

BASILDON Standard RECORDER

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Assisting Father Christmas in his duties at Basildon Ladies' Circle Christmas fair, Kingswood Community Centre, on Saturday, was Helen Bond (12), who made a most attractive "Daughter Christmas."

SCHOOLBOY'S CAMPAIGN IS MEETING SUCCESS

THE CAMPAIGN to clamp a speed restriction on Broadmayne—led by 12-years-old Timberlog school-boy Mark Baigent—is having an effect.

Basildon Council are asking the Ministry of Transport to put a 40 m.p.h. speed limit on the road from East Mayne to Ghyllgrove.

This follows a Ministry refusal to put a 30 m.p.h. limit on the main road to the Town Centre. Most cars travel along Broadmayne at 30 to 40 m.p.h. anyway, the Ministry pointed out. And the road's accident record does not show a need for restriction.

The Police stand in the middle of the dispute. They do not support 30 m.p.h.—but say they have no objection to the 40 limit.

Mark Baigent called door-to-door on houses near Broadmayne to collect a 200-names petition urging a speed limit, which has been handed to the Council.

Another voice supporting a limit has been Rev. Keith Wood, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Fryerns. He has called for a restriction for a long time.

Told Basildon Council's Works Committee now agreed with him, he said: "I think this would be a reasonable limit and I am wholeheartedly in favour of it. I supported the 30 limit—but that was wishing for the moon, I suppose."

"The sad thing was that if the Council make a smokeless zone they plaster notices everywhere. But when they took the decision to derestrict Broadmayne the only notice was a small advertisement in the paper."

"Because we didn't see this, we lost our chance to object at the time."

Majorettes link with Twirlers



Basildon's pretty Drum Majorettes (seen above) are to affiliate with a sister club in America—the United States Twirling Association. They hope to exchange views and literature with them—and also may find pen friends among their members.

The U.S. Twirling Association have their editorial headquarters in Grand Rapids, Michigan, U.S.A., and are one of many such organisations listed in the instruction manual used by Mrs. J. Joyce, who trains the Drum Majorettes.

Mrs. Joyce now has 20 girls in the Drum Majorettes Corps and a waiting list of girls who would like to join when there is a vacancy. "We had so many inquiries that we had to impose an age limit of 14," says Mrs. Joyce.

So if you have a yearning to become a Drum Majorette, and would like to be added to the waiting list, Mrs. Joyce would like you to write to her at 25, Elmhurst Crescent, Basildon—but you must be at least 14 years old!

No hot school meals for Infants

Angry mothers storm councillor's home

ANGRY MOTHERS stormed a Laindon councillor's house on Tuesday night. They claimed that five-year-old infants at a local school were only getting "a sandwich and a banana" for lunch instead of hot meals and demanded an explanation.

The deputation, from Laindon's Pound Lane housing estate, made a bee-line for Coun. Derrick Pope's house in Pound Lane.

He was not at home, but they were given a sympathetic hearing by his wife, Gladys.

The storm blow up when infants came home from Laindon Park Primary School and told their parents of the "picnic" meal being provided for is, a day (the same price as hot meals). One of the mothers, Mrs. Amy Child, of Kathleen Ferrier Crescent, Laindon, said: "We were given absolutely no warning or explanation. It's scandalous to expect those toddlers to go all day without a hot meal."

The mothers were baffled why the infants had been "picked out" to have the cold lunches. "When it happened on Monday I thought it was just an odd occasion," said Mrs. Marie Dille, of Elgar Close. "Then it occurred again on Tuesday while the juniors were still having hot meals."

Difficulties over meals provision arose on Monday when two classes of children, who had been "boarded out" to Chowdhury Infants' School, returned to Laindon Park on the completion of some new temporary classrooms.

"This increased the pressure on the meals facilities," said Basildon Education Officer Mr. Eric Dixon.

There are already two sittings in operation and it is not usual to institute a third. An alternative to this is to provide an alternative menu of "finger meals" of the same caloric value for the balance—18 in this case.

"This can include a sausage roll, a sandwich, or a Cornish (Continued on Back Page)

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On model duty last Thursday at Trinity Hall, Vange, where the Basildon Photographic Society meet every week, are Miss Marion Johnson (15), of Little Lufflaw, Basildon, who works at Carreras; Marie Fitch (20), of St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, a third-year nurse; Mr. Gareth Hewitt, of Sparrows Horne, Basildon, a drama student.

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BILLERICAY'S PEARLIES



David and Catherine Hook appeared as a Pearly King and Queen at the Roman Catholic Church bazaar at the Archer Memorial Hall, Billericay, on Saturday.

SHE MET THE DUKE

Brenda Hutton (20), of Thynne Road, Billericay, met Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday when he awarded her the Gold Award in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. She is seen on the right with her mother (right) and Godmother Mrs. A. Revell. Brenda studied for the Award with the Billericay Red Cross branch and took first-aid and nursing for her "Service" subject; make-up, floral decoration and use of electrical equipment for "Design for Living"; dress-making, driving and reading for "Interest"; and youth hostelling and farming for her "Expedition."



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Father Christmas was very popular with the younger ladies—or was it the beautiful doll he was offering that attracted them? A scene at the Billericay Junior and Infants' School bazaar at Archer Memorial Hall, Billericay, on Friday.

Council to defy residents over one-way streets

BASILDON COUNCIL are to go ahead with a scheme to turn Laindon Road and Sun Street, Billericay, into one-way streets regardless of objections by Billericay and Buttsbury Residents' Associations and Eastern National.

The Council's Works Committee stated this week that the objections had been noted, but the Council considered the Noak Hill Road Stage IV road improvement scheme was essential for traffic management in the Billericay area.

The Town Manager and the Clerk of the Council have been authorised to obtain traffic regulation orders to close left of School Road 40ft. from its junction with Southend Road; for one-way working in Sun Street (east to west) and Laindon Road from its junction with Sun Street to its junction with a proposed roundabout at the junction of Noak Hill Road and Kennel Lane (north to south).

Provisional arrangements have been made to deal with the emergency services located in Laindon Road by providing special access from the eastern end of School Road (which will be closed to all other traffic) to Southend Road.

OBJECTIONS

Eastern National accepted the scheme, with the exception of the three-quarter miles diversion in each direction that would be necessary for service No. 251 (London/Southend).

Buttsbury Residents' Association commented that the scheme would considerably lengthen the journey for traffic on Laindon Road that wished to travel north.

The journey time for the emergency services located in Laindon Road would also be increased, they added.

Main points raised by Billericay Residents' Association were:—

● The capacity of Noak Hill Road would be increased to an extent that Billericay would always have a major road through its centre.

● The scheme does not contribute anything to the remaining traffic problems in Billericay.

● The reasons for the proposals had been overstated.

● The scheme in attempting to remove a difficult junction at Sun Corner creates one dangerous junction (Southend Road/Noak Hill Road) and converts two difficult junctions into two dangerous ones by increasing the volume of traffic using them (Western Road; High Street; Chapel Street).

Lollipops and boiled beef and carrots



Winners of the fancy dress competition at Billericay Methodist Young Wives' party held at the Church Hall on Saturday were Mrs. J. Wignall (Boiled Beef and Carrots) and Mr. R. Hale (My Boy Lollipop).

Buttsbury School development

LATEST development in Billericay M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman's fight for more accommodation at Buttsbury Junior School came on Wednesday.

Mr. Moonman heard from County Education Chief Mr. David Bungey that he again proposed putting the whole matter before the County Education Committee Building Programmes Sub-Committee.

He promised to let Mr. Moonman know their decision "in due course."

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GOOD WORK REWARDED



At Buttsbury Junior School on Friday four children received prizes which they won in a National Savings competition. Our picture shows them after receiving their prizes at morning assembly: 1, Judith Mason; 2, Anne Gulliford; 3, Robert Frewin; and consolation prize, Christopher Rowe.

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WISHING A LOT AT THE WISHING WELL



The wishing well lucky dip was so popular that it sold out very quickly at Runwell Parish Church bazaar on Saturday at the Parish Hall.

Your chance to be a star

LOCAL VARIETY artists will get their big break in November—an opportunity to take part in Wickford's first Old Time Music Hall at the Community Centre.

"It is a marvellous opportunity for people who can do a music hall act to get together and really put on something big," producer Terry Fletcher said this week. "What we want is a genuine Old Time Music Hall. We particularly need speciality acts—jugglers, balancing acts and the like—but anyone up to

professional standards will be welcome."

He added, however, that nobody need be frightened to go along. "The more the merrier," he said, "as long as it is understood that we can only use the best."

Anyone who wants to take part in the show but cannot make the auditions at the Centre on November 30th at 8 p.m. should telephone the the Centre (Wickford 2236).

EVANGELISTIC WEEK
Wickford Parish Church Evangelism Committee last week planned an Evangelistic week.

MORE DEVELOPMENT
Basildon Council are to submit to the Essex County Council an outline planning application for residential development of Ambleside, Market Avenue, Wickford.

Carnaby Street in Wickford



CARNABY STREET, WICKFORD! A SCENE AT THE WICKFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH'S LONDON TOWN BAZAAR ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. SOME OF THE CARNABY STREET PROPERTY WAS REFLECTED IN THE PROCEEDS—THE BAZAAR MADE £540 14s. 1d., AN INCREASE OF ABOUT £30 ON LAST YEAR'S BAZAAR.

WICKFORD INNER RELIEF ROAD

Wickford councillor says "Don't worry unnecessarily"

INTO THE Wickford inner relief road controversy, spotlighted by the "Standard Recorder," stepped local councillor Peter Bracken this week.

"I was somewhat surprised to read suggestions of wholesale demolition of properties in Wickford when the by-pass and relief roads are built," he said.

Coun. Ken Tyson, who sits for Basildon Central, has claimed that a large number of homes, part of the Junior School and the Salvation Army Citadel, would be demolished if the proposed road were built.

Coun. Bracken, questioning this, said that the scheme was only in the embryo stage.

No detailed plan had yet been drawn up. It has not been put before any committee or discussed in any way by Council members.

"Wickford councillors will protect the interests of the people they represent," he said, and went on, "It is regrettable that such controversial material should be published at this time."

It was a matter of some concern that Wickford councillors were not approached for their views on the subject. "Why only the views of Coun. Tyson? He represents Central Basildon," Coun. Bracken added.

He pointed out that congestion of Wickford High Street must be relieved by a by-pass.

"But let us not go off at half-cock and start people worrying unnecessarily. Let us wait until the matter comes up for discussion in committee and Council, then the Wickford and Castleford councillors will be watching with an eagle eye that the very least hardship is caused," said Coun. Bracken.

On the question of a public inquiry, Coun. Bracken said that at this stage no useful purpose would be served.

"But Wickford can be assured that when full and accurate details are known of the direction of the proposed road scheme they will be fully informed and their views taken into consideration."

No revival —yet!

TRUSTEES of Wickford Ratepayers' Association, which was dissolved two years ago because of "apathy," held their yearly meeting at Wickford Junior School on Wednesday in the hope that the Association could be restarted.

But only five people turned up and the Trustees decided to hold another meeting in November next year.

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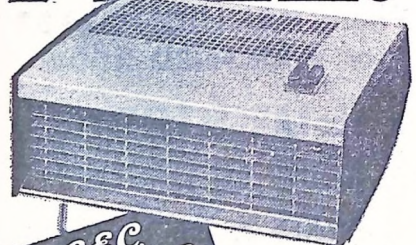
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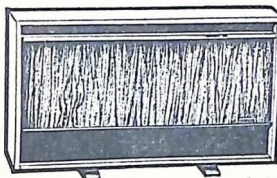
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DEVALUATION— WHAT ABOUT OUR BIG PLANS NOW?

Mud—it's a dirty word on this estate

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But there are objections to the way the Council plan to carry out the job, for it means a complete reorganisation of the existing road system. Sun Street and part of Noak Hill Road are to be converted into a one-way system, and, despite objections from Buttsbury Residents' Association and Eastern National, the plan is to go through. Main complaints are that the scheme considerably lengthens journeys from Laindon Road northwards.

Surely the answer is to build a second carriageway and go on using the existing one until it is ready?

Claimed her husband was "stolen"

Pitsea woman on wounding charge

ARMED WITH a small artillery of weapons—a meat cleaver, bread knife and razor blade—a Pitsea housewife went to the home of a younger woman who, she claimed, had "stolen" her husband.

This was stated at Billericay on Tuesday, when Mrs. June McCabe (46), of Delah Road, Pitsea, pleaded guilty to maliciously wounding Carol Vogt and using insulting words with intent to cause a breach of the peace.

Mrs. McCabe, who said she had plans to leave the district, was bound over in £50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months for using insulting words, and was sentenced to one day's imprisonment on the wounding charge.

Prosecuting, Mr. Malcolm Simons said the offences were the culmination of long-standing domestic difficulties between Mr. and Mrs. McCabe.

She threatened to cut Mrs. Vogt's throat and attempted to do it, but in a struggle only managed to cut her on the side of the

TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

THE SUTHERLAND Pipes and Drums annual ball, held at the Locarno, Basildon, on Friday was a tremendous success, said an organiser afterwards.

About 250 people turned up to see a display of Scottish country dancing by the Beaulieu Caledonian Society and by Edith Payne, champion Scottish dancer.

CHASED BY POLICE CAR

A POLICE car raced "flat out" after an Alvis saloon car along Southern Arterial Road, Dunton, and stopped it only after flashing its headlights and blue flasher.

This was stated at Billericay Court on Tuesday when Michael Bates, of Church Lane, Bulpham, pleaded guilty to exceeding the 70 m.p.h. speed limit.

P. M. Fox said he first noticed the Alvis at the Port of War roundabout, Lane 11, "cut him up." He added: "I followed the car towards London for five-tenths of a mile. After a speed of 80 m.p.h. Our car was flat out and we had to dash our lights and turn on the blue flasher before the car slowed down and we overtook."

Bates contested that he was travelling at a continuous speed of 70 m.p.h. He said: "I went round the roundabout at about 45 m.p.h. and accelerated to 70 m.p.h. I definitely was not travelling at 80 m.p.h."

Said to have two previous convictions—one for speeding—Bates was fined £5.

THEFT FROM TILL

ABOUT £3 was stolen from the till at Gavon's shop, Basildon, on Monday night. Intruders also got into Laindon Post Office on the same night, but only stole a pint of milk.



DON'T DEVALUE YOUR CHRISTMAS

MAKE sure your Christmas is not devalued by leaving your home secure at night or when out during the day.

While shopping, do not leave your car unlocked or quarter-light windows insecure. Presents should be hidden and not left on seats to tempt the thief.

FIGURES

In the Basildon Police Division since October 21st 54 property break-ins have occurred and 23 cases of larceny from vehicles reported.

SEVEN BLACK SPOTS

COMPLAINTS about seven urban district black spots have been considered by Basildon Council.

The Council Works Committee have decided to take action on four of the complaints, but rejected the other three.

First, the successful complaints:—

Children running across **CHURCH ROAD, BASILDON**, to Swan Mead School are in danger of being knocked down, said a resident. The Works Committee are to support an application for a school crossing patrol and the erection of a guard rail.

A member of the Committee spoke about dangers to pedestrians and schoolchildren at the junction of **LONG RIDING** and **TIMBERLOG LANE** when schools empty. A traffic census will be carried out with a view to applying for a pedestrian crossing.

A resident of **DUNTON** complained that bus stops in the area were sited wrongly so that people had to walk along a road with no footpath. The Committee will ask Eastern National to agree to resiting.

Complaints about the industrial estate traffic using **WICK LANE, WICKFORD**, have flooded in. The Engineer has been told to approach industrialists on the estate and "seek their co-operation in reducing this nuisance."

The three unsuccessful complaints came from:—

RUTNEYS, GHYLL-GROVE, where the Federation of Play Groups asked for the closure of the road because of danger to children using the adjoining play area. **POUND LANE, BOWERS GIFFORD**, where the Residents' Association asked for a pedestrian crossing. The Works Committee decided there was unlikely to be sufficient traffic to justify it and pointed out that recent Police activity had cut down the number of speeding motorists.

LOWER DUNTON ROAD, where residents complained of motorists breaking the 30 m.p.h. limit. Basildon Police, when approached, said they thought a 40 m.p.h. limit would be more appropriate for this road. The Committee decided to take no action.

UNDER THEY GO!

A rapid change of programme was caused by the failure of a concert party to arrive at the Langdon Hills and District O.A.P. meeting on Thursday. Members enjoyed an afternoon of Bingo instead. Yet another Branch member had to join her family in Australia. Chairman Mr. A. Vickers wished her a safe journey and a happy life, and presented her with a box of chocolates. Vice-Chairman Mr. J. Clayton commented that if the trend continued Langdon Hills Branch would have to open an Overseas Branch "Down Under". Birthday honours went to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Young, also Mr. Naylor and Mr. Martin. Members were engaged by the news that the sick list is now shrinking in numbers.

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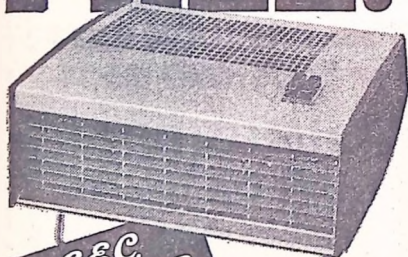
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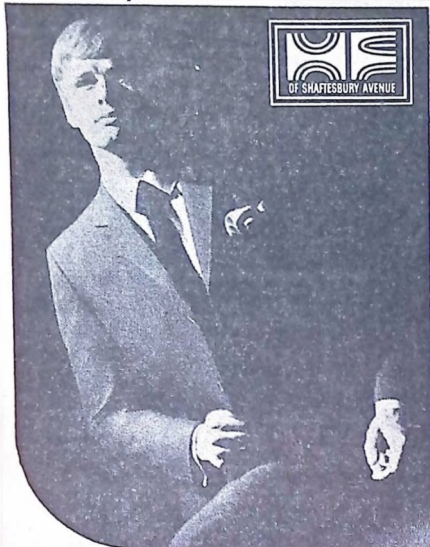
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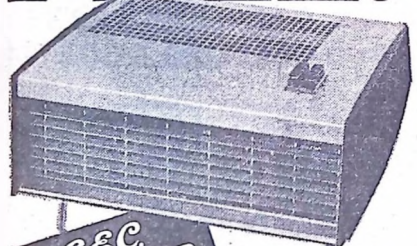
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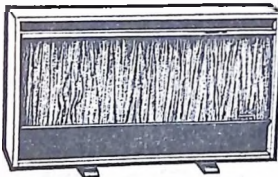
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THE DEVALUATION of the pound and the Government's call on local authorities to cut expenditure yet again is sure to have quite serious effects on Basildon.

It has happened before, notably under Selwyn Lloyd's regime in 1961, when progress of the New Town was put back years by the severe cuts.

Only comparatively recently have the Corporation got back to full swing again, not without hitting problems en route.

What will now be the outcome of Basildon's plans for such things as the railway station, cinema, Block "S," the next big shops development, office blocks, the long-awaited A13 diversion and the sports centre?

At the present time no official directive has been received from the Ministry, but it is almost certain that most of these necessities, the kind of things which will make Basildon a town instead of a housing estate, will be affected in some way.

Basildon's only hope is for the Government to allow a bending of the rules to give the new towns some measure of expenditure priority. Unless this is done the fulfilment of many of the dreams of both Council and Development Corporation could be long delayed.

Mud—it's a dirty word on this estate

RUBBER BOOTS are the rig of the day for the majority of people living on the Barn Hall Estate, Wickford, and its many adjacent roads.

Mud lies so thickly on the road surface and on the footpaths, where they are provided, that pedestrians, particularly those getting on in years, are afraid to leave their homes. Children, too, are frightened; indeed, one mother claims her son is "terrified" because of road conditions. And rightly so. The greater part of the roads could virtually be described as a "quagmire," so deep are they in slush and slime.

It is the older parts of the area where there were roads before the new development began that are the worst hit. And as many of the people living in these roads are getting on in years it makes matters far worse.

The younger couples cannot be forgotten either, for with babies and young children it has become a never-ending chore for mothers to have to do washing made necessary because of mud on clothes.

Even workmen on the site say it is the dirtiest they have worked on. This is an indictment indeed, but where does one lay the blame? The estate has got to be developed, the work has got to go on, and the mud is an evil brought about because of the rural area in which the estate lies.

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Employees of Littlewoods Store at Basildon held a dinner and dance at the Bull's Eye, Basildon, on Wednesday week.



St. Mary's Church, Langdon Hills, was the scene on Saturday of the wedding between Mr. Jack Clifford Samson, of Trindehay, Basildon, and Miss Branda Salt, of Wellington Avenue, Langdon Hills. Rev. E. C. Telford officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of white embroidered satin, with a white rose head-dress holding her full-length veil. She carried a bouquet of yellow tea roses. Her younger sister (Christina Salt) attended her; she wore a full-length dress of apricot satin, with a floral head-dress, and carried yellow tea roses. Best man was Mr. K. Cruba. The floral arrangements at the church were by Mrs. Watson, a friend of the family. (Photo by J. Hearn)

It's fun, this dressing up!



Wickford Modern Mothers' Club had a fancy dress competition for their children at their weekly meeting on Monday. The winners were: 1. Kevin Hutchins (soldier); 2. Andrew Gay ("drink and drive"); Younger class—1. Paul Johnson (pirate); 2. Sally Ashfield ("Miss World").



Safety awards were presented to drivers and conductors of the Eastern National Omnibus Company, Basildon, depot at a dance held at the Fryers Community Centre. Mr. K. Cox (Basildon Depot Superintendent) told the audience that the degree of safety this year was the highest ever, being 88 per cent for conductors and 87 per cent for drivers. In the picture Chief Superintendent Sample, of Basildon Police, presents driver H. Rishbridge with the highest award of the evening, a 15-year brooch.



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HOW CORPORATION WILL SELL FREEHOLD LAND TO THOSE WHO ARE DISPOSSESSED

VITAL NEWS OF LAINDON DEVELOPMENT

DETAILS OF HOW the Basildon Development Corporation will sell freehold land to people dispossessed by redevelopment, were given by their Chief Estates Officer, Mr. Alan Radford, on Monday.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO MEMBERS OF THE LAINDON RESIDENTS' PROTECTION ASSOCIATION ON THE PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT OF LANGDON HILLS.

He told members: "Small-scale development, and, in particular, freehold relocation, is being considered in the area of land roughly bounded by Roseberry Avenue, Alexander Avenue and Wellington Road near Berry Lane. This area will be known as The Heathleigh and we are proposing to make up this area. We shall put in roads, divide it up into plots of land and offer them for sale to any residents bought out by the Corporation.

"There are problems attached to this—one is timing. The Urban District Council have undertaken to put in the surface water and drainage pipes. This must be done first and the scheme is dependent on this being done. We hope development of this area will start early next year and plots will be ready for sale in 12 months.

"There will be between 60 and 70 plots of building land, a shopping centre, an old people's hostel and a site for a primary school.

REVERSE ACTION

"The Government have said that they want to see more private ownership in the New Town. This means that we have come a long way since 1946 and the New Town Act which said that once a Development Corporation had bought the freehold of land they could not get rid of it. Now, we are doing just that.

"Questioning further on the subject of freehold plots, Mr. Radford added: "We acknowledge that there are some people who want houses and some people who want bungalows. We shall be making provision for both. But, like any authority, we should not want to see a hotch-potch. One part of the estate will have bungalows and the other part will have houses.

"We intend to be reasonably flexible about the size of plots, but, of course, we can't let people have their own acre or half-acre. They will be modest plots."

Mr. Radford said the entire estate would be about 10 acres and an average size of a plot would be probably 40ft (frontage) and 100 to 120ft (depth). He said arrangements might also be made to provide plots for semi-detached homes.

The Corporation architects have already prepared a brochure which shows 10 of 12 drawings of what they expect in the way of design.

TAX RELIEF?

Prices? Said Mr. Radford, "I cannot be categorical with figures because we have got to see our way and conditions change. But I can safely predict that this land will be available at a good deal more cheaply than you can get land on the open market."

Mr. Radford said the Corporation's solicitors were in touch with the Government to see if purchasers of this land could be relieved of the 40 per cent betterment tax imposed last April. The levy might be relieved or possibly eliminated altogether, he said.

The Corporation were also working on the provision of other freehold sites in the New Town, particularly at Pitsea.

Mr. Radford also talked about the Laundon redevelopment, now going on, and the redevelopment of Langdon Hills which will be the "next big step."

In Laundon he referred to the shopping centre in the High Road near the Laundon Link, where engineering work has already started. He explained that the new building being erected in Laundon High Road near the Post Office was a new retail office.

The new rents office and the reopening of shops in Laundon High Road were connected, he said. "The reason for this is that with the opening of the Laundon Shopping Estate the population is growing and we have found it necessary to open these shops on a wider basis."

These shops would close in two years when the new shopping centre opens.

Northumberland Avenue

Engineering work is now going on for an estate of 1,300 houses and building will start early next year. They will be built on a basis of accessibility by footpaths with a recreation ground or open space in the centre, remote from traffic.

The next major step: Langdon Hills, south of the railway in the vicinity of Victoria, Woodgrange and Milton Avenues.

The scheme of things is that after the 1,300 houses in Laundon have been built the next major development will take place in that part of Langdon Hills. We hope this work will start in the next two years but this will depend on the result of the master plan.

"In the course of the next 12 months we will be talking with you and negotiating with you with a view to purchasing your land. This area is not planned yet, but there will probably be something like 1,000 houses in it when we have finished.

"Our architects and planners are extremely conscious of the landscape beauty of Langdon Hills. We have got a very strong staff of landscape architects and a great deal of work has already been done in detailing the existing trees in the area. The trees are in our minds and this natural beauty will be supplemented.

All this is in mind for after 1969-70.

The outcome of the Master Plan Inquiry.

The primary school site: The boundaries of the school had not yet been agreed by Essex County Council. Agreement was expected shortly and residents of the area now might expect to see the school in 12 months' time.

Linwood Park Drive: Part of this area would be in the Heathleigh Estate. A footpath would run from north to south through it and a large part would be turned over to recreation ground.

Firemen's Road, Langdon Hills: Depending on the result of the Master Plan work would start on the road about there in two to three years' time.

Turning to more general subjects, Mr. Radford advised people who might be affected by Corporation plans to get in touch with reputable surveyors.

He reminded residents that once a Section 14 form had been signed there was no backing out. The Corporation were obliged to buy a property in this case and nothing could stop the process once in motion.

There are people who advise others to sign this form and in some cases the advisor would not get his money unless the form was signed.

Proper advice in this business of selling a home to the Corporation is essential. If you have a qualified surveyor and he tells you that a suggested price is a fair one you will probably be better than to take his advice. Of 7,000 separate purchases the Corporation have made only 20 have ever gone to the Lands Tribunal.

From the floor, Mr. George Porter, of Roberts Road, Laundon, complained that the Corporation had reduced the value of properties in Laundon by introducing the Siporex Estate, which he referred to as "Benghazi Street." Home values had also been lowered because Corporation tenants were being housed in areas where they had bought private property.

HE IS TO PART FROM THE STONES

THE NEW Town man who stood bail for the three Rolling Stones involved in drug charges this year is to part from the group.

He is Mr. Stan Blackburn, aged 46, who lives at Great Green, Lea Chesham South. The resident accountant for Immediate Records.

"I have been with the Stones for two years and I shall be sorry to leave—but I will still see the boys," he told a reporter. "I have really enjoyed working with them."

He stressed that he was leaving for career and business reasons and not because of a row.

Mr. Blackburn has lived in Basildon nine years. He is a widower and has a 19-year-old daughter Trudy, who is a photographic stylist in London. Well known in the town as Chairman of Lea Chesham South Community Association, he has stood for Basildon Council as a Conservative.

Not surprisingly, Mr. Blackburn likes music. "I enjoy both 'pop' and classical records," he said. "I am one of those freaks who can get tremendous pleasure out of both kinds of music, depending on the mood I am in."

His new job means he also works for the Music Publishing group of companies. "Immediate Records handle the Small Faces, P. Arnold and the Twice as Much. The group is growing rapidly and has large sales."

Party time at Ghyllgrove



The pictures above and below were taken at Ghyllgrove Tenants' Association parties on Saturday. The lower picture on the right shows some of the workers who made the parties so successful.



One of the most popular departments of the Temple of Light Spiritualist Church bazaar was the doll stall, manned by the Society's President (Mrs. A. Rogers), assisted by Mrs. Watts. The bazaar was held at the British Legion Hall, Laindon.

LONE BATTLE FOR BETTER BUS SERVICE

A LEE Chapel South woman, Mrs. Margaret McCaul, is conducting a lone battle with the Eastern National Bus Company in an effort to improve the service for the people living in The Knares.

They are: "The people who, like myself, live in the area of The Knares, and who have to get to and from Laindon Station every day."

Says Mrs. McCaul: "At present we have two alternatives—to walk about three-quarters of a mile to the Laindon Link to catch the 144 or 244 or take 34 or 143 to the Town Centre, then walk right back across the Market Square to Foddewick, where the 144 and 244 buses stop."

Mrs. McCaul complains that when the walk in the first case is all right in fine weather it is unpleasant in bad weather. Then buses may be full and this necessitates long waits.

In the other case, there is usually a long wait at the Town Centre where there is no shelter from the weather. "One has to stand in the shop fronts at Foddewick and rush out when the bus arrives. This is very dangerous," she says.

Mrs. McCaul suggests that major bus services like the 244 and 144 should pull into the main terminus in the Town Centre. If some buses must use the Foddewick terminus, lesser-used services like the 254 would be appropriate. Also, would it not be possible for the 34 service, instead of terminating at the Knares, to go on to Laindon?

In a reply to Mrs. McCaul, Eastern National said they appreciate there is no direct service from the Knares to Laindon Station. But the 34 and 244 services may be re-routed to include Laindon Station when road schemes in Laindon are finalised. This is a future development.

The Company said the Foddewick bus stop was adopted because of a need to keep free movement in the main terminus in the Centre. The Company were not allowed to cut steps in Southernhay.



Jumble brings money



At Fryerns Boys' Club jumble sale at the Fryerns Community Centre, the proceeds of which, £31, went towards their building fund. Here, Chairman Mr. Lew Barnett and President Mr. Dick Balding with volunteer helpers Clare Prager and Kath Willis serve customers.

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LAINDON MAN BLEW SMOKE INTO A BREATHALYSER

Allegations in first case of its kind at Billericay

A LAINDON man, found lying in a ditch after an accident in Barleylands Road, Basildon, refused to blow into a breathalyser, on Tuesday in the first breathalyser case to come before the Court.

Leslie Steptoe (35), of Wash Road, appeared for failing to provide a specimen of his breath, being drunk in charge of a motor vehicle, dangerous driving and careless driving.

He elected to go for trial and was granted bail in £50 and legal aid.

Steptoe was committed to the Essex Quarter Sessions on charges of being drunk in charge of a motor vehicle, driving under the influence of drink and dangerous driving.

Mr. T. Lavelle (prosecution) said the charge of failing to provide a specimen of breath would have to be adjourned because it had to be dealt with summarily.

He pointed out that it was now an offence to have in the blood a quantity of alcohol exceeding 80 milligrams, Steptoe, he alleged, had 201 milligrams.

P.C. Richard Irving said at 2.30 p.m. on October 12th he went in a patrol car with P.C. Walker to Barleylands Road to the scene of an accident.

He found the car involved in a ditch. The ignition keys were missing. A dog handler was called and the dog found Steptoe lying in a ditch nearby.

He was taken out and could not stand without assistance and his breath smelt strongly of alcohol.

P.C. Irving said when put in the Police car Steptoe could not sit up straight.

Police Sgt. Glenn Martin said he was in Basildon Police Station when Steptoe was brought in for refusing to take a breathalyser test.

"I asked him his name and he said 'Harold Steptoe.' I gave him a breathalyser and asked him to stop smoking and blow in it, but he blew a mouthful of tobacco smoke into it and spoilt it. He was given another and put it to his lips, but refused to blow it up," said Police Sgt. Martin.

He added that Steptoe did provide a blood sample.

FUCHSIA CLUB

A welcome visit from the over-popular Mr. and Mrs. Frank White delighted members of Pitsea Fuchsia Club at their meeting on Monday. Members were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Hall is seriously ill in hospital, and that Mr. Pembroke, Club President, is suffering from bronchitis. Chairman Mr. Robinson is also unwell. Mrs. Smith is also unwell, and progressing nicely. Good wishes were sent to them all from all their colleagues.

Posed as Policeman from drugs squad

A WELL-GROOMED young man posed as a plain-clothes detective to a railway Policeman at Southend Victoria Station in the early hours of the morning.

"I'm from the Metropolitan Police Drugs Squad," he said. "I'm on a special case."

"We're interested in that group over there—especially the one with the bell round his neck. I have been watching him all day."

The Policeman promised him any assistance he required, and 15 minutes later the young plain-clothes man was back, with an assistant.

"Would it be possible to have a word with the one with the bell round his neck in private?" he inquired.

The railway Policeman obliged, took them to a staff room and watched as the interview progressed.

But the way it was conducted aroused his suspicions and he asked both men for their warrant cards.

"Well, I'm not a Policeman; I'm a Police Cadet with special powers to deal with drugs cases," said the young man.

A few minutes later he admitted that he had, in fact, been masquerading.

Peter Terence Murphy (19), of Thackeray Road, Wickford, appeared at

Assaulted Policeman

DEREK GREEVES (18), of Clay Hill Road, Basildon, was put on probation for three years by Billericay Magistrates' on Tuesday.

Greaves had been on remand in custody for 14 days for reports after pleading guilty to assaulting P.C. Peter Kirby while he was on duty.

The offence took place outside Kingswood Community Centre, Basildon.

Southend Court on Friday for impersonating a Policeman.

His solicitor told the Court that Murphy was extremely keen on becoming a Policeman, and at the age of 16 sat a Police Cadet examination, but failed. Since then he had tried to join the Metropolitan Police, but had been told he was too young.

On the evening of the offence he had been drinking, but did realise what a serious offence he had committed.

Murphy was fined £10 with £5 costs.

Fashion Show

MRS. MADGE Tyler, a women's fashion distributor of Dodinghurst, provided winter and cocktail garments for a fashion show at the Kingswood Community Centre last week.

The show was attended by 170 members and friends of the Kingswood Section.

Modelling clothes were Mesdames Ivy Charlesworth, Pat Deane, Jean Goodall and Marie Western and Misses Jeanette Walters and Suzanne Craddock.

Refreshments for the evening were provided by Mesdames M. Kitchener, J. Bentley and P. Skinner.

So many models, but only one is a male

BASILDON Photographic Society have had an overwhelming response to their appeal for models—in fact, Competition Secretary Mr. L. Harris says that his telephone hasn't stopped ringing since he published his request a fortnight ago!

To cope with the flood of would-be "Models of the Year" the Society has increased the number of models used at each session. Now they have been fortunate enough to obtain models at Trinity Church Hall to give them additional time.

Mr. Harris is still prepared to accept entries for models who wish to be considered as "Model of the Year" but stresses that the Society cannot accept anyone under the age of 16.

So far they have models ranging in age from 14 to 58—but all but one have been female! The one and only exception is Mr. Gareth Hewitt, a drama student at Grays Technical College.

Several traders have so far contacted the Society for prizes for the competition.

MEMORIES

Mick Collins and his partner entertained members of Vauxhall O.A.U. with memories of old-time music hall days at their weekly meeting on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell received a cordial welcome into the branch. Sick members were sent the good wishes of their colleagues for their recovery. It was announced that two coaches have been hired to take members on a theatre outing to the London Palladium next February, also that over 100 members are expected to attend the Christmas dinner on December 14th.

BACK AGAIN

A hearty welcome back after a long spell of illness went to Mrs. Rowe, returning on Friday to the Landon Derby and Jean Club's weekly meeting.

Mrs. Godwyn, going to Australia on Tuesday, was given a wonderful send-off. Secretary Mrs. Henwood gave her an address book and members gave her a purse.

Members entertained themselves with a song and solos were Mesdames Lockhart, Mason and Godwyn, Miss Harris, Mrs. Messers, Mrs. Archibald and Blake, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Hogben and Mr. Hardy were in the choir. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Strutt.

FISHY!

A lorry loaded with salmon which was stolen from Winchester Wharf, London, this week, was found abandoned in a Southernhay, Basildon, car park on Wednesday, minus its load.

£354 RAISED FOR REPAIRING MANSE

MRS. S. D. CHOWDHARY opened Billericay Congregational Church bazaar at the Mayflower Hall on Saturday. "Many people just look on and don't take any action over anything," said Mrs. Chowdhary. "But," she added, "there are also a great number who do good work, and by doing the best in their small worlds help make the world a better place."

The bazaar raised £354 towards the Manse repair fund. Chairman of the organising committee was Mr. Phillip Powell. In the evening the church held a variety concert, including musical items, sketches and songs. Films

were also shown. Chairman was Mr. R. Ferguson and concert organiser was Mr. H. Curtis.

Taking part in the concert were: Clive Boler, trumpet; Margery Willis, soprano; Mrs. N. Hammond, Mary Wilkinson and Fred Wood in a sketch. "The Old Pot," Elizabeth

Ricketts and Ron Westlake in an interlude, "Verse and Verse," and the Young Wives in a farce, "The Brother-in-Law." Winners of a cake-making competition were: Mince pies, Mrs. Christie; sponge and fruit cake, Mrs. Lewis. Young Wives and stallholders were: Mrs. Guild; needlework, Young Wives; groceries, Sisterhood; cakes and sweets, choir; novelties, Girls' Glee Club; chemists' requisites, Sunday School; modern jewellery, Young Wives; Old Curiosity Shop, Rev. J. Wilkinson; books, records, toys, Men's Fraternal garden produce, Mr. D. May and Mr. F. Wood.

LAINDON W.I.—NEW OFFICERS

MRS. KATHLEEN Hird, of Nicholas Lane, Laindon, is the new President of the Laindon Women's Institute. She was elected at their annual meeting last week following the resignation of Mrs. E. Bolton who has been President for 12 years. Mrs. Bolton retired for personal reasons. Also retiring was Secretary Mrs. E. Pegrum who held the post for eight years. She is replaced by Mrs. K. Corder. Mrs. F. Wilkes retains the post of Treasurer.

BAN CONTINUES

Disqualified from driving for five years for taking and driving away a motor vehicle without the owner's consent, Brian Varney (18), of Whitmore Way, Basildon, applied at Billericay on Tuesday for the removal of the disqualification. He wanted the licence to be able to travel to his work at Southampton. The application was granted.



Billericay, Basildon and Brentwood Conservative Association held a social and dance at Ramsden Bellhouse Community Centre on Saturday.

AWARDS FOR BEST GARDENS IN BASILDON

TROPHIES AND £83 were awarded in the annual Basildon Development Corporation contest to encourage garden-proud tenants.

The prizes were presented at the Bull's Eye Town Centre, on Thursday week. "The competition does keep up the standard of gardens throughout the town," said chairman of the meeting Sir Richard Bonallack.

There was no doubt which of the 150 gardens entered in the competition was best. It is in Yardeley, Lee Chapel North, and belongs to 51-years-old Mr. John Johnson.

He swept the board in the competition... a serious gardener, for only three years, he took £15 prize money with "the best garden in Basildon."

"I cannot overpraise the excellent effort he has put

in," said Mr. F. W. Shemming, who has judged the competition every year since it started in 1952.

Mr. Johnson is a former crystal filter inspector at S.T.C. When he heard he had won the competition he told a reporter: "My main reason for taking an interest in the garden is that I like to look out on something tidy. It is for self-satisfaction — weeds would give me a bad temper."

In his report Judge Mr. Shemming commented on the increase in entries and added: "The judge doesn't mind being overworked."

"I have seen your gardens for many years and

watched them from scratch to the time when they blossom out as prize-winners.

"I have noticed that people who are interested in their gardens are generally nice people to know," he said.

The best first-year garden in Basildon belongs to Mr. F. V. Cox, of Rising Green. The judge called it a "colourful entry."

About a new class for the small gardens and patios, won by Mr. R. Reynolds, of Dewsgreen, Mr. Shemming said: "I am amazed what can be achieved in so small a space."

Miss L. Harrigan, of Takely Ride, had the best ladies' plot "after many years' patient endeavour."

Dealing with the vegetable gardens and allotments, the judge said: "Interest in vegetable gardens is on the decline, but interest in the flower garden has never been so high as it is today."

"Tinned vegetables can be very nice, but don't get too attached to them—you can't beat the vegetables from your own garden."



Mrs. Margaret Best presented the awards for the Basildon gardens competition at the Bull's Eye, Basildon, on Thursday. She is seen above with some of the award winners.



Mrs. M. Best presents the "Standard Recorder" trophy to Mr. A. E. Lloyd.

Corporation saved Laindon home owners £35,000

BASILDON DEVELOPMENT Corporation saved Laindon home owners about £35,000 in Land Commission taxes this year, it was revealed at a meeting of the Laindon Residents' Protection Association on Monday.

This was an estimate made by the Association's solicitor, Mr. Peter Steggles.

He was thanking Basildon Development Corporation for the help they gave the members earlier this year.

The Corporation's legal department had "got together" with the Association to discuss the tax and ways of residents avoiding it.

Corporation Chief Estates Officer Mr. Alan Radford explained later: "The saving was brought about by avoiding the Land Commission Act Betterment Levy."

"At the present time, anyone who sells land to the Development Corporation has to pay this levy.

"At that time we said that any members of the Residents' Protection Association who served the compulsory purchase order on us before the Act came into being would not be forced to complete the sale of land until the Corporation needed it. Thus for some people a saving of £500 was effected."

The first carollers

LESS THAN three weeks after the Guy Fawkes celebrations, Christmas carollers appeared in Basildon on Wednesday! The favoured spot was Clickett Hill.

Hospital to get new theatre

REGIONAL Hospital Board approval has been given to a scheme to provide a twin operating theatre suite at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, at a cost of £150,000.

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STOP TREATING US LIKE IMBECILES TOWN CENTRE SURVEY UNDER FIRE

MR. STAN BLACKBOURN, Chairman of Lee Chapel South Community Association, attacked the Development Corporation survey of the Town Centre on Friday—saying it added nothing to what everyone in the town knew.

"It is time the Urban Council and Corporation got together and stopped treating Basildonians as though they are imbeciles who don't require a cinema, railway station, theatre or places where the young can get together," he told the Association annual meeting.

He started by welcoming moves to bring Orient F.C.

to Basildon and said this would be the New Town's third amenity—the other two being the Mecca and bowling alley.

"The survey done by the Corporation adds nothing new—as everyone in the town knows," he went on. "We are aware of the lack of amenities in Basildon."

"Schemes are always being produced, but they are like a mirage in the

desert as you can never lay your hands on them at any one time."

Mr. Blackbourn continued to say that the usual reasons for shelving a project were lack of money or the fact that an increase in the town's population was being considered.

"If we wait until the Civil Servants have decided," he stressed, "we shall be old and pensioners who won't need the amenities anyway."

He thought it was time councillors took more interest in people instead of policy and gave an example of the opening of an aged people's rest centre.

"The councillors treated the old folk like wooden dummies and only one Council member bothered to talk to people there," he claimed.

Forty people at the meeting heard Mr. Blackbourn explain one of the roles of the Association. "We must keep the authorities on their toes," he said.

They need to be questioned on what they are doing for us. This is the only way we can make Basildon the finest town in Essex," he said.

Another decision at the meeting gave the Association 4,000 members—making it the largest community association in Basildon.

For everyone in Lee Chapel South is now considered to be a free member of the Association. This will mean a loss of money, but the officers will no longer have to call door-to-door collecting subscriptions.

We want to prove we can still win the battle of money without going round collecting from every house," Mr. Blackbourn said.

Treasurer Mr. Frank Hughes reported a net profit of £1,000 for the year. This was despite large scale repairs on structural faults in the hall building which meant activities ceased after August. "This caused a loss of bookings worth £100," Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Barr agreed to start a new section when the centre reopened shortly. It will be a children's social club, a type of young edition to a youth club, with members probably aged from about six to thirteen.

One disappointment for the meeting was the failure of the Association's own survey asking people what they expected of their community association.

Out of 1,000 forms handed out, only 25 were returned. "The survey was a complete failure, unfortunately," Mr. Blackbourn remarked.

Officers elected were: Mr. Blackbourn (Chairman), Mr. George Juniper (Secretary), Mr. Frank Hughes (Treasurer and Hall Manager).

OUTING TO IPSWICH
Bingo was the order of the afternoon at the meeting of Laidon No. 1 Branch on Thursday week.

Chairman Mrs. M. Sibthorp presided. Sick members were remembered, and sent good wishes for their recovery. Members who celebrated their birthdays in the preceding week were accorded musical honours. On Monday, November 27th, there will be an outing to Ipswich.

Your cinemas

Century, Pitsea

Starring Audrey Hepburn and Albert Finney, "Two for the Road" (for one week) is the story of a rocky marriage. It tells, in flashbacks, how the couple met, hitch-hiking in France and then, on subsequent trips abroad, their marriage has become more and more unsteady.

Ritz, Billericay

"The Family Way" (showing Sunday and Monday) is adapted from Bill Naughton's play "All In Good Time" and tells, with pathos and humour, of a young, inexperienced couple's first weeks of marriage in a Northern town. Their planned honeymoon to Majorca falls through, and, without a house of their own, they are forced to live with his parents.

Showing Tuesday for five days, "The Magnificent Seven" finds those two comic characters, MacGraw and Wise, involved by accident, in a South American revolution. Toy soldier salesmen, they find the real thing quite different when they are captured by the rebels.

Odeon, Brentwood

"St. Valentine's Day Massacre" (for one week) is a dramatized version of the lusty gang murders of 1929. It is the story of the rivalry between "Scarface" Al Capone, who ruled all of Chicago except the North Side, where "Bugs" Moran was king. Capone had already arranged the murders of his predecessors when the two things make plans at the same time to exterminate each other.

Radion, Laindon

Showing Sunday and Monday, "Privilege" deals with the life of a pop singer, the idol of millions, managed and exploited by all who surround him. The Sand is shown Tuesday for five days) is an epic drama of an American gambler and her crew during a 1920 Chinese revolution.

O.A.P. news

SILENT TRIBUTE

Silent tribute was paid to Mr. Kerr an old and devoted member who died last week after a short illness, by members of Lee Chapel North Darby and Join Club at their weekly meeting on Thursday.

Many sick members were wished a speedy recovery from everyone; Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Marshall were welcomed back after illness. Mr. Marshall, celebrating his birthday, gave a generous donation to Club funds, and was awarded the usual musical honours, and grateful thanks for his gift. Mr. and Mrs. Frank White provided the afternoon's entertainment, with piano, organ and drums. Vintage songs and old-time dances were enjoyed by everyone; 118 members were present, and there was a record number of gifts for the weekly raffle.

BINGO SESSION

Mrs. Cole was the caller for the afternoon. Bingo game, when members of Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens met as usual at Fryer's Community Centre, Mrs. E. Thurston presided, and sent the good wishes of the Club to all sick members, for their recovery. Birthday honours went to Mr. Morley, 83, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Bennett.

Members heard that their recent sale brought in 27 Is. 4d. towards the Club funds. Plans were announced for a holiday next year, and members also heard that they could book seats now for a forthcoming gala at a West End theatre. Tea was served by Mr. Chaiting and his willing helpers. 85 members were present and the pianist for the afternoon was Mrs. Russell.

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Letters to the Editor

Another name for Orient * More discipline wanted * That Council battle * Infant baptism * Working Men's Club required

Langdon Orient would put them on top

WHY NOT let Leyton Orient—if they are coming to Basildon—start right at the top by naming the team after the highest part of Essex, Langdon Hills?

This question is asked by Mr. A. Sansom, of Dickens Drive, Laindon, in a letter to this paper.

He writes: "I also would be horrified if Leyton Orient changed their name to Basildon Orient."

A lot more people would also be horrified if I suggested Laindon Orient, but I could well suggest Langdon Orient!

There is nothing higher than the 386ft. height of Langdon Hills in a line due north be-

tween here and the North Pole, so what better way could they start than with a name that's at the TOP.

It pays to advertise

EVERY week in the "Standard Recorder" one reads and sees pictures of social get-togethers, formed by different community centres, cheese and wine parties,

dances and social functions everywhere in the New Town and surrounding areas.

Also, one never sees these get-togethers advertised on posters or in the local Press a week or two before they are held so how does one get to know of them?

Your paper prints advertisements of jumble sales, etc., and perhaps a dance or two, but there isn't anything else. I am a very social minded person and would love to join a social club or two, or perhaps delight in attending a cheese and wine party.

I wonder if any of your many readers of the "Standard Recorder" would be able to help me regarding where I can obtain information of this kind. Also if there are any discussion groups in the district.

JEAN SAGE (Mrs.), 7a, Moss Close, Vange.

Council battle

I WOULD like to write a few words in reply to Coun. Morgan's remarks in a recent "Standard Recorder."

Firstly, concerning the battle over unions and conditions of service for employment on the Basildon Council, the remarks I attributed to Coun. Morgan were his first reaction. The version he caused to be published was his modified reply when Coun. Stockley, leader of the Council, demanded an explanation.

Coun. Morgan goes on to complain that he made his statement in committee, so that he does not expect to be quoted on what he says in committee. On this point I would normally agree, but when I quoted the Council's remarks I did so because only moments before, in the presence of the Press and public, he quoted, for political purposes, the words of senior officer of the Council made at the same meeting of the Executive Committee. Officers of the Council are not permitted to answer back in public.

In a letter published in the same issue of this paper Coun. Morgan accused the Tories of dictatorship and, amidst that jumble of twisted words, asked: "Who was it who refused the Billericay ratepayers' councilor any seats whatsoever on the committees?" It must be borne in mind that the councillor referred to is in opposition to the ruling party and, therefore, any seats he may get on the five-man committees should come from the opposition quota, Coun. Morgan, of course, is not prepared to relinquish any.

In a later paragraph he states that, when his party is returned to power he will be recommending that no Tories will sit on committees. To eliminate all opposition members, who are also elected representatives of the people, is the very essence of dictatorship. COUN. ERNIE LANE, Chairman of Finance, Basildon Council.

ded) and they are also against putting up notices because they are destroyed as well as the trees, but they should persevere in this direction because certain families of many children need discipline from a higher authority and it will eventually sink in — these people are conditioned.

Much more publicity is needed in this direction, especially by Basildon Development Corporation, and more strength shown before we are reduced to living in a concrete jungle. — M. E. WHITE (Mrs.), address supplied.

Wars are wrong

READING in the "Standard Recorder" about Rev. E. C. Telford's sermon at the Remembrance Day service in St. Martin's Church, I realise how true were his words.

War is not a time to be praised and honoured, only those poor darlings should be honoured who go and fight, mostly gentle boys and men, not because they wanted to, but they were forced to go.

Wars are a curse to any country and people suffer agonies for years afterwards. — MAUD CATHERINE HENBEST, Westley Road, Langdon Hills.

Infant baptism

I'M afraid I am not the crusading anti-infant baptiser you suggest. In common with many (perhaps most) other clergy, I am simply unhappy with the way we administer infant baptism at present.

I believe the Church of England ought to rethink its theology of baptism very carefully and if this led to the conclusion that baptism should always and only be administered to adult believers I, for one, would be content, even though this would inevitably mean the complete disappearance of infant baptism. I doubt, though, whether the Church of England will ever take this bold and drastic step.

In the meantime, I am happy to administer baptism to any child whose parents have taken the trouble to come to preparation, in which the meaning of baptism and the significance of the solemn promises they made are explained—this means that we baptise just over 100 children every year. And I am more than happy, I am delighted to administer it to the children of believing, practising, worshipping Christians, for then I can be sure that the service means a great deal to all who take part.

Perhaps the fact that I recently baptised my own baby daughter is the most eloquent testimony to my suggestion that your statement, Mr. Wood, opposes infant baptism, is not entirely accurate. REV. KEITH WOOD, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Basildon.

A working men's club?

WHEREVER did this suggestion of a number of "small pubs near the Town Centre" come from?

I am sure it isn't the wish of the majority of New Towners.

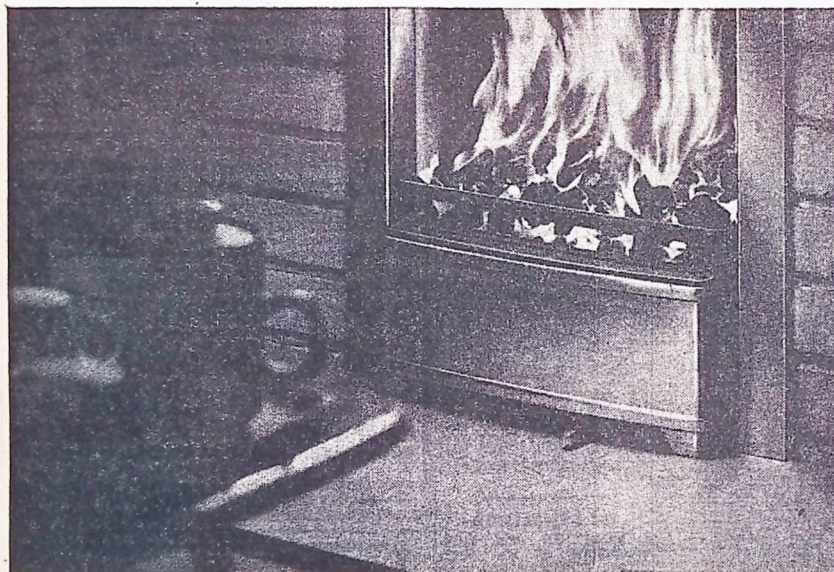
Having read the article through I would like to make a suggestion that I think would solve a lot of our entertainment problems.

Get in touch with Billy "Uke" Scott and ask his advice on running a really good working men's club in Basildon! — H. E. WEBSTER, 90, Gobions, Basildon.

A lot of rubbish

THE SPECIAL collection service organised by Basildon Council items too bulky to be taken away by the dustmen, is becoming steadily more popular. The number of collections over the past four months has, in fact, doubled to 2,000.

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BATTLE OF THE GREEN BELT

Rector a critic of move to stop development

THE BATTLE OF THE LOCAL GREEN BELT CONTINUED THIS WEEK WITH BASILDON COUNCIL FIGHTING PLANS FOR FIVE HOUSES AT CHURCH LANE, GRAYS HILL.

Critic of the Council was the village Rector, Rev. Stanley Gutteridge. He said a housing shortage in Grays Hill was forcing young couples to leave the village to find a home.

"I should like to see more houses near the ancient church so it does not come into the category of a redundant or surplus building," he said.

Supporting development along Church Lane, he called for an extension of Grays Hill so the population would be gathered around the church.

He was speaking at an appeal on Tuesday by Mr. J. L. Stacey, of Grays Hill Farm—the latest in a series of clashes between Council officers and prospective builders.

Mr. Stacey wants to build five houses on the top of the Grays Hill ridge. He also put in an alternative application for one bungalow.

Supporting Mr. Stacey, an engineer, Mr. Ian Beeston, agreed the site, seen from the

west, was visible from a considerable distance.

But he thought this was the main reason for building as the houses would have a magnificent view over a wide area.

Grays Hill is a prominent landmark and existing development is already visible from all directions," Mr. Beeston said.

This argument over the view was called a purely commercial reason," by Council Assistant Solicitor Mr. M. F. Haynes.

Mr. Beeston denied the plans were "ribbon development" or "alien urban infiltration."

The site involved is part of the 90-acre Grays Hill Farm, between the Church Lane and the Rector's and byways, and is partly used for farming.

For the Council, Town Planning Assistant Mr. Bernard Horstead, said the site was prominent on the skyline from many points. There was a high level of public footpaths in Grays Hill and one crossed the site.

The land was intended as part of an extension of London's Green Belt and the area was very vulnerable to development," and new development has been severely restricted.

Limited infilling in Grays Hill has been allowed along the main road and gardeners building is opposed by the Council as an unwarranted intrusion into the countryside.

"This plan would result in a further undesirable sprawl," he added.

Other buildings in Church Lane were erected before the time of planning controls. Opposition to building along the lane was a "consistent policy" since 1955—and six-

attempts to defeat the policy had been beaten.

When questioned, Mr. Horstead admitted that a large number of cases had been allowed for building in the more densely populated part of the village.

Replied the appellant's solicitor, Mr. D. M. MacMichael: "Your authority has been busy ribbon-developing the main road for many years."

"Houses are better off the main roads than on them," he stressed.

Said Mr. Horstead: "This proposal is the thin end of the wedge. It is the beginning of turning Church Lane from a lane into a road."

After the inquiry at Town Centre, Basildon, the Housing Inspector, Mr. H. N. P. Patterson visited the village. Decision of the Minister of Housing will be announced later.

THANKS FOR GIFTS

A Bingo session entertained members of Chylivore C.A.B. Club at their weekly meeting on Monday. Callers were Mr. J. R. Chapman and Mr. W. Martin. Sick members were remembered and sent the good wishes of their colleagues for their recovery. Mr. Markston and Mrs. Beasley were specially mentioned. A hearty welcome back after sickness was given to Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Harper. Gifts have been received for the Club from several Town Centre shops, for the Club's Christmas dinner. Members expressed their gratitude and thanks. Social Secretary Mrs. Manning announced that the Club's Christmas dinner would be held at 4.30 p.m. on December 14th. The previous year's president received an invitation. Tea hostesses Mrs. Looker, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ingram and Miss Scarsbrook served tea and biscuits. Mrs. Bennett organised and ran the clothing sale.

Town Manager ticks off Tenants' Association

TOWN MANAGER Mr. David Taylor this week rapped the knuckles of the Lee Chapel North Tenants' and Community Association for not "verifying facts."

In a letter to the Association, he says: "I am referring to comments that two courses for councillors are being organised and your reference to my possible thoughts in the matter."

"For your information, the Council is arranging a course for councillors; members of all parties have been invited to attend and have accepted."

"The course will take place over a period of Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and afternoon and evening. Saturday morning sessions will be present."

"This follows the very successful course organised in January of this year, when councillors of both parties in Basildon attended, together with 23 councillors from other authorities."

"The other course to which you refer is not organised by the Council, but by Coun. Alf Dove, who is a Labour councillor responsible for education and training within his group."

Civic Arts Centre —a gloomy future is forecast

THE BATTLE OF words over who is going to run the new Basildon Civic Arts Centre is hotting up as Basildon Council and the Civic Arts Society argue the pros and cons and as work started on the building yesterday (Thursday).

A few weeks ago Leader of Basildon Coun. Anthony Stockley made the point at a Council meeting: "We will run the Arts Centre." This week in the Civic Arts newsletter, "Fount," Society President Mr. Joe Watford hits back, predicting a gloomy future for the Centre.

"It seems strange that after getting the Arts Centre, for which we have struggled so hard, we should be unhappy about it," he says.

"Hardly anyone doubts that a hall in the Town Centre, as a centre of multi-purpose activities, will be a success. If the amateurs don't use it the commercial boys will and there's always Mr. Edmundson the Youth Officer, or Mr. Williams, the Street Inspectors ready to pounce, and it is the Council's ap-

parent lack of awareness of what art is about and how it is organised that worries us. The fact that the arts are run by the Council, and the artistic events functioning in it, will be controlled by the Recreation Committee does not inspire us with confidence."

Mr. Watford says that a short while ago the Council asked the Society to produce a programme describing the extent to which they would use the Centre. The programme was provided.

"The programme is not ambitious and not realistic. It crumbles without knowing what support the Council are prepared to give to the Society and the arts, what more can we do?"

"In the long run it is quality that counts and if we want skill, sincerity, sensitivity and artistic integrity from the arts presented at the Centre, someone—to use an inelegant phrase—really must get their finger out."

"If the art to be presented is ill-conceived, shoddy, pretentious, purposeless and dated, it is inevitable that there will be no truck with it."



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VETERAN READERS' PAGE



Shuffleboard was popular on Wednesday week at the Little Thorne Common Room at Vange, which is a meeting place for pensioners.

Hoax phone calls affecting pensioners

A HEARTLESS plague of hoax telephone calls is affecting pensioners and other householders in Basildon.

The hoax calls are directed against two of the town's oldest-established taxi companies — Doves Radio Taxis and Modern Taxis, and they are on the increase.

The callers vary. Sometimes the voice is that of a well-spoken man, sometimes a woman calls; often it sounds like a youth. The method is always the same—first one firm will be rung, asking that a car shall be sent to a certain address; shortly afterwards the other firm gets a similar call. On arrival, having knocked up the householder, they find they are on another false errand.

"It's not so bad in the daytime — just annoying — but when we go knocking up pensioners and people who live alone, after midnight, all for nothing, it screws the life out of them," says Mrs. Ver. Dove. "One taxi calling would be bad enough, from their point of view—but two is really too bad!"

Both firms have contacted the Police and the G.P.O. but until they can catch someone actually making a

call, there is little they can do.

Mr. Leonard C. Wood, proprietor of Modern Taxis, had his telephone line tapped and every caller checked recently, but genuine callers objected strongly to this. "They were mostly in a hurry and didn't like being asked for their names," says Mr. Wood.

Apart from the inconvenience to the taxi firms and the public there is the constant expense of sending cars out on wild goose chases.

"I'm just waiting for the day when I get my hands on whoever thinks this is so funny," says Mr. Wood grimly. "I'll show him whether it's really amusing to so scaring the daylight out of the old people and others, late at night!"

His last call—that wasn't was to take an urgent case to hospital, from a house in Pendle Close. When he arrived, the householder knew nothing about it—and he was hotly followed by a car from the other firm.

Both Mrs. Dove and Mr. Wood can think of no one who owes them a grudge, and have decided that it must stem from someone wanting intelligence.

Helping the handicapped

TO ENABLE physically handicapped people of Basildon to do their Christmas shopping, Town Centre shops are to remain open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 14th.

Members of the Rotary Club have kindly offered their services once again to transport handicapped people from their homes to the shops.

A SPECIAL TREAT A special treat greeted members of Langdon Hills Over Sixties Club at their meeting on Thursday week. They were visited by the Buttsbury Singers, a group of five ladies who rendered a delightful programme of choral singing, solo and monologues. Acting Chairman Mrs. Sheppard afterwards thanked them for their performance.

Club Chairman Mr. W. J. Holland is still in hospital but his wife reported that there was some slight improvement in his condition. Mr. King was also away sick.

Tea hostesses were Mrs. Harling and Mrs. Hicks.



The Autumn Leaves Pensioners' Club, who meet in the Rest Rooms, Langdon High Road, on Wednesdays.

THAT BUS STRIKE Despite the bus strike, which meant that members had to walk from Pound Lane, there was a good attendance at Tuesday's meeting of Pitsea No. 1 Branch.

The concert party which had been booked failed to appear, possibly again because of the bus strike, so members entertained themselves with various turns and a sing-song. Tea and biscuits were served by Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. White, Mr. Carney and Mrs. Douglas.

ENJOYABLE PARTY A most enjoyable birthday party took place at the weekly meeting of Shotgate No. 1 Branch, to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Bunce, wife of the Chairman.

There were lavish refreshments for everyone, and wine to drink her health. The toast was proposed by Mr. Warner, and enthusiastically endorsed by all present. Mrs. Lawrence presented her with a song, gift on behalf of the Committee.

Mrs. J. Byford was also accorded musical honours for her anniversary, and members spent the rest of the afternoon singing and dancing.

Our latest nonagenarian



BASILDON'S LATEST NONAGENARIAN, MR. JOHN MOYLER (SEEN ABOVE), CELEBRATED HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY ON SUNDAY WITH A FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY AT HIS DAUGHTER'S HOME AT LEYTONSTONE.

Ninety he might be — but Mr. Moyler is as bright and lively-minded now as he was 25 years ago. His grasp of things is as acute as it was when he was a journalist himself, and his memory is remarkable.

He was born in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, in the fruit-growing district. He was one of four children; his father was a railway signaller and they lived in a railway cottage. Pay was very poor — Mr. Moyler senior earned exactly one guinea a week — but in those days the cost of living was mercifully low.

Nevertheless, it must have been a relief to Mrs. Moyler when young John announced that he had taken a milk round, to be done before he went to school. He was just seven years old. He remembers sitting out after doing his stint with the milkman with his breakfast of bread and dripping in his pocket. After a while he got an evening job in a fried fish shop. "I was great so hungry there!" he jokes.

At the age of 14 he went to Clerkenwell to his first full-

time job, but nine months later he was back home, the attractions of his childhood sweetheart were stronger than those of the London ladies! He became apprenticed to a printer, but before he was out of his time his interest in reporting was stimulated by an account of Police Court proceedings, which he wrote in his own time for the local paper.

His parents were both Salvationists and, in time, he became Bandmaster to the Wisbech Salvation Army Band. He sent regular reports to "War Cry", and recalls, with a twinkle, that his first correspondence with the editor was a request that that gentleman should put a penny stamp on all correspondence.

When a rally was held at Olton, attended by 3,000 bandmasters, the editor asked him to cover this. It led to his becoming the first sub-editor of a new musical paper, "The Musician", and after a few more months he transferred to "War Cry" itself. He was there for 40 years.

He knew a little about photography — after all, he won a prize of 2s. 6d. for a picture of an express train — and the editor was a trained chemist, so between them they founded the photographic department.

"I went all over the country, taking pictures and writing reports," recalls old John. "It was hard work, but we got a lot of fun out of it. We worked 18 hours a day, seven days a week, and for about 12 years I was away three weeks ends out of four taking pictures." To help boost "War Cry" circulation the word travel long distances to conduct bands and choirs and then report on them.

But too much work took its toll in the end. Two meetings on Saturdays, six on Sundays and often the women's meetings — on Mondays, as well as all his newspaper work, landed him with serious gastric trouble. Finally the assistant he had trained took over from him.

He and his wife moved to Langdon Hills where he was Vice-Chairman of the Langdon Hills O.A.P. Club for 10 years. He was also a staunch member of the Salvation Army Corps for many years.

He has six children, all living; 30 grandchildren, several great grandchildren — he cannot remember how many — and one great great grandchild — just thinking about it makes me begin to feel old!" he laughs.

If at ninety John is only just beginning to feel old he should be good for a long while yet — he said that if he could persuade a very sweet lady friend he might even get married — but that, he said sternly, was another story.

GRAND EVENING

Members of Buttsbury Social Club stood in silent tribute for their oldest member, Mr. Snary, of Brightside, Billerica, who died suddenly last week.

Despite an extremely cold night, 59 members attended, and were delighted by a fine display by the Mayflower School Choir. Dances were given invited to join in the "day Gordons", which caused much merriment. The evening ended with members and guests singing Scots ballads accompanied by Chairman Mrs. Huest.

"A grand evening and lots of fun was the unanimous verdict of everyone."



Committee members with raffle prizes at Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens' meeting. They meet at Fryerns Community Centre on Wednesday.

VAN DRIVER CAUSED DEATH OF LAINDON MAN

A 15-A-WEEK van driver, Ian Keith Mackinnon (44), of Southend Road, Stanford-le-Hope, was fined £50 and disqualified from driving for three years at Essex Assizes on Thursday week. He was found guilty of causing the death of a Laindon motorist by dangerous driving.

The case was a sequel to a collision last July in which 34-years-old Colin George Peter Foster, of Fowler Road, Laindon, lost his life.

Mr. Duncan Macrae, prosecuting, said a van driven by defendant came down Hill, Landon Hills, South that, in pulling out so fast that, in pulling out to pass a stationary car, it collided with an approaching car driven by Mr. Foster.

Mackinnon's van turned on its side. Mr. Foster was found dead in his wrecked car. Apart from the two drivers and Mackinnon's passenger, no one saw the collision, although a number of people heard it.

Smoking van

One of these, said counsel, was a farm worker. A few moments before the crash he saw the van descending the hill and noticed what appeared to be smoke coming from its wheels. It was alleged this smoke was caused by the van's brakes.

Police found parallel brake marks which terminated at the scene of collision. One was 146 feet long and the other 78 feet and it was alleged these were made by the van.

Mackinnon had told a Police officer: "I was coming down, braked, there was a lot of shuddering. I skidded round and we hit."

Roadworthy

The van was subsequently tested and found to behave in a good roadworthy condition at 40 m.p.h.

Defendant, on oath, said he had a young woman as a passenger and was driving at about 40 miles an hour when he saw a car parked on his nearside. Then he saw a car come round a bend further down the road.

To control his downhill speed he had his foot on the brake, which he applied harder on seeing the car approaching rather quickly. He intended to pull up behind the parked car and give the other vehicle right of way.

But the car appeared to be pitching and swaying as it came on. Also it increased its speed.

Collision

"I was still on my correct side of the road," he went on. "The next thing I knew there was a terrific collision. I had a sort of sixth sense something was

going to happen, but I cannot say what was the cause of the collision. It was possible the other car came over the centre of the road, but I have no clear recollection."

He denied the smoke came from his wheels, but suggested that what the witness saw were fumes from the exhaust pipe on that side of the vehicle.

Miss Wendy Diane Single (20), of Blenheim Way, Rayleigh, said she was a passenger in the van, the speed of which down the hill was between 35 and 40 miles an hour. When she saw the approaching car it was going very fast and was bouncing. At the time of the collision the van was on its proper side of the road and travelling at a reduced speed.

SCOUTS HAD A RECORD BAZAAR

A QUEUE of would-be customers stretched from the door to the gate—about 150 of them—when Scouts and Scouters took a cautious peep before opening their bazaar at 1st Basildon Scout headquarters, Holden Gardens, Basildon, on Saturday.

Chairman of the Group Committee Mr. W. Wickens said that normally things start briskly, then taper off abruptly, but he was delighted to find that the customers kept coming all the afternoon.

Proceeds of the bazaar totalled £23 7s, which will go to Group funds. This is a record, and £9 more than last year.

Coldest job of the afternoon was done by Reggie Sagrott and Andrew Mansfield, who manned the treasure hunt outside in the garden, fortified by frequent cups of tea.

Other stalls were manned as follows: White elephant, Mr. Wickens; Christmas novelties, Mrs. Campton, Mrs. Sykes and Mrs. Gilmore; stationery, trays and teapot stands, Mrs. Turner and Cubes; refreshments, Mrs. Wickens, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Dorman; dolls, games, Cubes; Steven Langton, Graham Talbot and James Holdsworth; guess-weight-of-cake, Terry Kenney; jingles, Akela Carolyn Lambrey; dolls' clothes, Mrs. Crawford and Miss Beckett; fancy goods, Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Mansfield; pick-a-stay, Baloo Mrs. Couch and Mrs. Bagge.

In the bag

MR. RONALD Vincent, of Basildon Council's Town Planning Department has received an award in the Council's new suggestion scheme. His idea was that paper sacks should carry advertisements. He has received an initial award of one guinea.

Changed their appearances

MEMBERS of Vange Ladies' Section of the Basildon Community Association had great fun at their meeting on Wednesday week trying on a selection of wigs.

The wigs were lent and demonstrated by hair stylist Mrs. Bak, from a Basildon hairdressing salon. Members confessed afterwards that they had now achieved long-standing ambitions to change their looks and personalities with a new, instant hair style.

Mrs. Ridley and Mrs. Morell served the teas. Raffles were run by Mrs. Brett and plans were discussed for a unique Christmas social.



A number of people camped on the doorstep at Baitstow, Eves and Son in Billericay High Street on Friday night and Saturday morning.

The 20-strong crowd (pictured above) all wanted to put deposits on houses on the Home Meadow Estate off Western Road, Billericay, built by A. C. Butt, Ltd.

"We knew there was a large demand for these properties and we gave several days' notice that they would be released on Saturday to give everyone a fair chance of being on the doorstep when we opened," said Baitstow Eves' managing partner, Mr. R. F. Fridmore.

"We thought there was quite a lot of interest in these houses, but it is fantastic that people queued for so long." (Picture by V. Fridmore)

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WILL NEW SERVICE INCREASE TRAFFIC NUISANCE?

REVISED PROPOSALS by Eastern National Omnibus Co., Ltd., to run a new service through Wickford Industrial Estate went before Basildon Council's Works Committee.

The service would re-route the existing 250 bus via Southend Road, Wick Lane, Bruce Grove and Southend Road during morning peak periods and run in the reverse direction during evening peak periods.

During off-peak periods alternate journeys would operate via the Industrial Estate and Southend Road respectively.

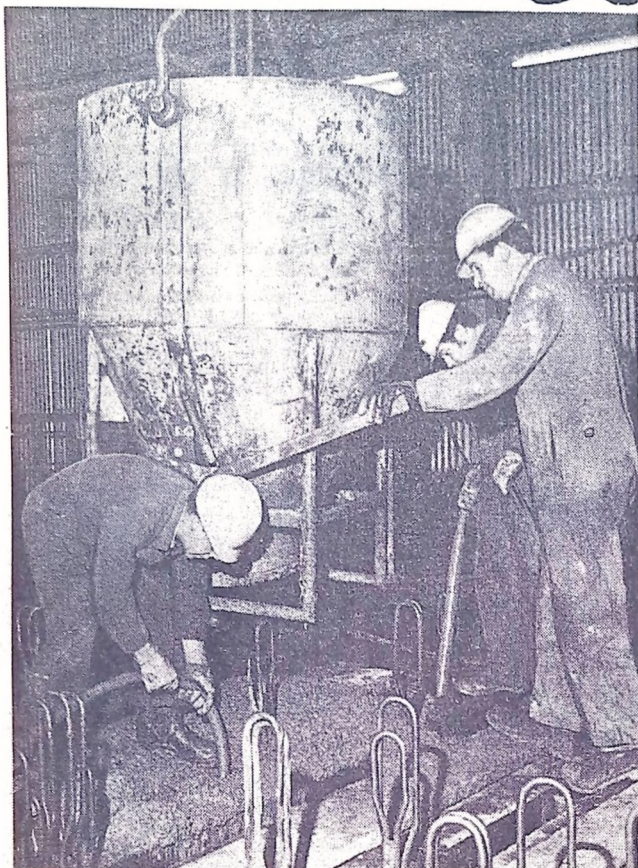
Town Manager Mr. David Taylor said the new proposal, although ceasing to use Bridge Road

and Sandown Road, made use of Wick Lane which would increase the traffic nuisance already existing there.

But the Committee were also aware of the need for a service through the Industrial Estate.

The Committee, faced with "a conflict of interest," decided that if Eastern National proceed with their plans, they would send a letter expressing the various views to the Traffic Commissioner.

FACTORY GOSSIP



TO PRODUCE 1,000 DWELLINGS A YEAR

CIVIL ENGINEERS, Crudens, of Burnt Mills Road, Basildon, are producing the highly successful industrialised housing on the Walcot Estate, Pitsea.

At Burnt Mills Road they have an impressive factory which turns out huge slabs of cast concrete.

The factory opened last November and has been operating on the basis of producing 500 dwellings—houses and flats—a year.

Next month the extensions carried out on the factory in August will enable production to be stepped up to 1,000 dwellings a year.

This big increase is to cope with another contract for industrialised housing—this time for Lewisham Council.

And Crudens are looking forward to yet more contracts of the same nature, says Mr. Graham Brown, their construction manager.

On the Walcot Estate 351 houses are being built for Basildon Council. The Council are known to be wary of industrialised housing, but with Walcot Estate they are very pleased.

Crudens also believe the Skarne Swedish-style buildings will be attractive to many other local authorities. In fact, they have already received inquiries from all parts of Essex and Greater London.

Basildon is, therefore, a showcase for their products.

The factory produces the homes in flat slabs of reinforced concrete, which are hardened on the site and then transported by articulated lorries to the estate, where they are assembled.

The picture above shows ready-mixed concrete being poured into the sections.

FACTORY DANCE

A dance held by Ball Plastics on Saturday was attended by about 100 employees. Catering was done by the firm and the band was Barry Steady and his Music.

Maywick at poultry show

THE MOST extensive range of heating equipment specifically designed for poultry will be featured on the Maywick stand at the 1967 International Poultry Show, Olympia (December 6th-8th).

It will include canopy brooders, radiant brooders, top-tier brooders, tiered brooders, space heaters and blown-air heaters.

Among their wide range of Maywick's range of propane-fuelled brooders and heaters includes models for practically every form of rearing. Well over 100,000 Maywick brooders have been sold and all models are ready for natural gas. Canopy brooders cater for up to 1,000 broilers (1,250 under best conditions), or the equivalent number of turkeys or ducks, and are fitted with sensitive thermostatic control.

Two busy brothers

BILLERICAY firm Smith Engine Services, of Crown Yard, have suffered no ill effects as a result of the squeeze—in fact, if the orders stopped pouring in tomorrow they would still have enough

work to keep them going for three or four weeks.

The business is a two-man concern, run by brothers Richard Smith (35) and David Smith (25).

Before they decided to go it alone five years ago Richard was an apprentice engineer with British Rail and David was with Tate and Lyle, the sugar people.

Asked why he took a chance on starting his own business Richard replied: "Motor engineering had been my hobby for years, ever since I was a driver/mechanic in the Army, and I thought I knew enough to make a go of it."

The firm specialise mainly in repairing and reconditioning motor vehicle engines, but they also tune cars for performance on the track and the road.

At present they are looking round for larger premises because they have got no room to expand. Sometimes they have to subcontract work out because they have not got enough space for all the machinery they need.

"It seems impossible to get the kind of premises and planning permission we require," said Richard. "We are negotiating with Basildon Council for a nursery factory unit, but they are not easy to come by."

The brothers are having £2,000 worth of new machinery installed during the next month and this should make most engine reconditioning jobs possible, but, said Richard: "We just won't be able to use it at our present premises because there will not be enough room to operate it."

The firm have experience of a whole range of engines,

from massive builders' trucks to executives' cars, and they hope to go into diesel engineering when they get the use of their new equipment.

Drama with problems

MRS. MAISIE Wright, Secretary of the Yardleys Players, has been busy during the past few weeks organising members for the second production, a drama called "The Whole Truth."

Not so much a whodunit as will-he-get-away-with-it, the play is posing special problems for what is virtually a brand new group of players.

Says Mrs. Wright: "This is only our second play. The first was a comedy thriller, but I have a feeling this play will be a little more difficult to stage."



Mrs. Maisie Wright

Nevertheless, they have a competent producer in Mr. Chris Hodges, who is more experienced in local dramatics.

The play will go out to audiences at the Lalndon Community Centre on November 28th for three days.

The group have been together for two years now, but Maisie has been with Yardleys for eight years in all, and has been associated with their drama groups at Forest Gate before coming to Basildon.

They have 35 members in all but "we are always looking for more," says Maisie, who lives in Ballards Walk, Lee Chapel North.

There are eight in the cast of "The Whole Truth," and the rest of our members will be busy behind the scenes.

"However, we can always do with more members to take responsibility for bigger parts in plays and to spread the load of work."

Anybody at Yardleys who fancies himself as a Richard Burton can find Maisie in the assembly and packing department.

Boy-friend says her dress is too long!



IN SPITE of a chilly start to winter, Barbara Blackwell, 23-years-old secretary at the Ford Research Centre, Dunton, is dressing for summer. Her bloomer suit in pink and white polka dots is turning the eyes of all the male heads at the Centre (see picture above).

And while she feels comfortable in her "way-out rig-out," all the boys have rising temperatures! She is used to the wolf whistles and side glances from the men, and she says she doesn't mind at all.

When our photographer called at the Centre last week she was wearing the suit, a mini-mini dress with bloomers lower than the hemline, and leather boots to her knees.

"I like wearing way-out clothes," she explained. "My boss doesn't mind and I don't mind the men pulling my leg."

Sadly for the rest of us, Barbara has a boyfriend. He thinks the dress is too long—phew!

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At Smith Engine Services, Crown Yard, Billericay, David and Richard Smith at work on the engine line.

CONGREGATIONALISTS WANT TO END FIGHT WITH THE E.C.C.

WICKFORD CONGREGATIONAL Church, who want the County Council to buy their present church and have a House of Lords ruling in their favour, are now pressing hard for action in their eight-year-long fight with the County.

Their case has again gone to the Lands Tribunal for a decision on the present position.

"Under the Town and Country Planning Act of 1959 there was a clause which enabled owner-occupiers of property of less than £200 rateable value and subject of a planning line to serve notice on the local authority to buy the property," explained the Minister, Rev. Stanley Hodges, to a reporter.

We had a planning line right through the middle of the church and so we served notice on the County Council. They disputed it as we did not pay rates as a church. We took the case to the Lands Tribunal who gave their decision in favour of us."

APPEAL

The County appealed, but the Court of Appeal again gave the church the verdict. It then came before the House of Lords and they ruled that the County had to buy the property.

Since then some eight years have elapsed and the County have offered to pay the church the commercial value of the site.

We have maintained they ought to pay us the reinstatement value—the value of the premises, plus the cost of a new site for the church," said Mr. Hodges.

Counsel's advice has been taken and the case has gone back to the Lands Tribunal for a further decision on whether the County have to pay the commercial value or the reinstatement value.

Since the last decision was given, County Council have taken the planning line off the property, its imposition would have meant the church being split completely in half to comply with a building line under which shops in the vicinity have had to be built.

Mr. Hodges is hoping for a favourable decision from the Tribunal as new church premises are badly needed.

"If the decision is favourable it could make the new buildings possible in a very short while," he said.

Ready for Christmas

CHRISTMAS preparations were the main theme at Ramsdale Women's Institute's meeting on Thursday week.

Demonstrator for the evening was Mrs. K. M. Day from Upminster, who spoke on making Christmas decorations. She also judged a competition for a table decoration, which was won by Mrs. I. Garner. Most entries were to be sold in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

After refreshments four members of South Hanningfield Parish Council were questioned on matters concerning Ramsden Heath and Downham. The forum was chaired by Mrs. S. Omberson, and members of the Council were Mrs. Z. E. Barnes, Mr. A. W. Fysh (Chairman of Council), Mr. D. F. Hill and Mr. W. R. King.

TRAFFIC DIVERSION

Small sections of Nether-mayne, Lee Woottons Lane, and Sparrows Herne, Basildon, will be stopped and traffic diverted in the near future to allow contractors to work on the roundabout and entrance to the New Basildon Hospital.

Did not give his name

FOR FAILING to give his name and address to a Police officer David Allen (21), of Brock Hill, Wickford, was fined £15 at Billericay Court on Tuesday.

Allen, who did not appear in Court, was stopped driving his Morris convertible along Swan Lane, Wickford, on August 11th. A number of other offences, the Court heard, had already been dealt with.

Laindon trader hits back hard

LAINDON TRADER Mr. George Gefaell, proprietor of Eileen's wool shop in the High Road, this week hit back at the Basildon Chamber of Trade for demanding that his lease should be withdrawn.

News of the demand came at a Chamber meeting when traders complained that Basildon Development Corporation, after buying the premises in Laindon High Road, had now relet it.

Mr. Gefaell said on Tuesday: "This should not go unanswered particularly as it appears to have been single out."

I would like to know of what authority Mr. Toomey, chairman of the Chamber, demands the withdrawal of my lease. Surely he and his colleagues must realise that the premises were purchased with public money, and if they indicate it would be a waste of it granting short term leases the premises become an asset.

Mr. Toomey claims that this shop has lost two established traders who struggled through

the "Dodge City" days. With respect, isn't it time these traders struggled out of the "Dodge City" days? A coat of paint and a few extra light bulbs would certainly brighten the place. We are offering a bright, clean shop, attending to the needs of the community. How is this wrong?

We have proof that three local traders have increased their takings during the last three weeks since we opened in turn, we hope to increase our takings by virtue of the fact that a laundrette is opening this week.

So, come off it traders. This is 1967. Stop moaning and get out a pot of paint and a few light bulbs. Look for competition and compete. There is trade if you want it. It just takes a little effort. Don't try to make it so that the customer has to come to you. Make it so that he wants to come to you.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Thanks to Happy Pals Mick, the roaming cat, is home again



I AM SURE YOU WOULD ALL LIKE TO KNOW THAT LITTLE MICK, THE CAT THAT WENT A-ROAMING, HAS RETURNED HOME.

I HAD THIS LETTER FROM MRS. V. CARTER, OF TINKLER SIDE, BASILDON, HIS OWNER, AND THIS IS WHAT SHE SAYS:—

"... WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO 'CHILDREN'S PAGE'. ... MICKIE IS HOME AGAIN.

"As far as we know, he was where we thought, around Fairhouse School until November 1st, when he hitched a ride in a furniture removal van. He must have walked in when it was being loaded from a house in Fairview Road unnoticed.

"He was found later and, rather than turn him loose, he was taken home by one of the van men. He had been very well looked after. Your article was read and the circumstances and description seemed to fit. So from us all, thank you very much indeed."

Mick is seen above with Mrs. Carter.

What an adventure for a little cat; should you think that is one of his nine lives gone? It just goes to show, you should never give up hope if you lose a pet—someone usually finds it.

But, of course, there is a moral—animals have wonderful homing instincts and senses of smell—but if you pick them up and carry them they cannot find their way back again—because they cannot smell the familiar scents of home, or even their own trail. So—stop and speak and fondle them if you must, but please **DO NOT** carry them away. It is heartbreaking to lose a pet, as those of you who have pets of your own will know.



Every year at Wickford Congregational Church bazaar the Junior Church make a special gift to their Minister (Rev. S. Hodges). It is always presented in novelty form. This year the theme of the bazaar was London Town, and 11-years-old Scout Steven Maskell, as a Billingsgate fish porter, presented this succulent tray of kippers, interleaved with £5 notes! It's a fishy story, but very interesting, and Steven is seen above with the kippers and the money.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANKS

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Thanks are also due to Springfield Infants' School for their generous gift of a cheque for £2 2s.

Sally Hoad, of Little Dodden, Basildon, also brought me a lovely collection of toys for the tree. Thank you so much, Sally dear. I hope Father Christmas brings you something really lovely in return.

AUNTIE LIZ

GREETINGS

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

Kevin Blake, of Nether Priors, Basildon (9); Lesley Johnson, of West Thorpe, Basildon (9); Lauren Garrod, of Pinmill, Basildon (12); Carol Mint, of Bremsons, Basildon (9); and Debra Hornsley, of Boytons, Basildon (7), all on Friday, November 24th. Heidi Carter, of Great Knightleys, Basildon (3), on November 25th. Alan Cox, of Bonnygate, Basildon (3); Gary Tempier, of Little Lullaway, Basildon (2); and Deborah Palmer, of London Road, Wickford (10), all on 26th. Roy Snowden, of Thistle-down, Basildon (14); Steven Underdown, of Kathleen Ferrier Crescent, Laindon (10); Martin Getting, of Wick Lane, Wickford (4), and Martin John Hickmore, of Church Park Drive, Pitsea (3), all on 27th.

Lesley Rugg, of Victoria Road, Laindon (10); Lorraine Swift, of Hockley Road, Basildon (10), and Jean McMurray, of Rochford Road, Prittlewell (12), all on 28th. Anthony Johnson, of London Road, Vange (9); Graham Mark Stanford, of Redgrave Road, Vange (3), and Kathryn Rosewell, of Ramsey Drive, Vange (12), all on 30th.

So exciting

I HAVE received a nice little letter from Jean and Mark Willatt. They are sure you would like to read. They say, "We read your letter from Susan and Gordon Weller in Australia. This is to let you know that they are our cousins; they have written to say they will be home on March 26th, 1968 and they are going to stay with us for a while."

I'm sure Jean and Mark must have been excited to hear from their cousins "down under," and I expect they feel that they just can't wait to see them again. Can you imagine how they will chatter next March? They will have so much to tell each other about all the things that have happened since Gordon and Susan went away, won't they?



Ten-years-old John Wheeler and his friend, Alan Taylor, went to a very grown-up affair on Friday—they went to the Wickford Modern Ballroom Dance Club wine and chess party at the Community Centre. But then, of course, John's ather is the Chairman of the Club! John was lucky—he won a prize, though it won't be much use to him just yet. It was a shaving mirror! Our picture shows him letting his friend Alan inspect it.

DUMBELLE

by BERNARD J. WILKINSON



BARN HALL ESTATE MUD

An angry mother's ultimatum—will keep her children away from school

A WICKFORD woman declared on Wednesday: "Unless something is done about the state of this road I shall keep my children away from school next week."

And, she said, she had already started canvassing other mothers on the Barn Hall Estate at Wickford to see if they would do the same.

Sitting in her home at 2, Richmond Road, a private road which now lies in the Havering Council's development area, 34 years-old Mrs. Doris Vanhinsbergh gave vent to her feelings about the muddy and dangerous state of the road she lives in, and all the other roads round her.

"I have been on to the Council and the contractors, but nothing is done, and it seems as if nothing is going to be done in the near future," she said.

She had received no satisfaction from the developing contractors, she said, explaining that it was not only the thick mud on the roads about which she was complaining, but also lack of lighting—"building machines are left lying about in the dark, in fact last night I almost walked into one," she said.

Her two children, Reginald (eight) and Jane (12), come home covered in mud and slime. "Yesterday Jane, who goes to Beauchamps School by bicycle, came home and had to walk quite a way because the wheels would not go round as they were thick in mud," said Mrs. Vanhinsbergh.

TERRIFIED
Reginald, who goes to Canewdon Gardens Junior School, is terrified of going out, particularly if it is wet. "It takes him three times as long as the five minutes it should take him to get to school," Mrs. Vanhinsbergh added.

She said the residents in her corner of the estate wanted a pathway built to join with the path laid for the council house development further down the road. "This is surely not

asking too much. It should be easily enough laid with all the rubble there is about," she said.

Mrs. Vanhinsbergh feels that her verbal and written protests to the authorities have not succeeded, so she intends now to keep her children away from school. Her ultimatum is, "Clean roads by Monday or my children stay at home."

She started on Wednesday going round to other parents to get them to join in the protest.

Her mother-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Vanhinsbergh, aged 71, is also indignant. She lives next door and cannot go out shopping because of the mud. "I have already fallen over twice," she said.

Surveying the inches-deep mire which covers the surfaced road, she added: "And we have been told we have got to put up with this throughout the winter, it is disgusting."

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M. D. Godfrey, 35, East Walk, and S. N. Anderson, Ltd., 213, Timber Lane, Basildon, will be duty chemists for week commencing Monday (November 27th). They will be open every weeknight (except Wednesday and Saturday) from 6 to 7 p.m. On Sunday (November 26th) S. N. Anderson, Ltd., will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

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WICKFORD
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JAILED AND FINED £27

POLICE ON duty at the Fortune of War roundabout, Laindon, about 2.45 a.m. on October 3rd, saw a car coming along the Arterial Road from the London direction. It hit the kerb and was followed. Until it was stopped it was being driven erratically, said Mr. Malcolm Simons, prosecuting, at Billericay on Tuesday.

Arthur Williams (29), of The Lynce, Laindon, pleaded guilty to taking and driving away a car without the owner's consent, driving under the influence of drink and driving without insurance and driving licence.

He was sent to prison for six months on the first two charges and was disqualified from driving for two years. On the other two offences he was fined £27.

Mr. Simons said Williams said the car belonged to his brother, but later said he had "nicked" it from Rainham. Williams, in Court, said he had been made redundant and had an argument with his wife. She had threatened to leave him and take the baby with her. "I just took the money I had and a few bob we had saved and just went and got drunk."

COLLAPSED

Eighty-five years-old Mrs. Emily Wilder of Fomret Mead, Basildon, collapsed in Basildon Town Centre on Thursday. She was taken to St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, but allowed home after treatment.



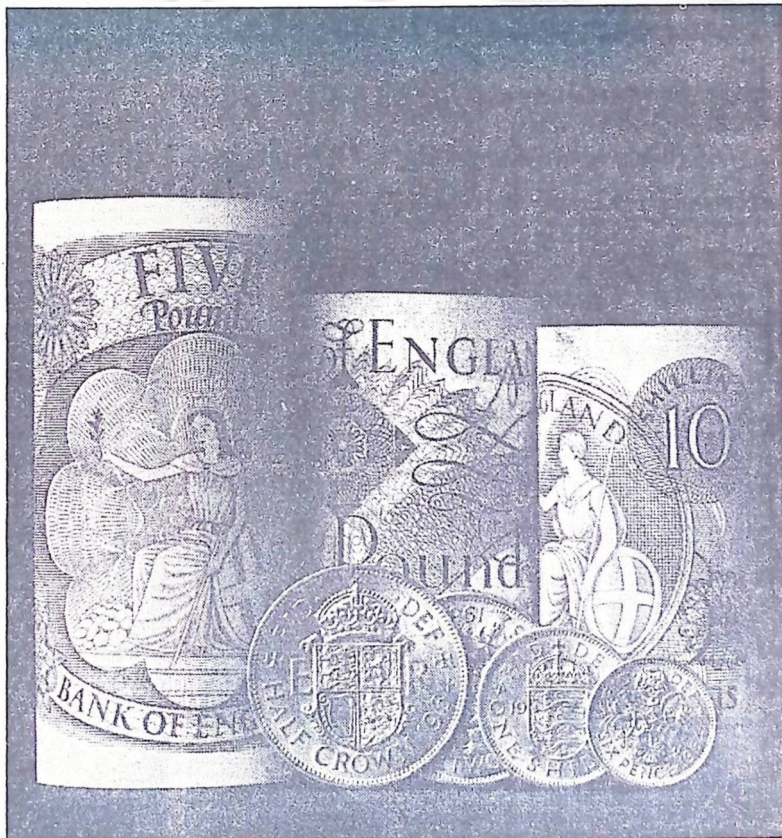
Bader House, Basildon, held its open day on Friday, combined with a bazaar. Our picture above shows patients and staff with Chairman Coun. D. Savage. The picture below shows some members and friends of Billericay British Legion at their Poppy Day old-time dance at Rose Hall, Billericay, on Saturday.



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Guess how long it takes to change a set of tyres... Mrs. M. Fox, of Toucan Way, Basildon, did and won a Basildon Tyre Services competition.

Her time was 3 mins. 12.4 secs., and the actual time was 3 mins. 11.5 secs., when the tyre change was made on Sunday. The good news was broken to her on her return from church by a "Standard Recorder" representative.

Over 600 entries were received with forecasts from 12 secs. to 2 hrs. 37 mins. the humorists! About 100 people came to watch the contest.

Fitters taking part were Messrs. E. Barron, T. Quidington and H. Sargent. Time checks were made by work study engineers from Marconi.

The car was a Zenohr.



People — and what they are doing...



"Thank you" for good service to Trades Council

MR. WALTER Wood, for seven years the Secretary of the Basildon Trades Council, was presented with a retirement gift at their meeting last week.

He was presented with a clock bearing an inscribed plate, and his wife Jean received a bouquet.

Mr. Wood resigned a few weeks ago because of ill-health, which has plagued him during his term of office.

Mr. Ernest Coppin, Chairman and President of the Basildon branch of the National Union of Vehicle Builders, made the presentation.

The picture above shows Mrs. Wood (left), Mr. Wood and Mr. Coppin.

Accepting the gift, Mr. Wood told members he was not about to dissociate from the Trades Council and that he would be glad to give any assistance possible.

He added: "The help I have received from members during my term of office has been marvellous in view of the general apathy of trade unionists."

looking forward to his new job because it is taking him home.

He explained: "I am not worried about where I work, but this change will mean that I am going home. I came originally from Hertfordshire and before coming to Basildon I was working at Yate in Gloucester."

"My wife, Nancy, is more pleased to be leaving than I am. She has not been very happy with living in the New Town. She does not mind my working in the evenings, but this, combined with living in Basildon, doesn't appeal to her." Fred, his wife and his two daughters, Heather and Wendy, will be leaving Basildon in about mid-February next year.

retired schoolteacher, used to teach at Wickford Junior School. "She started teaching at Rayleigh Secondary School, then came to Wickford," said Walter, "and now she's married with two children." Walter recalls Wickford C. of E. Infant School, where he was educated, as just a thatched building. Wickford Junior School had a capacity of 450 when Walter started there. It now has an additional eight classrooms and caters for nearly 1,000 pupils.



Mr. W. Goodey

One of his most memorable experiences as caretaker was during the war. He recalled: "Five-hundred-and-sixty people had been bombed out of their homes at Tilbury. We had a phone call an hour before they arrived to say that we were to accommodate them."

"You can imagine the chaos," Walter chuckled. "They all had to be fed, clothed and bedded down... and all this while the air raids were on." Retirement will mean a little more than just a comfortable armchair, regular meals and a lazy life to Walter. His first job is to redecorate his home. Then he plans to spend more time on his hobbies—carpentry and driving his car.

"I'm convinced that I'm not going to get bored," Walter smiled.

AT SYNOD

Representatives from Wickford Parish Church went to the Diocesan Synod at Chelmsford on Sunday.

His only child, Hazel, a



Mr. Fred Newbury

THE Secretary of Basildon Community Association and Warden of the Community Centre, Mr. Fred Newbury, has resigned. He will be taking a new post as Warden of the Adeyfield neighbourhood Community Centre at Hemel Hempstead. Mr. Newbury, who has been in Basildon for three years, is

He's going
back home

Goodbye
to school

Sport his hobby— religion his work

WHEN HE left school, Jeff Stacey had to choose. On one side was a promising career in football with a good chance of going professional—and the alternative was religion. Jeff, now aged 19, took the latter course and carries out full-time work for the Jehovah's Witnesses. Every week he calls on about 400 homes in the New Town.



Mr. J. Stacey

The Witnesses claim an active strength of about 200 people in the Basildon and Laindon area, with another 250 starting to study their religion.

"Our support is growing, especially among young people," said Jeff, who lives at Fairstones. "They look round and see so many problems and want a secure future."

Part of that future is 1975—when, say the Witnesses, there will be God's Sabbath Day. For, they believe, man will then have spent 6,000 years on earth... and the paradise conditions of the start will return again in 1975.

At a recent three-days' Witness Convention at Laindon Community Centre, Jeff spoke to members from South Essex, totalling 1,200, on "Enjoyment received from the Bible." He has also addressed the congregation at Kingdom Hall, Laindon.

To earn a living, Jeff has two part-time jobs. If he had continued with football—he was team captain at Laindon Secondary School and played for the district and several amateur clubs—he might have been a professional name now.

Sport is now his hobby and religion his work. Jeff expects the next stage in his ministry career will be to work for the Witnesses in some other part of the country.

Meet the new club leaders



AN ENTHUSIASTIC young couple have taken over the leadership of St. Mary's Church Youth Club, Billericay.

They are Mr. David Mills (23) and his wife Lesley (22), seen above, of Meadow Rise, Billericay. Both have been members of other youth clubs and served on youth club committees.

"We are very fortunate to have been left with such a flourishing club," David told the "Standard Recorder" this week. "We have 40 members on our books and the number is still increasing."

David and Lesley met seven years ago at a youth conference at Clacton. They were engaged in 1965 and married this year. Both work in banks.

David's hobbies are motorcycling and course fishing. Lesley's are dressmaking, flower arranging and cookery. "We are also attempting to put some shape into the garden," said David.

The Club meets after church services on Sundays, and at the Archer Hall on Tuesdays. It caters for people between the ages of 14 and 19.

On Tuesdays we have table tennis, billiards and other games. It is a nice quiet evening. Our Sunday meetings are a lot livelier.

Team work

MEMBERS of the Autumn Leaves Club and Laindon Old People's Welfare teamed up to lend a hand with the chores at the Christmas bazaar held on Saturday at the Welfare Centre, Laindon.

The bazaar was organised by Mrs. Irene Cann and Mrs. Alice Jackson, and the takings totalled about £30. The money raised will help to provide Christmas parcels for housebound old people on the Welfare Committee's list.

Australia for them

IN APRIL, 15-years-old Michael Killen, of Culverdown, Basildon, went to Australia for health reasons. The climate helped him to fitness, and his reports of life Down Under have been so glowing that the rest of the family have now sailed out to join him.

They left Basildon on Monday—Mr. Joseph Killen (43), his wife, Ada (40), and their two other children, Maria (11) and Patrick (13). The parents, both keen workers for Ghyllgrove Community Association, said their final farewells at the Centre on Saturday, when their two children attended a party.

The Killens were the first people to move into Culverdown seven years ago, after coming from Enfield. Mr. Killen, originally from Belfast, worked at the Ford's Tractor Plant, while Mrs. Killen worked at the Paramount Metal Company.

Their eldest son, Michael, an asthma sufferer, was advised by the doctor to go to a better climate. The Killen family will be arriving as the weather warms up for the Australian summer.

"I don't think we will be coming back," said Mrs. Ada Killen. "We want to make a go of it."



Mr. and Mrs. J. Killen with Patrick and Maria.

THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

Corporation and Council are on tenterhooks

BASILDON'S TWO local authorities, Basildon Development Corporation and Basildon Council, are waiting on tenterhooks to know how the Government's shock economic measures will affect them.

No specific fears have yet been expressed, but one thing is certain: Basildon will feel the tightening up of finances. The question is, where?

At an Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, Basildon Council braced themselves and asked the Treasurer to prepare a report outlining the full implications.

The Leader of Basildon Council, Coun. A. V. Stockley, told a reporter on Wednesday: "Anything at all could come under the chopper from the Government."

"Until we receive the circulars from the Ministries concerned, we don't know what areas of our work will be affected. Nevertheless, all our committees have been instructed to look at the capital plans with a view to pruning."

"At the same time, I can say that those capital projects under way now will continue. We are not cutting any already in

the pipeline. We will also be planning ahead."

"We do not know how or if education facilities will be affected. We hope the schools will not be affected, but we are used to the Government saying one thing and meaning another."

One ray of hope for the Council is that New Towns category and members will be pushing this line of argument.

Coun. Stockley said when they were informed of the exact cut-backs a detailed review of the position will be made public.

From Basildon Development Corporation a more cautious approach. General Manager Mr. R. C. Boniface said: "Clearly the position makes us very

apprehensive. We have had this sort of set-back in the past, notably in 1961-62 during the Selwyn Lloyd pause."

So far we are not aware of any new restrictions on capital expenditure by Development Corporations. However, we hardly expected them to come as quickly as this."

Hutton society grows

"THIS SOCIETY has become as interesting as any in the area," said President Mr. H. W. Carter, O.B.E., at the annual meeting of Hutton Horticultural Society.

Chairman Mr. N. Fell said membership had increased by 74 to 1,060, compared with the record 1,087 five years ago. The new recruiting leaflet had done much towards this.

Trading had improved considerably, but volunteers were still required.

Both 1967 shows were a success, and many new members exhibited for the first time and won prizes.

In recognition of services to the Society the meeting elected the following as Honorary Life Vice-Presidents: Past President Mr. H. W. Carter and Mrs. W. J. Carter, Mrs. P. M. Wyatt and Mr. T. A. Hall, Two Vice-Presidents were also elected, Mr. C. E. Bonner and Mr. F. A. W. Page.

Officers and committee for 1967/68 are: President, V. D. Thorne, Esq., Chairman, Mr. N. Fell, Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. S. G. Wooding, Gen. Secretary, Mr. E. W. Whitaker, Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. Poole, Membership Secretary, Mr. S. F. Waterson, Show Secretary, Mr. C. E. Greenwood, Bulletin Secretary, Mr. D. R. Waterson, Trading Secretaries, Mr. C. W. Follows and Mr. T. Searle, Social Secretary, Mr. A. W. Mead, Altitude Secretary, Mr. E. W. Punt, Committee, Mr. A. E. Barnes, Mr. F. Braun, Mr. W. R. Carter, Mrs. N. B. Hindman, Mr. J. Jensen, Mrs. E. Mead, Mrs. D. Nisbett, Mr. J. Smith, Mr. H. J. Ward and Mrs. D. Womack.

Scheme gets O.K.

A BASILDON Council proposal to extend Shotgate Sewage Treatment Works has been approved in principle by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The Ministry's Inspector has suggested a few technical alterations and the scheme is now expected to cost £288,000.

All he wanted was a place for his vintage car

ALL ROY HAMMOND, of Hockley Close, Basildon, wanted was a place to keep his vintage car, the main hobby in his life. The plot of scrubland he owned in Victoria Road, Vange, seemed the perfect place.

He built a garage there, was told he needed planning permission, applied for it and had his application refused by Basildon Council, who subsequently served an enforcement notice on the garage. Mr. Hammond appealed against the enforcement notice at a Planning Inquiry on Wednesday.

Mr. Hammond is an insurance agent, but the real love of his life is vintage cars. He told the Ministry Inspector, he has owned four in the last 12 years, and at present runs an Austin 10, 1932 model, which is garaged on the appeal site.

If this enforcement notice was served, he said, he would have to give up his hobby. He made a series of offers to the Inspector, he promised to make up the road outside the garage, accept only a yearly planning permission and pull down the garage if he ever sold the land.

His counsel, Mr. Peter Stead, pointed out that Mr. Hammond would have great difficulty in getting a house in his neighbourhood, Barstable, and even if he did he certainly would not be allowed two, for Mr.

Hammond has his own modern car as well as the Austin 10.

The Council pointed out that the land lay in a proposed Green Belt area, that it was undesirable piecemeal development, and had no adequate means of access.

One of the Council witnesses, Mr. S. L. Pitching, town planning assistant, later said that he personally would recommend temporary planning permission if Mr. Hammond was on the waiting list for a Corporation garage.

A Corporation spokesman later gave evidence that the Corporation would be building 74 garages in Barstable, and Mr. Hammond might well get one of these. There was little possibility of his getting two, so that he could both garage his new car and look after the Austin.

Commenting on what the Council called "the basic reason for refusal, the Green Belt," Mr. Stead said: "I can see that Green Belt considerations must apply, but I do not believe that this temporary garage in any way damages the Green Belt."

The Ministry Inspector, Mr. S. R. H. King, inspected the site on Wednesday afternoon. The "Standard Recorder" will publish details of the Minister's decision when it is made.

All good cyclists

THIRTY-NINE children at South Green Junior School were successfully examined in their cycle training test last week. They all received badges and certificates issued by Basildon Road Safety Panel. Instructors were P. S. Snow and P. C. Watkins, of Brentwood.

Those who passed are as follows: Jean Kirkaldie, Nicola Saville, Susan Hewitt, Janice Long, Christine Beercroft, Jill Trotter, Tony Ridgewell, Kevin Gwynn, Robin Adams, Glen Mitchell, Nigel Edwards, Gary Crowe, Kevin Rayner, Cynra Jones, Alan Bally, Chris Molyneux, Nicole Beaumont, Sharon Finch, Alan Ball, Tommy Davies, William Barton, Colin Whitmill, Trevor Richardson, Steven Drake, Linda Earle, Janette Wilson, Gillian Chapman, Janet Rees, Gillian Bryant, Sheila Purkie, Christine Lewis, Carol Kirkaldie, Hazel Savage, Anita Lawrence, Carol Abrarson, Colin Sharman, Mark Mitchell, Nicholas Hunnisett and Trevor Willis.

CHURCH DECORATION

The internal redecoration of Great Burstead Parish Church is almost complete and has cost £200 to date.

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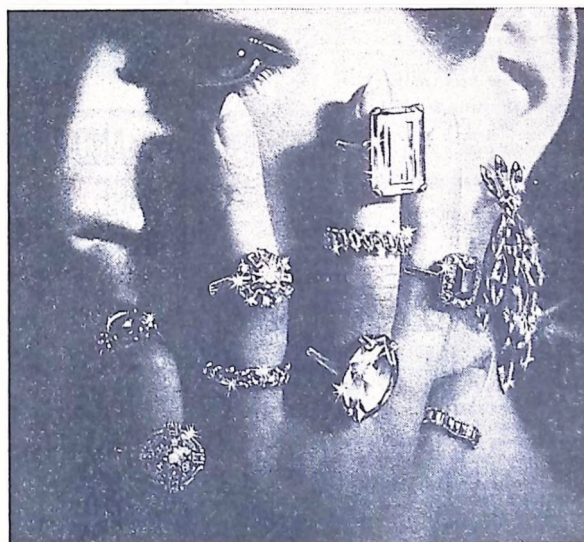
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Wickford Modern Ballroom Dance Club held a wine and cheese party at the Community Centre, Wickford, on Friday evening.

★ SCENES AT THE RALLY ★



Laindon Brownies won the trophy

A JUBILANT 1st Laindon Brownie Pack heard on Saturday that they had been awarded the trophy for the best play produced at the annual Divisional Brownie Revels.

The theme this year was "A Christmas Story," and finalists from three Packs heard Mrs. B. Lahore, County Drama Adviser for Guides, praise their choice of a play as very good.

"The material was just what was needed for young children, so that they could understand what they had to do!" she said.

Among the guests of honour, who watched the Brownies go through their paces, were Mrs. I. Pettitt, Divisional President for Guides, Mrs. D. Grist, J.P., and Miss M. Baerlocher, District Commissioner for Basildon.

The Divisional Revels took place at Manor Junior School. Final marks were: 1st Laindon 39, 2nd Pitsea (St. Michael's) and 2nd Basildon (St. Andrew's) tied with 35 each.

The picture on the left shows the 2nd Basildon

Brownies and, below, the 2nd Pitsea Brownies who were runners-up.

"Nothing to do"

A FIREWORK exploding in East Square, Basildon, led to two boys, aged 13 and 14, appearing at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday.

They admitted discharging fireworks in a public place and were each fined £2.

"We had nothing to do," said one of the boys. "Let's hope that a country which has the atom bomb doesn't have nothing to do," commented the Chairman, Mr. H. R. Dunnico.

Knocked £300 off swimpool debt

A "MOST successful" bazaar at Archer Hall on Thursday raised over £300 for the Billericay Junior and Infant Parent-Teacher Swimming Pool Society.

The profit is expected to be even more, for the Society, who say the sale was not a "sell-out," will hold another in the Rest Rooms, Billericay, with the goods that were not sold.

The Society owe £7,000 to Basildon Council, who built a swimming pool at Billericay Junior School on their behalf.

The Society have raised over £5,000 in the last two years from similar events.

Society Secretary Mrs. Brenda Preston said: "We financed this bazaar with £80 raised at a smaller jumble sale we held recently."

"Many of the items sold were given by parents. The other items we bought cheaply from warehouses."

A similar bazaar last year raised £246.

The event was organised by the Ladies' Committee, consisting of about 20 helpers.

"It was a very encouraging result," said Mrs. Preston, "and I think everybody should be congratulated for a fine effort."

Stallholders were: Decorations—Mrs. June Fothergill, Mrs. Dixon, Plants—Mrs. Eileen Chapman, Groceries—Mrs. Brenda Gibbons, Mrs. Vera Walker, Mrs. Kathleen Jackson, Mrs. Evans, Household odds—Mrs. Joan Merrifield, Mrs. Ann Clark, Mrs. Hanlon, White elephants—Mrs. Joyce Morrison, Dolls' clothes—Mrs. Pat Mathis, Dolls—Mrs. Margaret Goldsmith, Mrs. Joan Govett, Cakes—Mrs. Joyce Large, Mrs. June Alford, Fancy goods—Diana Richer, Mrs. Pam Smith, Mrs. Betty Hill, Raffles—Mrs. Janet Hall, Mrs. Ivy Jones, Mrs. Pat Hall, Children's clothes—Mrs. Jill O'Riordan, Mrs. Betty Walker, Gift stall—Mrs. Margaret Thompson, Mrs. Hill, sen., Mrs. Glouchard, Toys—Mrs. June Corless, Mrs. Jean Wash, Mrs. Jean Reid, Mrs. Harriet Luky, Mrs. Gae, Mrs. DeCruze, Cosmetics—Mrs. Pat Wells, Mrs. Pope, Sweets—Mrs. T. Clowson, Mrs. Alma Sewers, Cake raffle stall—Mrs. V. Dunn, Mrs. Polly, Mrs. Whale, Tea—Mrs. Freda Butler, Mrs. Doreen Hagger, Mrs. Joan Lovering, Mrs. Hazel Marshall, Mrs. Gladys Webster.



... AND HERE ARE THE WINNERS

ON THE RIGHT ARE THE TROPHY WINNERS AT THE DIVISIONAL BROWNIE REVELS HELD AT THE MANOR JUNIOR SCHOOL, BASILDON, ON SATURDAY. THE 1st LAINDON (LANGDON HILLS METHODISTS) PACK. THEY GOT 39 POINTS—2nd PITSEA AND 2nd BASILDON WERE RUNNERS-UP WITH 35 POINTS EACH.



SHE WRITES ROMANTIC STORIES IN A CARAVAN

DUNTON CARAVAN Site seems an unlikely place to find a novelist, still less to find one who has 40 published books to her credit, writes PETER ALLEN.

But for three years now it has been the home of Mrs. Irene Roberts, romantic authoress, who this month brings out another of her novels, "A Handful of Stars."

Mrs. Roberts (40), married with three children, came to Dunton, from Hford, three years ago. She is a Londoner born and bred, but a Londoner who has travelled far.

During these travels she has gathered experience for more than 40 works, everything from paperback war books to true life romance stories, under names varying from Roland Carr to Ivor Roberts. She has been most prolific as Irene Roberts, her own name as a writer of romantic novels.

First she explained why a successful novelist was living

in a caravan, though admittedly a large one. "We are complete in its kind. For those who enjoy a book where everything is treated with a large dose of sentimentality and all the characters have (to quote Irene Roberts) 'Hearts of Pure Gold,' this is a book well worth reading."

"To be honest it was certainly not my type of book, but then even Irene Roberts would not recommend 'A Handful of Stars' for a 21-years-old male. I'm not too keen on much of the material in women's magazines either, but that doesn't stop them being read."

This is a book for women, written from the woman's point of view. There's a murder and a good deal of the seamy side of life thrown in during the tale, but it's treated with a light touch.

Irene Roberts is really writing about the kids of Sloane Street and Drake Street, the way they grow up and succeed in life. True to the romantic novel, it all ends on a happy note, but then there are many people becoming a little tired of reading novels which end in disillusion and death.

If you are one of them, look out for "A Handful of Stars." It will be on sale in Basildon Town Centre soon.

The book

Basildon teacher weds



TEACHER AT GHYLL-GROVE JUNIOR SCHOOL, MR. WILLIAM HARDING WAS MARRIED ON SATURDAY TO EDNA AMELIA WRIGGLESWORTH AT THE BRENTWOOD REGISTER OFFICE. SEE PICTURE ON THE LEFT.

Mr. Harding is the son of Mr. Thomas Harding, of Penygraig, Glamorgan, Wales, and his wife is the daughter of Mr. Alfred Wrigglesworth, of Wakefield, Yorkshire.

They met in Rhodesia where Mr. Harding was a Headmaster and Miss Wrigglesworth was a nursing sister at the Wankie General Hospital. They intend now to settle in Basildon.

The wedding was to have taken place on September 23rd, but was postponed when the bride was involved in an accident in Leeds.

For the wedding ceremony, the bride wore a turquoise woollen dress and white squirrel jacket with matching accessories. She carried a bouquet of freesia and roses.



Mrs. Irene Roberts



SWINGING LONDON REACHES WICKFORD

SWINGING LONDON moved to Wickford on Friday and Saturday in the guise of a "London Town" bazaar run by the Congregational Church.

All stalls had the names of London streets or places and stallholders wore appropriate costumes. The bazaar was in aid of the New Church Building Fund and a target of £500 was set and passed.

On the first day £263 14s. 4d. was raised, and the final result was £540 14s. 1d. an increase of some £30 on 1966.

The opening was by Miss I. M. Harvey, Matron of Runwell Hospital, at a short service conducted by the Minister, Rev Stanley Hodges.

The Matron was presented with a spray of freesias by Julie Bolton. Carnation buttonholes were presented to the Minister and Mr. L. Lay, Secretary, by Adrian Rose.

This year there was no opening ceremony on the second day—usually it is carried out by the Junior Church. "We felt it was a little bit unnecessary," said the Minister.

A fancy dress parade for children and adults drew 31 entries. It was organised by Misses W. and L. Young and judges were Rev. Brian Gameson, Minister of the Methodist Church, and two of his church members, Mr. and Mrs. R. Emery.

A SURPRISE

During the parade there was a surprise for Mr. Hodges. Stephen Maskell, dressed as a Billingsgate porter, with a tray of

zippers on his head had concealed in them two £5 notes, a gift from the Junior Church to the adult church, Mr. Hodges, taking the notes commented "I thought there was something fishy going on."

The best stall was judged by Miss Harvey to be "Thredneedle Street," organised and manned by members of the Women's Fellowship.

Prize-winners were: Seven (Charges of Light Brigade); 2. Caroline Blackmore (Chelsea Pensioner); 3. Christine Ball (Lavender Job); Group—Linda and Heather McCully (Dustbin); 4. Over seven—Lesley Westgarth (Miss Undecided); 2. Janet Arnold (Miss Britannia from Thredneedle Street); 3. Glenn Rogers (Wee Willie Winkie); 4. Stephen Maskell (Billingsgate Porter); Group—1. Nicola Tansy and Isabel Cox (Raggle Taggle Gussies); Adults—Mr. and Mrs. J. Hervey (Queen Victoria and Consort); 2. The Youth Group (Swinging London).

Stalls were as follows: The Tate and Lyle Gallery; Women's Fellowship and Choir (cakes and sweets); Festival Gardens; Junior Church (toys, children's books, fancy goods); Thredneedle Street; Women's Fellowship (needlework, ladies' bibles and children's wear); Marble Arch; Minister's Stall (gifts and handkerchiefs); The Mayfair Salon; Fellowship Club (both and beauty); Swinging London; Youth Group (toys, children's books, fancy goods and calendars); The Pool of London; Brownies; Guides.

JUDITH IN THE MONEY

LITTLE GIRL with an eye for money is 10-years-old Judith Masson, who was this week awarded a £5 bank account for winning a competition run by a local bank.

Judith was one of 1,000 Billericay children who racked their brains to estimate the total amount of money in a photograph.

The competition, sponsored by Essex Trustee Savings Bank, was organised through six branches.

The amount of money displayed in the photograph was £278 5s. 6d. Judith's winning entry was £278. She is a pupil at Buttsbury School.

Ten-years-old Ann Gulliford, also at Buttsbury School, was runner-up, just 8s. 0d. out. She wins a £2 bank account.

There was a tie or third place—Lynne Hammond, of Mayflower School, and Robert Frewin, aged nine, of Buttsbury School, both had exactly the same estimates. They each receive a £1 bank account.

The awards were presented at Buttsbury on Friday by

Mr. A. E. Light, Chairman of the bank.

Nine children received home safes for consolation prizes. They were Matthew Boone, Ian Lamb, Derek Webb, Zana Holmwood, Amanda Jane Hopwood, Phillip Barratt, Melaine Eli, Jackie Pace and Christopher Row.

BROKE INTO BAKERY

THIEVES DRILLED open a wall safe at Barton's bakery, Long Riding, Basildon, during the weekend. They got away with about £87. The theft was discovered when staff arrived for work on Monday morning.

OVER 60's Wickford Over-60's Club met in the Salvation Army Hall last week when members entertained each other with songs and recitals.

Cubs and Scouts (groceries). Petticoat Lane, Catering Committee. ("You name it—we sell it, bargains for 1s.). Refreshments: St. James' Park, Catering Committee.

"LONDON TOWN" BAZAAR, WICKFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SATURDAY, WAS OPENED BY THE MATRON OF RUNWELL HOSPITAL (MISS I. M. HARVEY). SHE IS SEEN WITH THE MINISTER (REV. S. HODGES) AND SURROUNDED BY STALL HOLDERS IN THEIR COLOURFUL COSTUMES.

OVER £540 WAS RAISED BY THE EFFORT ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Making hookey more tricky

THAT'S THE COUNCIL'S IDEA

SCHOOLCHILDREN who play hookey will find it more difficult if Basildon Council's School Welfare Panel have their way.

The panel will ask local doctors to give medical certificates free of charge in special cases where children are regularly absent from school.

Youngsters who write their own "notes from Mum" will then have to write their own doctor's certificates, too. Alternatively, Mums who cover up for their children will have to obtain the certificate.

Reason for the move is "a quite considerable problem," says panel chairman Coun. Desmond Savage.

"There is a lot of absenteeism in schools and we have to accept their excuses. In many cases where there are flimsy excuses, our inspectors see them out during the day."

"We are also anxious to help parents. Many who come before us because their children are regularly away from school say they cannot get free certificates from doctors."

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Coun. Savage said regular school-skipping was most evident in parts of the New Town. There were greater numbers of "hookey players" in Barstable, Vange and Pitsea. It was sometimes rampant in one street.

The panel meet once every six weeks. There are usually at least 20 to 25 parents interviewed on their children's absences each time.

A spokesman for mid-Essex branch of the British Medical Association told a reporter it was up to local Councils and doctors to reach agreement.

"I would expect doctors to say that, one way or another, the fee would have to be paid," he added.

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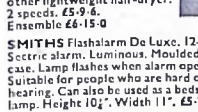
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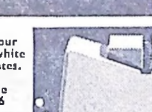
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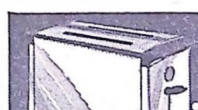
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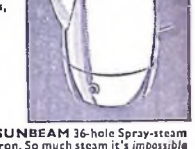
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For the Children

Toys for the children are usually one of the least difficult because most children already know exactly what they want to find in their Christmas stocking. The only thing you must do is to get just the right toy.

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FOR FATHER

Buying gifts for the rest of the family is possibly a little more difficult. Take father, for instance. If he's a do-it-yourself man then carpentry tools are probably what he'd like best — a power tool would be good. If gardening is his métier then how about a stainless steel spade or fork?

Shirts, ties, socks, handkerchiefs or even a

dressing gown are always good presents for a man, but do make sure that sizes are absolutely right. There's nothing worse than a tight collar on a shirt or socks that nip the toes.

Slippers are a traditional Christmas present and are always welcomed. Some people like the good old-fashioned style with rubber soles and warm woollen uppers; others like more sophisticated leather. However, whatever your

choice, again make sure that sizes are right.

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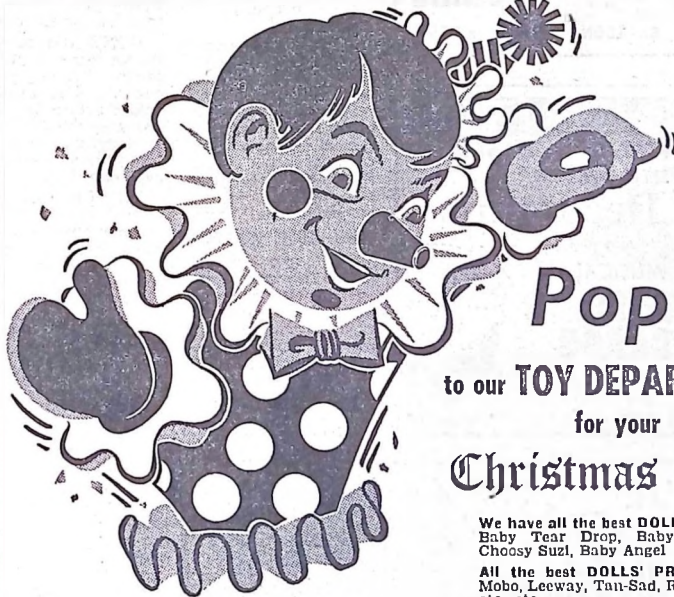
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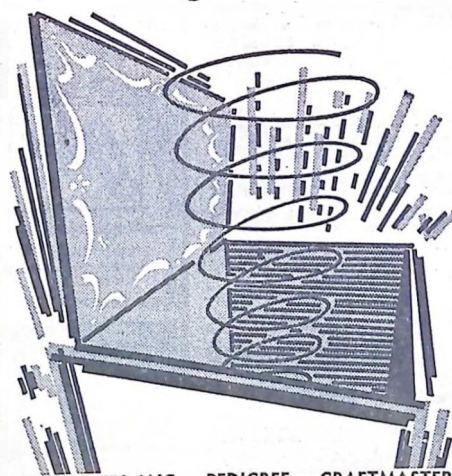
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You can be sure he's been studying the shop windows and knows exactly what he wants to find on Christmas morning, so now, before things start to get too busy, is the time to buy and avoid possible disappointment nearer Christmas.

Parents probably get us much fun out of buying toys as the youngsters do out of playing with them. The danger here is that parents will buy the toys they would like and not what little Johnny has in mind. So remember it is for little Johnny and not for Dad. However, Dad will probably be allowed to play with such presents as Scalextric model racing sets and train sets.



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FOR PARENTS, grandparents, uncles and aunts who play Santa Claus for pre-school youngsters the selection of toys for Christmas is very often a confusing and frustrating experience.

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Toys should be correct for the child's particular stage of development. They should match his state of physical and mental growth — not just his calendar age. Toys should challenge — but not frustrate — his growing skills.

WELL CONSTRUCTED

The pre-school child's toy should be well constructed, and wooden toys should be close-grained with rounded corners and sanded surfaces to prevent splinters. All removable parts should be over-sized — too large to be swallowed.

Make certain that paint on the toys is non-toxic — safe for the youngster who "tastes" everything. Youngsters give toys a rough work-out, so playtools should be sturdy enough to withstand pre-school energy.

DON'TS FOR PRESENT-BUYERS

Research consultants suggest this list of DON'TS if you are shopping for Christmas toys for pre-schoolers.

DON'T run out to the toy stores in search of the "latest gimmicks." They usually hold only fleeting interest for the child and then end up broken or on his toy shelf — permanently.

DON'T buy toys just because they are "perfect miniatures" of the adult world. Remember that young children love to use their imagination with a toy and bring it into their world of make-believe.

DON'T buy electrical toys for a young pre-schooler. He prefers to "make the toy work" by himself — and it's safer, too. ...

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GIFTS for HIM

MANY a woman who is confident about her own grooming is slightly shaken when it comes to selecting grooming aids for the men in her life.

Not only has she never honed a razor, slapped her face with after-shave lotion or sloshed herself with a gentleman's cologne, but she is often confused by the bewildering array of products labelled: For Men.

During the Christmas season, for example, she will have literally thousands of gift items to choose from — colognes, after-shave lotions, soaps, made especially for men, men's hair lotions, even bath salts.

There is only one sensible way to navigate this maze of men's grooming aids — by knowing how and why men use them. Here

are some tips from experts.

After-Shave: Cools and refreshes the face that's just been shaved. Acts as a mild antiseptic, helps close pores. Scent is light.

Cologne: A man's scent that lasts. For use as a body splash and in place of after-shave if he prefers. Cologne is basic to the aroma as part of man's total grooming.

Essence: Highly concentrated. A few drops assure continued fragrance action for many hours. Fine on handkerchiefs or at the collar line.

Deodorant: Its purpose is obvious. Most popular category is spray-on. Should match the fragrance of after-shave, cologne, essence, etc.

Soap: Keeps man's grooming consistent all

the way down the line. Get a bar big enough for the masculine hand.

The experts point out the importance of a man-sized cologne bottle. It should be easy to grab, hard to knock over, and with a cap big enough to be turned by a male fist. It should look ruggedly masculine. Best source is a firm specialising in grooming aids for men only.

One final point: a woman can establish her presence with a scent, leaving a lingering aroma of feminine fragrance. You know she was there. This is not for men. The fragrance shouldn't be too strong and you should be aware of it only when you're up close — as when dancing with a man. In short, a man ought to smell clean and strong the way you want him to.



WHY NOT SOCKS FOR CHRISTMAS? Puzzling over what to give a man? Treat him to a wardrobe of colourful, patterned socks, the extra-special find that he hesitates to buy himself but would love to own. Give him an assortment of stripes, checks and abstract patterns in a selection of colours.

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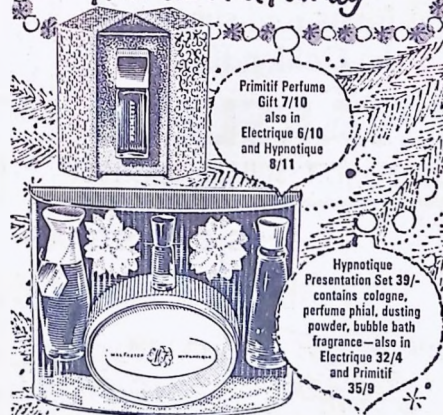
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PERSONAL PRESENTS

The "little gifts" for the many friends on your list are often the most difficult to choose. There are gifts for neighbours, office friends and teachers. So if your imagination and budget are beginning to run dry, here are some suggestions:

IS THERE A PHOTOGRAPHER IN THE FAMILY?

There are so many presents you can buy for a camera fiend — though you must make sure that you're buying just the right accessory — flash equipment, light meters, developing and enlarging accessories or even a stock of film for those who already own a camera. For those who don't then there is a wide choice at reasonable prices. The Polaroid Swinger cameras are still very popular and good value.

SLIPPERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Once upon a time slippers were a pretty stodgy sort of present. Nowadays this is anything but the case. For father there are smart leather

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FOR A KEEN GARDENER

Unless the weather becomes exceptionally bad, rose trees or shrubs can usually be planted up to Christmas, so why not buy three extra-special hybrid tea roses or a camellia — something really special. Pot plants such as azaleas are always good presents because someone with green fingers can usually make them bloom year after year.

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Entertaining is always in season at Christmas time and florists suggest a centrepiece arrangement of holly or pine combined with roses for the hostess on your gift

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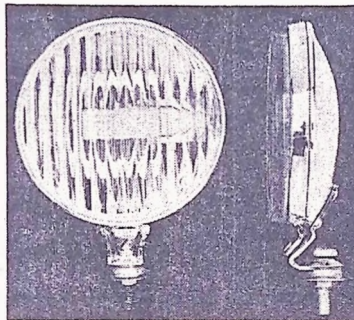
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TIME FOR DANCING



THE CHILDREN ABOVE ARE DANCING HAPPILY TO MUSIC PROVIDED BY THEIR OWN SCHOOL BAND, AND THE PICTURE BELOW SHOWS A MATHEMATICS LESSON BEING MADE INTERESTING.



WHERE TEACHERS ARE AMONG CHILDREN —NOT OUT IN FRONT

HILLTOP COUNTY Primary School is a fresh, young school. Opened in January, 1967, it is the newest in the Basildon Urban District. So far it is too young to have any fourth-year juniors, writes ELIZABETH WALL.

As befits a new, young school, it teems with new ideas on the whole concept of education. Headmaster Mr. John Scott, a dedicated and brilliant educationist, believes that there is no sadder or more frequent epitaph on the pages of time than "We have always done it this way!"

Education, he says, is a matter of drawing out latent powers, cultivating attitudes and values, and providing a rich environment which stimulates growth.

A small group, or an individual child, believes Mr. Scott, will learn at its own speed. The aim is for each child to read or follow a study of his or her own choice, which arises from personal experiences.

Because children are encouraged to find out for themselves as much as possible, and drill in the mechanics of learning is only done when they realise that it is essential so that they can take the next logical step, a minimum amount only of the school timetable is allotted to specific subjects. The other aspects of the curriculum are correlated, so that music, drama, art, history, geography, science, mathematics, English, etc., all come to the children from their own interests and experiences.

Mr. Scott's staff are young; he wants to see them growing up with the new system of teaching. He stresses that a teacher's position must be among the children, not in front of them.

"Teachers must change to suit the system — they need organisation and imagination!" he emphasises. "I realise that this makes their work much

harder to get away from chalk and talk and to cater for each individual child and his or her individuality."

From the time children start at Hilltop a record of their attainments and progress is kept, which entails the keeping of a rigidly efficient filing system. From these records the teachers can find out what the children are ready to do next. So far, no parent-teacher association exists, but parents know that they can always call in for a chat if they feel the need to talk over their own child's problems with the Headmaster.

Mr. Scott was greatly encouraged by the response from parents when he held his first open night

last Whitsun. Over 300 parents attended — and as at present the school has only 214 pupils he felt that this showed their interest and keenness.

As part of their school life some of the children have built their own small tuck shop in the grounds. One or two parents helped with materials and advice, but the boys did the work themselves. They run it, too, week and week about with the girls, and are responsible for serving the goods and taking the money. One of the teachers does the actual ordering and book-keeping, but she is guided in her order by what the children themselves choose.

Dinner time is quiet and orderly — yet not one teacher is on special dinner time duty. Children sit in small, family groups, and take it in turns to serve the others

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Collecting specimens to be studied. Some interesting slugs and snails

County School



the head



Mr. John Scott.

When we walked into the school a small group of three children were squatting on the floor with a tape measure. They ignored us completely and continued with what they were doing—measuring the width of the tiles on the floor. Having found the width of each tile and the number of tiles used they would then discover that in order to find how big the floor was they would need knowledge of multiplication; and that the mathematics mistress would tell them what they wanted.

"I believe that the more work a child does like this the more its natural talents are developed, and the better scholar it becomes," stated Mr. Scott. "In order to teach them by this method it is essential to have a balanced staff, tempera-

THEY BUILT THEIR TUCKSHOP



The children have built their own tuckshop in the grounds, and the picture above shows how popular it is.



Stephen Henbest heads the ball during football training. Also in picture are Michael Day and sports master Mr. A. M. Roach.

mentally suited to each other."

Each class has its own reference library, essential for this type of teaching. Mr. Scott is working to build up the number of books, which are carefully referenced so that they eventually return to their rightful places after being borrowed. From an early age these children get the training they need in the use of reference material. No exercise books as such are used, but children make their own illustrated folders. Children are encouraged to bring material to school for display and discussion; this leads to their learning the skills and techniques of mounting, labelling, arranging collections, etc.

The school's badge is the Deputy Head Mrs. Fuller helps with a mathematics problem.



SOME HELPFUL HINTS



Our photographer, Bob Wall, took the photographs on this page, which indicate the efforts made to encourage children to find out for themselves. But always there is guidance from a skilled staff. The picture above shows Mr. B. Johnson helping Sharon Temple with her model. The picture below shows Diana Johnson and Susan Wragg at work in the reference library.



Dancing time for Tories



BILLERICAY CONSERVATIVES HELD A DANCE AT THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL, BILLERICAY, ON SATURDAY EVENING. OUR PICTURE SHOWS SOME OF THE GUESTS.



Above: The seven entrants for the "Miss S.T.C." finals. Back row: Girls from Northern Ireland, Paignton, Harlow and Southgate. Front row: The winner, Sheila Ferguson, from Scotland, Marilyn Stark, of Basildon, who was unplaced, and "Miss Hastings," Jill Morris, who was runner-up.

NEW TITLE IN THE BEAUTY WORLD WAS DECIDED AT BASILDON

"MISS S.T.C., GREAT BRITAIN"—A NEW TITLE IN THE BEAUTY WORLD—WAS CHOSEN AT THE BASILDON FACTORY ON SATURDAY. SHE WAS PICKED FROM SEVEN GIRLS REPRESENTING THE MAIN STANDARD TELEPHONES FACTORIES.

But "Miss S.T.C., Basildon," 24-years-old typist Marilyn Stark, who works in the handbook section, was unplaced.

The winner was Sheila Ferguson, aged 22, who is secretary to the personnel manager at East Kilbride factory near Glasgow.

Runner-up was Miss Jill Morris, aged 20, of Hastings with Miss Suzette Brooker 18, of Paignton, third.

Judges were Pitsea Rector Rev. Arthur Harvey and his wife, STC News Editor, Mr. Charles Saul, Wolverhampton bowl manager Mr. Jock Kye and Basildon Carnival Association Treasurer, Mr. C. Helings.

Four hundred people were at the dance in the canteen. Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps gave a fanfare.

Mrs. Sheila Edwards, wife of Basildon Personnel Manager Mr. C. M. Edwards, presented the awards. The competition was organised by Mr. Albert Burns, Secretary of the Basildon STC Athletic and Social Club.

Entrants for the competition came from factories in Northern Ireland, Scotland, Devon, Hastings, Southgate, Harlow and Basildon. It is the first time the contest has been held.

More funds for Temple

A CHRISTMAS bazaar to bring in further funds for the Temple of Light, Laindon's Spiritualist Church at present under construction, resulted in a total of £43.

The bazaar was held at the British Legion Hall, Laindon, on Saturday, and all goods sold were made or given by members and friends.

Among the many attractive goods on sale were a number of dolls, beautifully dressed by Committee President Mrs. A. Rogers, helped by her daughter. There were also many knitted articles and a tempting array of sweets and cakes.

"People have been so very good all round—everyone has helped!" said Mrs. Rogers.

In charge of stalls were: Cakes and sweets, Mrs. King; fancy, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Watts; groceries, Mr. King; jumble and White Elephant, Mrs. Dennington; refreshments, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Wright; in overall charge, Mr. Davis; and doorkeeper, Mr. F. Rogers.

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He got £500 for a bright idea

BASILDON MAN Mr. Frank Warman was handed a cheque for £500 from Ford Motor Company on Friday in the largest-ever pay out in British industry for staff suggestions.

A total of £5,000 was presented by Mr. G. T. Fowler, Joint Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Technology, at a dinner at Waley.

Since the Ford scheme started, £386,520 has been given to Ford workers. Suggestions are made in an endless stream—366,204 have been received so far this year.

Mr. Warman made four previous unsuccessful suggestions. Then he hit the jackpot when, together with Mr. Ronald Bate, who also works at

Dagenham, he put in his idea of repairing damaged bodies, which used to be scrapped.

Under their idea, when the outside shell of a car is out of line, the car body can be saved by replacing damaged cowls and tops. This means about £50 saved for every car body treated this way.

Mr. Warman and Mr. Bate shared a major award of £1,000. And now Mr. Warman, who lives at The Fryth, Basildon, is pondering over another idea which he also thinks could be a winner.

A welder in the repair line, he has lived at Fryerns for 14 years. On Friday he was working the night shift—and the dinner and presentations meant he got only two hours' sleep that day.

About having an idea, he commented: "Suddenly you spot something that catches your eye—it is easier to see the snags when you work on the shop floor than if you were in a design room."

Aged 41, Mr. Warman intends to put some of the money towards a new car; a Ford, of course!

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Basildon League Review

YARDLEY'S HALT TITLE BID

SATURDAY'S win of the day in the Basildon Football League was Yardley's 5-2 trouncing of Landon Athletic. Four-goal Jackie Sharpe was the man who most dented Landon's championship hopes.

The win took Yardley to fourth place in the table and pushed Landon down to the Division I trophy by trouncing Fraynes 8-1. They now join Belhus Park, Ilford Reserves, Irish Club Reserves, Woodlands Reserves, Nicholas Reserves, Manor United and Yardley in the top six in the first round on December 10th.

In the league games, Landon Athletic Reserves kept the top spot by beating Yardley Reserves 2-1. At the other end, Nicholas Reserves pulled them away

from the bottom rung, which is now occupied by Manor.

Results: Division — Basildon Athletic 1, Irish Club 4; Nicholas 0, Ilford's 2; Woodlands 5, York Shipley 1; Yardley, Landon Athletic 3.

Division I Cup — Fraynes 1, Scott's 8, Division 1 — Ilford Reserves 2, Nicholas 2; Irish Reserves 4, Woodlands Reserves 0; Landon Athletic Reserves 2, Yardley Reserves 1.

Saturday's games

Clash of the day on Saturday will be the Landon Athletic — Irish Club match at Langdon Hills, writes Joe Hoern.

Landon have slipped recently and will need a quick return to form if they are to upset the Irishmen, who are sitting proudly on top of the table.

Looking for any slip will be Ilford's, who will need to beat Woodlands to hold second place. With the best defensive record in the league, Ilford's will have to turn on the heat to snatch the points in this one.

The two newly-promoted sides, Nicholas and York Shipley, clash at Gloucester Park, a game which Nicholas should win.

Best match in Division I should be the tussle between the two leaders, Scott's and the table.

Although sadly outclassed, Craylands kept going until the thrashed Craylands 21-0 in a first-round Basildon Youth League Cup match at Craylands on Saturday.

Petersen was in devastating shooting form, scoring 10 times. John Marven got five, Kelly three, Isley two and Moorcroft one.

Methodists: Aldrich: Pedarb, Shroder, McAleer, Kelly, Marven, Omsford, Petersen, Ilisley, Moorcroft, Watts.

More points for the Irishmen

BASILDON ATHLETIC 1, IRISH CLUB 4

IRISH CLUB cracked four goals past Basildon Athletic on Saturday to collect two more points for their Premier Division programme.

Sutherland-Dunn produced the first goal for Irish when he pushed the ball out to Barrett. The winner's shot hit the bar and Hurley pounced to score number one. Minutes later Downey fastened on to another rebound to put the Irishmen two up.

Just before the interval the same player scored his second and the Irishmen's third from Opton's corner.

Basildon Athletic continued to be mainly on the defensive in the second half, but they did manage a break down the left to pull a goal back. Most of the remainder of the game was a battle between the Irish forwards and the skills of 'keeper Petty, who brought off a string of great saves.

It seemed that nothing would get past his brilliant defence, but then Cave scored the goal of the game, beating two men then shooting high and hard from 20 yards.

SCOTIA GET EIGHT

FRAYNES OLD BOYS 1, SCOTIA 8

HELD TO a 3-1 lead at the interval, Scotia overran the Old Boys in the second half, finally totalling eight goals in this Division I League Cup match on Saturday.

In the opening minutes a Robertson shot hit the cross-bar, but was cleared, then for 20 minutes there were few chances. Finally Scotia got a corner on the left, and in the goalmouth Scotland's Gray pushed the ball home.

Two minutes later Robertson hit the bar and followed up to make it 2-0. There were no further goals until just before the interval when two goals came in quick succession. A good pass by Davies put Freddie Gray clear to score and make it 3-0, and then just on half-time Fraynes scored from a free-kick.

In the second half Scotia went to town. Right-winger Cowley passed for Gray to score, then Robertson made it 5-1 after 65 minutes. Fraynes came back to force three successive corners before Cowley made long run for goal, shot, and saw the ball go into the net off a defender.

Robertson scored the seventh and eighth goals, the first following a pass from Nicol, the second after a Davies cross.

Bill Alton, at centre-half, was Scotia's outstanding player.

Clinched win after break

INGATESTONE 2, RAMSDEN Y.M.C.A. RESERVES 4

TWO SECOND half goals gave Ramsden the points in this Mid-Exsex League (Division I) match at Ingatestone on Saturday.

Birnie put Ramsden in front in the first half, Ingatestone equalised a few minutes later, but Smith again restored Ramsden's lead only for the home side to again level before the break.

In the second half Ramsden played well, clinching victory with goals from Birnie and Berry.

TEN MEN SWAMPED

WOODLANDS 5, YORK SHIPLEY 0

YORK SHIPLEY, playing with only 10 players in this Basildon Premier League match, were swamped by Woodlands.

They cracked under almost continuous pressure seven minutes before the interval, and four goals came in that period to pull a 4-0 lead.

With scorers being West (4), Hanlon (2), Orchard (2) and Tait.

BUSINESS HOUSES RESULTS

ESSEX BUSINESS Houses League results:

Premier Div.: Dagenite 3, Royale 2; Plessey 3, G. S. Weir 4; Hoffman 3, L.E.S.S.A. 3; Lathol v P.L.A.; Dagenham Dock 5, Warnes 1.

Div. I: Bata 1, C.W.S. 0; English Elec. 6, Teleflex 2; H. B. v. B. 2-0; T. B. v. M. 3-0; Romford Brew. 4; P.L.A. 3, Marconi 1; Ford Utd. 2, K. Hughes 1.

Div. II: Pegasus 2, Dng Dock 3; Royals 2, Plessey 0; S.E.W.W. 5, Hoffman 1; P.L.A. 2, Dagenite 2; Ford (Bas.) 2, Crompton 4; May and Baker 2, Lathol 1.

Div. III: Cus: Warnes 5, K. Hughes 1; S. Weir v Ilford Ltd. 3; Div. III: Crompton 3; C.W.S. 0; Ford (Bas.) 1, P.L.A. 3; Marconi 1, Teleflex 1; Millis 2; Stork 1, Shell 2; Teleflex 1, English Elec. 4.

This week's fixtures:—Premier Div.: L.E.S.S.A. v Dagenite; Pegasus v Dng Dock; Premier Div. League: Lathol v Hoffman; Plessey v Shell.

Div. I Cup: Marconi v C.W.S.; Stork v Ilford Ltd. Division I League: Bata v Teleflex; Romford B. v English Elec.; Ford Utd. v Thames B. Millis v A. Fondur; K. Hughes v G. S. Weir.

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Landon Athletic Reserves at Gloucester Park, Third team Belhus also have a tough one against Moore's, who took them to a replay in the cup recently.

Corringham and Ilford Reserves meet at Corringham and specialise in looking for a repeat of the cup match two weeks ago when the factory side won by the odd goal of nine.

Two of the bottom clubs meet each other at Langdon Hills, where Manor will be trying to get away from the bottom rung against Woodlandians.

Fixtures for tomorrow are:—Premier Division — Basildon and Plessey v Yardley; Ilford v Woodlands; Landon Athletic v Irish Club; York Shipley v Nicholas.

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Champions stop Nicholas

NICHOLAS Y.C. 0, ILFORD 2

CHAMPIONS ILFORD stopped the march of young Nicholas with a 2-0 win on the Youth Centre's ground in the Basildon League on Saturday.

It was not a good day for Nicholas as they missed several golden chances and open goals. Ilford's forwards took time to get into gear, but they converted one chance in the first half to lead at half-time.

Nicholas played better football in the second half and penned Ilford in their own half for long spells, but their determination failed to bring the equaliser.

Then with ten minutes left, Higgs scored a disputed goal to settle the issue for Ilford's.

Thames-side results

Premier Division: Orsett Athletic 6, Park 2; Youth 3, Riverside 3; Tilbury C.C. 1; Basildon 3, P.L.A. 1; Corringham 2; Cray 3; Oakside 1; Oakerot 1; Canvey Athletic 3.

Division I: Tilbury C.C. 1, Corringham 2; P.L.A. 1, Tunnell Sports 3; Grays 0, Horndon 3; Cray 2; Cray 3; Oakside 1; Oakerot 1; Canvey Athletic 3.

Division II: Corringham Youth 0, Basildon 12; Mowlem 1, Orsett O.B. 4; Horndon 3; Cray 2; Cray 3; Oakside 1; Oakerot 1; Canvey Athletic 3.

Essex Junior Cup: Tilbury Youth 3, Lennard Old Boys 2 (after extra time); Cray 2.

Fixtures for tomorrow (Saturday):—

Premier Division: Park Youth 3, Tilbury C.C. 1; Riverside Sports 3, Rainham Youth v Orsett Athletic 3; Cray 3; Oakside 1; Oakerot 1; Canvey Athletic v Corringham and Fobbing.

Division I: Corringham and Fobbing v Tunnell Sports; Stanford v Tilbury C.C.; Horndon v P.L.A.; Cray 3; Oakside 1; Oakerot 1; Canvey Athletic v Corringham Youth v Dux.

Division II: Basildon v Sockets Head; Orsett O.B. v Magnat; Procter and Gamble v Horndon; All Saints v Canvey; Tilbury Youth v Mowlem.

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"LOOK AGAIN" PLEA BY SUB-AQUA CLUB FOR POOL TIME

WEEKEND SOCCER TEAMS

SATURDAY

Basildon West End (away to Canvey): M. Foster; Gear, Jose, New, Hayward, Short, Cluridge, Cuthbert, Hall, Hand, Lanchou.

Basildon West End Reserves (at home to Canvey Town): M. Foster; Gear, Jose, New, Hayward, Short, Cluridge, Cuthbert, Hall, Hand, Lanchou.

Basildon United (away to Canvey): M. Foster; Gear, Jose, New, Hayward, Short, Cluridge, Cuthbert, Hall, Hand, Lanchou.

Basildon United Reserves (at home to Canvey): M. Foster; Gear, Jose, New, Hayward, Short, Cluridge, Cuthbert, Hall, Hand, Lanchou.

SUNDAY

Pitsea United (at home to Canvey): M. Foster; Gear, Jose, New, Hayward, Short, Cluridge, Cuthbert, Hall, Hand, Lanchou.

In County squad

TWO MEMBERS of Frysers Boys' Club soccer teams, Turner and Oliver, are in the 14-strong, Essex squad for Saturday's County match against Middlesex at Ealing.

Next Thursday the same two turn out for the Southeast Youth League in the Mallison Cup tie with Hornchurch at Brentwood (7.30 p.m.).

Welsh trip

TWENTY-THREE boys from Baschurch School, Wickford, recently returned from the school's annual exchange visit to South Wales. They stayed at the homes of pupils of Blackwood Secondary School, near Newport, Monmouthshire, and in their only rugby match there, they were defeated 11-11.

Games master, Mr. David Corwell, said: "The boys played extremely well."

They also went on a number of excursions, including a visit to the Empire Pool, Cardiff, and to see the Welsh All Blacks game, as well as a visit to a coal mine, and a look at the new Severn Bridge.

Baschurch are host to Blackwood in March next year.

A DESPERATE PLEA FOR SUB-AQUA TIME IN BASILDON'S NEW £500,000 SWIMMING POOL WAS MADE TO BASILDON SPORTS COUNCIL ON MONDAY

The appeal came from representatives of the Maritime club who are forced to go to West Ham to practice their sport.

Basildon Council stated bluntly some time ago that sub-aqua would not be allowed in the new pool. Now they are to be asked by the Maritime Council to have another look "at the matter."

Mr. S. J. Hawkes, of the Maritime Club, said the Sports Council he was amazed at the Council in interest shown by the Council in the encouragement of sub-aqua.

"We have been told it is not a competitive sport. It is a lot of rubbish. It is only non-competitive for us because we have nowhere to train."

Mr. Hawkes said there was a great demand in Basildon for the participants in the New Pool. Several hundred group of us go regularly to West Ham, and the nearest facilities to Basildon are available.

He said the Club had tried everywhere for water, including the Hanningfield Reservoir.

Football delegate George Morris thought the Sports Council ought to support the Club in their Recreation Committee to consider giving this Club time in the bath, he said.

FOOTBALL TREAT

SCHOOL SOCCER followers have another set of a match on Saturday when Basildon School F.A. will play Basildon School F.A. at Basildon School, 10.30 a.m. Basildon's team is: Martin (Goalkeeper), Lenthorne (Woodlands), Kemp (Wickford), Elms (Wickford), Irving (Chalwood), Darby (Wickford), Sullivan (Nicholas), Mackrell (Chalwood), Philip (Wickford), Knobs (Timberlog), Jones (Woodlands).

Away tie

The Basildon Table Tennis League's women's team has been drawn away to Walthamstow in the National Recreation Bowl competition.

Shortage of courts for netball

SHORTAGE of courts is hitting the Basildon Netball League, starting a new season shortly with more teams than ever before.

At least 10 matches have been arranged each week with the league knowing definitely that courts will be available.

Some games will be played on a public court where no changing accommodation is available. In spite of this, the league is to go on.

On Sunday representative team trials will be held. Players must live in Basildon Urban District and be 16 years or over. For the selected teams, regular matches and coaching sessions will be arranged.

The Chairman of Basildon Council, Coun. A. Baron Burn, has been appointed President of the league.

Prospective players, umpires or coaches should contact Basildon 4232 for information about the league's 22 teams.

Appointed

Mr. H. Schwarz has been appointed to Basildon Sports Council's Policy and Planning Committee in place of Mr. P. Mallett.

Star visitor?

One of Britain's top swimmers, Scotsman Bobbie Macdonald, may present the awards at the Sports Council's next presentation evening.

No contest

Until an official boxing representative is appointed, Basildon Sports Council have decided not to go ahead with their Outstanding Boxer of the Year competition for which they gave a trophy last year.



DRAW WAS A FAIR RESULT

H. M. PRISON 1, BILLERICAY YOUTH CENTRE 1

THIS MID-ESSEX League Division I encounter at Chelmsford on Saturday ended in a draw, a fair result.

Billericay had an edge in the opening minutes and were deprived of an early goal when Ron Addy shook a post with a hard shot and latter hit the side of the net. In the 45th minute Roy Savenill worked his way into midfield from the left-wing and smashed home a terrific shot which flashed into the net and left the goalkeeper helpless. But the goal was disallowed because of "hands."

Barry Savenill took the penalty kick, but hit a post. It was retaken because of an infringement, and Barry made no mistake.

The home team had more of the game in the second half, but not until two minutes from the whistle did their inside-right beat keeper Manning with a well placed cross shot.

Tomorrow Billericay Y.C. entertain Thaxted at School Road in a league Division I fixture. Billericay team from Manning, Barry, Knock, Wilson, Adams, Evans, Routledge, Addy, Coventry, B. Savenill, Dulin, R. Savenill.



Gunners selected for County team

FOR THE first time in many years the Essex County F.A. have included two Basildon players in a representative team. Players are George Watson and Tony Holden, both of Basildon and Pitsea.

For Tony Holden, of Reeds Way, Wickford, this is a sudden revival to a career he thought was on the decline. Tony, now 24, has played for Walthamstow Avenue and several top amateur sides. A strong, hard centre-forward with a black-busting shot, Tony looked likely to make the grade. His standard of football seemed to fall, however, and he moved to Basildon. This Easter he had an operation on his shin and he started the new season slowly.

But in the last month he has made a tremendous comeback, scoring goals galore.

Last month he married and two weeks ago moved into this new home in Wickford.

His clubmate who gets the other Essex spot, George Watson, is an inside-forward, aged 22, of Great Grange, Basildon. George is another player with senior amateur experience, having played for Clapton, Dagenham and Rainham as well as being on West Ham's books as an amateur.

He is one of the middle men in the Gunners' 4-2-4 line-up. The team are picking up well now," he said. "In the last few weeks we've really been clicking."

George only joined Basildon and Pitsea this year. Last season he played for Fegaus.

RULES MAY BE CHANGED

CHANGES MAY be made in the rules of the Basildon Sports Personality of the Year contest next year.

This hint was given by Mr. Bob Ayres at Monday's Sports Council meeting. He said the judges had made certain recommendations and these would be considered at the next Executive Committee meeting.

S.E.M. plea

Urgently wanted by S.E.M. Football Club — a goalkeeper for their "A" team. Club Secretary H. Tucker, of 18, Wildegrave, Basildon, is the man to contact.

Sports Centre siting is criticised

THE PROPOSED siting of Basildon's sports centre at the northern end of Clacton Park, was criticised at the Sports Council meeting on Monday.

Several speakers thought it should be situated much nearer the hub of the town, preferably near the swimming pool in the town centre.

Delegates on the Council's Sports Centre Advisory Committee were asked to bear the criticism in mind at future discussions.

It was also thought a speaker from the Council should be invited to attend a future meeting to talk about the project.

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BRILLIANT PITSEA OUTCLASS DEFENCE CRUMBLER

BONALLACK 1, CANVEY "B" 3
BONALLACK'S HALF BACKS lost their grip on the midfield play in the second half of this Sunday League game and the Basildon side's defence of at least a point crumbled as a result.

The first half saw a fine battle between two very evenly-matched sides, the ball swinging from end to end. Canvey took the lead after 16 minutes with a well-taken header from a corner, but immediately Bonallack hit back with an equaliser from Dean.

In the second half the Bonallack defence seemed to crumble and Canvey took the opportunity to go ahead with another header from a left-wing cross after 20 minutes.

At the other end Dean worried his hosts with a shot through only to miss his shot. Hilditch also missed a chance by shooting straight at the goalkeeper.

Bonallack had more of the play in the last 15 minutes and it was against the run of play that Canvey notched their third to make sure of the points.

TEAMWORK PAYS

S.E.M. "A" 3, MANOR 0
TEAMWORK PROVIDED the key for S.E.M. "A"s long-awaited first win in the Basildon Sunday League on Sunday. The Motormen took a chance before the kick-off switching Gregory from goal to centre forward and putting half-back Ashton into goal. Ashton did his job well.

In the opening 15 minutes both teams fought hard to find their feet on a slippery surface. Manor settled first, but as the half wore on S.E.M. came more into the game, out being able to open the scoring.

Following a goalless first half, S.E.M. took the lead after the break when Bartlett tore through the defence to crack home a fine shot.

This goal worked wonders for S.E.M. who began to play soccer which was a joy to watch. Only some superb positioning by the Manor goalkeeper stopped a flood of goals. Bartlett forced his way into the net for S.E.M.'s second goal, and shortly afterwards Hayden made it three from a seemingly offside position. The referee allowed the goal to stand.

SORRENTO ON TARGET

SORRENTO "B" 6, GHYLLGROVE "A" 0
GHYLLGROVE "A" were hit for six by goal-chasing Sorrento "B"s in the Sunday League at Gloucester Park.

Sorrento got on top early on and Orchard, Hurley and Harris went close before Orchard opened the scoring following an indirect free-kick.

Harris missed a golden chance, shooting wide with only the goalkeeper to beat before Savelle made it 3-0 from a pass by Hurley.

Just before half-time Orchard was brought down in the area and he converted the spot-kick himself to take the score to 3-0.

After half-time the pattern was the same with the Ghyllgrove attack never looking like scoring.

Sorrento went further ahead through Groom after Orchard's shot had been parried and Harris from close range and Hurley with a 15-yarder brought the score to six before the end.

MOTORMEN WIN GRAND CLASH

S.E.M. 4, Ghyllgrove 1
A GOAL down in 10 minutes, S.E.M. stormed back to knock their Premier Division opponents out of the Sunday League Charity Cup at Wickford on Sunday.

It was a great game from S.E.M.'s point of view, the two sides turning in a display which must rate as one of the best at Wickford this season.

Ghyllgrove's early goal — a shot which was deflected by the sighted goalkeeper Petty — rocked S.E.M. into action and they stormed the Grove defence.

Savage, surprised to find so much room, missed two golden chances before shooting under the goalkeeper's diving body to equalise.

The Motormen's defence, marshalled by captain Limage, never allowed Ghyllgrove's clever half to find a moment's respite and Petty, except for one brilliant save, had little to do.

The quick running of inside forwards Savage and Gorden and the lightning raids of winners Billington and May caused havoc in the Grove defence in the second half.

It was no surprise when Billington put S.E.M. 2-1 ahead in the 25th minute. Morgan made it 3-1 with a well-taken header. Billington snapped up the loose ball and scored from 15 yards following Broyley's line move down the right wing.

PITSEA UNITED 5, CORRINGHAM 1

CORRINGHAM ARE OUT OF THE SUNDAY LEAGUE'S CHARITY CUP. LAST YEAR'S LEAGUE AND CUP WINNERS, THEY WERE COMPLETELY OUTGUNNED AND OVERRUN BY PITSEA UNITED'S CLASSIC SHOW AT THE GUN MEADOW ON SUNDAY.

Corringham kicked off with all their old confidence and assurance in what promised to be a closely-fought battle, but it soon became apparent the new-look Pitsea were going to be more than a handful for them.

In fact, Pitsea almost scored in their first attack. Holden being only just off target with a snap shot from a free-kick.

After 20 minutes of constant pressure on the Corringham defence, Pitsea were rewarded with one of the finest goals seen at the Gun for some time. The scorer was a young player, Tony Holden, who took a short ball from George Watson and, as the defence crumbled, slipped in a left-footed drive from 30 yards which flashed into the net.

Strangely enough, this seemed to spur Corringham and within a few minutes they were level with Bert Mills splitting the Pitsea defence with a great pass which was slammed home by Doug Smith.

In command
 After this Pitsea really took command and gave the Corringham defence a terrific battering. First John Moseley hit the bar with a great shot from 35 yards. Jimmy Staff shot narrowly wide after leaving four defenders floundering in a dazzling run and then another Holden rocket from a free-kick smashed against the underside of the bar.

Corringham had no answer to brilliant Pitsea at this point and it was no surprise when a series of short passes between Staff and Watson ended with Staff hammering home the final shot to restore Pitsea's lead.

Corringham fell further behind soon after the second half started. Watson being hit by a desperate tackle and Holden hitting home the spot-kick.

Atkinson and Hubbard in clever rearguard action tried hard to stem the flow as Pitsea piled it on. The woodwork was hit twice and two more "goals" by Holden were disallowed before the centre forwards scored their third from Staff's pass.

Watson and Thorogood proved a big handful for Corringham. Thorogood hitting a post before Holden roared in for his fourth and Pitsea's fifth.

It was a game Corringham were meant to forget. They were given a football lesson by the fine Pitsea side, steered by the experienced Jim Laver and Bob Bromberg.

Holden led the forward line brilliantly and was well supported by Staff and Watson.

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FIVE UP AT THE BREAK

GRAYLANDS YOUTH CLUB 3, DOUBLE SIX "B" 6

STILL SMARTING from their defeat the previous week, Double Six took Graylands part in the first half of this Sunday League game and scored five goals. They lost their interest after this and Graylands replied with three goals.

From the start Double Six forward Halsey and Eaton caused havoc among the Graylands defence. Halsey, running in the first half of the match, about the first goal, crossing the ball for Eaton, who in turn pulled it back to McLeod. The latter shot on the run, into the corner of the net.

Goalkeeping kept the score to 1-0 for a while, when Halsey crossed and Eaton, standing on the edge of the penalty area, scored with a header.

Six now piled on the pressure. Halsey drew the keeper and slid the ball to Eaton, who tapped it home. Eaton's brilliant work for Double Six returned the compliment and Halsey scored.

Hucker nets
 Graylands recovered from the onslaught to win a free-kick just outside the area and while the Six defence were still settling, Hucker pushed out. Hucker crashed the ball in. Before the interval Eaton had scored twice and Hucker his third and the side's fifth.

In the second half Graylands came back into the game and their captain, Hucker, linked his way through before being pulled down in the area. Hucker kicked himself and scored.

Eaton put Double Six 6-2 ahead soon after and then a Graylands inside-forward linked to go off after a heavy tackle. No substitute was allowed as Hucker's captain wanted to force the match, but Graylands still reduced the arrears with a fierce, angled shot by their right-winger.

'Keeper saves late penalty
CARTER-WARD 2, NORTON SPORTS 1
NORTON SPORTS had a narrow defeat at the hands of Carter-Ward in their Basildon Sunday League Division 1 encounter at Wickford Recreation Ground.

The game proved a real thriller, the score being even at the full.

Carter's were quick off the mark with some fast and direct soccer and they took the lead when from a low cross from the right in the eighth minute, Hucker shot to beat home as Norton's 'keeper failed to hold it.

Double Six's speedy and captain B. Hunt were outstanding for Norton.

Norton then took a grip of the game when they were unlucky not to find the net before half-time.

Carter's went further ahead in the second half, following a corner, Hucker forced the ball home after it had been pushed out by the Norton goalkeeper.

Good approach work by Norton in the second half was made useless by poor finish. In addition there was a complete lack of goalkeeping by R. Brighton.

However, in the 60th minute B. Pace crossed the ball to the right and Hucker smashed home their only goal. Norton were awarded a penalty in the 80th minute, but Leighton foiled their chances of a draw with a great save.

OUTWOOD GET SIX
OUTWOOD COMMON 6, SHELL 0
TOP OF THE BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE DIVISION II table Outwood Common had an easy six-goal victory over Shell.

Outwood settled down after 10 minutes and from then on they were complete control. Playing with confidence and superiority they quickly showed through.

Shell had difficulties in defence and in the 15th minute, and only occasionally managed to penetrate Outwood's defence.

D. King and G. Smith each scored two goals and K. Gorden and J. Casey each scored one.

Fine revival
 After collecting only four points in their last seven fixtures, their latest victims being Brighton.

Fine records
 Following last Saturday's games, only three teams, Blackburn, Bury and Luton, have 100 per cent home records in the Football League.

Top scorers
 Leading goalscorers in the Football League after last Saturday's matches were Yurleyev (18), D. Hester (17), West (17) and Bridges (Birmingham) 16.

THREE UP IN 25 MINUTES
 Double Six came out on top in a close and hard-fought game at the Gun on Sunday. They took their chances better than their opponents and scored three goals in the first 25 minutes. John West opened the scoring, picking up a bounding ball from a bounce and squeezing it

through a gap into the net. Shortly afterwards the Higgs family came into the act. Terry Higgs took a long free-kick and brother Derek jumped high to head a good goal. Prior's had a shot covered, Double Six were three up. Joe Huet shot, the ball was blocked and Johnny West, standing on the edge of the half, netted down with a scorching drive.

Six should have had another before half-time, but Ron Wil-

liams missed an easy chance, and in the second half Prior's came back, Jeff Edney and Collis Sherverton found a weakness in the Six defence and they created two goals to swing the game back in their favour. Double Six fought back and Williams chipped the ball over to Westbrook, who tucked it into the corner of the net.

For Double Six P. Beaman, T. Higgs and J. West were the scorers. For Prior's Collis Sherverton was the winner.

COMMON ON FORM
MOULSHAM LODGE 1, OUTWOOD COMMON 5
FOLLOWING concentrated training under the guidance of Outwood Common manager Les Higgs, the young side gave one of their best performances and thrashed Moulsham Lodge in their Mid-Essex League Division I match at Great Baddow on Saturday.

Only some exciting saves by Moulsham's keeper Collins and the woodwork around him kept Outwood below double figures.

Outwood opened the scoring through Paul Watson, but usual mauling in defence allowed Brooks to equalise. Outwood then took the lead again after a tremendous shot from 30 yards by left-back Pete Fletcher.

Outwood cruised through the second half, scoring three more goals. The first was cleverly taken by centre-forward Paul Watson, the second by Watson, and the third by Moulsham's full-back, Clayton and the third headed in by centre-half George Bubb.

Pegasus lit for six by Sorrento

PEGAGUS 1, SORRENTO 0

PEGASUS, 50 long giants of Basildon Sunday League, were beaten and humbled by Sorrento in the Sunday Charity Cup at Corringham.

Pegasus played without fire or enthusiasm. They also missed some simple chances and Sorrento deservedly hammered them, began at a brisk pace and Pegasus carved out the first chances, only for Mullen to blaze the ball over from about four yards and then to see Lampshire miss a shot after Sorrento broke away fast and despatched a simple chance.

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At the start of the second half Pegasus fought to get back into the game, but Sorrento centre-half Jeff Hucker made a fine debut and the Corringham side were unable to break through.

An Air Derby caught a Pegasus defender in possession and scored with a fine shot from outside the area to make it 2-0.

Sorrento were playing well now, Upton found a Card and the inter crossed the ball for Jewell to head home his second. Pegasus pulled one back when Mullen pushed in a cross from the right by Watts, but this had little effect on the way rampant Sorrento.

They scored twice more before the close, Card thumping home home and Air Derby scoring his third against his old club with a 25-yarder.

HOW THEY STAND
Basildon Sunday League positions:

PREMIER DIVISION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Pegasus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sorrento	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Corringham	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Seabrook	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Canvey	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Cherry Grove	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Cherry Grove	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Priors Ath.	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Newcombe	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

DIVISION "A"	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Corringham	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Gifford	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Outwood	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Cherry Grove	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Cherry Grove	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

DIVISION II	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Outwood	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Canvey	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Gifford R.	3	3	1	3	1	1
Corrington	3	2	2	2	1	1
Corrington	3	2	2	2	1	1
Outwood	3	2	2	2	1	1
Corrington	3	2	2	2	1	1
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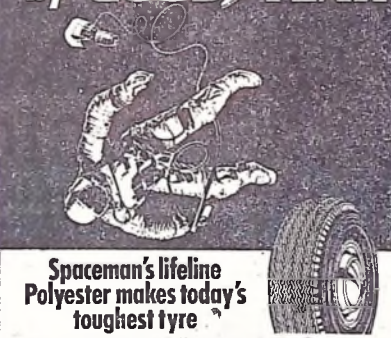
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Informal interviews will be held on Tuesday, November 28, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., at the Bullseye Public House, Town Centre, Basildon.

GILBARCO LIMITED

We are seeking two men for new positions which have been created by our expansion programme. The appointments are permanent and pensionable, and offer opportunities to able men to join a vigorous growing company, an associate of a major oil group, whose products in the oil measuring field, are in steadily increasing demand.

ENGINEERING CLERK

A man in his thirties, with a background of general engineering clerical work, will probably be most suitable for this position. His duties will include the collating of parts information, part numbers, etc., as an aid to finished equipment development and production.

SERVICE CONTROL CLERK

The man appointed to this post will assist in providing the "back-up" service to our force of service fitters who are located throughout the country. His work will include co-ordination of fitters' activities, liaison between stores and suppliers, contact with customers and representatives and generally those duties involved in providing an efficient service nature is required, and familiarisation with the variety of an asset.

Written applications should be sent to:

THE STAFF OFFICER
GILBARCO LIMITED
COMPTON CLOSE, BASILDON, ESSEX

CLERKS

wishing to work locally in a progressive public service are invited to apply for a current vacancy with

NORTH THAMES GAS BOARD at Archers Fields, Basildon

Commencing salary up to £760 per annum, according to age and ability. We work a five-day week and give three weeks' paid holiday by the age of 21. Canteen facilities.

If you are interested please write and let us know to **DIVISIONAL PERSONNEL OFFICER**
NORTH THAMES GAS BOARD, 20-22 YORK ROAD
SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX

Ref. 3566/BR



FORD MOTOR CO LTD. REQUIRE



Production Workers

**8/9½ per hour at the
DAGENHAM PLANTS**

Experience not essential but applicants must be over 18 and under 45.

Interviews will be held at the Ministry of Labour, Chequers Lane, Dagenham, Essex on

Mon. 9 a.m.-12 noon. 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
5 p.m.-7.30 p.m.

Tues. 9 a.m.-12 noon. 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Wed. 9 a.m.-12 noon. 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Thurs. 9 a.m.-12 noon. 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
5 p.m.-7.30 p.m.

Fri. 9 a.m.-12 noon. 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Interviews will also be held from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the—
Ministry of Labour, Victoria Avenue, Southend, Essex,
on Saturday, 25th November.

PRECISION ENGINEERING TRADESMEN

We require a considerable number of skilled tradesmen with experience in the aircraft, automobile and similar type precision engineering fields.

UNIVERSAL MILLERS
CENTRE LATHE TURNERS
TURRET LATHE SETTER OPERATORS
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The expansion of our machining facilities is constantly creating vacancies. We are at the moment interviewing personnel for immediate and future employment with this company. Do not miss this opportunity and arrange an interview NOW.

- * Regular overtime available
- * Night shift earnings £2,000-plus p.a.
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- * Sickness pay at £10 per week
- * Favourable superannuation and life insurance scheme
- * Overallis supplied

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Europe's largest independent oil storage installation. Has the following vacancies:

FITTER

The successful applicant will be required to be fully experienced in the overhaul and maintenance of various types of pumps, compressors, cranes, lifting and pneumatic equipment. Must have served a recognised engineering apprenticeship and have membership of an appropriate trade union. Rate of pay 10/6 per hour — forty-hour, five-day week.

Radar Radio Telephone Operator

Requires for our marine communication centre. Applicants preferred between ages 30 and 45 years and must have had previous experience of this type of work and possess a P.M.C. Certificate (Certificate of Competency in Radio Telephony). Basic salary range is £667 to £975 p.a. and commensurate with experience. The job entails three-cycle shift work, for which an additional £37 p.a. is paid. The company has a contributory pension scheme, free life assurance and excellent welfare facilities. Please apply to the Personnel and Industrial Relations Manager **LONDON AND THAMES HAVEN OIL WHARVES LIMITED** Thames Haven, near Standard-Hope, Essex.

**DUE TO CONTINUED EXPANSION OF OFFICES WE
REQUIRE TO FILL ONE MORE VACANCY**

THIS VACANCY IS FOR A

FEMALE JUNIOR

A recent school-leaver who is prepared to learn all our office routines with eventual settlement in to one department. It is expected that the successful applicant would attend evening classes for a subject beneficial to both parties. A starting wage of £5.10.0 per week will be paid with a rise if satisfactory after one month. Requests for application form for this position should be made to:

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WILLERBY TAILORING
HONEYWOOD ROAD, BASILDON

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT

In order to meet seasonal demand, extra staff are required. Vacancies as follows:

WOMEN

9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. or 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.
12 noon to 4.30 p.m. or 1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

MEN

or any young persons aged 16 and over
7.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PLEASE APPLY:

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JOHN SADD AND SONS LIMITED A SENIOR WORKS STUDY ENGINEER

is required by **JOHN SADD & SONS LIMITED**, joinery manufacturers who employ 1,000 people at their factories in Malden. The successful applicant will be responsible for work study activities in one of the factories where production is being increased to meet the heavy customer demand, on a nationwide basis, and will report to the Chief Works Study Engineer.

Duties will include the investigation of production processes to improve methods of manufacture, to reduce costs, and plant layout.

Applicants must be well versed in work measurement, analytical estimating and realistic costing. Formal training in work study or industrial engineering with at least three years' practical experience, preferably in batch process is essential. Previous experience in joinery or similar trades would be an advantage, but is not essential.

The position carries an attractive salary and membership of the staff pension fund.

Applicants should write to the Personnel Director, **JOHN SADD & SONS LIMITED**, Malden, Essex, stating age, education, experience and training, marking their letters "Confidential".



**OFFICE STAFF LOOK IN AT
BASILDON STAFF BUREAU** at Southernhay
Basildon
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PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY**

"A" LEVELS NEXT YEAR?

WHAT THEN?

Why not a Sandwich Course leading to a Degree or Diploma in Electrical Engineering? We would supplement your L.E.A. Grant by £3.6.8 per week during College periods, and pay salary (commencing at £275 at 18, rising yearly to £930 at 22) during industrial training with us.

WHAT THEN?

On successful completion of the Course and examination an engineering appointment which, according to your qualification, offers scope for eventual promotion to executive and managerial positions.

WHAT NOW?

Are you hoping for "A" level passes in Mathematics and Physics and interested in a career in Electrical Engineering? Then write for details of our Student Apprentice Training Scheme to

THE SECRETARY, ESSEX GROUP

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MILLFIELD, BENTLEY, NEAR BRENTWOOD

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**ELECTRIC POWER
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(a member of the Chloride Group of Companies)
Invite applications for the position of

Senior Machine Operator

on I.C.T. 903 and 550 equipment. Men and women with experience of this or similar installations should apply. Five-day week. Good progressive salary. Pension scheme. Canteen facilities. Offices adjoin Dagenham Dock Station.

Please apply to:

Personnel Manager
ELECTRIC POWER STORAGE LIMITED
Dagenham Dock, Essex

WOMEN & GIRLS

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Applications are invited from women between 18 and 45 years for these vacancies.

Preference given to experienced operators, but suitable applicants with good eyesight and nimble fingers can be trained in our own training school.

Top rates of pay, with individual bonus.

Excellent conditions. First-class canteen and coffee bar opens in a clean, bright factory.

Forty-hour week, 7.45 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

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Fully skilled men for composite, alloy and plastic bodies urgently required. A NEW WAGE STRUCTURE giving higher basic wages, overtime, incentive scheme. Other facility improvements under way. Apply to above.

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Fast-expanding company marketing on a world-wide basis requires bright, ambitious young man to handle office, sales and correspondence.

Write, stating experience and qualifications, to

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required for maintenance work on Fire Brigade vehicles and appliances in the Chelmsford/Brentwood/Grays area.

The work involves operating a mobile repair van over a wide area of the County. Training will be given on specialised aspect of work, but applicants must be good all-round mechanics.

Five-day week of forty hours; permanent, pensionable employment, holidays with pay, sick pay scheme. Wages £15-17.6.

Write or telephone **CHIEF MECHANICAL ENGINEER, FIRE BRIGADE WORKSHOPS, LONDON ROAD, LEXDEN, COLCHESTER** (Telephone Colchester 4261). Interviews locally if necessary.

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1a Freedom House
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Phone: Basildon 21612
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136 London Road
(opposite Nazareth House)
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Telephone 49332
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S.H. TYPISTS
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MALE and FEMALE
CLERKS
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ACCOUNTING M/C
OPERATORS
COMP. OPERATORS
and JUNIORS

WAGES CLERK

A MAN aged 25 to 35 is required for a vacancy in the Wages Department. Initially the position will entail bonus calculations, routine wages inquiries, etc., but will develop in complexity as the wages system is transferred on to our new computer.

We are therefore seeking a young man who has already proved his ability in a figure work capacity and who wishes to take up a worth-while career.

We can offer, in return, a generous salary with life assurance and pension scheme. We also have excellent sports, canteen and social facilities.

PLEASE APPLY TO:

**THE PERSONNEL OFFICER
TELEPHONE CABLES LIMITED
DAGENHAM**

SENIOR COST CLERK

A Senior Cost Clerk is required by the Distribution Division of The Tunnel Portland Cement Co. Ltd.

The position offers an excellent opportunity for someone studying for the A.C.W.A. examinations to obtain first-hand experience of budgetary control and standard costing as applied to transport and distribution.

Applicants should have a good general education and have passed Part II of the examinations of the Institute.

Salary will depend on age and experience but will not be less than £1,000 per annum. An excellent pension scheme is in operation.

Apply in first instance to **THE PERSONNEL MANAGER
THE TUNNEL PORTLAND CEMENT CO. LTD.
WEST THURROCK, GRAYS** Phone: Purfleet 5544

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- GOOD RATES OF PAY
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Apply Mrs. J. Smith, **THE LOVABLE COMPANY**
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have a vacancy for a

FEMALE CLERK

to be trained as ultra machine operator for production order office. Typing ability is required in order to train in the operation of this machine. Please apply

**PERSONNEL MANAGER
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CHRISTOPHER MARTIN ROAD, BASILDON, ESSEX**



SHELL U.K. LTD.

invite applications for the position of

Teleprinter Operator (Female)

Applicants should have had previous experience. Salaries which are competitive and progressive will be based on age and experience.

Pension Fund • Social Club • Canteen Facilities

Please apply in writing to

THE PERSONNEL SUPERINTENDENT (Reference ADM/3)

SHELL U.K. LIMITED, SHELL HAVEN REFINERY

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top cars,



top men!

FORD MOTOR CO., Dagenham, have vacancies for

TOOLROOM CRAFTSMEN

(preferably with experience of auto body die manufacture) in the following trades:

**DIEMAKING
JIG AND FIXTURE MAKING
TEMPLATE MAKING**

Applicants should either have served an indentured apprenticeship or have appropriate equivalent experience.

- * Starting rate of pay 10/6 per hour, with additions for shift work and length of service
- * Forty-hour week with opportunities for overtime
- * Good working conditions
- * Excellent fringe benefits

If you are the type of skilled man we are looking for and want further details, why not complete and return the coupon or telephone DOMinion 6586, extension 2322, or call at the Ministry of Labour, Chequers Lane, Dagenham, Essex (open Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., or Thursday 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon) ?

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To: Employment Centre (6/1205)
Ford Motor Company Ltd.
Chequers Lane, Dagenham, Essex.

My TRADE is
and I would like to know more about your
vacancies.

NAME

ADDRESS

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REDIFFUSION require
**TELEVISION
SERVICE
TECHNICIANS**

Must be able to drive. Permanent, pensionable post.
Please contact **THE MANAGER
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Phone: BASILDON 22419

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JOAN WHEELER**
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A vacancy exists for a Draughtsman aged 20 to 30. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience of water treatment plant layout. Commencing salary £1,100 to £1,300 per annum, according to age and experience.

Apply in writing, giving full particulars, to

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INDOOR MACHINISTS OUTDOOR MACHINISTS

WORK COLLECTED AND DELIVERED

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OVERALL MANUFACTURERS
URGENTLY REQUIRE

EXPERIENCED MACHINISTS SPECIAL MACHINISTS

- GOOD RATES OF PAY
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MARCONI

As a result of further expansion and a full order book there are immediate vacancies for experienced

- ★ **WIREMEN ASSEMBLERS**
- ★ **INSTRUMENT MAKERS**
- ★ **MILLING SETTER OPERATORS**
- ★ **CENTRE LATHE TURNERS**
- ★ **TOOLMAKERS**
- ★ **DRILLING SETTER OPERATORS**
- ★ **MECHANICAL INSPECTORS**

Apply to **MR. R. A. BEZANT, Personnel Officer
THE MARCONI COMPANY LIMITED, Basildon**

WINTER ICE-CREAM SALESMEN

Between £20 and £40 per week will be earned by Tonibell driver/salesmen during this coming winter. Our sales staff will receive these exceptionally high earnings for selling ice-cream and stick confections from their mobile shops. Vehicles can be used for transport to and from home.

Applicants wishing to join this progressive organisation must be aged between 25 and 40, have a clean driving licence and an accident-free driving record. Ambitious men will find ample scope for reaching a management position. The present management were the original sales staff. The present sales staff are the future management. For further details of the openings in this area please write or telephone the

AREA MANAGER

TONIBELL (Essex) LIMITED
BENTALLS - NO. 2 INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
Telephone: Basildon 3523

WANTED TO PURCHASE

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WANTED antiques, sets Victorian chairs, old bureaux, barometers, etc. etc. etc. Call 01-555-5555. B.L.A.

WE WANT YOUR SCRAP!!

LEAD — BRASS — COPPER, ETC. ALL TYPES OF CABLE REQUIRED. Open until 8 p.m. and most weekends.

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PLUMBING and small bore heating carried out by registered plumber. 24 hours service. Phone Ravlen 1213.

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

COMING-OF-AGE
HOWARD—On age on Nov. 25, 1967, Veronica. Congratulations and best wishes from her family.

ENGAGEMENT
WHITE—SIMPSON. The engagement will be announced on Nov. 26, 1967, between Mr. and Mrs. W. White and Miss J. Simpson.

DEATH
COLLINGS—Clare Ada Elizabeth, of Pitsa, London Road, Pitsa, passed away on Nov. 22, 1967, leaving behind her husband, Mr. J. Collings, and two children.

IN MEMORIAM
A booklet of verses suitable for inscription on a memorial plaque may be inspected at any of our offices.

MALE—In loving memory of Mum and Dad, who passed away on Nov. 22, 1967, leaving behind their children, Mrs. J. Collings and Mr. J. Collings.

THANKS
Mr. BARNARD & FAMILY, of 27, Markham Chase, Basildon, wish to thank the friends and family who have helped them in their bereavement.

PERSONAL
Sunday afternoon in swimming. Basildon, 10.30. December 10. Check here next week.

LOST AND FOUND
DID gentleman who gave me lift from Pitsa, London Road, Pitsa, on Nov. 22, 1967, leave his umbrella? Wilcombe, 88, Templeton Park, Bakers-Lane, W. Hammonds, Pitsa.

PUBLIC NOTICES
COUNTY COUNCIL OF ESSEX THE EDUCATION ACTS 1944 TO 1962 AND THE ACQUISITION OF LAND (AUTHORISATION PROCEDURE) ACT, 1962.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council of Essex, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the above-mentioned Acts on the Seventh day of November, 1967, have made the following Order:

Purchase Order entitled the County Council of Essex, Wilcombe, Bromfords Proposed County Secondary School, additional land, Compulsory Purchase Order 1967.

It is about to be submitted to the Secretary of State for Education and Science for confirmation, authorising them to purchase compulsorily for the purpose of the site of the Wilcombe Bromfords Proposed County Secondary School the land described in the schedule hereto.

A copy of the order and the map referred to therein have been deposited at Wilcombe Branch Library, Market Road, Wilcombe, and may thereat be seen at all reasonable hours.

Any objection to the Order must be made in writing and addressed to The Secretary of State for Education and Science, Department of Education and Science, Curzon Street, London, W.1, before the Twenty-third day of December, 1967, and should state the grounds of objection.

SCHEDULE
No. on Map Quantity, description and situation of the land

1. 0.281 of an acre or thereabouts, Scrub land having a frontage of 50 feet or thereabouts to the south side of Grange Avenue, Wickford.

2. 0.275 of an acre or thereabouts, Scrub land having a frontage of 50 feet or thereabouts to the south side of Grange Avenue, Wickford.

3. 0.273 of an acre or thereabouts, Scrub land having a frontage of 50 feet or thereabouts to the south side of Grange Avenue, Wickford.

4. 0.271 of an acre or thereabouts, Part orchard and part scrub land having a frontage of 125 feet or thereabouts to the south side of Grange Avenue, Wickford.

Dated the Twenty-third day of November, 1967.

L. G. LEWIS, Clerk of the Essex County Council, Chelmsford, Essex.

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BASILDON TEMPORARY CLOSURE TO VEHICLES OF PART OF SANDON ROAD, PITSEA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by the reason of the carrying out of certain work in such road, the Urban District Council of Basildon intend to make an Order under Section 12(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1967, prohibiting from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday, 6th December, 1967, to Friday, 8th December, 1967, the use by vehicles of that length of Sandon Road, Pitsa, from its junction with The Greenstead to its junction with Gordon Avenue.

The alternative route available for traffic (which will be signposted) is by way of High Road, Pitsa, High Road, Vange, Clay Hill Road, Timber Lane, Luncles Road and vice versa.

Dated the 21st day of November, 1967.

DAVID H. TAYLOR, Town Manager and Clerk of the Council, Council Offices, Foddewick, Basildon.

NEW TOWNS ACT, 1965 BASILDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

PIPPS HILL ROAD AREA COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 1967 NO. 1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the BASILDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION in pursuance of their powers under Section 7 of the New Towns Act, 1965 on the 3rd day of November, 1967, have made the following Order:

Order which has been submitted for confirmation by the Minister of Housing and Local Government authorising them to purchase compulsorily for the purposes of the town of Basildon (or incidental thereto) the lands described in the schedule hereto.

The lands described in the schedule hereto are situated in the area designated by the Basildon Urban District Council as the Pips Hill Road Area (Designation) Order, 1949.

A copy of the Order and of the map referred to therein, have been deposited at the offices of the Corporation at Gifford House, London Road, Basildon, Essex, and will be open for inspection without payment of fee between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday to Friday.

Any objection to the Order must be made in writing, stating the grounds of the objection, and be sent to the Minister of Housing and Local Government, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, before the 17th day of December, 1967.

The Minister is not, in all cases, required to arrange for the deposit of a copy of the person appointed by him for that purpose. It is important, however, that an objection should include a full statement in writing of the grounds of the objection.

Any owner or occupier of any land to which the Order applies, who is not a member of the Corporation, at the address below, a request in writing to a secretary of the Corporation to be made, and naming the place where a copy of the Order and of any descriptive map annexed thereto, may be seen.

Such request should contain a statement of the name, postal address and the interest in the land of the owner or occupier, and particulars sufficient to enable the extent and boundaries of the land to be identified.

SCHEDULE
No. on Map Quantity, description and situation of the land

1. Land having a frontage of approximately 100 feet to the west side of Park Avenue and comprising an area of 0.55 of an acre or thereabouts.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 001996 of 1967

IN THE MATTER OF THE BASILDON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LIMITED) AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1949

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition for the Winding Up of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was made on the 17th day of November, 1967, presented to the said Court by National General Insurance Co. Ltd., whose registered office is at 185, Knightsbridge, London, S.W.7.

The Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, on the 11th day of December, 1967, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of the Order, should appear at the hearing, in person or by counsel, for that purpose, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

H. W. & S. PATEY, Royal London House, 12, Finsbury Square, London, E.C.2.

Solicitors for the Petitioner. ANY person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on the undersigned, by not less than 48 hours before the hearing, a copy of the Petition, and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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New Properties

£6,575 BILLERICAY. In course of erection. — Detached architect-designed Chalet, with ten-year N.H.B.R.C. guarantee. Selective gas central heating and insulated roof space. Three bedrooms, coloured bathroom suite, cloakroom/w.c., delightful lounge 21ft. 3in. x 12ft. (with french doors to garden), kitchen 12ft. 4in. x 8ft. 6in. (being completely fitted with working surfaces). Integral garage. Turfed front garden.

£6,995 BILLERICAY. — New Detached Chalet, on plot 55ft. widening to 50ft. x 24ft. Off-peak wiring for central heating, three large bedrooms (two with built-in cupboards), coloured bathroom suite to choose, separate w.c., cloakroom/w.c., attractive lounge 21ft. 2in. x 13ft. (with woodblock flooring), fitted kitchen. Integral garage. Concrete terrace and paths, imposing position.

ESTABLISHED PROPERTIES

£4,850 BILLERICAY. — An exceptionally spacious 1958-built Semi-Detached Bungalow, enjoying three good size bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., fitted kitchen 10ft. 6in. x 8ft., lounge 14ft. x 13ft., full central heating. Early inspection advised.

£4,850 BILLERICAY. Having the benefit of a large corner plot. — An attractive 1958-built Semi-Detached House. Three large bedrooms, half-tiled bathroom, separate w.c., magnificent lounge 28ft. x 10ft. 6in., fitted kitchen 14ft. x 7ft. 6in. Own drive to garage 23ft. x 10ft. Recommended.

£4,995 BILLERICAY. — Charming fully detached Bungalow, situated in sought-after position facing farmland. Bright lounge, half-tiled kitchen 11ft. x 8ft. 9in., x 13ft. (with woodblock flooring), bathroom, two good size bedrooms, part central heating and double glazing. Early inspection advised.

£4,995 BILLERICAY. — Ultra-modern 1966-built Town House, in immaculate decorative condition, enjoying three large bedrooms, lounge 15ft. x 12ft. 1in., dining room 12ft. x 9ft. 7in., kitchen 10ft. x 8ft. 6in., fitted kitchen 10ft. x 8ft. 6in., double drainer sink-unit, integral garage. Convenient position. A joy to inspect.

£5,100 BILLERICAY. occupying a sought-after Semi-rural position. — An attractive 1964 Semi-Detached Chalet, enjoying a good size plot and backing on to farmland. Lounge 15ft. 4in. x 11ft. 2in., fitted kitchen, downstairs third bedroom or study, two further bedrooms upstairs (principal bedroom 15ft. 7in. x 11ft. 4in.), half-tiled bathroom, separate w.c., Detached garage. Recommended.

£5,250 BILLERICAY. — An attractive 1959 Semi-Detached House, enjoying three large bedrooms, spacious bathroom, downstairs cloakroom/w.c., excellent lounge 24ft. x 10ft. 6in., kitchen 10ft. 6in. x 8ft. 6in., fitted kitchen 10ft. 6in. x 8ft. 6in., Attached brick garage. Exceptional rear garden 60ft. x 80ft. x 120ft.

£5,250 BILLERICAY. situated in convenient position. — 1961-built contemporary Semi-Detached House, immac. decorative condition, enjoying full gas central heating and a good size plot. Three good size bedrooms, part-tiled bathroom, separate w.c., delightful lounge 22ft. x 13ft. 3in., fitted kitchen 9ft. 9in. x 8ft. 6in., Detached garage. Highly recommended.

£5,295 BILLERICAY. — Exceptionally attractive and highly thought-of 1961-built Semi-Detached House, enjoying gas central heating. Three large bedrooms (principal bedroom 19ft. x 11ft.), half-tiled bathroom, lounge 18ft. x 11ft. (woodstrip flooring), fitted kitchen 14ft. 3in. x 8ft. 3in. Own drive to detached garage 10ft. x 9ft.

£5,850 BILLERICAY. — Really attractive 1962 Semi-Detached House, enjoying full central heating. Three large bedrooms, half-tiled bathroom, delightful lounge 10ft. x 15ft., kitchen 11ft. 6in. x 10ft. (Wrighton kitchen units), Detached garage. Sought after position.

£6,195 BILLERICAY. — Highly sought-after 1956-built Semi-Detached House, in immaculate decorative condition. Three double bedrooms, half-tiled bathroom, downstairs cloakroom/w.c., lounge 16ft. x 11ft. (with woodblock floor), dining room 12ft. 9in. x 11ft. (woodblock floor), kitchen 12ft. 9in. x 10ft. 6in., stainless steel double drainer sink-unit, Attached brick garage, Good size gardens. Easy reach of High Street.

£6,500 BILLERICAY/STOCK. — A beautifully-maintained 1965 Detached House, backing on to Green Belt countryside. Three large bedrooms, coloured bathroom suite and shower, downstairs cloakroom/w.c., lounge 26ft. x 17ft. reducing to 10ft., half-tiled kitchen 12ft. x 8ft., full gas central heating, sandle wood-faced doors. Strongly recommended.

£7,100 BILLERICAY. — An imposing 1961-built Semi-Detached House, on one-quarter acre plot. Full central heating, four good size bedrooms, separate w.c., downstairs bathroom/w.c., lounge 25ft. x 11ft. 6in. (woodblock floor), half-tiled kitchen 11ft. x 11ft., Detached garage 18ft. x 9ft. Early inspection advised.

Property Wanted

Billericay applicant with no financial difficulties urgently requires a Semi-Detached Bungalow on the TOWN FARM ESTATE, KENT, with a MEAD, TENSING GARDENS. Immediate inspection / decision. £5,000 to £5,500.

Applicant at present living in rented accommodation urgently requires a Semi-Detached three-bedroomed House on the KINGSWOOD ESTATE. Up to £5,000.

Young London couple are seriously seeking a Semi-Detached House with three bedrooms, in BILLERICAY/WICKFORD area. £4,500 to £4,750.

Financially secure Brentwood applicant actively seeking a fully Detached four-bedroomed property of character, in the BILLERICAY area, preferably WOODBURY ROAD, STOCK. Considered. Up to £10,000.

Semi-Detached House, as close to BILLERICAY High Street as possible, required by applicant living in rented accommodation. Up to £5,250.

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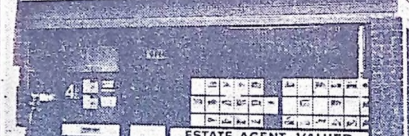
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£3,300. BOWERS GIFFORD (near Basildon). — Fully detached older style BUNGALOW, recently modernised throughout, including decorations, fully fitted kitchen, modern bathroom suite, polished wood-laminate doors and detached brick garage. Lounge, dining room, rear hall, kitchen, bathroom. 100ft. rear garden. Worthy of early inspection.

£4,500 o.n.o. BILLERICAY. situated off main Stock Road. — A Semi-Detached L-shaped BUNGALOW, with hall, two bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, lounge 18ft. x 12ft. Attached garage. 45ft. rear garden. **£5,250 BILLERICAY.** Built about one year ago. — An attractive Semi-Detached HOUSE, situated on a corner plot, within walking distance of shops and schools. Hall, lounge, kitchen/diner 20ft. 9in. x 9ft., three bedrooms, bathroom, part central heating and separate w.c., integral garage. Lawned gardens. **£6,000. HUTTON** (Rayleigh Road). — A fine executive-style HOUSE on a plot 50ft. frontage x 200ft. depth. Full central heating, four double bedrooms, covered carport 52ft. x 24ft. maximum, porch, hall, lounge 27ft. x 14ft., dining room, kitchen, utility room, shower room, bathroom. Excellent state of decorative repair.

NEW PROPERTY
 Moody HOMES. — We are pleased to offer a further stage of the popular Valley Wood Estate, BILLERICAY. The new Properties are for £5,495. Semi-Detached and two styles offer part central heating, three bedrooms, part woodblock flooring, downstairs cloakroom. Garage. Full plans and specification from agents as above. **GOOD MORTGAGE FACILITIES AVAILABLE ON ALL THE ABOVE PROPERTIES. FURTHER DETAILS ON REQUEST.**

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WICKFORD. £3,950. — Pre-war Semi-Detached BUNGALOW. Two bedrooms 15ft. 6in. x 10ft. 6in. and 11ft. 3in. x 9ft. 6in., lounge 15ft. 6in. x 12ft. 6in., kitchen 12ft. x 14ft. 9in., kitchen 7ft. 4in. x 6ft. 6in., bathroom. Garage space. Plot 35ft. x 145ft. Seven local shops: only three minutes' walk. Just off main 251 bus route.

WICKFORD. £4,050. — Terrace HOUSE, built 1954. Three bedrooms, lounge 18ft. x 11ft. 6in., kitchen 10ft. 2in. x 8ft. 6in., bathroom. Plot 19ft. x 80ft. Close to local shops and main bus route.

MAYLAND. £4,150. — Detached BUNGALOW, built 1966. Three bedrooms, lounge 18ft. x 15ft., kitchen 10ft. x 8ft. 11in., large bathroom, conservatory. Garage. Plot 40ft. x 80ft. About fourteen miles from Wickford. Local shop nearby, station three miles.

WICKFORD. £4,200. — Semi-Detached HOUSE, built 1950. Three bedrooms, lounge 12ft. 6in. x 11ft. 4in., dining room 12ft. 6in. x 10ft. 6in., kitchen 11ft. 6in. x 8ft. 6in., bathroom. Small garden. Shops two minutes' walk, outskirts of the town.

WICKFORD. £4,350. — Semi-Detached BUNGALOW, built 1957. Two bedrooms, lounge 12ft. x 13ft., kitchen 8ft. x 7ft. 6in., bathroom. Garage. Plot 35ft. x 170ft. Just off main 251 bus route, local shops three minutes' walk. High Street half a mile.

WICKFORD. £4,600. — Detached BUNGALOW, built in 1961. Central heating, two bedrooms, lounge 15ft. x 10ft. 6in., kitchen 10ft. 6in. x 9ft. 6in., bathroom. Garage space. Plot 45ft. x 113ft. High Street three-quarters of a mile.

WICKFORD. £5,300. — Detached BUNGALOW, built in 1962. Central heating, three good bedrooms, lounge 16ft. x 11ft. 8in., kitchen 11ft. x 8in., bathroom. Garage. Plot 35ft. x 100ft. Very close to Wickford Park, High Street three-quarters of a mile.

WICKFORD. £5,850. — Pre-war Detached HOUSE. Three bedrooms, lounge 12ft. 6in. x 15ft., dining room 12ft. x 10ft. 6in., kitchen 11ft. 6in. x 8ft., bathroom, two separate w.c.s, sun lounge 13ft. x 6ft. 9in. Garage. Plot 40ft. x 120ft. On main 251 bus route, only two minutes' walk of High Street.

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BILLERICAY. — Semi-Detached HOUSE, ten years old. Two reception rooms, kitchen, three bedrooms, half-tiled bathroom, separate w.c., Garage, central heating. Near High Street. All main services. £5,600 freehold. Folio 5.4.

BILLERICAY. — Semi-Detached HOUSE, built 1959. Lounge 24ft. 6in. x 12ft. 6in., large kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom and w.c. Garage 20ft. x 10ft. All main services. £5,250 leasehold (992 years to run). Ground rent £8 p.a. Folio 5.21.

Full details of these and other Properties from agents as above

QUIRK & PARTNERS

Surveyors, Auctioneers and Estate Agents

2 RUNWELL ROAD (opposite Swan Lane) WICKFORD

Telephone: WICKFORD 2200

£4,075. WICKFORD. — Twelve-years-old Semi-Detached BUNGALOW, with two good size bedrooms, bathroom/w.c., lounge 17ft. x 12ft. kitchen, sun lounge. Secured garden with parking space within front garden for cars.

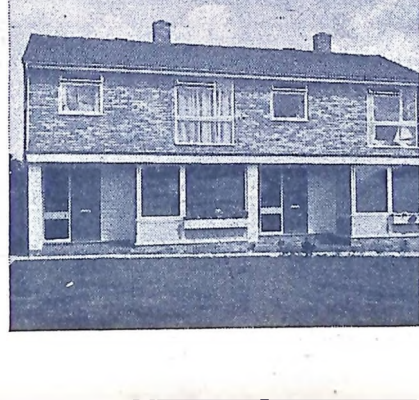
£4,350. WICKFORD. — Semi-Detached Twelve-years-old BUNGALOW, with ample garage space. Two bedrooms, coloured suite to bathroom, lounge 17ft. x 12ft., kitchen. Good sized garden.

£4,395. WOODHAM FERRERS. — New Semi-Detached HOUSE, completed six weeks ago. Owner unable to take up occupation. Three good size bedrooms, bathroom/w.c. (shower unit), lounge, large kitchen/diner. Detached garage. Plot 100ft. in length.

£4,600. WICKFORD. — Immediate occupation if required. Full gas central heating. — Three-fourths-year-old Semi-Detached HOUSE, with large hall, lounge 21ft. x 12ft., kitchen, three large bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c., integral garage. Good sized rear garden. Highly recommended.

£5,200 and £5,300. — New development at GREAT BADBOW, Chelmsford. Each with woodblock flooring, full gas central heating, coloured bathroom suites, three bedrooms, bathroom/w.c., through lounge, kitchen, one type with downstairs cloakroom. Very attractive situation and close to all amenities.

WANTED (Usual Commission Required)
 Detached BUNGALOW required for cash applicants Mr. and Mrs. T. Two bedrooms, lounge at least 16ft. long, modern style preferred. IN THE WICKFORD area. All properties inspected within twenty-four hours. Maximum price £5,750 freehold. Genuine inquiry.



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THUNDERSLEY. — Spacious and attractive double-fronted BUNGALOW, pleasant position. Hall, lounge, dining room, living cupboard, kitchen (sink-unit), three good bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c. Detached garage, 40ft. £4,600 freehold.

HADLEIGH. — Attractive Semi-Detached HOUSE, built 1962. Full gas central heating, first-class decorative condition. Hall, through lounge, large kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate w.c. Integral garage. Laid garden. £5,350 freehold.

RAYLEIGH. — Modern Semi-Detached 1954-built BUNGALOW, three bedrooms, bathroom, dining room, living cupboard, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom/w.c., £4,175 freehold.

NEW PROPERTIES

ASHINGDON. — Excellent new HOUSES in course of construction backing on to Green Belt. Hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining area, three bedrooms, bathroom/w.c., living cupboard, kitchen, separate w.c. Garage. (Central heating £200 extra.) £4,500/£4,650 freehold.

GREAT BADBOW (near Chelmsford). — Very attractive development. Excellent specification including full central heating, woodblock floors, fitted kitchen, hall, lounge, dining area, three bedrooms, bathroom w.c. Garage. Prices from £4,950 to £5,150 freehold.

THUNDERSLEY. — Splendid development of Semi-Detached and Detached HOUSES, excellent specification including full gas-fired bedrooms, bathroom/w.c., lounge, fitted kitchen, three-fourth bedrooms, bathroom, w.c. Garage. From £5,350 to £6,350 freehold.

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BILLERICAY'S PEARLIES



David and Catherine Hook appeared as a Pearly King and Queen at the Roman Catholic Church bazaar at the Archer Memorial Hall, Billericay, on Saturday.

SHE MET THE DUKE

Brenda Hutton (20), of Thynne Road, Billericay, met Prince Philip at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday when he awarded her the Gold Award in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. She is seen on the right with her mother (right) and Godmother Mrs. A. Revell. Brenda studied for the Award with the Billericay Red Cross branch and took first-aid and nursing for her "service" subjects; make-up, floral decoration and use of electrical equipment for "Design for Living"; dress-making, driving and reading for "Interest" and youth hostelling and farming for her "Expedition."

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GOOD WORK REWARDED



At Buttsbury Junior School on Friday four children received prizes which they won in a National Savings competition. Our picture shows them after receiving their prizes at morning assembly: 1, Judith Mason; 2, Anne Gulliford; 3, Robert Frewin; and consolation prize, Christopher Rowe.



Father Christmas was very popular with the younger ladies — or was it the beautiful doll he was offering that attracted them? A scene at the Billericay Junior and Infants' School bazaar at Archer Memorial Hall, Billericay, on Friday.

Council to defy residents over one-way streets

BASILDON COUNCIL are to go ahead with a scheme to turn Laindon Road and Sun Street, Billericay, into one-way streets regardless of objections by Billericay and Buttsbury Residents' Associations and Eastern National.

The Council's Works Committee stated this week that the objections had been noted, but the Council considered the Noak Hill Road Stage IV road improvement scheme was essential for traffic management in the Billericay area.

The Town Manager and the Clerk of the Council have been authorised to obtain traffic regulation orders to close left, of School Road 40ft. from its junction with Southend Road; for one-way working in Sun Street (east to west) and Laindon Road from its junction with Sun Street to its junction with a proposed roundabout at the junction of Noak Hill Road and Kennel Lane (north to south).

Provisional arrangements have been made to deal with the emergency services located in Laindon Road by providing special access from the eastern end of School Road (which will be closed to all other traffic) to Southend Road.

OBJECTIONS

Eastern National accepted the scheme, with the exception of the three-quarter miles diversion in each direction that would be necessary for service No. 251 (London/Southend).

Buttsbury Residents' Association commented that the scheme would considerably lengthen the journey for traffic on Laindon Road that wished to travel north.

The journey time for the emergency services located in Laindon Road would also be increased, they added.

Main points raised by Billericay Residents' Association were:—

• The capacity of Noak Hill Road would be increased to an extent that Billericay would always have a major road through its centre.

• The scheme does not contribute anything to the remaining traffic problems in Billericay.

• The reasons for the proposals had been overstated.

• The scheme in attempting to remove a difficult junction at Sun Corner creates one dangerous junction (Southend Road/Noak Hill Road) and converts two difficult junctions into two dangerous ones by increasing the volume of traffic using them (Western Road / High Street / Chapel Street).

Lollipops and boiled beef and carrots



Winners of the fancy dress competition at Billericay Methodist Young Wives' party held at the Church Hall on Saturday were Mrs. J. Wignall (Boiled Beef and Carrots) and Mr. R. Hale (My Boy Lollipop).

Buttsbury School development

LATEST development in Billericay M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman's fight for more accommodation at Buttsbury Junior School came on Wednesday.

Mr. Moonman heard from County Education Chief Mr. David Bungey that he again proposed putting the whole matter before the County Education Committee Building Programmes Sub-Committee.

He promised to let Mr. Moonman know their decision "in due course."

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WISHING A LOT AT THE WISHING WELL



The wishing well lucky dip was so popular that it sold out very quickly at Runwell Parish Church bazaar on Saturday at the Parish Hall.

Your chance to be a star

LOCAL VARIETY artists will get their big break in November—an opportunity to take part in Wickford's first Old Time Music Hall at the Community Centre.

"It is a marvellous opportunity for people who can do a music hall act to get together and really put on something big," producer Terry Fletcher said this week. "What we want is a genuine Old Time Music Hall. We particularly need specialty acts—jugglers, balancing acts and the like—but anyone up to

professional standards will be welcome."

He added, however, that nobody need be frightened to go along. "The more the merrier," he said, "as long as it is understood that we can only use the best."

Anyone who wants to take part in the show but cannot make the auditions at the Centre on November 30th at 8 p.m. should telephone the Centre (Wickford 2236).

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EVANGELISTIC WEEK
Wickford Parish Church Evangelism Committee last week planned an Evangelistic week.

MORE DEVELOPMENT

Basildon Council are to submit to the Essex County Council an outline planning application for residential development of Ambleside, Market Avenue, Wickford.



Some of the fancy dress contestants at the Wickford Congregational Church London Town bazaar on Saturday.

Carnaby Street in Wickford



CARNABY STREET, WICKFORD! A SCENE AT THE WICKFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH'S LONDON TOWN BAZAAR ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY. SOME OF THE CARNABY STREET PROPERTY WAS REFLECTED IN THE PROCEEDS—THE BAZAAR MADE £540 14s. 1d., AN INCREASE OF ABOUT £30 ON LAST YEAR'S BAZAAR.

WICKFORD INNER RELIEF ROAD

Wickford councillor says "Don't worry unnecessarily"

INTO THE Wickford inner relief road controversy, spotlighted by the "Standard Recorder," stepped local councillor Peter Bracken this week. "I was somewhat surprised to read suggestions of wholesale demolition of properties in Wickford when the by-pass and relief roads are built," he said.

Coun. Ken Tyson, who sits for Basildon Central, has claimed that a large number of homes, part of the Junior School and the Salvation Army Citadel, would be demolished if the proposed road were built.

Coun. Bracken, questioning this, said that the scheme was only in the embryo stage.

No detailed plan had yet been drawn up. It has not been put before any committee or discussed in any way by Council members.

"Wickford councillors will protect the interests of the people they represent," he said, and went on, "It is regrettable that such controversial material should be published at this time."

It was a matter of some concern that Wickford councillors were not approached for their views on the subject. "Why only the views of Coun. Tyson? He represents Central Basildon," Coun. Bracken added.

He pointed out that congestion of Wickford High Street must be relieved by a by-pass.

"But let us not go off at half-cock and start people worrying unnecessarily. Let us wait until the matter comes up for discussion in committee and Council, then the Wickford and Castleford councillors will be watching with an eagle eye that the very least hardship is caused," said Coun. Bracken.

On the question of a public inquiry, Coun. Bracken said that at this stage no useful purpose would be served.

"But Wickford can be assured that when full and accurate details are known of the direction of the proposed road scheme they will be fully informed and their views taken into consideration."

No revival —yet!

TRUSTEES of Wickford Ratepayers' Association, which was dissolved two years ago because of "apathy," held their yearly meeting at Wickford Junior School on Wednesday in the hope that the Association could be restarted.

But only five people turned up and the Trustees decided to hold another meeting in November next year.

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NOW IT'S "THE EXTRA-LIFE GIRL"



A BEVY of 24 beauties faced a panel of judges at Locarno Ballroom, Basildon, last Thursday evening, competing for the title of "The Extra-Life Girl."

The competition was sponsored by an internationally-famous manufacturer of hair beauty preparations; points were awarded for attractive hair, personality and good grooming; and the winner received a cash prize of £10, plus an expenses-paid trip to the area finals to be held at Stratford Locarno later this month.

The judges were Mr. Roy Winkfield, manager of the Basildon Locarno; Mr. Arthur Paffey, photographer, and Mrs. E. Wall, "Standard Recorder."

Heat winner was Mrs. Marion Davis, 21-years-old

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The Christmas rush is on!



There were plenty of Christmas present bargains at the 1st Basildon Scouts' bazaar at the Scout Hut in Holden Gardens on Saturday.

SCHOOL MEALS—MOTHER'S PROTEST

(Cont. from Front Page)

pastie, which can be eaten in a room other than a specially-furnished dining room.

"If this is done at a school it is not normally the intention that the same children should have the finger meals all the time. As far as possible there should be a choice or a rota."

Mr. Dixon considered that the cold meals were more suitable for the older children and not infants and he intended to make this suggestion to the Headmaster.

"Obviously snags have arisen, but we will try to sort them out within the next few days. It may even be possible to start the third sitting to enable all the children to receive hot meals as usual," he said.

On Wednesday Mr. Dixon's staff interviewed several mothers who went to the Education Office to complain. Others protested at the school to Headmaster Mr. D. F. Martin.

EARLY SOLUTION?
Mr. Martin told the "Standard Recorder" on Wednesday he hoped a solution to the problem would be arrived at by Monday.

"We are faced with a very complicated situation and it will need a lot of patience and ingenuity to find the right answer," he said.

At Laindon Park, Mr. Martin said a very high proportion of the children stayed for lunch. This week only 15 of the 355 children were going home.

It was possible to accommodate only 144 children at one sitting in the dining room and classrooms, but even this was difficult.

He also defended the "picnic" lunches. "The children are getting the same number of calories and are not suffering in any way. To say they are getting nothing hot is wrong as they are given either hot soup, hot chocolate or coffee."

BASILDON MAN ON EXPLOSIVES CHARGE

A 46-YEARS-OLD Basildon man was remanded on bail totalling £350 to appear again at Marylebone Court on January 9th to answer a charge of possessing explosives.

He was William Taylor, a warehouseman, of Maplestead, who is accused of knowingly having in his possession a certain explosive substance under such circumstances as to give rise to a reasonable suspicion that it was not for a lawful object.

Asking for a remand, D.C. Robert Shutt said there were "numerous exhibits" which had to be examined by forensic experts.

The Magistrate, Mr. John Phipps, granted Taylor bail in his own recognisance of £100 and one surety of £250. Later his daughter was sworn in to stand bail.

£50 for Boys' Club

THE LAINDON and Basildon Berry Boys' Club raised £50 at a bazaar held at St. Peter's Church Hall, Laindon, on Saturday.

The money raised will go to Club funds and to provide a Christmas party for members. The goods on sale at the bazaar were made by only a handful of mothers, who also organised the whole event. They even arranged for Father Christmas to be present and he was a great success with young children who attended with their mothers. Stallholders were: Decorations, Mrs. Llewellyn; novel-

ties, Mrs. J. Parker; books, Mrs. G. Parker; toys, Mrs. Quinn; fancy goods, Mrs. McCallion; aprons, Mrs. Ford; ham and Mrs. Bellingham; quilting stall, Mrs. Oughton; cosmetics and toilet requisites, Mrs. Read and the Misses K. McCallion and Buckley; cakes, Mrs. Marsh and Mrs. Hewitt; refreshments, Mrs. White; and records and soft drinks, Miss R. McCallion and Miss Susan Marsh.

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Round the egg stall at the Basildon Ladies' Circle Christmas fayre held on Saturday at Kingswood Community Centre.