

BASILDON Standard RECORDER

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MYSTERIOUS FIRES AT BASILDON



IS THERE a pyromaniac (fire raiser) on the loose in Basildon? Police are investigating this week after a mysterious sequence of fires flared up in the New Town over the weekend.

The Fire Brigade, kept racing from spot to spot by the blazes, would make no comment on their causes. But the facts speak for themselves.

• Saturday 16.24 hours—rubbish set alight with help of diesel oil in King Edward Road, Laindon.

• 16.51 hours—building contractors' hut bursts into flame in Southernhay. Contents, tools, etc., badly damaged.

• 17.38 hours—mechanical tools and materials set on fire at junction of Stanway and Laindon Link.

• 20.31 hours—pillar-box in New Century Road, Pitsea, set on fire and contents damaged.

On Sunday there were two more strikes.

A railway hut just off Timberlog Lane burst into flames in the afternoon and was badly damaged by fire (see picture above), and during the day a caterpillar digger machine was set on fire in Timberlog Close, Basildon.

Police are investigating at least two of these cases.

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Spurs player was the judge



AT LANGDON HILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR ON FRIDAY, MR. FRANK SAUL, OF TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR, CHATS WITH WINNERS OF THE FANCY DRESS COMPETITION HELD AT THE BAZAAR: GREGORY STREET AS SIR FRANCIS CHICHESTER, DAVID BURLEY AS FATHER CHRISTMAS, GREGORY SAYER AS TOP OF THE POPS AND ANDREW ROBERTSON AS A SPACEMAN.

NEW HOUSING ESTATE TENANTS DEMAND RENT REDUCTIONS

Labour Party
join forces

EAST AND west branches of Billericay Women's Section of the Labour Party joined forces on Saturday to hold a bazaar at Lee Chapel North Community Centre.

Stalls were also taken by Lee Chapel North Labour Party and Billericay Constituency. Trade was exceedingly brisk and after only half an hour's trading, several stalls were completely cleared.

ONE HUNDRED tenants on the Corporation's controversial new housing estate at Vange are demanding rent reductions.

Fed up with big heating bills and alleged faults with their homes, they have petitioned Billericay M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman on the subject.

Conditions on the estate were reported in Friday's "Standard Recorder." On the same night five tenants, four women and a man, presented a petition to the M.P. at his "clinic" at the Fodderwick Council Offices.

It called for a reduction in rent in view of the high cost of living at Basildon. Rents being paid on the estate are over £5 a week.

They told Mr. Moonman that money was continually being fed into the gas meter to keep the houses warm. Many people were not using

central heating because they cannot afford it.

The tenants were also critical of the rent rebate scheme operated by the Corporation.

Due to the lapse of time between filling in forms and receiving a rebate, some tenants are paying bigger rents when they are earning less than usual and vice versa.

Mr. Moonman agreed to submit the petition to the Development Corporation and to ask for repairs to faults in the houses to be expedited.

Those who took the petition were Mr. George Dudley, Mrs. Margaret Oliver, Mrs. Brenda Macey and Mrs. Margaret Drew, of Swansted, and Mrs. Carolyn Ferrari, of Oldwyke.

REFUSED LEAVE TO APPEAL

REFUSING Brian Richard Wisdom (29), of Long Acre, Basildon, leave to appeal against an 18 months' sentence for breaking into a dentist's office and stealing seven shillings, Lord Justice Davies said in the Court of Appeal on Tuesday: "Although the amount stolen was only seven shillings, it was a bad piece of breaking and stealing, and no doubt he got only seven shillings because only seven shillings was there for him to take."

Wisdom was also refused leave to appeal against his conviction at Essex Sessions on June 13th.

BOY'S ACCIDENT WHEN CALLING FIRE BRIGADE

A NINE-YEARS-OLD Basildon boy who phoned the Fire Brigade on Tuesday evening is now in hospital for his trouble!

He was in a road accident in Church Road because he thought he would be blamed for a bungalow which was flooded out.

The boy is Steven Woodward, of Great Mistley, and he is now suffering from concussion and bruises.

Shortly after the accident he told his mother, Mrs. Jean Woodward, that he went to play in the bungalow which is unoccupied.

When he saw the water he telephoned the Fire Brigade, but ran away when the engines arrived. It was then the accident happened.

Said Mrs. Woodward: "He was scared that the firemen and Police would blame him for the flooding."

"He is one of those boys who always seem to be around when the punishments are handed out! I don't think he is an angel, but I do know that on several occasions he

has been punished for things he had nothing to do with." Mrs. Woodward said Steven was still suffering from shock on Wednesday. She told him that he done the right thing in calling the Brigade, and this cheered him up.



Stephen Woodward

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KEEPING FIT



On Saturday the final lesson in a course of six for keep-fit leaders was held at Billericay Secondary School. Our picture shows members at work.

Presentation to standard-bearer

AN ICED CAKE MADE BY MRS. F. GREEN (TREASURER AND A VICE-PRESIDENT) WAS CUT BY THE PRESIDENT (MRS. F. LAWSON) AT BILLERICAY BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ON TUESDAY IN THE ROSE HALL.

Mrs. K. Cornwell (Chairman) presided and tea was supplied and served by the Committee.

Visitors from Hutton and Stock were present. Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Drury and her concert party.

During the afternoon a fountain pen was presented to Mrs. G. Thorne, Standard-bearer, for her work for the section.

FRIDAY CLUB

Sunnymede Friday Club held their meeting at the Junior School last week and discussed the forthcoming Christmas dinner. The latter part of the meeting was devoted to Bingo.



Swingin' Santa entertained customers with his ukelele at the Billericay Conservative Association's Thrift Day bazaar at the Women's Institute Hall, Billericay, on Saturday. Mr. A. King was Father Christmas and the profit was £42.

Council plan to demolish many houses and build a new estate

BASILDON COUNCIL'S Housing Committee are pushing ahead with a plan to demolish a large number of council houses in School Road, Billericay, and build a completely new 142-dwelling estate.

Letters were sent yesterday (Thursday) by Town Manager Mr. David Taylor to all School Road tenants explaining the Council's intentions.

The new estate is to include an aged persons scheme. The Committee are to ask the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for "agreement in principle" to the plan.

The Council's Housing Manager has been instructed to carry out the survey to determine the need for elderly people requiring housing in Billericay. The survey will also include the number of applicants already on the Council's housing waiting list needing accommodation in Billericay.

The Housing Committee were presented with three alternatives for the redevelopment of School Road—the first was general im-

provement to the existing houses; the second for redevelopment of part of School Road; and the third for complete redevelopment.

Mr. Taylor in his letter to tenants said: "You may be aware that over a year ago the Council gave consideration to proposals to carry out extensive improvements to the houses in School Road."

"The Council, however, recognise that the extent of the improvements was such that not only would a considerable amount of money be involved, but that a great deal of inconvenience would be caused to tenants while the work was being carried out."

He went on to say that the Committee preferred the scheme involving complete redevelopment and, in arriving at the decision, had regard

to the limited land available in Billericay for the erection of council houses.

He pointed out: "It should be appreciated that a final decision has yet to be made on which of the three schemes will be adopted, for this will depend to some extent on the policy and views of appropriate Government departments."

He concluded his letter saying: "The survey will be carried out by members of staff of the Housing Manager's Department and it is emphasised that the survey is for the purpose stated above and for no other reason. In the circumstances I would be grateful if, when the survey is being made, you will co-operate with the interviewer."

SUCCESSFUL CAKE SALE

THIS YEAR'S cake sale held by the League of Friends of St. Andrew's and Mayflower Hospitals, Billericay, raised £68 8s. 6d., an increase of £10 on last year, members of the Executive Committee were told at their December meeting.

It was decided to give financial assistance, including payment for transport, to the hospitals' staff party at the Locarno, Basildon, in January.

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Guess the doll's name. Mrs. M. Turner was in charge of an interesting guessing game at Christ Church, Perry Street, Billericay, bazaar on Saturday. Trying to guess were Lorna Fairbairn and Heather Collishaw.

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They won Duke's Gold award



CADET SERGEANT S. WALDING AND CADET CORPORAL A. MORELL, OF 1474 SQUADRON, WICKFORD A.T.C., WERE PRESENTED WITH THEIR DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARDS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF BASILDON COUNCIL (COUN. A. BARON BURN, J.P.) ON THURSDAY AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN CUTS PLAY BY A WICKFORD MAN

THE LORD Chamberlain has ordered a cut in the play written by Mr. Terry Daly, of Southend Road, Wickford, "Do Not Spit On The Stairs."

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The play will be performed publicly by Wickford Community Association Players at the Community Centre tomorrow (Saturday) and Mr. Daly is the producer.

Mr. Daly said he was "staggered" by the Lord Chamberlain's cut. "It seems so trivial," he said.

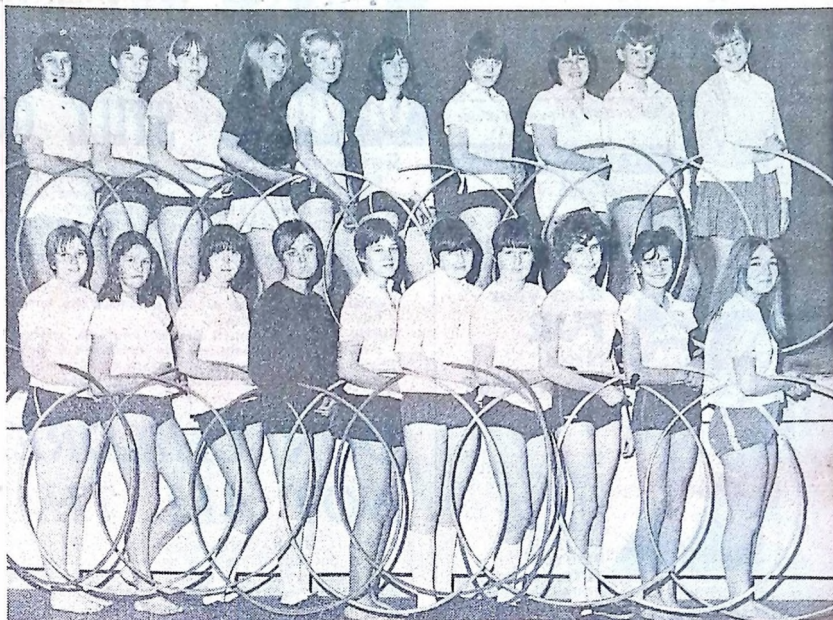
A picture of the play's cast in rehearsal is on Page 9.

YOUNG SHOPPERS



A crowd of young shoppers at Wickford Tennis Club bazaar held on Saturday at St. Peter's Hall, Wickford.

Teaching schoolgirls how to relax



To help poise, deportment and show schoolgirls how to relax, Mrs. Audrey Bartlett, of South Beach Avenue, Wickford, takes Medoid rhythmic movement classes for fourth-year girls at Beauchamps Secondary School at Wickford. Mrs. Bartlett takes classes at the school three days a week.

DELAYED ACTION OVER PLAY GROUP UPSETS MOTHERS AT RUNWELL

RUNWELL PARISH Council were this week accused by two Runwell mothers of stalling over an application to hire the parish hall three mornings a week for a children's play group.

Mrs. Wendy Hills (32) and Mrs. Phyllis Beck (26), both of Tidworth Avenue, claim that they are being "strung along" by the Council in the hope that they will "get fed-up with trying and drop the idea."

"We put in our application about a month ago, but the Council have steadfastly evaded giving us a yes or nay," said Mrs. Hills.

"They keep putting us off by telling us that they have got to contact the local and health authorities to make certain that the hall is suitable for this purpose, and that 'it all takes time,' but we think there is a lot more to it than that."

The two women aim to give busy mothers a break from looking after their children so they can do their shopping or their washing in peace. It will also give

children aged three to five a chance to mix, learn and play together before being plunged into school life, said Mrs. Hills.

She added that the hall was already being used as a Clinic and for dancing classes for children under five years old, and pointed out that the nearest children's play group was in Wickford 11 miles away "a long walk" for a mother with several youngsters in tow.

Commented Parish Council Chairman Mr. H. P. Liberty, J.P.: "We are not deliberately stalling over this matter. It is a fact that we have to get the approval of the local health authority to use the hall for this purpose and there are a number of things which have to be gone into before this is possible."

"All the chairs in the hall, for example, are of the folding

variety which could prove dangerous in children's hands. The tables, too, are much too high for youngsters.

"It may transpire that the Council will have to spend ratepayers' money to buy specialised equipment to comply with the requirements of the health authority."

"These two women will obviously have to make a small charge for looking after the children and we must consider the question, 'Is it right to finance what could be classed as a commercial venture with public money?'"

FOR TRIAL

SALESMAN Colin Clive Brook, aged 35, of High Street, Wickford, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court by the Highgate Magistrates on Thursday week.

Brook elected trial by jury and was allowed bail.

He is accused of embezzling a total of £11 17s. 9d.—three charges—from his employers, The Blue Star Garage at Archway Road, Highgate, and with six offences of falsifying accounts.

The case concerns customers' accounts and agency cards.

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And they also reassure parents who may be worried about their sons and daughters straying from the straight and narrow and becoming involved in crime.

The Chairman is to be congratulated in taking it on himself to obtain the information, which shows that only 1.58 per cent of our children, aged between 10 and 16, have come before the Court and had findings of guilt proved against them on serious offences in the past year.

Out of the total school population running into many thousands this percentage, being so low, must also show that the parents of our children are themselves doing a good job in bringing up their offspring. The figures have been announced at an appropriate time—the eve of the festive season—when the majority of people's thoughts undoubtedly turn to the young.

The Chairman's figures will help to alter some views and calm any fears about the present younger generation being delinquent.

RELIEF ROAD STORM IN A TEACUP

THE WICKFORD Inner Relief Road controversy took a new turn this week at the Basildon Council meeting when the Conservatives censured Coun. Ken Tyson for "leaking" details of the scheme to the "Standard-Recorder." Coun. Tyson's actions, said the Conservatives, were "irresponsible."

Coun. Tyson had been quoted in an earlier Press report as saying that a large number of Wickford homes, the Salvation Army Citadel and part of Wickford Junior School, were to be demolished.

However, it was interesting to note that while the Conservatives criticised Coun. Tyson's conduct, they did not refute his allegations—except to say that it was "unsubstantiated information."

In fact, Coun. A. V. Stockley, Leader of the Council, admitted that some properties "are obviously going to be affected."

The whole Council affair would seem to be a storm in a teacup, for the proposals in Wickford have been public for many months. And it was obvious from the size of the scheme that some existing properties would have to be demolished.

Basildon Council have themselves admitted that, including the Nevedon Road By-Pass, the scheme includes some 52 acres of land, and about 16 houses will be demolished.

Although there is some dispute over the number of properties affected, Basildon Council's main grumble seems to be that Wickford residents have been told where they stand, is that wrong?

Happy sequel to Carnival Queen's work for children

THE MAGNIFICENT total of £206 6s. 3d. was raised by Carnival Queen Geraldine Gahan by her sponsored walk for charity earlier this year.

Geraldine, surely one of the hardest-working and most dedicated Queens ever chosen by Basildon, plans to spend most of the money providing a few extra pleasures at Christmas for the less fortunate children of the district.

Her home at the Barge Inn, Vange, will be the scene on December 12th of a grand presentation of cheques and gifts to representatives of the chosen charities. Also presented will be the Carnival Association's cheque to Basildon Multiple Sclerosis Society who benefit from this year's Carnival.

Each of the following societies will get £25 from Geraldine's walk: The Children's League of Pitty; Sunflower Children's Homes; National Deaf Children's Society; National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; and Basildon District Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

Barton's bakers will receive money for 19 giant

Christmas cakes—one to each of the pensioners' clubs and branches in the Basildon area. Geraldine and her Court will like these to be cut at the pensioners' last meetings before Christmas.

The balance of the money, something over £40, will be given to Mundy House, the County old people's home at Basildon.

CASH TRANSFER

With the best financial balance they had had for many years—£2150—Billericay British Legion executive committee decided at their meeting on Wednesday week to transfer £210 to the Benevolent Fund.

Order announced that the final figure for this year was £2508, over £40 better than last year and an all-time record.

FIT FOR NOTHING?

THE KEEP-FIT class—a Medua Group—at Ramsden Bellhouse Community Centre is in danger of collapse because of lack of members.

It is the second attendance crisis the class have faced in seven months. The last, in March, was resolved when a number of women came in from Wickford to take part in the Thursday evening meetings.

But some have drifted away and the class is once again tottering on the brink of non-existence.

Mrs. Helen White, of Homestead Road, the Secretary, who took up her duties in May, explained: "We are an Essex County Council adult class and if our membership is not soon increased the Council will close us down."

Out of the present 20 members only about 10 go to the classes. "This is the absolute minimum we must have to keep going," said Mrs. White.

NOT INSURED
Stopped by Police while driving his car Stanley Clark (18), of Clickett Hill, Basildon, had no insurance. He was fined £5 and his licence endorsed at Billericay court on Tuesday. Clark did not appear, but pleaded guilty by letter.

Held to ransom by a few?

POSING the question "Are we to be held to ransom by a few men?" Mr. Robert McCrindle, prospective Tory candidate for Billericay, issued a statement this week criticising the Government's handling of the dock strike.

"By the Government's own admission," he said, "the unofficial dock strike was doing immense harm to this country. There is no disagreement between the parties that this is something which must be tackled."

"Yet the Minister of Labour, Mr. Ray Gunter, says that, although he is 'tempted' to deal with the matter, he is going to wait until the Royal Commission on Trade Unions reports."

"But can we afford to do that? Can we run the risk that unofficial strikes will reduce the value of the recent stops (devaluation) the Government have taken? Are we all to be held to ransom by a few men?"

"Nobody is suggesting that full reform should take place now, although a Conservative government would feel that to gain maximum benefit from devaluation, reform of the unions is necessary."

"But surely some stop-gap measure could be applied."

Santa Claus not for sale

BILLERICAY Oxfam Group raised £54 14s. 11d. at a Christmas bazaar at the Mayflower Hall on Saturday. The cash will help victims of the Yugoslav earthquake.

The bazaar was an all-day event and all the items for sale had been collected by workers.

One object not for sale was Father Christmas, but that did not stop one little girl telling him: "I'd like to take you home with me!"

First prize in a raffle was a giant panda, won by four-years-old Alison Wright. Second prize of a box of chocolates was won by Mrs. Dalton, and third prize by Mrs. Peyton.

Stalls and stallholders were: Assorted Items, Janet and Christine Brothers and Mrs. Brothers; soft toys, Mrs. Sodau; refreshments, Mrs. M. Cook and Mrs. Warren; books, Mr. Russell and Mr. Brothers; Christmas cards, Mrs. P. M. Langridge; games and slides, Mr. Walton; raffle, Mr. R. Langridge; cakes, Mrs. M. Flynn.

TOUGHER TARMAC

SCHOOL playgrounds should be made of tarmac thick enough to support cars, say Basildon Education Committee.

They heard that the playground of Billericay's Mayflower School is only two inches thick—suitable for children, but not cars.

Strengthening the playground has been included in next year's education estimates.

The Committee are asking the County Council to ensure that new schools have stronger playgrounds.

No room at the school

PARENTS will not be invited to the Christmas Carol Service and Nativity at Janet Duke Junior School, Laindon.

If they were invited it could be a catastrophe, says Headmaster Mr. R. J. Onions.

"The hall is so small that when we get all the children in, it is packed," he explained. "I think if we invited parents we would never get them in at all."

Children will have their carol services on the Wednesday before Christmas.

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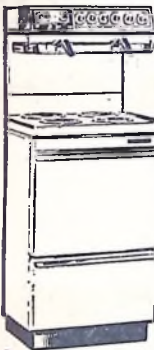
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CASH TRANSFER

With the best financial balance they had had for many years—£150—Billericay British Legion executive committee decided at their meeting on Wednesday week to transfer £10 to the Benevolent Fund, earmarked for Christmas gifts for local needy ex-Servicemen or their dependants, and £20 to the Poppy Day Fund. Poppy Day organiser Stan Forster announced that the final figure for this year was £558, over £40 better than last year and an all-time record.

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Surely the appointment of two neutrals, with no allegiance to either authority, would improve the effectiveness of the committee.

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The Spurs man was greeted by a burst of applause from the large crowds which gathered both inside and outside the school hall. He spent much of the evening signing autographs, then judged the children's fancy dress competition.

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bought articles, and all the staff, catering, cleaning, and teaching, helped to achieve this result."

The school managed to get the Spurs star to attend because he is a neighbour or one of the teachers in Billericay. The money they raised will go to the school funds, much of it being spent on Christmas festivities for the children.

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Oxfam, Billericay branch, held a bazaar at Mayflower Hall, Billericay, on Saturday. Sheila Perkins (10) took brother Christopher and sister Marion (3) to see Father Christmas.



At Christ Church, Perry Street, Billericay, bazaar on Saturday, Girl Guide Linda Yates ran a successful guessing competition.

BELOW: At Outwood Common Community Association toy fayre on Saturday at the Recreation Rooms, High Street, Billericay, admiring a beautiful giant teddy bear are Andrew (4), Elaine (7), Helen (8) and Anne (9) Hamilton.



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VETERAN READERS' PAGE



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COUNCIL HOTEL FOR OLD PEOPLE'S HOLIDAYS?

COUN. JOE Morgan, Labour Leader, suggested on Thursday that Basildon Council could buy a hotel near the coast and run subsidised holidays for Basildon's old people.

He thought a scheme being considered by the Welfare Committee was quite feasible and said cheap holidays through the year were possible.

Coun. Mrs. E. Forster supported him and asked for an early report on investigations. The question of holiday schemes will probably be discussed at the Committee's meeting in April.

GREAT SUCCESS
Both the Tory and Labour sides of the Council were pleased on Thursday with the "unprecedented success" of the newly opened George Burd Day Centre.

"There is nothing like this in the country," said Council Leader A. V. Stockley, proudly. And on the Labour benches, Coun. Cyril Thirkettle called the Centre "an outstanding success." He predicted that demand would exceed the facilities in a few weeks.

Coun. Thirkettle called for other day centres in different parts of the district.

CHEAP FARES?
The Council are thinking about a reduced bus fare scheme for the elderly.

"We are looking at schemes at Gosport and Harlow," said Welfare Committee Chairman Coun. P. B. Laine.

Investigations are being made and a report will be given to the Committee in the spring.

FUCHSIA CLUB
Bingo was the entertainment for the afternoon at Monday's meeting of the Pitsea Fuchsia Club. Good news was received concerning various sick members, now showing distinct improvement; they included Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Smith. Birthday honours went to Mr. Hinton, Mr. Robinson, Mrs. Neale and Mrs. Hobbs. Cakes for tea were provided by Mr. Hinton.

PRESIDENT'S DEATH
Members observed silent tribute at their weekly meeting on hearing of the death of their President, Mr. R. F. Bradford. For many years he presided over meetings of Langdon Hills branch, and he and his wife have been kind and generous friends to all members, who share with his wife and family a sense of deep personal loss. Sick members were remembered, and sent the good wishes of their colleagues. Especially mentioned were Mr. Church, Mrs. Ferrier, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Wade. The branch's own concert party entertained with songs old and new, which were much appreciated by everyone. Taking part were Mrs. Hogben, Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Mawon, Mrs. Jacobs and Miss Harrison.

ALL JOINED IN

Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Read were the commiserators for an afternoon's community singing, which was heartily enjoyed by all members of Wickford No. 2 branch at their meeting on Friday. Mrs. Boulter and Mrs. Tanner shared duties at the piano. Mr. F. W. Perkins presided. Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Read ran the sales, and Medames Adams, Cleverley, Read and Pitt had the raffish. Ton was served by hostesses Mrs. Tiltard, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Carmen, Mrs. Hitchcock and Mrs. Oliver.

REVELLERS' SHOW
A hearty welcome went to the Stifford Clays Revellers, who visited Langdon Hills Over-Sixties' Club at their meeting on Thursday week. They gave a most enjoyable programme of carols, songs and sketches, and afterwards were heartily thanked by Acting Chairman Mrs. Sheppard.

ENOUGH TO THINK ABOUT?
November proved a pleasant month for members of Runwell branch, with the accent strongly on music. Mr. and Mrs. Frank White brought their organ, piano and drums to delight their audience. Another afternoon was spent in modern and one-time games music, brought along by Mr. T. Smith. The bus strike at Southend prevented a concert so that particular meeting was spent in selecting nominations for next year's officers. At the last meeting in the month, the chair was taken by Mrs. N. Springham, Vice-Chairman in the absence of Mr. E. Croot, whose wife was ill. Holidays were discussed for 1968, but not many members expressed interest. Mr. T. Smith, Assistant Secretary, commented that probably they had enough to think about, making ends meet with the devalued pound and increased prices!

SILENT TRIBUTE
Silent tribute was paid by members of Buttsbury Social Club to Mr. Debbies, one of the Club's older members, who passed away last week. Members gave a hearty welcome to the Chairman, Mr. W. J. Richard, seriously ill in hospital, but recovering slowly. Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Gristwood were also present.

ROUSING SING-SONG
A rousing sing-song was the highlight of Vange O.A.P. Branch meeting at St. Chad's Hall, Vange, on Friday. Mrs. Harris played the piano, and everyone joined in the choruses of old-time favourites. Sick members received good wishes for their recovery. The Chairman gave a short report on the last Essex Area Council meeting, to let members know what the Federation are doing for them.

SONGS AND BALLADS
Members of Langdon Hills Women's Institute Choir entertained Lee Chapel North Darcy and John Club at their meeting on Thursday week. Songs and ballads delighted all members, and afterwards Chairman Mr. V. Crowley thanked the choir warmly for their programme. A speedy recovery was wished for all sick members, and members expressed the hope that they would be able to attend the Club's Christmas dinner on December 14th. Musical honours went to Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Brown. Mrs. Peters and her band of helpers served refreshments; and there was a fine display of gifts for the weekly raffie.

Changed her mind about Billericay



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She came here from North London to take charge of the Billericay Food Office and she worked there for 15 years.

It was very different from her former work with the Ministry of Pensions, in Whitehall, where all her work was purely clerical, and she had no contact at all with members of the public. At Billericay she was in charge of 35 staff, men and women. "Although war was a sad time, I loved the work!" she says, pensively.

When she first came here, she did not care for the district at all. In those days it must have seemed the quietest backwater ever, after the grandeur of Whitehall and the bustle of London. Now, however, Billericay is her home, and she has a deep affection for it.

Even though she might not care for Billericay, however, Miss Frost worked for it. She it was who started the Billericay Folk Players, together with Mrs. G. Gunter and Mrs. M. Grows; she took no part in acting, but was their secretary and founder-member. She was with them for several years, and still has a keen interest in their welfare. She enjoyed their last production very much.

She is best known, of course, for her work with and for the South Green Memorial Hall; in fact, if it had not been for her hard work, South Green might never have had a Memorial Hall at all.

It was on V.E. Night, during a celebration set-together in South Green that it was decided to form a committee, to build a hall in honour of South Green's war dead, Lamb and Mr. Potter were the first to offer £10 to the fund. She undertook the job of secretary, and with characteristic thoroughness she set things moving.

"I suppose I chose the hardest job of all — and, in fact, I must say, it's not a lot easier now!" she says. In those days she found everyone willing and eager to pitch in and help. Their efforts were crowned with success in 1957, when the Hall was officially opened.

Now Miss Frost, as Secretary and Treasurer of the Hall Committee, spends at least half a day, every day, on the Hall business. She pays a daily visit to collect correspondence, and not many days go by that she does not have to make a trip to the bank in connection with the Hall. There are committee meetings, too, to take up her time, and fund-raising efforts; a recent bazaar and sale raised £115 for the funds.

Miss Frost was born in High Rodink, Essex, in June, 1897. Of her school-days, she says, "I enjoyed them very much." She left school with great regret.

One thing she did not renew when she came back to Essex was her interest in the Guides and Brownies. Other matters always seemed to take up her time. She has seen Billericay change beyond recognition in many ways. Her first local home is now a factory site!

BILLERICAY O.A.P.
An afternoon of community singing was enjoyed by members of Billericay Branch O.A.P. at their meeting on Wednesday.

A letter of appreciation for floral tributes for Mrs. Wiltshire had been received by the branch from her son. Reports were received from the Branch's sick members; Mrs. King was making progress; Mr. Haydon, Mrs. of South Green's war dead, Lamb and Mr. Potter were the first to offer £10 to the fund.

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These happy people were at Pound Lane Over-60 Club's annual dinner and social, which was held at the Railway Hotel, Pitsea.

Eggs and bacon as prizes



The egg-and-bacon stall was a popular feature of Laindon Park Primary School bazaar held on Friday. About £100 was raised for the school fund and for providing Christmas parties. Parents joined with the school staff in running the bazaar, and the canteen staff provided refreshments. Mr. Lillywhite was Father Christmas.



Basildon Carnival Queen Geraldine Gahan went back to her old school, Swan Mead Junior, to open a Christmas fayre on Saturday. She was welcomed by the Headmaster (Mr. B. A. Goodfellow), and she thanked the school for assisting her fund for handicapped children. One of the pupils, Simon Tompsett, acted as Father Christmas.



This jolly crowd of youngsters were guests of Post Office engineers at Archers Fields at a party held in Ghyllgrove Community Centre, Basildon, on Saturday.



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Barbara Castle told "disregard Council's traffic census figures"

LEE CHAPEL North Community Association, still fighting for pedestrian crossings in their neighbourhood, have rejected traffic census figures produced by Basildon Council.

Labour Leader Coun. Joe Morgan, one of four councillors invited to the meeting on Tuesday, backed them up.

"Obviously the figures produced are wrong," he said, "it's sheer incompetence on the part of the Council officers."

The Ministry base all decisions on whether to allow pedestrian crossings on the traffic census taken by the Council.

Said Coun. Morgan: "There has been a gross miscarriage of truth. On these figures no Minister would allow crossings."

Two other councillors at the meeting, Coun. Colin Ball and Coun. Desmond Savage (both Conservatives) said they thought the figures produced by the Council were wrong.

Association members had no doubts on the matter. "Whoever produced those figures must have been smoking the pot," declared Mr. R. I. Jones, B.E.M. They are absolutely ridiculous. We all sit here and agree that there is a need for crossings, yet after six years I still have to see one."

"These are not realistic figures," said Chairman of the Association Wade L. Vandenberg, "they do not cover the right times."

The Coun. Joe Morgan came in again—"I have asked Barbara Castle at the Ministry of Transport to disregard all the traffic census figures produced by the Council," he said.

"The figures are less than those of other districts where crossings have been turned down," he said and later confirmed that a second application for a crossing in Balders Walk which came out higher than the Council's census, and that they had made a further survey on his request which still had not got the same figures as his.

"Statistics don't interest people who have had children knocked down," said the Chairman, and the Association finally passed a resolution — that there be no more crossings taken and were willing, if requested by the Council, to conduct a further vehicle and pedestrian survey.

"Whatever the result," said the Chairman, "we shall not stop until we get the crossings."

The George Hurd Centre kitchen is already working at full capacity, Coun. Desmond Savage told the meeting.

The Association were discussing an idea that they should serve as an outpost canteen for the George Hurd Centre, a canteen which old people would be able to reach easily.

But Coun. Savage pointed out that the kitchens were already working full blast, and that there was, in fact, a minimum in existence which would be up any old people unable to get to the George Hurd Centre on their own.

Residents who complained about "strangers" cars being parked in the road outside their homes were told: "You can do nothing about it unless they are causing an obstruction."

House owners," Coun. Desmond Savage informed the meeting, "have no control over the road outside."

Membership figures of the Lee Chapel North Community Association have taken a sudden jump. Reason put forward by Chairman Wade L. Vandenberg is the free children's Christmas party offered by the Association. A family with two children, he pointed out at a meeting on Tuesday, gets two free tickets in exchange for one 5s subscription fee—a profit for them.

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SCATHING ATTACK ON LABOUR GOVERNMENT BY THE LABOUR GROUP PRESS OFFICER

A SCATHING attack on the Labour Government and its Ministers came surprisingly this week from Basildon Labour Group's Press Officer Mr. Len Roper. "They are not true Socialists," he claimed.

Mr. Roper, of Whitmore Way, Basildon, accused Ministers of bureaucracy of the kind the Prime Minister promised to stamp out at the start of his term of office at No. 10.

"They are not a Socialist Government to my way of thinking," he said.

Mr. Roper has been raising wrath for two years now over kitchens which had to be altered in an early batch of houses on the Siporex Estate built by the Corporation at Laindon.

One fault was improper earthing of taps which has now been rectified.

His persistent representations resulted in Mr. Wilson ordering the then Minister of Housing, Mr. Richard Crossman, to conduct an inquiry into the alleged misuse of public funds in connection with the repairs.

In April last year he was told in a letter from Mr. R. Mellish (the then Joint Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister) that the unproductive expenditure involved was £3,000.

"It will only be possible to know with complete certainty," wrote Mr. Mellish, "whether any of this will fall upon public funds when the contract is complete and a financial settlement reached."

On completion of the contract, Mr. Roper wrote again to Mr. Mellish's successor, Mr. J. E. Maccoll, M.P., who, in a letter received this week, still failed to give a definite reply to

the question: "Who will pay for the work?"

Although the contract has been completed," said Mr. Maccoll, "the final settlement between the Development Corporation and the contractors has not yet been reached."

"I still cannot say with certainty, therefore, where the extra cost of these fittings will fall, but I have no reason to differ from the earlier view expressed by Mr. Mellish," he wrote.

On receiving the letter, Mr. Roper told the "Standard Recorder" he did not intend to let the matter rest.

"I'm sure they are hoping I'll forget about it in the end, but they are going to be unlucky. I'll get to the bottom of this, however long it takes," he said.

"If no blame can be attached to the Corporation, as stated by the Minister after the investigation, what are they haggling about?"

"Surely it is a straightforward case of the contractor paying for the mistakes. If so, why has it already taken two years to sort out?" asks Mr. Roper.

"This kind of thing makes me boil," he added. "This is the kind of bureaucracy we would not get from a true Socialist Government."

NEWS OF OLD FOLK

GOOD SHOW!

An enjoyable entertainment was provided for members of Lee Chapel South O.F. at their meeting on Wednesday week by Mick Collins and his partners. Members voted it an excellent show, and afterwards Chairman Mr. Simpkins thanked them. Sick members were remembered, and a hearty welcome back went to those returning after a spell of illness. News was received of Mrs. R. Rivett, who is now out of hospital and recovering at home. Birthday honours were sung for Mrs. C. Cornish, Club Secretary. A letter from the Carnival Queen, explaining what she and her Court are doing for the old folk, was read to the members.

EVERYTHING SOLD

A bazaar to help with funds for the Christmas tea party was held last week by members of Laindon Darby and Joan Club. Everything was sold, and stallholders were Mesdames Strutt, Haas, Mason, Lucas and Webb. Mrs. Hawes was welcomed back after illness, three other sick members were sent the good wishes of their colleagues for their recovery. Mrs. Chapman and Miss Fink were tea hostesses, and afterwards Chairman Mr. Hardy thanked everyone for a most successful afternoon.

CHAIRMAN'S THANKS

Mrs. Sheppard presided over the weekly meeting of Laindon Hills Over-Sixties Club on Thursday week. Mrs. Morley and Mr. Bonham were callers for the afternoon's Bingo games. A hearty welcome back went to Mrs. Dellow, returning after sickness; and there was a gift of fruit for her and another member, Mrs. Gristwood, still away sick. Mr. Morley, Secretary, read a letter from Mr. Holland, Club Chairman, still on the sick list in which he thanked everyone for their gifts of flowers and their welcome visits.



£407,000 block of flats at Laindon opened

THE £407,000 block of flats on Basildon Council's King Edward Housing Estate at Laindon, which brought many protests from residents when plans were first disclosed two years ago, were officially opened on Saturday.

In two 10 and eight-storey blocks, the flats dominate their surroundings in King Edward Road, Laindon. They are already occupied and the only work going on at the site is the building of a children's playground.

Chairman of the Council Coun. A. Baron Burn, one of the speakers at the opening ceremony, said this block of flats, "the first the Council has erected," should finally dispel the "Rachman image" normally associated with flats. They are called "Royal Court."

Mr. D. G. Fitzgerald, of Wimpey, Ltd., then presented a golden key to Chairman of the Housing Committee Coun. R. G. Brown, and the party moved upstairs to inspect two of the flats.

In the two blocks there are 32 three-bedroom flats, 64 two-bedroom, all of them supplied with gas warm-air heating, with individual heaters in each flat. Rents for two-bedroom flats are £3 2s. 6d. and for the three-bedroom £3 10s.

Building started little over a year ago, and total cost of the scheme has been £407,000.

SANG AND DANCED

Club pianist Mrs. Meredyd entertained members of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens at their meeting at Pembury Hall on Thursday week. Members sang and danced to a programme of old-time favourites and a happy afternoon was spent by everyone. Two members received musical birthday honours, and provided cakes for their colleagues. Mrs. Mead, Mrs. Negus and Mrs. Cartwright collected various funds and sold raffle tickets; Mrs. Twinn and helpers served the tea.

NEW MEMBERS

Silent tribute was paid for one of Pitsea No. 1 branch's oldest members, Mrs. Bond, of Purvis Avenue, Pitsea, at their meeting on Tuesday. Two new members, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, were welcomed to the branch; birthday honours were accorded to Mrs. Best.

Mr. Williams was reported to be improving in health; Mrs. Williams was given a hearty welcome back. Mr. and Mrs. Frank White gave members the usual excellent programme of music. Tea was served by Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. B. White, Mrs. Carney and Mrs. Gulliver.

SAW "GHOSTS"

The Billericay branch of the Workers' Education Association went for a social evening last Friday to see the Ipswich play "Ghosts." The play was produced by the Civic Theatre, Chelmsford.

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YARDLEY PLAYERS TRIUMPH

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This production by Christopher Hodges of Phillip Mackie's off-beat "whodunnit" gave much pleasure to many people. The fact that most of the cast seemed completely at home in their parts showed that their rehearsals must have been constant and thorough.

At least one of them, Terry Earl, in the role of Constable Briggs, was working under great difficulty; he was in considerable pain with a complaint affecting the nerves of his back. However, he upheld the old tradition of "the show must go on," with fortitude and gave a credible and creditable performance.

Tony Wyatt as Inspector Brett, to my mind, stole the show. This is his first appearance with the Yardley Players, and his portrayal of a painstaking, down-to-earth Policeman with no time for fairy tales, but enough imagination to check even the silliest-sounding details, was exceedingly good.

Another happy choice was Christine Wass, whose cameo of a stolid, insular Dutch au pair with a passion for the exact truth which brings her to a sticky end, drew more than one ripple of laughter. This was more than welcome in a tense, taut action.

Tom Trayner, the Players' most seasoned actor, did well in the difficult part of a plausible villain; Fred Tokeley as Lewis Paulton, caught in a maze of falsehood, seemed a little too eager to put his neck in the noose, although this could have been the fault of the playwright! Jean Jordan was an attractive harpy, though her hand movements were a little wild and unschooled.

The play's action took place on an evening in 1965, before the abolition of the Hanging Bill.

Full cast was: Deenie, Christine Wass; Lewis Paulton, Fred Tokeley; Brenda Paulton, Maise Wright; Carliss, Tom Trayner; a visitor, Jean Jordan; Briggs, Terry Earl; Inspector Brett, Tony Wyatt; Sergeant Petty, Des Harkness.

Box Office Manager, Tony Thompson; Stage Manager, Gerry Dobbs; Production Secretary, Pat Wager; make-up, Jean Tierney and Mavis Thompson.

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Gripping and impressive, "The Bridge on the River Kwai" (Monday for six days) is a World War II melodrama which pivots mainly on the aim of an English colonel to prove to the Japanese that his men, who are prisoners of war, can build bridges better than their captors. He discovers he has inadvertently aided the Japs by co-operating in the construction of a strategic bridge and the action ends with a terrific climax.

Ritz, Billericay

Sunday for four days, "A Guide for the Married Man," is a sophisticated comedy about a happy husband who didn't want to be unfaithful. Married for twelve years and still in love with his wife, he none the less finds himself disturbed by the attractive curves of other women.

Radion, Laindon

"Psychological murder thriller," "Stranger in the House" (showing Sunday and Monday) tells the story of a once-famous barrister, since his wife left him and their daughter he has lived a withdrawn existence in a very large house.

"Pistol for Ringo" (Tuesday and Wednesday) is a western drama set on the Mexican border. A group of desperadoes cross the Mexican border and raid the bank in a small village leaving a trail of death behind them.

"Death Drums Along the River" (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) is a diamond-smuggling adventure based on Edgar Wallace's well-known "Sauders of the River".

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"The Way West" (one week) is a wagon-train adventure set in the early days of 1843. Caravan of pioneers leaves Missouri for Oregon, with visions of building vast new towns at journey's end, but the conflict which rages between the leaders, combined with Indian warfare, produces much hardship for the members of the wagon train.

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ROADS NAMED

A road and footpath on the Hallmark Estate, Wickford, are to be named Ozonia Way and Ozonia Walk, Basildon Council's Works Committee have decided. They are likely to become highways maintainable at public expense.

ANSWERED

In the House of Commons on Friday, Billericay M.P. Eric Moonman asked the Minister of Transport when the White Paper on Passenger Transport will be published. Mrs. Barbara Castle told him: "This week."

COFFEE EVENING

About £25 was raised by a coffee evening in aid of "War on Want" organised by Billericay Inner Wheel on Saturday at the High Street home of Rotarian Dr. and Mrs. F. Rillstone. The money will be used in an Indian village where wells for water and bullocks to work implements are urgently needed. The evening was well attended by Inner Wheel members, their Rotarian husbands and visitors from neighbouring clubs.

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WICKFORD COMMUNITY PLAYERS ARE IN REHEARSAL FOR "DO NOT SPIT ON THE STAIRS" — AN ORIGINAL PLAY WRITTEN BY MR. TERRY DALY.

COUNCIL HOUSES TO COMPLY

A RECENT smoke control order made by Basildon Council for the Billericay area has brought to light seven council houses in Grange Road which will not comply when the order comes into effect in October, 1968.

The houses were built before the last war and the Housing Committee have now approved in principle adapting the fireplaces in the houses to comply, and also to improve the properties, some of which lack proper bathroom facilities.

Outsiders?—not on this housing committee!

OUTSIDE REPRESENTATION on the Joint Council/Corporation Housing Management Advisory Committee has been spurned by the two authorities.

So far no attempt has been made to appoint people to the Committee, other than Council or Corporation members as originally suggested last year by the then Joint Parliamentary Secretary

to the Minister of Housing, Mr. Robert Mellish.

Mr. Mellish put forward the idea when he met the two authorities in Basildon to "iron out" a plan for closer liaison.

At a Press conference he made particular play on the role which might be played on the joint housing committee by people not tied to either authority. He suggested two would be a convenient number.

Mr. Mellish made the same statement at Harlow where it was taken up. From all reports it is working well.

A few months ago when the matter was raised with Mr. Mellish he alleged he had said the committee "might" contain two outside persons.

"It is, of course, for the Corporation and the Council to decide whether to follow this suggestion and if so the sort of people that might be brought in," he wrote.

A Basildon man who believes it would be a good thing for the New Town if the outsiders were appointed is Labour Group Press Officer, Mr. Len Roper.

"Under the closed shop system being operated things can be hushed up," he claims. "Outsiders would bring a bit of fresh air to the discussions and keep the two authorities on their toes."

"But it is obvious to me

that the Corporation do not want their peace disturbed."

"At the moment the Board members are glorified rubber stamps and they are getting paid £500 a year for it."

"In one way it would be a good thing," says Mr. Roper, "if Basildon's expansion plan is not approved. Then the Corporation could be wound up and the town taken over by councillors who are responsible and answerable to the public."

A "ROYAL" OPENING

"I OWE this school such a lot — they gave me a most generous donation, and helped me with my charity walk!"

Opening Swan Mead Junior School bazaar on Saturday Carnival Queen Geraldine Gahan paid tribute to the school for their assistance with her fund for handicapped children.

She was introduced by Headmaster Mr. B. A. Goodell, and was afterwards presented by him with a gift to mark the occasion.

The bazaar was held in the assembly hall, refreshments and slideshows were in various classrooms. A good part of the attractive display of merchandise was made by teachers and others connected in some way with the school; other things were made by children and parents.

The important role of Father Christmas was taken by one of the boys, Simon Tompkins, staff and school helpers manned the stalls, and children ran various games. Mrs. B. Prior made and presented a magnificent rag doll, to be raffled.

Another wonderful effort was made by Mrs. E. Sparrow, who personally knitted 60 pairs of babies' booties! Mrs. E. Read made a large quantity of cakes, and was the judge in a competition to find the best table centre and cake decoration.

The final takings were about £20, which, when added to the proceeds of the Jumble sale last week, brought a total of £102 for school funds.

He drove "under the influence"

CYRIL WILSON (32), of Thackeray Row, Wickford, pleaded guilty to driving under the influence of drink and was fined £25 and disqualified for driving for 12 months at Billericay on Tuesday.

He was ordered to pay £8 17s. doctor's fee and two guineas costs at £2 a week with two months imprisonment in default.

Prosecuting, Mr. J. Lavelle said P.C. Rooney went to Northlands Drive, Pitsea, where he saw a car on the nearside of the road with another car, driven by Wilson across it at an angle.

Wilson started to drive

away, but stopped when P.C. Rooney stepped in front of it.

Wilson got out with difficulty and had trouble in standing.

Tests showed he had drunk the equivalent of 6½ pints of beer or 13 whiskies which, said Mr. Lavelle, was about three times the present maximum.

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OUR PHOTOGRAPHER DAVE COOK FOUND MEMBERS OF KINGSWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IN A CONTINENTAL MOOD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY.

A Christmas dinner that nearly wasn't!

MEMBERS of Ghyllgrave O.A.P. had a most enjoyable Christmas dinner and party on Monday — but they very nearly didn't!

When club officers and catering staff arrived to get everything ready they found the kitchen in a shambles. There was a huge hole in the wall and brick dust everywhere — the builders were pulling it down preparatory to putting a new one as of the hall extension.

However, the workmen, who had not been told about the party, rallied round nobly — they stopped knocking down the walls and set to cleaning up the rubble and dust. Soon the kitchen, if not spick and span, was at least clean and usable again.

Said Social Secretary Mrs. A. Manning: "It was a terrible shock!" The party was booked nine months ago, but apparently it had been overlooked when the builders were told to go ahead and make a new kitchen. "I never thought the old people would get their dinner at all!" Mrs. Manning went on. "The caterer, Mrs. Luck, comes from Barking, and, of course, knew nothing about all this till she arrived."

However, all was well that ended well — and a splendid time was had by all.

Alleged boy thieves painted swastikas on bungalow wall

SWASTIKAS WERE painted on the walls of a room of a bungalow in Glebe Road, Ramsden Bellhouse, by alleged boy thieves, and, because it was consistent with other break-in offences in the area, Police kept watch.

This resulted in two boys, one aged 16, the other 15, appearing at Billericay on Tuesday.

They admitted breaking into the bungalow and stealing articles belonging to Mr. John Lyons.

Both boys were remanded for reports until December 18th, the elder in custody.

Det-Con. John Powell said Mr. and Mrs. Lyons were preparing to move into the bungalow and had put furniture in on Thursday. They left the premises and later it was found entry had been made by breaking a kitchen window in the rear.

There were muddy footmarks all over carpets, and swastikas had been painted on the walls of one room.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons could not move in when they wanted to because repainting had to be done, said Det-Con. Powell.

He said that the facts were consistent with other break-in offences in the area and he had kept observation, and on Monday night he stopped one of the boys in Church Road. The other made off on a bicycle.

Cycling four abreast

CHILD cyclists leaving the Mayflower School, Billericay, have been seen riding four abreast without lights. It was reported at a Billericay Residents' Association meeting on Friday.

"Traffic is thrown into confusion and they are a danger to themselves and other road users. Something must be done about it," said Mr. Roy Hems.

The Association resolved to ask the Chief Constable and Headmaster, Mr. A. Bickerstaff, to point out the dangers to the children.

CONVICTION STANDS, BUT DRIVING BAN REMOVED

EDWIN Charles Pratt (43), of Western Road, Billericay, lost his appeal to Essex Quarter Sessions on Monday against conviction at Chelmsford on a charge of using a motor car in a dangerous condition.

But his appeal against sentence — a fine of £5, licence endorsement and disqualification from driving for six months — was successful to the extent that the Court decided to remove the driving ban. He was ordered to pay the costs of his appeal against conviction.

P.C. Robert Miller said he stopped appellant, who was driving a Simba Papier car, at Stock. He noticed that the front offside wing and door of the vehicle were badly damaged. The leading edge of the door was bent outwards for about two inches and was heated and rusty, a condition which witnesses considered was dangerous.

Called by appellant, the sales director of a car sales firm said he examined the damage and did not consider it was in any way dangerous. The damage did not protrude more than the front bumper.

Applying against the sentence, Pratt said he needed his car in connection with his retail business at Wundsworth. Also his father, who lived with him, was an invalid who could get out of doors only when he (appellant) could take him in his car.

Announcing that the driving disqualification would be removed, the Deputy Chairman, Mr. J. B. Roberts, said it was felt there were mitigating circumstances, adding that offence itself was not one of the worst of its kind.

CAR STOLEN
A grey Hillman Minx owned by Mr. Herbert Day of Great Knights, Basildon, was stolen from Broad, Limited, car park, Basildon, on Tuesday.

Council 'No' to offer

NO ACTION is to be taken by Basildon Council on a "package deal" offer by a firm of builders and civil engineers from Brentwood to provide an old people's housing scheme in Billericay.

The Housing Committee were told that the offer was that the firm would acquire a site, obtain planning permission for the scheme, carry out all the necessary design and costing works and then the Council would be offered the project at a price to be agreed between them and the firm.

The price would include site acquisition costs and all works on the site.

TV TAKEN
Someone walked off with a portable television set from Civic Radio's shop in East Walk, Basildon, on Saturday. It was found to be missing when the shop closed.

Free flowers

BASILDON Council will provide floral decorations free of charge at two out of four flower shows to be organised by Wickford Horticultural and Allotments Society in 1968.

BUTTSBURY CLINIC

The clinic in the church hall in Perry Street, Buttsbury, Billericay, is open only to sell welfare foods on the second Wednesday of each month owing to staff shortage.

SHOTGATE W.I.

"A Little Imagination" was the subject of a humorous sketch by members of Shotgate Women's Institute at a Christmas social on Monday. About 40 members and guests attended. There was a Christmas cake made by Mrs. Benyon, and prizes were awarded for the best floral decorations ornamenting the tea tables. The Institute have a link with a branch of the Country Women of the World Association at Galore, New South Wales, Australia, and Shotgate President Mrs. Austin reported on a letter she had received from them. Mrs. Manderson and Mrs. Parkinson were each presented with a box of handkerchiefs for their willing service as tea hostesses during the year.



THIS IMPRESSIVE NATIVITY SCENE WAS PART OF AN ENTERTAINMENT AT FAIRHOUSE INFANTS' SCHOOL ON TUESDAY. NEXT WEEK WE WILL PUBLISH PICTURES OF OTHER SCHOOLS' NATIVITY PLAYS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.



Swan Mead Infants' School held a sale of dolls in the school hall on Wednesday.

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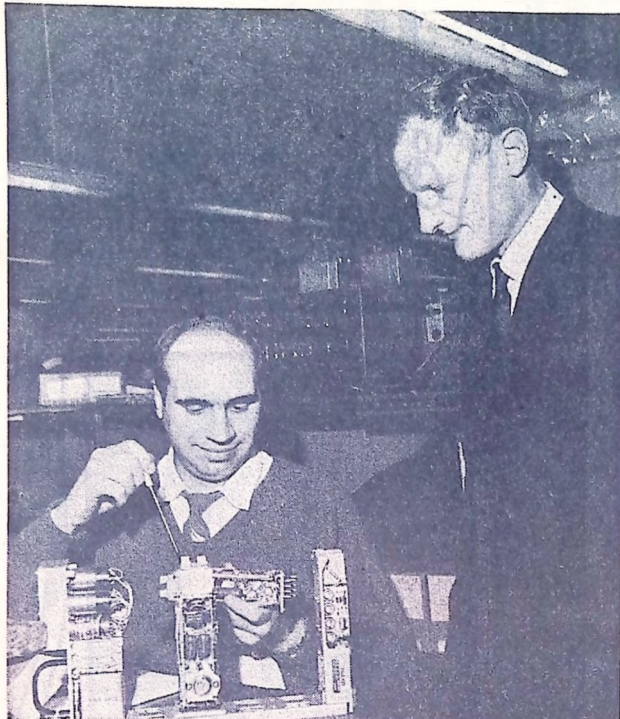
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FACTORY GOSSIP



Pretty Dress —a secret

The PRETTY Dress Company of Cranes Close will be holding their usual Christmas celebrations with a function at the Fryerns Community Centre on December 16th.

Last year, after awards and prizes had been judged, well-known disc-jockey Pete Murray made presentations at the dance.

This year, judging of individual and bench awards will take place on December 15th. There will be a celebrity, but his or her identity is still secret says Company spokesman Mr. L. Barnett.

Send us your news

Please send it to our office at 10, Southernhay, Basildon, or 72, High Street, Billericay.

Our photographers will be pleased to make appointments for photographs.



Love songs are his speciality

MODELLING THE cars of the future is Mr. Terry Fletcher (34), of Mount Road, Wickford. In the daytime he works with clay designing interior components, but in his free time works with words and music composing songs. He is seen above.

Mr. Fletcher has lived in Wickford for seven years. He moved from Gidea Park when he joined the Ford Research Centre at Dunton. He had previously been a dental technician.

Mr. Fletcher's main interest is drama. "In fact it is more a way of life," he said. "I spend a lot of my time with the Wickford Community Association Players, which I have belonged to for two years. In this time I have only spent about four nights at home."

In the past three months Mr. Fletcher has written 10 songs for the play "Do Not Spit on the Stairs," which has been written by Players colleague Terence Daly.

"I started writing songs ten years ago," said Mr.

Fletcher. "I did one or two a year, when I felt like it. I like writing love songs, but don't get much chance, and nobody wants to hear them anyway."

All the material in the play is original, and the songs have been made to fit in naturally with the story. "It wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be," said Mr. Fletcher, who has had no musical training. "I have developed a system of writing my own music, and it gets the results I want. Most of the cast seem to be able to under stand it."

Mr. Fletcher has two children, Mathew (5) and Erica (3). His wife, Mavis (30), is a "tremendous help," and does a great deal of listening, criticising and typing.

£100,000 MARCONI ORDER FROM SOUTHEND

Golden eyes

TWO MEN with "golden eyes" at Basildon Ford Plants this week. Ted Turner's golden eye spotted a quicker way of cutting gears. He put the idea in the factory suggestion scheme box and won £68.

In the Product Evaluation and Test Department Harry Hadfield's "golden eye" was saved by safety specs. He was blowing out a cylinder block when a nut exploded, shattering the lens of the specs. He now belongs to the Golden Eye Club and is entitled to wear the badge and tie.

AN ORDER for £100,000's worth of electronic navigation equipment has been won by Marconi of Basildon from Channel Airways at Southend.

The new equipment will be installed in new Trident aircraft being bought from Hawker Siddeley.

The aids provide basic guidance information for an automatic landing system. They define the runway centreline and glideslope position for the autopilot throughout the approach and flareout. Marconi have also won a larger order—£1M.—for the equipment from the Russians.

Pictured above with the new navigation aid is Mr. Eric Byatt, of Pitsea, who has responsibility for first inspection. With him is Mr. Roy Sharples, in charge of production and assembly.



Alan Knibb

he was among finalists in an apprentice competition at the Building Exhibition. The course he is taking is arranged by the London Area Committee of the Heating, Ventilation and Domestic Engineers' National Joint Industrial Council.

Alan is a son of Eric Knibb, Basildon's Market Pavement ironmonger.

Retired

Mrs. F. E. Graham, of the Leaf Department at Carreras, retired on Monday after 25 years with the firm. At her official retirement ceremony Mrs. Graham was presented with an electric mixer. Mrs. Graham's husband, who also works at Carreras, is in the Leaf Sampling Department.

Printing at Wickford

THE WICKFORD Press, of London Road, Wickford, are one of the few fully-automated general printing firms in the area.

Bought by Mr. J. W. Payne and his son, Mr. H. G. Payne, 18 months ago the Company now have 10 employees and a capacity for a 35 to 40 per cent increase in business.

The Paynes used to have a business at Barking, but the local town and country planning authority would not allow them to expand, so they decided to move to Wickford.

Since they have been operating at Wickford they have bought several small offset litho machines and mechanical setting equipment, and now have a fairly modern printing plant.

As well as being printers they are contacts for other supporting services. "They don't turn any job away if they can do it."

Mr. J. W. Payne first started up business on his own with one machine when he left the Army in 1946. He gained his printing experience working for Waterlows.

"We now do general and commercial printing for many big industrial concerns in Wickford and Basildon, and we also have many London customers. A lot of our work is for personal friends," he said.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN VISITS YARDLEY'S FACTORY



The Chairman of Basildon Council (Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P.), Town Manager Mr. David Taylor and their wives were taken on a conducted tour of Yardleys factory last week.

PRESS OPERATORS AT WORK



At work at the Wickford Press are Mr. R. Gates and Mr. S. Duligall. Working on the stone in the background is Mr. J. Young.

He's a top student

REGISTERED apprentice at the Watkin Heating Company, Southend, Alan Knibb is a top student in heating, ventilation and domestic engineering.

To prove it, Alan, who lives in Nevendon Road, Basildon, has a silver medal, the highest award he can obtain. He has worked with the Watkin Company as an apprentice for three years. Last year he received a book token and certificate for being the most successful apprentice in the course. Earlier this year he passed with first class honours the City and Guilds Examination. For this he received the silver medal. The citation was for the most successful apprentice of the City and Guilds Examinations. Since then, his employers, in recognition of his work, have presented him with an engraved clock. To crown his success last week

CHILDREN'S PAGE

They all brought gifts for our appeal



PUPILS OF the Gillian Farr School of Dancing made this magnificent gift of groceries to our Christmas appeal on Monday. They all brought their offerings along to dancing class on Monday night, and Kingswood Community Centre began to look like a supermarket!

THIS IS OUR FIRST ACTUAL GIFT OF GROCERIES, ALTHOUGH, OF COURSE, WE HAVE OFFERS OF MANY MORE. WE ARE MORE THAN GRATEFUL TO MISS FARR, WHO ARRANGED THE COLLECTION FOR US. WE KNOW HOW BUSY A DANCING SCHOOL IS JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND THIS WAS A REALLY SPLENDID EFFORT.

Miss Farr also arranged the picture seen above and afterwards the girls helped to pack all the goodies into two huge cartons.

I would like to say thank you to the gentlemen of the Table Tennis Club who were kept waiting for their game while we photographed the children. They never scrambled once (at least, not so that I could hear!) and helped to carry the "load" down some very steep stairs and stow it in the boot of my little car. I was really very grateful because I could not lift the boxes, let alone carry them!

Thank you very much, gentlemen, and I hope you enjoyed your belated game, and, of course, a really huge thank you to Miss Farr and her girls. I am sure you will all be pleased to know you have done something to make the old folk's Christmas a little brighter.

Appeal thanks

OUR GRATEFUL THANKS ARE DUE THIS WEEK TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:—

Mr. Gollanders, manager of F. W. Woolworth and Co., Basildon, for his generous gift of carrier bags for our parcels.

Mr. Stanley Caldwell, photographer, of Retendon View, Wickford, for a donation of 10 shillings.

Mrs. V. Carter, of Tinkler Side, Basildon, for a donation of one guinea in gratitude to the Happy Pals for helping to find her beloved cat.

Mrs. Ratcliffe for a gift of toys.

Laindon Park Primary School are also assisting our appeal. There are now nine schools in the area who are sharing their efforts to bring happiness to old people and children at Christmas.

GREETINGS

VERY MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Steven Lewsey, of St. Mary's Crescent, Pitsea, 12; Hazel Anne Matheson, of Rectory Road, Pitsea, six; Janet Hartgrove, of Kathleen Ferrier Crescent, Laindon, 13; Daniel Bloomfield, of Perry Street, Billericay, 11; Ann Attridge, of Kingsway, Billericay, 13; Dean Ronald Palmer, of London Road, Wickford, seven; and Jennifer Davies, of Plumberow, Basildon, six, all on December 8th. Bernard Searle, of Perry Street, Billericay, 14; Stephen Patrick Bruce, of Walton Court, Laindon, 14; Steven Young, of Hickstars Lane, South Green, five; Peter Brock, of Burnt Mills Road, Basildon, nine; and Stephen Terence Carter, of High Road, Langdon Hills, seven, all on December 9th; Kevin James, of Kathleen Ferrier Crescent, Laindon, nine; Stuart Roy Gray, of Farm Cottages, Dry Street, Langdon Hills, eight; and Sharon Helkin, of Ballards Walk, Basildon, 10, all on December 10th.

Perry Stanbrook, of Waldegrave, Basildon, age not known; Linda Heard, of Matching Green, Basildon, 12; John Whitefield, of Sparrows Herne, Basildon, nine; Carol Ann Robertson, of Devonshire Road, Laindon, eight; Howard Phillips, of Rokells, Basildon, 12; and Alison Hart, of Perry Street, Billericay, 14, all on December 11th; Keith Chapman, of Plumberow, Basildon, nine; Dawn Alison Burnett, of Furrowfelde, Basildon, four; Yvonne Ward, of the Frennels, Basildon, age not known, all on December 12th.

Terry Clarke, of Church Road, Laindon, 10; and Robert Hughes, of Mistley Side, Basildon, eight, both on December 13th; Stephen John Holloway, of Longfield Road, Shotgate, 11; David Harris, of Norwood End, Basildon, eight; Lorraine Barber, of South-end Road, Wickford, eight; and Adam Higgins, of The Lynga, Basildon, four.

So many clever Happy Pals

I HAVE seen lots of you just lately at your school bazaars and I have been very impressed with all the pretty and useful things you made for them.

Knitted things, examples of needlework, little table mats made from wood, all kinds of calendars—there seems to be no end to the things you can make when you try!

Some of the prettiest are also some of the simplest. I saw some lovely calendars, made with sprays of leaves. The leaves were stuck very carefully on thin card, and painted here and there with splashes of gum, on to which had been shaken some artificial frost. Then the calendar was fixed on to the bottom, and a loop attached to the top to hang the whole thing up. One of the most effective ones was made with a spray of copper beech leaves; it looked really good.

Another idea which attracted me was a whole series of small, flat pots, the lids of which had been nicely decorated with little shells. The shells were gummed into place and painted in pastel colours; and they were very pretty indeed.

At yet another school bazaar I saw some mouth-watering home-made sweets. I cannot think how you man-



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ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL HEAD BOY'S DISTINCTION

A SOUND junior school education will be even more essential when State-run secondary schools are all comprehensive. The ultimate abolition of the 11-plus merely removes selection from the top end of the primary school to the bottom end of the secondary school, said a Billericay headmaster on Saturday.

In his report at St. John's School's annual speech day at the Archer Hall Mr. Knibbs referred to the school as a specialist school with two sections.

His junior school admitted pupils once a year at the age of five in strict order of the waiting list irrespective of ability. "Our aim is to give each child a sound, broad-based foundation of education," he said.

Their staffing policy over the past year had enabled them to teach reading in groups of 12 pupils per teacher and to introduce remedial work in even smaller groups.

Television

Appropriate television lessons had been introduced and attractive new text books and fresh approaches had been provided for history and geography. A new reading laboratory was in use and in music they were concentrating on the instrumental side rather than class singing lessons.

Mr. Knibbs went on: "In the meantime our results in the revised 11-plus selection procedure were 40 per cent of the pupils in the appropriate age group, which is double the county average. Moreover, our kindergarten waiting list is fuller than ever and it is necessary to think three years ahead to make sure of a place."

Turning to the second specialist function of St. John's, he said the senior department gave a broad education to those pupils who were of only average intelligence.

"This is a most rewarding group to teach. The brilliant child will succeed in spite of his teacher. Our calibre of pupil has to rely on good teaching for his success. Our academic results show that we succeeded in our task. For the second year in succession every fourth year pupil gained a certificate in the College of Precursors examination. In the G.C.E. examination the fifth year pupils gained an average of 5.2 subject passes. Eight candidates passed in eight or more subjects. There were 31 subjects passed at Grade I, the distinction level, and there were very few bar passes."

These results, said Mr. Knibbs, were not achieved by

las Hammond (8), Ian Hayler (8), Timothy Hobday (8), Jane van Lennep (10), Hilary Lock (11), John London (7), Ingrid Nee (11), David Pate (10), Colin Pampin (6), Maureen Pollitt (8), Linda Saward (10), Derek Seager (8), John Taylor (8), Lesley Tyler (9), Alison Walling (9), James Young (7).

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION: Diana Bacon, Mary Jubb, Lynne Madden, Patricia Helliwell, Susan Spencer, Philippa Wright, Martin Davies, Jillian Purle, Jacqueline Stanford, Peter Chandler, Susan Abbott, Christopher Davies, Garry Fountain, Susan Rodkinson, Selina Williams, Nicholas Travers, Lesley Newson, Paul Cross, Malcolm Harrison, Robert Johnston, John Macrae, Ian Perkins, David Wenman, Caroline Chapman, Linda Pugh, Eunice Lane and Anthony Hallows.

WHITBREAD MEMORIAL PRIZE: Patrick Bowler.

HEADMASTER'S PRIZE: Ian Johnston and Eunice Lane.

CUP: Geography Cup: Malcolm Harrison. Cup for best G.C.E. result: Anthony Hallows. Championship Shield for work: Somerville House.

Best result

He noted that the Head Boy for 1966-67 (Patrick Bowler) had achieved the best G.C.E. results of any independent school in England and Wales and had been awarded the Whitbread Memorial prize by the Independent Schools' Association.

During the year a modern science laboratory and junior school classroom had been built, and the old science room was being adapted for an art and craft room.

Prizes were presented by Rev. E. A. Shipman, Rural Dean of Newham.

Mr. Shipman said young people today had a far more difficult time than the older generation. "Our young people are worth everything we can do for them," he said.

PRIZE LIST

PRIZES FOR ACHIEVEMENT: Lewy Harwood, Ian Thomson, David Parker-Smith, Caryn Buitenhuis, Holly Johnson, Evelyn Hyman, Elizabeth Pace, Catherine Lewington, Richard Grahman, Gay Clayton, John van Lennep.

PRIZES FOR DILIGENCE: Bruce Mascall, Peter Mallinson, Deborah Smith, Paul Dipper, Margaret Morley, Elizabeth Towers, Roger Hobday, Graham Weann, Gwyneth Bloomfield, Paul Dale.

SUBJECT PRIZES: Junior School: Elaine Ibbotson, Linda Banks, Alison Huttly, Stephen Harrington, Martin Stark, Janette Fountain. Senior School: Eunice Lane, David Wenman, Nicholas Moore, Gerald Funnell, Hilary Lock, Maureen Pollitt, Gay Clayton, Lesley Tyler, Jane van Lennep, Alison Walling, Janet Cooper, Ingrid Nee, Gillian Keen, Cheryl Dewis.

EXAMINATIONS: Guild, Drama, Music, and Music examinations. Speech and Drama Grade I: Elaine Muncy, Anna Kim, Kim Chan, Gwyneth Knibbs (merit), John Parker-Smith, Christopher Walling, Holly Johnson (merit).

Royal Drawing Society exhibition: Stephen Addy (prize), Eric Wollaston (prize), Burrell, J. Mascall, H. Johnson, M. Venney, L. Dewis, K. Buitenhuis, I. Dunlop, G. Keen, E. Lewington, I. Huttly (highly commended certificates).

COLLEGE OF PRECURSORS CERTIFICATE: Ian Allen (6), Helen Bridges (8), Christopher Bylett (8), David Cutton (7), Daniel Chapman (8), Gay Clayton (10), Janet Cooper (10), John Cury (8), Paul Dale (8), Virginia Ellis (9), Rosemary Freeman (9), Sally Gower (8), Philip Guthrie (7), Nichol

St. John's School, Billericay, held their speech day at the Archer Memorial Hall, Billericay, on Saturday afternoon. Our picture shows the school choir who entertained.

Brains trust

THERE WILL be a full house at the Co-op Hall, Billericay, on Sunday (December 10th) when a number of Left-Wing M.P.s arrive to take part in a political brains trust.

The meeting will be open to the public and is jointly organised by the Billericay Constituency Labour Party and "Tribune" the Left-Wing weekly.

Question - master will be Ian Mikardo.

Craftsman— but no idea of business

AFTER a client alleged poor materials and workmanship, a Laindon builder and decorator promised to repay her £2,080 of bills totalling £2,300.

The decision led to bankruptcy and at his public examination at Southend Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday the builder, Mr. Stanley Walter Green (40), of Devonshire Road, Laindon, admitted a deficiency of £2,276.

The father-of-eight took no legal advice when the client, a Mrs. Solomon, took action and instructed quantity surveyors. "I couldn't afford to be represented," he told the Registrar.

He signed a promissory note for the amount claimed and agreed to pay it at £25 a month and interest.

He failed to pay any instalments. Mrs. Solomon obtained judgment against him and the bankruptcy proceedings followed.

Mr. Green was a £25-a-week building labourer when he used his £200 savings in 1962 to start his own business. Now unemployed, he said he was paying £2 each week for the benefit of his creditors.

"You should never have started in business," said the Registrar (Mr. F. G. Hales).

"I have no doubt you were a very good craftsman, but you had no idea how to run a business."

"What really caused your downfall was this dispute between you and Mrs. Solomon, and unfortunately you didn't obtain legal aid. It does seem fantastic you overcharged her to the extent given here, but those are the figures you agreed."

Stole £70

THIEVES who broke into Gale, Brown and Company's accountants' office in Billericay High Street on Friday got away with about £70 from a safe. Entry to the premises, which are opposite the Police Station, was made through a rear window.

Trouble when he lit cigarette on a bus

George Clack got on a bus at Pitsea and sat in the lower deck and lit a cigarette.

He was asked by the conductor to put it out, but used an obscene expression, said Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting, at Billericay on Tuesday.

Clack (64), of St. Mary's Avenue, Pitsea, pleaded guilty to using obscene language on a bus and smoking a cigarette on a bus.

He was conditionally discharged for 12 months and was ordered to pay costs of £4 15s. 6d. at five shillings a week.

"I don't remember a lot about it. I had too much to drink," Clack told the Court.

Elizeth Arden
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LONDON CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY



Members of the Basildon Trefoil Guild held their Christmas social last week at Graylands Clinic, Basildon. Their guests came from other Trefoil Guilds, at Stanford-le-Hope, Chelmsford and Hornchurch. There were refreshments and party games and, of course, the usual "real good natter" that ex-Guides everywhere always enjoy. Altogether there were about 45 guests. During a most enjoyable evening the County Recorder for Essex East (Mrs. W. Wall) gave a very funny monologue, and Miss Wilkinson played the accordion. A raffle was held to raise funds towards the Guild's charity project—the League of Friends of Basildon Hospital and brought in about £2 15s.



The 1st Basildon Scout Group held a party for boys and parents at their headquarters in Holden Gardens on Saturday. In the picture above are (left to right) Mrs. L. Couch (Baloo), Andrew Sykes (Scout of the Year), Akela Carolyn Lambert, Group Scout Leader C. Connolly and Cub Scout Andrew Mansfield (Cub Scout of the Year).



Ghyllgrove Junior School held their Christmas bazaar on Friday evening in the school hall. Our picture above shows Janet Goodwin (8) being weighed and measured by Adrian Middleditch and David Willett, both 10.



The Women's Institute Floral Arrangement Group, Billericay, held a coffee morning and sale of Christmas decorations at the Women's Institute Hall, Billericay. Our picture shows some of the members who made and sold the decorations—Joyce Gordon, Joyce Brown, Daphne Allen and Evelyn Smith.



Obviously very popular is Mrs. V. A. Hardy, who is coaching members of the Advanced Section of the Basildon Schools' Swimming Association.

COUNCILLOR CENSURED FOR RELIEF ROAD LEAK

THE WICKFORD Inner Relief Road controversy exploded into a fiery 90-minute debate at Basildon Council's meeting on Thursday when Coun. Ken Tyson, accused of leaking confidential information to the Press, was censured for "irresponsible conduct."

"You're a blooming blabbermouth," Coun. Reg Brown, Housing Chairman, shouted bitterly across the Chamber at Coun. Tyson.

Labour councillors, however, said that Coun. Tyson should be "congratulated" for exposing the plan.

The row followed a newspaper report of Coun. Tyson's allegation that "wholesale demolitions" will take place when the Wickford Inner Relief Road is built. Coun. Tyson based his accusations on a draft plan of the scheme.

He claims that a large number of homes, part of Wickford Junior School and the Salvation Army Citadel will have to be demolished if the Council intend implementing the scheme on the lines of the draft plan.

Deplored

The motion of censure, put by Coun. Brown, read: "This Council deplores the irresponsible conduct of Coun. Tyson in passing to the Press, namely the 'Wickford Standard-Recorder', unsubstantiated information, well knowing that such information would cause needless concern, apprehension and unrest to a section of the Wickford community."

"This Council now declares that Coun. Tyson be hereby censured for his action." The motion was carried.

Private

Leader of the Council Anthony Stockley pointed out that Coun. Tyson was given the map because he asked for an aerial survey which the Council had taken.

"Had he asked for the map in connection with the Wickford Inner Relief Road," he said, "he knows full well that it would have been marked 'private and confidential'."

He added: "As for congratulating him, it is bordering on the ludicrous."

Coun. James Lyon pointed out that the controversy was over the Town Centre proposals, and that these were not scheduled to start for many years yet. "This Council has suffered much over the past year by premature exposures to the Press and this has only been brought about by our irresponsible Opposition."

Coun. Alf Dove, who suggested the amendment that Coun. Tyson should be congratulated, said it was a "snide resolution."

"Coun. Tyson felt he was doing his best and was justified in giving the Press information which he had not been told was highly confidential."

"Councillors see the staff and officers of the Council nearly every day to get information. Unless they say it is highly confidential, we are entitled to give it to the public."

Coun. Stockley was then asked by three members of the opposi-

tion to state publicly that the draft proposals could not be implemented.

No plan

"How can I when there are no firm proposals to deny?" he returned. "I can make no firm denial—and the opposition know it because there is no firm plan."

But he went on to add that some properties "are obviously going to be affected" although the planners would avoid unnecessary inconvenience.

Coun. Tyson detailed the events that led up to his discovery of "wholesale demolitions" in Wickford and pointed out that the map he was given was not marked confidential.

He added that he was also given a letter which stated that 52 acres of land was involved in the survey. That is no mean sum," he declared.

Coun. Tyson summed up to a loud roar of cheers from his supporters: "Regardless of what the Tories say, the people of Wickford know I have done the right thing. And you can pass as many votes of censure as you like."

Councillor thanked

Coun. Ken Tyson, who was censured by Basildon Council for "leaking" information to the "Standard-Recorder" regarding proposed demolitions when the Wickford Inner Relief Road is built, has received letters and phone calls from Wickford residents thanking him for "revealing the facts."

"It's encouraging to know," said Mr. Tyson, "that the people appreciate a watch dog who is looking after their interests. I've had about half-a-dozen phone calls and two letters. The letters and phone calls I've had have all thanked me for letting the people in Wickford know what's happening."

Walk made over £280

BILLERICAY Red Cross Society were "staggered" by the announcement this week that their recent charity walk raised over £280.

"It was a great deal more than we expected," organiser Mr. C. B. Drury told the "Standard Recorder." "Our target was only £100 and many thanks are due to sponsors."

Part of the proceeds will be shared between the Red Cross Physically Handicapped Club and the Essex Branch Fund

TRAIN KILLS BOY (17)

TRAIN SERVICES were disrupted for about four hours at Wickford on Saturday when a 17-years-old local boy was killed by a fast-moving passenger train.

The boy who died was Timothy John Cater, whose mother lives at Dollyman's Farm, Shotgate. Timothy was a patient at Runwell Hospital for about two years.

The incident was reported by the driver of the 11.25 a.m. Southend/Liverpool Street train which passes Wickford at 11.40 a.m.

The driver reported that he felt the impact about one-and-a-half miles the Rayleigh side of Wickford Station. The train was taken out of service at Wickford Station and passengers were transferred to another train. There were delays of up to three-quarters-of-an-hour and more than 12 trains were affected. It took four hours for normal service to resume.

POLICE TALK

P.C. Weatherby, from Chelmsford, was the speaker at a meeting of Billericay 18 Plus Group at Railway Hotel on Thursday week. He gave an illustrated talk on road safety and road manners and answered awkward questions about the 70 m.p.h. limit and the breathalyser.

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People — and what they are doing...



Martin will be Oliver

MARTIN COOK (seen above) will take the lead role in "Oliver!" in Chelmsford Operatic Society's production next May. He is the 13-years-old son of Basildon Players' actress Mrs. Georgina Cook.

To get the part Martin was one of 99 boys auditioned. When the auditions finished Martin was told he would be Oliver.

He goes to Palmer's Grammar School, Grays, and lives at White Hall Farm, Fobbing. His previous drama parts have been at school—once he played a princess as the school has no girls.

Mrs. Cook is well known in the New Town as an actress and singer for Basildon Players, the foremost amateur drama group in the area.

Martin also shares his mother's interest in singing and is leading treble in the Palmer's School Choir. He plays the guitar and his other hobby is taking part in sports for the school.

The production of "Oliver!" opens on May 13th at the Regent Theatre, Chelmsford.

Off to South Africa

BUSY making preparations to emigrate to Johannesburg, South Africa, are the Jenkins family, of Church Road, Ramsden Bellhouse.

The family—Mr. Leslie Jenkins, his wife, Enid, and sons Peter (15) and Stewart (20)—make the 5,700-mile trip in January.



Laindon Park Primary School held a Christmas bazaar on Friday. One attraction was hot chips, which were extremely popular! Andrea Tanner is seen enjoying them!

to Johannesburg to get a preview of their new home. "We've rented a house and will probably stay there for about six months," she said.

Her first impression of South Africa? "It's certainly very warm," she sighed, and the flowers are beautiful."

Accent is on Youth

YOUNG people have formed a Barstable Youth Organisation to run sport and social activities for the New Town area.

Secretary is Sheila Jeans, of Mansey Drive; Chairman Don Barlow lives at Rayside and Treasurer Keith Ward is of Kirby Road.

Football, cricket, cycle speedway and netball are among the sports which the new organisation hope to run.



Sheila Jeans with her Scottie Sheena.

The officers have canvassed the area and think there will be strong support.

And support has also come from adults and councillors, who agree there is a need for the youth organisation.

"The youth of the area will be responsible for the smooth running of the organisation," said Press Officer Robin Elder, of 10, Rayside.

He said that the results of canvassing were encouraging and two meetings were held. "Both were a grand success and membership has increased both times," he added.

Quiz time

BASILDON Young Socialists met their Hornchurch counterparts in a regional quiz. Though they were evenly matched, Hornchurch won after a close finish.

After the quiz an informal discussion was held on the aims and functions of the Labour Party.

At a meeting on Wednesday week the Basildon group were addressed by Mr. W. Harman, of the Socialist Party of Great Britain. He spoke on the Party's constitution which deals with nationalisation.

Parents made their day

PARENTS made the day for the Laindon Park Junior School at the school Christmas bazaar on Friday. They supplied virtually all the merchandise for a host of stalls, when the bazaar opened then came crowding in and spent freely. The result — a net profit of somewhere around £100 for the Junior School.

The money will be spent on the children, some of it in the form of Christmas entertainments, the rest going into the school fund.

Teachers, parents and school staff combined to run the bazaar, with the canteen supplying refreshment, and Mr. Lillywhite, a friend of a parent, acting as Father Christmas. There was also a film show during the evening.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR LAINDON W.I.



For the first time in 12 years the Laindon Women's Institute have a new President. She is Mrs. Kathleen Hird, of St. Nicholas' Lane, Laindon, seen on the right above with the former President (Mrs. Bolton).

The branch have been active for about 40 years. At the peak period they had more than 100 members; now they are about 40.

Says Mrs. Hird: "I am anxious to see the branch regenerate and I would like to say that new members are very welcome."

"The branch have been declining over the last few years because people have been moving out of the district. Others who have just been moved, say to Basildon, find the fares to Laindon are too much for them."

"The younger generation are quite different. Many of them are too busy with their children or they go to work."

"Within the organisation itself there is a lack of enthusiasm to take the responsibilities of leadership."

The Laindon branch, which meets every second Tuesday of the month at the Laindon Community Centre, will welcome new members through their hostess. New members must be introduced.

Mrs. Hird says: "When my husband and I first came to Laindon I did not intend to get involved in local organisations. But I have ended up as President of the Laindon Women's Institute. I must say I am enjoying it."

Something fishy in the basement

THERE IS something fishy going on in the basement of "John's" grocer's shop in Radford Way, Billericay, because this is one of the few places in the area where you can find 50 varieties of warm, tropical fish swimming about just a few feet below their frozen filleted counterparts.

Mr. John Bell (33), owner of

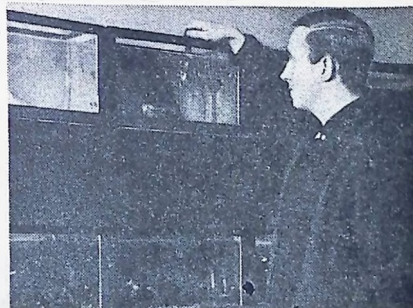
"John's," has been interested in tropical fish since his boyhood, and used to keep them as a hobby. As he had bred a great number and had more than he required, he decided to start selling them, so six weeks ago he fitted up a number of show tanks, and went into business. As well as dealing with fish, he also glazes his own tanks.

Mr. Bell moved to Billericay from London eight years ago. He has a wife, Barbara, and a son, Kevin, 10½ years old. Kevin, who is a pupil at Buttesbury School, has always been very interested in tropical fish and has bred fish himself.

Stamp collecting, and pigeon keeping have been among Mr. Bell's other hobbies. "But," he said, "I just don't get the time, tropical fish are so fascinating."

Those fish which he doesn't breed Mr. Bell gets from fellow enthusiasts. Two mollies in his possession are descended from the all British molly champions.

"Aquariums are being kept more and more at places where people have to wait, such as dentists' waiting rooms, as they tend to reduce nervous tension by giving the person waiting something relaxing to look at," said Mr. Bell.



Mr. John Bell, aquarist, of Radford Way, Billericay.

BASILDON MAN WITH "SHOCKING RECORD" JAILED FOR 4 YEARS

DETENTION CENTRES AND PRISON FOR OTHER MEN

A 21-YEARS-OLD Basildon man "with a shocking record" was sent to prison for four years at Herts Assizes at Hertford on Wednesday. He was involved in four charges with four other men before Mr. Justice Veale, who referred to his record.

Leslie Burlingham, a labourer, of Fairlop Gardens, Basildon, pleaded guilty to assaulting Mr. William Toleman with intent to rob at North Stifford on October 13th; breaking and entering the house of Mr. Frederick Mitchell and stealing a ring valued at £20 on October 17th; to breaking and entering the house of Mrs. Phyllis Hopkins and stealing 180 cigarettes and a bottle of whisky valued at £5 8s. on October 25th, and on October 26th robbing Mr. Douglas James Telford of a lighter and three cigarettes and 1s. 0jd. in cash.

The sentences were split up as follows. Two years on each of the robbery charges, to run concurrently, and two years on each of the breaking and entry charges, to run concurrently, but the two concurrent sentences to run consecutively making four years in all.

Robert Charles Simpson, an 18-year-old labourer, of Oak Road, Crays Hill, Billericay, pleaded guilty to the first, second and fourth charges, and he was sent to a detention centre for three months.

Colin Anthony Smith (18), a labourer, of Lower Duntun Road, Stanford-le-Hope, pleaded guilty to the first charge, and was placed on probation for two years.

Michael Charles McCabe (21), a bricklayer, of Beeleigh Cross, Basildon, admitted being concerned in the two housebreaking charges, and was sent to prison for two years on each, to run concurrently.

Christopher Henry Henson (19), of Rundells Walk, Basildon, pleaded guilty to the last two charges, and was sent to a detention centre for three months.

Mr. Michael West, prosecuting, said Mr. Toleman was a young factory worker, who was going home early one night because he was not feeling well.

He started walking home at about 1.30 a.m. when a car stopped and offered him a lift home. When it came to his home it went on past.

Burlingham, who was in the back seat with him, started to attack him, and asked him if he had any money. His nose started to bleed.

Eventually Burlingham said they would take him home if he would break open the gas meter. He also said he had a knife, and Smith a gun. Mr. Toleman was afraid and started to get out, but when he got to the house he slammed the door.

On October 17th Burlingham, Simpson and McCabe broke into Mr. Mitchell's house, and stole a ring, which he valued at £20. The third charge involved Burlingham, Henson and McCabe in

stealing from the house of Mrs. Hopkins.

In the case of Mr. Telford, he was a student, who had missed his bus home, he was walking in the hope of getting a lift.

Burlingham, Henson and Simpson were the car that picked him up, and the former asked him to hand over his money. Mr. Telford was searched and the property mentioned in the charge taken from him. He was then almost pushed out of the car.

Det-Con. L. A. Crane said Burlingham wanted 11 other offences to be taken into account. He had four previous findings of guilt, and three previous convictions recorded against him. He came out of prison in July.

Simpson asked for three other offences to be considered. He had one previous finding of guilt, Smith had no previous convictions. McCabe had two previous findings of guilt, and three previous convictions. He asked for 15 other offences to be taken into account. Henson asked for 10 other offences to be considered. He had two previous convictions.

Mr. R. Telford for Burlingham, asked the judge to take a lenient view, and not to suggest that he had led anyone astray. He had been in hospital frequently, and had had a serious operation. He was also seriously injured in a motor accident.

CHILDREN VINDICATED BY BENCH CHAIRMAN

HEARTENING NEWS for parents and a smack in the eye for people who criticise the young has come from a survey of juvenile delinquency in Basildon urban district carried out by Billericay Magistrates' Court and Juvenile Court Chairman Mr. H. R. Dunnico.

The survey shows the local average of findings of guilt for serious offences against boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 16 is 1.56 per cent., against a national figure of about 2.2 per cent.

The urban district has a total school population of some 23,000, and, out of that, the children between 10 and 16 who come before the Juvenile Court for serious offences and who had findings of guilt proved totalled 204.

"While we do not view the 204 cases as not being serious, I think it is a good thing for parents to know that, while we regret the 200, the majority of ordinary schoolchildren, 10,000, did not offend," Mr. Dunnico told a reporter.

Burlingham intended to leave the neighbourhood when this offence was committed.

Mr. L. Beckman, for Simpson, said he only took a small part in the matter. He came from a good family, and was very much under the influence of someone else.

For Smith, Mr. D. North pointed out that he had never been in trouble before. He was purely led into this by Burlingham, and he knew Burlingham's reputation as a bully.

McCabe, who was not represented, said he was sorry for the trouble he had caused, and added: "I shall have to accept whatever sentence you impose."

Mr. P. Gordon, for Henson, said he was the owner of the car, and it was as driver and provider of the getaway car that he had his position in the group. He was the look-out man, and never went inside, and said that out of all the escapades involved, he only got £10 and a shirt.

"He is a man with a weak character, who has been led astray to a certain extent," said Mr. Gordon.

CENTRE'S WORK

Rev. John Nicholls, Vicar of St. Giles', Camberwell, founder of St. Giles' Centre, was the speaker at Billericay Rotary Club's weekly luncheon on Monday. He spoke of the work of the Centre among the needy, alcoholics and drug addicts. He was presented with a cheque for ten guineas for centre funds. Rotarian Bert Phelps presided.

A Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS and New Year's Eve licensing hour extensions were granted at Billericay on Tuesday to 42 licensees in the urban district of Basildon.

The hours were: Christmas Eve, 12 midnight; Boxing Day, 12 midnight; New Year's Eve, 12.15 a.m.

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NEW J.P.s SWORN IN

TWO NEW Justices of the Peace from Billericay and one from Basildon were sworn in at Essex Quarter Sessions on Wednesday.

They were Mrs. Lenina Barkeretta Miller, of Chantry Way, Billericay, and Dr. Francis William Borlase Riltstone, of High Street, Billericay, and Mr. Jethro Williams, of Curling Tye, Basildon.

Scooter hit lollypop warden

A 16-YEARS-OLD scooter rider collided with a school crossing patrol woman in The Knare, Basildon, it was stated at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday. The boy admitted careless driving and was fined £3, with £1 ls. costs.

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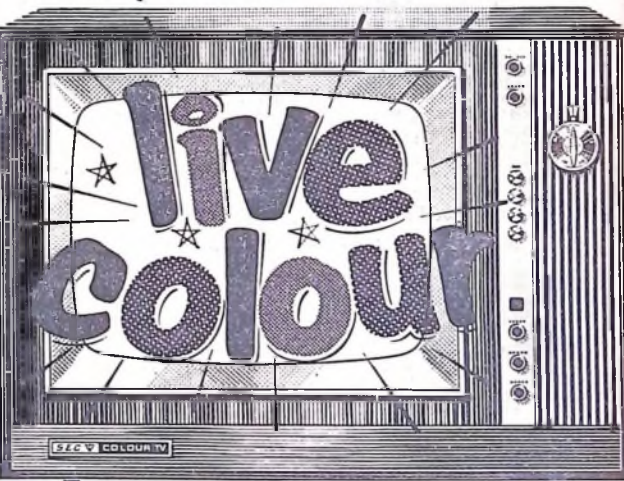
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A LITTLE LIGHT ON LIGHTING PROBLEMS

BASILDON Council have a special Works Committee investigating street lighting problems in the district. A report to be issued by the Committee next spring will show if better standards are necessary.

This was the assurance given by Works Committee Chairman Coun. James Lyon at last week's Council meeting.

He was commenting on criticisms of the street lighting throughout Basildon and the Council's efforts to improve the service.

He said the Eastern Electricity Board had been approached by the Committee in June this year with figures of street lighting failures and inadequacies.

"The Board were quite shocked," said Coun. Lyon. "And since then we have carried out another survey which shows that a great deal of

work has been done to remedy the situation.

"Of 6,000 lights on streets in the urban district only 100 lights are out at any one time. This is not a bad average."

Coun. Lyon went on: "We pay the Eastern Electricity Board £60,000 and £70,000 a year. We found the service was unsatisfactory. Now it is much better."

"Now the Committee is reconsidering the standard of lighting in the district. Light-lighting in the district, which was up to standard a few years ago is now not quite what we would like."

But our report comes out it will be a question of whether or not the ratepayers are prepared to pay for higher standards."

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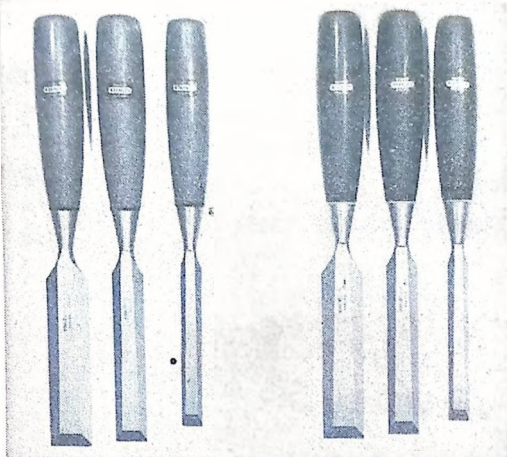
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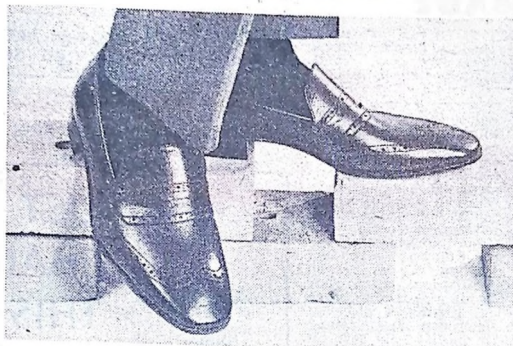
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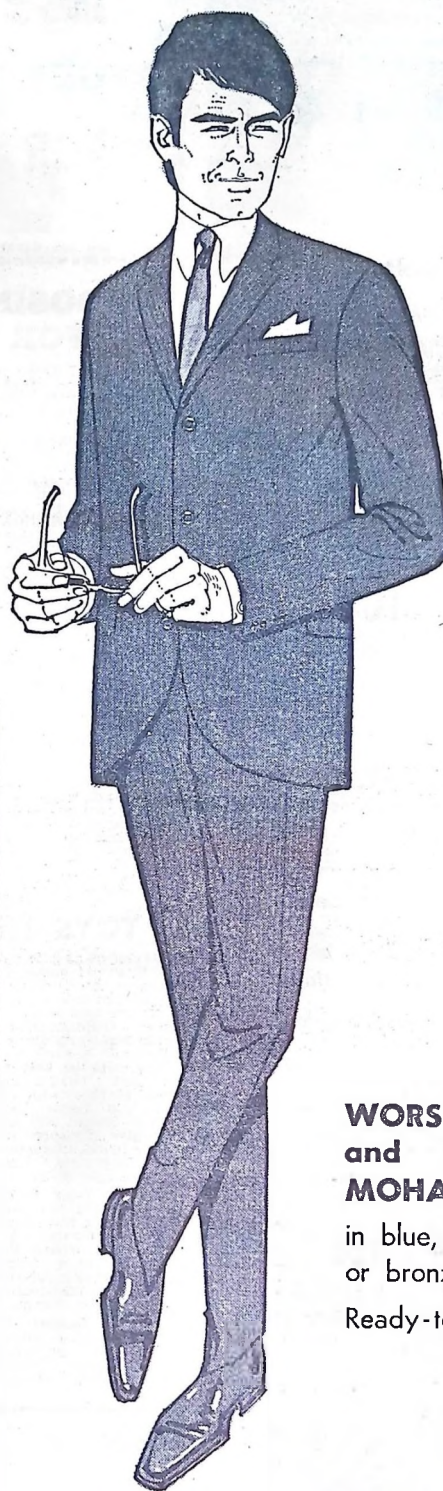
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TOYS THAT TEACH

WITH so many different toys and games in the shops this Christmas it is difficult to know how to get the best value for money. Children should obtain some educational value from a game and they should be able to use their imagination when playing with it. One also hopes that what is bought will not only give pleasure but will be found interesting for a long time. Here are some good ones:

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Smashed his neighbour's greenhouse windows

PICKING UP a stake from the garden, 65-years-old Ernest Clark flayed out and smashed panes of glass in the greenhouse of his neighbour, Mr. Robert Whyman, in Blind Lane, Little Burstead, Billericay. Justices were told on Tuesday by County prosecutor Mr. T. Lavelle.

Clark, a man of previous good character, pleaded guilty to trespassing in possession of a firearm, wilful damage and assault.

He was conditionally discharged for 12 months on all three offences and ordered to pay £5 damage compensation and two guineas costs.

He was further bound over in £25 to be of good behaviour for 12 months on the assault charge.

Mr. Lavelle said Mr. Whyman heard a noise outside his premises of somebody shouting and swearing. He found Clark with a piece of wood over his shoulder. It was clear he had had too much to drink, said Mr. Lavelle.

He alleged that Mr. Whyman went to get assistance and Clark swung at Mr. Whyman with the wood and it went through a window and damaged a television set.

He picked up a stake and started flaying at the greenhouse windows, breaking a number of them.

When Mr. Whyman came back Clark got a shot-gun, which was later found to be unloaded, said Mr. Lavelle.

For Clark it was stated that there had been a history of bad relations between him and Mr. Whyman. The offences came about through provocation.

He thought he saw Mr. Whyman on his property and went indoors and had some whisky while he considered what to do. He did not remember anything after that until he was at Billericay Police Station.

He had not purposely broken the glass in the greenhouse. He had fallen against the building.

ROTARY LUNCH

Speaker at Wickford Rotary Club's luncheon on Thursday week at the Castle Hotel, Wickford, was Mr. Ernie Shepherd, Manager of Southend United. Rev. Frederick France presided.

MUSIC HALL FLOPS

AUDITIONS at Wickford Community Centre for an old-time music hall were a flop.

Only four people turned up and producer Terry Fletcher was forced to abandon his plans for a show.

But the failure of local residents to take an interest does not mean that Wickford will necessarily go without its old-time music hall. Community Centre Warden Ernest Jones hopes to find a theatre group or an experienced concert party from outside the district who will put on a one-night show on January 20th.

"We could have put on a show of sorts with the people who turned up, but it would not have been old-time music hall," said Terry Fletcher.

"I am very disappointed, but I am surprised as well. I would have thought many people in Wickford would have jumped at the chance to take part in something like this."

Rotarian rally

OVER 100 Rotarians, representing clubs in District 106 (South), attended a rally at the Archer Hall, Billericay, on Thursday week. Fourteen of the 16 clubs in the area were present. Mr. J. Copsey, District Vice-Chairman, presided and Mr. Bert Phelps, B'ray Club President, welcomed the visitors.

District Club Service Chairman Dr. Frank Rillstone, of Billericay, spoke on the meaning of Rotary and the various facets of Club Service.

After refreshments, served by members of the Inner Wheel, Mr. K. Johnson, of the Aylsham Club, spoke on the International Foundation Fellowship award scheme. Both speakers answered questions.

These happy young people were at a coffee morning held by the Billericay Women's Institute Floral Arrangement Group at the Women's Institute Hall. There was also a sale of Christmas decorations, and seeing what they could buy were David Boyce (2), Richard Craig (4), Nicola Henton (4) and Rachel Tilley (2).

GUIDES GROWING QUICKLY

MEMBERSHIP of the Chantry District Local Association of Girl Guides had already reached 53, Mrs. B. Phillips (Chairman) reported at the first annual meeting last week.

She said that membership cost 2s. 6d. a year. The sum of £42 15s. 7d. had been raised and much of it had been spent for various needs of the one Ranger, three Guide

and three Brownie packs in the district.

Future events included a Christmas party for the Brownies and a coffee morning on January 11th at Hawkley, Chapel Street, Billericay.

Divisional Commissioner Mrs. C. H. Wilkinson reported on the reorganisation which was to be implemented in March.

An engraved fountain pen was presented to District Commissioner Mrs. E. French, who is leaving the district.

The meeting, which was attended by about 50 parents and friends, closed with discussion and exchange of ideas.

There is room for your gift



Here is the Happy Pals' Christmas tree in the "Standard Recorder" office at 10, Southernhay, waiting for gifts for old people and children at Christmas. Groceries and other gifts will be welcomed. Our young readers hope to provide sufficient groceries, gifts and toys to make up 500 parcels.



Over £35 was raised by members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at the Fryerns Community Centre on Saturday. This was £5 more than last year.

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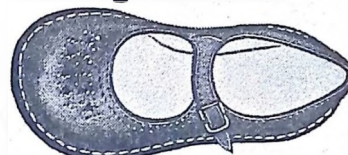
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LATEST FASHIONS AND HAIRDRESSING FOR NALGO

NALGO, BASILDON BRANCH, HELD A FASHION SHOW IN THEIR SOCIAL ROOM AT FODDERWICK, BASILDON, ON MONDAY EVENING. CLOTHES WERE SHOWN BY A TOWN CENTRE SHOP AND MODELLED BY THE STAFF. THERE WAS ALSO A HAIRDRESSING DISPLAY BY A BASILDON HAIRDRESSER.



NOT MANY BADGES, BUT ANDREW IS A GOOD SCOUT

THE 1ST Basildon Scout Group is now 14 years old. On Saturday they celebrated their birthday with a party at their headquarters in Holden Gardens, Basildon.

A grand muster of parents, Scouts, Scouters and Cub-Scouts attended; the boys gave various displays, and there were the usual party games and lots of "eats."

During the evening, Group Scout Leader G. Connolly presented two awards—"Scout of the Year" award went to Andrew Sykes; and the award for "Cub-Scout of the year" went to Andrew Mansfield.

In his speech, Mr. Connolly said although Andrew Sykes had no great display of badges to show, he had the Scout spirit, and was always there when he was needed. He was, quite simply, a "good Scout."

Glider pilot

FLIGHT-SERGEANT David Burley, of Billericay 2393 Squadron Air Training Corps, has gained his solo gliding proficiency certificate. Aged 18, he lives at Church Street, Great Burstead, and works at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay.

The Council would like to dictate to Eastern National—but!

BASILDON COUNCIL would like to "dictate" to the Eastern National Bus Company, but they are unable to, leader of Basildon Council COUN. Anthony Stockley said last week.

He was speaking at Basildon Council meeting, where Labour members attacked the Works Committee for "inaction" over the siting of bus stops in the Town Centre and use of the bus terminus.

First to the attack was COUN. Ronald Austin, who said: "The problems of Basildon Bus Station have been kicked around for three months. I daresay that a good many people would like to lose it altogether."

"But it is still a danger. I say that all buses using the bus station should enter it. We urge the Works Committee to insist that buses go into the station."

COUN. Mrs. Elizabeth Forster, who has been conducting her own campaign against the Eastern National, said: "I thought that, after the investigation by the Engineer, something would be done. I don't like these delaying tactics."

"People in Laindon and Lee Chapel North are not getting a fair crack of the whip."

"They have to wait for buses out in the rain and wind and dark at Fodderwick—it is totally unfair. We should tell Eastern National where to get off."

COUN. James Lyon, Chairman of the Works Committee, said the Council sympathised with these people, but regretted that any negotiations had to be carried out with facts and not hearsay.

"Eastern National are tenants of the Basildon Development Corporation, and you can't just divert buses where you like. We are not entirely masters of our own destinies," COUN. Stockley concluded. "We can't do anything

about this. We would very much like to dictate to Eastern National, but we can't."

Town's top talkers

WHICH local school produces the most persuasive talkers? The question was answered on Wednesday week, when Barstable School, Basildon, came out on top in the annual youth public speaking competition, run at Woodlands Girls' School.

The contest's only problem lay in its success, for 11 teams entered as opposed to three last year, and, with 20 minutes' speaking time each, the competition stretched on to 11 p.m.

Winners were the Barstable Debating Society team. The motion they put forward was "No cause is worth dying for," and the three judges, Mrs. M. K. Forrest, Mr. J. A. McQuibban and Mr. G. G. Whitehead, placed them in front of the other teams.

The Barstable team will go forward to the County finals.

Commented Youth Officer Mr. J. T. Edmondson: "This is at last becoming established as a tradition. Young people are preparing themselves for the evening."

The judges also commented on the vastly improved standard of speaking.



One of the first weddings in December was that on Saturday for Mr. Geoffrey Raymond Rayner, of Goldlay Avenue, Chelmsford, and Miss Margaret Elizabeth Hough, of Seven Acres, Wickford.

They were married at St. Catherine's Church, Wickford. The service was conducted by Rev. A. G. Munson.

The bride, given away by her father, Mr. J. H. Hough, wore a gown of white satin with lace and a long train. Her bouquet was of mixed red roses with white freesia and blue hyacinths.

Miss J. Bowler and Miss S. Bowler (cousins of the bride) and Miss J. Rayner (bridegroom's sister) were bridesmaids. They wore dresses of red and blue velvet and carried bouquets of white carnations and freesia. The best man was Mr. A. W. Young.

After the wedding the couple left for their honeymoon—destination unknown.

(Photo by Stan Caldwell)

Woodlands boys entertained the handicapped

BOYS FROM Woodlands County Secondary School for Boys gave a splendid afternoon's entertainment to members of the Basildon Physically Handicapped Club at their meeting at Trinity Church Hall on Thursday week (see picture below).

The School band and choir gave a programme of musical numbers which were greatly appreciated by all, and afterwards, Chairman Mr. E. Smart proposed a vote of thanks.

Sick members were remembered, and wished a speedy recovery. Especially mentioned were Mrs. Saxby, Club Treasurer, recovering from an operation; Mrs. Haydon, Mrs. Fowles, Mrs. Keys, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Bearman, Mrs. Harwood, Mrs. Summerfield, Mrs. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. Lawless, Mrs. Tanner and Mr. Mills.

Mrs. Jordan conducted the clothing sale; Mrs. Coatman and her helpers served the tea, and Mrs. Smart played the piano for the sing-song that ended the afternoon's entertainment.

Mrs. Furness sang solos. Members were told that the Club has been invited to attend St. Michael's Church, Pitsea, for a service of lessons and carols, at which St. Michael's choir will sing.

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(December 15th)

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WEST BASILDON WOMEN'S SECTION OF THE LABOUR PARTY HELD A CHRISTMAS FAYRE IN LEE CHAPEL NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY.

MUST THERE BE DISASTER BEFORE BRIDGES AT CRAYS HILL ARE REPAIRED?

HAS THERE got to be a "mini-Aberfan disaster" before the dilapidated bridges at Crays Hill are repaired? When will the long proposed sewerage scheme start at Crays Hill Caravan Site and Gardiners Lane? How long have Ramsden Crays residents got to wait for adequate paths in the main village?

These were the three questions most dominant in the minds of members of Ramsden Crays Ratepayers' and Residents' Association when Councillors F. J. Champ and J. R. Lyon spoke at the Association's annual meeting on Monday.

Coun. Lyon, Chairman of Works, said the Council were hoping to get the paths programme into next year's estimates.

The scheme includes the widening of the main road, alignment of the road and a general face-lift.

"The scheme depends on two factors," he said, "land acquisition and permission from Essex County Council, who pay 90 per cent of the cost."

"Land acquisition is the biggest problem, and it always is."

The sewerage scheme had "very high priority" on the Council list and was expected to start in April, to run parallel with the massive £288,000 Shotgate sewerage scheme.

Coun. Lyon pointed out that although the Shotgate scheme had been approved by the Ministry, Ramsden's scheme

was still with the Ministry.

"Whether they will pick the Ramsden scheme out of the hat and let us get on with it I don't know," he said.

Coun. Lyon added that economic difficulties made "everything very, very uncertain."

On the question of Tinkettle Bridge and White's Bridge Coun. Lyon said the responsibility was with Essex County Council, who wanted to do the necessary repairs when they undertook general improvements to Southend Road.

Association Chairman Mr. H. L. Reason stressed that the Association did not want new bridges, just the existing ones repaired.

"If we start demanding new bridges," he pointed out, "it will mean that new development will have to come with it."

He said that since the Association had last made public their protest about the bridges another two cars had crashed on them.

"It seems to me," he said, "that there's got to be a big disaster there before the County Council will touch them."

"Since a car knocked down one of the walls we've only had walnut fencing in its place. This is a very poor show by the County Council and I challenge anybody, from the Ministry down, to inspect those bridges with me and tell me they are perfectly safe."

Inquest opens

AFTER evidence of identification had been heard, the Coroner (Dr. Charles Clark) adjourned for four weeks on Monday the inquest on Momir Pavlovic (15), of New Road, Little Burstead, who was killed in a road accident on Saturday, November 25th. The accident occurred on the Southend Arterial Road at Laindon, when the boy was riding a cycle. The adjournment was granted to allow the Police to continue their inquiries.

MEMBERSHIP DROP

Membership of Ramsden Crays Ratepayers' and Residents' Association has declined from 101 to 89, members heard at their annual meeting on Monday. Officers elected were: Chairman, H. L. Reason; Secretary, H. C. Bear; Treasurer, J. Jones; Committee members, Mrs. D. S. Saunders, A. R. Croyer, Bestley, Mrs. A. Flint, Mrs. F. J. Champ, W. R. Everard, R. Revening, F. Saunders, J. Walding.

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Beverley Lewis and Janet Cox are seen above with their home-made looms in boxes.

THIS IS A FRIENDLY, HAPPY SCHOOL

"MY AMBITION for my school is that it may continue to have its present friendly, happy spirit, no matter how big it grows!" said Mr. R. A. Warren, Headmaster of Runwell County Junior School, to our reporter MRS. E. WALL.

Certainly this is a friendly, happy school. Opened in September, 1966, as a primary school with 280 pupils, it became solely a junior school at Easter this year. Now there are 220 children, in six unstreamed classes.

The catchment area is the same as that for the infants' school — which we featured last week — and has its boundary along Swan Lane, Wickford.

Like the infants' school, too, it has one or two children from the new Barn Hall Estate growing up on its doorstep, although officially these children should come into the Basildon educational area. Both Runwell schools are built, in fact, on a spur of land that juts into Basildon's territory.

Mr. Warren describes his school as "bottom-heavy" at the moment; he has far fewer children in the third and fourth years than in the first two. Rather naturally, parents prefer to keep children at their present schools for the last year as juniors. The school, however, is growing rapidly, term by term.

So far the school has no parent-teacher association, but Mr. Warren has no complaints about the support given by parents. He feels that he is most fortunate, too, in his staff, who are all fully qualified and form an excellent team.

On joining Runwell Junior children find themselves members of one of four houses — Mayflower, Discovery, Victory and Endeavour — all named after famous ships. They have been presented

with an Inter-house trophy by Mrs. M. Brymont, a very well-known resident of Runwell, who is a parish councillor and one of the school managers. The inscription reads: "To the pupils of Runwell's new school, from a pupil of the old."

Runwell's old school was a tiny cottage-like building situated opposite to

and owned by Runwell Parish Church. It housed approximately nine pupils, from infants to seniors, and was last used as a school in July, 1914. In those days the population of Runwell was some 240 souls living in scattered patches.

The children get a swimming lesson every week; they also have football, cricket and netball teams, although so far their losses exceed their wins! Mr. Warren is not too downhearted about

Spotlight Runwell Junior



Clive Groombridge (8), Karen Sim in a simple



Headmaster Mr. R. A. W.

this, however, because at present, owing to the fact that they have few older children, they have little choice of players. This, of course, will right itself with the passage of time.



Curve stitching is an interesting and useful introduction to geometric shapes and numbers. Looking at the curves they have made are Julie Butt, Jacqueline Hutton, Caroline De'At and Ian Wilson.



work, after it. About 11 served dining the main infants' lons ho present, mahi h

is on County school

THE CHOIR ARE REHEARSING



The choir are seen above at a rehearsal.
By making solid cones, the children learn that they can build other geometric shapes. BELOW: Alison Marchant, Vera Polham and Lawrence Guilder are busy shape-building.



favourite subjects is her music, movement and mime lesson which the children as a whole take to with great enthusiasm. Another less usual activity taught by her is "curve stitching," an ingenious mathematical exercise by which children can see for themselves as they proceed the various patterns formed by each succeeding combination of numbers.

Mr. G. Gibbs and Mr. M. Newton take second-year juniors in physical education, science, arts and crafts and historic



Pat Morgan and Lesley Tyler, both 9, during a music, movement and mime lesson, form shapes with their bodies.

lives at Hatfield Peverel, is married with three young children and his hobbies are photography and hi-fi. One day he hopes to have both time and money to break into the stereo field.



THE LATEST EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND OUR PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS HOW THE CHILDREN ENJOY KEEPING FIT.

ALL THE PICTURES ON THIS PAGE WERE TAKEN BY OUR PHOTOGRAPHER, BOB WALL, AND THAT BELOW SHOWS THE RECORDER GROUP AT PRACTICE. MR. S. TOWLER, THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER, IS A FIRST-CLASS MUSICIAN AND FORMED THE CHOIR AND RECORDER GROUP. CHILDREN HAVE MADE SOME OF THE PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS.



and Peter Bray (8) are engaged in experiment.

room. A family service is used; the teachers sit with the children and the older children serve. Teachers and pupils get to know each other faster and better by this system than by any other.

There are various out-of-school activities, run by teachers, which the children attend if they wish. So far there is a thriving stamp club, various after-school sports activities, a recorder group and the school choir, which entertained the parents at the school's open day.

Each of Mr. Warren's teachers is something of an expert in his or her own field. Mr. S. Towler, who is Deputy Head, and, unfortunately, absent through sickness when we visited the school, is a first-class musician. He formed the choir and recorder group and the children have made some beautifully-designed percussion instruments under his tuition. He is also a keen sportsman and takes the after-school sports activities.

Mrs. Hazel Bowser is another well-known Runwell resident and was formerly one of the brightest lights in the old Wickford Theatre Company. One of her



An experiment in solubility in Class 6.

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3 Hair-1. Mrs. Broad; 3. Mrs. Palmer.
Members-1. Mrs. P. K. Ealing.
3 Junior-1. Mrs. P. K. Ealing.
4 Juvenile-1. J. Mackenzie.
Duplicate classes: A.v. 2. B. 2.
Snow; 3. C. Ealing; A.v. de-
1. Mrs. Broad; 2. C. Ealing.
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Jaquith-1. Mrs. E. Kylin; 2.
C. Ealing; 3. Mrs. Broad.
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Kylin; 2. B. Hobson; 3. B.
Broad. Breeders
2. W. Kylin; 2. D.
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3 weeks)
2. Members' challenge-
Mrs. D. Kylin; 2. C. Ealing.
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1. A. Barker; 2. A. Van-
1. J. P. Patis; 2. G. B. Van-
1. J. P. Patis; 2. G. B. Van-
1. J. P. Patis; 2. G. B. Van-
Hobson; 3. C. Ealing; 2. B.
1. Mrs. D. Kylin; 2. B.
1. Mrs. D. Kylin; 2. B.
3. C. Ealing.

PARENTS WENT BACK TO SCHOOL



A DISAPPOINTINGLY SMALL NUMBER OF PARENTS ATTENDED THE SPECIAL "MATHEMATICS EVENING" HELD LAST WEEK AT JANET DUKE JUNIOR SCHOOL (SEE PICTURE ON THE LEFT). THOSE WHO DID ATTEND, HOWEVER, ENJOYED THEMSELVES IMMENSELY AND WENT AWAY UNDERSTANDING AT LEAST A LITTLE MORE OF THE WAY IN WHICH THE CONCEPT OF NUMBERS IS TAUGHT TO THEIR CHILDREN THESE DAYS.

In charge of these proceedings was Headmaster Mr. R. J. Onions, assisted by his Deputy Headmaster, Mr. D. Lilley, and five other members of his staff.

Mr. Onions explained to interested parents that in these days mathematics are taught by handling, feeling and touching solid objects rather than by black-board teaching.

He also showed some of the apparatus used for mathematics; cusen-aire rods, which are used in both infant and junior schools; pipe cleaners and drinking straws, which are used to construct special models.

An overall object of the evening was to demonstrate the vast difference in the teaching methods of today and how the various operations learned lead eventually to more abstract form of number.

GLOUCESTER PARK SWIMMING POOL

MAY HAVE TO CLOSE AFTER OPENING IF THERE ARE ANY TEETHING TROUBLES

COMPLEX MACHINERY at the new Gloucester Park Swimming Pool may necessitate closing it again shortly after the opening.

This fear was expressed by Recreation Committee Chairman Coun. Derrick Pope last week.

Asked what arrangements had been made to overcome teething troubles during the first weeks of opening the pool, Coun. Pope said there was no way of predicting what troubles might arise.

But he declared he had several ideas to forestall any teething troubles which might come up.

He told members of the Council: "When the pool opens, all equipment will have been tested. We hope that it will not have to close after the opening, but it is well to be prepared to do so if the need arises."

Coun. Pope made no mention of a possible reliable opening date. Council officials could make no statement this week.

A few weeks ago, Town Manager Mr. David Taylor said the earliest opening date would probably be February, 1968.

For sale

Haverling Council have agreed proposals for the sale of their council houses to occupy the tenants, including those on the Barn Hall Estate, Wickford.

DUTY CHEMISTS

BASILDON
Boots the Chemists, Ltd., 27, Town Square, Basildon, and David Smith, Ltd., 10, The Broadway, Pitsea, will be duty chemists for week commencing Monday (December 11th) and will be open every weeknight except Wednesday and Saturday (December 12th) from 6 to 7 p.m. On Sunday (December 10th) David Smith, Ltd. will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

WICKFORD
L. A. Gilbert, 23, High Street, and M. W. Shadforth, 53, High Street, Wickford, are open alternate evenings from 6 to 7 p.m., also alternately on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon (name of duty chemist noted on the door of both shops).

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Nik Chemists, Ltd., 111, High Street, Billericay, will be duty chemist for week commencing Monday (December 11th). They will be open every weeknight to 6.30 p.m. (except Thursday, when they will be open from 7 to 8 p.m.). On Sunday (December 17th) they will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Catherine's Church, Wickford, Sunday School held their Christmas parties on Saturday. The infants' party was organised by Mrs. White and the Juniors' by Mr. R. Bull and Rev. T. Girling.

A STRAW COULD BE LUCKY



The pick-a-straw stall at Ghyllgrove Junior School Christmas bazaar on Friday was popular. Every class had a stall and parents gave good support to the effort. Last year the takings were about £80; on Friday they were £93 13s. 8d., and it is hoped that this will be brought up to £100. Headmaster Mr. E. W. Rand did not set a target, but was very happy with the result!



Led by the Rector of Pitsea (Rev. Arthur Harvey), a party of children from Greensted Junior School, Basildon, visited the famous Saxon church at Greensted, after which their school is named.



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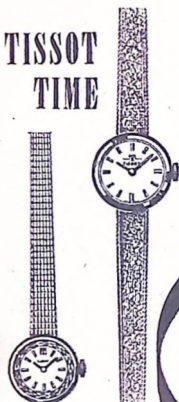
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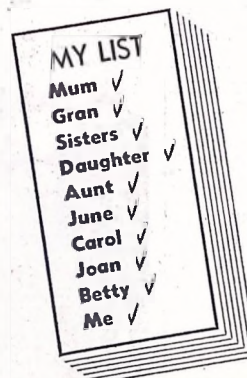
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SOME OF THE GUIDES AND BROWNIES WHO TOOK PART IN THE CONCERT HELD AT BASILDON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH HALL ON SATURDAY ARE SEEN ABOVE.

BELOW: A SCENE AT ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH, BOWERS GIFFORD, BAZAAR HELD IN THE SCHOOL HALL ON SATURDAY.



Woman jumped from platform as train ran into station

Inquest story

AS A TRAIN APPROACHED LAINDON STATION A WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN WALKING ON THE EDGE OF THE PLATFORM JUMPED DOWN ON THE TRACK AND LAY DOWN IN FRONT OF IT. THE CORONER (DR. CHARLES CLARK) WAS TOLD ON MONDAY AT BRENTWOOD.

A verdict that the woman, Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth Banner (61), of The Knares, Basildon, took her own life was recorded.

Mr. Frank Banner, the widower, said he left home about 12.45 p.m. on November 20th and his wife appeared to be normal. The next thing he heard was that she had been killed.

She had been in poor mental health for some years and had been under psychiatrists and in hospital. She had made previous attempts on her life. There was no reason why she should take her life, except for her deep depressive illness.

Mr. Ronald Edwards, machine operator, of Lindon Way, Canvey, said at about 1 p.m. on November 20th, he was on Laindon Station and saw a woman walking along the edge of the platform. There were men working on the line and when a train approached one of them blew a horn.

"As he did this, the woman just jumped down on the track and stretched herself out on

the line and the train ran over her," said witness.

A second witness, Mrs. Bronwyn Sturman, of Spurrers, Laindon, said the woman got down on the line. There was no question of her falling.

The train driver, Mr. Stacey Gifford, of Central Avenue, Southend, said he was approaching the station at between 25 and 30 m.p.h. As he got vision of the platform the woman appeared at the edge and then got down on the track. He applied the emergency brakes but could not avoid her.

ST. ANDREW'S

A St. Andrew's Day service was held last Thursday at St. Andrew's Church, Wickford. Celebration of Holy Communion was taken by Rev. P. Goldthorpe. Rev. Frederick Prance preached a sermon.

May start

MAY NEXT year will see the start of reconstruction work at Outwood Common Road. This was an assurance given at the Basildon Council meeting on Thursday by Coun. J. R. Lyon, Chairman of Works. The work is expected to be finished in December.

Stack blaze

TWO 40-ton straw stacks were destroyed in a fire near Brookmans Farm, Back Lane, Stock, on Tuesday. Billericay and Ingatstone fire appliances attended the fire, and water was pumped from a nearby hydrant, and from a pond.

A STICKY TIME FOR LIBERALS

THERE WERE no members of Wickford branch of Billericay Constituency Young Liberals' Association at the annual meeting in Billericay on Thursday.

Chairman of the Association, Mr. Stephen Jacobs spoke on the political situation and Social Secretary Mr. Martin Howard reported a sharp decline in members in Wickford, and to an extent in Billericay.

But Billericay branch report showed steady healthy progress, and there had been an average of 17 people at their meetings.

Brentwood branch reported 60 members on their books and 30 at their regular meetings.

National Organising Vice-Chairman of the Young Liberals Mr. Ray Plant said the Liberal Party was going through a "sticky period," and had for the first time seen members kicking against leaders. The main thing was, he said, to get more members into the party. "I would like to congratulate you on the high membership of the Billericay Association," he said. There were now just over 10,000 Young Liberals in Great Britain.

A new committee were elected as follows: President, Mr. Lionel Wernick; Organising Vice-President, Mr. Ted Rosier; Chairman, Mr. Edward Fortune; Organising Vice-Chairman, Mr. Martin Howard; Secretary, Miss Jill Robinson; Treasurer, Mr. J. Tinsley; Press Officer, Judy Stevens; and Social Secretary, Mr. Stephen Jacobs.

Pony instead of reindeer

FATHER CHRISTMAS left his reindeer behind on Saturday and was driven along Billericay High Street in a pony and trap to Outwood Common Residents' Associations' bazaar. His driver? Santa Comes to Billericay. His driver? Eddy Foyle.

The bazaar was held to raise money for the soon-to-be-started community centre and made £134.

Santa was kept busy in his grotto, and by the end of the day had given presents to 174 children. The Association's Camera Club photographed many of the children on his knee. Prizewinners were: Name the Teddy. Mrs. Wilgress; judge the weight of cake, Mrs. Pittman. First prize in a raffle was a doll won by Mr. Stotter.

Stalls and stallholders were: Gardening stall, Mr. N. Pettit; handicraft stall, Mrs. Tina Webster and Mrs. Joan Stephenson; raffle, Mrs. E. Lindsell and Mr. Ken Miles; bottles, Mrs. E. Pittman; white elephant, Mr. A. Smiles; refreshments, Mr. Ray Stotter and Father Christmas, Mr. Bob Nuttle. The Association's Camera Club took photographs, and their team consisted of Mr. George Galloway, Mr. Basil Osborne and Mr. Fred Dimes.

They responded to Carnival Queen's appeal

OPENING A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT ST. CHAD'S CHURCH, VANGE, ON SATURDAY BASILDON CARNIVAL QUEEN GERALDINE GAHAN RECALLED THE "OLD DAYS" WHEN SHE WAS A LITTLE GIRL.

Miss Gahan, who is daughter of the licensee at the Barge Inn, lives just opposite the church.

She recalled looking across the road to the "muddy field" where St. Chad's now stands. "Even then," she said, "people were interested in the bazaars held at the church hall."

"They knew that a terrific amount of work goes into a bazaar. So, ignore the sterling crisis until after Christmas and spend

as much as you can."

Bargain-hunters did just that, spending a record £147 among the stalls selling anything from toys to cosmetics.

The money is nearly all spoken for. About £138 is reserved to pay the church contribution to the "family purse." The rest will go to church funds.



Mrs. Violet King acted as Father Christmas at St. Chad's Church Christmas bazaar held in the Church Hall at Vange on Saturday.

way for the seniors, Paul has seventh in the team race.

WATER POLO

Turner gets winner for New Towners

ILFORD 3, BASILDON 4
AFTER A slow start, Basildon's unbeaten water polo team went on to score another fine victory over Ilford in a closely-fought match on Thursday night.

Played at East Ham Baths, the Basildon side put up a creditable performance against a more experienced team which included Great Britain international swimmer John Mathison.

Defending the deep end in the first quarter, Basildon's attempts to score were thwarted by a sharp defence. Two shots by Robson and Turner were narrow misses in the early minutes.

Grand tussle

The teams turned round at 0-0.

Then Basildon attacked the deep end vigorously and Robson put them ahead. Ilford came back with two quick goals and the fight was on. Just before half-time, Basildon evened the score from a well-taken goal by Burgess.

It was level pegging through the third quarter and by the fourth, Ilford were piling in the pressure. They gained the lead again but at the other end a long shot from the half-way line by Turner deceived the Ilford goalkeeper to make it all square.

The winning goal for Basildon came from Turner from the four-yard penalty line after he had been pulled back to prevent a certain goal.

Basildon now top the Winter League table with four wins to their credit, but they have hard games to face, including one against Chelmsford.

Basildon players were Lavoche, Thompson, Davies, Lines, Burgess, Turner, Robson, with substitutes Frank and Brown.

Tenpin Bowls Review

FIVE SOUTHEAST TITLES FOR BASILDON PLAYERS

BASILDON BOWLERS did very well in the Southeast Area held at Southend last week-end. They took five titles and also bowled the high series of the day.

Dennis bowled his series, a 633, in the men's singles, and it was good enough to give him the scratch title. W. Ainger made a Basildon clean sweep in the men's singles with a 703.

All events dominated the Basildon titles. Bill Sheehy won the scratch men's title with a total of 1,683. Dennis Lott took the handicap title with a total of 1,228, and Bill took the scratch ladies' title with a 1,564.

The events were strongly supported, with 144 bowlers competing, and bowling from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

News this week of some fine bowling in the S.T.C. Jets League. The Lighthnings took the team high game for the season with a 718, while the Seahawks broke the series record with a 1,091. Comets over the Seahawks by two points.

In the Ford Tractor League, K. Sutton broke the high game record with a 222. The Toffs were well beaten by the bottom-of-the-table Cyber-plaice and slipped to second place.

Pauline Phillips (average 133) scored a 218 game and a 131 series in the Industrial League. Golden Boys rolled a 970 and a series of 2,502.

Victory at Southall

The Ambassadors defeated second-placed Harrow in their Inter-City Travel League match at Southall last Sunday, although they lost their 100 per cent record by winning only two of the three games.

A disastrous first game, in which none of the Ambassadors mastered strange lane conditions, saw a 711 total leave them 85 pins behind.

An improved second game of 871 gave them an easy 120-pin victory for the second point, and a good last game of 622, including a 240 from Roger Bright and 220 from Colin Tucker clinched the deciding game by 170 pins.

Roger Bright rolled the high individual series with 570.

The Ambassadors were not so fortunate at Southend the following day when they were defeated two games to one by Tiny's Radio Taxis. Luis makes the two teams level at the top of the league.

The Ambassadors won the first of the three games and lost the following two, an exact reversal of their last encounter.

They began very slowly in the first game, and at the half-way stage were 80 pins behind, but a tremendous finish gave them the game by six pins. Laurie Ramsay and Roger El-icht rolled 200 games in their 611 total.

The second game began as the first, but this time the Ambassadors were unable to produce a good finish and Tiny's 626 total left them almost 100 pins behind. An improved third game of 871, including a 203 from Bright, was still not enough as Tiny's took the third point with a 624 game.

Bright again rolled the high series, this time with a 580.

Two left

Only Chesterfield and Luton, in the Fourth Division, have 100 per cent home records among the Football League clubs.

HOW THEY STAND

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|---|----------|
| Plata-Men | 28 | 1 | 3 | 31851 40 |
| Golden Boys | 26 | 13 | 3 | 30442 35 |
| New, and | 26 | 13 | 3 | 30442 35 |
| Label Coasters | 24 | 15 | 2 | 28870 34 |
| Tribunes | 24 | 15 | 3 | 30093 33 |
| Comets | 24 | 15 | 2 | 28854 28 |

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|----------|----|----|---|----------|
| Comets | 20 | 17 | 3 | 30852 30 |
| Seahawks | 20 | 17 | 3 | 30056 30 |
| Vallants | 20 | 17 | 3 | 28765 32 |

FORD TRACTOR

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|----------------|----|----|----|----------|
| Outsiders | 11 | 3 | 8 | 8178 18 |
| Tops | 10 | 4 | 7 | 7986 15 |
| Medonists | 9 | 5 | 6 | 6768 14 |
| Sains | 8 | 6 | 7 | 7588 12 |
| Leas | 8 | 6 | 7 | 6931 12 |
| Let Aluminates | 22 | 23 | 28 | 28558 26 |

Highest two games scored by: K. Sutton 367, M. Thompson 357, B. Harris 320.

Three highest games scored by: G. A. Kimber 231, S. Waterfall 210, K. Harding and J. Oakley 224.

Three highest series scored by: S. Waterfall 582, S. Waterfall 587, G. A. Kimber 565.

HUNTERS LEAGUE

| | W | L | T | Pts |
|-----------------|----|----|---|----------|
| Ambassador | 26 | 13 | 1 | 14304 26 |
| Charlacks | 24 | 15 | 1 | 13588 24 |
| Harp Lager | 21 | 15 | 1 | 13056 21 |
| Black and White | 21 | 15 | 1 | 12437 21 |
| Southend W's | 20 | 18 | 1 | 14053 20 |
| Charlacks | 20 | 18 | 1 | 13370 20 |

Three highest games scored by: Ambassador "A" 416, Ambassador "B" and Harp Lager 407, Southend W's 388.

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Frank Saul, Spurs' utility forward, pictured with his wife Diane at the Langdon Hills Junior School fete on Friday evening. He judged the fancy dress, but he was also busy during the evening signing autographs for the hundreds who attended.

GOOD YEAR FOR NEW TOWN RIFLE SHOTS

BASILDON'S NEW Small Bore Rifle Club, established only one year, has started well, joining a number of leagues, being in a winning position in one division and taking a prime place among major small bore clubs in Essex.

The club has entered three teams in the Southeast League, four teams in the City of London League and four teams in the Greville League which is organised by the Essex County Association.

In the Southeast League the "A" team has scored 21 points in 14 matches and is in a strong position to win the division with only three rounds to go. The "B" team is also doing well with 12 points from nine matches.

In the Greville League the "A" team has been less fortunate in the first five rounds. Although the aggregate gun score is fifth at 2,247, they have only four points from five matches.

The "B", "C" and "D" teams have each scored two points only. However, in these teams, each shot is making steady progress and the teams should be in a stronger position later in the season.

In the City League the "A" team lead their division after five rounds with an aggregate gun score of 2,300 out of 2,400. With eight points from five matches, members have confidence in their future.

PLAYER SHORTAGE

WICKFORD TOWN will have to drop one of their players if they do not find any new players soon, a spokesman for Wickford Town, Mr. Dave Gault, told the "Standard Recorder" on Wednesday.

"We are very seriously short of players and would like any one in the district who wants to join the team to contact us as soon as possible."

A Wickford footballer interested should telephone Mr. Mick Bennin in the evening at Wickford 2886.

Off target

Bournemouth, struggling near the foot of the Third Division, have scored only two goals in their last five outings.

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BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE

positions are:

PREMIER DIVISION

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|-----------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Sorrento | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 15 |
| 2 | Corringham | 3 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 12 |
| 3 | Double Six | 2 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 11 |
| 4 | Priors Athletic | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 5 | Canvey | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 5 | 9 |
| 6 | Basildon | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 7 | Newcombe | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION I

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Corringham | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Canvey | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION II

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION III

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION IV

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION V

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION VI

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION VII

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION VIII

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION IX

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION X

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

DIVISION XI

| Pos | Team | W | D | L | F | A | P |
|-----|------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| 1 | Canvey | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 11 |
| 2 | Corringham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | Sorrento | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Basildon | 1 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 5 | Double Six | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 6 | Stability | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 6 |

SORRENTO 7, PRIORS ATHLETIC 2
AFTER AN EVEN first half, in which both sets of forwards missed plenty of chances, Sorrento turned on the pressure to win this Basildon Sunday League Premier Division game by five goals.

Chances were missed during the first 20 minutes, then Priors went into the lead, a mix-up in the Sorrento defence allowing their centre-forward to score.

This brought a quick reaction from Sorrento. Page rose above the defence to score following the short corner and before half-time Upton made it 2-1 with a goal drive.

Sorrento began to get in top gear in the second half. After two minutes Derby made it 3-1, and after ten minutes Day pushed in past the defence for Derby to score his second.

From then on Priors only attacked sporadically and it was no surprise when Upton made the score 5-1 with a header. The net was a defender, but Sorrento retaliated quickly with goals from Page and Upton to make the final score 7-2.

LEADING SCORERS
TONY DABB (Outwood Common) has taken over as the leading goalscorer in the Basildon Sunday League. His tally so far is 17.

The highest is another Division I player, I. Anderson, of Corringham "A", who has 18. The other top scorers are: P. Thorogood (Pittsea) 7, A. Derby (Sorrento) 6, D. Babb (Outwood) 5, I. Anderson (Corringham) 4, D. Gregory (Outwood) 4, D. Sharpe (Cheltenham) 3, S. Smith (Stability) 3, E. McQueen (Stability) 3.

DIV. I: A. Babb (Outwood) 17, I. Anderson (Corringham) 18, D. Gregory (Outwood) 4, D. Sharpe (Cheltenham) 3, S. Smith (Stability) 3, E. McQueen (Stability) 3.

DIV. II: B. Moss (Canvey) 10, M. Savage (S.E.M.) 9, R. Orchard (Sorrento) 8, G. E. Hicks (Scott Hall) 8, M. Dean (Bonallacks) 8.

DIV. III: B. J. 11, D. Harris (Essex C.C.) 10, S. Benn (Double Six) 9, A. Cudbill (John Tann) 8.

DIV. IV: B. J. 11, D. Harris (Essex C.C.) 10, S. Benn (Double Six) 9, A. Cudbill (John Tann) 8.

DIV. V: B. J. 11, D. Harris (Essex C.C.) 10, S. Benn (Double Six) 9, A. Cudbill (John Tann) 8.

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DIV. VII: B. J. 11, D. Harris (Essex C.C.) 10, S. Benn (Double Six) 9, A. Cudbill (John Tann) 8.

DIV. VIII: B. J. 11, D. Harris (Essex C.C.) 10, S. Benn (Double Six) 9, A. Cudbill (John Tann) 8.

SIX LOSE IN STORMING FINISH

DOUBLE SIX 3, NEWCOMBE & HASTINGS 4
WITH A storming finish, Newcombe and Hastings came from 2-2 down the minute before the end to win 4-3 against the Double Six in the Sunday League Cup.

The burst shattered the Six who had dominated the game in spite of only having 10 men due to an illness to Walker just before the kick-off.

The Six started off playing great football with Dave Yates at full-back playing the name of his life in defence and breaking in some great runs down the wing.

It was from one of these that the Six took the lead. Yates' pass being away over by Huet for Williams to nod home.

The same trio netted the second goal, again scored by Williams — a simple tap home — a few minutes later.

Despite more pressure from the Six, it was Newcombe who scored next when, in one of their rare attacks, a cross shot caught goalkeeper Levy out of position.

After the break the Six kept on attacking although they were trying to keep the game from becoming a rout. Newcombe scored against the top of the post.

In the second half the Six pressed on and were rewarded with a fine third goal, Williams breaking on the wing and passing to Huet who sent over a cross for West to head in.

After this Newcombe looked finished and their goalkeeper had to pull off some brilliant moves to keep the rampant Six forwards out.

Then three minutes from the end Newcombe looked to have won the game. The game had hardly restarted when they got their sensational winner to get a lucky passage into the next round.

Yates and West were outstanding for the Double Six.

Bonallacks get seven
A GOOD first-half display by Bonallacks gave them a five-goal lead and ensured victory in this League Cup Division II game.

Dean opened the scoring after five minutes from a cross by Rogers, and five minutes later the Shell defence, at stakes and seconds after Dean's attack, put the ball into their own goal.

After 30 minutes it was Dean again who scored the first goal, and his home Lee flick, and the same player also scored the fourth and the fifth goals before the interval.

Bonallacks relaxed in the second half, and Shell came more into the game, although they were not quickly dealt with by Bonallacks' defence. Smith scored the home side's sixth goal from Dean's pass, and only two superb saves from the Shell keeper prevented Bonallacks going further ahead.

Shell had some degree of midfield control after their failure to score and Bonallacks got their last goal just before the interval, passing the ball to Reynolds who scored.

Victory for Norton's
NORTON SPORTS 1, MANOR ROVERS 0
NORTON SPORTS, fielding ten men, two of them reserves, had an unsettled start in their Basildon Sunday League Division III match with Manor Rovers.

After ten minutes Norton were up to full strength and took a firm grip on the game.

Although the score suggests a close game Norton had much more of the play, only poor finishing — and a strong Manor defence — prevented them gaining a more convincing win.

In the 37th minute P. Taiton collected a ball from the left wing and hit home a hard shot which gave the keeper no chance.

Manor came back in the opening minutes of the second half, but were unable to make much impression on the Norton defence. Bobby Wiseman pulled off some excellent saves.

Despite near misses from both teams the score stayed the same and the better team collected the honours.

Collections
AN APPEAL for clubs to make collections at Saturday's Basildon Cup matches was made by Basildon Football League Treasurer Mr. R. Hill at Monday's meeting. Money collected at the end of the season to a Basildon children's home.

More fans
Attendances at Football League matches last weekend totalled 676,343, an increase of over 84,000 on the corresponding weekend last season.

Sitter missed
Pittsea's best spell of attacking in the game came early in the second half. Holden missed a shot when a full-time whistle was followed by shots from Staff, Holden, Watson and Gregory which were all way off target.

In fact, it was not until late in the game that Pittsea's brilliant goalkeeper, Lyons, was really seriously tested.

By that time Brook had netted their second goal, the result of an error by goalkeeper Pink, who dropped a centre by Todd, thereby allowing Lincoln to score a simple goal.

With a 2-0 lead Brook's passage into the next round was never seriously threatened in the last 15 minutes and the Gunners must have been thankful to hear the final whistle. At least they will now be able to concentrate on County and League honours if this is any consolation.

Pittsea: Laver, Beech, Reed; Staff, Watson, Holden, Creber, Thorogood.

Brook: Lyons; Braggan, Phillips, Merritt, Mercury, Todd, Brinkley, Litch, Anderson, Kimpie, Pitch.

Penalty?
In the first 10 minutes Pittsea were lucky to escape without a penalty against them when Pitch, after going round two defenders, was unceremoniously halted in the 17th minute, the result of a blunder by stopper Beech, who flicked a clearance straight to an opponent. The ball was whipped first, time

Gilbarco 5-1 up
GILBARCO DELIVERED a crushing defeat to Sorrento when they won this Division I Cup match by a surprise 5-1 victory. Sorrento started the match well at the Laindon Recreation Ground, and five minutes from a goal from Sid Batt. It followed good passing from B. Savage and a corner-kick which Gilbarco took.

Two goals down, Sorrento were always in danger of action and for a while looked promising. The goalkeeper provided anxious moments for the Gilbarco goalkeeper, but no goals.

Shortly after the start of the second half, Gilbarco slammed home another goal, and before the end they collected another.

Sorrento could not really be threatened, however, because they were at all times involved in a defensive game.

Motors fail at Wickford
SOUTH ESSEX MOTORS "A" 2, JOHN TANN 4
SOUTH ESSEX Motors were embarrassed in the doubtful goals scored by John Tann in this Sunday League match at Wickford.

Depleted by injury and absenteeism, the Motorsmen fielded a second team and needed the luck with them rather than in opposition.

Tann's went ahead with a goal by Rooney which looked suspiciously offside in the first half and he held this lead until the break. The Motorsmen made a number of promising raids, but had no one to finish off the moves.

After the interval an unusual positioning error by goalkeeper Pettit allowed Tann's to pick up a lovely goal, centre-forward Cudbill moved up the wing and passed to left-winger Cudbill who netted.

Shortly afterwards they produced the best goal of the match to put themselves 3-0 up. Some fine midfield play by right-half Wright led to Cudbill scoring.

These goals put much much on the line for South Essex Motors and from a Gregory corner, substitute Paul Bloomfield headed the fourth goal. Almost straight from the restart Gregory got another.

Then came another setback for the Motorsmen. Tann's scoring a body check in the fourth minute through Bedding which really settled the issue.

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On trial
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Spotlight on Basildon League

WOODLANDS UPSET BELHUS PARK

FINE RALLY FAILS

YORK SHIPLEY 2, BASILDON AND PITSEA RESERVES 4

STILL LOOKING for their first win in the Basildon League Premier Division, York Shipley got little joy from the Gunners on Saturday, although fighting back from a 3-0 deficit to 3-2, but finally going down 4-2.

Gunners were first to attack, but Shipley hit back and Critten and Mann tested the Gunners' keeper. Then Basildon and Pitsea won a corner, and Watson nodded the ball over for Ball to score the first.

Shipley came back looking for an equaliser, and Voley and Critten both had shots, but were well saved before Basildon and Pitsea got back on top. O'Connor tipped shots from Watson and Fredericks over the bar, but was beaten just before half-time when Lane thumped the ball home despite appeals for off-side.

Six minutes in the second half Pitsea went three goals ahead, Shipley again appealing for off-side and Watson scoring.

This goal finally sent York Shipley into action. They threw everything into attack, and as Cockerton moved up to add weight to pushing the ball through, this time Pitsea appealed for off-side as Critten scored.

Everyone moved up for Shipley. Cockerton headed, but was well saved. Critten hit the woodwork, and finally Cockerton narrowed the gap, racing in to head a cross high into the net.

Shipley were making all the running now, but a fourth goal from the Gunners finally destroyed their resistance. A long clearance put Ball through and as the keeper came out, the ball was lobbed the ball home.

Any takers?

Marconi F.C. (Basildon) want friendly fixtures for their new league third team. Man to contact at the Christopher Martin Road works is Mr. J. Harvey.

Laindon win battle of the Athletics

Laindon Athletic 3, Basildon Athletic 1

LAINDON ATHLETIC returned to winning form against Basildon Athletic on Saturday, but they made heavy weather of carrying off the two Basildon League points. Hesitancy in front of goal was their biggest trouble after showing some brilliant touches in their approach work.

HOW THEY STAND

BASILDON and District Football League positions, up to and including December 2nd:

| PREMIER DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Irish Club | 1 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Laindon Athletic | 2 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Basildon Athletic | 3 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Yardley | 4 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Woodlands | 5 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Nicholas | 6 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Basildon and Pitsea | 7 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Shipley | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Yardley | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Corringham | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |

| DIVISION 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Laindon Ath. B. | 1 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Basildon Ath. B. | 2 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Yardley B. | 3 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Woodlands B. | 4 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Nicholas B. | 5 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Basildon and Pitsea B. | 6 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Shipley B. | 7 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Yardley B. | 8 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Corringham B. | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Woodlands B. | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |

BOYS' CLUB SCORE TEN

BASILDON BOYS' CLUB 10, FRYERNS B.C. 1

THE LOSS of two players early in the second half proved too much for Fryerns Boys' Club, who crashed to a 10-1 defeat in the Basildon Youth League on Saturday.

Until the injuries hit them Fryerns were very much in the game and were only 1-0 down at the break.

The goal came from Whyte, whose shot from a short free-kick by Rodwell gave the Fryerns goalkeeper no chance.

In the second half the Basildon team got on top and added further goals from Layton and Marven before Head replied for Fryerns after good work by Warwick.

With Fryerns down to nine men they were at a great disadvantage and further goals soon came from Champkins, Barker (2), Marven, Layton, Whyte and Clarke.

Clarke's goal was perhaps the best of the bunch, his shot from 30 yards finding into the net.

Vail played extremely well for the Boys' Club and was backed up well by Wang, Monk, Rodwell and goalkeeper Teather.

FOLLOWING LAST WEEK'S SHOCKS, RESULTS IN THE BASILDON FOOTBALL LEAGUE ON SATURDAY SETTLED DOWN TO FORM, THE ONLY UPSET BEING THE DEFEAT OF BELHUS PARK BY WOODLANDS RESERVES IN DIVISION ONE.

It was the second defeat in succession for Belhus, who now drop down to sixth place in the table.

In the Premier Division, Laindon Athletic beat Basildon Athletic as expected and jumped above Ilford Sports who were without a game.

Keeping up with the leaders are Yardley who had a fine win over Nicholas.

York Shipley, who are still searching for their first points, were expected to hold Basildon Athletic, but they failed again and went down 4-2.

In Division 1, Scilla returned to winning form in a match with Woodlands and Ilford Reserves extended their unbeaten run to six matches by beating Woodlands. The win took them to third place in the table.

Outwood Common have now won seven points from five matches. On this form they could upset some of the fancied sides.

Results

Premier Division: Laindon Athletic 3, Basildon Athletic 1; York Shipley 2, Basildon and Pitsea 4.

Division 1: Ilford Reserves 4, Fryerns 0; Irish Reserves 3, Manor 2; Mooros 0, Scilla 4; Outwood Common 4, Woodlands Reserves 4; Belhus 1.

Fixtures

The quarter finals of the Charity Cup are being played this week and the winners will go through to the semi-finals in February, writes Joe Hean.

Woodlands entertain Ilford Reserves on Saturday. In the league two weeks ago and the game could go either way. Corringham league leaders Laindon Athletic meet Yardley

NICHOLAS MISSED McNALLY

YARDLEY 3, NICHOLAS Y.C. 0

WITHOUT REGULAR centre-half McNally, Nicholas played well below form against Yardley on Saturday, and lost the Premier Division game from which they would have expected at least a point.

Yardley took the lead when a good corner curved into the goalmouth. Pett caught the ball then dropped as he was tested, and it bounced into the net.

Nicholas were still trying hard, however, and a shot from Willis hit the corner of an upright. Play switched from end to end, and then Yardley went Yardley to score their second goal.

Nicholas were very unlucky not to reduce arrears before the end of the first half. Sweeney hitting the cross-bar, and Roache beating the goalkeeper with a header, seeing the ball cleared off this line.

Nicholas kept trying to get back into the game, but were unable to break through, and before the end Yardley had made it 3-0.

Brilliant goalkeeper

MURCO SPORTS 1, VANCE Y.M.C. 1

A BRILLIANT DISPLAY by goalkeeper Nick Jones saved Vance Working Men's Club from defeat in this friendly.

Murco's goal came from a penalty and Vance replied through Snodden.

Murco were the more experienced side, but Vance deserved their share of the honours for their fighting qualities.

TWO-GOAL RETURN BY WILLIAMS

Irish Club Reserves 3, Manor United 2

RON WILLIAMS celebrated his return to the Irish Club's colours with two grand goals against the lively Manor side in the Basildon League on Saturday.

Displaying their best form for weeks, Manor forced the Irishmen to pull out all the stops to clinch two more badly needed points.

It was he who kept the Irish away from the goal, and when shots from Williams, Denny and Dean seemed destined for goal.

Then, surprisingly, Manor took the lead following good work by their right-winger, Gannon, netting from close in. This stung the Irish into attacking more strongly and with centre-half Bannon pushing numerous high balls into the Manor penalty area, it was no surprise when Williams picked up a loose ball and announced it past Tanswell.

ATTRACTIVE CLASHES IN LEAGUE CUP

TWO OF the top teams in the Basildon Football League, Irish Club and Woodlands Youth Centre, have been drawn together in the quarter-finals of the League Cup.

Another attractive clash resulting from the draw on Monday is Ilford Sports—the League Champions—against Nicholas Youth Centre.

Pull draw: Premier Division (to be played December 16th)—Woodlands v Irish Club; Nicholas Y.C. v Ilford Sports; York Shipley v Laindon Athletic; Basildon and Pitsea v Yardley.

Division 1 (to be played January 13th)—Nicholas v Scilla; Irish Club Reserves v Manor United; Yardley Reserves v Ilford Sports; Belhus v Woodlands Reserves.

Kick-off times are 1.45 p.m. for all matches.

WEEKEND SOCCER TEAMS

SATURDAY

Basildon United (away) to Ousdale Junior; Capi; Smith; Bryan; Jones; G. Barham; M. Barham; Agor; Peck; H. Hucker.

Basildon United (at home) to Magnat Rovers; Dowsett; W. Mann; W. Mann; Hedley; Bastable; Benn; Wynn; Roswell; Smith; Rice.

Woodlands (away) to Ilford Sports (Cup); From; Pense; Poulter; Firth; Hanlon; Wynn; Wynn; Burns; Orchard; West; Tait; Arnold.

Fryerns B.C. (away) to Belhus Rovers; Pelly; Capi; Becton; Houghton; Griffin; Vincent; West Turner; Dallimore; May; Kennel; Diver; Keely; Hest; Hest.

Hat-tricks for Rangers

BENFLEET RANGERS 6.

ALAN WHITING scored a hat-trick for Rangers in this Southend and District League Premier Division match played on Saturday. But Carreras were tougher opposition than the score suggests, as they were trailing only 1-0 at half-time to a goal by K. Newman.

After ten minutes of the second half, Carreras' play between Willis and the Carreras' right-half resulted in both players requiring medical attention for split heads.

With both sides down to ten men Rangers stormed into the attack and dictated the play for the rest of the game.

Ballard made it 2-0 with a magnificent 25-yard drive and then Tracey made it 3-0 before Whiting stepped in with his hat-trick.

The Benfleet Reserves were leading 3-1 when the game was abandoned after 65 minutes. Craham scored a hat-trick.

Not a happy day for Rangers, four of their teams who went down 3-1 to Fryerns and 5-0 to Runwell respectively.

However, the sixth team continued its winning ways with a 4-1 win over Hockley IV at Hockley.

Three goals for Pickup

CARRERAS IV 2, RAYFIELD ATHLETIC II 5

A CRASHING drive on to the crossbar in the first minute from a Rayfield forward was a hint of what was to come in this District League (Division IV) match on Saturday.

In a game in which both sides attacked strongly it was Carreras who took the lead through their centre-forward.

Rayfield's equaliser came when Merryfield scored on to a back pass and swept it past the Carreras' keeper.

By half-time Rayfield led 3-2, thanks to a couple of fine goals from Pickup against an own goal by Driver for Carreras.

After the break Rayfield's defence was very steady and the "cats" could make no impression.

Merryfield scored again for Rayfield and just before half-time Pickup scored for third and his team's fifth goal.

PROMOTION FORM

STANDARD TELEPHONES 2.

HITTING SOUTHWOOD in the second half, when they scored four times. Southwood netted two goals to prolong their challenge for promotion from Division II of the Southend and District League.

They took an early lead through Shino, Telgott, and Southwood 2-1 ahead at the break.

In the second half Southwood really went to town and took four goals from Peadar (pen.), Shino, Lukey and Street while Standard netted only once in reply.

Round the dart boards

BASILDON BULL'S FINE RUN HALTED BY CHALLENGERS

THE BASILDON BULL LOST THEIR LONG, UNBEATEN RECORD IN THE BASILDON CENTRAL DARTS LEAGUE LAST WEEK AND ALSO THEIR PLACED AT THE TOP.

Team to upset them was the Plough and Tractor, who now take over as leaders following their narrow 5-4 win.

It was a great match with the result depending on the final game won for the Plough and Tractor by Chris. Clock. The defeat pushed the Bull down to third place allowing the Gun, who beat the Comdore 8-1, to slip into second position. In the form for the Gun was F. Lea who scored a maximum 180 against M. Carey.

Results — Gun 8, Comdore 1; Plough and Tractor 5, Basildon Bull 4; Double Six 5, Jolly Friar 4; Castle Mayne 8, Crane 1; Tellex 3, Owl and Pussy Cat 6; Ford's 2, Marconi 7; Albert Mann's 7, Hord's 2; Albert Mann's 7, Hord's 2.

POSITIONS:

| W | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| Plough and Tractor | 9 | 1 | 60 | 30 |
| Gun | 8 | 2 | 50 | 28 |
| Marconi | 7 | 3 | 40 | 26 |
| Castle Mayne | 6 | 4 | 30 | 24 |
| Comdore | 5 | 5 | 20 | 22 |
| Double Six | 4 | 6 | 10 | 20 |
| Crane | 3 | 7 | 0 | 18 |
| Lea | 2 | 8 | 0 | 16 |
| Owl & Pussy Cat | 1 | 9 | 0 | 14 |
| Albert Mann | 0 | 10 | 0 | 12 |
| Jolly Friar | 0 | 11 | 0 | 10 |
| Tellex | 0 | 12 | 0 | 8 |

WENDY CUP DECIDERS

FORD'S BEAT S.T.C. 2-0 and Marconi beat the White Hart 2-0 in Wendy Cup deciders in the Landon Darts League last week.

Other second leg results were: Crane 2, Winston 0; Sherwood 1, Prince 1; Pussycat 2, B. Owl and Pussy Cat 1; Ford's 2, Marconi 1; Crane 2, Marconi 1.

The draw for the first round proper of the individuals and pairs will be made at the Winston Club on Monday.

EASY FOR PAUL PRY

PAUL PRY maintained their lead in the Wickford and District Dart League with an easy 8-1 win over Janar. Results:—

| | | | | |
|--|----|---|----|----|
| Castle 3, Long Riding 6; Paul Pry 8, Invacar 1; Kings Head 5, Stow 0; Pitsea B.L. 4, Norion Flight 3; Bonalacks 4, Crown 5; Spread Eagle 4, Shephard 5; Mayricks 1; J. Quirt Pot 6; Quirt "B" 4, Swan 5. | | | | |
| Paul Pry | 12 | 1 | 73 | 79 |
| Quirt Pot | 12 | 1 | 73 | 79 |
| Kings Head | 12 | 1 | 73 | 79 |
| Long Riding | 12 | 7 | 3 | 47 |
| Norion | 11 | 8 | 4 | 60 |
| Shephard | 12 | 8 | 4 | 60 |
| Spread Eagle | 12 | 8 | 4 | 60 |
| Mayricks | 12 | 5 | 7 | 56 |
| Crown | 12 | 5 | 7 | 56 |
| Quirt "B" | 12 | 5 | 7 | 56 |
| Swan | 12 | 6 | 6 | 50 |
| Invacar | 12 | 7 | 3 | 47 |
| Stow | 12 | 7 | 3 | 47 |
| Bullocks | 12 | 7 | 3 | 47 |
| Pitsea B.L. | 12 | 5 | 7 | 56 |
| Castle | 12 | 4 | 8 | 46 |
| Bonalacks | 12 | 2 | 9 | 46 |
| Norion Flight | 12 | 2 | 9 | 46 |
| Bull Products | 11 | 0 | 11 | 21 |
| Knock-Out Cup (first round): Long Riding 4, Castle 3; Bonalacks 2, Kings Head 1. | | | | |

CROWN LOSE TOP SPOT

THE LAINDON Crown lost the leadership of the Stanford Darts League last week when they crashed 5-3 to the Pitsea Bull.

The new leaders are the Kings Head, who continued their winning way with a 6-2 win over Taverners.

Results: Pitsea Bull 6, Landon Crown 3; Rising Sun 3, Railway (Pitsea) 5; Calcracker 4, Orsett Cock 4; Kings Head 6, Taverners 2.

Pairs results played on Friday were: Gun 2, Rising Sun 1; Orsett Cock 2, Taverners 1; Landon Crown 2, Railway (Pitsea) 1; Pitsea Bull 2, Kings Head 1.

LEAGUE TABLE

| W | L | F | A | Pts |
|------------------|----|---|----|-----|
| Kings Head | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Landon Crown | 9 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| Rising Sun | 8 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Pitsea Bull | 7 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| Railway (Pitsea) | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Calcracker | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Taverners | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Orsett Cock | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 |

LEADERS WIN AGAIN

KING CANUTE and Castle Mayne opened up a larger gap at the top of the Landon Ladies Darts League last week.

Both won their matches, with Carerra "B" and Sherwood—the next two teams in the table—were going down.

Summer Cup positions: 1. King Canute, 60 points; 2. Hiding, 58; 3. King, 57; 4. Hiding, 56; 5. Sherwood, 47; 6. G.P.O., 46; 7. Jolly Friar, 45; 8. Albert Mann, 44; 9. Carerra "B", 43; 10. Carerra "A", 40.

LEAGUE TABLE

| W | L | F | A | Pts |
|--------------|----|----|----|-----|
| King Canute | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Castle Mayne | 9 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| Carerra "B" | 8 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Sherwood | 7 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| Albert Mann | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Carerra "A" | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Carerra "B" | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Carerra "C" | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Carerra "D" | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Carerra "E" | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Carerra "F" | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |

Cross-country success for New Towners

HATS WERE raised to Basildon's cross-country team on Saturday when they recorded their first win after only two months competing in the S.E. Essex Cross-Country League.

Although several notable runners were absent from the team, Basildon had a convincing win over rivals Thurrock and eight other teams from all over Essex.

Linda Motton, after finishing ninth and then sixth in the two previous races, came up with a fine second place to make her almost sure of a place in the Essex team this season—her first as an intermediate.

Thirteen—year-old Jane Saunders—the youngest member of the Basildon contingent showed tremendous promise by coming in seventh in her first-ever cross-country.

Placings and times were: 1. Linda Motton 9m. 31s.; 2. Jane Saunders 9m. 46s.; 3. Teresa Cowell 9m. 52s.; 4. Linda Gough 9m. 54s.; 5. Linda Waters 10m. 24s.; 6. Christine Waters 13m. 51s.

Teams: 1. Basildon 98 pts.; 2. Thurrock 80; 3. Southend 88; 4. Romford 69.

EASY FOR PAUL PRY WOODLANDS WIN IN EXTRA TIME

CARKE HALL COMPLETED THE (HARLOW) 2 WOODLANDS SECONDARY (BASILDON) 4

AFTER A tense and exciting first leg match at Harlow, Woodlands finally went through to the next round with a 4-2 victory. Woodlands put out Sutton, Hornchurch, in the previous round by ten goals to two, but the second game was a far more difficult proposition. However, thanks to a fine individual game by Barnett, who scored twice, the Basildon boys held the edge. They settled after 15 minutes and a Shields corner was headed home by Barnett. The third half was goalless, but Barnett, who had been playing attractive football, and scoring two quick goals, took both efforts going in at a post.

Close on half-time Woodlands equalised again, Shiel scoring from the edge of the box.

The game continued to sway round the second half. Neither side could get the vital third goal and the match went into extra time. Barnett collected the ball in his own half, linked through and scored a fine goal, and Carleton made it 4-2 before the final whistle.

KINGSWOOD IN FRONT

POSITIONS IN THE Basildon Primary Schools' football competition were the start of December were:

LEAGUE TABLE

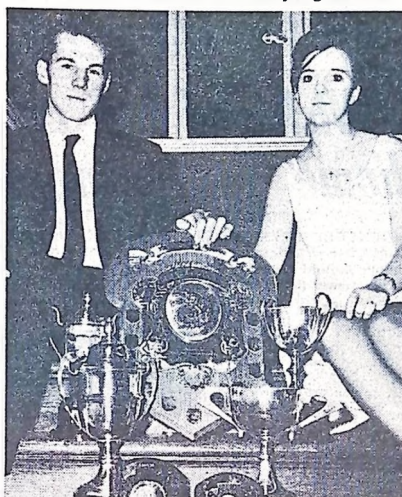
| W | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Kingswood | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Fairview | 9 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| Wickford | 8 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Janet Duke | 7 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| Billieray | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Whitmore | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Springfield | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Wickham | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Wickham | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Wickham | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Wickham | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |

GOLF FINAL

Tom Arundel got through to Basildon Golf Club's 18-hole trophy final by beating Marconi 8 and 6 at Basildon on Saturday. He now meets Bernard Elise in the final.



Basildon Cycling Club award winners pictured with Mr. and Mrs. D. Taylor at the club dinner and dance in Pitsea on Saturday night.



Roger Barton, pictured after the Basildon Cycling Club dinner, with his fiancée, 17-years-old Susan Elam, of Little Lullaway, and his pile of trophies. Roger's engagement to Susan was announced to club members by Secretary Bob Hawthorne at the dinner.

HEAVY DEFEAT FOR SCHOOLS SIDE

Newham Schools 7, Basildon Primary Schools 1

NEWHAM'S BRILLIANT forward line hit seven goals past the Basildon defence on Saturday to add to the 10 they scored against Thurrock in the previous round of the London Schools' Crisp Shield.

Due to the absence of Francis (St. Teresa's) Basildon were forced to reshuffle their forward line and it lost a lot of its effectiveness as a result.

It was obvious from the start that the Hammers had the better forward line, but Basildon's defence played brilliantly to keep the score down, particularly Ken Thomas in goal.

Basildon lead

It was Basildon who went ahead first, a Keeley free-kick on the edge of the penalty area being headed home by Campbell.

Newham equalised through Tulu, and before half-time the game player scored twice more to make it 3-1. They almost had a fourth when Refell cleared off the line with Thomas well beaten.

In the second half Newham continued to do most of the attacking, but Thomas and his defence kept their tally down to four more.

Although Basildon were beaten heavily they were by no means disgraced.

YANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL 7, LANCION HILLS PRIMARY 0

| W | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Yance | 10 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Langion Hills | 9 | 1 | 9 | 9 |
| Langion Hills | 8 | 2 | 8 | 8 |
| Langion Hills | 7 | 3 | 7 | 7 |
| Langion Hills | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 |
| Langion Hills | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Langion Hills | 4 | 6 | 4 | 4 |
| Langion Hills | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| Langion Hills | 2 | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| Langion Hills | 1 | 9 | 1 | 1 |
| Langion Hills | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 |

NETBALL RESULTS

BASILDON NETBALL League results: Div. 1—Billeray 20, Barrett 13; Checkmates 18, Tibbury 13; Ladies 14, Eversons 18; Tibbury 19, Vikings 12. Div. 11—Basildon Checkmates 25, White 26; Eversons 18, White 26; C.S.C. 20, Checkmates 16.

Cycling Club celebrates its tenth birthday

BASILDON CYCLING Club, on Saturday celebrating their 10th birthday at an annual dinner, have already made a big impact on the cycling world in their short history.

But if we want to keep going forward," stressed Chairman Ian Metcalfe at the dinner, "the time has come for a definite policy. We must know our aims."

He set out the Club's needs as—

- Improved racing facilities.
- A track in Basildon.
- A road circuit, perhaps in Gloucester Park.
- A Clubhouse.

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Priorities

"We all know what we want," he continued. "We want a lot more money for all facilities. But there is so much required and we have to sort out priorities. What we need at the moment is a sports hall, and we are planning towards that."

One has to learn to make do and mend. The most important thing is that you are prepared to get up off your back-sides and get something done."

After the speeches came the awards. Dominating them once again was Basildon's star Roger Barton. He was the best all-rounder in the Club, breaking 100 miles, first and second handi-caps at 30 miles, member of 100 miles, and winning a host of trophies through the year. It was announced at the dinner that he had become engaged to 17-year-old Susan Elam.

Another member, deserving special mention was Simon Olney, who in his first year's racing, won the junior 25, the junior handi-cap, and the George McMillan Minor Handi-cap Trophy.

First winners in the list of award winners went to Pauline Taylor. She took only a pause for coming second in the map reading competition, but she was, in fact, the first girl winner in the Club's history.

Presentations were made as follows:—

Roger Barton—second place 25 miles, first place 10 miles and hilly 20 miles, two first places at 25 and 100 miles, records at 50 and 100 miles, first 1967 B.C.F. Champion-ship 25 miles, third 25 miles, Bath Road Race, fourth in E.C.R.A. 25 miles, first Club event.

Pauline Taylor—second place 25 miles, first place 10 miles and hilly 20 miles, two first places at 25 and 100 miles, records at 50 and 100 miles, first 1967 B.C.F. Champion-ship 25 miles, third 25 miles, Bath Road Race, fourth in E.C.R.A. 25 miles, first Club event.

Simon Olney—three awards in evening 10's, first handi-cap at 25 miles, Club champion in hill climb, winner Club track handi-cap sprint.

Ken Norris—member of second team in Club map-reading competition, second place track devil champion-ship, five awards in evening 10's, second place and second handi-cap at 50 miles, second place and first handi-cap at 25 miles, first and second handi-cap at 30 miles, member of record-breaking team at 100 miles.

Jack Adams—award for utility 100 kilometres in 4h, 45m, third class tandem standard at 30 miles, five awards in evening 10's, second place and second handi-cap at 50 miles, winner and second handi-cap at 100 miles, member of record-breaking team at 100 miles, winner of evening 10's trophy.

Tim Turner—award for utility 100 kilometres in 4h, 45m, first handi-cap in hilly places at 25 and 50 miles, first handi-cap in A.C. Open 25 mile records at 30 and 50 miles, winner of Club track devil event.

Eric Smith—two places and three handi-cap awards in junior 10's, second place and second handi-cap at 25 miles, junior track sprint champion.

Don Ian Metcalfe—three awards in evening 10's, first handi-cap at 25 miles, Club champion in hill climb, winner Club track handi-cap sprint.

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DISMAL DISPLAY BY BASILDON RUGBY TEAM

OLD WILLIAMSONIANS 8 PTS., BASILDON 1st XV 6 PTS.

BASILDON SUFFERED their third rugby defeat of the season on Saturday and it was the most dismal of all. It was a game in which neither side seemed to possess the art or know-how to overcome the wet conditions and slippery ball.

The chief method of progression was the lofted kick to the right wing which as a principal method of attack was as innocuous as it was boring.

Basildon did attempt to bring their three into the game, but hampered by the rarity of good ball, too much of the running went across-field with little forward direction.

Mett and Davies made several good breaks, but they were just not finished off.

The Old Boys took the lead in the first minutes of the game with an excellent penalty from 40 yards. It took Basildon ten minutes to find their feet and they gradually gained prolonged footholds near the Old Boys line.

From a Williamsonian kick ahead, Rees opened up the play in his own half and carried on with a lovely break. He then transferred to Rees on the inside who was stopped a few yards from the line. A good head from the loose man resulted in a kick dropping a goal to even the scores.

Rees scores

Basildon seemed to have the game in their hands in the second half. They pressed for prolonged periods and eventually Rees kicked a penalty from in front of the posts to put them ahead.

Basildon looked home and dry at this stage as it looked as if the only way the Old Boys would score was to profit from a mistake.

This proved the case a few minutes from the end when Rees who had been playing well, made the mistake of trying a fly kick in front of his own line. He was tackled by the Old Boys' forwards and the Old Boys' forwards pounced for a try which when converted gave them victory by 8 pts. to 6.

Billericay well beaten

BASILDON 2nd XV 24 PTS., BILLERICAY 3 PTS.

BASILDON'S SECOND string recorded a good win over Billericay on Saturday in a scrappy game with virtually no three-quarter play.

Once the Basildon three did gain possession, they showed their vast superiority over the inexperienced Billericay backs, with some neat breaks by Fretwell and Knott in particular, showing up the suspect defence.

The only score in the first half came when an orthodox break by Knott led to a try by Walker. It was converted by B. Moore.

The Basildon forwards really got on top in the second half with Weekes, Watkins, Williams and King well to the fore at mauls from line-outs. They were well supported by Smith and Light, the latter being particularly quick to initiate movements from the second phase.

Some very good running by all the three resulted in some fine tries. Bailey ran well for one and Jenkins showed determination to notch two. Walker added another after some good passing and Johns scored a fine try just before the end. Moore added the extra points to this and also to Bailey's to round off an efficient afternoon's performance. Billericay replied with a consolation penalty.

Grandstand finish

BASILDON 3rd XV 5 PTS., BILLERICAY 1st XV 1 PTS., BASILDON, WHO were much the better side throughout, were unlucky to lose against a Billericay side that came from behind to win in exciting fashion in the closing minutes of the game.

With the same only ten minutes left, a fine handling movement by the Basildon three ended with Miller scoring near the posts for C. M. Jones to convert.

Basildon, although they were by far the better scrummaging side, could not assert themselves in the line-outs and with spasmodic possession the three linked well to go close to the Billericay line on a number of occasions.

Basildon turned round in the second half with their slender five points lead, and for long periods stretched the Billericay defence with their efforts to push the score along. After a series of set pieces near the Basildon line, Billericay were awarded a try when Watkins, the Basildon full back, tackled man and ball when a Billericay forward crashed over the line.

The conversion attempt was successful which levelled the scores and set and game afloat during the dying minutes.

It was a handling mistake under the posts which allowed Billericay their second try and final victory. This try was not converted.

Fine form by the Colts

BASILDON COLTS 30 PTS., MAYFIELD Y.C. 0

BASILDON COLTS showed Mayfield on Saturday, going ahead after only four minutes following some bodyline brilliance by Lawrence.

After this try the systematic thrashing of Mayfield was commenced. Although the ball was lost on a number of occasions in the line-outs, it was soon regained with the Basildon forwards smashing through and winning it in the loose.

Scorers for the Colts were: Fries by Lawrence (2), Foster (2), Clulow (2), Bradley and Giannotti, and conversions by Lawrence, Conway and Giannotti.

TEAMS

BASILDON RUGBY Club teams for Saturday:

1st XV (away to Old West-cillians): D. Rees; Evans; Jones; Davies; Sheppard; Mett; Collins; Bush; D. Smith; Head; Borowski; Shaw; Light; Mills; Brodie; Giannotti.

2nd XV (away to Maldon): B. Moore; Perry; Conner; Knott; Fretwell; Fretwell; Black; King; Larn, Goldsmith; Smith; D. Townsend; Redman; Simpson; R. Smith.

3rd XV (at home to Maldon Vikings at Gloucester Park): C. M. Jones; Miller; Bailey; Thomas Phillips; Walker; Egan; Hammond; G. John; Weekes; Pickering; Kneale; Goldrick; Lockett; G. Rees.

4th XV (at home to Wasps 21): Watkins; Potts; Norris; Bearman; Day; Anderson; O'Connor; Godley; Wilkinson; Siggers; Feale; Williams; King; Wright; Riches.

Colts (at home to Rochford Colts): Fren Naylor; Foster; Clulow; Conway; Wilson; Giannotti; Lawrence; Benton; Denham; Bulcher; Bradley; Bright; Spicer; Fester; Stowe; D. K. Hymans.



Members of the Lawn Bowls Section of Carreras Sports and Social Club in merry mood at the social and presentation evening held at their headquarters at Nevendon last Saturday.

Wickford fail at home to Rochford

Wickford Town 2, Rochford 5

WICKFORD OPENED the scoring in this Southend and District League Premier Division match at their home ground on Saturday, but they were unable to press home their advantage.

Rochford hit back with two well-taken goals, and it was only a defensive lapse that enabled Wickford to equalise just before the break.

Wickford fought hard in the second half to stop Rochford's fast-moving forwards breaking through, but their backs were almost powerless in the face of some really accurate passing.

Play was mainly in Wickford half as Rochford took control and they ran out 5-2 winners.

Goalkeeper carried off

WICKFORD TOWN RESERVES

MONARCHS RESERVES 7

WICKFORD RESERVES played courageously in the face of some daunting opposition from Monarchs, but they were unable to make any impression on the latter's defence.

Injuries added to their troubles. They were two goals down five minutes before the break when their goalkeeper was carried off the pitch and they were one man short for the whole of the second half.

Wickford continued to fight hard after the interval, but the Monarchs' forward line was too much for them.

Their solitary goal resulted from a breakthrough in the final minutes of the game. Merrin picked up a long pass, dribbled unopposed and slammed the ball home.

Hadleigh well beaten

WICKFORD TOWN 4, HADLEIGH 0

FOG AND mist spoiled this Southend and District League Division IV match at Wickford on Saturday, and at times made the nets invisible from the centre line.

The game was played in a very sporting manner, both sides displaying some very good football.

Wickford should have scored more goals, being the superior team.

Packs battle in the mud

SWEYNE 1st XV 12 PTS., BARSTABLE C.T. 3 PTS.

THIS RUGBY game developed into a hard forward struggle, mainly because of the muddy conditions. Both packs strove hard for the initiative with Barstable having the edge in the tight scrummaging, while in the line and the loose the Sweyne forwards earned and possession.

When the Sweyne backs were able to attack, the Barstable line always looked in danger.

Sweyne Under-16's 0, Barstable 8 points; Sweyne Under-14's 2 points, Barstable 0; Sweyne Under-13's 3 points, Barstable 0 points; Sweyne Under 12's 12 points, Appleton 3 points.

WICKFORD IDLE, BUT STILL TOP DIV. VI

WICKFORD Y.C. II had no game in Division VI of the Southend Sunday League, but still head the Division.

Casuals III are second, but they really had to go all out to beat lowly Felix United, who led 1-0 at the interval when Vigor netted. Druce and Hawkins got the goals for Casuals, the game being marred by Casuals' Thompson being ordered off.

Keddie Argyille's improvement continues and they have now gained five points out of the last six.

Ten men hold out and win

SCIMITAR 3, DOUBLE SIX 4

DESPERATE DEFENCE in the last 10 minutes enabled the Double Six to hold on to their narrow one-goal lead and the two points in this Sunday League match at Clouester Park.

At the time the Six had lost right-half Plinch with a knee injury necessitating a hospital X-ray, and Scimitar, seeing their chance, tried hard to get on terms.

But seven great saves by Welch and a goal-line clearance by Martin saved the day for the Six.

Double Six had their first shock five minutes after the start when Scimitar, who started at a terrific pace, went ahead with a smart goal.

The Six's equaliser eventually came from a great move by skipper Taylor who took the ball towards goal before releasing a pin-point pass to Banham who pushed it home.

Three minutes later they took the lead when Eaton rounded three defenders and cracked the ball into the net.

By half-time the lead had been increased to 4-1. The third came from Banham after McLeod's shot had been pinned away by the goalkeeper, and the fourth from McLeod who robbed the right-half and rounded the goalkeeper before slotting the ball home.

The second half was going much the same as the first until a long ball down the middle caught the Double Six flat-footed and resulted in a goal for Scimitar.

With 10 minutes to go two Six players collided for a corner and Plinch had to go off.

Scimitar stormed into attack and reduced the arrears, but all their efforts to win the game when play was concentrated in the Six penalty area came to nothing due to the brilliant defence and goalkeeper Welch.

Ghyllgrove fight hard

GHYLLGROVE "A" 3, SORRENTO "B" 5

GHYLLGROVE "A" with a much strengthened side, save their own goal, a goal for their money in this Basildon Sunday League Division II game before they went down.

Ghyllgrove took a shock lead in the first minute through Little. Sorrento equalised four minutes later when Don Harris converted a good pass from Roy Orchard.

The game swung evenly and excitingly to and fro for the first 25 minutes, with Sorrento hitting a post, then scoring through S. Stonehouse, a goal Ghyllgrove's clubhouse equalising after a corner.

The Ghyllgrove "keeper" went near the four corners with the ball and this led to the next goal. A quick indirect free-kick was taken by A. Hurley and R. Orchard shot the ball home first time.

Ghyllgrove were not finished. They equalised as the second half began through a fine individual effort by Davidson and the scores stayed level for some time.

Then Sorrento went into the lead for the last time. A goal-kick put Don Harris through, and he ran the ball into the inside a post. The final goal came when Johnstone passed to Greenwell for the latter to score the fifth.

Eric Smith was Ghyllgrove's best player.

Victory in extra time

OUTWOOD COMMON 4, GIFFORD RANGERS 3

BOTH THESE teams can be said to produce a good, close match, and this Basildon Sunday League Division I Cup match was no exception.

After 10 minutes G. Babb pushed a long ball through to T. Babb, who put Outwood one up.

Within 12 minutes Gifford had taken a 2-1 lead, their second being an own goal headed in by Outwood full-back Catmull.

Play at this stage was open and fast, and it came as no surprise when A. Clifton equalised for Outwood with a fine shot.

The second half continued to produce very good football, and it seemed out of place when two of Outwood's players had their names taken.

Gifford went into a 3-2 lead, which was cut back with 10 minutes to go, the marksmen being T. Babb.

Outwood full-back P. Foster stopped a pile-driver just before the end of the match, and the game went into extra time.

Outwood laid on the pressure all through the final period, and this was rewarded with a fine goal by G. Babb, who settled the game with 10 minutes to go.

FIXTURES

Premier Division: Priors Athletic v. Corringham; Laindon Hotel v. Newcombe and East-End; Ghyllgrove v. Ghyllgrove; Sorrento v. Double Six.

Division I: Outwood Common v. Gifford; Double Six v. Canvey; A. Gifford Rangers v. B.E.N.O.C.

Division II: Scott Hale v. Chertshell "A"; Shell v. S.E.M.; Outwood "B" v. Bonallack; Sorrento "B" v. Pritchard; Ghyllgrove "A" v. Canvey "B".

Division III: John Tunn v. Essex C.C.; Manor v. Scimitar; Murco v. Carter Ward; Double Six v. Coler Gas; S.E.M. "A" v. Crayland.

PENALTY APIECE IN CUP MATCH

Carter Ward 3, Essex Country Club 5

ESSEX COUNTRY CLUB met Carter Ward for the second week in succession on Sunday and the result—this time in the League Cup—was the same, although a much closer game resulted.

Smith gave the Country Club an early lead with a header from a corner, but the Wickford side equalised with a shot from outside the penalty area.

A shot by Smith went in off a defender to put the Country Club ahead, and after both sides had added a further goal, apiece from penalties, Pottling finished the first-half scoring with a 25-yard drive for Essex.

Carter Ward reduced the arrears to 4-3 with a quick goal in the second half and this set more fight into them.

Play was even for the next 10 minutes, but after Carter Ward had hit a post, the Country Club settled it with the break.

Their latest success was a 4-3 away win against Monoco II, Cavanagh (3), Donnelly and Higgs scored. Keddie, Russell and Tyler for the losers, who had D. Hey sent off.

Fulcoms II did extremely well to hold the unbeaten Takers to a 1-1 draw, and, led 1-0 at the interval when Martin netted. Davey got the point-saving goal after the break.

In the first round of the Charity Cup, Sutton United won an exciting game with S.F.C. by 4-3 after being 4-1 up at one stage. J. Jackson (2), Parker and McDowell got their goals.

their fifth goal from Smith after a shot from Illegworth had rebounded from a post.

Right-winger Mann played well for the Country Club.

RESULTS

BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE results:

Premier Division: Sorrento 7, Priors 4; Cup: Ghyllgrove 0, Corringham 2; Double Six 3, Newcombe 1.

Division I: Gifford 5, Sorrento 4; Cup: Gifford 4, Outwood Common 4; Gifford Rangers 3, Double Six 2; B.E.N.O.C. 4, Corringham "A" 1.

Division II: Cup: Outwood Common 4, Priors 3; Pritchard 3, Bonallack 7; Shell 0, Chertshell "A" 1; Canvey "B" 8, Ghyllgrove 4; Sorrento "B" 5.

Division III: S.E.M. "A" 3, John Tunn 4; Cup: Carter Ward 3, Essex C.C. 0; Norton Sports 1, Manor Rogers 0; Caor 3, Crayland 3; Scimitar 3, Double Six "B" 4.

Holed-in-one

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MORE CHANCES FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

THE RESERVOIR OF UNTAPPED ATHLETIC TALENT IN THE SCHOOLS IS TO BE EXPLOITED BY BASILDON ATHLETIC CLUB.

With the hope of a track now very much brighter, plans are afoot to expand club membership and the committee by the time the facilities become available.

One man who sees the potential in Basildon is chief coach Cy Knibb of 87, Rising Grove, Basildon, who was behind the fine win achieved by the young girls team in the S.E. Essex Cross Country League on Saturday.

The most surprising aspect of the win was that five of the six runners all came from one school, Laindon Secondary.

"I believe every school in Basildon has boys and girls of similar outstanding ability," said Cy, and if the sport was really encouraged the results would bring great credit to the New Town. In addition, the youngsters would receive the benefits of a thriving club life.

Cy realises the need for greater support to lay a strong athletics foundation in Basildon and is enthusiastic about the Club's plans for the future.

SCHOOLS SHARE HONOURS

LAINDON SECONDARY won the senior race 61-27 and lost the junior race 41-39 in an inter-school cross-country match against Nicholas Secondary School on Saturday.

A Nicholas runner came home first in the senior race, but he was followed home by the entire Laindon team of eight runners, who all finished within 15 seconds of the winner.

Laindon placings—2, John Jones, 10m. 35s.; 3, Kevin Hartley, 10m. 37s.; 4, Raymond Blackwell, 10m. 38s.; 5, Quinn, 10m. 40s.; 6, Perry Wilson, 10m. 42s.; 7, Richard Wood, 10m. 44s.; 8, Robert Downes, 10m. 45s.; 9, Simon Josely, 10m. 46s.

Nicholas took first three places in the junior race, but Laindon placed 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th and also 11th, 12th and 13th places.

Laindon placings—4, Bartley, 11m. 20s.; 5, Herbert, 11m. 25s.; 6, Hamilton, 11m. 28s.; 7, Lewellyn, 11m. 32s.; 8, Jarvis, 11m. 35s.; 11, Hyde, 11m. 45s.; 12, Bruce, 11m. 50s.; 13, Grant, 11m. 58s.

Nice gesture by Southend United

SOUTHERN UNITED provided their ground and all facilities free when the Basildon League met and defeated the Mid-Exsex League at Roots Hall last month. Thanks were expressed for the gesture at Monday's league meeting.

In addition to the facilities Southend also sent the league all gate money taken at the game.

The gift came at a time when the league's finances were being closely scrutinised by the Treasurer.

Expenses are up on last year already and on Monday the clubs agreed to support an extra dance to be held in February to raise money. It will probably be held at the Locarno, Basildon.

The league's main presentation dance takes place on June 1st.

'Grove hunt'

On the look-out for a Sunday goalkeeper is Ghyllgrove Football Club. Secretary is Stan Hubble at 69, Rodegate, Basildon.

Christmas treat

Big Christmas soccer attraction in Basildon will be the annual Saturday League versus Sunday League clash at Gloucester Park.

The match usually takes place on Boxing Day, but the Saturday League are asking for it to be switched to Christmas Eve, which is a Sunday.

Birmingham Trophy game

BASILDON SCHOOLS' Under-12 team play Witham Forest in the Birmingham Trophy at Fyerns Grammar Technical School, Basildon, on Saturday morning.

The Basildon team is: (Beauchamps) (Craylands); Daily (Craylands); Potts (Bartstable); Cook (Woodlands); Moorehead (Fyerns); Doye (Fyerns); Mahe (Woodlands); Stearn (Fyerns); Pranger (Gogswold); Bone (Craylands); Gogswold (Fyerns).

Substitutes are Carey (Chalvedon); Warwick (Craylands); Pratt (Laindon); Cartwright (Fyerns); Reece (Beauchamps); Clark (Timberlog).

Five-a-side competition

THE BASILDON Football League are to run their summer five-a-side competition again next year.

Applications will have to be in by the end of January and disclosed organiser Mr. G. Strick on Monday.

Whatever formation Manager Shepherd decides upon, they will have to show much more urgency and effort in the opposing penalty area than they did at Crew. They attacked the Railwaymen for the whole of the first half, got into the box on a number of occasions, yet still failed to find the back of the net.

The front line will have to buzz the whole time if they hope to get any change out of Brighton. And not only buzz, but bang the ball into the net as well.

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Langdon Hills School football team.

Two doubtful starters for cup game with Brighton

WITH TWO doubtful starters among his senior professionals, Southend United Manager Ernie Shepherd took a party of 15 players to Brighton on Thursday to prepare for Saturday's first round F.A. Cup-tie at the Goldstone Road Ground. But he is unlikely to name his line-up until around midday on the morning of the match, writes ALF SMIRK.

The players in the party will consist of Saturday's 12 who went down 1-0 at Crew—Trevor Roberts, Tony Bentley, Graham Birks, Mike Beesley, Joe Ashworth, Jimmy Stevenson, John Baber, Phil Chisnall, Andy Smille, Sammy McMillan, John McKinnon and Eddie May—Derek Woodley, Mel Slack and possibly Frank Mathews.

Question marks are against the names of Baber and Beesley, both of whom will probably play if they can get fit in time. Baber had a terrific gash on the front of his shin when a boot went over the top at Crew, but three immediate stitches have helped his hopes of recovering in time.

Beesley has been under treatment for an infection on the front of his leg and his fitness to play will depend upon it clearing up in time.

If neither passes a fitness test on Saturday morning then Manager Shepherd will probably recruit May into the centre-half position with Ashworth moving over to wing-half and bring Woodley into the forward line. But the possibility of Slack and Mathews both being considered cannot be ignored.

The players reported at Roots Hall at nine o'clock on Thursday for a road training stint before leaving for Brighton.

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'MISUNDERSTANDING' CLEARED UP

REPRESENTATIVES FROM local secondary schools are to meet officials of the Kingswood Squash Club on Monday to discuss special squash training for schoolchildren at the Club. The meeting has been arranged by the Schools' Sports Association.

A spokesman for the Squash Club said this week that they were very keen to co-operate with the schools in the area in teaching young people to play the game.

"They are our club members of the future and we feel it is only right that coaching facilities should be made available to people as young as possible," he said.

Recently it was stated at a Sports Council meeting that the Squash Club had made an effort to fix up the schools as was originally promised.

"This was a misunderstanding," said the spokesman. "And everything has been cleared up now."

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TENPIN BOWLS REVIEW

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Three highest individual game—D. Wood 521, R. Abbott 501, W. 501.

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Vange Primary School football team.

Visitors from Luton

CONQUERORS OF Newham in the last round, the strong Luton Schools team come to Basildon on Saturday to meet Basildon Schools in the third round of the Sun Shield.

The match is at Nicholas Secondary School, k.o. 10.30 a.m.

Basildon's team, which is skippered by Outram (Woodlands), is: Bazley (Woodlands); Tibbory (Timberlog); Bassett (Craylands); Etherington (Chalvedon); Carrigan (Nicholas); Outram (Woodlands); Saracant (Nicholas); Kocley (Bartstable); Williams (Woodlands); Hearn (Bartstable); Burford (Chalvedon).

Southend United competitions

SOCIAL CLUB BINGO

Monday, December 4th: 3, 5, 12, 14, 41, 45, 51, 53, 57, 65, 68, 73, 77, 82. Tuesday, December 5th: 6, 7, 9, 13, 18, 22, 24, 30, 34, 70. Wednesday, December 6th: 10, 17, 39, 42, 48, 49, 55, 60, 61, 71. Thursday, December 7th: 1, 29, 30, 47, 50, 56, 61, 68, 69, 89. Friday, December 8th: 1, 19, 33, 46, 54, 55, 61, 70, 74, 78.

DAILY DRAW

Monday, December 4th: 09032 (£10) and 18664, 03011 (£20). Tuesday, December 5th: 13580 and 26053, 11813, Wednesday, December 6th: 23550 and 04532, 18014. Thursday, December 7th: 20501 and 05603, 00121. Friday, December 8th: 03100 and 05802, 27382. Saturday, December 9th: 17426 (£100) and 13805, 20086.

Winter swim

LEIGH SWIMMING CLUB will hold their annual winter swim on Saturday, December 30th, at 1.30 a.m. at Essex Night Club's H.Q., the Lady Saville.

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Cycling Club dinner

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John Olney—two second places and two first handicaps at 10 miles; second handicaps at 25 miles.

Peter Stevens—third-class tandem standard at 30 miles second handicap at 10 miles, first handicaps at 30 miles, second place and first handicaps at 100 miles.

Peter Gilbert—second place 30 miles, three awards in evening 10's, winner at 25 miles.

Jan Roberts—E.C.R.A. Junior sprint champion, E.C.R.A. Junior two-mile champion.

Mike Raho—second handicaps at 10 miles, second place track handicaps sprint.

Steve Morris—second place and second handicaps at 25 miles.

Lawrence McKeogh—first handicaps at 10 miles, member third team in map reading competition.

Barry Sherring—first handicaps at 10 miles.

Tony Hawes—utility 10-kilometre award in four hours.

Graham Robertson—utility 100-kilometre award in 4h. 35s.

Brian Payne—first team member in map reading.

Pauline Taylor—member of second team in map reading.

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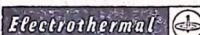
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
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Council plan to demolish many houses and build a new estate

BASILDON COUNCIL'S Housing Committee are pushing ahead with a plan to demolish a large number of council houses in School Road, Billericay, and build a completely new 142-dwelling estate.

Letters were sent yesterday (Thursday) by Town Manager Mr. David Taylor to all School Road tenants explaining the Council's intentions.

The new estate is to include an aged persons scheme.

The Committee are to ask the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for "agreement in principle" to the plan.

The Council's Housing Manager has been instructed to carry out the survey to determine the need for elderly people requiring housing in Billericay. The survey will also include the number of applicants already on the Council's housing waiting list needing accommodation in Billericay.

The Housing Committee were presented with three alternatives for the redevelopment of School Road—the first was general im-

provement to the existing houses; the second for redevelopment of part of School Road; and the third for complete redevelopment.

Mr. Taylor in his letter to tenants said: "You may be aware that over a year ago the Council gave consideration to proposals to carry out extensive improvements to the houses in School Road."

"The Council, however, recognise that the extent of the improvements was such that not only would a considerable amount of money be involved, but that a great deal of inconvenience would be caused to tenants while the work was being carried out."

He went on to say that the Committee preferred the scheme involving complete redevelopment and, in arriving at the decision, had regard

to the limited land available in Billericay for the erection of council houses.

He pointed out: "It should be appreciated that a final decision has yet to be made on which of the three schemes will be adopted, for this will depend to some extent on the policy and views of appropriate Government departments."

He concluded his letter saying: "The survey will be carried out by members of staff of the Housing Manager's Department and it is emphasised that the survey is for the purpose stated above and for no other reason."

In the circumstances I would be grateful if, when the survey is being made, you will co-operate with the interviewer."

SUCCESSFUL CAKE SALE

THIS YEAR'S cake sale held by the League of Friends of St. Andrew's and Mayflower Hospitals, Billericay, raised £60 8s. 6d., an increase of £10 on last year, members of the Executive Committee were told at their December meeting.

It was decided to give financial assistance, including payment for transport, to the hospitals' staff party at the Locarno, Basildon, in January.

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Guess the doll's name. Mrs. M. Turner was in charge of an interesting guessing game at Christ Church, Perry Street, Billericay, bazaar on Saturday. Trying to guess were Lorna Fairbairn and Heather Collishaw.

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They won Duke's Gold award



CADET SERGEANT S. WALDING AND CADET CORPORAL A. MORELL, OF 1474 SQUADRON, WICKFORD A.T.C., WERE PRESENTED WITH THEIR DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARDS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF BASILDON COUNCIL (COUN. A. BARON BURN, J.P.) ON THURSDAY AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN CUTS PLAY BY A WICKFORD MAN

THE LORD Chamberlain has ordered a cut in the play written by Mr. Terry Daly, of Southend Road, Wickford, "Do Not Spit On The Stairs."

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YOUNG SHOPPERS



A crowd of young shoppers at Wickford Tennis Club bazaar held on Saturday at St. Peter's Hall, Wickford.

Teaching schoolgirls how to relax



To help poise, deportment and show schoolgirls how to relax, Mrs. Audrey Bartlett, of South Beach Avenue, Wickford, takes Medaid rhythmic movement classes for fourth-year girls at Beauchamps Secondary School at Wickford. Mrs. Bartlett takes classes at the school three days a week.

DELAYED ACTION OVER PLAY GROUP UPSETS MOTHERS AT RUNWELL

RUNWELL PARISH Council were this week accused by two Runwell mothers of stalling over an application to hire the parish hall three mornings a week for a children's play group.

Mrs. Wendy Hills (32) and Mrs. Phyllis Beck (26), both of Tidworth Avenue, claim that they are being "strung along" by the Council in the hope that they will "get fed-up with trying and drop the idea."

"We put in our application about a month ago, but the Council have steadfastly evaded giving us a yes or no," said Mrs. Hills.

"They keep putting us off by telling us that they have got to contact the local and health authorities to make certain that the hall is suitable for this purpose, and that 'it all takes time,' but we think there is a lot more to it than that."

The two women aim to give busy mothers a break from looking after their children so they can do their shopping or their washing in peace. It will also give

children aged three to five a chance to mix, learn and play together before being plunged into school life, said Mrs. Hills.

She added that the hall was already being used as a Clinic and for dancing classes for children under five years old, and pointed out that the nearest children's play group was in Wickford 11 miles away — "a long walk" for a mother with several youngsters in tow.

Commented Parish Council Chairman Mr. H. P. Liberty, J.P.: "We are not deliberately stalling over this matter. It is a fact that we have to get the approval of the local health authority to use the hall for this purpose and there are a number of things which have to be gone into before this is possible."

"All the chairs in the hall, for example, are of the folding

variety which could prove dangerous in children's hands. The tables, too, are much too high for youngsters. "It may transpire that the Council will have to spend ratepayers' money to buy specialised equipment to comply with the requirements of the health authority. "These two women will obviously have to make a small charge for looking after the children and we must consider the question, 'Is it right to finance what could be classed as a commercial venture with public money?'"

FOR TRIAL

SALESMAN Colin Clive Brook, aged 35, of High Street, Wickford, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court by the Highgate Magistrates on Thursday week.

Brook elected trial by jury and was allowed bail.

He is accused of embezzling a total of £11 17s. 9d.—three charges—from his employers, The Blue Star Garage at Archway Road, Highgate, and with six offences of falsifying accounts.

The case concerns customers' accounts and agency cards.

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Not too many cooks here



Too many cooks may spoil the broth, but not the delicious home-made cakes on sale at St. Michael's Church bazaar on Saturday. The cooks above are (from the left) Miss R. H. Bailey, Mrs. E. Scott and Mrs. E. Edison.

Hell-fire corner is a problem

MAN WITH a problem is Mr. Dennis Buckley, who has been awakened four times this year to find cars in his front garden.

He heard a crash at 3 a.m. last Sunday and looked out to find two on his front lawn!

Mr. Buckley's home is on the corner of Clay Hill Road and Vange Hill Drive, Vange. "People are beginning to call this hell-fire corner," he said this week.

But it is no joke. Sunday's crash between two cars ruined his hedge, part of a fence and made a mess of his lawn.

"I'm fed up with repairing it," he said. "This time I'll get it done and send the bill to the drivers."

Non-committal about the cause of Sunday's crash, Mr. Buckley (seen below with one of the cars) considers Police ought to clamp down on the speedsters who roar through the 30 m.p.h. limit Clay Hill Road at all hours of the day and night.

"This road has been in an atrocious state recently and it is a miracle more accidents have not occurred. "In the past 12 months we have noticed that more and more traffic has been piling through at all hours. Yet the road is almost the same width as it was before the New Town was ever thought of."

Mr. Buckley complains that many motorists are unaware of the speed limit in the road. "Those who know don't bother to comply with it," he says.

He suggests that an attempt should be made with adequate signposts at the Barge Corner, Vange, and at the Town Centre to divert traffic away from Clay Hill Road. "If it was reduced by a small percentage it would be something," said Mr. Buckley.

Feminine tramps at supper



THE LADIES' GET-TOGETHER CLUB HELD A TRAMPS' SUPPER IN BEECH ROAD SCOUT HEAD-QUARTERS, BASILDON, ON TUESDAY.

No plans to raise Corporation rents

BASILDON DEVELOPMENT Corporation have no plans whatsoever to raise rents by next April, General Manager Mr. R. C. C. Boniface said on Tuesday.

He was commenting on claims from Basildon Council Labour Group Leader Coun. Joe Morgan that current rent reviews would mean rises throughout the New Town by April next year.

Coun. Morgan said the Corporation were reviewing rents and the rent rebate scheme with the idea of bringing out a scheme for the whole of the New Town.

"This will mean large-scale increases throughout the New Town and Basildon Labour Group are bitterly opposed to this. We will also be watching closely to see that the rent rebate scheme is not a means test."

Mr. Boniface said there were no plans at all for rent rises or a rebate scheme. Rumours were quite wrong, he said.

"Rents are definitely not going up in April. We shall be looking at them again next year, but, of course, we have to review them from time to time. It is true to say that the Corporation have had a great struggle to keep rents down."

"There is also no question of a rebate scheme. This would only apply if rents were raised, so we don't need another one yet."

"I would like to add this: when we raised Corporation house rents last time, we promised to try not to raise them again for three years. That three years ended last April."

HUSBAND JAILED

MARRIED AND father of a six-months-old child, Alan Roy McCabe (20), of The Upway, Basildon, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment at Essex Quarter Sessions at Chelmsford on Wednesday.

He pleaded guilty to breaking into Windsor Lodge, Gardeners Lane, Basildon, and stealing 23 lbs. from the gas and electricity meters and breaking into Sengs Lodge, Helmore Crescent, Loundon, and stealing a ring worth £20.

Det. Sgt. B. R. Doy reported that McCabe, who asked to have six other offences taken into consideration, had made eight previous court appearances. He had been out of work since July.

DEATH OF LAINDON NEWSAGENT

A NEWSAGENT at Laindon for 25 years, Mr. William John Weedon died at his Pound Lane home on Wednesday night.

Mr. Weedon, who was 75, came to Laindon from Windsor in 1942, taking over a newsagent's shop in School Parade in the High Road.

Later he opened a shoe repairer's business at another shop nearby.

Mr. Weedon leaves a widow and two sons.

MOBILE EXHIBITION

A Ministry of Housing mobile exhibition will be parked in Basildon Town Centre next week from Monday December 11th. The exhibition will give details of grants and allowances which can be made for modernising old homes. Up to £400 financial assistance can be given in approved cases where improvements include installation of such things as toilets and hot water supply. More than 700 homes in the Urban District have already been modernised with these grants.

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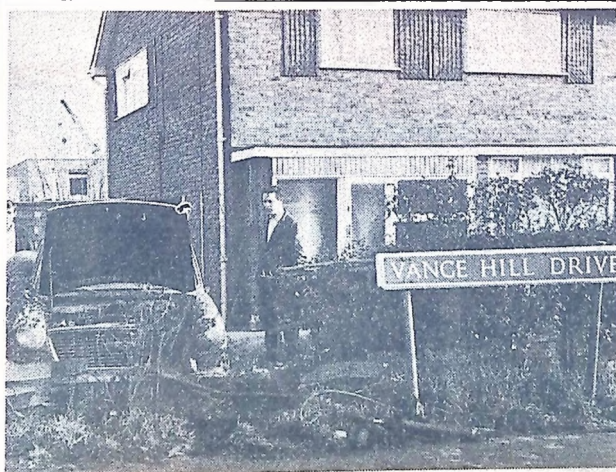
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