaths will lead from the housing estates straight on to the main shopping deck.

• A tenants meeting room or small community centre was originally planned for the centre. Since early plans were drawn up, complications have arisen and the centre will not be built immediately. However, a site will be earmarked for the purpose.

• The shopping area will be completely traffic free, cars being accommodated in two main car parks and ancillary parks at the clinic, library and public house.

• The centre will consist of single-story buildings, except for one block which will have extra floors available for office accommodation and consulting rooms.

• It will be planned around landscaped areas, again making full use of the rise and fall of the land and there will be views along The Link to the Town Centre proper and over the Laindon High Road.

• A bus layby is to be constructed in the High Road and passengers alighting there will be able to enter the centre up a ramp and under a decorative archway.

• Just out of the centre a site has been earmarked for a new Anglican Church. The present winding High Road will need only slight realignment in the vicinity of the centre.

For tenancy of about 40 shops available, the Development Corporation have had a "remarkable" number of inquiries. About 150 concerns have expressed interest in taking shops in the centre.

General Manager of the Corporation Mr. R. C. C. Boniface told a reporter this week: "Few people realise the difficulty we have had in persuading the those who control our decisions that the Laindon Main Shopping Centre would not be a white elephant."

"All indications now, however, point to the fact that it will be an extremely successful and profitable development. And Laindon will be transformed."

At the back of the High Road on the Laindon Station side of The Link, another transformation is taking place as roadworks push towards the railway line nearly parallel with the High Road.

Subways are already taking shape on the shop site, great kousges have appeared where foundations and service roads will spout.

This transformation was the keynote of dozens of meetings a few years ago, when the plan was first announced.

From the outset, shopkeepers were worried for their livelihoods. Residents were worried for their shopping convenience. Now shops and residents have disappeared and the new Laindon is appearing.

Its death was slow—the High Road has been reduced from a bustling country village to a straggling collection of shops in between the gaps left by demolition contractors.

For this the Development Corporation do not apologise—in the scheme of things, it had to come. In 1963, Mr. Boniface told a meeting of shopkeepers: "I have absolutely no regrets at all about anything we have done here since 1961."

"I have always said that Laindon had too many shops. They might have been adequate for the past 60 years, but they are certainly not adequate to compete with the new stores in the Town Centre."

At that time Mr. Boniface said the work on the new shopping centre would start next year (1968). Again, it was an inaccurate forecast and Laindon was kept guessing.

But those who were left in Laindon may now be thinking: "The promise has been kept."

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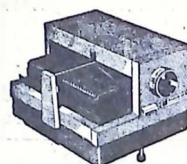
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COURT SEQUEL TO FATAL ACCIDENT

THE DRIVER of a tipper lorry which overturned on a private car, killing a man and his seven-years-old daughter, appeared at Billericay Court on Tuesday.

Leonard Smith (35), of Feering Road, Billericay, was charged with causing death by dangerous driving and with dangerous driving. He was sent for trial at Hertfordshire Assizes on December 5th, granted bail of £25 and legal aid.

Prosecuting, Mr. D. G. Knight told the Court that Smith drove 9/10th miles with the tipper body of his lorry in the full or almost fully raised position from the Walcott House building site, Pitsea, along Wickford Avenue, Rectory Road and High Road, where he hit the top of the railway bridge and overturned.

Deceased were Mr. Terence Gould (36) and his daughter, Pauline, of Lawrence Road, Canning Town, who died from severe skull fractures and lacerations to the brain.

They were driving towards Southend in the opposite direction to the lorry. With them were Mr. Gould's wife, Rosina (32), and son, Michael (13), who suffered minor injuries.

Also involved was Mr. Kenneth Jacobs, a representative, of Park Lane, Southend, who crashed into the underside of the overturned lorry. He was unhurt.

Carpenter and joiner Mr. William Boyce, of West Crescent, Canvey, who was working on the Walcott site, told the Court that he saw the

lorry leaving the site along Wickford Avenue.

"I heard a crack as the lorry brought down some overhead electric light cables. The back of the lorry was tipped right up," he said.

Said Mr. Jacobs: "As I approached the railway bridge I saw the tipper lorry approaching from the other side. The tipping part was up.

"It caught the top of the bridge and the lorry turned over. I braked, but I smashed into the underside of the tipper."

Seen by P.C. Robert Giles of Pitsea, after the accident, Smith told him "The back of the lorry does not close on to the chassis properly when you let it down. It sticks three feet above the chassis."

"I told the firm (J. C. Braine, Ltd., of Dagenham) about it, but they wouldn't do anything about it. It must have come up while I was going along and hit the bridge."

Due to the damage the lorry sustained in the accident, it was impossible to determine whether there had been a pre-accident defect in the tipping mechanism, the Court heard from Ministry of Transport Vehicle Examiner at Gidea Park, Mr. Donald Dean.

Drivers were, however, issued with log sheets daily which made provision for written complaints about vehicle defects, Braine's Assistant Transport Manager, Mr. Harry Johnstone, of Sheffield Drive, Romford, said in evidence.

He produced log sheets submitted by Smith between August 1st and September 7th, the day of the accident, which he said "Pointed out no defect in the tipper mechanism whatsoever."

Smith replied that he had made a verbal complaint about the tipper mechanism to a foreman fitter who had since been sacked from the firm.

"The chaps at work also knew about the faulty tipper, but the firm wouldn't do anything about it," he said.

Asking for legal aid Smith, who was not represented, said he earned £18 per week. He said he was married, but his wife had recently lost a baby and was too ill to work.



BILLERICAY DIVISION GIRL GUIDES HELD A FIREWORKS BAZAAR AT THE ARCHER HALL, BILLERICAY, ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. OUR PICTURE SHOWS THREE COLOURFUL STALL-HOLDERS—GUARDSMAN DAWN FORDHAM, BEEFEATER ANTOINETTE MARRSON AND CHELSEA PENSIONER LORRAINE TAYLOR.

M.P. hopes to stop local authorities "passing the buck"

BILLERICAY'S M.P. Eric Moonman has taken up a resident's three-months-old fight to get an overgrown hedge cut back. His intervention is aimed at preventing the local authorities "passing the buck."

The hedge runs from Laindon Common to Billericay Junior School. It has become so overgrown that the footpath has been reduced to 18 inches in width in some places.

The resident is pensioner Mrs. L. Wilkie, who wrote to Mr. Moonman about the hedge because she is frightened of the danger to herself and other pedestrians as traffic "rushes past" along Laindon Road.

In the letter to Mr. Moonman she states: "The size and speed of traffic on this road forces you to crouch into the hedge as each van, car, and the lives of school children and pensioners are endangered more and more each day."

Mrs. Wilkie has written to Basildon Council five times about the hedge since August, but they have replied that it is not their business, but the responsibility of the farmers whose land borders the footpath.

She has also been in touch with the Police, who reported the matter to Basildon Council. The Police appreciate the situation is dangerous, but are unable to offer any further help.

A way out?

"While the local Council, the Police and the farmers hesitate to take action, a danger arises which may have very serious consequences," Mr. Moonman told the "Standard Recorder" this week.

He has assured Mrs. Wilkie that he will visit Basildon Town Manager David H. Taylor and the Police to

"offer a way out of this dilemma."

"We must certainly avoid the organisational game of passing the buck," he added.

Council view

Commented a spokesman for Basildon Council: "The Council are concerned at the state of the hedges, but have no power to cut them as they are on private property."

"The road is a County road and, as such, only the County Council have the power to require the hedge to be cut. We are, however, pressing them to do this."

Remembrance Sunday

FOR THE first time the Roman Catholic Church will be represented at Billericay British Legion's Remembrance Sunday service.

Father Geoffrey Pye will give the address at the afternoon service, which this year is being held in the Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

Wreath-laying will be at the War Memorial in the High Street at about 3.45 p.m.

Billericay High Street

THE PUBLIC meeting at which Basildon Council's proposals for Billericay High Street, based on their Study Group's findings, and the proposals the Council have put forward in connection with the inner relief road and the way it is likely to affect Town Centre traffic, has been fixed for Friday, December 15th.

Venue will be the Archer Hall, and the meeting, at which questions will be invited, will start at 7.30 p.m.

CHURCH NEEDS £700

WICKFORD Methodist Church is in dire need of £700 to pay for repairs to the church.

The Minister, Rev. Brian Gameson, has appealed to the church's 70 members in Wickford to raise £10 each.

"If we do all we can the money will soon be raised and our church will receive the necessary attention," he writes in the church magazine.

He points out that Sunday collections are not meeting the financial requirements and an average of £10 a week is required to meet the bills.

Fireworks at school

SOUTH GREEN County Junior School held their annual fireworks party on Saturday when 27 entries were received for the guy competition. The prize-winners were: 1. Andrew Marshall; 2. Michael Afford; 3. Teresa Kisson. Consolation prizes, Kay Croft and Deborah Barret.

The party was organised by the Headmistress, Mrs. D. C. Scott-Farthing, Deputy Head Mr. White-lock.

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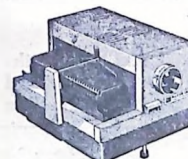
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YVONNE PERRY, great niece of Mr. Herbert Geere (68) and his wife, Alice, of Second Avenue, Shotgate, set sail back to Australia on Tuesday.

Yvonne and her friend, Denise Brooks, both shorthand typists, left their home in Warrnambool, Victoria, two years ago on a working and touring holiday of Europe, the Middle East and Great Britain.

On Saturday they were given a farewell party by Mr. and Mrs. Geere with a buffet tea provided by their son, Mr. William Geere, and his wife, Jean, who live next door, followed by a firework party at the home of daughter Mrs. Pamela Wood in Park Lane, Ramsden Heath.

During the firework display they received a telephone call from Australia. It was Yvonne's father, who rang so that he "could be in on the party."

"The girls had been saving up for years for this trip," Mrs. Geere, sen., told the "Standard."

"They've been everywhere—Russia, Greece, Egypt, all over Europe, England, Wales and Ireland. They have seen all there is to see in London, including a few State occasions."

"When they came to visit as it was the first time I had seen any of my side of the family since they emigrated, and I expect it will be the last."

We see of Yvonne when we see them off again at Tilbury." Yvonne is the daughter of Mrs. Geere's eldest nephew, Charles Perry, who emigrated 50 years ago. In all, she has 40 relatives in Australia.

Above are Mr. and Mrs. Geere with Yvonne and Denise.

100 members

WICKFORD Women's Institute were given an interesting demonstration on how to make Christmas decorations with flowers when they met at Wickford Community Hall on Tuesday.

Speaker for the afternoon was floral exhibitionist Mrs. Baynes.

President Mrs. Halls told members that the Institute had recently enrolled its 100th member.

Competition for the best floral decoration was won by Mrs. Harvey with Mrs. Saunders coming second.

Rotarian speaker

Rotarian F. G. Whitlock, District 108 Chairman, was the speaker at Wickford Rotary Club's luncheon meeting on Thursday week at the Castle Hotel. There were 32 members and two guests present. Rotarian Frederick France presided.

Wickford Tories confident of next election result



Our picture above was taken at the annual dinner of Wickford Conservative Association at the Bull's Eye, Basildon, on Friday, when Mr. Robert McCrindle, prospective Conservative candidate for Billericay, predicted a Tory majority of over 15,000 for the Division in the next parliamentary election.

ATTEMPTED WAGES SNATCH ALLEGATION

AFTER £3,476 HAD BEEN COLLECTED BY BASILDON MEN

A CAR STOLEN from Stoke Newington and found abandoned in Grange Avenue, Wickford, was used in an attempted wage snatch outside Barclays Bank, Honeywood Road, Basildon, in which two Basildon men, employees of Darham Industries, Ltd., were attacked and injured.

This was stated at Billericay on Tuesday, when Roy Pett, (28), of Kemp Road, Enfield, and John Bird (23), of Derby Road, Enfield, were charged with being armed with an offensive weapon, they assaulted Mr. Sidney Butteris and Mr. William Rowbotham.

After a hearing lasting over six hours Bird and Pett were committed for trial to the Hertfordshire Assizes. Through their counsel, Mr. Ivan Lawrence, both men

pleaded not guilty, called no evidence and reserved their defence.

They were allowed bail.

Mr. Butteris, Transport Manager, of Barrington Close, Basildon, said he always acted as escort to Mr. Rowbotham, wages clerk, when he went to the bank to get the wages. On October 12th they went to the bank in Honeywood Road by van, he went to a shop and then joined Mr. Rowbotham in the bank. He was ready to leave.

"I left before him as I always do, Mr. Rowbotham never comes out of the bank until I walk him the all clear. As I walked out a man came from my left and walked across my front. I stopped and he carried on walking. I then continued walking towards our van," said Mr. Butteris.

He went on: "I gave Mr. Rowbotham the all clear. He came out of the bank with a briefcase and I heard a scuffle. I turned round and saw a man attacking Mr. Rowbotham."

Mr. Butteris alleged the man was Bird, the man who had walked in front of him. He was wearing a cap pulled down over his eyes.

A SCUFFLE

"I hit him; he hit me and I went down. As I got up the man ran by me and I ran after him. As I was running I felt something hit me in the mouth. I didn't see what it was, but it broke my false teeth and tore the inside and outside of my mouth," Mr. Butteris added.

Mr. Rowbotham, of Southgate Square, Basildon, who said he collected about £3,476 from the bank told of the attack made on him.

"As I waited for Mr. Butteris to give me the all clear I saw a man walk by and I was suspicious of him," he said.

He received the signal, went out of the bank and saw the man who was still walking. As I heard our van he turned and came straight at me. Seeing he was going to attack me I swung my briefcase towards his head. I could see nothing in the way of arms and then I had an indication of something, but I could not see what it was. I received a blow on my right elbow," Mr. Rowbotham added.

He said the man ran off and he went back into the bank and put the briefcase over the counter.

He alleged that Bird was the man who attacked him, and said he had picked him out at the second of two identifications. Det. Insp. Eric Smith said he had interviewed Pett and Bird who had both denied committing the offence. They said they had not been at Basildon on October 12th.

EDITOR NEEDS HELP

THE FIRST issue of a new parish magazine for Billericay Congregational Church is out this month. The new six-page magazine replaces the old single sheet newsletter.

"Now, more than ever before, I need all the help and co-operation I can get from members and friends of the church," states Editor Mr. Arthur Woodwood in his latest editorial.

"I can improve this magazine only to the extent that people are sufficiently interested to help me improve it. Contributions are urgently required."

Mr. Woodwood goes on to ask for suggestions for a front cover design. "At the moment it has to be kept simple," he writes, "as it is drawn on a stencil. However, if anyone comes up with a really good suggestion I will get an artist to draw it and then, perhaps, we could run to the cost of having the front cover printed litho instead of duplicated."

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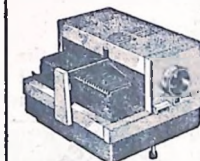
A Basildon Council refuse collection vehicle was involved in a collision with a private car at the junction of Castledon Road and London Road, Wickford, on Thursday week. Both drivers were taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, but were not detained. The driver of the car was Mr. J. Clements, of Fyfield Road, London, E.17. The picture above shows the refuse collection vehicle where it came to rest after the crash. The other photograph is of the damaged car.



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His anger was not shared by colleagues

THE DECISION of Basildon Council to go ahead with the recommendations of their High Street Study Group has raised the ire of at least one member of the town's Residents' Association, who vociferously objected to everything being "cut and dried" when the Association's Executive Committee met.

His anger at the Council's decision did not appear to get much backing from other Committee members. Indeed, his protests were virtually condemned by the Association's councillors, who pointed out that the Association had had a very good and fair hearing when their objections and views were put to the Study Group.

The Committee member, Mr. Roy Hems, did get lukewarm backing from two of his colleagues, but it appeared as if the majority opinion was against him.

It could well be that Mr. Hems was on the right track in his views and that the Council have ridden roughshod over individuals' and organisations' views; only time will tell.

Mr. Hems should be strongly backed in any effort he makes to get the Council to accept more suggestions for consideration before putting the Study Group's plan into effect.

He has a legitimate point when he thinks of the proposed inner relief road and what its relationship to the Town Centre would be if it is approved by the Minister.

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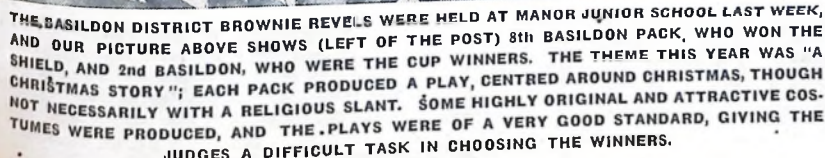
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Times changed in wintertime

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Mrs. Watson was still unable to get about much and Mrs. Staines was visiting her husband in hospital.

Good wishes and thanks were received from Mrs. Drummond, who had written saying she hoped to be back soon.

Birthday honours were given to Mrs. Joyntis and Mrs. Stedman, with Mrs. Tanner at the piano.

It was decided that for the winter months the time of the meeting should be from two to four o'clock in the afternoon.

The rest of the meeting was spent in solo and community singing. Mrs. Boulter was pianist for this and for the closing hymn.

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MEMBERS OF Buttsbury Social Club enjoyed a visit from Mick Collins and his partner, Jack Sims, who gave a splendid entertainment that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The Club, who meet on Thursday evenings at Buttsbury Junior School, Billericay, now have 73 members. Last week Mr. Williams, Vice-Chairman, took the Chair in the absence of Mrs. Hawes.

Special musical honours went to Mrs. R. L. Savage and Mrs. L. Cook for all the work they have done for the Club, organising entertainments and fund-raising events.

New officers

MOST IMPORTANT business of the afternoon for Landon No. 1 branch was election of officers for the forthcoming year.

Elected were Mrs. M. Sibthorpe, Chairman; Mrs. L. M. Habberfield, Secretary; Mrs. C. Godden, Treasurer; Mrs. E. Chapman, Social Secretary; Mr. Fryer, trustee; committee, Mrs. Banks, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Livermore and Mrs. Sherwin.

Sick members were remembered and sent good wishes for their recovery.

Scottish dancing

A WONDERFUL display of Scottish dancing by Mrs. Payne and her dancers thrilled members of the Landon Darby and Joan Club last Friday.

Afterwards a vote of thanks was proposed by Chairman Mr. Hardy. Members said how much they enjoyed last week's dinner and social.

Sick members were remembered and gifts of new-laid eggs were conveyed to them by sick visitor Mrs. Mason.

Members were reminded of the forthcoming Christmas bazaar.

They are indignant

THE INDIGNATION of Wickford No. 2 branch at the proposed increase in television licence charges was expressed in a personal letter to Lord Hill. The letter was read to the branch at their weekly meeting last Friday by Secretary Mrs. K. Gent.

Mrs. Boulter played and sang to entertain members and everyone joined in the choruses. Afterwards Chairman Mr. P. Perkins thanked her on behalf of everyone.

Tea hostesses were Mesdames Tillard, Perkins, Hill, Carmen and Hitchcock.

14TH BIRTHDAY

FITSEA Fuchsla Club celebrated their 14th anniversary with a sit-down tea and a really good sing-song at their weekly meeting on Monday. Mrs. Hawley and Mrs. Harris shared duties at the piano and soloists were Mrs. Formentor, a founder member, and one of the Club's oldest members, Mrs. Parker. Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Loman. The afternoon ended with two "spot dances" and the "Anniversary Waltz."

Willing helpers

A WELL-ATTENDED meeting of the Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club enjoyed a visit from the Florestan Concert Party at their weekly meeting last Thursday.

A speedy recovery was wished for all sick members. Mrs. Ricketts was warmly welcomed back after illness and musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Wilkinson.

Members were reminded that a jumble sale will be held on Saturday, November 18th, and the annual dinner will take place on December 14th. Chairman Mr. V. Crowley said this year they hope the dinner will be a bumper one.

Mrs. Peters and a willing band of helpers served the afternoon cuppa and donors of the many raffle gifts were thanked by the Chairman.

ALL JOINED IN

Musical entertainment was provided for members of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens at their weekly meeting on Thursday week by their own concert party. Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Le Brun were the soloists and the programme included recorded music. Everyone joined in the choruses and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A popular Chairman ill

MEMBERS OF Langdon Hills Over-Sixties Club were deeply sorry to hear of the illness in hospital of their popular Chairman Mr. W. J. Holland. Acting Chairman Mrs. Sheppard conveyed a message of sympathy and best wishes for his recovery.

Reports were received of other sick members, including Mrs. Holloway, not much improved, Mrs. Delow and Mrs. Gristwood.

Mrs. Quill and Mrs. Reeves received musical birthday honours and Mrs. Reeves supplied cakes for tea.

Members enjoyed a whilst drive with Mr. Bonham as M.C. Winners were Mrs. Williams, Mr. Hodges, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Peckham. Mrs. Attenborough presented the prizes.

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TIME TO SING

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Printers' ink



VIVID MEMORIES OF HIS "BANGING-OUT CEREMONY" IN 1904 ARE STILL WITH RETIRED PRINTER MR. FRANK WITHERS, NOW A CONTENTED RESIDENT AT SOUTHWOOD COURT PRINTERS' PENSIONERS HOME IN BASILDON.

"I was banged-out at 12 noon and became a journeyman from 2 o'clock," he recalls. "At 4 p.m. I glanced at the clock — I'd worked for two hours and earned 1s. 6d.!"

During his working life, Frank had some interesting jobs. One firm was engaged in the private publishing of books, and he remembers one, written by Queen Alexandra, entitled "Buckingham Palace." It described in great detail the beautiful furniture at the palace, and had many fine illustrations.

"Time didn't matter there — life went by very peacefully," muses Frank. He was there for 24 years. In 1930 he joined the "Daily Mail," and spent the rest of his working life with that paper. He worked till he was 70 — he is now 84.

"I'd certainly go into print again. I always found it most interesting," he declares.

Books and reading are among his favourite hobbies now. He takes a keen interest in the glossy magazines, especially in the colour reproductions. He exclaims with joy over a well-produced colour plate — he can remember when such a thing would need a different operation to produce each colour.

"Mind you, work in print was hard in the old days, and poorly paid," he says. "I started at five shillings a week. At the end of my time I was getting 20s.!" By this time he had left his parents' home, and had to keep himself on this amount.

He remembers the old St.

Pancras Chronicle, which was established just before the Reller of Mafeking. "When we finished printing it, we used to deliver it on a handcart!" says Frank with a chuckle.

Frank was married for 49 very happy years, but he is alone again now. He does his own housework, except for the floors ("Can't reach those now!" he laughs) and he does all his own cooking. He made me a cup of tea, and proudly produced a tin full of most delicious cookies, which he had baked himself.

His proudest moment came when the Queen Mother visited Southwood Court. She came gaily through his front door with her own charming smile, and asked him to show her round. She was most impressed at his culinary skill. A large framed picture of her signing the visitor's book stands in pride of place on his cabinet.

DISAPPOINTMENT

A disappointing telegram, saying that owing to illness the concert party booked could not appear, was received by Billericay branch at their meeting last Wednesday. Members played Bingo instead. Members heard reports on the branch's sick colleagues. Mr. Heard was a little better. Mrs. King maintaining her progress and Mrs. August getting along nicely. Mr. Haydon is to go to hospital and everyone sent good wishes. It was announced that the forthcoming trip to the pantomime is now fully booked. Mrs. Cayer and Mrs. Hill were tea hostesses.



Members of Lee Chapel South O.A.P. branch enjoying themselves at their meeting in the Community Centre last week.

Your trees helped to make this bonfire



ground at Ghyllgrove, where somebody took the trouble to saw through a 2in. steel tube, in order to ruin a piece of play equipment.

The case of two Corporation bungalows, off Cranes Farm Road, Basildon, presented to the Fryerns Boys' Club, but reduced to derelict shells before the Club had a chance to move in.

The case of the toilets off Great Gregorie, Lee Chapel, twice completely ruined. Toilet seats smashed, basins torn off, lumps of rock hurled through the bars of the windows. Now the lavatories are permanently closed.

Mr. Dawson estimated landscape repairs at upwards of £7,000 a year. That does not count the cost of the wages of men who do the repairs, only the cost of the replacements.

Parents blamed

Chairman of the Council Recreation Committee, Coun. Derrick Pope, put a large part of the blame squarely on the shoulders of the parents.

He spoke of parents who "Just sit and watch their kids pulling up flowers. This is really scandalous behaviour."

He told the story of three seats installed in the Pound Lane recreation ground, in Lalndon, so that mothers could sit and watch while their children played. The seats were made of teak and cast iron and set in concrete. Within months all three had to be removed as dangerous.

"They will not be replaced," promised the number of men working made to pay the exact Councillor, "We do not full-time to prevent it, and cost of repair or replacement the hours they spend re-ment."

He went on: "We cannot provide attractive facilities, because we have to make them vandal proof. You don't really need cast iron and teak seats for people to sit on, they're certainly less attractive and more expensive than other types.

These two huts were in use only a short time ago as changing accommodation on a playing field. Then the wreckers got to work. Both doors were broken open, one half of a roof torn off, the insides of the huts smashed up, panels of the wall broken down, one hut was set on fire and obscene remarks painted over them in green paint.

Below: The interior of the changing huts, which have now been carried away to the comparative safety of Frampton's Farm, off Nevendon Road. The gaping hole in the wall was caused when someone tried to set fire to the inside of the hut.



We have to put ugly things in the parks so they'll be licensed fines, the destruction has dropped sharply.

What is the solution to the problem? With the vandals caught and the number of men working made to pay the exact Councillor, "We do not full-time to prevent it, and cost of repair or replacement the hours they spend re-ment."

pairing the damage, the cost must run into many thousands of pounds every year, vandalism must be cut down, but now?

The Post Office seem to have found one answer. Perhaps this is the lesson Their telephone kiosks that the wreckers need. used to suffer terrible damage, but after a series New Town is difficult of heavy, and widely pub- enough without them.

The wreckers of Basildon

YOUNG VANDALS ARE RUNNING RIOT



Two shots taken inside the Corporation lavatories in Great Gregorie, Lee Chapel South, Basildon, which have been twice opened and twice destroyed by the wreckers.

Slats on the windows were broken first, and these were replaced by bars. The vandals, undeterred, climbed up with lumps of rock and hung them through to reduce every lavatory pan in the building to the state of the one pictured. They also pulled wash basins off the wall (pictured) and broke off a drinking fountain and a wastepaper basket outside. When this had been done twice the Corporation decided to close the lavatories, and they have stayed closed.



LAST WEEK, as children on school holiday happily wandered around with saws and axes collecting wood for their Guy Fawkes bonfires, about £2,000 of damage was done to trees in Basildon, writes PETER ALLEN.

That £2,000 is only a small part of the cost of the war which New Town vandals wage incessantly against both Council and Corporation.

All through the year playgrounds are ruined, saplings torn and broken, empty houses gutted, plants ripped out, windows and lights smashed.

The picture above could be any Guy Fawkes eve bonfire. Branches, and in some cases whole trees, have been chopped down for it — stakes round the trees have also been used.

All this chaos, and more, is the work of the "Wreckers of Basildon." These anonymous young vandals are frustrating the work of people trying to make Basildon a better place, and they are costing you and the other tax and ratepayers thousands of pounds every year.

The week before bonfire night is the worst for trees. Basildon Development Corporation send out special patrols to try and stop the damage being done, but they cannot cover the whole district. A glance at Saturday revealed just how much trees had suffered in the cause of Guy Fawkes.

A relief

The incessant rain on Saturday came as a relief for the Corporation. It saved them a lot of money.

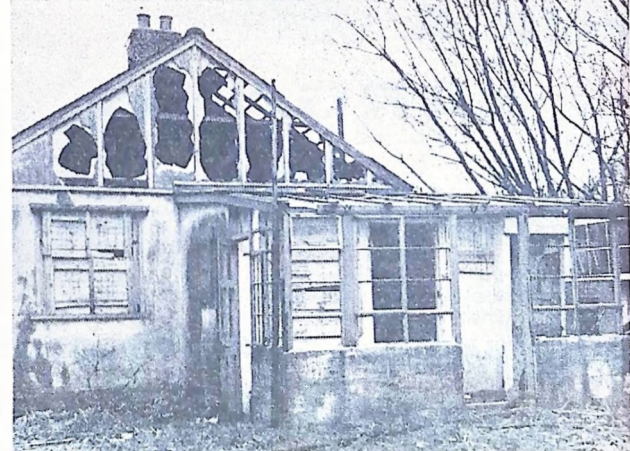
Although bonfire night is over, however, their troubles are not. Chief Landscape Architect of the Corporation, Pat Dawson, spoke of "Fifty or 100 new trees which might be snapped off by a gang of youths during a single night."

The solution?

"We shall not get anywhere preaching at these kids. They are simply lonely bored people. The solution is to make contact with them."

Considering how Mr. Dawson and his fellow workers have suffered at the hands of vandals, they take a very enlightened view of them!

Take the case of a play-




ONE OF THE TWO CORPORATION HOUSES WHICH WERE HANDED OVER IN PERFECTLY RESPECTABLE CONDITION TO FRYERNS BOYS' CLUB A FEW MONTHS AGO. BUT THE VANDALS GOT IN BEFORE THE BOYS' CLUB AND REDUCED THE HOUSES TO THEIR PRESENT STATE.

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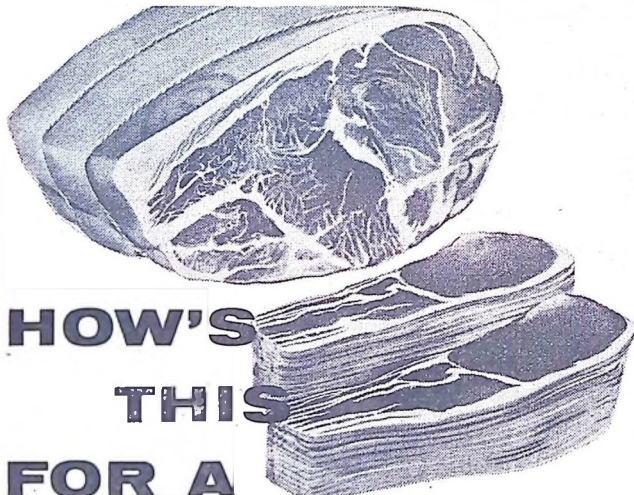
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THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO BOYS' CLUB WEEK



CLOUD WITH A SILVER LINING!

EVERY CLOUD has a silver lining, even those which hung over Basildon last Saturday. They brought incessant rain, which meant that Basildon Fire Brigade did not have a single call on what is usually a very busy day. On Monday the Fire Brigade attended a fire in a letter box in Whitmore Way, Basildon, and later in the afternoon a rubbish fire behind the shopping centre at Fryerns.

VAN THEFT

A blue van owned by Mr. Raymond Herridge, of The Greensted, Basildon, was stolen from waste ground near his home on Friday.

Ten Berry Boys had tough run of 100 miles

THROUGH POURING rain on Friday night, ten Berry Boys' Club members ran a 100-mile relay from Lowestoft to Basildon Town Centre.

It marked the end of National Boys' Club week. Despite the rain, the boys arrived at Club Headquarters in Laindon High Road well ahead of schedule. They left Lowestoft at ten o'clock Friday evening and came in at Laindon 12.30 Saturday. Then they ran again—to an official reception at the Town Centre.

There to meet them were Council Chairman A. Baron Burn and Lieut.-Col. A. Crossley, Chairman of Essex Association of Boys' Clubs. The runners took a letter to Lieut.-Col. Crossley from the Editor of the "Lowestoft Journal".

And then for a meal of chicken and chips! All the boys were in high spirits, including 12-years-old Melvyn Llewellyn. "He would have been heartbroken if we had left him out," said Club Leader Peter Reynolds. "He was the youngest."

"We planned the relay run as a gesture to show the public what boys of this age—14 to 15—can do."

Berry Boys' Club specialise in boxing, football and athletics. Seventy boys take part in activities every night of the week.

With the boys, in two vehicles, went St. John Ambulance man David Shearcroft, Committee member Mr. Tony Gridley and Mr. George Parker, of Basildon Drive, a parent.

"I think this a fantastic achievement," said Mr. Parker. "These boys went through continuous rain, puddles and along dark lanes. When you go along with them you realise the spirit of them—it is different to the image of youth that many people have."

Berry Boys have marked the Club week with a run before; but not on this scale. Each boy ran ten miles and at the end they all ran to the Town Centre.

Boys running were Stephen Ludlow, Robert McCallion, Paul Quinn, Chris Fordham, Ian Cocker, Michael McCallion, Raymond Strand, Richard Llewellyn, Tony Parker and Melvyn Llewellyn.

ANOTHER REMAND

On Tuesday, Allen Dixon (21) stationed with the R.A.F. at Wattisham, Suffolk, was further remanded in custody at Billericay when he appeared on remand on a charge of rape of a Basildon woman. The remand was for seven days. The papers in the case were with the Director of Public Prosecutions, said Mr. Malcolm Simons, prosecuting.

CHIVALRY WENT WRONG

A CASE of chivalry which went wrong took Mrs. Jill Ford to Billericay Court on Tuesday. In Billericay High Street, she was waved on by two male drivers... and drove into an oncoming car.

This car had been obscured by a large lorry.

"I waited for traffic coming up and down the High Street," she told Billericay Court on Tuesday. "The driver of the lorry waved me over."

She was also waved on by a car driver and drove very slowly across the road.

Mrs. Ford, of Norsey Road, Billericay, was given a conditional discharge, without an endorsement, on a summons of careless driving.

More advice at bureau

EXTENDED hours of opening for Billericay Citizens' Advice Bureau were announced this week by the organiser, Mr. C. T. Whyman.

The full time of opening will be: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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The happy refreshment helpers seen above attended the opening of the Laindon and Basildon Young Conservatives' headquarters in Laindon High Road on Saturday.

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Apologies for a thriller

FOR THEIR fourth play Basildon Amateur Theatrical Society chose the Agatha Christie "who-dunnit" (three times) "Murder At The Vicarage." Apologised Society founder Mr. Ted Marchant: "I'm afraid we are letting the box office rule us," writes **RODNEY LEGG.**

When he has made the Society a real name on the local drama scene he hopes to stage a better class of production, like Shakespeare or Shaw.

The group's earlier plays were also the easy-going, commercially-aimed, comedy-cum-thriller type of play. But this has given the actors a gentle introduction to the art of the theatre — which they needed.

Several members of the cast at the weekend seemed to lack both confidence and any real faith in the play they were acting.

The actor who stood out was Brian Houser. However, his obvious experience makes it unfair to compare him with other members of the cast who are newcomers to drama. Mr. Marchant himself took a part and was also producer. He is in the same class as Mr. Houser, having worked in all forms of theatre work for 30 years.

His time in the Royal Navy took him to productions all over the world. "I was always lucky to get torpedoed or bombed so I could stay long enough at one place," he told a reporter.

Paula Ripley gave a very impressive first performance. In fact, she gave no clue that her only acting experience was at school.

Mr. Marchant's policy is to put new recruits straight into a part. He says: "You can't keep people hanging about and also keep them with you."

"So I have to go under the standards I would like to maintain. The Society was formed 15 months ago and this is a training ground for higher class

productions in the future." But the pure intellectual plays are still out. "For those you need people completely dedicated to drama," he points out.

The cast for "Murder At The Vicarage": Brian Cook, Jean Elliott, Alan Osborne, Ted Marchant, Sandie Osborne, Jane Rattu, Helen Hawes, Marjorie Sorrell, Paula Ripley, Brian Houser, John Hawes, Brian Knight, John Farnborough and Arthur Sorrell.

Back stage workers: Bob Rattu, Harry Marshall, Owen Selby, Adrian Welch, Brian Knight, Kay Rattu, Helen Rusbridge, Christine Houser and Marjorie Sorrell.

Your cinemas

Odeon, Brentwood
Starring Brigitte Bardot
"Two Weeks In September" (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) is an "eternal triangle" love story. An action-packed Western adventure "Rough Night In Jericho" will be showing Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Century, Pitsea
"Bonnie and Clyde" (showing for one week) is an American gangster drama based on real life. The period is the early 1930s. Clyde Barrow, not long out of prison for armed robbery, a young man without scruples, meets Bonnie Parker when she catches him trying to steal her mother's car. This is the start of the Barrow gang, which ends in murder and bloodshed.

Radion, Laindon
"The Gnome - Mobile" (Tuesday, for five days) is a delightful fairy-tale in which a millionaire creates a forest gnome-life preserve. A typical fairy tale in which virtue, true love and the faith of children triumph and the villain gets his just deserts.

Ritz, Billericay
Monday, for six days "You Only Live Twice" is a spy-adventure in which the famous James Bond pits his wits against a syndicate planning to start a third world war.

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Dance time for Labour members



The Constituency Labour Party held a ball at the Locarno Ballroom, Basildon, on Friday evening. The guest of honour was Mr. Eric Moonman, M.P., accompanied by his wife; they are seen here with councillors and their wives.

FIREWORKS AID POOL

OVER 600 people attended a fireworks party at Billericay Junior School on Saturday. Organised by the Parent-Teacher Association, it included an hour-long display and gave a profit of about £50 to the Swimming Pool Fund.

Hot-dogs, soup and soft drinks were served in the school canteen, where a raffle was held. It was won by Mr. D. Burridge, Chairman of the Association, and made £11 12s. profit.

BUTTSBURY JUNIOR SCHOOL

On-the-spot investigation

AN ON-THE-SPOT investigation into the overcrowding problems at Buttsbury Junior School will take place at the school on Monday morning.

A representative from the Department of Education and Science will be present at the investigation demanded by Billericay's M.P., Mr. Eric Moonman.

It will be the first time

there has been a direct involvement of the department in this type of situation and it is an indication of the seriousness of the problem.

Basildon Town Manager Mr. David H. Taylor, Mr. Moonman, representatives of the Essex County Council and parents are also expected at the meeting.

"I took the initiative because I view this matter in the most serious light," Mr. Moonman, a Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Department of Education and Science, told the "Standard Recorder" on Thursday.

"I have been in touch with parents and officials for several months and I had hoped the matter would be resolved by other means," he said.

Meet your councillor

FOLLOWING the success of Basildon Council's "Meet Your Councillor" sessions in October, five more meetings have been arranged for November 17th.

The sessions, which begin at 7 p.m., are as follows:

Barstable Ward—Fairhouse County Junior School, Long Riding. Councillors R. H. Buckley, G. R. Elder and J. E. Morgan, all Labour.

Buttsbury Ward—Buttsbury County Junior School, Norse View Drive. Councillors A. W. Bond, T. D. Chapman and J. H. Savage, all Conservative.

Central Ward—Members Room (adjacent to Council Chamber), Fodderwick. Councillors B. Beasley (Conservative), Councillors W. C. H. Chalk and K. E. Tyson (Labour).

Langdon Hills Ward—Langdon Hills County Primary School, High Road. Councillors Mrs. P. J. Cole, L. Jenkins and J. A. Middleton, M.B.E., all Conservatives.

He founded timber firm

THE FOUNDER of Churchill Johnson's, formerly timber merchants of Laindon, Wickford, Brentwood and Billericay, has died, aged 78.

He was Mr. William George Boss, who was cremated at Ruislip Crematorium. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Winifred Boss, and a daughter, Miss Barbara Rogers, both living in Ruislip.

Mr. Boss lived in Laindon from 1917 to 1939 during which time he founded Churchill Johnson in Laindon and expanded the business to other districts. His firm built the Vange Wharf, from where timber was transported to his depots.

The firm was taken over by Farquharson's in 1939 and has since been taken over by John Hadland's.

From 1911 Mr. Boss was managing director of Boss and Rogers, timber merchants, of Amersham, Bucks.

In his earlier days he was a keen amateur boxer, but when he was 36 he lost the sight of one eye and was forced to give up boxing.

DUTY CHEMISTS

BASILDON
C. C. Wind, 118, Whitmore Way, Basildon, and M. D. Godfrey, 150, Clay Hill Road, Basildon, will be duty chemists for week commencing Monday (November 13th). They will be open every weeknight (except Wednesday and Saturday) from 6 to 7 p.m. On Sunday (November 12th), C. Wind, 415, Whitmore Way, will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

BILLERICAY
Nix (Chemists) Ltd., 111, High Street, Billericay will be duty chemist for week commencing Monday (November 13th). They will be open from 6 to 6.30 p.m. every weeknight (except Thursday when they will be open from 7 to 8 p.m.). On Sunday they will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

WICKFORD
L. A. Garbett, 25, High Street, Wickford, and M. W. Shadforth, 53, High Street, Wickford, are open alternate evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon (name of duty chemist noted on door of both shops).

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
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The Ladies-Got-Together Club celebrated their first birthday with a dinner and dance at the Jolly Friar, Basildon, on Tuesday evening.

Britain losing importance to Commonwealth

SO SAYS MR. MOONMAN

THE DIMINISHING importance of Britain to the Commonwealth countries was put forward as a "home truth" by Basildon's M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman last week.

Mr. Moonman was speaking at a discussion group forum in Southport, Lancashire.

He pointed out that while not forgetting valuable links with the Commonwealth, it was as well to see the Common Market situation in the light of facts.

"It must be recognised that the Kennedy round cuts will have the effect of lessening the significance of Commonwealth preferences, whose value to our economy has, in any case, been diminishing."

"The preferences which are of most importance to us, those on manufactured goods exported to the wealthier nations of the Commonwealth, have been gradually eroded as those nations have built up their own industries and developed new economic relationships."

"The Canadian agreement for free trade in motor cars with the U.S.A. is a particularly conspicuous example of this tendency."

"Australia's economic orientation is increasingly

towards the U.S.A. and Japan. In 1951 we supplied nearly 50 per cent of Australia's import—now we supply only 23 per cent. "Japan is Australia's best customer and is naturally pressing for better access to Australian markets for her own exports."

SURPRISE VISITOR

Miss Middleton and Company gave a splendid afternoon's entertainment to members of Pitsea branch O.A.P. at their weekly meeting on Tuesday. A surprise visitor to the branch was Mr. Nulton, who has been away for some considerable time, owing to his wife's long stay in hospital. Now that she is home again and progressing nicely, the branch looks forward to seeing them both again at meetings. News of other sick members were received, including Mrs. Alderman, admitted to Orsett Hospital. A hearty welcome back went to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, returning after sickness. Members were reminded about the Christmas bazaar, which will be held on Tuesday, November 21st. The usual raffle was held for branch funds and tea was served by Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Goulder, Mrs. White and Mrs. Carney.

String of indecent offences

AFTER considering medical reports, Chelmsford Magistrates on Thursday week put Thomas Frederick Mason (21), of Seven Acres, Shotgate, on probation for three years.

At an earlier Court he pleaded guilty to indecent exposure while sitting in his car and asked for five similar offences to be taken into consideration.

It was reported that Mason, married and father of two children, was fined at Billericay last May in respect of two charges of indecent exposure, 21 similar offences being taken into consideration.

W.I. cakes are so tempting

A TOTAL profit of £26 9s. was raised by members of the Laindon Women's Institute at their Christmas bazaar on Tuesday. Held at the Community Centre, Laindon, the bazaar was a great success, and business was extremely brisk.

As usual with W.I. bazaars, the cake stall, with its mouth-watering array of tempting cakes, sold out first. Apparently everyone knows how well W.I. members can bake! In the absence of the Institute's President, the bazaar was opened by Mrs. Rhoda Blythe, branch Press Officer. Stallholders were as follows: Christmas stall and raffles, Mrs. F. Wilkes; Mrs. M. Finch; household stall, Mrs. D. Richmond; garments, Mrs. E. Pegrum; Miss Harcourt, Mrs. Wood; Mrs. Cordery; cakes, Mrs. G. Swift, Mrs. G. Clark; white elephant, Mrs. F. Harris; plants, Mrs. D. Hird. Collecting money at the door was founder-member and Vice-President Mrs. E. Pegrum, sen., and refreshments were in the capable hands of Mrs. G. Urwin and Mrs. R. Blythe.

DANCERS IN DEMAND

DANCERS of Billericay, your Youth Opera Company needs YOU.

The Company are hoping to produce Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" in the near future, but they have not got enough dancers to fill all the parts.

The Youth Opera Company began in 1965 as a musical group with a membership of six. Now about 50 strong, they are out to make a name for themselves by producing a selection of all kinds of operas and musicals.

They intend to take "The Mikado" on a tour of one-or-two-night stands visiting further education establishments, schools and youth clubs, as well as giving local public performances.

"We want to form a permanent dance group which will be directed by Miss Carol Philp," said a spokesman. "We are looking for people, aged 14 and upwards, who have had some form of dancing training."

The company already have four dancers on their books, but they need another eight or 10. Anyone interested should contact Miss Philp at 31, Scrub Rise, Billericay.

No scooter for a month

STOPPED by a Policeman in Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse, a motor scooter rider appeared at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday.

A boy of 16, he admitted having defective brakes, carrying an unlicensed passenger and not having L-plates.

He was fined £3 and disqualified from driving for a month.



IT'S SURPRISING what these little Flats have under their bonnets! In this case it was Ann Page and Joyce Hopping! The occasion was an open evening at Page Motors, Ltd., Wickford, who introduced their new range of models.

200,000 people want that station

SOME 200,000 people in the Basildon area are not satisfied with the "sorry and sad progress" made towards the provision of a Basildon railway station. This is stated by M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman in a letter to Transport Minister Mrs. Barbara Castle this week.

Mr. Moonman asks for information on the latest position about the railway station and calls for a detailed statement on progress from the time negotiations first started.

Are you personally satisfied with the sorry and sad progress that has been made in arriving at a decision? Some 200,000 people in this area are not, I'm afraid," Mr. Moonman wrote.

HOLIDAY SLIDES
Members of Billericay Women's Institute met at the Constitutional Club last week and saw colour slides of holidays at home and abroad. A large number attended.

NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAY!

Mr. and Mrs. Frank White entertained members of Vane branch O.A.P. at their weekly meeting at St. Chad's Hall, Vange, on Friday. Musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Bush and Mr. White. Mr. and Mrs. Lomas celebrated their wedding anniversary. Such members were remembered and sent good wishes for their recovery. Mrs. Alderman, who collapsed in a bus and was taken to Orsett Hospital, is very ill. Mrs. Pym is getting better. Mrs. Lomas received a hearty welcome back after a spell of illness.

It was announced that the visit to London Philharmonic will be January 16th, and Christmas dinner will take place on December 17th. Names are now being taken for next year's summer holiday, which will be at Weymouth in May.

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FOR NINE MONTHS PETITIONS AND SPEAKERS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS HAVE DEMANDED A BRIDGE.

EVERY DAY HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN CROSS THE ROAD TO REACH SCHOOLS AT WOODLANDS AND ELSEWHERE IN THE NEW TOWN.

TRANSPORT REPORT

THREE MEMBERS of Billericay Residents' Association executive, Coun. Brian Hooks, Mr. Dennis Wilby and Mr. Roger Longden, were appointed by the committee on Friday to form their new Transport sub-Committee.

They will prepare a report on bus and train services in the area for submission to Basildon Transport Users Consultative Panel.

BILLERICAY CARNIVAL PROFIT

Organisations who will get gifts

THE BENEFICIARIES of this year's Billericay Carnival profits were selected at a meeting of the Carnival Association on Monday.

It was decided that another seat would be purchased for the town. A request from an old people's welfare organisation, the Good Companions, for a collapsible wheelchair, costing about £35, was also granted.

Basildon and Billericay Group of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation Trust made a request to be given some of the profits, and this too was granted. It was agreed to give them £50, part of which may go towards research at Billericay Hospital.

The Association Committee consented to give Billericay and Wickford District Scout Association some of the profits, especially considering how much support they had given with carnivals in the past.

It was agreed that the balance of the profits would be divided between Billericay Sports Club Youth Section, and Billericay Junior School Swimming Pool Fund.

This year's Carnival raised £300, and if next year's makes the same, then the Youth Section and the Pool Fund should receive £75 each.

Date of the Carnival next year is Saturday August 10th.

Boy must attend school

ON THE 36 occasions out of a possible 88 when a Basildon boy attended school there were only two full weeks' attendance, Billericay Juvenile Court heard on Monday.

The Bench adjourned the case for a month to see if the boy attended regularly.

"You go to school properly until you are 15, or you'll come back here and be sent away where you will have to go to school later after that," said the Chairman, Mr. H. H. Dunnicu.

Labourer sent to Borstal

A 17-YEARS-OLD labourer, Martin Stephen Lobbie, of Outwood Farm Close, Billericay, was sent to Borstal at Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford on Thursday week.

Billericay Magistrates had committed him for sentence for stealing a cheque, taking and driving away a scooter without the owner's consent, and using the machine while uninsured.

Prosecuting counsel Mr. Duncan Macrao said the cheque belonged to Lobbie's step-father at whose home he had been living. The scooter was taken from a cycle compound at Billericay Station, and a Policeman saw it being driven by Lobbie with another youth on the pillion.

Arrested Lobbie said he did not know who owned the machine. At the Police Station he was searched and was found in possession of the missing cheque.

Counsel said Lobbie told Police another youth actually took the cheque after saying he wanted money to buy a scooter.

Det-Con. F. Nicholls reported that in October last year Lobbie was convicted of assault on Police and was put on probation for two years. He was in breach of this order.

Lobbie, who asked for one other offence of taking and driving away a motor cycle to be taken into consideration, told the Court: "I will never do anything like this again."

NEW GOVERNOR

Coun. Gordon Field, Chairman of Basildon Education Committee, has been appointed a Governor of Thurrock Technical College for three years from 1st January.

Master Plan

The Minister of Housing's decision on Basildon's new 140,000 population Master Plan is expected "soon".

An announcement by the Ministry this week states that the Inspector's report is now being considered by the Minister.

The bride who came from Ireland

Married at the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford, on Wednesday were Mr. Gordon Sidney Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, of the Carlton Cafe, Arterial Road, Wickford, and Miss Angela Clare Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owens, of King Court, County Meath, Eire. Father Gallagher officiated.

The bride wore a white satin dress, full-length lace coat and train, and carried a bouquet of red roses. She

was given away by the groom's father.

Bridesmaids were Mary Owens (bride's sister) and Joyce Murray (bridegroom's sister), who wore turquoise dresses trimmed with beads and carried bouquets of red roses. Best man was Mr. David Murray.

The couple are spending their honeymoon in Lincolnshire.

DONKEY DERBY

Approval has been given by Basildon Council for Neveendon Road Recreation Ground, Wickford, to be used for a Donkey Derby in July, 1968. Organisers are the Rotary Club of Wickford.

The Pill

A FILM on the Pill—titled "Peace of Mind"—will be shown by Basildon Community Association at Fryerns Community Centre in December.

The film starts by showing the early Chinese method of oral contraception—the swallowing of tadpoles.

It goes on to deal with better-known methods and continues with the research behind the Pill.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Rev. Arthur Dunlop has offered to open St. Martin's Church, in Basildon's Town Centre, daily at lunch-time during the 1968 Week of Prayer. The sessions in 1967 proved so popular that he felt it would be well worth repeating next year.



ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, BASILDON, WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP HELD A LADIES' NIGHT IN THE CHURCH HALL ON TUESDAY.



A bazaar was held by the Laindon Women's Institute in the Laindon Community Centre on Tuesday.

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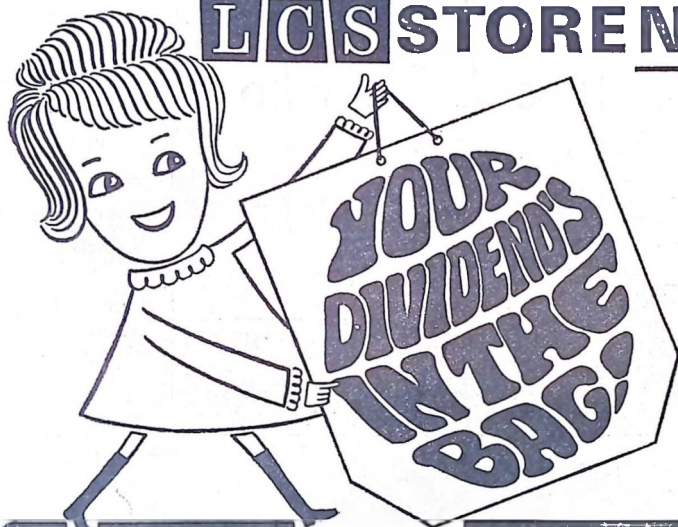
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CLUB THIEF WAS PERSUADED BY HIS WIFE TO SURRENDER TO THE POLICE

He was jailed for two years

WHILE EMPLOYED as assistant steward at the United Services Club, Stanford-le-Hope, Arthur John Corbett (33), of Gattawade Link, Basildon, stole £156 17s. 6d. and disappeared.

For this theft he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford on Wednesday.

persuade him to follow

Prosecuting counsel Mr. W. Gage said accused started work at the club last September. On October 3rd, when the steward was off duty, he opened the club from 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

He should have reopened it in the evening, but failed to do so and disappeared.

A check revealed that £156 17s. 6d., (including £100 in silver) and four bottles of whisky were missing.

On October 13th he went to Grays Police Station and admitted taking the money, but not the whisky.

He said he took the money because he was heavily in debt, but while in a train £70 of it was stolen from him.

Det. Sgt. Bernard Doy reported that Corbett had made 13 previous Court appearances and was at present on probation for stealing a bottle of vodka while employed at a restaurant. He was married and had a 15-months-old child and his wife was expecting another.

Mrs. Grace Margaret Corbett told the Court that after her husband's disappearance he telephoned her and she persuaded him to go to the Police.

When she married him in 1964 she knew nothing about his previous record. She believed she could persuade him to follow her advice.

Fire station

A scheme for building a new fire station at Billericay has been deferred for a year by Essex County Council. Estimated to cost £20,640, it has been placed in the 1969/70 capital programme.

Harold was the guy

AN EFFIGY of Prime Minister Harold Wilson was burnt as a guy at the Lalndon and Basildon Young Conservative Association Bonfire Night on Saturday.

For them it was a suitable occasion — the opening of their new headquarters at Glenbarry, High Road, Lalndon.

It was officially opened by prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Billericay Mr. Robert McCrindle.

Opening the headquarters, he said it was a great test of enterprise of Young Conservatives to take advantage of the bonfire when it was offered.

In a short address as the bonfire was lit, Mr. McCrindle referred to the Queen's speech of earlier in the week as of "no importance."

Then, turning to elections, he claimed: "By-election results this week have been a devastating indictment of the Labour Government."

"The result at Leicester was a great encouragement to the Conservatives of this country and this constituency. We can be sure that at the next election Billericay will go up on the television screens as a Conservative gain."

"Leicester makes shoes, and the message from Leicester is quite clear — that Mr. Wilson has got too big for his boots."

HELP FOR PARENTS OF CHILD PATIENTS

A GROUP of Basildon Mothers are forming a local branch of the National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospitals.

One of its main aims is to achieve unrestricted visiting hours in children's wards. They are also interested in organising help for parents wanting to visit children in hospital, but are unable to because of transport or baby-sitting problems.

Anyone interested in the organisation should contact Mr. D. Partridge, of 117, Falstons, Lee Chapel North.

Preparing for Christmas



Courses for councillors criticised

EDITOR OF THE LEE CHAPEL NORTH TENANTS' AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER "NORSEMAN" MR. WADE VANDENBERGH HAS ATTACKED COURSES BEING ORGANISED BY BASILDON COUNCIL FOR COUNCILLORS.

"What a waste of time, effort and possibly public money," he says, "when one is organised for the Conservatives and a second for Labour councillors. One would have thought ONE course would have more usefully served the purpose, at a cheaper rate."

"At least the councillors would be able to benefit from dealing with a controversial subject matter such as they might expect to actually meet in office."

"Perhaps the Town Manager thinks it is too much to expect these opposing factors to work together for the good of the general populace of the Basildon Urban District."

Mr. Vandenberg also has a reference to Basildon Development Corporation's Chief Landscape Architect, Mr. Patrick Dawson.

On the subject of play areas, he says: "We read that local youngsters and the Development Corporation are to construct cycle racing tracks, one of which is to be in Lee Chapel North."

"Good, Mr. Dawson. More power to your long-delayed schemes. Now what about an attempt to provide the youngsters with materials and plans to build some of the other items?"

Mr. Vandenberg was referring to Mr. Dawson's plans for developing play areas as play construction areas. These were to have been developed to utilise excess energies of youngsters in the district, said Mr. Vandenberg.

OBVIOUSLY, WITH CHRISTMAS CHEER IN THEIR MINDS, THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF RUNWELL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MADE THE BOTTLE STALL AT THEIR ANNUAL BAZAAR A POPULAR CENTRE.

THE BAZAAR WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, RUNWELL, ON SATURDAY.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Light up!

THROUGH the auspices of your newspaper could you please help the residents of Lee Chapel South.

I am referring to the fluorescent lights under the canopies leading to the shops in The Knares. They also serve to light the entrance to the Community Hall.

They are in a most filthy condition. I shudder to think what people think who attend functions at the Community Hall; a town's cleanliness is based on this sort of thing. I maintain that shops in the area would not have been broken into if these lights had been cleaned. —G. GODFREY, The Knares, Basildon.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mrs. Graham presided at last week's meeting of South Green Thursday Club, held in the Memorial Hall. Mrs. James celebrated her birthday and Mrs. Fuller, a new member, was welcomed. Mrs. Parfit, who had been away ill, was welcomed back. The Club was entertained by Scottish dancers.

Keen Conservative turns to Labour

A SUDDEN realisation of "a vast differential of material well-being" between the rich and the poor made 30-years-old Mr. John Potter, of Alicia Avenue, Wickford, stop and think.

And after being an active Conservative worker for over three years Mr. Potter decided to change his colours. He hopes to be adopted a Labour candidate in next year's local elections.

John, who says he came from a "typical Tory background"—from a small business family in Leicester—was a publicity secretary for the Conservative Association at Leamington College near his home.

A member of Wickford Labour Party, he is at present going before the various committees and bodies involved in selecting candidates. "I hope to be adopted, but it's far from being official yet," he said.

John was at college five years and now works at Ford's Junction Research Centre as an electronics engineer. His wife Margaret, a bank clerk, is interested in politics, but does "take sides."

John began to turn broadside on the Conservatives in 1960, when he left college and joined industry.

"It's difficult to say exactly when I changed my mind," he said, "but it was definitely as a result of going out into the world and standing on my own two feet."

My outlook—like most other people's—was initially controlled by environment. I came from a small family business background in a small village where everybody was reasonably well looked after.

There is a vast difference between the small towns and big towns. A vast difference in the rich and the poor as well. The comparison is quite unfair. I think that far more people benefit by collective effort and partnership than they do under the 'one-man-band' system."



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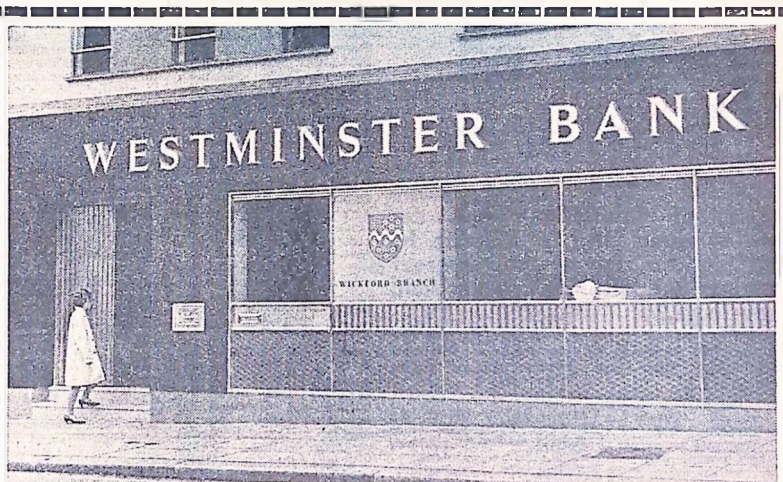
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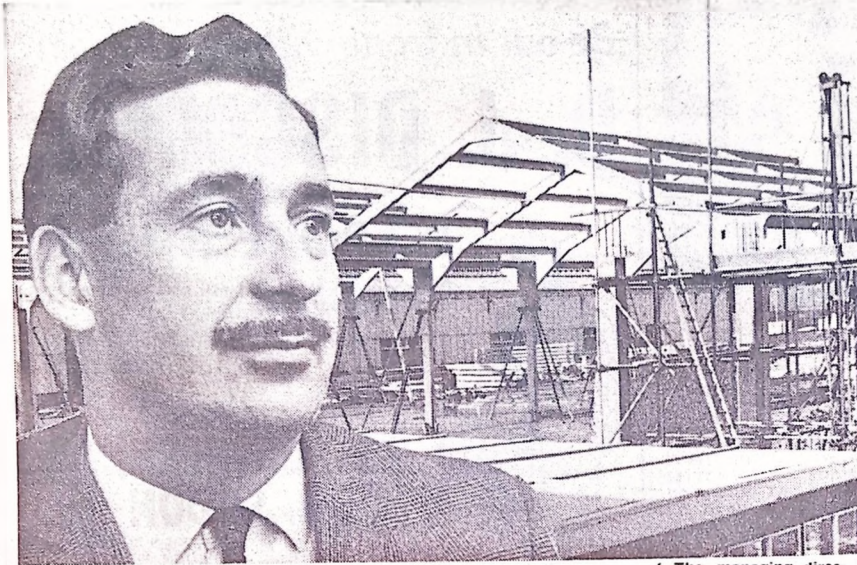
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FACTORY GOSSIP



The managing director of Gilbarco, Mr. J. A. Saw, pictured—and work already started on their new extensions.

They have great faith in Basildon

GILBARCO, THE petrol pump people, of Crompton Close, are showing their faith in Basildon by doubling the size of their present premises and entering another field of business.

The American-owned company — a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey — will now manufacture their own service station petrol pumps.

To date, the factory on the No. 2 Industrial Estate has been concerned only with marketing and servicing. These two aspects will continue, but an extra 35,000 square feet of factory space will be devoted to the manufacture of pumping equipment previously carried out by Vickers, of Crayford, Kent.

Managing Director at Basildon Mr. J. A. Saw said last week: "The expansion of our plant at Basildon will mean more jobs for people in the district."

By mid-1968 the factory will be starting assembly on pumps and progressing to manufacture a little later.

The new factory will call for a larger office staff, more general assembly workers, mechanics and painters. Building is already under way, but the firm have an eye to the distant future, too. They have acquired an adjoining two acres of land for further expansion later on.

Business doubled

IN THE two years since they were started, The Acors Press have more than

doubled their business. Formed in August, 1965, at Chapel Street, Billericay, by Mr. Kenneth Acors (38), the firm now have two employees, one is a machine minder and the other a compositor. Mr. Acors' son, Malcolm (14), is a pupil at Billericay Secondary School, and aspires to become a partner in his father's business. He hopes to learn the printing trade at college, and at present helps his father part-time.

Gladys, Mr. Acors' wife, also takes an active part in the business. She delivers their work to customers, takes the orders, and does some of the handwork.

A great deal of the Acors Press' work is for London firms, and usually consists of price lists, brochures, letters and technical information leaflets. One of the technical brochures recently produced by the firm was about instruments used in space satellites, and was sent to America.

Spanish and Swedish are just two of the languages that the firm have used in their printing. Their speciality is typesetting in foreign languages.

"We only do letterpress printing at the moment, but the business is expanding so very rapidly that we hope to go into litho very soon," said Mr. Acors.

Before working at Billericay Mr. Acors was in partnership in a printing firm at Forest Gate, even though he has lived at Trinity Road, Billericay, for over ten years.

"I finally decided that I would move business to Billericay, when I realised I could do two hours' extra work instead of spending that time travelling," he explained.

When rain is valuable

A NEW interpretation of an old idea claims Butyl Products, Ltd., of Radford Way, Billericay, has made it possible to farm arid desert land almost anywhere in the world. In most cases up until recently farming in Africa had only been possible where water was naturally available. Most developing countries have as much rain as Essex, but in tropical climates the rain erodes the land away, evaporates, or soaks into the ground and gets trapped beneath layers of rock. Sometimes it is possible to

bore through the layers of rock to make an artesian well to release the water, but these wells are often prone to run dry.

Now, Butyl Products have developed a cheaper and surer way of obtaining water in the desert.

They have devised a new type of rain water tank which enables rain to be caught and stored. These tanks are capable of holding up to 3,000 gallons of water—enough to supply all the needs of a typical farmer in these areas.

A bag made out of butyl, a rubber-like material, is placed in a hole in the ground. Earth dug out of the hole is stamped down around it to form a sloping collecting basin.

The tank is lined with long plastic tubes filled with a dry cement and sand mixture. The tubes have holes down one side and they are laid with the holes facing downwards in half an inch of water.

Capillary action causes the cement-sand mixture to soak up the water and then the tubes are laid one on top of another in a circle where they solidify to form a waterproof container.

To prevent evaporation of collected water a butyl rubber cover is placed over the tank.

The firm recently displayed this new product at a show in Nairobi and aroused considerable interest among the Africans.

"Following the exhibition we anticipate an increase in business not only in Kenya, but also over the whole of Africa," said a spokesman for the firm.

"Artifishial" respiration met success



STANDARD TELEPHONES and Cables' gardener Mr. Bob Day has earned the nickname his workmates have given him. To them he's the "fish doctor" because he gave "artifishial" respiration to a dozen goldfish.

An underwater lamp in the factory's ornamental pool burst and instead of fusing the boxes, the electricity proceeded to boil the water. And a dozen or so goldfish who passed by the bubbling bulb were stunned.

When Bob heard about it he dashed off to the pool and found the fish apparently dead, floating around on the surface.

He who hesitates is lost, but not our Bob! In a flash he sized up the situation, scooped the unfortunate into a bucket of water and hurried them off to a spare air line. With the aid of the line he saturated the water with oxygen and then pulled the fish by their tails backwards through the water, thus opening the gills and forcing water through.

In a trice the fish were revived and Bob popped them back into the pool. Said Bob later: "I have a couple of pools at home, so naturally I have the job of looking after the 300-odd fish in the factory pool."

"But I have given fish respiration before — one fish I had jumped right out of the tank. He must have been out quite some time, because when I found him he was perfectly dry. I gave him the same treatment and revived him, too."

Our picture above shows

Mr. Day giving artificial respiration — not the mouth-to-gill method—to a goldfish.

Home life important

RONALD Thomas (21), of Bourne Close, Laindon, was among apprentices who received their indentures at an award presentation night at Howard Rotavator Co., Ltd., West Horndon.

The certificate was presented to him by founder of the firm Mr. A. C. Howard.

In his address to the parents of apprentices, Mr. Howard said he was pleased with the high standards achieved by apprentices.

But while industry could do a great deal to help apprentices, home life and encouragement given by parents was of greater importance.

"It is the encouragement of parents that decides how well boys do in future years," he said.

Awards for the best apprentices were presented by Mr. P. Thorne, the Works

Manager.



Mr. Ken Acors, of Acors Press, Billericay, is seen above with machine minder Dennis Dodd.



RONALD THOMAS (21), OF BOURNE CLOSE, LAINDON, WAS ONE OF THE APPRENTICES AT HOWARD ROTAVATOR CO., LTD., WHO RECEIVED THEIR INDENTURES.

Rushed decision on High Street?

"CUT AND dried" was how Billericay Residents' Association Committeeman Mr. Roy Hems described Basildon Council's proposals for the High Street at an Association meeting on Friday.

The Council have dissolved the High Street Study Group, whose recommendations they have accepted, and have set up another group to deal with the development aspect of the recommendations.

Main points are to preserve the present character of the Street, make it part of pedestrian precinct and cut out all through traffic.

Hearing this, Mr. Hems said it seemed a slight contradiction of what was said at the public meeting called by the Council in April. "You were then told emphatically that while there was no rush and it could take anything up to 30 or 40 years. Suddenly the Study Group, who have only met three times, have been disbanded and have made a decision just like that," said Mr. Hems, snapping his fingers. "I fail to see how they can make a decision like that."

Fair hearing

He felt that he and Coun. Alan McQuaker (they both represented the Association) had had a very fair hearing. Coun. McQuaker had given his interpretation of the views of people living in the centre of the town and he (Coun. Hems) had given his interpretation of the views of the Association.

He pointed out that there was going to be another public meeting next month, when people would be able to ask questions.

Mr. Hems said it would appear that all the decisions were cut and dried. The Council were intending calling a public meeting, yet they had said they were not seeking opinions.

Said Coun. Hook: "Organisations and individuals have had the opportunity of making representations to the Council. Quite frankly, I think everybody has had the opportunity to put their views."

Mr. Hems still maintained the plan was "cut and dried."

No decision

"This is all surmise on your part," commented Coun. McQuaker. The Study Group had asked for, and been given, evidence from all kinds of bodies in the town and had now taken a decision. The decision had not yet been implemented. "I don't know what you have got to argue about," he told Mr. Hems.

Mr. Roger Longden felt they should welcome the public meeting. They might then see the full plan for Billericay and form their views about the further development of the High Street and any new road plans.

"I should give us the opportunity of asking one or two pertinent questions about the road plan," said Mr. Longden.

The meeting referred the matter to their own Select Committee.

CHOIR ENTERTAINED HANDICAPPED CLUB

A FINE performance by Pitsea St. Michael's Ladies' Choir entertained members of the Basildon Physically Handicapped Club at their weekly meeting on Thursday week.

They were conducted by Olive Hall, the pianist was Irene Madley and guest soloists were Mrs. E. Smart and Miss E. Smart.

After a splendid programme Chairman Mr. E. Smart prepared a vote of thanks.

Mrs. Jordan organised clothing and sweets sales; tea hostess was Mrs. Coatsman.

Assisted by Miss Moran, Mrs. Moxby, Mrs. Furness, Mrs. Maxam, Mrs. Nash and "Winnie."

All sick members were remembered and sent good wishes for their recovery. New members Mr. and Mrs. Patten and Mrs. and Miss Lewis received a hearty welcome.

The afternoon came to a successful close with community singing, accompanied by Mr. Smart at the piano.

Three youths on assault charge

THREE YOUTHS were before Rochford Magistrates on Monday jointly charged with assault with intent to rob.

They were Leslie Burlingham (21), of Fairlop Gardens, Basildon; Robert Charles Simpson (18), of Oak Road, Crays Hill.

Billericay, and Coun. Anthony Smith (19), of Lower Dunton Road, Stanford-le-Hope.

Police said the youths, and others, offered a lift to a boy named William Trelman, who was walking along High Road, North Stifford, in the early hours.

The boy was then driven to a car park in Aveley, said Police, and asked to hand over his money. When he said he had none two of the people in the car beat him about the head.

The boy was told he would be taken home and the occupants of the car would "do his meter." At his house, he managed to slip through the front door before anyone could get in. The car then drove away.

Police said each defendant had admitted being involved in the alleged offence.

Defendants were remanded until November 15th. Simpson and Burlingham were remanded in custody, but Smith was allowed bail in a sum of £250 and a similar surety from his brother, Peter Smith.

ROTARIANS MEET

There were 37 members, one visitor and two guests at Billericay Rotary Club's luncheon on Monday at the Archer Hall. Rotarian Bert Phelps presided and Rotarian Rhys Jones gave a "My Job" talk on general law practice.

CAR THEFT

An Austin Mini car owned by Michael Cook, of Little Lullaway, Basildon, was stolen from Laindon Railway Station on Thursday week.

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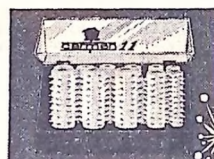
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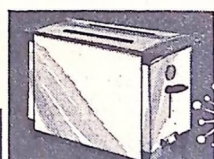
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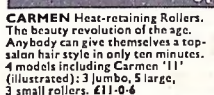
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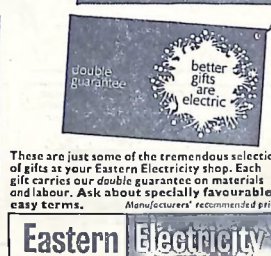
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

The winning guys



WELL, THE famous November 5th has come and gone for another year. Did you have lots of lovely fireworks—or did you save your pocket-money for Christmas presents instead?

For some of you, at any rate, a splendid display was laid on—at the Fryerns Play Leader Headquarters. I was not able to come to your bonfire party, but I did come and judge the guy competition—and, my word, wasn't it hard to pick the best one! You had all worked so very hard and put in so much work and effort that you set me a real puzzle.

However, the one I finally picked for first prize was made by Peter Oaker. Peter is 11, and his guy was just that tiny bit extra-special! It had a very well-attached face and an Andy Capp-type cigarette stub in its mouth; it was beautifully stuffed, with the flock from an old mattress, and it had some important-looking papers, marked "Top Secret Plans," in one very busy, making fire-hand. Well done, Peter—it was a lovely guy.

Second prize went to dow decorations—you make Peter Hodges (9), who said such a colourful show and his brother helped by mak- they are always topical. ing the guy's face; and Well done, all of you! third was Steven Clark

(7). The winners are seen above.

Other children taking part were: Joy Manners (10), Vanessa Slowley (7), Janet Short (5), Neil McLaughlan (7), Robert Cousins (6), Jeffrey Adams (6)—and three-quarters!—he was most insistent about the three-quarters!—Ricky Slowley and Gary Purkiss (5).

While I was at the Fryerns Headquarters I noticed that some of you had been very busy, making fire-hand. Well done, Peter—it was a lovely guy.

AUNTIE LIZ.

My puppy visitor

I'M REALLY quite exhausted this week—and it's not just the Monday Blues! I have been entertaining a visitor for the weekend, and at the end of her visit my house is a shambles, my cat won't speak to me and I feel a nervous wreck.

No, I didn't entertain the Wild Woman from Borneo, or a cavalry troop, or even an Abominable Snowman—just one lively, nine-weeks-old puppy!

I think she thoroughly enjoyed herself, mind you; in fact, I'd say she had a whale of a time! She pulled up the carpet, she chewed the hearthrug until I had to take it up and hide it. She gnawed the arms of my rocking chair till they were completely innocent of varnish.

AUNTIE LIZ.

HAPPY PALS WHO ARE DOWN UNDER

HERE IS SOME more news from our Down Under Happy Pals Gordon and Susan Weller.

I had an air letter this week that says Gordon's broken arm has healed and is much better now.

Gordon goes on to say: "I went to Mogumber Mission Station with my Mum, Dad and Susan. It is 100 miles from Perth; native boys and girls live at the Mission and they are very poor. Their water is low, but this week they made a new well, so it should be better for them now."

"We had a guana in our garden, a guana grows 18 inches long and is like a giant lizard."

"We went to the beach on Sunday—it was very hot, 99 degrees!"

Gordon, I know everyone is as interested in your life Down Under as I am; and I'm sure we're all madly jealous of your summer temperatures as we shiver round Basildon, splashing through the puddles and mud and getting our hair all tangled in the gales!

I should have loved to see the guana; they must be very interesting. The Mission Station must have been fascinating; we take such things as water so much for granted, don't we? It's only

In such places as the outback of Australia that one realises that life cannot continue without water.

Gordon finishes his letter by saying "See you next year"—so he and his family must be coming back. I shall look forward very much to seeing you, Gordon and Susan, and we must get our photographer to take a picture of you for the newspaper so that we can all see you. Those children who knew you before you went away will be able to see how much you have grown won't they?

Love from

AUNTIE LIZ

Appeal thanks

MORE grateful thanks are due this week to the following people, for their kind donations to our Christmas Appeal.

Messrs. Tesco, Ltd., who have a shop in Basildon Town Centre, for a box of groceries. Messrs. Farleys, Ltd., for a cheque for three guineas, which groceries can be bought. Basildon Milk Products Ltd. for their kind offer of yoghurt. I am deeply grateful for this offer, although I am unable to accept it. Yoghurt is a dairy product, and must be kept refrigerated, so, of course, I couldn't keep it, but it was most kind of them to offer.

Carol Buckfield, nine, of Butneys, Basildon, who brought in a most beautiful boxed toy and a book.

I'm sorry I wasn't in when you came, Carol, but I found your gift waiting for me when I came back. Thank you so much.

Grateful thanks to Messrs. Iford, Ltd., of Basildon, for their generous gift of a camera, to be raffled for Appeal Funds.

Birthday greetings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS GO THIS WEEK TO THE FOLLOWING HAPPY PALS:—

Julian King, of Hamatel Road, Southend-on-Sea, 11, Pamela Anne Bott, of the Fryth, Basildon, 11, Ian Jones, of Rokells, Basildon, five, and John Jenkins, of Gay Links, Basildon, 11, all on November 10th.

Elizabeth Eisey, of Ash Tree Walk, Basildon, 12, on 11th.

Ian Michael Parlame, of Ashington Road, Rochford, four, and Alan Kersey, of Southend Road, Wickford, 10, both on November 12th.

Keith Player, of Somerset Road, Laindon, 10 on 13th.

Beverley Potter, of Waldegrave, Basildon, five, and John Pike, of Victoria Road, Laindon, 11, both on 14th; Jacqueline Daye, of Byrd Court, Laindon, 11, and Susan McQuiggan, of Bardfield, Vange, 14, both on 15th.

Kevin John Martin, of Paprills, Basildon, 12, and Mark Chittenden, of Ardeleigh, Basildon, 10, both on 16th.

A very happy birthday to you all. AUNTIE LIZ.

DO YOU KNOW?

A mole is a little animal about six inches long which burrows underground in search of worms.

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OFF TO A LONDON SHOW



Leaving Basildon for a show in London are some of the Bonallack workers. They saw the "Ken Dodd Show" on Saturday.

WE'LL MAKE A MEAL OF SOCIALISTS agree Tory diners

"A PUPPET show controlled by two puppeteers — the Pinky and Perky of Basildon Council." This was how Wickford Conservatives' Chairman Harvey Hodgson described the conduct of the Labour Group this week.

Speaking at the branch's annual dinner at the Bull's Eye, Basildon, on Friday, he was referring to the "Shadow Cabinet" recently set up by the Labour Group and their "flowery but meaningless titles."

"Joe Morgan once had his sights set on 10, Downing Street, and that's why he set up this Shadow Cabinet, but nobody wants to be ruled by Chairman Morgan and his little red book," added County Coun. Hodgson.

Also present was Billericay's would-be Tory M.P., Mr. Robert McCrindle, who highlighted the recent by-election results in Leicester, Gorton and Manchester.

"They are a devastating indictment of the Labour Government and show clearly

the public's lack of faith in the Government's performance so far," he said.

He said he was absolutely certain Billericay would return to the Conservative fold at the next General Election in three years' time, and he predicted a majority of over 15,000.

Other guests were Council Chairman Coun. Baron Burn, J.P., and his wife, Constituency Chairman Mr. Brian Edwards and Agent Mr. Dirk Vetter.

MORE MONEY FOR PIPES AND DRUMS

THE SUTHERLAND Pipes and Drums raised £75 towards new equipment at a bazaar in Beech Road Scout Hut, Vange, on Saturday.

It is an active month for the 25-strong band, who are holding their main dance of the year at the Mecca on Friday week.

Organiser of the bazaar was Mr. Roy Charrison, the Drum Sergeant. Said publicity officer Mr. Jack Webster: "The band is going exceedingly well and we are looking forward to a good year in 1968."

Evening classes reshuffle

A COMPLETE reshuffle in the allocation of classes at Mayflower School, Billericay, with regard to Billericay Youth Centre and Basildon Evening Institute is to come into effect in the near future.

Basildon Council's Further Education Sub-Committee reviewed at their last meeting a decision made a year ago to give Basildon Evening Institute use of Mayflower School for three evenings a week and Billericay Youth Centre two evenings a week.

These allocations were coupled with Mayflower School's own internal arrangements. But the Sub-Committee heard that "There was no doubt that the school, youth centre and evening institute had not been

able to function in the evenings as they would have wished and there had been difficulties."

Coun. Derek Pope, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, has met and agreed to a new system of allocation with the warden of Billericay Youth Centre, Basildon Evening Institute and the Headmaster of Mayflower School.

The new arrangements will take effect from January 1st next year until summer, when the position will be reviewed again.

Decree nisi

In an undefended suit at Southend Divorce Court on Tuesday a decree nisi was granted to Mr. John William Foreman, of Western Road, Billericay, on the grounds of his wife's desertion since 1964. He married Mrs. Patricia Eileen Foreman at the Congregational Church, Chapel Street, Billericay, in 1963. There are no children of the marriage.

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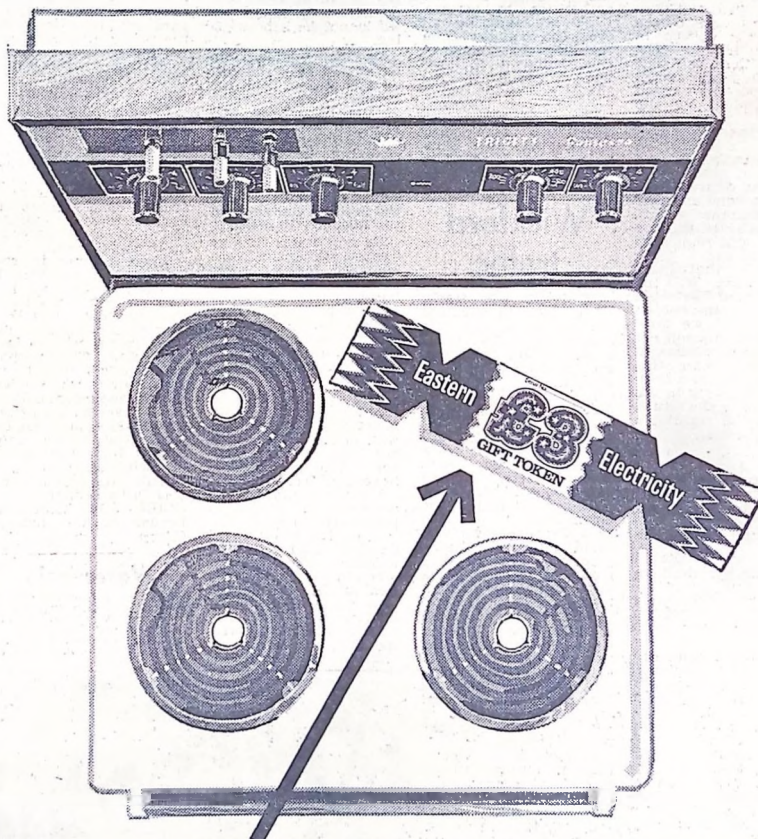
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POSTBOX

BOWERS GIFFORD CHURCHYARD *
WICKFORD TRAFFIC *

OUT GO THE TORIES? *
SWIMMING POOL

RECTOR REPLIES TO BOWERS GIFFORD CHURCHYARD CRITICS

WE HAVE received the following letter from Rev. Eric C. Ford, Rector of Bowers Gifford, and Messrs. W. Crook and T. Barley, Churchwardens, on behalf of the Parochial Church Council:

In your edition of October 27th you published certain parts of a letter from Mrs. F. M. Hazelton, which, together with a "specially-taken" photograph, has given a wrong impression of the churchyard at Bowers Gifford and those responsible for its upkeep.

The churchyard is approximately 2½ acres in size, and about 1½ acres of this has been attended to by both young and older members of the church who have conscientiously given much time and energy to the care of the churchyard. To them the Parochial Church Council, on their behalf we are writing to you, are indebted. So the whole of the churchyard has not been neglected, in fact more would have been done if there had been more helpers and more money available.

Mention was made of it being known that "hundreds of pounds had been left for the upkeep of this churchyard." The real position is that nearly 20 years ago a Trust Fund was created by a resident of the Parish with the Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance, the Rector of St. Margaret's, Bowers Gifford and others. The net income derived from this Trust Fund amounts to £16 per annum, which, in a churchyard the size of Bowers Gifford, is soon "swallowed-up."

We feel that your article based on the letter received has made "a mountain-out-of-a-molehill," and we hope that its contents will not deter those who laboured so gallantly there this year of others from helping with the work in the churchyard in the future, or those who contribute towards the cost.

A clumsy decision?

YOU recently reported that we were to have enlarged car parks at the rear of Southernhay shops. What a delightful decision. With land at £30,000 per acre we are to provide more car parking space for our neighbouring towns to bring more money into the town for shopkeepers and market traders to take back out of town. While they are counting their money they are going to be allowed to leave their vehicles, alongside those of any other commercial undertaking who feel so disposed, in a special car park almost alongside homes in Nether Priors.

Of all the short-sighted and clumsy decisions we have had to endure in the past 14 years this one ranks as the clumsiest. Has anyone in authority ever bothered to look closely at a commercial vehicle car park? All over the country there is evidence of broken surfaces and large, sticky, black areas of diesel fuel where these vehicles are only parked for short periods outside cafes.

No other new town of comparable age looks so unkempt, barren and forgotten as Basildon. To the members of the Corporation we should say: "Question what your officers are doing in your names, look behind those gorse mon-

strosities called landscaping and inside those concrete jungles and you will find people, not digests for a computer — people who want to be proud of Basildon and who defend the town, in spite of the bad decisions, as the best of the New Towns."

To the members of the Council we say: "Take time off from protecting the establishment and be citizens again; you will never be accused of having too much vision."

The actions of some residents are not very encouraging, but "not doing anything" is not the solution for the authorities to assume.

We are suffering all over the country from the dumped remnants of this affluent society, but I do not see why we should accept the dumping of these hideous hulks of vehicles as an alternative to decent landscaping and planning. — R. H. SYKES, Nether Priors, Basildon.

Wickford traffic

AT LAST the traffic problem in Wickford has become so bad that suggestions are being made on how to ease it up. (Nobody will ever solve it.)

I do not think, however, that the planners can help us.

Look what happened in the so-called "New Town" Basildon. Here the planners, starting only about 20 years ago from scratch, had all the opportunity to build a 20th Century town and avoid all these traffic problems. Yet all they managed is to create a poor replica of ancient London with narrow, winding roads, lack of garage and parking space, widely separating working, business and residential areas, therefore creating a necessity for an uneconomical communal transport or adding heavily to the private transport.

In fact, like Wickford, they themselves should go to London or to other ancient towns to see how they have improved their traffic problem. They will find that it is done by turning a number of streets into a "one way" system.

No doubt there may be some weak points of legal or technical nature, but a body of local representatives could thrash out these matters much easier than a completely detached and disinterested group of planners. — K. W. WOZNICA, 64, London Road, Wickford.

Swimming pool battle

HEREWITH a brief outline of the events leading to our worthy M.P.'s outburst in last week's issue, so that the public may judge for themselves from whom an apology is due.

On August 17th a headline in your companion paper "Southend Standard" said: "Mr. Moonman plunges into the swimming pool charges battle," and the article which followed contained a statement that he "has written to the Town Manager asking him to make public the statistics on which the Council based their decision."

I immediately telephoned the Town Manager's office and found that no such letter had been received. However, as a matter of courtesy, I asked the Treasurer to prepare a statement containing details of the involved arguments which determined the scale of charges relating to the pool so that when the M.P.'s expected approach was made he would not be kept waiting.

One month later, as no letter had been received on this subject from the Member, I released some of the details we had prepared for Mr. Moonman to the Press, at the same time taking him to task — as I hope is the right of every constituent — for not implementing the promise contained in the August 17th article.

He now states that he "wrote asking the Town Manager for a breakdown, although no reply has been given to him." If this be so, then an apology should certainly be forthcoming — from the Postmaster General, since no letter was received.

The first letter to be received by the Town Manager on this subject was, in fact, dated October 21st, received October 23rd, answered November 3rd.

I wrote to him on two occasions in answer to letters sent to me.

In my last letter, dated October 30, I said: "I welcome any interest taken by our local M.P. in local affairs, particularly if he can suggest ways of reducing amenity charges without a corresponding increase in rate charges to an already

intolerably over-taxed public."

My main concern is, in fact, to get the swimming pools finished, tested and opened so that the public can see for themselves that they are getting very good value for their money. Of 109 pools built in this country since 1946, only 13 have been built which cost more or approximately the same as Basildon's pools.

DERRICK POPE (Chairman), Recreation Committee, Basildon Council.

Tories, out!

LET me answer the Tory Leader's point regarding dictatorship. Who was it who refused the Billerica ratepayer councillor any seats whatsoever on the committees?

Who was it who refused to allow any Socialists to meet Dennis Howell when he visited Keay House?

What is the truth regarding the Billerica inner relief road?

Why the misleading statement to the public on this subject?

Who refused to allow the public to see plans that have been submitted for their areas?

I could go on, but the public are well aware of the way the Tories have shown complete disregard for the views of the public and the elected representatives. This comes about when councillors delegate all authority to paid officials.

As for the Labour Party's new scheme, it is true that I will be recommending that no Tories will sit on the new policy committees. We have based our new scheme on a mixture of Parliamentary, industrial and local government management.

When Labour is returned with an overall majority in 1969 we intend to make sure that the Socialist policy people have elected us to carry out will be implemented. The people cannot afford councillors who only wish to let officers implement policy, so to have the Tories on any of these main policy committees would only hinder the carrying-out of schemes that will benefit the people of this urban district.

COUN. JOE MORGAN, Leader of the Labour Group.

Water polo

Basildon Swimming Club's water polo section have six fixtures in the Essex Winter League before Christmas. As the local pool is still not ready all the matches are

Musical evening



The Basildon Civic Arts Music Club held a musical evening in Timberlog Secondary School on Saturday. Left to right: Peter Thomas (violin), Sharon McKinley (Peter's fiancée), Peggy Gray (piano) and Mr. E. G. Clark (Chairman of the Music Club).



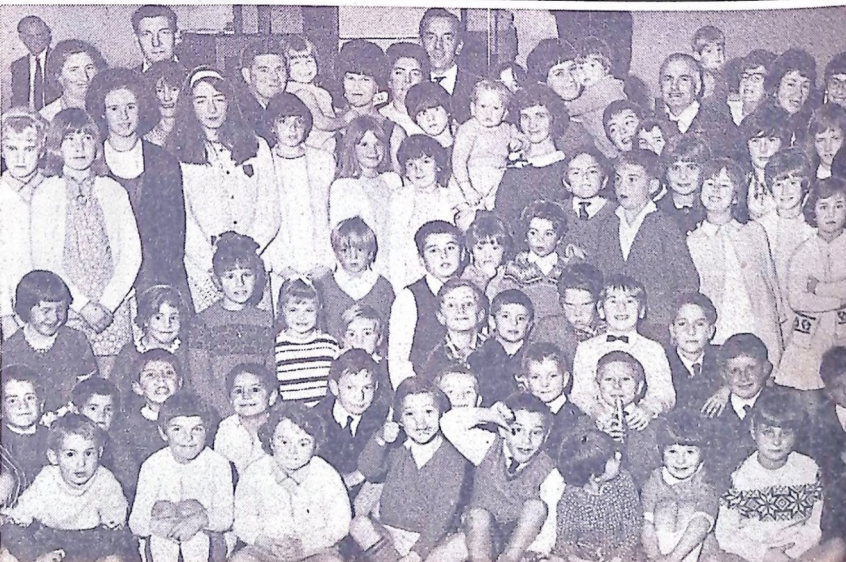
The wedding took place on Saturday of Mr. Alan Cooper, of The Slades, Vange, and Mrs. Patricia Jane Francis, of Whitmore Way, Basildon, at Trinity Methodist Church, Vange. Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length white lace gown with a crown head-dress and carried a bouquet of red roses. Bridal attendants were the Misses Irene, Elsie and Jean Longman, and Mr. Charles Longman was best man.

(Photo by Highlands Studios)



The wedding took place at Chelmsford Cathedral on Saturday of Mr. Ray J. High, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. High, of Broadway North, Pitsea, and Miss Christine Weavers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Weavers, of Seventh Avenue, Chelmsford.

(Photo by K. A. Linge, Maldon)



The "66 Social Club," a section of the Basildon Community Association, held a social and dance in the Frerens Community Centre on Saturday. The evening's entertainment included a fireworks display for the children.



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"SAY it with flowers" is not just a slogan or a successful pop song line. Research into floral legends reveals an original language of flowers perhaps somewhat neglected in communications today.

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Some of the meanings expressed by flowers are now obsolete, as indeed are some of the flowers and plants themselves.

Achillea cupreata ("Such worth is rare"),

bay leaf ("I change but in death"), *belvedere* ("I declare against you"), *calceolaria* ("I offer you pecuniary assistance") may all fall quaintly on our modern ears, but they do suggest a one-time extent of the language of flowers.

In the past the actual giving of flowers also had its meaning. A flower offered with its stalk towards the recipient took on the opposite of its usual meaning.

Acceptance of the giver's sentiment was indicated by kissing the bloom, while rejection was signified by plucking out a petal and throwing it away.

If a friend was off on a long journey a "Bon voyage" message could be expressed by a bouquet of sprigs of spruce fir (fir) mixed with forget-me-nots and sweet basil ("Give me your good wishes").

It is impossible here to cover all the subtle nuances of the floral language. If one red rose originally expressed "I love you," two dozen red roses could mean colloquially "I love you one helluva lot!"

SOME FLOWER MEANINGS

1. **Anemone:** "I return your love. These flowers are a token of my anticipation of our next meeting."
2. **Bachelor's button:** "I have hopes you may change my bachelor state."
3. **Calla lily:** "You have beauty, but modesty, too."
4. **Chrysanthemum (white):** The symbol of truth.
5. **Crocus:** Symbol of gladness and mirth — "You're great fun."
6. **Daffodil:** Symbol of uncertainty — "How do you feel about me?"
7. **Forget-me-not:** "Be constant. Remember me always."
8. **Gardenia:** The symbol of refinement and sophistication.
9. **Hyacinth (purple):** The symbol of sorrow — "I am sorry for your present sadness."
10. **Iris:** The symbol of the girl whose name it is. (Any girl who herself has the name of a flower should always have some of that flower included in her bouquet).
11. **Lily of the valley:** The symbol of returned happiness. A quarrel made up or an absent sweetheart who has returned.
12. **Marigold:** The symbol of contentment — "Let's go on like this for ever."
13. **Orange blossom:** The symbol of the bride, of purity and chastity — "Will you marry me?"
14. **Orchid:** The symbol of beauty and of a special occasion — symbol, too, of anticipation. Should be sent before a date, not after.
15. **Poppy (red):** The symbol of oblivion and forgetfulness — "Let us forget our quarrel and bad times — start again."



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People — and what they are doing...



Tonsillectomy operation for a poodle Ghyllgrove campaigner

A LITTLE DOG with an unusual claim to fame is Simon, a blue toy poodle belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Phillips, of Curling Tye, Basildon — they are seen above.

Despite the insistence of several veterinary surgeons that such a thing was impossible, Simon has had a tonsillectomy operation!

Simon (8) first started having trouble with his tonsils six years ago. For two or three years he had various forms of treatment — but still he suffered, and at times his throat appeared to close up completely.

"You could feel his tonsils — they were hard and round like golf balls!" says Mr. Phillips. "We spent a small fortune on him one way and another."

Eventually Mrs. Brenda Phillips heard that the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons at North Mimms, near Hatfield, would possibly undertake the operation, and she and her husband were overjoyed when they found that Simon could be treated there.

"I expected he would be poorly for some time, but the day after the operation we collected him and he was as right as rain!" says Mrs. Phillips. "The only thing is — he doesn't bark so much!"

While he was at the college Simon had swabs taken of his throat and it was found that four different "bugs" were present in his system that had been causing the trouble.

To carry the standard

WICKFORD'S British Legion standard will be among the parade of standards which will wind their way to the platform of the Royal Albert Hall on Remembrance Day.

It will be carried by Mr. Frederick Dowles, of Ilgars Road, Wickford, a member

of the British Legion for 20 years.

A decorator, 51-years-old Mr. Dowles won the "F" Group Standard-bearers' Cup this year and came third in the Essex County Standard-bearers' competition.

A Wickford resident for 21 years, Mr. Dowles has entered the "F" Group competition six times, with two firsts and two seconds to his credit.

"It is a great honour to be selected to attend the Royal Albert Hall," he told the "Standard Recorder" this week.

I will be accompanied by standard-bearers from Heddingham and South Benfleet and the three of us will represent the County."



Mr. F. Dowles, British Legion standard bearer for the Wickford branch.

MIR. JIM BARRY is President and Chairman of Ghyllgrove Community Association. And he makes sure the Association means more than a hall in Butneys — it also stands up for tenants' interests.

The Association would never have included the word "Community" in their title but for official pressure. Their current campaigns on



Mr. Jim Barry

behalf of densely-populated Ghyllgrove are to get the authorities to pipe the stream through Gloucester Park and to deal with The Gore.

Association figures show that every day 182 children cross The Gore. This makes a total of 72,900 crossing in a school year — and the Ghyllgrovians look at through traffic as a danger.

To get the views of the area on this issue the Association delivered a thousand forms. About 40 have come back. At the same time forms went out to advertise a children's Christmas party. This, in no time, became a full house.

"They are just hoping their children survive until the party," commented Association officer Mr. Feter Lagrue wryly.

Mr. Barry, who was born in Cork and moved to Basildon seven years ago, is pleased that after a long fight to get an extension to the Com-

munity Hall work is now taking place.

"But the extension is only the size of six garages," he added. "Other centres get huge extensions, but we haven't a stage or anything. We get co-operation from the authorities, but this is all we do get."

However, Mr. Barry hopes the Association get a licence for about 10 hours a week so a bar can be opened at the hall. "There is no pub in the area," he pointed out.

Married with two children, Anne (10) and Deirdre (7), Mr. Barry works at Ford Radiator Plant. As a break from Association work he enjoys a game of golf. He lives at Fairstead.

Challenge for curate

REV. ALAISTAIR Haig takes over this week as senior curate for Laindon-Basildon parish and senior curate at St. Nicholas' Church, Laindon.

He has come from St. Edmund's, Forest Gate, where he was curate for nearly four years. Aged 28 and single, London-born



Rev. A. Haig

Father Haig now lives at Roberts Road in the house occupied by his predecessor, Rev. Tony Abbey.

Mr. Abbey is Rector of Sandon, a village near Chelmsford.

"The church is a challenge here," Father Haig says. "Community spirit, which does exist at the Laindon end of the town, needs building up. I think there is plenty of work here as we are dealing with a large number of people who are hardly touched by the church."

He sees his job as both to run a normal church set-up, with the conventional framework and organisations, and also to experiment with new ideas. This chance he welcomes.

Members of the congregation at St. Nicholas' held a social on Wednesday week to welcome Father Haig to the parish.

Before joining the Ministry he was in the army. He went to King's College, London, where the other clergy in the parish were trained.

Not sorry to leave!

MRS. DOROTHY COX (68), a member of Wickford Salvation Army Corps for 38 years, is leaving the district — and she is not sorry.

Widowed two years ago, she wants to be near her brother and two sisters living in Southchurch and Leigh.

A Corps Songster for 30 years and Home League Secretary for six, she is moving to Southchurch, where she will continue her work for the "Sally Ann."

"I shall be glad to get there," said Mrs. Cox, who lived in Southend before moving to Wickford in 1929. "You're miles from anywhere in Wickford and the buses are

Immediate success



LATEST SHOPKEEPER to open in Basildon Town Centre is Mr. Ronald Flaum, 30-years-old proprietor of Flaum's Ladies' Fashions. He is seen above.

Flaum's was established 30 years ago. Basildon is the sister town to those at Romford and Ilford; as well as dresses, coats, suits, cocktail dresses, etc., it offers a complete range of maternity wear.

At present, Mr. Flaum is working under difficulty, as the staff is not yet complete. Eventually he will employ about 12 salesladies. He thinks that before long he will have to extend his showroom to the first floor because already the shop premises are full to overflowing — and still the stock is arriving!

Still under discussion are the questions of early-closing day and hours of opening. Mr. Flaum proposes to review these after Christmas.

He is married, with one child, and lives at Ilford.

Singers wanted

APPEALING for people with an interest in choral singing is Mr. John Roper, of 222, The Knares, Basildon.

Mr. Roper is the conductor of Basildon Choral Society. The Society already have about 40 members, but he feels that more voices would enable them to tackle more ambitious works. Male and female singers would be welcomed, of any pitch of voice.

The Society's next performance will be at St. Martin's Church, Basildon Town Centre, on Saturday, when they will perform Mozart's "Requiem" and Bach's "Magnificat." They will repeat the performance the following Saturday at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Little Burstead.

Mr. Roper has had a life-long interest in music. He teaches music at a comprehensive school at Rochford. He studied music at the Royal Academy of Music in London and plays the piano and organ as well as singing. Next year he hopes to go touring with the Glyndebourne Operatic Society for two-and-a-half months. He met his wife at the school at which he teaches — she is the housecraft teacher. "He serenaded me — and I fed him!" she laughs.



Mrs. D. Cox

with a clock by Corps Sergeant Major Will Jenkins on behalf of them all and a table lamp by the Home League.

"But even the Corps is not the same as it used to be," she said, recalling the days when Wickford High Street was flanked by fields.

"There are only a dozen of the original members left now. All the others have died or left, and the Corps has grown almost out of recognition."



Mr. and Mrs. John Roper, of The Knares, Basildon.

Did a gust of wind cause fatal accident?

THE POSSIBILITY THAT A GUST OF WIND CAUSED A MOTOR CYCLIST TO CRASH INTO THE ROADSIDE AT A POINT WHERE THERE WAS A TREE AND A PILE OF BRICKS WAS SUGGESTED AT A CHELMSFORD INQUEST ON WEDNESDAY.

Victim of the crash, which occurred in pitch darkness on a bend at Little Baddow, was Mr. Christopher Stephen Guy Brown (23), a scrap metal worker, of Warren Road, Rotten-

don. A. Maynard said the incident occurred while the motor cyclist was negotiating a bend while ascending a steep hill. He did not think the machine could have been travelling at speed, but the night was very windy and the road was wet and covered with leaves. Possibly the rider was not familiar with the road or was caught by a sudden gust of wind.

Witness added that the brakes of the machine were working, but were somewhat worn.

Dr. Kenneth Turk, pathologist, said death was caused by a fracture of the base of the skull and severe damage to the brain.

He added that a test showed that the alcohol level of Mr. Brown's blood was 182 milligrams per 100 millilitres. This was equal to the consumption of about one-third of a bottle of gin or six pints of beer. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

ANY OLD TRUNKS?

WICKFORD Community Association Players have problems regarding storage of props and equipment.

They have appealed to the public for any disused travelling trunks, suitcases, skip baskets, tea chests or other suitable containers.

The Players will arrange collection of any of these items and anyone who can help should contact Wickford Community Centre Warden Mr. E. Jones (Tel: Wickford 2236).

The stars

An interesting and instructive talk on astronomy was given to members of Laindon and Basildon Young Conservatives at their meeting last week.

Speaker was Coun. Derek Hope, who discussed on the possibilities of life on other planets and of contacting this life.

The meeting was held at Climbarr, High Road, Laindon.

Hospital patients will miss him

MR. WILLIAM Frederick Wyatt, one of Billericay's oldest residents, died at his home in Norsey Road last week. He was 90.

Mr. Wyatt, a B.A. of London University, came to Billericay in 1912, when he was teaching at Parmiters School, Victoria Park, London. He taught literature and French.

Born in Maldon, Mr



MR. WYATT

Wyatt retired in 1938 in his late 50's.

"He was always thankful for his excellent health. He never had a day's illness in all the time I knew him," said Mr. Frederick Wyatt, one of his two sons.

Mr. Wyatt's sons—one a farmer and the other a nurseryman—both live in Norsey Road.

Many of the patients and staff at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, will miss him, for Mr. Wyatt used to make a regular call at the hospital to give the patients pears. Growing pears was his hobby, and he grew 80 different varieties.

Mr. Wyatt was a life member of the Billericay Horticultural Society after being treasurer for many years. He was also a member of Billericay Parish Council.

He was buried at Ramsden Bellhouse Church on Tuesday.

A DIFFERENT MEETING

A MEETING with a difference was enjoyed by members of Langdon Hills W.I. at their headquarters in Samuel Road last week.

Entitled "A Members' Meeting," it was called specially to enlighten new members about the Women's Institute and its work. Some of the founder members were present and described the very early days of the branch, various W.I. classes which were open to members, and the "one-day schools" which are run in various parts of the area, which teach such subjects as home maintenance, home decorating and floral art.

Afterwards older Institute members confessed that they, too, had learned quite a lot about their branch and its working.

The meeting was greatly enjoyed by everyone and the option was expressed that it should become an annual event.

Mrs. Cobb and her helpers served tea.

STOCK W.I. GROWING

MRS. BRIERLEY presided at Stock Women's Institute's annual meeting and welcomed two new members. Treasurer Mrs. Raeburn and Secretary Mrs. Pyman reported nine recruits during the year, making a total of 75.

A play was performed by members Mesdames Brierley, Bishop, Raeburn, Watson, Wheeler and Russell. Mrs. Lowe was the producer.

Mrs. Hale's Hallow-e-on stall, brightly decorated with witches, black cats and pumpkins, raised £1 6s. 8d. for the funds.

The new Committee are as follows: Mesdames Beales, Brierley, Cooper, Griffiths, Hale, Lilley, Orr, Pyman, Raeburn, Russell, Watson and Rogers. Mrs. Raeburn was elected President.

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Bonfire Night for St. Gabriel's folk



It was a bit of a job to keep the bonfire ablaze when St. Gabriel's Church organised a fireworks evening in the church grounds on Saturday, but when the fire got going some of the youngsters had to shield their faces from the heat. Refreshments were served during the show.

LADIES' CIRCLE RAISE £45 FOR A GOOD CAUSE

A BAZAAR held by Wickford Ladies' Circle last week raised £45, this, along with £85 raised at a recent fashion show, will go to the Billerica and Basildon Group of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation Trust.

The bazaar, opened by Area Chairman Mrs. Pat Garrard, sold goods made by members of the Circle including cakes, sweets, Christmas decorations and handicrafts.

A raffle was won by Mr. Banks (donkey), Miss Wood (dressed doll) and Mrs. Irene Budgen (potted plant).

Local wills

Mr James Avery, of Southview Road, Pitsea, who died on July 11th, left £3,025 12s gross, £2,018 1s net (duty £257).

Mr. William Gordon Richardson, of Southend Road, Wickford, who died on July 14th, intestate, left £5,919 3s gross, £5,719 net (duty £57).

No help from Barbara Castle

Angry mothers to stop traffic on dangerous road?

ANGRY WOMEN talked of vigilante action to safeguard the lives of their children at the Lee Chapel North Community Association meeting on Tuesday writes PETER ALLEN.

The Association have been campaigning for three level crossings in their area for seven months. On Tuesday they heard that the Council had taken no action, even to apply for the crossings.

Now there is talk of mothers and prams blockading the road to force the Council to take notice.

The Association have done all they can in the past months. They have contacted their local councillors, seen M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman, and even written to Mrs. Barbara Castle asking for an interview.

Last week they got a reply from the Ministry of Transport, saying it was impossible to arrange a meeting. The letter went on to say:—

"The crossings are a matter for the local authority. If they consider there is a need for one they should submit a proposal to the Divisional Road Engineer. No recent proposals have been received from the U.D.C."

PROTEST STORM

It was this last sentence which brought a storm of protest from the meeting, because in the past several councillors have pledged support for their fight for crossings, and the Association thought they had the backing of the Council. It now turns out that no application has been made.

The Association want three crossings in the area—in Great Knightleys, Ballards Walk and Markhams Chase. At present there is not a single crossing in Lee Chapel North.

Chairman of the Association Mr. Wane L. Vandenberg replied by letter to

the Ministry. In it he said: "There are five schools in the vicinity of Markhams Chase. Two children have been killed there in the past eight months. The Council have indicated acute awareness of the dangers and a desire to help. But nothing has been done in seven months."

He spoke of parents who, from fear, took their children to and from school in cars, thus increasing the dangers. "Are we to go gaily on paying out rates and expect two or three children killed annually?" he asked.

One member told the meeting:—

"You can't get lollipop men and women in Lee Chapel North now because of the danger. No one will take the risk."

The Association made no definite plans of action, but the women on the committee talked among themselves of making one large scale demonstration in Lee Chapel North—of blocking the road with a long line of mothers and prams—and forcing the Council into action.

League of Friends spend £600 on new equipment

RESPIRATORY EQUIPMENT costing £600 for the new intensive care unit at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, is to be provided by the Hospital's League of Friends.

And the League's executive committee also decided at their meeting on Monday to make available a further £1,000 for electronic monitoring equipment, provided the Regional Hospital Board give priority consideration to buying the equipment in the next financial year and provided the equipment remains at Billericay.

The Committee heard that both pieces of equipment would be used in conjunction with resuscitation equipment they previously provided.

A doctor explained the new unit would have three beds with the option on a fourth. The Regional Board had agreed to structural alterations on a small side ward, which had been carried out at a cost of £2,500, and they had also said they would provide the equipment.

Now, however, they had stated money for the equipment was not available.

The doctor said the respiratory equipment would cost some £600, while the monitoring equipment which, among other things, records a patient's temperature, respiration and blood pressure, would cost £10,000 for all four beds, or £3,200 for one bed.

It was felt the unit could be opened with the respiratory equipment.

The doctor pointed out

that the Regional Board, when they had said they would purchase the equipment, had stated it would remain at St. Andrew's Hospital when it would be transferred there.

Before making a decision, the Committee heard from Treasurer Mr. Peter Moore that the League's total balances amounted to £4,081, of which about £1,500 was already committed.

BIGGER B.R.A.

Membership of Billericay Residents' Association has taken a turn for the better. Membership is now about 1,300 households, representing some 2,600 people.

LICENSED

A provisional licence for the sale of intoxicating liquor at the Blue Lagoon Country Club, Botteswade, was granted by Chelmsford Licensing Justices on Thursday.

On probation

Haydon Hawes-Deares, of Alfred Gardens, Wickford, was placed on probation for one year at Billericay on Tuesday. He had been remanded in custody for reports after admitting obtaining credit by fraud at a Basildon Chinese restaurant.

Umbrellas were necessary



UMBRELLAS AND GUMBOOTS WERE A NECESSITY AT BILLERICAY JUNIOR SCHOOL'S FIREWORKS PARTY ON SATURDAY EVENING.



The 7th Billericay (Church of the Holy Redeemer) Scouts held a fireworks party at their headquarters on Saturday. Our picture shows some of the guests waiting for their refreshments.

HI-JACK: MAN IN COURT

OVER 31 million cigarettes were grabbed in an armed robbery at Basildon, County Prosecutor Mr. Malcolm Simons told Billericay Justices on Tuesday.

Before the Court, charged on remand with the robbery was Arthur Levy (35), of Sarnbrook House, Steppney Way, E.I. He was further remanded in custody for eight days.

Asking for the remand, Mr. Simons said the cigarettes left a Hampstead depot on July 5th. In the Basildon area the lorry was forced to pull up behind a blue van. A shotgun was poked through the cab window and the driver made to move over. Two men got in. The lorry was driven off, and the driver dumped in Epping Forest.

Mr. Simons said that Levy had been seen by the Police, but it was only recently that information had come into their hands that tied Levy to being in possession of a large quantity of the cigarettes within 24 hours of the robbery.

League officers

ALL OFFICERS of the League of Friends of St. Andrew's and Mayflower Hospitals, Billericay, were re-elected at the annual meeting of the Executive on Monday.

They were: Chairman, Mr. S. C. Squires; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Fincham; Secretary, Mr. J. D. Harrison; Treasurer, Mr. P. Moore; publicity officer, Mr. R. F. Jefferies.

Elected to the Fete Committee were Messrs S. Squires, Harrison, Moore, Jefferies, Rice, Rosler, Scrase, Andrews, Ladd, Reed, Ridley and Dedden and Mesdames Grimwood and Harvey and Miss Nibbet.

Second with the news

MR. ERIC Moonman, M.P. for Billericay, was second in the presentation of motions in this new Parliament.

He called for the establishment of a select committee to investigate the problems of the newspaper industry.

He was supported by Liberal and other Labour M.P.s.

WET WEEKEND

Parts of Mountnessing Road and Green's Farm Lane, Billericay, were flooded to a depth of several feet after four or five days of torrential down-pour. Both roads were blocked for several hours, but the water subsided by Sunday morning.

Fanciers' Sunday Shows are going well

WICKFORD FANCIERS' SOCIETY'S Sunday shows are "going very well" according to Chairman Mr. A. E. Williams.

The November show on Sunday in the Castle Hall drew 307 entries from 61 exhibitors, and the standard was good.

It was a members' cup show, but a number of members were missing. "Perhaps they do not like cups," commented Mrs. Williams, the Secretary.

Mr. A. J. Power was judge and the best in the show was a rex exhibited by Master M. Kraslj, of Hadleigh, who also gained the rex and juvenile cups and the juvenile monthly cup.

The fancy adult cup went to Mr. Griffiths, of Dagenham; the fur cup to Mrs. D. Stevenson, of Southend, and the cavy cup to Mrs. P. Palmer, of Brentwood.

Phone for the Clerk

A TELEPHONE is to be installed at the home of Mrs. Stella Harbert, Clerk of Runwell Parish Council. Members agreed on Monday that Mrs. Harbert, who has recently been appointed, will need the phone as part of her work.

—1 and 3, Mrs. Kylyn; 2, Mr. Griffiths, Grand challenge — 1, Mr. Hobson, 2, Mrs. Stevenson; 3, Mrs. Kylyn.

PRIZE LIST

FANCY CLASSES: Dutch—1, Mrs. Stevenson; 2, Tony Jones; 3, T. C. Evans. English—1 and 2, Mr. Nightingale, Netherland dwarf—1, Mr. Hobson; 2, Mr. Griffiths; 3, Furryscud Stud. Polish—1, Mrs. P. Palmer; Silver—1, Mr. Broad; 2, Mr. Bowerbank; 3, Mr. Whitfield; 3, Mr. Dowling. Any variety (under 14 weeks)—1, Mr. Whitfield; 2, Mr. Evans. Any variety (under 5 months)—1, Mr. Barker; 2, Mr. Broad; 3, Mr. Brown. Members' points—1, Mr. Griffiths; 2, Mrs. Stevenson. Juvenile—1, P. Lambert; 2, A. Barker; 3, A. Bowerbank. Breeders—1, Furryscud Stud; 2, Mrs. Stevenson; 3, A. Barker. Challenge—1, Mr. Hobson; 2, Furryscud Stud; 3, Mrs. Stevenson.

FUR CLASSES: Chinchilla—1 and 2, Mrs. Kylyn. Californian—1 and 2, Mr. Gash; 3, Mrs. Stevenson. Silver Fox—1 and 2, T. C. Evans; 3, T. Martin. Sable—1 and 2, Mrs. Stevenson. Any other variety—1, 2 and 3, Mr. Bowerbank. Any variety (under 14 wks.)—1, Mrs. Stevenson; 2, Mr. Gash; 3, Mrs. Scorch. Any variety (under 5 mths.)—1, Mrs. Kylyn; 2, T. Martin; 3, Mr. Gash. Members—1, Mrs. Stevenson; 2 and 3, Mrs. Kylyn. Juvenile—1, T. Evans. Breeders—1, Mr. Bowerbank; 2, Mrs. Kylyn; 3, Mr. Stevenson. Challenge—1, Mrs. Stevenson; 2 and 3, Mrs. Kylyn.

REX CLASSES: Castor—1, Binnie and Cottrell. Chin.—1, Mr. Bates. Ermine—Master M. Kraslj; 2, B. F. Sme. Havana—1, A. Barker. Orange—1, T. Evans. Any variety (under 5 mths.)—1, Master Kraslj; 2, Master Kraslj; 3, A. Barker. Juvenile—1 and 2, Master Kraslj; 3, Mr. Bates. Challenge—1 and 2, Master Kraslj; 3, T. Evans.

CAVY CLASSES: Rough—1, Mr. Marr. Smooth—1 and 2, D. Broad; 3, Mr. Griffiths. Members—1 and 2, D. Broad; 3, Mrs. Palmer. Juvenile—1, Mr. Griffiths; 2 and 3, Mr. Marr. Challenge—1 and 3, D. Broad; 2, Mrs. Griffiths.

DUPLICATED CLASSES: Any variety buck—1, Mr. Hobson; 2, Mrs. Stevenson; 3, D. Broad. Any variety doe—1, Mrs. Kylyn; 2, Mr. Phillips; 3, Mr. Lee. Breeders (adult)—1, Mrs. Stevenson; 2, Mrs. Kylyn; 3, Furryscud Stud. Challenge (adult)—1, Mrs. Stevenson; 2, Mrs. Kylyn; 3, Mr. Griffiths. Breeders (under 5 mths.)—1, Mrs. Kylyn; 2, A. Barker; 3, Mrs. Stevenson. Challenge (under 5 mths.)—1, Mrs. Kylyn; 2, A. Barker; 3, D. Broad. Breeders (under 14 wks.)—1, T. Martin; 2, Mrs. Stevenson; 3, Mr. Whitfield. Members' challenge—1, Mrs. Stevenson; 2 and 3, Mrs. Kylyn. Juvenile challenge—1, Mrs. Kylyn; 2, A. Barker; 3, Mr. Nightingale. St. Dunstan's.



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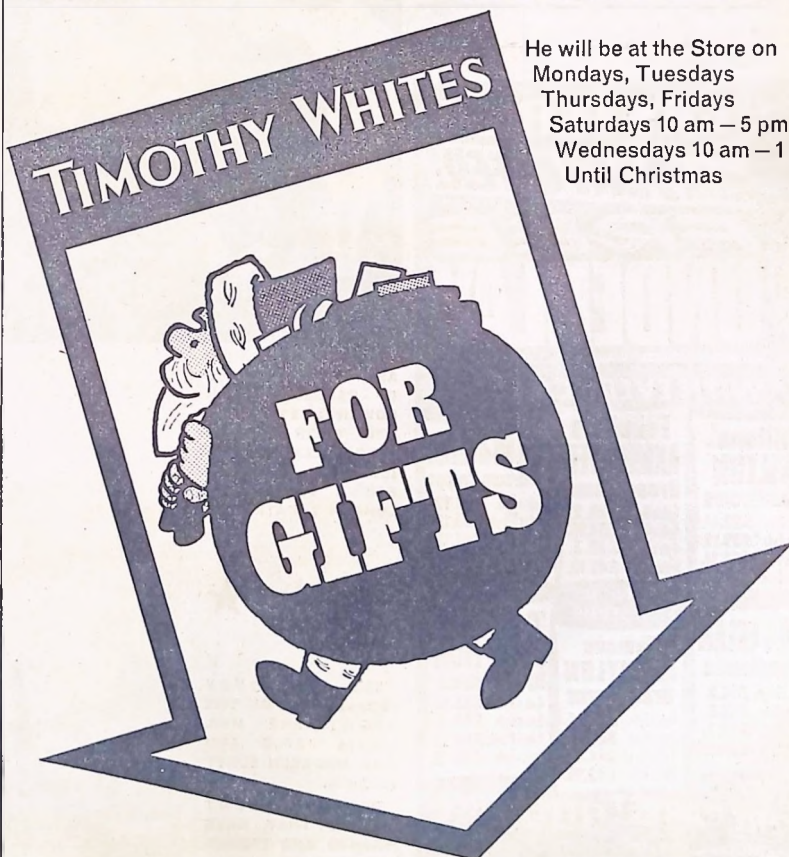
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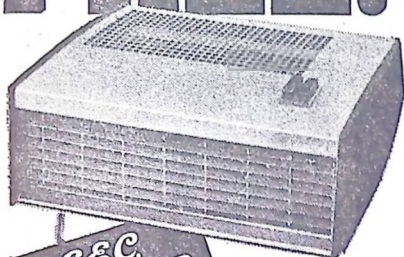


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OUT AND ABOUT WITH



Two Basildon schools were the scene on Saturday of the annual Brownie Revels, at which Brownie Packs of two districts competed for a chance to go forward to the Divisional competition later this month.

The theme this year was "A Christmas Story"; each Pack produced a play, centred around Christmas, though not necessarily with a religious slant. Pictured above at Bluehouse School the Laindon District Packs were judged by Mr. M. Matthews, Miss M. Baerlecher (Divisional Commissioner) was also a guest. The 1st Laindon Pack were first; second were 3rd Laindon, and vying for third place were 1st and 2nd Lea Chapel North. The winners were awarded a shield. Summing up, Mr. Matthews gave the girls some sound advice on the best way to punch home the points of their plays, and commented how difficult it was to choose between them. A similar comment was made by Mrs. I. Pettitt (Divisional President), who was the judge at Basildon District Revels at Manor Junior School. Girls from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th Basildon Packs competed. Winners of the shield were 8th Basildon, whose costumes and make-up were outstandingly good; and 2nd Basildon were awarded the runners-up cup. Mrs. M. D. S. Grist, J.P., was also a guest at the Basildon Revels. After the plays two Brownies presented Mrs. Pettitt with a potted cyclamen.



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BASILDON DEGROOM



St. Andrew's Church, Basildon, on Saturday, Mr. Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Francis, Basildon, married Miss Rita Ann Dorothy Cooper, of Chesterfield. (Photo by Highlands Studios, Leigh)



MRS. ADA PLUMB AND MRS. DAISY MACLEOD WERE IN CHARGE OF THE CLOTHES STALL AT THE THURSDAY DARBY AND JOAN CLUB BAZAAR IN FRYERNS COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY. THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY VERY JOLLY SALESLADIES!

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Wickford Ladies' Circle held a bazaar in aid of Cystic Fibrosis at the Castle Hotel, Wickford, on Saturday. Our picture shows some of the stallholders.



TROUBLE OVER A BALL —BASILDON MAN LOSES HIS APPEAL

A 48-YEARS-OLD Basildon man lost his appeal to Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford on Tuesday against conviction on a charge of assault occasion-

ing actual bodily harm and was ordered to pay costs not exceeding 35 guineas.

He was Albert Frederick Martin (48), of Bonnygate, who on conviction by Billericay Magistrates on August 22nd, was fined £20 and ordered to pay three guineas costs.

Mr. Anthony Scrivener, for the respondents, said on May 26th Mrs. Barbara Rosina Woods went to appellant's house nearby to retrieve her son's ball which had gone into his front garden. Appellant came up, said "You are not having it," and grabbed her left arm.

When she tried to free herself he struck her a hard blow on the left side of the face, knocking her to the ground. As she fell she banged her head on the pathway. The attack resulted in her lip being split, her eye blacked and her nose bruised.

When Police interviewed him, Martin denied that he hit Mrs. Woods and claimed that she tried to strike him. He also said his wife had been "worried out of her mind by these kids banging a ball on the window and wall" and running about in the garden.

ANNOYANCE

Appellant, a groundsman-gardener employed by Essex County Council, said annoyance was caused to him and his neighbours by children kicking a ball about on a stretch of grass outside his house.

While at home in the

late afternoon of May 26th a ball kept going into his front garden. Each time it was retrieved by Mrs. Woods' young son. When the ball narrowly missed a window and fell into his plants he picked it up and threw it indoors, leaving the front door open.

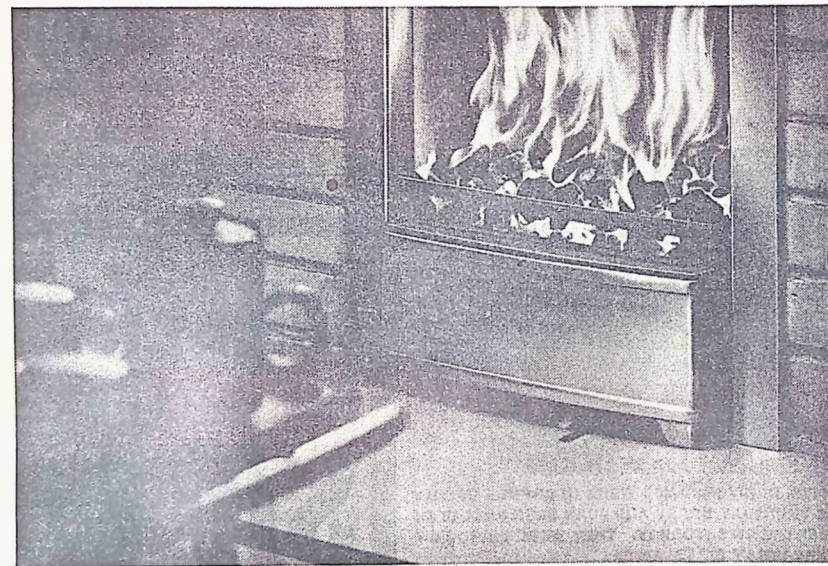
Shortly afterwards he surprised Mrs. Woods searching for the ball in the hall of his house. He ordered her out, whereupon she struck him on the face with the palm of her right hand. He grabbed her hand. She abused him and demanded the ball, but he refused to hand it over and he had to push her over the threshold.

"At no time did I strike her," Martin added.

Caravans for all

BASILDON Council's Planning Chairman, Coun. F. Champ, has ruled that a caravan in the garden of The Cottage, Nevendon Road, Wickford, for use as a summerhouse would not constitute development within the meaning of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1962. Planning permission is not therefore required.

A Council spokesman said: "It seems anyone can keep a caravan in their garden as long as it is not lived in."



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PROBLEMS OF EVENING CLASS CAR PARKING

THE INCREASING car parking problem experienced by members of Mayflower School's evening classes is not going to be eased in the near future.

Basildon Council's Further Education sub-committee have again rejected a request from the Management Committee to allow members to park their cars — about 80 in all — on the School's playground.

Evening class members are forced to park their cars in Stock Road and nearby minor roads. The Council have been

advised by the County Architect that the playground would not stand up to regular parking of heavy cars.

However, the Committee have resolved that provision be made in the draft estimates for strengthening the playground to accommodate car parking. A £30 floodlight is to be provided at Mayflower School to assist parking.



DAMP SQUIBS, BUT NO DAMP SPIRITS

IN TRADITIONAL NOVEMBER 5th WEATHER BASILDON ROUND TABLE AND THEIR 2,000 GUESTS TURNED OUT TO A BONFIRE NIGHT AT THE LAINDON LINK ON SATURDAY TO DO BATTLE WITH THE ELEMENTS AND CELEBRATE THE GUNPOWDER PLOT.

They left the warmth of firesides to arrive soaked to the skin, frustrated with trying to park cars, and ready to slosh about in ankle-deep mud.

The Chairman of Basildon Council, Coun. A. Baron Burn, sportingly turned out to ceremonially light the fire which spluttered into life only after the addition of paraffin and oily rags.

Even the Dalek "guy" refused to burn until the fire had completely dried out and was well ablaze. Hundreds of children and their parents churned the mud on the field as they rushed about with sparklers ablaze.

And in spite of hundreds more who would not go on the field, but stood watching from the hard surface of the roadway, Basildon Round Table were pleased with the result.

In the afternoon members were to have toured the town with loud-speakers inviting the public to attend. "We hadn't the heart," said Chairman Mr. Collin Wind.

"We were astonished at the crowds who did come. Police were kept busy all the time trying to find parking spaces for people who came in cars.

"But we have never had a dry day for our Guy Fawkes' night. We have run it for three years and each time it

has poured with rain. What we really need is a field for the fire near to some form of hard standing like a car park."

Last year the Table raised £400 at the event. This year the figure was

reduced to only £200.

Nevertheless, those who attended were treated to a good fire and £150 worth of fireworks. They also drank gallons of coffee and ate 1,000 sausages.

Said Mr. Wind: "The weather was atrocious—if it had been better, we would have at least 4,000 people there. The money



The Chairman of Basildon Council (Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P.) lights the giant bonfire with a taper, and the Basildon Round Table annual firework fiesta was off with a damp start. Looking on is Mr. Collin Wind (Chairman of the Round Table).



Hot dogs were popular at the firework fiesta.

Some of the crowd who attended the firework fiesta organised by Basildon Round Table.

We did raise some money from the prior sales of programmes."

The Table are raising money for a handicapped children's home in Wickford. They hoped to raise the final £700 at the bonfire evening.

Their next event, the Donkey Derby, to be held on Easter Monday next year will have to raise £500 to clear the sum.

Tipper driver sent to Assizes

THE DRIVER of a tipper lorry which overturned on a private car, killing a man and his seven-year-old daughter, appeared at Billericay Court on Tuesday.

Leonard Smith, (35), of Peering Road, Billericay, was charged with causing death by dangerous driving and with dangerous driving. He was sent for trial at Herts Assizes on December 5th, granted bail of £25 and legal aid.

Prosecutor Mr. D. G. Knight said Smith drove almost a mile with the tipping part of the lorry raised. At Pitsea the lorry hit the top of the railway bridge and overturned. Mr. Terence Gould, of Canning Town, and his daughter Pauline were killed.

P.C. Robert Giles saw Smith after the accident and it was alleged that Smith told him: "The back of the lorry does not close properly. I have told the firm about it, but they wouldn't do anything. It must have come up and hit the bridge."

Mr. Harry Johnstone, transport manager of J. C. Braine, Ltd. of Dagenham, produced log sheets for the vehicle and said they pointed out no defect.

Wickford man— former manager —for trial

TWO RECEIPTS for the same amount sparked off a Police investigation at a Chadwell St. Mary self-service grocery store and led to the former manager facing nine charges at Grays Court on Thursday week.

Frederick Boston (26), of Toppesfield Avenue, Wickford, ex-manager of the Elgees (Grays), Ltd., store at Chadwell, appeared on one charge of receiving stolen goods, three of stealing cash and five of falsifying accounts.

He was sent for trial to Essex Quarter Sessions, pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence. Bail was allowed and Boston, now said to be unemployed, was also granted legal aid.

He is alleged to have received five cases of stolen salmon, three cases of coffee and eight cases of butter. He is also said to have stolen sums of £70, £70, 18s. and £12 from Elgees and falsified accounts in respect of amounts of £127 12s. 8d., £10 18s., £20, £60 and £12.

Prosecutor Mr. Malcolm Simons said Police were called in after Boston had handed his managing director two receipts for the same payment of £127 12s. 8d. One, he alleged, was made out on Elgee's own paper. The other was a receipt from T. Wall and Sons.

Boston, he went on, eventually admitted buying goods for £40 from a driver working for Joseph Burns, Ltd., of Walthamstow. He got a receipt for £127 12s. 8d. on Wall's paper, took this amount from the till, paid the driver £40, put back £17 as profit and kept £70 himself.

The store's day book was later examined, alleged Mr. Simons, and false entries were discovered relating to cash payments purported to have been made to the Grays wholesale firm of Cash and Carry. There was also a false entry of £20 to Wilson and Whitworth for advertising.

Mr. Michael Greenhow, of Buchanan Close, Aveley, a representative for T. Wall and Sons, said in August he issued Boston with a receipt for £127-odd, but he had not supplied him with the goods shown on it.

"I asked him what he wanted it for and he just laughed," witness said.

Mr. Frederick Green, of Aubrey Road, Walthamstow, who was a driver with Joseph Burns, Ltd., said that at Grays Court on October 11th he was fined £45 for stealing cases of salmon, coffee and butter from his employers. He alleged he sold the goods to Boston.

He added: "On a couple of occasions he asked me if I had got anything cheap. I was sent one week and took the opportunity. He paid me £40 cash."

Managing director of Elgees, Mr. Rowland Gillbard, of Faltro Crescent, Hadleigh, said Boston was employed as manager and kept the day book and wages book. He was dismissed on September 11th.

When he spoke to Boston about the two receipts for £127 12s. 8d., accused said: "If you don't tear up one, I shall go up the line and so will you."

Det.-Insp. John Hedge-thorne said Boston told him: "I thought the accountant might not like this one (the first receipt) as it is on our paper. So I got Mike (Greenhow) to write out a real one."

Boston was alleged to have admitted buying goods from driver Green for £40, and realising the goods were stolen.

JOY RIDE TO COURT

TWO BOYS decided to have a joy ride on a friend's motor cycle.

The ride led them to Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday when the boys, aged 15 and 16, admitted taking and driving away a motor vehicle without the owner's consent and driving without insurance.

The younger boy also admitted driving under age.

Both boys were discharged conditionally and ordered to pay two guineas each costs.

MEDALS FOR THREE

THERE WERE long-service medals for three ladies of Billericay W.R.V.S. last week. Although the medals were for 27 years' service, each of them has, in fact, 28 years to her credit.

Proud recipients were Mrs. Mildred Bright, whose duties include the sale of welfare foods and trolley service at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay; Mrs. May Dominy, who saw much service before coming to Billericay and now runs the out-patients' refreshment rooms at St. Andrew's; and Mrs. H. Knightbridge, who helps with Meals-on-Wheels and does trolley duties at Mayflower Hospital Annex.

The presentations took place at the Civil Defence headquarters in Danbury.

Below, left to right, are Mrs. Knightbridge, Mrs. Bright and Mrs. Dominy.



get him out there, but it was enough to block the



Pitsea United pictured before their great National Sunday Cup win over Manor from Barkingside.

Brilliant 'keeper fails to halt Pitsea United

PITSEA UNITED 2, MANOR (BARKINGSIDE) 0
NOVEMBER 5th IT MAY have been on Sunday, but at the Gun Meadow illustrious visitors Manor from Barkingside produced few fireworks that Pitsea United could not dampen in this National Sunday Cup match — the first to take place in the Basildon area.

Pitsea's display on a slippery pitch was highly commendable. Undeterred by the visitors' reputation, they got stuck into the job from the first whistle, took a 2-0 match-winning lead by half-time, survived a hammering in the start of the second half and then came back to pound the Manor defence mercilessly to the last 20 minutes.

That Pitsea should have had six was no understatement. No one dare suggest they were this much better than the opposition, but it could have ended this way but for a cat-like display by Manor's brilliant goalkeeper.

By the end of the game Hook's string of saves had Pitsea striker Tony Holden beating the ground in disbelief and rightly thinking it simply was not his day.

Beech shines

Architects of the Pitsea win were the defenders, superbly generalised by Henry Beech. A master in the use of the offside trap, Beech reduced the Manor forwards to a state of frustration long before the game slipped out of reach.

And full-backs Bromage and Mosley hardly put a foot wrong in the annihilation of the Manor attack.

The marking of both sides was so tight and tactical that few shots were as rare as gold at both ends until Pitsea's domination began in the last 20 minutes. But even then none paid off due to the antics of the Manor's Hook, undoubtedly Manor's man of the match.

At the start of the game both teams attempted a brand of break-neck speed soccer which never quite came off. Many moves broke down hard before they had started.

Staff scores

With the defences dominating there were few signs of goals, even when Pitsea started the move which culminated in a morale-boosting lead in the 15th minute.

The goal came right out of the blue when Staff chased a ball to the by-line six yards wide of the goal. He then screwed back a shot from an impossible angle while Manor was expecting the safety of a goal kick.

It was a superbly-taken shot by Pitsea's wizard of trouble and a goal which they were seeing the locals through to the third round.

After this little went right up front for Pitsea, they suffered a goal disallowed and was pulled up for offside by the referee when nailing through, although the official linesman, right on the spot, was prepared to allow it. Holden's shot was blocked by the seemingly unbeatable Hook.

Number two

Then, in the 40th minute, Holden broke clear again. For a brief moment he lost possession, but he quickly regained the ball and, with the Manor defence in a state of confusion, he left for Thorogood to kick off the move with a cross that to make it 2-0.

At the start of the second half Manor made their big effort, throwing everything in for the first 15 minutes without as much as denting their great defence.

Five Pitsea slipped out of Manor's rescue with superb defence to almost snuff out goals, but Manor's Hook came to the Manor's rescue with superb defence.

Midway through the half Pitsea took control again and pushed up the pressure as much in the last 20 minutes it was almost one-way attacking traffic.

It was then that Hook brought the house down.

Great rally by Gifford Rangers

GIFFORD RANGERS 4, CORRINGHAM 1
A GOAL down at half-time, Gifford Rangers knocked Corringham's unbeaten record for six with a superb second-half display in this Sunday League (Division I) game.

Defences held the upper hand in the first half but Gifford's was the first to break following a mistake by their goalkeeper. The ball went to Corringham's right-winger who headed it across for another forward to hammer home.

Play continued to be fairly even and Corringham were still 1-0 up at the break.

The Rangers came out fighting at the start of the second half and in the first minute equalised when Penneck took the ball to the goal-line and turned it back hard into the penalty area for Waite to push home.

This gave the Rangers new heart and within five minutes they took the lead. Geoff Barham nullified the finishing touch after several shots had been blocked in the Corringham goalmouth.

Barham added his second soon afterwards when he collected the ball just inside Corringham's half and set off past two defenders before putting it into the goal with a fine shot via the woodwork.

Play hotted up considerably after this with both teams playing well in a quest for more goals.

Only one more came and this went to Gifford when a left-wing cross was headed down by Drew to Smith who made no mistake for number four.

LEADING SCORERS

ANDERSON (CORRINGHAM "A") with 14 goals leads the sharpshooters' chart in the Basildon Sunday League. Second is another Division I player, Tony Babb (Outwood).

Top scorers up to October 28th were: Premier Division: R. Page (Sorrento), E. Thorogood (Pitsea), 7; Division I: Anderson (Corringham "A"), 14; A. Babb (Outwood), 11; Division II: A. Lloyd (Scot Hall), 8; B. Moss (Canvey "B"), 7; Division III: S. Bean (Double Six "B"), 9; R. Eaton (Double Six "B"), 7.

Goalless draw at Laindon

Laindon 0, Sorrento 0
THE SIDES PRODUCED plenty of fireworks, but no goals in this Sunday League match at Laindon Hotel. Main bar to goals was the thick mud which halted several goalworthy shots at either end.

Conditions underfoot were atrocious, but nevertheless the sides produced some good football. Sorrento were first to attack, pace feeding Upton, whose shot was blocked by a Card shot, but the goal was disallowed for obstruction.

Laindon had a period of domination after this, hitting both the post and the crossbar. Then Sorrento came back to test Edwards again, and he was finally beaten by a Card shot, but the goal was disallowed for obstruction.

The second half was the same with both sides having chances, and Connolly and Edwards both saving well. Laindon looked certain to score when Connolly came out and was beaten, but the ball again stuck in the mud just before the goal.

There was plenty of action, but no more clear-cut chances before the end, and Sorrento's ten men after a player had been sent off, held on for a point.

S.E.M. "A" 0, 2
TWO GOALS in the last 10 minutes saw S.E.M. "A" preserve their unbeaten record against S.E.M. "B" with a 2-0 victory.

LATE ERRORS SANK THE MOTORMEN
S.E.M. "A" 2, DOUBLE SIX "B" 0

FOLLOWING TWO good wins in league and cup, S.E.M. "A" suffered a 2-0 defeat in their Basildon Sunday League Division I match with John Tanns at Wickford Memorial Park.

Struggling against the wind, Sports were in serious trouble within minutes when Tanns hit the back of the net, but the goal was disallowed because the scorer was offside.

It was this type of pressure that brought results in the 20th minute when outside-right J. Budding ran through to score Tanns' first goal.

Spotlight on Sunday League LAMPSHIRE SHINES IN GOOD WIN FOR PEGASUS

PEGASUS 6, PRIORS ATHLETIC 2
PEGASUS GAVE A GOOD PRIORS side a LESSON in FLOWING FOOTBALL AT HERD LANE ON SUNDAY AND DESERVEDLY WALKED OFF WITH BOTH SUNDAY LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION POINTS WITH A 6-2 VICTORY.

Car trouble caused Pegasus to start with only 10 men due to the late arrival of Hucker, but inside four minutes they were in front when Lampshire scored a great goal from a very narrow angle.

Keeping up the pressure Pegasus continued to increase the Athletics' problems and but for two fine interceptions by Godfrey further goals would have resulted.

Persistence by Mullin forced Priors into an error and the Pegasus men took the chance he created to make it 3-0.

At this point a long ball from Priors caught the Pegasus defence on the hop and opened the visitors to open their account.

At the start of the second half Priors' defence with his brilliant changes of direction but chances were missed before he banged home goal number four with goalkeeper Cordery off his line.

Within two minutes, Mullin, who led the Pegasus forwards, scored the fifth with a well-placed shot.

Priors hit back with a corner and almost made it three when Smith's header was deflected into the goal by Pegasus' goalkeeper.

The score remained at 5-2 until two minutes later when Lampshire scored his second of the game with a fine shot which gave Cordery no chance.

Man of the match was Lampshire for Pegasus who had an inspired game. He was closely followed by Mullin, Priors' forwards were Edney and Godfrey.

DOUBLE SIX UNLUCKY TO LOSE
GILBARCO 2, DOUBLE SIX 1

DESPITE MAKING four chances in their line-up, Double Six "A" gave Gilbarco second same and were really unlucky not to come away with at least one Sunday League (Division I) point.

In the first half Gilbarco dominated the play, scoring twice and going close many times. Only some brilliant saves by team manager John Levy in goal kept the score down.

The highlight of Levy's display was a penalty save which he finally pushed round for corner shot the taker had had three cracks at it.

The second half produced a new six side and within 25 minutes they pulled back a goal when Roy Rose performed a brilliant feat for the ball, won it and slipped it on to Bear who cut inside and fired a shot into the far corner.

The Six then fought like maniacs and led by referee with big Roy Eaton shooting at every opportunity and Bird beating the crossbar from a corner.

Gilbarco were forced to defend as they tried to collect to their slender lead until the end.

Levy, Batchelor and Bird were the Double Six's stars.

Permit-tied
BASILDON United permit player Carlin misses the Club's 10th match against Tisbury C.C. on Saturday because he is not eligible for the competition.

On the move
Bobby Kellard, former Basildon forward, has been transferred to a new club.

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Fixtures
Premier Division: Corringham v Vauxhall, a.d. Hastings, Laindon Hotel v Ghyllgrove, Priors v Canvey.

Division I: Canvey v Gilbarco, Gifford Rangers v Stability, Sorrento v A.

Division II: Outwood v Canvey, Canvey v Bonallack, Canvey v Bonallack, Canvey v Bonallack.

Division III: John Tann v Scimitar, Manor v S.E.M. "A", Mureo v Craylands, Norton v Canvey, Double Six v Essex C.C.

Meeting for hovercraft builders
THERE HAS been an enthusiastic response to the "build yourself a hovercraft" idea, out into operation by Brian Wavell, of Monkside, and a file of requests for a "Standard Recorder" two weeks ago.

As a result, the first hovercraft public meeting will be held at Timberley Secondary School on Wednesday, November 15th, at 8 p.m.

Organising the meeting are Mr. Wavell, builder of Basildon's first hovercraft, and Bob Hawthorne, Secretary of the Basildon Sports Council and an enthusiastic supporter of virtually every sport in the New Town.

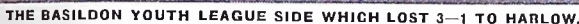
The Secretary of the National Hovercraft Club has offered to come to the meeting from the Isle of Wight and so has the London Branch Secretary who lives in Canvey.

"But I don't think we'll ask the National Secretary to come all this way just for the first meeting," said Bob Hawthorne. "At this meeting we just want to gauge interest and let people know what it takes to build a hovercraft."

Big night
When Dagenham surprised Chelsea on Monday night by beating them 1-0 in the London Evening Standard Cup, they became only the third amateur club to reach the final in 1967. They met West Ham.

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Crays Hill draw level with Hutton

layers for their Essex Junior Cup match with Billerica town on Saturday. The team will be Jay; Oldham, Woodwell, Tinton, Fountaine, John Harvey, Pease, Williams and Williams.

SWIMMERS' FEES WILL NOT ROCKET

He added that once the pool was organized, membership was expected to increase considerably.

Figures quoted in the estimates included \$337 for the hire of a pool car for C&D work, \$180 (based on a figure of \$3.34 an hour) for hiring

Prize from the Club East at the start of the season. Capt. Sir Richard Bonallick, of 1, must sincerely congratulate you on having maintained interest and enthusiasm during the long wait for the new pool," he said.

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St. John's "A," received five, had some hard, close games before they beat the Rotary Hoos "B" 7-2.

Five Division 1 c
are being played on
this week. The only
is the Fryerns-Scot

Town on Saturday. The team will be Jay, Oldham, Wood, Foxwell, Tinton, Fountain, Johns, Harvey, Pease, Wilms and Williams.

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Harry McFarlane (3rd left), who is "Mr. Essex," and County Councillor Howard Pembroke (3rd right) presenting prizes at Basildon Boys' Club on Saturday evening.

Minister "reasonably hopeful" but... LITTLE HOPE OF MOVE BY ORIENT BEFORE 1969

COUNTY TOURNEYS AT TOWN'S NEW POOL?

MR. DENIS HOWELL, THE MINISTER OF SPORT, IS "REASONABLY HOPEFUL" THIRD DIVISION ORIENT WILL MOVE TO BASILDON. BUT THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF THE SWITCH GOING THROUGH BEFORE 1969.

These points were made clear to the Orient Board at a meeting at the Brisbane Road ground, Leyton, on Wednesday night by the Chairman, Mr. Arthur Page.

ESSEX WANT to stage two centennial swimming championships at Basildon when the town's new £500,000 pool opens next year, it was disclosed on Tuesday. But the County would want exclusive use of the pool on a Saturday afternoon and evening, a demand which could lead to the request being turned down when it comes before the Council.

New details about the pool and working arrangements were disclosed to Basildon Swimming Club at their annual meeting by the Pool Manager, Mr. Tom Robson. He said it would cost about £15 an hour to open the pool. Schools would have exclusive use of the training pool every day until 4 p.m. Saturday morning. Toddlers' classes would be held at which it was hoped even 6-months-old babies will take part.

Capacity

Total capacity of the pool is 500 people and the Council expect this number to be reached "on quite a number of occasions" every year. Manager Mr. Robson told the meeting special training facilities were to be provided for high calibre swimmers, a number of which would be granted free admission to the pool for a year.

"I am prepared to set up at six in the morning to train this squad," he said. "This is in America and can be done here. Those who scramble about the hour can never expect to reach the top grade."

Mr. Robson said the Council wished to encourage all forms of competitive swimming. An "awards club" would be held on Friday evenings when all youth organisations in the area would be invited to go along.

A "learn to swim" campaign would be run and 12 lessons for juniors would be given at a cost of 30s. Individual coaching prices would be 5s. for adults and 4s. for juveniles.

Mr. Robson is keen to introduce a very high standard of instruction to all swimmers, everyone to have value for money," he said.

Official opening time of the pool will be 9 a.m. but should there be a demand for earlier opening, Mr. Robson said the Council would be prepared to consider it.

He was reporting on his meeting at a St. James club earlier in the day with Mr. Howell, Mr. Charles Boniface, General Manager of the Basildon Development Corporation, Mr. Eric Moonman, M.P. for Billericay, and other officials. Mr. Page said afterwards: "I have decided for the time being that Orient remain at Leyton and await developments. I would say this following this meeting, it is impossible for us to be playing at Basildon by season 1968-69. We are losing about £700 a week, but we still believe in it. We are not in danger this week or next."

Mr. Howell explained: "It is clearly a matter of great complexity involving land acquisition, town planning and finance. I am reasonably hopeful it will go through eventually."

"This is a new town which ought to have first-class sporting facilities," Mr. Reg Briggs, another Orient director who has been deeply involved in pressing for the move to Basildon, his home town, said: "The Basildon Development Corporation will produce a paper outlining all their proposals to place before the Minister this week."

Mr. Page has made it clear that Orient, averaging gates of only 4,000, would welcome a move to the Essex new town. The idea would be to incorporate the Club in a comprehensive sports centre, with indoor cycle racing and athletics facilities. Orient believe gates could go up to a steady 10,000.

Linkman between Orient, Basildon and Minister Howell is Mr. Eric Moonman, Howell's Personal Private Secretary.

Also at the St. James meeting, two Basildon Urban Council officials and Orient Manager Dick Graham. As a result of the meeting on Wednesday, it is obvious the Minister favours a much bigger Sports Centre scheme for the Gardiner's Lane site than just a football stadium and if the Corporation are to get Government financial aid they must fall in line. The idea would be to develop the Sports Centre in stages and to complete the first part completed — the football area to Orient.

For the Corporation to be determined "to move heaven and earth for a quick decision" after the meeting, Mr. R. C. C. Boniface rushed back to Gifford House to get the planning committee to agree to a scheme and a report.

Said Mr. Boniface: "I have given them instructions to work night and day on it to enable me to take it to the Minister on Monday."

Purpose of the exercise, it is understood, is to show the Minister a scheme which would allow Orient to move in early to a skeleton stadium with snackbar provision. Once there are other developments would follow.

For the moment the whole outcome depends firstly on the Corporation producing a quick plan and then on Whitehall who hold most of the financial strings.

That Mr. Howell favours a big sports centre scheme became obvious when he said

"Basildon is a fine new town which will house 250,000 people and it should have really top-class sporting facilities. Bringing these facilities to the people of Basildon is one of my responsibilities. Mr. Eric Moonman, who will also be attending Monday's meeting, said on Thursday morning there was no question of a hitch in the negotiations as some reports have indicated. I still think Orient could be in Basildon by next August," he said.

BOYS' CLUB AWARDS PRESENTED

BASILDON BOYS' Club held a presentation dance on Saturday to mark the end of National Boys' Club Week.

County Coun. Howard Pembroke handed the main awards to Andy Brown, the best young Basildon footballer of the year, and Barry Smith, who is the Essex Under-15 County champion mile runner. Barry represented Essex in the all-England mile at Peterborough in July when he came fifth in his class. Andy won the Tottenham Hotspur award.

Weightlifters and wrestlers also received prizes at the dance in Pembury Hall, Fairview Road, which was attended by about 200 parents and teenagers.

During Boys' Club Week members of Basildon Boys' Club raised £40 in door-to-door collections. Three-quarters of the money goes to the Club and the rest to national headquarters of the Boys' Clubs' Association.

A display was given at the dance by the Ladies' Keep-Fit Class who meet at Fryerns Community Centre.

FRYERNS WALKERS THE BEST

FRYERNS GRAMMAR / TECHNICAL SCHOOL, Basildon, provided the winners in both age groups in Basildon Athletic Club's schools' two-mile walk on Saturday.

Oliver Cavillighi had an expected win in the 12-15 age group, coming home nearly two minutes ahead of the runner-up, and G. Smith had an even blaster win by 20.18s. in the 16-17 race.

Prizes were presented by Great Britain international walker John Webb. 1. O. Cavillighi (Fryerns), 16m. 23.5s.; 2. A. Grant (Laindon), 22.5s.; 3. M. Russell (Fryerns), 20m. 8s. Senior — 1. G. Smith (Fryerns), 17m. 30s.; 2. Bentley (Fryerns), 18m. 18s.; 3. J. Worsley (Bassale), 19m. 40s.

Grays fourth

With 15 points from 13 games, Grays are now fourth in the Premier Division of the Athenian League, which is headed by Slough.

LEAGUE OFFICIALS WORRIED

SOME CLUB secretaries expressed concern that amateur footballers would become spectators if Orient moved to Basildon at a meeting of the Basildon Football League last Monday.

A letter to Basildon amateur football clubs giving details of Orient pools schemes signed by club promoter Brian Blower says the move looks very likely.

Mr. Blower, speaking at the league meeting commented on the record of the 60-years-old London club: "The directors have never ever cash in to build up the club in the past, but the present directors are prepared to do this if we move to Basildon," he stressed.

Coaching for Basildon amateurs will be offered if Orient come. A talent would be encouraged.

In a B.B.C. interview broadcast on Wednesday, Mr. R. C. C. Boniface (General Manager of the Development Corporation) said the Corporation were prepared to provide a ground for leasing to the club and to put up the buildings. "But much depends on whether the Government will allow us to spend the money," he said.

Mr. Boniface added that if the Orient did come to the New Town one of the difficulties would be that they changed their name to Basildon Orient.

Pools schemes are being started by Mr. Blower in Basildon, with clubs acting as agents taking a 50 per cent commission. "We don't care we are willing to pass on the profit to whoever forms the club," he said.

Mr. Blower added that if the Orient did come to the New Town one of the difficulties would be that they changed their name to Basildon Orient.

Mr. Harry Hill added that Orient had been thrown of numerous pitches around the town and in London — and had never had a home of their own.

When they heard Orient have a 3,500 average "gate" some league secretaries were worried their players would desert the game to become spectators of the professional side.

"You will kill our league," said one secretary early in the talk on the coming of Orient. By the end of the meeting it seemed Mr. Blower had reduced this fear.

After the meeting Mr. Blower reported on the result of the survey the Orient club carried out in the Town Centre.

Eighty people were asked if they supported Orient's proposed move to Basildon. Yes, 48; no, 32. The five opponents were all amateurs. One said the town had its priorities wrong and needed a Town Centre cinema before a football stadium.

No protest

Southend United Chairman Mr. Stan Skinner denied this week the move would start the club would object if Orient went ahead with its proposed move to Basildon.

"The United Board," he said, "has not even discussed the matter yet and have certainly made no protest either to the Football League or the Football Association."



SPOTLIGHT ON TENPIN BOWLING

Totworth crushed by Ambassadors

THE AMBASSADORS tenpin bowling team moved four points clear of their nearest opponents in the Inter-City Travel League when they defeated Totworth in all three games at Boxleyheat last Sunday. They have now won all nine games played so far and their nearest rivals, Harrow, Graydon and Edware, all have five points.

The first game saw the Ambassadors into an early lead, which, despite rolling a low score, they held easily throughout to win by 19 pins, their total being an 825.

The second game saw a vast improvement in the scores, mainly due to Roger Bright, who rolled seven strikes in a row for a 534 game. The team total of 910 gave the Ambassadors the points by 52 pins.

The third game saw an improvement once again, with Don Wood rolling a 224 and Laurie Ramsay a 203 in the Ambassadors' 932 total, a win this time of 93 pins.

High individual series in the Ambassadors' 2,076 total were Roger Bright with 601, Laurie Ramsay 565 and Don Wood 564. Roger Bright and Colin Tucker are equal second in the league averages at 180, with Laurie Ramsay fourth at 168.

The Ambassadors had an easy win over the Travellers, from Graydon, at Southcott the following night, when three games in the middle 800's were enough to give them all three points by at least 50 pins. They are now level on points with Tyn's Taxis, whom they meet next Monday on "position night," so the stage is once again set for a thrilling encounter between these two teams.

To complete a week of victories, the Ambassadors' lead-off man, Colin Tucker, played in the Men's League, Singles Tournament at Southcott last Sunday, and he won with a 768 total over four games, his third game being a 244, starting with seven strikes in a row.

Joyce Morris, with a wonderful last day's bowling in the King Roulie's League, came within striking distance of the Ladies' Division title.

She started off the day well behind division leader Ann Garrett, but with some fine bowling steadily pulled her way back. She then to win all her last four games against Ann Garrett to take the title, and managed to take the first two before Ann's third game of 233 finished her.

Nevertheless, it was a fine fighting performance by Joyce, which gave her the second prize of £65. Mary Betts, the other Basildon bowler in the league, finished fifth overall, although her best series of 785 was the second best bowled in the division.

The eight ladies in the division had agreed beforehand to share the prize money between them to offset some of the costs of travelling to the league each week. This prize money totalled £230.

In addition each of the competitors received a presentation table cigarette lighter with the compliments of Coca Cola, who sponsored this league.

There were no Basildon men in either of the Men's Divisions.

In the Atlas League this week there were six games over 200, topped by W. Shead with a 218. R. Tear, K. Stubbs, K. Hart, L. Barber and D. Baker took the others.

Also in the Atlas League, C. Bennett, of The Invaders, scored a 6-7 split, and the Bloodcuts scored a high team game of 609.

Bill Shead was the star of the Monday Mixed Doubles this week. He scored 623 series with games of 224, 195 and 204.

Positions

ATLAS LEAGUE	T.P.	Pts
Don Wood	16	11184
Colin Tucker	15	10851
Shelli	14	10743
Minute	13	10598
W. Three highest games scored by		
Stubbs 214, R. Tear 215, K. Stubbs 214		
Three highest series scored by		
W. Shead 248, D. Baker 236, K. Stubbs 235		

MONDAY MIXED DOUBLES	T.P.	Pts
T. and N. Bolder 15	6	6275
R. and N. Bolder 14	5	6176
J. and J. Green 14	4	6176
R. and N. Bolder 13	3	6033
A. and S. Grant 12	2	6033
Three highest games scored by		
John and Anne Buckley 337, Steve and Yvonne Bradshaw 337, Bill and Shelli Shead 305, Ray and Norma Hook 270, John and Joy Green 256		

STC JETS	T.P.	Pts
Seahawks	21	22418
Comets	20	22418
Caravelles	19	21558
Delias	18	21611
Three highest games scored by		
S. Waterfall 230, K. Harding 224, J. Oakley 224		
Three highest series scored by		
S. Waterfall 582, S. Waterfall 567, K. Harding 551		

DOZEN LEAGUE	T.P.	Pts
Record Deckers	20	2619
C. J. 19	19	2619
Musketiers	18	2580
Three highest games scored by		
C. J. 64, Musketiers 58, C. Tucker 222, P. Colcomb 208, K. Wade 207, Ambassador 177, C. J. 177, C. Tucker 177, P. Colcomb 177		
Three highest series scored by		
C. J. 589, Musketiers 551, Moonlighters 543, Lions 518		

LATIN LEAGUE	T.P.	Pts
Nomads	18	11145
G. Arrows	15	11695
Lions	13	11994
Dozers	11	11121
Three highest games scored by		
P. Murray 212, Keeble 198, R. Horton 202, Deckers 551, Moonlighters 543, Lions 518		
Three highest series scored by		
P. Murray 517, J. Furr 517, C. J. 517, Moonlighters 515, Lions 515		

HUNTERS LEAGUE	T.P.	Pts
Ambassador	18	9868
Southend	16	9721
Ambassador	14	9721
Black and W.	12	9218
Charlricks	10	9286
Might 444, Ambassador 413		
Three highest games scored by		
Ambassador 413, J. 413, Jack Smith 411		
Three highest individual series—H. Horton 235, H. Horton 235, H. Horton 235		

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It speaks volumes for your officers in the way you have tackled your affairs in the absence of a pool, particularly in your encouragement of youngsters.

Lot to learn

The Club's annual report, read by Mr. S. Turberville, stated that in certain respects the Club in the past few opening had been a good thing as it had given the Club time to think about the pool, and to start thinking and acting in a businesslike way.

"The committee realised they had a lot to learn and a great deal of work to put in before the big day and they have used the time to the fullest advantage."

"It gave a chance to those committee members who had

been appointed, but unable, to give the time they anticipated to the Club, to back down and leave room for somebody else."

As a result we have arrived at the position where we have a full, keen and competent committee who know where they are going and are eager to start.

On the books

The report showed that even with a limited membership, the Club last year had 374 juniors and 134 seniors on the books.

On terms agreed with the Council for Club use of the pool, the report stated that five hours a week, winter and summer, had been allocated. The main period would be three hours on Monday evenings.

In addition organised sprint training facilities were to be provided between 4 p.m. and 5

p.m. on weekdays, and through the year another two-hour period was being allocated free by the Council for the training of the Urban District team.

Retiring Treasurer Mrs. A. Drake reported a balance in hand of £21.15.6d. with which to start the year.

The biggest item of income last year was £78.18s.6d. from membership fees.

Elected were: President—Sir Richard Bonallack, Vice-President—Mr. M. Christie, Chairman—Mr. F. Drake; Vice-Chairman—Mr. A. Collins; Treasurer—Mr. S. Turberville; Committee—Mrs. A. Drake, Mrs. Loveland, Mr. W. Stannard, Mr. B. Sands, Mr. H. Ives, Mr. P. Jarvis, Mr. Bloy and Mrs. Stannard.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lowe were appointed team managers and Mr. Tom Robson chief coach.

Basildon School's 15 football team, which beat East Suffolk in the second round of the English Schools' Shield.

HOCKEY

UPMINSTER BEATEN BY BASILDON

BASILDON LADIES 5, UPMINSTER LADIES 2

BASILDON LADIES successfully combated the driving rain to score a great win over Upminster Ladies on Saturday.

The New Towners got off to a picture start when Margaret Southcott pushed home a loose ball to put them one up in the first few minutes.

Upminster were quick to equalise after a fine run by their forwards only for Basildon to go ahead again with a shot on the run by Sue Hayward from Liz Shaw's good pass.

Basildon led 2-1 until just before the interval when, for the second time, Upminster brought the scores level.

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Basildon's last goal came from right-winger Margaret Southcott after excellent positioning and anticipation, first drawing the goalkeeper out of position and then flicking the ball past her into the corner of the net.

The Basildon team were alert throughout the year, and 20 minutes kept on top of the Upminster forwards to stop them scoring.

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On Saturday Basildon are at home to Hornsea and the second team are away to West Essex.

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BADMINTON REVIEW

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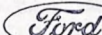
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COURT SEQUEL TO FATAL ACCIDENT

THE DRIVER of a tipper lorry which overturned on a private car, killing a man and his seven-years-old daughter, appeared at Billericay Court on Tuesday.

Leonard Smith (35), of Feering Road, Billericay, was charged with causing death by dangerous driving and with dangerous driving. He was sent for trial at Hertfordshire Assizes on December 5th, granted bail of £25 and legal aid.

Prosecuting, Mr. D. G. Knight told the Court that Smith drove 9/10th miles with the tipper body of his lorry in the full or almost fully raised position from the Walcott House building site, Pitsea, along Wickford Avenue, Rectory Road and High Road, where he hit the top of the railway bridge and overturned.

Deceased were Mr. Terence Gould (36) and his daughter, Pauline, of Lawrence Road, Canning Town, who died from severe skull fractures and lacerations to the brain.

They were driving towards Southend in the opposite direction to the lorry. With them were Mr. Gould's wife, Rosina (32), and son, Michael (13), who suffered minor injuries.

Also involved was Mr. Kenneth Jacobs, a representative, of Park Lane, Southend, who crashed into the underside of the overturned lorry. He was unhurt.

Carpenter and Joiner Mr. William Boyce, of West Crescent, Canvey, who was working on the Walcott site, told the Court that he saw the

lorry leaving the site along Wickford Avenue.

"I heard a crack as the lorry brought down some overhead electric light cables. The back of the lorry was tipped right up," he said.

Said Mr. Jacobs: "As I approached the railway bridge I saw the tipper lorry approaching from the other side. The tipping part was up."

"It caught the top of the bridge and the lorry turned over. I braked, but I smashed into the underside of the tipper."

Seen by P.C. Robert Giles, of Pitsea, after the accident, Smith told him: "The back of the lorry does not close on the chassis properly when you let it down. It sticks three feet above the chassis."

"I told the firm (J. C. Braine, Ltd., of Dagenham) about it, but they wouldn't do anything about it. It must have come up while I was going along and hit the bridge."

Due to the damage the lorry sustained in the accident, it was impossible to determine whether there had been a pre-accident defect in the tipping mechanism, the Court heard from Ministry of Transport Vehicle Examiner at Gidea Park, Mr. Donald Dean.

Drivers were, however, issued with log sheets, daily which made provision for written complaints about vehicle defects, Braine's Assistant Transport Manager, Mr. Harry Johnstone, of Sheffield Drive, Romford, said in evidence.

He produced log sheets submitted by Smith between August 1st and September 7th, the day of the accident, which he said "Pointed out no defect in the tipper mechanism whatsoever."

Smith replied that he had made a verbal complaint about the tipper mechanism to a foreman fitter who had since been sacked from the firm.

"The chaps at work also knew about the faulty tipper, but the firm wouldn't do anything about it," he said.

Asking for legal aid Smith, who was not represented, said he earned £18 per week. He said he was married, but his wife had recently lost a baby and was too ill to work.



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M.P. hopes to stop local authorities "passing the buck" CHURCH NEEDS £700

BILLERICAY'S M.P. Eric Moonman has taken up a resident's three-months-old fight to get an overgrown hedge cut back. His intervention is aimed at preventing the local authorities "passing the buck."

The hedge runs from Laindon Common to Billericay Junior School. It has become so overgrown that the footpath has been reduced to 18 inches in width in some places.

The resident is pensioner Mrs. L. Wilkie, who wrote to Mr. Moonman about the hedge because she is frightened of the danger to herself and other pedestrians as traffic "rushes past" along Laindon Road.

In the letter to Mr. Moonman she states: "The size and speed of traffic on this road forces you to crouch into the hedge as each vehicle passes, and the lives of school-children and pensioners are endangered more and more each day."

Mrs. Wilkie has written to Basildon Council five times about the hedge since August, but they have replied that it is not their business, but the responsibility of the farmers whose land borders the footpath.

She has also been in touch with the Police, who reported the matter to Basildon Council. The Police appreciate the situation is dangerous, but are unable to offer any further help.

A way out?

"While the local Council, the Police and the farmers hesitate to take action, a danger arises which may have very serious consequences," Mr. Moonman told the "Standard Recorder" this week.

He has assured Mrs. Wilkie that he will visit Basildon Town Manager David H. Taylor and the Police to

"offer a way out of this dilemma."

"We must certainly avoid the organisational game of passing the buck," he added.

Council view

Commented a spokesman for Basildon Council: "The Council are concerned at the state of the hedges, but have no power to cut them as they are on private property."

"The road is a County road and, as such, only the County Council have the power to require the hedge to be cut. We are, however, pressing them to do this."

Remembrance Sunday

FOR THE first time the Roman Catholic Church will be represented at Billericay British Legion's Remembrance Sunday service.

Father Geoffrey Pyle will give the address at the afternoon service, which this year is being held in the Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

Wreath-laying will be at the War Memorial in the High Street at about 3.45 p.m.

Billericay High Street

THE PUBLIC meeting at which Basildon Council's proposals for Billericay High Street, based on their Study Group's findings, and the proposals the Council have put forward in connection with the inner relief road and the way it is likely to affect Town Centre traffic, has been fixed for Friday, December 15th.

Venue will be the Archer Hall, and the meeting, at which questions will be invited, will start at 7.30 p.m.

Fireworks at school

SOUTH GREEN County Junior School held their annual fireworks party on Saturday when 27 entries were received for the competition. The prize-winners were: 1, Andrew Marshall; 2, Michael Afford; 3, Teresa Klisson.

The party was organised by the Headmistress, Mrs. D. C. Scott-Farthing, Deputy Head Mr. White-lock.

WICKFORD Methodist Church is in dire need of £700 to pay for repairs to the church.

The Minister, Rev. Brian Gameson, has appealed to the church's 70 members in Wickford to raise £10 each.

"If we do all we can the money will soon be raised and our church will receive the necessary attention," he writes in the church magazine.

He points out that Sunday collections are not meeting the financial requirements and an average of £10 a week is required to meet the bills.

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YVONNE PERRY, great niece of Mr. Herbert Geere (68) and his wife, Alice, of Second Avenue, Shotgate, set sail back to Australia on Tuesday.

Yvonne and her friend, Denise Brooks, both shorthand typists, left their home in Warrnambool, Victoria, two years ago on a working and touring holiday of Europe, the Middle East and Great Britain.

On Saturday they were given a farewell party by Mr. and Mrs. Geere with a buffet tea provided by their son, Mr. William Geere, and his wife, Joan, who live next door, followed by a firework party at the home of daughter Mrs. Pamela Wood in Park Lane, Ramsden Heath.

During the firework display they received a telephone call from Australia. It was Yvonne's father, who rang so that he "could be in on the party."

"The girls had been saving up for years for this trip," Mrs. Geere, sen., told the "Standard."

"They've been everywhere—Russia, Greece, Egypt, all over Europe, England, Wales and Ireland. They have seen all there is to see in London, including a few State occasions."

"When they came to visit us it was the first time I had seen any of my side of the family since they emigrated, and I expect it will be the last."

We see of Yvonne when we see them off again at Tilbury." Yvonne is the daughter of Mrs. Geere's eldest nephew, Charles Perry, who emigrated 50 years ago. In all, she has 40 relatives in Australia.

Above are Mr. and Mrs. Geere with Yvonne and Denise.

100 members

WICKFORD Women's Institute were given an interesting demonstration on how to make Christmas decorations with flowers when they met at Wickford Community Hall on Tuesday.

Speaker for the afternoon was floral exhibitionist Mrs. Baynes.

President Mrs. Halls told members that the Institute had recently enrolled its 100th members.

Competition for the best floral decoration was won by Mrs. Harvey with Mrs. Saunders coming second.

Rotarian speaker

Rotarian F. G. Whitlock, District 108 Chairman, was the speaker at Wickford Rotary Club's luncheon meeting on Thursday week at the Castle Hotel. There were 32 members and two guests present. Rotarian Frederick France presided.

Wickford Tories confident of next election result



Our picture above was taken at the annual dinner of Wickford Conservative Association at the Bull's Eye, Basildon, on Friday, when Mr. Robert McCrindle, prospective Conservative candidate for Billericay, predicted a Tory majority of over 15,000 for the Division in the next parliamentary election.

ATTEMPTED WAGES SNATCH ALLEGATION

AFTER £3,476 HAD BEEN COLLECTED BY BASILDON MEN

A CAR STOLEN from Stoke Newington and found abandoned in Grange Avenue, Wickford, was used in an attempted wage snatch outside Barclays Bank, Honeywood Road, Basildon, in which two Basildon men, employees of Darham Industries, Ltd., were attacked and injured.

This was stated at Billericay on Tuesday, when Roy Pett (29), of Kemp Road, Enfield, and John Bird (23), of Derby Road, Enfield, were charged with being armed with an offensive weapon, they assaulted Mr. Sidney Butteriss and Mr. William Rowbotham.

After a hearing lasting over six hours, Bird and Pett were committed for trial to the Hertfordshire Assizes.

Through their counsel, Mr. Iven Lawrence, both men

pleaded not guilty, called no evidence and reserved their defence.

They were allowed bail.

Mr. Butteriss, Transport Manager, of Barrington Close, Basildon, said he always acted as escort to Mr. Rowbotham, wages clerk, when he went to the bank to get the wages.

On October 12th they went to the bank in Honeywood Road by van. He went to a shop and then joined Mr. Rowbotham in the bank. He was

"I left before him as I always do. Mr. Rowbotham never comes out of the bank until I give him the mail clear. As I walked out a man came from my left and stopped across my front, I stopped and he carried on walking. I then continued walking towards our van," said Mr. Butteriss.

He went on: "I gave Mr. Rowbotham the all clear. He came out of the bank with a briefcase and heard a scuffle. I turned round and saw a man attacking Mr. Rowbotham."

Mr. Butteriss alleged the man was Bird, the man who had walked in front of him. He was wearing a cap pulled down over his eyes.

A SCUFFLE

"I hit him; he hit me and I went down. As I got up the man ran by me and I ran after him. As I was running I felt something hit me in the mouth. I didn't see what it was, but it broke my false teeth and tore the inside and outside of my mouth," Mr. Butteriss added.

Mr. Rowbotham, of Southgate Square, Basildon, who said he collected about £3,476 from the bank, told of the attack made on him.

"As I waited for Mr. Butteriss to give me the signal I saw a man walk by and I was suspicious of him," he said.

He received the signal, went out of the bank and saw the man who was still walking. "As I neared our van he turned and came straight at me. Seeing he was going to attack me I swung my briefcase towards his head. I could see nothing in the way of arms and then I had an indication of something, but I could not see what it was. I received a blow on my right elbow," Mr. Rowbotham added.

He said the man ran off and he went back into the bank and put the briefcase over the counter.

He alleged that Bird was the man who attacked him, and said he had picked him out at the second of two identification parades.

Det.-Insp. Eric Smith said he had interviewed Pett and Bird who had both denied committing the offence. They said they had not been at Basildon on October 12th.

EDITOR NEEDS HELP

THE FIRST issue of a new parish magazine for Billericay Congregational Church is out this month. The new six-page magazine replaces the old single sheet newsletter.

"Now, more than ever before, I need all the help and co-operation I can get from members and friends of the church," states Editor Mr. Arthur Woodward in his latest editorial.

"I can improve this magazine only to the extent that people are sufficiently interested to help me improve it. Contributions are urgently required."

Mr. Woodward goes on to ask for suggestions for a front cover design.

"At the moment it has to be kept simple," he writes, "as it is drawn on a stencil. However, if anyone comes up with a really good suggestion I will get an artist to draw it and then, perhaps, we could run to the cost of having the front cover printed litho instead of duplicated."

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A Baidon Council refuse collection vehicle was involved in a collision with a private car at the junction of Castledon Road and London Road, Wickford, on Thursday week. Both drivers were taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, but were not detained. The driver of the car was Mr. J. Clements, of Fyfield Road, London, E.17. The picture above shows the refuse collection vehicle where it came to rest after the crash. The other photograph is of the damaged car.



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MRS. SUSAN BUCKLEY, OF BENFLEET, WHO WON THE BASILDON HEAT OF THE MANHATTAN GIRL OF THE YEAR AWARD AT THE LOCARNO BALLROOM ON SATURDAY.

Borstal for shopbreaker

AT ESSEX Quarter Sessions on Wednesday one of three youths who broke into Leonard Bedwell's outfitters' shop in High Road, Vange, and stole clothing worth £583 was sent to Borstal.

He was John Segars (19), of Church Crescent, Hackney, who had been committed by Billericay Magistrates for sentence.

Segars was reported to have made six previous Court appearances.

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TORY JOINS THE BATTLE

CONSERVATIVE councillor for Laindon Ernest Lane this week joined in the battle over unions and conditions of employment on Basildon Council.

Now that union membership is not compulsory for the Council's white collar workers, Coun. Lane attacks Labour Group Leader, Coun. Joe Morgan, "for threatening officers."

Claimed Coun. Lane: "Coun. Morgan has left the Council's officers in no doubt as to where they stand if his group were returned to power."

"He told officers who were attending an Executive Committee meeting that he would sack any officer who had allowed his union membership to lapse."

"This is blackmail and entirely unfair on the officers of the Council, who, under our new ruling, can do exactly as they wish with regard to union membership."

"It is a clear case of victimisation of any officer who does not want to belong to a union for his own reasons."

Coun. Morgan replied: "At the Executive Committee meeting I said that when we are returned to power in 1969, officers who have lapsed their union membership will have to consider their position."

"This is because we will reverse the position which the Conservatives have. Just brought about. If the union will not have them back, these people will be in a difficult situation when their cases are reviewed."

On the wider issue Coun. Morgan said what he had said was in committee. He didn't expect to be quoted on what was said during committee meetings.

"But that suits me," he said. "If everything said in committee is reportable to the Press, then I have plenty to say."

Mr. Bert Thompson, Press Relations Officer for the Basildon branch of Nalgo said later the branch had not discussed the issue and would not go on until its next meeting on November 28th.

As far as he knew anyone who had lapsed membership could always rejoin the Association.

He added: "As far as we know, nobody has any strong feelings about it. Nobody has dropped out yet and nobody has tendered a resignation."

FOUND ILL

Police forced entry into a Long Riding, Basildon, flat on Monday, where Mrs. Irene Frye was found to be ill. She was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, and detained. Her condition was later described as "satisfactory" by a hospital spokesman.

CAR STOLEN

An Austin A40 car owned by Mrs. Heather Bailey, of Southernhay, Basildon, was stolen from the Long Riding/Nether Priors car park, Basildon, on Monday.

THE SMART GUYS OF FRYERNS



A GROUP OF ENTRANTS IN THE FRYERNS PLAY AREA GUY COMPETITION ON FRIDAY.

LAINDON AND PITSEA POLICE STATIONS TO CLOSE

IN A BIG Police reorganisation shake-up to come into operation next week, Laindon and Pitsea Police Stations are to close down.

From that date all Police operations for the Basildon New Town area will be centralised at the Divisional Headquarters in Great Oaks, Basildon.

Instead of being able to consult a bobby at Laindon or Pitsea, the public will be able to use a telephone which is being installed at each station. It is connected straight through to the Basildon Headquarters.

Announcing the new set-up this week, Chief Supt. Leonard Sample, who only took over as Head of Basildon Police in August, said it would give the public better all-round cover, a prompt service and a greater degree of security for their property.

"To keep Pitsea and Laindon Stations open 24 hours a day involves a minimum of 10 men," said the Chief Superintendent.

"By the centralisation of our activities at Basildon, these men can be released for other duties in the protection of the public and their property."

Mr. Sample said the amount of work dealt with by Laindon and Pitsea Police Stations did not warrant keeping them open.

"We cannot afford to have Policemen sitting in an office waiting for the telephone to ring or for the public to call."

"Under the new system Laindon and Pitsea will get a much better coverage than has been possible in the past."

"Any inquiries or calls for assistance should be dealt with more expeditiously, particularly as radio and vehicles are playing a greater part in Police methods," said the Chief Superintendent.

He pointed out that people who are required to produce driving licences, etc., at Police Stations should no longer put Laindon or Pitsea on their forms. This will now all be handled at Basildon, where a 24-hour service is provided.

The next big change for Basildon Police will come early next summer, when unit policing, involving Panda cars, will be introduced.

DAYLIGHT

THIEVES
DAYLIGHT thieves had a haul of over £200 worth of property from four Basildon houses on Wednesday. Clocks, rings, pictures, glasses and other household effects worth £120 were stolen from two houses in Long Lynderswood and property, including a mirror and a clock, were taken from a house in Danacre. In another break at Landermere the electric meter was broken open and the contents

APPEAL TO DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

LAST WEEK the Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club decided to close membership because they were getting too big. On Tuesday the Community Association asked them to reconsider their decision.

"We give the hall free," said Mr. R. I. Jones, "we want to make life bearable for old people. This Club may be their only day out, and the Club should assimilate anyone who wants to join. We should bring them in until they are bulging out of the chimney."

"It is now in the minutes," said Mr. V. Crowley, of the Darby and Joan Club. "The decision was taken and anybody who makes an application now will be put on a waiting list."

He went on to say that the present membership of 150 was as much as could be handled. "We feel it is getting too big," he said, "we are losing fellow feeling." He suggested the formation of another old people's club.

"I would advise the Darby and Joan Club to think again," summed up Chairman of the Association Mr. W. Vandenberg. "It seems a little incongruous that members of this Association will not be able to join their own club when they are over 60."

A mix-up

Laindon Residents' Protection Association have had to cancel the meeting with Corporation officials, which was arranged for tonight (Friday) at the Laindon Community Hall. The date has been put forward 10 days to Monday the 20th, when the Corporation have agreed to send a representative. Reason for the cancellation is a mix-up over bookings at the Community Centre.

SQUARE DANCERS OF CLAYHILL

MEMBERS of the Clayhill One-in-Eight Square Dance Club recently took part in a Square Dance Convention, at Cliftonville.

A very happy weekend was spent by them all, and they were very proud when their caller was chosen as one of the guest callers.

They also paid an enjoyable visit to East London Square Dance Club, where they danced to the calling of world-famous Tommy Cavanagh, who has now recorded four top-selling square dance records in the United States.

The One-in-Eight is a section of the Basildon Community Association, and the only square dance club in the area. They meet at Vange Community Hall on Friday evenings and would welcome visitors and new members.

OLD SONGS

Mr. Mick Collins entertained members of Laindon Hills and District branch at their weekly meeting on Thursday week. Everyone joined in the fun and many old songs were revived and sung with gusto. Birthday honours were sung for Mrs. Shibe, Mr. Parish and Mrs. Kiddell. Mrs. Gibson was welcomed back after illness. The sick visitors reported that they were continuing visits to sick members with gifts and good wishes from all colleagues. Mr. Green and Mrs. Rowe, still away sick, were specially mentioned. Chairman Mr. A. Vickers thanked everyone for their raffle gifts.

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