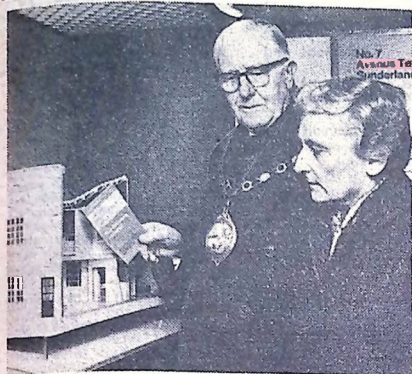


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The Council Chairman (Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P.) talks with Ministry of Housing official Mrs. K. Smith inside the caravan which stood at Basildon Town Centre this week. The idea was to let people know about house improvement grants.

Post Office ready for record rush

POST OFFICE men at Basildon are certain this year's Christmas post will be an all-time record... and are equally sure they can cope.

The number of postal items posted at Basildon will probably top the two million mark, says Assistant Head Postmaster Mr. E. J. Dickenson.

Last year the combined staff worked 63,522 hours in the Christmas fortnight. Looking back through last year's figures Mr. Dickenson said he thought next Monday or Tuesday would be the peak time for this year.

One difficulty the Post Office — nationally — have given themselves is that the threepenny and fourpenny stamps have virtually the same colours.

Previously there was a deliberate clash of colours so stamp values could be distinguished.

Now three totally different stamps are in use for fourpence alone and the stamp of a painting looks very similar to the threepenny stamp of another painting.

People also make problems by bad packaging and the Post Office have to set up a unit with brown paper and tape to repair damaged parcels.

On Tuesday they repaired a parcel of records, worth about £35, which had been wrapped in a single piece of brown paper!

CAR STOLEN

A Ford Cortina car belonging to Mr. A. Matthews, of Langdon Crescent, South Green, was stolen from the Fortune of War car park, Laindon, on Wednesday night.

Christmas card, 12ft. long



MRS. RITA Chilton believes in putting over the Christmas message in a big way—a very big way! Take her Christmas card for example.

It's 12ft. long, 4ft. high and dominates the wall of her living room at Perry Green, Basildon.

But Mrs. Chilton doesn't mind that. To her it's been worth every one of the eight weeks' work she has taken to build her huge Christmas message.

"I've been making these cards for 20 years," said Mrs. Chilton. "I love doing it. This sort of thing keeps Christmas alive. I wish everybody would make one."

The card, adorned with lights and a complete model even to the clock in the church tower, is a favourite with Mrs. Chilton's four-year-old son, Robert, pictured above holding the Christmas cracker.

Mrs. Chilton first began making the cards for children—now she wouldn't be without them.

"It would not be Christmas without some effort, would it?" she concluded.

POPULAR SHOW

Over 200 people crammed into Fryers' Community Centre and more were turned away when the show of films there on Tuesday evening. The main film was the "War Game." The Community Association film society charged 3s entrance money, which represents one month's membership of their Society. They intend to hold another show in mid-January.

Government aid for Town Centre railway station?

BASILDON MAY be able to get financial aid from the Government to help build the long-awaited railway station in the Town Centre.

The grant will be made possible under the proposed new Transport Bill which will shortly go through Parliament.

The disclosure was made in a letter to Member of Parliament Mr. Eric Moonman this week from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport, Mr. John Morris—the man with special responsibility for railway matters.

The Minister intends to take powers in the forthcoming Transport Bill to pay grants for capital improvements to public transport, and it is possible that the station in Basildon Town Centre could qualify for a grant," he wrote.

"When the Bill becomes law we shall be advising local authorities on how to apply for grants and shall be quite willing to consider an application from Basildon.

"But I cannot at this stage give any sort of promise that this project will meet the strict criteria we shall have to impose."

Further in his letter Mr. Morris says he has been in touch with the Railways Board about progress in planning the station.

"They tell me that Eastern Region have given the Development Corporation some idea of the necessary

railway operating requirements and of the likely costs of building and operating the station, and I understand the Corporation are considering this information."

News of the possible grant aid towards the station came as a surprise on Wednesday to the Development Corporation.

"This is an interesting development," said General Manager Mr. R. C. C. Boniface. But he does not think that grants will get the station built any quicker.

Mr. Boniface confirmed that detailed information about British Rail's requirements had recently been received by the Corporation.

"We're now proceeding with plans for the station as part of a composite development in Southernhay," he said.

Self-contained?

Essex Exporters' Association met at the Bull's Eye, Basildon, last week, when 38 representatives of member companies heard a discussion on cargo handling with particular reference to containers.

Made by the handicapped

DISPLAYS OF work made by handicapped people in Basildon were on show at a coffee morning in St. Martin's Hall, Town Centre, on Saturday morning.

Bader House Centre for the physically handicapped and Basildon Training Centre took up the church's offer of a "shop window" for their goods.

Large sales were made and Christmas cards printed by the Mentally Handicapped Association were also displayed.

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At the Girl Guides' Christmas camp—these girls from the Lee Chapel North company made attractive cowboys and girls.

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Marilyn Christmas celebrated her 10th birthday on Saturday with a visit to Billericay Secondary School Sixth Formers' bazaar. With her is her friend, 9-years-old Louise Lat-Kissoon.

Forty blind people disappointed

FORTY BLIND people were disappointed on Saturday. Snow caused the cancellation of their trip to London to take part in the B.B.C. radio show "Those Were The Days."

It had been planned that Billericay Old Time Dancing Club for the Blind and Partially Sighted should go to the show and arrangements were made for them to make the journey by coach.

The coach had picked up members of the Club from Billericay and Wickford and was on its way to the Basildon area to collect more members when snow fell and the roads became treacherous.

Said Outing Organiser Mrs. Yvonne Stevens, of Kingsway, Billericay: "When we got to Basildon our members who had been waiting had found

it so bitterly cold that they had gone home. We had to go to their houses for them and this, of course, caused a delay.

"The roads were really bad and we had to call the whole thing off at about 5.30 p.m. because we were supposed to be at the radio studio at 6.30 p.m.," she added.

The members were taken back to their homes, a few having a fish and chip meal before returning.

On television

BASILDON M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman faces television cameras tonight (Friday) when he takes part in a discussion on the B.B.C. 2 "Westminster at Work" programme. And next Monday he is interviewed in "Panorama," where the topic is European science and technology.

Sharing out the dubloons



Sharing out the dubloons at the 4th Billericay Cub Scouts' Christmas party held on Saturday at the Women's Institute Hall, Billericay. The theme of the party was "Pirates."

Cold spell meant so many cold dinners

Gas pressure went down because of great demand

A BILLERICAY family were forced to huddle round a small electric fire in their overcoats to keep warm on Sunday when gas supplies to Cavell Road failed.

Gas pressure in the Outwood Common area of Billericay dropped to an all-time low owing to a fantastic increase in demand during the "deep freeze" at the weekend.

Sunday dinners were ruined, gas fires refused to burn and even a water heater pilot light fizzled out in Cavell Road, when the gas pressure was at its lowest from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

"We had to huddle round an electric fire in the middle of the room wrapped up in pullovers, scarves, coats and

gloves to try and keep warm," said Mrs. Joan Thompson (40), who moved to Cavell Road with her husband, Norman (40), and 11-years-old twins, Jane and Jonathan, in September.

"Our main fire is a gas fire in the lounge, which serves to keep the whole house warm, and when it died on

us we just sat and froze. There was snow on the ground outside and we just did not know what to do with ourselves it got so cold.

"It didn't do the children any good to get chilled right through and both of them suffered with colds afterwards," she added. "It was impossible to cook anything to eat until the early evening and I was particularly worried because they had got nothing in their insides to keep them warm."

Mr. Thompson, a Freightliner Sales Assistant Controller, contacted several of his neighbours to try and find out what had happened, and as soon as he realised that most of the area was affected he telephoned the North Thames Gas Board.

Gas Board engineers began checking for faults in the system, but said a spokesman: "The main reason for the sudden drop in pressure

was a fantastic increase in the demand for gas as a result of the cold spell.

"We have, however, made some alterations in the distribution system as a result of this experience and we do not anticipate any further trouble."

Billericay High Street meeting

PROPOSALS by Basildon Council for Billericay High Street and the town's inner relief road will be explained at a public meeting called by the Council to be held tonight (Friday) at the Archer Hall, Billericay, at 7.30.

Questions will be invited from plans and sketches will be exhibited.

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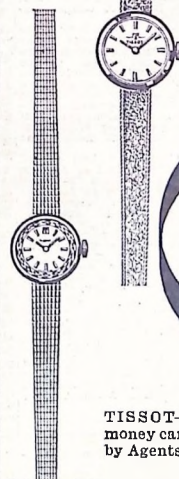
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Winners of the Christmas hat competition, held at the Women's Advisory Committee Christmas party at the Constitutional Club, Billericay, were Mrs. M. Sellen and Mrs. S. Lane.

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ALL LIT UP AT WICKFORD



SNOWFLAKES TUMBLED FROM THE SKY ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AS WICKFORD GARNIVAL QUEEN ANN CAMP SWITCHED ON THE TOWN'S CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS.

The Yuletide scene was completed by Father Christmas (Frank Guilfoyle) distributing small gifts to children.

The illuminations, stretching from the Southend Road shopping area into the High Street and London Road, have been provided by the Chamber of Trade at a cost of about £400.

Chamber President Mr. Brian Ruff told the crowd that Chamber members offered the lights to the public in appreciation of their custom throughout the year.

Queen Ann climbed a ladder, flicked up a switch

and, to the "Oohs" and "Ahs" of the crowd, the thousands of coloured bulbs sprang to life.

Cutting Runwell in half

ESSEX LOCAL Government and Parliamentary Committee agreed on Thursday to make an order dividing the parish of Runwell into two wards for Parish Council election purposes.

This follows a request from Runwell Parish Council, who expressed concern about difficulties created for electors and the Returning Officer by the long list of candidates on the ballot paper.

Kerbside waits of Wickford?



THE PICCADILLY KERBSIDE WIND ENSEMBLE, WHO TOOK PART IN "DO NOT SPIT ON THE STAIRS" BY THE WICKFORD COMMUNITY PLAYERS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. SEE STORY ON PAGE 8.

Wickford supermarket rumours refuted

RUMOURS CIRCULATING in Wickford that work on the still uncompleted London Co-operative Society's supermarket in Wickford High Street has stopped because of uncertainty about the proposed Wickford Inner Relief Road were strongly denied this week

Work ceased on the supermarket two weeks ago and it has been rumoured since that Basildon Council called a halt to the construction pending certain developments concerning the Inner Relief Road.

But a spokesman for the Co-operative told the "Standard Recorder": "We have two shops in Wickford High Street and it is obviously the intention of the management to incorporate the two into one supermarket."

"One of the buildings has been pulled down and we are now waiting planning permission from the authorities to go ahead with the construction."

No decision

A Basildon Council spokesman confirmed the Co-op's statement, and added: "The Planning Committee have made no decision on this application yet."

Speaking of the need for a new supermarket in Wickford, the Co-operative Society spokesman said: "The area is expanding so quickly that it became apparent that the conveniences of a self-service store, similar to the ones we have in other towns, was in demand."

The Co-op hope to start building the supermarket immediately the Council give their decision.

"We don't anticipate any obstacles in connection with the Inner Relief Road," said the spokesman.

Bear with us

FRED BEAR arrived in Wickford last week. Fred, a 4ft. off-white toy bear, became a celebrity in October 1962, at Richmond, Yorkshire, where members of the Round Table came up with the idea of sending him to various Tables round the country to collect toys for needy children.

Since his rise to fame Fred has spent each fortnight with a different Table and has so far collected 250 toys.

The Table who receive him when he has 21 toys present them to a local children's organisation. Up to now Fred has visited 125 Tables and collected 250 toys. Parts of call have included the Scilly Isles, Cornwall, Peterhead, Morecambe, Blackburn and Alloa.



President of Wickford Round Table Mr. Roy Thompson (left) presenting a cheque for £500 to Mr. Phillips, of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

(Picture by Wickford Camera Centre and Raphael Studios)

Experiment succeeding

WICKFORD Congregational Church held their annual meeting last week, with about 36 members present.

Church Secretary Mr. Lawrence Lay reported: "This year has been notable for our co-operation with other churches, and since October we have been sharing our evening service with the Methodist Church. This experiment is proving very successful."

The only new election on to the Committee was of Mr. John Bolton as Treasurer. Mr. J. Horvey was elected a deacon.

PROPOSED SCHOOL

Basildon Council's Planning Committee have asked for their observations on the proposed Wickford Day, E.S.N. School at Bromfords Drive to be placed before Essex County Council's Planning Committee.

SALE OF LAND

Basildon Council's Housing Committee have approved the sale of a piece of land in Moreland Road, Wickford, to the London Borough of Waltham Forest. It was announced this week.

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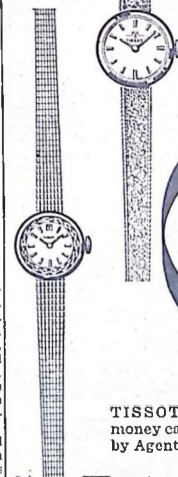
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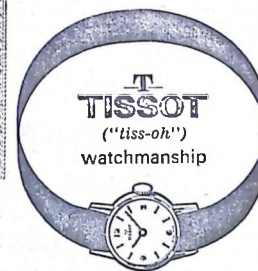
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Sponsors were as follows: Jumble - Mrs. Cummings and Mrs. Syrett; present - Mrs. Hewick, Mrs. Turner and Michelle Turner; hand-made clothes - Mrs. Peables; Mrs. Clark; refreshments - Mrs. Leech, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Middleton; Father Christmas - Mr. F. Middleton; helped by Christine Cummings; raffle - Mrs. P. Watkins; balloons - Julia Cummings and Trudy Jones; door - Mrs. P. Jones; side-shows - Jackie Syrett, Robert Cummings, Adrian Middleton and Anthony Middleton.

M.P. will fight £10,000 grant to a school

BILLERICAY Member of Parliament Mr. Eric Moonman is continuing his protest about Essex Education Committee's £10,000 grant to Brentwood School.

"I shall fight on," he announced at a Press conference on Tuesday.

Immediately on hearing of the grant Mr. Moonman raised his voice against it. He felt that the County authorities, who had stated that there was no money to spare to ease the accommodation difficulties in Basildon and other local schools, should not have decided on the grant.

Mr. Moonman has received a letter from Mr. David Buncney, the County's Chief Education Officer, pointing out that the decision arose from a circular in which the Secretary of State looked to both local education authorities and the governors of direct grant schools to consider ways of maintaining and developing co-operation in the context of the new policy of comprehensive education.

In the fairly near future the proportion of boys sent to the school by the Education Committee would cease to be selected on an academic basis. John Terry, of Clacton, said: "It is, of course, very difficult to assess the relative priorities of this grant and schemes for, say, primary schools. However, I think the Committee's feeling is that Brentwood has played, and will continue to play, a valuable part in the County educational system and that this proposed grant will enable it to continue to play its part in a way that will be more in tune with comprehensive thinking."

BRING-AND-BUY

A most successful bring-and-buy sale was held by Ghyllgrove O.A.P. Club. Chairman Mr. J. R. Chapman was the auctioneer, assisted by Mrs. Cushe, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Manning. Musical birthday honours went to Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Jennings. A hearty welcome back went to Mrs. Payton and Mr. Steward. Good wishes went to the following sick members for their recovery: Mr. Hewon, at present in hospital, Mr. Margittson, Mrs. Rudd, Mr. Rand, Mrs. Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Bridge.

THIS IS OUR OPINION Hats off to a Queen and her Princesses

HATS OFF TO Basildon's Carnival Queen and her two charming Princesses for their magnificent effort for charity this year. On Tuesday nine organisations benefited from their work to the tune of nearly £400.

In addition they brought cheer to numerous old age pensioners' branches by their gifts of Christmas cakes.

Queen Geraldine Gahan set a high standard for her year's reign from the start and is to be congratulated on her work in the first six months.

She set out to show Basildon folk what Carnival is really all about and she is doing just that.

At Tuesday's ceremony Geraldine appealed once again for more helpers for Carnival. "We could do so much more with additional help," she stated.

This has been Carnival's drawback for so long. However good the intentions, they are liable to flounder through lack of support. This has often proved the case in the past.

Carnival this year has made a determined effort to get on the right footing and strike the right note. Geraldine and the Committee have shown what can be done.

Those elected to office at the Carnival annual meeting in the New Year will have the task of continuing the good work and building up for the future. Then they can kill, once and for all, the doubts about the need for Carnival in Basildon.

WHY WAIT FOR BLIZZARDS BEFORE CORRECTING FAULTS?

WITH THE FIRST real breath of winter at the weekend, when a blizzard swept the country, came the usual crop of power cuts and reductions in the gas pressure.

And again it seems the country, as a whole, and the Gas and Electricity Boards in particular, were caught napping.

It is to their credit that the North Thames Gas Board lost very little time in making alterations to the gas distribution system in Outwood Common to ensure that residents will not have to suffer another experience like the one they had to go through on Sunday—but why does it always take a cold spell to expose such seemingly major faults?

Gas Boards should not just sit back and wait for these faults to show themselves in this uncomfortable and hazardous manner.

It is surely only right and proper that they should be prepared for the inevitable increase in demand for their products during the winter period and take steps to meet their obligations to the public.

They should make sure that their distribution systems can withstand the demands made on them every year before, and not after, the public have been inconvenienced.

WICKFORD TRADERS GIVE A FINE CHRISTMAS LEAD

SHOPKEEPERS IN Wickford are to be congratulated on bringing a genuine touch of the Christmas spirit into the town.

When the street lights were switched on on Saturday Wickford became the only town in the urban district—including Basildon and Billericay—which has made an effort to give a little pleasure and Christmas atmosphere to the shoppers.

Wickford Chamber of Trade, who organised and collected money to put the lights on, appear to be the only local traders who are prepared to give—as well as take.

BASILDON MINI-VAN DRIVER FINED

WHILE TWO next-door neighbours were standing talking at a front gate they heard a noise and turned round to see a mini-van skidding towards them and then mount the pavement.

This was told to Justices at Grays Court on Wednesday when Anthony John Terry, of Clacton, pleaded not guilty to careless driving. It was alleged that Terry was driving too fast along St. Chad's Road, Tilbury, went into a skid, mounted the pavement and nearly knocked the two pedestrians down.

Mr. William Gladwell told the Court that he was standing by his front gate talking to his neighbour when he heard the sound of brakes and skidding. When he looked he saw a van come straight across the road and mount the pavement, knocking over a road works warning cone.

Mr. Gladwell alleged that he said something to the driver and was given a victory sign by his passenger. Mrs. Dorothy Sutcliffe said she was talking to her next-door neighbour when she looked round and saw the van coming, she alleged, at "full force" straight at them. She alleged the van mounted the pavement and stopped before hitting the fence, but said she was not sure whether the vehicle was on the pavement.

A police officer said that Terry told him he was driving along, came round a bend, saw the road works ahead of him and a car coming towards him, so he braked hard and his front wheel went up the kerb.

Terry told the Court that he was travelling at about 30 miles an hour, and as he passed a parked lorry on his nearside saw a car coming towards him fast so he braked.

The Bench found the case proved and fined Terry £10 and ordered him to pay total costs of £4 9s. He told the Court that he was going to appeal.

ROTARIANS

Proposals for the Rotary International Conference at Mexico City in 1968, which will be discussed at the conference at Newmarket, were considered at Billericay Rotary Club's luncheon meeting on Monday at the Archer Hall. Rotarian Bert Phelps presided.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

THE CHAIRMAN OF BASILDON Urban Council, COUN. A. BARON BURN, J.P., HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE EDITOR OF THIS PAPER.

"May 1, on behalf of the Basildon Urban District Council, wish all your readers a very happy Christmas? In the Council, both councillors and officers are working for a common end; the well-being of the district and of the people who live in it.

"Throughout the year we give much consideration to the aged, the lonely, the neglected, the widowed and the handicapped; and at this festive season we send them warm and special greetings.

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Hong Kong revisited

FORMER Headmaster of St. John's School, Billericay, Mr. W. V. Higby, M.A., who has recently returned from a world tour, spoke on "Hong Kong, Past and Present" to members of Billericay Business and Professional Women's Club on Thursday.

Mr. Higby went to Hong Kong at the age of five. He attended school there for over 12 years, and for many years dreamed of revisiting "the hub of the East."

Many changes had taken place in 50 years, he said, but the "Peak" was still the most beautiful sight in the world.

The land reclamation and building programme was awe-inspiring. Tall blocks of flats and hotels accommodating 50,000 visitors had sprung up on ledges of land cut out of the steep hillsides.

Many new towns had also been built in the suburbs, where one million refugees had been rehoused, and modern air conditioning helped to combat high humid summer temperatures, he said.

Mr. Higby also saw many of the ancient Chinese festivals during his stay, such as the Dragon Boat Festival, when dragons hundreds of yards long and supported by hundreds of Chinamen paraded through streets to the graves of their ancestors.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Higby was proposed by Mrs. J. Eckerley, and the meeting was closed by President Mrs. A. M. Williamson.

HOW MANY MENTAL PATIENTS?

IN THE House of Commons on Monday Mr. Eric Moonman (Labour, Billericay) asked the Minister of Health how many patients aged 20 and over were admitted to mental hospitals during 1966.

Mr. Moonman also asked the Minister how many adult patients were discharged from mental hospitals during 1966. Mr. Julian Snow, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, said there had been a steady decline over the past few years in the total hospital population covering mental illness. He would circulate the figures of admissions and discharges in the official report.

"The population had gone down to 121,754 at the end of 1966," he said. The number of women patients substantially exceeded the number of men.

Catholics raised over £300

HOLY TRINITY Roman Catholic Church, Round-aere, had their own bazaar on Saturday and raised more than £300 towards the Church Building Fund.

It was the first Christmas bazaar they have organised on their own and was their biggest money-spinner to date.

Last year members joined the effort for a big bazaar at Laindon with St. Teresa's. The joint effort then raised £400.

"We were very pleased with the result of our work," said organiser Mr. Roderick Essery. "It was our first attempt and the weather was particularly bad."

In spite of the weather, between 400 and 500 people turned out to patronise the bazaar.

One of the most interesting stalls in the bazaar was organised by the Cubs and Brownies. In the preceding weeks they had made dolls and toys to sell. Between them they raised £73 of the total profit.

A design for the new building has yet to be approved, but it will include a new church hall and presbytery.



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SISTERHOOD

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BARSTABLE WARD Labour Party are dissatisfied with a reply they have received from the Minister of Transport, Mrs. Barbara Castle, concerning pedestrian crossings.

They wrote to the Minister asking for help in obtaining more pedestrian crossings over busy stretches of road in the New Town.

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Fryerns School make "Pygmalion" a splendid success

A COLOURFUL and lively production of G. B. Shaw's "Pygmalion" was presented by the pupils of Fryerns Technical Grammar School on Wednesday, Thursday and will be given again tonight (Friday) and Saturday, writes LIZ WALL.

The action of the play had the necessary pace to put over Shaw's dialogue and most of the cast seemed completely at home in their roles.

By far the most difficult part was that of Professor Higgins, played by Colin Vanlint.

Apart from a rather monotonous voice he coped splendidly, raved and stormed at Eliza and his housekeeper, infusing his pretty and long-suffering mother and generally got into the hair of all the female cast.

He was on stage practically the whole time and it must have cost him much time, effort and anguish to become as word perfect as he was!

The success of the evening, however, was undoubtedly Lynn Smerdon as Eliza. She blossomed beautifully from the slut selling flowers in the gutter to the delicious creature who sailed with supreme confidence through balls, receptions and "at homes" in a succession of stunning outfits.

Her well-deserved ovation at the end of Wednesday's performance obviously surprised and delighted her and the audience took her to their hearts with enthusiasm.

The only fault I could find in her performance was the scene in Act VI where she sits primly embroidering without a blemish. Since no lady of this period would dream of sewing without protection for her delicate fingers the omission was glaring!

The girls' costumes, which were made and designed by Mrs. Hopkinson, assisted by some of the girls, were truly lovely.

So much detail went into their creation that they could have in good earnest gone to the gramercy party. The fabrics and colours were truly superb.

The boys' costumes, however, gave rise to a certain doubt; supplied

by a firm, they did not seem to be from the right period of time. Surely, in 1910, Edwardian gentlemen wore tighter trousers? And, would not Professor Higgins have worn his watch chain across his waistcoat and not in his breast pocket?

Peter Wheelodon, as dustman Doollittle, was very good, indeed.

The sets and effects were excellent.

Barbara McKeggie, Pamela Newton, Richard O'Brien, Colin Vanlint, Christopher Coxon, Lynn Smerdon, Peter Wheelodon, Jacqueline Smith, Jacqueline Williams, Margaret Whitely, Peter Jackson, Catherine French, Jim Roberts and Colin Treadwell. Supporting cast: Wendy Barnard, Elizabeth Lyndell, David Barrett, Anthony Maguire, Gillian Gowers, Olive Maynard, Alistair Clift, Phillip Nice, Hilary Jones, Jennifer Moore and Alan Knott. Producer was Mr. Hodgson.

Pictures of the cast are on Page 9.

FIRM MUST WIND UP

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£11M. plan to quench the County's thirst

IN A BID to quench the County's growing thirst, the Essex River Authority is planning to spend something like £11 million on a scheme to import water from the Ely Ouse and feed it into the head waters of Essex rivers.

A Bill to allow this to be done is being promoted by the Authority in the present session of Parliament, the proposal being to abstract water from the Ouse near Hockwold, send it through a 12-mile tunnel, 80 to 200 feet underground, to Kennet and then pump it through a pipeline to the head waters of the Stour, the Pant and the Blackwater.

It is expected that this would increase the combined yield of the Abberton and Hanningfield reservoirs to 24 million gallons a day.

The need for a scheme of this kind is underlined by the fact that experts estimate that unless action is taken Essex will have a water deficiency of something like 10 million gallons a day by 1971 and 40 million gallons a day 10 years later.

New Justices welcomed

TWO of the four new Justices sworn in at Chelmsford last week to serve on the Billericay Bench were welcomed by Mr. H. R. Dunnic (Chairman) at Billericay on Tuesday. They were: Dr. F. W. B. Ristone and Mrs. L. Miller.

STOLEN CAR

A Morris mini car owned by Mr. John Hawkins, of Holden Road, Basildon, was stolen from the car park at the rear of Seafare, Basildon, on Saturday.

Grandma didn't want grandson!

GRANDMOTHER Beatrice Ellis (80) wanted her grandson John Richard Ellis (25) out of her home in Torquay Drive, Leigh, so she called the Police.

But when they arrived, Ellis hit her on the arm and chest and "rained blows" on Sergeant John Murphy's neck and chest. Ellis, now living in Devonshire Road, Laindon, was given a conditional discharge for three years by Southend Magistrates on Thursday when he admitted assaulting a Police officer.

Mrs. Ellis went to Leigh Police Station to get her grandson out of her house, and when the Police arrived, there she told Ellis: "This is my house and I want you out." But he answered: "I am not going, I don't care if the Police are here, I'll make a fight of it. It will take 20 of them to get me out."

Ellis was taken to the Police Station where he said he was sorry.

He originally appeared at a Special Court on Wednesday and was remanded on bail for probation reports.



BOWERS GIFFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION HELD A CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ON SATURDAY IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT POUND LANE, BOWERS GIFFORD.

A Lord looks back

THE ACTIVITIES of the Church in modern society could be one of the greatest weapons against social disorder among the young, Lord Leatherland of Dunton told Laidon people on Saturday.

The former Fleet Street editor was speaking at the opening of the Christmas bazaar of St. Nicholas' Church at the Church Hall.

Vandalism and drug-taking among young people was not the complete picture, he said. Other young people were taking part in the country's progress—in technical colleges.

"The Church has two missions, a spiritual mission and a worldly mission. The more the Church is able to capture the minds of the present generation the less vandalism we are likely to see."

Lord Leatherland also spoke of the 17 "happy years" he spent living at Dunton.

Standing on a chair among crowds of bargain-hunters and children he also told of his early days as a cub reporter. "It was very often my duty to attend bazaars. It was often the case that the opener would make great long speeches—I will not."

The bazaar went on to raise £250, which will be used to renovate or replace the boilers at the church.

Our picture below shows Miss Jane French, of Wash Road, Laidon, presenting a bouquet to Lady Leatherland. Also in the picture are Rev. A. Dunlop (left), Lord Leatherland and Rev. A. Haig.

Vicar sometimes wishes story of Christ's birth was unwritten

HAS CHRISTMAS BECOME A KIDS' FESTIVAL?

"SOMETIMES I wish the stories of Christ's birth had never been written down," writes Rev. Keith Wood, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Basildon, in his parish magazine.

"Not because I don't believe them—I do firmly," he continues. "But because their trappings have provided the Devil with so many opportunities of blinding people to the real significance of Christmas."

"What will you remember about the Nativity plays you'll see at school this month? Angels in white, shepherds, a cosy looking stable, well-behaved animals, a procession of children with symbolic gifts, and, at the centre of it all, a sleeping baby?"

"Lovely, colourful stuff, gravely re-enacted by little mites whose mates are all the while providing a background of lullaby carols, ancient and modern. I love it all, and so do you, and together we say 'Aah!' and wipe the blurred tears from our eyes and blow our sentimental noses."

KIDS' FESTIVAL?

"But all these beautiful trappings have deluded us into thinking that Christmas is the Kids' Festival—that and nothing more."

"Angels, wise men, shepherds, animals, even the Babe Himself, come straight from the land of pantomime and fairy tales. We re-tell the story of the 'Babe in the Manger' almost as we do the tale of the 'Babes in the Wood'."

"We forget who this Babe was. Why He came. What He grew up to teach. What He did. How, and why He died. That He rose again and is alive and active in the here and now. What He demands of you and me today."

"We neglect these things at our peril. It's no use cooing over a baby and ignoring the man he grows into."

"What's your religion like? Kids' stuff or king size? When you see that Nativity play, ask yourself that question."

"Be honest about the answer. Be courageous in what you do about it."

BOOK IS A TRIAL RUN

PUBLISHED recently a book entitled "Intermediate English" was written by Mr. Peter Sprenger and Mr. Brian Young, who are both in the Department of General Education, Thurrock Technical College. This is their first. They wrote it as a trial run for a more thorough book which they hope to produce in a year or so.

The book, which is designed for use by students taking one of the numerous professional examinations—accountants, chartered secretaries, etc.—is published by Editype, Ltd., of Hove, Sussex. This firm has as a director Mr. Lyndon Jones, who was head of the Department of Business Studies and is now Principal at Balham and Tooting College of Commerce.

This company has an answer and advisory service for overseas students who mainly take these professional courses. Mr. Young, who lives at Gumley Road, South Stifford, came to Thurrock two years ago and was formerly of the Bell School of Languages, Cambridge.

Mr. Sprenger, a married man with six children, lives at Faldstones, Basildon, and was with the Kenya Education Service and the Imperial Ethiopian Education Service before coming to Thurrock Technical College.

TWO films on cooking were shown at a meeting of Outwood Bound Ladies' Club on Saturday. The film was presented by Mrs. W. Routledge, a new Mrs. R. Boyce. A raffle was won by Mrs. Cooper.

Good music wasted

THE Basildon Civic Arts Music Club are unhappy with audiences at recent concerts and want ideas for increasing them.

Says Club Secretary Rita Dawson: "When you realise that we are talking in terms of audiences varying between 70 and 140 people, and this out of a population of 70,000, I think you will agree there is something wrong somewhere."

Local will

Mr. Michael Maxwell John Butler, of Abbots Ride, High Fields, Billericay, formerly of Woodham Mortimer, late transport manager, who died on July 21st, left £11,112 14s. gross, £8,391 6s. net. Duty £231.



Members of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, Basildon, held a Christmas bazaar in the Church Hall on Saturday.

Give the pudding a good stir!



Children of Buttsbury Infants' School, Billericay, who took part in one of the sketches from their concert, which had the theme "Christmas At Home."



GHYLLGROVE LADIES' CLUB HELD A BAZAAR IN THE GHYLLGROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BASILDON, ON SATURDAY. THESE CHILDREN HELPED WITH THE STALL AND BALLOON SALES.



RAMSDEN BELLHOUSE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HELD A CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY EVENING.



Above are a group of tambourinists who took part in Wickford Salvation Army Corps' Grand Night of Talent held at the Citadel on Saturday.

Below: Billericay Girls' Brigade Explorers presented a Nativity scene at their concert at Mayflower Hall, Billericay, on Friday. The Three Kings are Susan Barnard (7), Elizabeth Ashley (7) and Pauline Nundy (6).



The 1st Wickford Girls' Brigade presented a display at Beauchamps Secondary School on Saturday evening. Our picture above shows the Juniors, whose display was called "Activity With Ropes." Below: Bader House, Basildon Training Centre, with Basildon Mentally Handicapped Society held a sale of work in St. Martin's Church Hall, Basildon, on Saturday. St. Martin's Church Council Committee provided coffee and cakes.



M.P. GUEST OF HONOUR



Lee Chapel South Old Age Pensioners held a Christmas dinner in the Community Centre in The Knares, Basildon, on Saturday. The guest of honour was Mr. Eric Moonman, M.P. (third on the right).

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Blizzard chaos on Brock Hill

TRAFFIC on Brock Hill, Wickford, was brought to a standstill on Saturday night by the blizzard which swept the country.

Three buses were stranded at angles on the glass-like road surface for over an hour, and many vehicles, wheels spinning madly, found it impossible to negotiate the hill. Others slithered dangerously from side to side as they inched their way along.

Traffic on other roads in Wickford and Billericay was cut by half, and snow and ice combined with the threat of the breathalyser to make it one of the slackest nights for local publicans this year.

Eastern Electricity Board were caught unawares by the sudden "deep freeze" and an upsurge in the demand for electricity for heating led to power cuts in Downham and parts of Ramsden Heath.

But in spite of the icy conditions on the roads no accidents were reported by Police in Wickford or Billericay.

"People did the sensible thing," commented a Police spokesman. "They gave the pub or the dance a miss and stayed at home."

Crackers for Christmas



Billericay Mothers' Club held a toy fayre at the Recreation Rooms, Billericay, on Saturday. Christopher (8), Anthony (7) and Paula (4) Smith found a jolly snowman and some crackers to buy.

YOUR CINEMAS

Century, Pitsea

Starring Elvis Presley "Easy Come, Easy Go" (for one week) tells the story of a U.S. Navy skindiver who discovers a sunken ship while investigating a mine. This comedy adventure gives Elvis several tuneful songs and a chance to show his skill as an underwater fighter.

Radion, Laindon

A sophisticated comedy, "A Guide for the Married Man" (Sunday for four days) is about a happy husband who doesn't want to be unfaithful, but is disturbed by the curves of attractive women. Thursday for three days "Batman" illustrates further adventures of the invincible do-gooders Batman and Robin.

Odeon, Brentwood

"Night of the Big Heat" (Monday for six days) is a new science-fiction adventure. Although winter, the temperature on a small British island keeps rising and an author who runs the local pub is disturbed by the sudden appearance of an old flame and the peculiar behaviour of one of his guests.

Ritz, Billericay

Showing Sunday and Monday "Witchcraft" is a tale of death and disaster resulting from the modern practice of witchcraft. "Batman" (Tuesday and Wednesday) pits the wits of the invincible Batman and his sidekick Robin against the most fiendish of their criminal enemies. Thursday for three days "The Enemy Below" tells of the conflict between the captain of a U.S. destroyer and the skipper of a Nazi U-boat.

Round Table's £500 cheque

A CHEQUE for £500 was presented by Chairman of Wickford Round Table Mr. Roy Thompson to Mr. F. Phillips, a representative of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children last week.

The money, which was raised by the Table over a period of 12 months, will be put in trust for the welfare of a chosen child when its parents die.

Why you wait for telephones

MR. ERIC Moonman, M.P., blamed "a creeping paralysis in terms of decision making" and the population explosion for the telephone waiting list at a Press conference on Tuesday.

He said the G.P.O. had underestimated the demand for new lines and, faced with a shortage, been slow to order extensions to the new automatic exchanges recently opened at Billericay and Basildon.

"The increase in the demand for telephones in this constituency is a direct result of the population explosion," said Mr. Moonman.

"It was impossible in 1961, when the plans for these new exchanges were being prepared, to envisage the amount of building that has gone on in this area."

"Take the new estate being built at Noak Hill Road, Billericay, for example. There will be about 350 houses on that estate when it is finished—and most of the residents are bound to want telephones."

Mr. Moonman reported that he had taken the matter up with the Postmaster-General after receiving numerous complaints from residents in Billericay, Vange, Basildon and Brentwood about the delay in getting telephones.

AREA DELAYS

In his reply the Postmaster-General referred to each area in detail.

In Billericay he said that the waiting list stood at about 130 and most of the orders were waiting completion of major cable development projects.

"We expect to finish these big jobs and meet most

orders by next spring," he said. "In fact, many people will get service before then as and when cables are brought into service."

There were 180 on the waiting list at Vange, he said, most of which they could not meet because of local line plant difficulties and he had decided that this neighbourhood would be better served by the Basildon exchange.

The transfer could not, however, be effected until May, 1968, when additional equipment had been installed at Basildon.

The shortage of exchange equipment prevented them from clearing 50 residential orders at Basildon, which would have to remain on the waiting list until March, 1968, by which time they expect to have installed some temporary racks of exchange equipment, said the Postmaster-General.

"From then until November, 1968, when the main extension of equipment is scheduled for completion, we shall not be able to meet new demand for residential telephone service," he said. "I should, however, make it clear that we have every hope of being able to keep pace with business orders," he added.

At Brentwood he said that they had overcome switchboard overload problems in the exchange and, in the last two months, provided service for 500 customers.

There were now only 50 people waiting whose orders could not be met because of line plant shortages.

"We shall clear these as and when we are able to lay these new cables in various neighbourhoods," he said, "but I can only forecast that we expect to meet 20 of these orders by the end of the year."

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DON'T HELP THE THIEF BY GIVING HIM CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WITH SEVEN hectic shopping days left to Christmas, Basildon's crime prevention-conscious Police this week issued their final stern warning to the public in their fight against crime in the shopping centres.

Christmas shopping is a two-handed job, but even so many women could avoid the anguish of a trip to the Police Station to report a stolen purse or handbag if they would take these simple precautions:

- (1) Don't place your purse or handbag on top of other articles in an open shopping basket. Even the most experienced thief could lift it without your knowing. Carry your purse in your pocket.
- (2) Carry only enough money for your immediate shopping needs. Even if you are unlucky to have a purse or bag stolen the loss will not be so great.
- (3) Handbags should be carried with an arm through the strap with the loose jaw of the bag next to your body. It is very easy to rifle a handbag in a crowd if it is carried with the loose jaw away from the body.
- (4) Do not leave your bag at one end of the counter while you are examining goods at the other end—take it with you.
- (5) And the shopper with a pram—so often parked unattended outside shops—should remember that baby is

UNATTENDED CARS

The unattended car is a temptation to the sneak thief and five seconds are all that he needs to open car doors and fill his Christmas hamper at your expense. So, if you want to make sure that your presents are delivered safely on Christmas morning, don't give the thief a chance.

LOCK ALL THE DOORS

• Close and lock all windows including those little triangular ones at the front through which the thief so often gains access to the car.

DON'T MAKE A TEMPTING DISPLAY OF YOUR PURCHASES

Put them out of sight preferably in the locked boot.

DON'T FORGET THAT SOME PEOPLE STEAL BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO LAZY TO WORK FOR A LIVING

Others steal because they find it indisputably cheaper to steal articles than to buy them, and others steal because the temptations are too tempting to

Corporation will meet a deputation

THE Development Corporation have agreed to meet a deputation from tenants concerning rents and conditions on the big new Vange Industrialised housing estate.

Yesterday (Thursday) the Board appointed several of their members to meet the tenants. The date of the meeting has not yet been finally fixed.

The get-together is a direct result of the petition submitted to the Corporation on behalf of tenants by M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman.

Signed by 100 people, it called for a reduction in rent, in view of the difficulties being experienced on the estate.

ONLY A ROSE

A lecture on the history and culture of the rose was given by Mr. Peter Harkness at a meeting of Wickford Horticultural and Allotments Society last week. Mr. Harkness, who comes from the well-known rose firm of that name, also gave a slide show.

Talent night

A TALENT night held by Wickford Salvation Army on Saturday, and arranged by Mr. David Gentry, brought forth a varied selection of entertainments.

The Salvation Army Band, under Bandmaster George Anstead, opened with a stirring march. This was followed by a novelty item from Brigadier John Collins and his brother, Mr. C. Harris.

The Songsters, led by David Stock, sang two songs. The timbrillists, led by Mrs. R. Anstead, then gave their item, after which Mrs. J. Bayliss sang.

A trombone solo by Mr. David Stock, a tenor horn solo by Sgt-Major W. Jenkins and a song by Mr. Roy Anstead completed the programme.

The meeting closed with prayer and benediction conducted by Brigadier Collins.

SCHOOL CONCERTS

Over 100 children took part in St. Teresa's Roman Catholic Primary School concert on Friday and Sunday afternoon. Both times parents filled the school hall. The first half of the programme was a variety of sketches, some by five-year-olds, followed after the interval by a nativity play "In Search of Christmas."

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An easy target for the thief—the unconcealed handbag in a shopping basket.



A detective found this car with trunk open in the car park at the rear of the Locarno Ballroom.



An example of how not to load a car with Christmas shopping. This picture was taken in the Great Oaks car park on Saturday.

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"CINDERELLA"— MODERNISED

THE PANTOMIME "Cinderella" was modernised a little when members of W. W. Ball's Sports and Social Club entertained 83 children at their annual Christmas party on Saturday (see picture above).

Cinderella, customarily drawn to the palace by white horses, was this time drawn by a cow.

"We could only find a cow's costume," Club Secretary Mr. Tony Gray smiled. "It looks a little odd... but it's all in the fun."

The pantomime was staged by Club members and held at the firm's canteen.

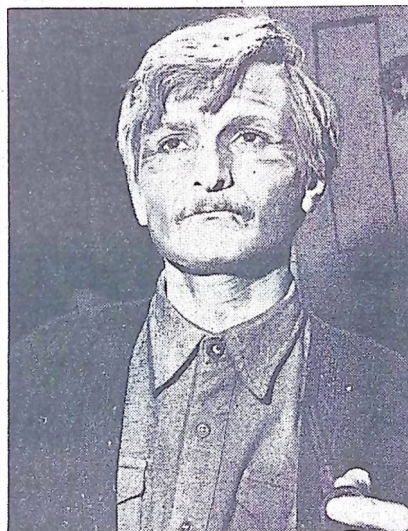
The children, all youngsters

related to employees of W. W. Ball, of Kennel Lane, Billericay, were given a Christmas tea and enjoyed games.

THURSDAY CLUB

Mr. James May was in the chair at South Green Thursday Club at the Memorial Hall. There were three members away sick. Mrs. May, Mrs. Graham and Mr. Warner. Birthday honours went to Mr. Churchill and entertainment was by the Belfairs Trio.

His play makes local history



"DO NOT Spit On The Stairs" is a play about humbug—the humbug talked about "the classless society."

It demonstrates the fundamental change of attitude of young people refusing to take tradition as a base for a modern code of behaviour and ethics.

A new play by local man Terry Daly (pictured above as Pop), with songs by Terry Fletcher, presented by Wickford Community Association Players, it is a landmark in the history and development of the amateur theatre in the area.

It is the first new play written and performed in the district in living memory, and it will surely be remembered as one of the best productions Wickford has seen.

The play deals with the failure of a girl university graduate, born of working-class parents, to bridge the social gap between her family and her aristocratic boyfriend, and her refusal to submit to the time-honoured belief that some are born to serve and some to rule and never the twain shall mix.

The Players can always be relied upon to produce something a little unexpected, and in the interval between scenes the audience were "serenaded" by the Piccadilly Korbide Wind Ensemble, a group of buskers.

Quite apart from their entertainment value, the songs, during intervals and the play, were very effective

used to introduce and comment on the theme.

But it was the tremendous acting performance put up by three members of the cast in particular which compelled the audience's admiration and applause.

George Thurley, as the irrepressible Will Moreton, had the audience in stitches with a superb performance. The author, Terry Daly, as Pop, captured exactly the mannerisms, facial expressions and rickety physical appearance of a senile First World War veteran. And Hazel Pavlovina's interpretation of the belligerently idealistic underdog, Susan Moreton, was a triumph.

Also worthy of mention were songwriter Terry Fletcher as the henpecked Jack Hart, Janet Tweddell as the constantly critical and complaining Mum, and the lovable waster Bob Moreton, played by Philip Walls.

Scenery, lighting and costumes, too, were of the high standard, one has come to associate with the Wickford Players.

COMBINED SERVICE
Rev. Stanley Hodges took a United Methodist and Congregational service at Sunday in the Congregational Church, Wickford.

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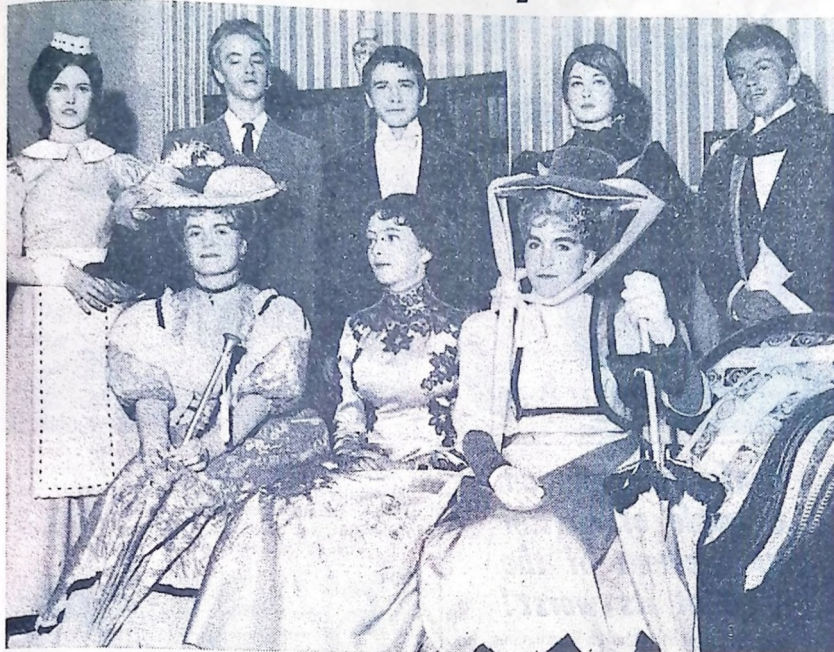
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The photographs on this page were taken at the dress rehearsal on Monday afternoon. Unfortunately, they do not capture the colour brilliance of the costumes, which staff and pupils have been busily making for many months. Costumes have always been a feature of Fryerns' productions. This year is no exception, the high standard having been maintained.



Above: Left to right, Professor Higgins (Colin Van Lint), Eliza (Lynn Smerdon) and Freddie Eynsford-Hill (Richard O'Brien).

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CANTEEN CAMP FIRE FOR GIRL GUIDES

GIRL GUIDES from every company in the district thronged the canteen of Standard Telephones and Cables, Ltd., Basildon, for their Christmas camp fire on Saturday (see picture above).

The camp fire was actually an act of worship, and Guides joined together in singing carols and in prayer.

Rev. E. A. Telford, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Langdon Hills, conducted the service. Rev. and Mrs. A. Abbey returned from Sandon, where they are now living, especially for the occasion, and among the other guests were County Commissioner Mrs. M. Lyon and Divisional Commissioner Miss M. Baerlocher.

At one point in the programme Guides and Brownies presented gifts for blessing, which were later to be distributed to old age pensioners.

The Nativity play was presented by 6th Basildon (St. Teresa's). 1st Leo Chapel North were attractively dressed in Western costumes for the cowboy carol.

Despite its religious theme the camp fire was as joyous an occasion as possible, and it was brought to a close with the usual Guide blessing and taps.

JACKSON'S MEWS

The new cul-de-sac off Jackson's Lane, Billericay, is to be named Jackson's Mews. Decision was taken by Chairman of Basildon Council's Works Committee Coun. J. R. Lyon.

SISTERHOOD

Members of Wickford United Sisterhood held a carol service at the Methodist Church on Tuesday, and Christmas readings were given by Mrs. B. Taylor. Letters were read by Mrs. R. Emery, and solo was sung by Mrs. Butler. Mrs. Hubbard thanked all who had taken part, and took the closing devotion. Mesdames Barney, Hitchcock, Parry served tea.

Coffee was welcome

FIGHT ladies who work all year round raising money for St. Mary's Church, Billericay, and known as the St. Mary's Working Party, held a coffee morning and mini bazaar at the Archer Hall on Friday. They were assisted by members of the Mothers' Union and the Ladies' Guild. Held in aid of Christ Church, B. oratory, the ad-day event raised £210s.

Some of the items sold were left over from a previous bazaar, but others were newly made by members.

Coffee was in great demand during the morning. "I think the cold weather made everyone seek refuge here," said Treasurer of the Working Party Mrs. Cheyney.

BINGO

Mrs. Cabbie was caller for an afternoon's Bingo at the weekly meeting of Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens on Wednesday week. Mrs. E. Thurston (Chairman) presided and sent good wishes to all sick members, including Mr. Markson, returning to hospital for an operation. The usual raffle took place for Club funds; goods included a doll, presented by Mrs. Lewis, and won by Mrs. Brown. Tea was served by Mr. Chaffing and helpers.

FAIRHOUSE CONCERT

One hundred and fifty children took part in the Fairhouse Junior School Christmas Concert on Tuesday. The concert, in the form of a carol service, included poems, choral speaking and music from the school recorder group. Present at the performances were parents and guests, Coun. H. G. Pembroke and Mrs. E. Nunn, of the school managers.

Conference was an example of clerical management of the laity at its worst!

THE THINKERS of the Church of England—the high priests of policy—are out of touch with the world they live in.

This is the view of "The Pownman," writing in the Landon-cum-Basildon Parish Magazine. He is looking back at a recent church conference at Glacton.

"We concluded that the world our clerical elders and better were concerned with was not the world in which we, the great unwashed and unordained, lived," he says.

The Basildon team pointed out that the people they are mostly concerned with did not labour under any misfortunes, had no problems and were quite happy with life how it is—without feeling the need for any kind of God.

"Our representations were ignored; people had to have their 'problems'. If they hadn't, it seemed we must invent some for them."

To the question "What is the basic purpose of the Church?" the Basildon group answered—"to proclaim, to care and to criticise convention."

But this was not the approved answer, "and considerable effort was expended in inducing us to produce the answers the clerics wanted."

Says "The Pownman": "The conference was an example of clerical management of the laity at its worst."

Too cold at school, so children were sent home

NEARLY ALL the 780 pupils of Graylands Secondary School, Basildon, were sent home on Tuesday when the heating system broke down.

The children sat and shivered in their classrooms, in some cases warmed only by paraffin heaters, through the arctic weather recently.

On Tuesday afternoon the electricity, as well as the heating, had to be cut off for a period, and the school authorities finally decided to send the children home.

Heating troubles have built up recently, since one of the two boilers which serve the school broke down.

Spare parts are still awaited and one boiler is not enough for a cold day.

The troubles intensified when electricians moved in to rewire the school. They hope to complete a switch-over to a new system this afternoon, meanwhile the electrically operated pumps, which send the warm water from the boilers to the classrooms, have also been out of action.

"An unfortunate combination of circumstances," Mr. Eric Dixon, the Basildon Education Officer, called it. He said: "Most of the pupils were allowed to go home. Some who had mothers at work stayed at the school for the whole period, and all the staff heating with a number of convector type paraffin heaters. They have the correct guards of course."

"With one thing and another it was thought wise to allow most of the pupils to go home for the afternoon," he concluded.

FISHERMEN'S FUND

The house-to-house collection in Billericay for the Royal National Society for Deaf Sea Fishermen raised £21. "This is the fifth year there has been an increase," said the Treasurer, Mr. Harold Curtis.

THEATRE OUTING

On Saturday about 40 parishioners from Outwood Common and Great Burstead went by coach on a theatre outing to see Oliver!



Sally Clapton (left) and Jane Thompson examine Father Christmas' whiskers at the Wickford Community Centre Nursery School party on Monday. Santa Claus was played by Ernest Jones. Our picture was taken in the Wickford Community Centre, Market Avenue, Wickford.



The Community Drama Club cast who take part in the thriller, "Love From a Stranger," at the Landon Community Centre tonight (Friday) and on Saturday.



The Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps and Majorottes held a Christmas bazaar in Beech Road Scout Hall, Basildon, on Saturday. Trying their steady hands are, from the left, Joan Cooper, Maureen Creed, Jenny Matthews and Christine Ross.



Married at Trinity Methodist Church, Basildon, on Saturday were Miss Patricia Wright, of Doncourt Crescent, Basildon, and Mr. Michael Christopher Bailey, of Third Avenue, Bagenham. The service was conducted by Rev. W. Holden. The bride wore a white full-length gown of heavy silk and cotton and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations, lilies of the valley and white heather. Her attendants were Madeline Wastell, Deborah Wright and Donna Wright, who wore full-length red velvet dresses with white muffs. Mr. Bob Springett was best man. (Picture by Stan Caldwell).



Mr. Robert McCrindle, prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate, was among the guests at the Conservative Party, Landon, nunch bowl party at the Community Centre, Landon, on Friday.

Memorable night for Carnival Queen and her Princesses

NEARLY £400 FOR CHARITIES

TUESDAY WAS a day Basildon's hard-working Carnival Queen, 21-years-old Geraldine Gahan, and her Court will remember for a long time.

For at a ceremony at The Barge, Vange, they handed over nearly £400 to charity and £40 worth of Christmas cakes to O.A.P. branches.

Praise for Queen Geraldine and her Princesses, Kerryanne Butterhill and Christine Wass, flowed from all corners on the memorable night for Carnival.

"You are a great credit to the area," said Coun. Desmond Savage, who received cheques totalling £154 8s. 7d. for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Similar remarks came from representatives of all other organisations who went up to collect their cheques.

Said one of the old age pensioners: "You are the first Queen to have really done something for us."

Geraldine told the gathering she had tried to show people what Carnival was all about.

"We are not a one-day event which only causes confusion and chaos on the roads, but an organisation which can do a lot of good work throughout the year."

"What we have done this year has been achieved by a small band of helpers," she said. "If we could double or even treble them next year the scope would be so much greater."

Geraldine said the credit for the money handed out should go not to her but to the people of Basildon, the traders, industrialists, old age pensioners, etc., who all responded so magnificently to her appeal.

The money contained in the cheques handed over came from the sponsored Carnival Queens' walk, donations and from the Carnival street collection. The Carnival Committee also contributed some of the money towards the O.A.P.'s Christmas cakes.

As a result of the street collection the Multiple Sclerosis Society benefited by £94 8s. 7d. This will be used for research by their Head Office.

The Society also received £60 for the Basildon branch.

Other beneficiaries were: Mundy House Residents' Amenities Fund, £50; Sunflower Children's

Home, £25; National Deaf Children's Society, £25; Children's League of Pity, £25; National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, £25; Basildon and District Mentally Handicapped Society, £25; St. Andrew's Hospital Staff Recreation Fund, £25; Greenwood Home, Stock, £40.

Recipients of cakes were: Vange Citizens' Club, Basildon No. 1 O.A.P., Pitsea Fuchsia Club, W.R.V.S. Deejays, Laindon No. 1 O.A.P., Langdon Hills Over-Sixty Club, Laindon Darby and Joan Club, Vange O.A.P., Found Lane Deejays, Over-Sixty Club, Basildon No. 2 Senior Children, Lee Chapel South O.A.P., Langdon Hills

O.A.P., Kingswood O.A.P., Ghyllgrove O.A.P., Mundy House and St. Andrew's Hospital nurses.

Invitation to church

YOUNG people over 11 years old are being asked to join with St. Catherine's Junior Church, Wickford, at Wickford Church of England Infants' School on Sundays at 11 a.m. to receive religious instruction from Rev. Timothy Girling, the recently-appointed assistant curate. It is hoped to build up a strong group of youngsters of 11 years old and upwards who will be able to go to the Young People's Fellowship on Monday evenings at St. Andrew's Hall, Wickford, for social activities.

Co-ordinating Christmas gift distributions

OPERATION "Christmas Parcel" will be brought to order in Pitsea and Bowers Gifford this year, with several organisations combining to supply them to worthy old age pensioners.

The spade work for the concerted action was carried out on Monday at a special meeting organised by Pitsea branch of the Basildon Old People's Welfare Committee. In attendance were most organisations now collecting money and goods for parcels.

They included the Rectory of Pitsea, Rev. Arthur Harvey, Coun. Fred Mercer (Bowers Gifford Cline Club), Mr. R. Ford (Head of Chalvedon School) and Rev. Chelton, representing the Hospital Savings Association.

It was agreed that 45 per cent of the parcels would go to both Pitsea and Bowers Gifford and

the remaining 10 per cent to North Benfleet.

The parcels will be packed at St. Michael's Hall, Pitsea, on Friday, December 22nd, by church helpers and pupils of Chalvedon School and delivered the following day by members of Bowers Gifford Cline Club.

An appeal was made at the meeting for further gifts (cash or goods) to be well stocked.

These will be received by the Rectors of Pitsea or Bowers Gifford, Mr. H. G. Pembroke, Coun. Fred Mercer or Chalvedon School.



ABOVE: Some of the children who found Father Christmas at the 6th Form bazaar held at Billericay Secondary School on Saturday.

Emanuel Road tenants protest en bloc to Valuation Court

TENANTS OF Emanuel Road, Langdon Hills, protested over their rates en bloc at the Basildon Valuation Court on Wednesday.

Emanuel Road is unmade, they complained, and has to be maintained at their expense; lighting is non-existent, and refuse services at one time were withdrawn because of the state of the road.

"I am surrounded by filthy conditions," one of the eight protesting householders, Mr. Albert Channon, told the Court. "But for the efforts of residents there would be no services."

He told of a lorry which tried to reach his home and was stuck in the mud for four hours, and of surface water which drains into his back garden and makes it like a marsh.

"I have had to widen my driveway by two feet," he said, "so collection vehicles could reverse into it."

He compared his present premises with those he previously owned, in Railway Approach, Laindon. Amenities and services were far better there, he said, yet the rates were less.

"We have made due allowance for the unmade road, and the assessment is fair," said Valuation Officer Mr. W. J. Chamberlain and he also explained that Mr. Channon's present house was far larger than the old one, hence the higher rates.

The rateable value of Mr. Channon's three-bedroomed semi-detached house is £110.

In addition to the

Emanuel Road tenants, the Valuation Court heard an objection from two householders in Robert's Road, Laindon: Mr. Frederick Sheppard, and Mr. Sidney Rose.

They complained that value of their properties was low because they were surrounded by Council houses. The erection of Royal Court, two high blocks of Council flats only 200 yards from their homes, had made their position even worse. When they moved in, the flats were not built.

In the opinion of the Valuation Officer the standard of housing offered by the flats — compared favourably with other properties in the road.

PARTICULAR DRAWBACKS

A complaint made by two Corporation tenants of Spurriers, Laindon, that their Siporex house had particular drawbacks, was backed by the Valuation Officer.

The tenants, Mr. Thomas Gill and Mr. Donald

Covington, live in Siporex housing on the new Corporation Estate. Both have lounges, which, because of the unusual construction of the houses, are directly beneath the lounges of their next door neighbours. They think this entitles them to a reduction of rates.

"The sounds of footsteps and TV come through clearly," Valuation Officer Mr. Chamberlain told the Court. "I think the case of these houses is a little different. I think there is a possible disadvantage for the householders. It is one of the unfortunate things that happen in the New Town."

The householders did not in fact appear in Court. The Court's decision will be announced later.

Bettering your house

A TRAVELLING Ministry of Housing caravan was parked in Town Centre, Basildon, this week to publicise the local authority grants available to improve old houses.

Council Chairman A. Baron Burn opened the exhibition, which was run by Mrs. K. Smith.

Though the caravan was in the heart of the New Town, the idea was to reach people from the old areas of Billericay, Wickford, Langdon Hills and Bowers Gifford as they came to shop in the Town Centre.

Owners of sub-standard houses built before 1945 can get grants of up to half to pay for improvements like bathrooms and kitchens. But the houses must have an expected life of at least another 15 years.

The Ministry aim is to help beat the housing shortage by bringing old homes up to date and stop them deteriorating into slums.

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LANGDON HILLS AND DISTRICT OLD AGE PENSIONERS AT THEIR CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY.

Worked overtime to get money for courting!

CHAIRMAN of what he describes as the happiest club in Basildon—Lee Chapel South O.A.P. Club—is Mr. Ernest Simpkins, "Ernie" to everyone.

If they are as happy as their Chairman he is, probably right, for Ernie describes himself as a contented man.

His contentment stems mainly from a well-occupied mind. Ernie has always been a thoroughly busy person. When he retired he had been manager of a big printing works for many years, and he never let retirement

an ordinary printer," he says. He chuckled, and thought a minute, then said, "I clearly remember working overtime all night, two nights a week, for the princely sum of 5s. 6d. I did it to earn the money to go courting!"

For by now, Ernie, who says in the choir, had even a pretty lassie in the congregation, and a flirtatious glance over the edge of a hymn book led to 55 years of blissfully happy married life. They had one child. "I've had a wonderful life, and I'd do it all again!" he says.

He was once offered an excellent appointment in India. If he had taken it he would possibly have been a rich man today, but he refused to leave his wife in order to take it. "I don't regret that one bit!" says Ernie.

Asked what he thought of young people today, he was emphatic. "There's nothing wrong with them at all, they're wonderful kids!" he claims. He is of the opinion that the lunatic fringe that got all the attention have always been with us. He remembers some of his old-time teachers, and some old-time favourites. "When I went to school I got the good wishes of their colleagues for the least thing, today pupils and teachers are Chairman Mr. Crowley thanked everyone who brought

young enough in heart to enjoy life and to cope with all he does for everyone. The members of Lee Chapel South O.A.P. are glad, too: Ernie is everyone's friend.

Tea gift for members

A GIFT of tea for every member was presented at the Christmas tea-party of Laindon Darby and Joan Club at Laindon Community Centre last Friday.

Mrs. Sheppard, a new member, brought extra cakes for everybody, in celebration of her birthday; the usual musical honours were sung for her.

A hearty welcome went to Mrs. Sheppard, a new member. Good news was received of the Club's sick members, who are progressing well.

Two local firms gave parcels of groceries to the Club for distribution, and over 100 expressed their gratitude.

At the end of the afternoon, voting took place for next year's officers and committee. These were re-elected on a basis with the exception of Mr. Chairman, who next year will be Mr. Larwood.

"VANCE BELLES"

Members of Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club enjoyed a visit from the "Vance Belles" concert party at their meeting on Thursday week. In spite of their numbers being depleted through illness, the party put on a fine show. Items included Christmas Wedding Party and some old-time favourites. Silent tribute was paid to a former member, Mr. Lowther, who died after a long illness. He was described as a loyal and devoted member of the Club. Mrs. Peters and her helpers served refreshments. Many sick members were sent the good wishes of their colleagues for the least thing, today pupils and teachers are Chairman Mr. Crowley thanked everyone who brought

This was the Christmas dinner that nearly wasn't! When the club officers of Ghyllgrove O.A.P. and the caterers went to the Community Centre to prepare the meal, they found builders were making alterations to the kitchen and the place was in a shambles. The workmen had not been told about the function, but they rallied round nobly. They stopped knocking down walls, cleaned up the rubble and soon the kitchen could be used again. The caterer, from Barking, got over her early shock and a wonderful meal was prepared for and enjoyed by the members, some of whom are seen below.



Wonderful sing-song

A WONDERFUL sing-song was enjoyed by members of Wickford No. 2 branch at their weekly meeting last Friday; they were led by the ever-welcome Mr. and Mrs. Frank White, with their electric organ, piano and drums.

Afterwards, Chairman Mr. Philip Perkins proposed a hearty vote of thanks for a splendid entertainment.

Mrs. S. Parker and Mr. Summerville were accorded musical birthday honours.

Sales were conducted by Mrs. Oliver and Mrs. Read, raffish by Mr. Quick, Mr. Bannister, Mrs. Pitt and Mrs. Adams. Mrs. Gillard was ten hostess, assisted by willing helpers.

OWN ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. Merceday was pianist at the weekly meeting of the Basildon No. 2 Senior Citizens' Club, who entertained themselves with community singing. Mrs. Cartwright, Vice-Chairman, sold raffle tickets and clothing; a bring-and-buy stall brought in extra funds; Mrs. Norris collected money for the Sick Club and Mrs. Twinn was ten hostess, assisted by willing helpers.

HOUSEBOUND—THEY NEED FRIENDSHIP

THE LONELINESS of housebound pensioners is spotlighted this week by two letters received in connection with our appeal for groceries for the old folk.

Mrs. M. Gordon, who lives at 36, Pattiswick Square, Basildon, writes: "This is a very lonely part of Basildon. If someone could call on me I would love to see them."

Mrs. Gordon was writing to give us the name of another pensioner, but mentioned how much she herself would like a visitor.

Another kindly person writing, giving us names mentions a French lady who would love to be visited by somebody who can speak French. Her name is Mrs. Clarke, and she lives at 93, Luncies Road, Basildon (next door to St. Basil's Church).

If anyone living near either of these ladies could spare a little time to drop in for a chat they would bring a lot of pleasure—and help to ease the loneliness of long, empty days.

Silent tribute FILM SHOW

A SILENT tribute was paid by members of Sholgate No. 1 branch when the evening film at the weekly meeting of Basildon Physio-announced the death of Mr. Lucas and expressed sympathy with the widow.

A hearty welcome back after sickness went to Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence. Good wishes for their recovery went to Mrs. Stenham, still in hospital; Miss Goodwin, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Bannigan and Mr. Butler, a former Chairman, who had a bad fall.

Mr. Bunce and Mr. Warner were callers for a Bingo session, a cordial welcome was offered to Mr. Swinister, a new member.

A Christmas sing-song followed, with encores and favourite choruses; pianists were Mr. Smart and Mrs. Monks and soloist was Mrs. Furness. Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Adams ran a sale of sweets and Christmas cards; Mrs. Constan and her helpers served tea.

Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Sumnerfield were welcomed back after a spell of illness; good wishes went to all members still away sick for their recovery. Specially mentioned were Mrs. Saxby, now out of hospital; Mrs. Keys, Mrs. Dart, Mr. Mills and Mrs. Beaman, still in hospital; Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Fowles, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Harrod and Mr. and Mrs. Lawless.

Social Secretary Mrs. Freeman announced plans for the Christmas tea and, before the meeting ended, the Chairman told members that there will be no meetings on December 21st and 23rd. They will be starting again on Thursday, January 4th.

WELL REWARDED

Members of Buttsbury Social Club, who braved the bitter winds of an extremely cold night to attend their weekly meeting at Buttsbury Junior School Hall, were well rewarded by a splendid entertainment by the Outwood Band.

The programme included some highly original songs and sketches, and members enjoyed it so much that they have invited the concert party to pay them return visit early in the New Year. The Club are looking forward to their Christmas party, which will also be their last meeting this year. They will be starting meetings again in January.

Below: Laindon Darby and Joan Club held their Christmas tea party at Laindon Community Centre on Friday.



Mr. E. Simpkins

mean stagnation. He put his active brain to work, to see what he could do for other retired folk, and did it with characteristic thoroughness and enthusiasm.

It was Ernie who started the Lee Chapel South Pensioners' Club, together with Mr. James Roberts, Club Registrar. From a tiny beginning in Mr. Roberts' house, the Club had gone from strength to strength. It now has 100 members, and has reluctantly had to close its membership, for the little community centre where it meets just will not accommodate a higher number in comfort.

For 16 years, too, Ernie has been a member of Laindon Hills Darby and Joan Club, and he founded the present Laindon Old People's Welfare Committee.

He also made his mark as an entertainer. For 14 years he was a member of a concert party and only recently gave it up. He was first with the Optimists and then with the Crackerjacks, and many old folk in the district will remember him affectionately for the pleasure he has brought them.

He was born in the early part of his life. When he left school, he started a long, ten years' apprenticeship, learning to be not only a printer, but an engineer as well. "My father wouldn't let me be just

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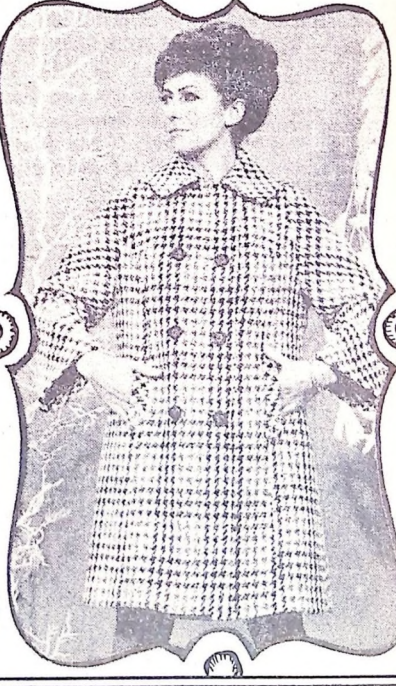
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FACTORY GOSSIP



THEY ARE SO CLEAN

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Nevertheless, some protective clothing is necessary to keep off the dust of face powders and talcums that people handle. So white coats and aprons are worn and they naturally become soiled. Sometimes they even get torn.

It's not surprising, therefore, that the factory has its own laundry and mending service.

In the "patching department" our picture below shows left at the sewing machine Mrs. L. Ratcliff and Mrs. I. Berry.



NO HORSESHOEING AT THIS FORGE

A BLACKSMITH who does not shoe horses is Mr. Gordon Scott, who works at The Forge, Laindon Road, Little Burstead. "In fact," said Mr. Scott, "the last time a horse was shod at this smithy was 28 years ago."

Mr. Scott, who is 37 years old, does agricultural repairs and ornamental ironwork. He has been metalworking since he left school. It was while serving an apprenticeship with Manor Motors at Laindon that he learnt the skills of welding and ironwork.

The Forge was formerly owned by the late Mr.

Carpenter—Mr. Scott used to do a lot of work for him. After her husband's death four years ago Mrs. Carpenter began renting the premises to Mr. Scott.

He now has more work than he can cope with, and his nephew, Mr. Derek Edwards, works for him part-time, and his uncle, Mr. Jack Bridge (73), comes and helps "for something to do."

Jobs range from repairs to almost every type of agricultural machine, to making wrought iron balustrades.

The Forge is fitted out for various engineering operations, and has one fixed are-welder, and two mobile units. "We have to go out on a lot of jobs," said Mr. Scott, "and we take welding equipment as far away as Hertfordshire in our work."

"Farm gates, wrought iron balconies, all kinds of brackets for the building trade, in fact, anything that is ironwork we do. One of my sidelines is making trailers for things such as boats and agricultural machines."

A resident of Tye Common Road, Billericay, Mr. Scott has two sons, Russell (11) and Stephen (6). His wife, Olive, does all the accounts and office work for the firm.

"I thoroughly enjoy my job, and like working in the area, and not just because there is nobody else doing the

same sort of work here. My ambition is to have a bungalow right next to The Forge so that I can work there whenever I want to," Mr. Scott told the "Standard Recorder."

Brains Trust

Over 70 members of the Essex Exporters' Association attended a cargo-handling brains trust in the Bull's Eye Hotel, Basildon, last week. The panel was chaired by Sir Richard Bonallack, C.B.E.

Ford director gets Royal congratulations



At last week's Royal Smithfield Show Mr. G. G. Buckley, Executive Director, Ford Tractors, announced orders amounting to £13½M. for delivery to Europe in 1968. All this material—tractors, parts and component assemblies—will come from Ford's Basildon Tractor Plant. Mr. Buckley is seen here being congratulated by H.R.M. the Duchess of Gloucester during her visit to the Show.

£565 for his good idea



JIM O'FARRELL, 34-YEARS-OLD WORKER ON THE FINAL ASSEMBLY LINE AT THE FORD'S TRACTOR FACTORY, HAD A GOOD IDEA. AND THIS WEEK HE LEARNT THAT THE GOOD IDEA HAD EARNED HIM A CHEQUE OF £565 FROM THE SUGGESTION SCHEME FUND.

HIS SUGGESTION, WHICH WILL REDUCE ASSEMBLY COSTS AT FORD FACTORIES ALL OVER THE WORLD, IS THE HIGHEST MADE SINCE THE SCHEME BEGAN IN JULY, 1965.

He is pictured above receiving the cheque from Plant Manager Mr. Bert Underwood.

Mr. O'Farrell lives in Ballards Walk and has been with Ford's for 13 years.

"This was my first suggestion since moving to the Basildon plant from Dagenham," he said, "and I was staggered when told I had been awarded such a large sum of money."

He plans to give his wife and three children a really good Christmas on the proceeds and a special summer holiday next year. The remainder will go into a bank.



MOST MEN WOULD DO THEIR UTMOST TO STEER CLEAR OF BAZAARS, SALES OF WORK AND SIMILAR FUNCTIONS, BUT MR. ALBERT BURNS, A PERSONNEL ASSISTANT AT STANDARD TELEPHONES AND CABLES, LTD., WELCOMES THE IDEA OF HELPING ORGANISERS OF THESE EVENTS.

Mr. Burns, seen above at a Pitsea bazaar, lives at Ramsden Heath, but opens bazaars in Basildon, Grays and anywhere he is asked. He has another four to open before Christmas.

"I have a thing about this kind of event," he said this week. "Bazaars and fetes have such wonderful aims. Most of those functions I attend give away the money they raise. And this money goes to people and organisations that put the money to good use."

Mr. Burns is especially interested in organisations raising money for mentally retarded children.

He has no family and has been at Basildon for five years, since the firm opened. During that time he has been actively interested in the firm's social life and has been Secretary of their Sports and Social Club. He is also connected with their concert party.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Our appeal — Operation Packing commences

WELL, WE ARE REALLY IN THE THICK OF OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL NOW. GROCERIES ARE FILLING UP EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF MY SITTING ROOM (I'M HAVING TO STORE THEM AT HOME — OUR OFFICE IS TOO FULL OF PEOPLE THIS YEAR!) — AND OUR TELEPHONE RINGS CONSTANTLY WITH REQUESTS FOR ME TO COME AND COLLECT SOME MORE.

When you read this I shall be starting Operation Packing. I have borrowed six girls and boys from Timberlog Secondary School and they are coming along to help me put all these groceries into carrier bags.

Rev. A. Dunlop, the Rural Dean, has loaned St. Martin's Hall, in the Town Centre, for the presentation ceremony. Mr. A. Baron Burn, J.P., Chairman of the Basildon Council, is coming to hand over the parcels officially and lots of people from the various welfare districts are coming to collect them to give out to the old people.

So you see, we are going to town in earnest now — and we could never have done it without your help. You have been your usual generous and kind-hearted selves and I thank every one of you!

I thought you might like

to know what will happen to the toys you have been bringing in for the tree. They will be given to the probation officer, who knows of some very needy families. Indeed, many without daddies to play security reasons he did not want to give us any addresses, which is quite right, of course, but he will be happy to see that the toys go to the most deserving children.

Next week I shall be able to tell you about the ceremony — and there might even be a photograph of us all with the parcels!

Love Auntie Liz.

IT LIKES ANTS

An ant-eater is an animal found in South America; it lives on ants and other insects, which it licks up with its long, sticky tongue. Its front feet have strong, curved claws, with which it breaks into ant-hills, and it has a very small head which tapers into a long snout. It has no teeth — it doesn't need them! The banded ant-eater is a rare animal, which lives in Western Australia, the porcupine ant-eater, better known as the echidna, lives in Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea.

WROTE FAIRY STORIES

Hans Christian Andersen was born in Denmark in 1805. He wrote a lot of poetry and fables, but is chiefly famous for his fairy stories. Two of the best-known are "The Emperor's New Clothes" and "The Ugly Duckling." He died in 1875.

We paid a visit to Nicholas' Secondary School on Tuesday to collect the groceries they had brought in for us.

Headmaster Mr. J. D. Greener kindly gave us permission to photograph some of the children with the groceries, and you can see them in the picture.

Although I have been to Nicholas' School once or twice before, there are so many doors in and out of it that I got thoroughly lost! It is much bigger than you might think when you first go down the drive; and it appears to go on and on when you get inside! Anyway, I finally tracked Mr. Greener down in his study; and he had the groceries rounded up for me. After the picture was taken the boys and girls kindly packed the goods all up nicely for me in a carton and helped me find the way back to where I had left my little car — or else I might have still been there looking for the way out!

GREETINGS

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

Robert Schuler, of Kevin Close, South Green, Billericay, 14; Katherine Wells, of Crays Hill, Billericay, 11; Mervyn John Barnett, of Waldringfield, Basildon, 14; Helen Jane Gray, Farm Cottages, Dry Street, Langdon Hills, six; Colleen Gourley, of Moss Close, Vange, 11, and Janet Ricketts, of The Avenue, Billericay, six, all on Friday, December 15th.

Stephen Paul Amber, of Stuart Road, Southend, seven; Nigel Burch, of Curlew Crescent, Basildon, 13; Susan Goodey, of Tensing Gardens, Billericay, 11, and Stephen Perry, of Devonshire Close, Laindon, six, all on Saturday, 16th.

Gary Townsend, of Bromfords Drive, Wickford, and Susan Weller, of Wolsey Road, Morley, Western Australia, both seven on December 17th. Kim Frasi, of Beas Way, Billericay, 11 on December 18th. Jacqueline Lane, of Albert Drive, Laindon, nine; Richard King, of Gardiners Lane, Billericay, five; Brian Crease, of Mistley Side, Basildon, 13; Mark Sullivan, of Church Road, Laindon, four; Christine Bell, of Long Acre, Basildon, 11, and Catherine Mary McPherson, of Perry Street, Billericay, four, all on December 19th.

Andrew Murray, of Brempons, Basildon, and Jacqueline Sell, of Brickfield Road, Vange, both 11 on December 20th. Wayne Martin Claxson, of Home Mead, Laindon, seven, and Maureen Bryant, of Fenty Close, Laindon, 12, both on December 21st.

Love Auntie Liz.



A road safety competition was held at the Locarno Ballroom, Basildon, on Saturday, during the Junior Disc Club's session. The two winners were Nicolette Green (9), who goes to Fairhouse School, and 10-years-old Roy Iversen, of Janet Duke School. They won day-glow jackets to wear when cycling.

OUR THANKS GO TO MORE KIND PEOPLE

OUR GRATEFUL thanks are due this week to the following good-hearted people who have generously contributed to our appeal.

Miss A. S. Brewis, Headmistress, and girls of Woodlands Girls' School; Mr. R. E. Cole, Headmaster and children of Wickford Junior School; Mr. Collin and Mrs. Linda Jones; Miss Mary Haber, of Bonneygate, Basildon; all for gifts of groceries.

Our weekly window cleaner, and our man who brings the towels (names not known) for their kind donations; also Mr. Dow, of Worthing Road, Laindon, for a lovely box of sweets.

Lyn and Kay Sargent, address not known; Mrs. Waters, of Wynters, Basildon; Lorraine and Rosemary Harrold, of Rayleigh; Marina Brown, of Arterial Road, Basildon; Elizabeth and Wendy Craig, of Little Spenders, Basildon; all for gifts of toys.

Gifts of tea and coffee were brought in by Robert and John Wright, of Short Acre, Basildon; and some very nice toys from Beverly and Derrick Hampson, of Curling Tye, Basildon, our newest Happy Pals.

For donations of money: Mrs. Kay Brunt, and Mr. Frank England, Advertising Department, "Stan-

dard Recorder," and Mrs. Cox, Burnt Mills Road, Basildon.

Back from Malaya

I HAVE HAD a nice letter this week from two new Happy Pals — David and Carol Elson.

David is eight years old and Carol is six; they have just come to live in Basildon. They came back to England last June, after spending two years in Malaya.

David says it was very hot in Malaya, and they got very brown. "I hope it snows soon," he says. "My sister does not remember what it is like!" Well, David, by now you have seen the snow. I've seen quite a few robins on my lawn, too, which is usually a sign of a hard winter; and my goodness, don't they quarrel! I should have thought my enormous garden was quite big enough to house all the robins in Essex, but each one thinks he has sole right to it! My little cat is needless to say deeply interested.

Thank you very much for writing me such an interesting letter, David. I feel sure everyone would like to hear about you, and I know they will all join me in welcoming you to our League.

Love from AUNTIE LIZ.



Wendy and Elizabeth Craig, of Little Spenders, Basildon, who brought us these gifts for our appeal.

DUMBELLE ***



UNPROVOKED ASSAULT ON A LAINDON SCHOOLTEACHER ENDS IN JAIL SENTENCE

NOTICE OF APPEAL GIVEN

A SCHOOLMASTER TOLD Billericay Justices on Tuesday that he could not remember what happened when he was stopped by two men in Tattenham Road, Laindon.

But County prosecutor Mr. Malcolm Simons claimed that the schoolmaster, Mr. Peter Ruane, of Royal Court, Laindon, was attacked and was in hospital for three days for injuries he received.

Before the Court were a father and son, Walter Birch (37), of Royal Court, and Alan Birch (21), of Hamlet Court Road, West-cliff.

The father denied, and the son admitted, maliciously wounding Mr. Ruane. The case against Walter Birch was dismissed.

Alan Birch was sent to prison for six months. "It was an absolutely unprovoked assault," said the Chairman, Mr. H. R. Dunnico.

Alan Birch gave notice of appeal against sentence. Mr. Simons said when questioned by the Police, Alan Birch said: "He (Ruane) called my father a born liar. Any person who does that won't get away with it. If he did it again I would do the same."

Walter Birch said: "I didn't hit this man. It was all done by my son."

In Court he said he had spoken to Mr. Ruane about an incident involving his 11-year-old son.

His other son, Alan, came by and slapped Mr. Ruane twice. Mr. Ruane fell down and hit his head on the pavement. "I was very surprised to see Alan pass me," said the elder defendant.

He denied that he and Alan had set out to assault Mr. Ruane.

Alan Birch also denied there had been a plan to assault him. "It was all spontaneous," he said.

He said he did not tell the Police he would commit the offence again.

In mitigation it was said that the offence was committed in a temper and was out of character.

ASSAULT ALLEGATION DISMISSED

Ruane was summoned by Walter Birch, on behalf of his son, Frank, aged 11, for assault, in the boy.

He pleaded not guilty.

The boy alleged that he

was playing when Ruane hit him round the face with a newspaper and dug him in the chest five or six times. The bench found there was no case to answer and Ruane was dismissed.

Getting too big for uniforms

LAST SATURDAY'S howling blizzard kept people away from the Beech Road Scout Hut and the annual bazaar of the Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps.

In spite of advance publicity and the appearance of the band and Santa Claus just before the bazaar opened, there was a disappointing response.

Chairman of the band, Mr. John Spires. Nevertheless, more than £73 was raised over the afternoon, and goods unsold will be kept for future events.

The money goes towards buying uniforms for the band, the majorettes (marching girls) and instruments.

Said Mr. Spires: "The boys are all getting too big for their uniforms and so are the girls. The uniforms are one of the most expensive items for the band — instruments are initially more expensive, but they last longer."

The bazaar was opened by President of the band, Mrs. M. D. Grist.

DEVALUATION, HOW IT HITS THE PRESS

LABOUR M.P.s worried about the possible disappearance of a free and varied Press should look to their own policies for the reason, says Prospective Conservative parliamentary candidate for Billericay and Basildon Mr. Robert McCrindle.

In a statement issued earlier this week Mr. McCrindle said the threat to the continuation of a free and varied Press was the result of devaluation on newspaper economics.

Because of devaluation the cost of paper was expected to rise by £6 10s. to £7 a ton. In the case of the "Daily Mirror," this would represent extra expenditure of £14 million.

Devaluation also meant that overseas correspondents were costing more. Then there was the Selective Employment Tax — all increasing the costs of production.

"Perhaps the 'Mirror' can take it," he said. "But what about the weaker brethren in Fleet Street?"

"Labour M.P.s might do well to have thought of the effect of devaluation on Press economics, and the effect on newspaper fortunes in the present economic state of the nation."

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Carreras inspector stole cigarettes, lost his job and was fined £50

Police searched the home of Carreras' quality control inspector Michael Davis (33), of Osborne Road, Basildon, and found cigarettes, said Mr. Malcolm Simons, prosecuting, at Billericay on Tuesday.

Davis pleaded guilty to stealing 210 cigarettes worth £2 6s. while a servant of Carreras. A fine of £50 was imposed, and he was ordered to pay five guineas costs. He was given a month to pay with three months' imprisonment in default.

"I would like to apologise for being foolish. This case has cost me my job," Davis told the Court.

Opinion poll which flopped

AN OPINION poll on the controversial stream which runs through Ghyllgrove neighbourhood, Basildon, flopped badly through lack of response.

It was organised by the local Tenants' and Community Association who received only 28 replies to 1,000 leaflets distributed in the area.

Tenants were asked on the leaflet whether they had suffered in any way from the watercourse; whether they thought it should be fenced as a precautionary measure, or whether it should be roofed for all or part of its length.

"We cannot possibly form any idea of the feelings of the community as a whole when only three per cent of the Ghyllgrove householders replied," said a Community Association spokesman this week.

Show for the handicapped

KINGSWOOD Infants' School put on a special showing of their Christmas concert on Tuesday for people of the Bader House Physically Handicapped Centre. They gave a well arranged concert of carols under the direction of staff teacher Mr. D. Argent. On Wednesday and Thursday the school provided similar concerts for parents in the afternoon.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE
Christ Church Billericay held their second anniversary service on Sunday. Rev. Arthur Dunn, of Basildon, Rev. Arthur Dunn, was the preacher.

DIVORCE CASES

ON THE grounds of her husband's desertion since 1964 a decree nisi was granted to Mrs. Noreen Simmons, of Southcote Crescent, Basildon, at Southend Divorce Court on Tuesday.

Discretion was exercised in respect of her admitted adultery. She married Mr. Leonard Courtney William Simmons, of Edmonton in 1951. There are no children.

He was ordered to pay half the petitioner's divorce costs. Mr. Alan Maurice Drenou, of Farnwell Avenue, Pitsea, was granted a decree nisi on the grounds of adultery by his wife, Mrs. Marian Drenou, of Runtree Fold, Basildon.

Discretion was exercised in respect of the husband's admitted adultery. Married at Ilford in 1959 the couple have two children. Custody was committed to the petitioner with care and control to his wife.

JUNIOR PARTY
Over 60 children between the ages of seven and eleven, attended a Sunday School party at Billericay Methodist Church hall on Saturday. The party was organised by teachers from the junior department of the School.

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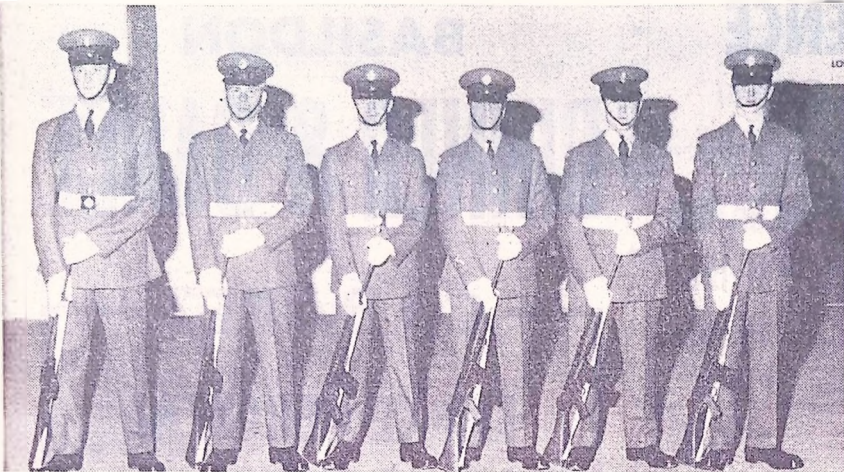
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HE HELPS TO GUARD THE QUEEN

EIGHTEEN MONTHS ago Leslie Burt was a merchant seaman. Now he is a member of the elite of the R.A.F., the Queen's Colour Squadron, and is seen on the extreme right in the picture above.

Leslie (19), whose family live in Rokells, Ghyllgrove, Basildon, is one of the select group who act as guard of honour to the Queen.

His Squadron have twice appeared on television since Leslie joined, acted as guard of honour to King Feisal and flown out to Germany.

His proud father, William Burt, an ex-seaman and now caretaker of the Ghyllgrove Junior School, told us: "He's hot at drill and likes that kind of thing. He joined the R.A.F. 18 months ago, (id training at Catterick and Hemsley, and then got into the Colour Squadron about last Christmas."

So proud of Princess

KINGS may come and queens may go, but The Princess will live for ever in the memory of her owner, Mr. David Todd (52), of St. Francis' Farm, Castledon Road, Downham.



MRS. V. HUNTSMAN IS ANOTHER CONTENDER FOR THE TITLE OF "BASILDON MODEL OF THE YEAR," ORGANISED BY THE BASILDON PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. SHE WORKS AT S.T.C. LTD., BASILDON, AS A PAYROLL CLERK, AND ENJOYS MODELLING FOR THE CAMERA CLUB.

The Princess is a five-years-old 16.2hh. champion show horse who, in her first season in riding classes, carried off most of the major trophies at the Essex Show this year.

"I am very proud of her, and I shall never forget her achievements. She is one of the finest horses I have seen," said Mr. Todd. A blacksmith by trade and a Fellow of the Worshipful Company of Farriers since 1950, Mr. Todd bred her himself. He has been breeding horses as a hobby for eight years and she is one of a string of four.

Mr. Todd can often be seen riding the countryside on Royal Toby, a cob who has been known to sup a pint of ale at one of the local inns, but his favourite will always be The Princess.

So far this year she has won the Essex Horse Show's Advisory Committee cups for most points gained in all classes and for the best hunter, the County Championship Trophy at the Essex Show and reserve place in the open championship.

In the past she has won many awards throughout East Anglia in classes for "hunters in hand" and was the reserve champion at the Hertford Show as a three years old.

The Princess is out of mare by Davey, which Lord Mildmay rode in the Grand National, and was sired by the famous Essex point-to-pointer, Prince Arthur, who at one time belonged to the late Sir Winston Churchill.

Mr. Todd refused to put a price on her head, but pressed he admitted that she is probably worth over £1,000.

"She is definitely not for sale," he said. "I have had all sort of offers, but I have resisted them all. The Princess is irreplaceable as far as I am concerned."

Gorgeous Guy Gala

GIRLS ARE you seeking a gorgeous guy? Are you classified as a handsome hunk hunter?

If you are, then tally-ho, yodels and other strange hunting cries should now be uttered as you enter a course for the Locarno Ballroom on December 22nd.

Carnival Queen Geraldine Gahan is proposing to hold a Gorgeous Guy Gala there on this date; it will take the form of a competition to find the most lovable, live-withable man in the district, and there will be dancing to The Moody Blues, The Marmalade, Ivan St. Clair and The System Soul Band. Judges for the competition will be Miss Lesley Ebbetts, fashion editor of "Rave"; Mike McGrath, from the John Stephen organisation; Ed Stewart, disc jockey from Radio 1, and "Jane," from Westcliff.

Geraldine says earnestly that she must not only make this dance pay, she must also make a handsome profit for the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Basildon branch. Since she has a definite flair for organisation, as well as an infinite capacity for sheer hard work, her dance should be an overwhelming success.

He's leaving because of promotion

SECRETARY of the Basildon branch of the Union of Postal Workers Mr. George Gowing, of Rye-side, is leaving the Head Post Office in East Square. He leaves because of promo-

tion—he will soon be working at Southend, where he becomes a telecommunications officer.

Mr. Gowing (53), with a wife and daughter, who is in Australia, has been with the Post Office for 29 years, the last seven at Basildon.

Right chap to be treasurer

NEW TREASURER of the Basildon Stick and Wheel Club is Mr. R. Greenlees, assistant manager of Williams Deacon's Bank, Basildon.

Mr. Greenlees "inherited" the treasurership from his predecessor and finds it extremely interesting. He would like to stimulate interest in the Club, which meets every other Monday



Mr. R. Greenlees

evening at Bader House, Basildon, and caters for physically handicapped people of all ages. Meetings take place on second and fourth Mondays in each month and are held from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.; there is transport for those unable to attend "under their own steam."

Mr. Greenlees came to Basildon last June from Southgate. He lives in Ozonia Avenue, Wickford, with his wife and son. Apart from the Stick and Wheel Club, he helps to run the Junior Club at Basildon's Methodist Church—he has known Rev. W. Holden for some years. His wife runs the Girls' Brigade.

First President

Two former Billericay residents were elected as officers of "D" Group of the British Legion at the annual meeting last week.

Mr. Tom Kennedy was elected the Group's first President after being Chairman for many years, and Mr. Charlie Livermore was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER OF SCOUTS RESIGNS



DISTRICT Commissioner of Basildon Scouts for several years, Mr. Fred Pittcock (seen above) has resigned. "Increasing professional commitments" he gives as the reason.

Mr. Pittcock, who lives in London Road, Pitsea, tells Scouts in a letter: "Basildon is a very active Scout district and for some time I have felt unable to deal adequately with the many problems and other matters which seem to arise daily."

He says he does not intend to lose touch with Scouting, and hopes to give active support to the district in a less demanding capacity.



LEADER, BUT HE CANNOT PLAY A NOTE OF MUSIC

CHAIRMAN of the Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps Mr. John Spires is a dedicated worker for his musical cause—but he can't play a note!

That doesn't stop him working for the band sometimes seven days a week on and off, and he is seen above with his daughter, Lynda, trying to please him.

A Shell worker, John does a lot of shift work and this enables him to get about the town during the week.

He has been associated with the band for several years and became Chairman about two years ago. At that time there was a band supporters' club and an executive committee. It was his idea to combine the two and it has worked well.

He was first introduced to

the Corps by his sons, who are in the band, and his daughter, who is one of the Majorettes.

"Since then the band has been one of my main interests," he said. "And my wife, Audrey, is also wrapped up in the work."

"Our main task is to see that the organisation is smooth running. Since the band are involved in about 40 functions every year there's plenty to do."

Mr. Spires lives in Roodegate, was his idea to combine the two and it has worked well. He was first introduced to



Two of the youngest award winners at the Bill Webb School of Ballroom Dancing presentation dance, held at Runwell Parish Hall on Saturday, were five-years-old Natalie (grade 1 with honours) and her brother, eight-years-old Vincent Buckley (bronze medal with honours).

Lorry driver is sent for trial

VANGE MAN'S DEATH DUE TO DANGEROUS DRIVING IS ALLEGED

"THERE was no reason why he could not have stopped. Everybody else had stopped. He should not have put himself in the position of not being able to stop!" Mr. T. H. Jones (prosecutor) made these remarks at Grays Court last week when Peter Johnson (23), lorry driver, of Pershore Road, Stirchley, Birmingham, was charged with causing the death, by dangerous driving, of Mr. Thomas George Henry Moores; dangerous driving; and careless driving.

Johnson was sent for trial at the next Essex Assizes on January 23rd on the dangerous driving causing death and dangerous driving charges, but the careless driving summons was adjourned sine die. He was allowed bail in the sum of £20.

Asked if he had anything to say in answer to the charges Johnson replied simply: "Not guilty."

Mr. Jones said the fatal accident occurred on the A13, near Cuckoo Lane, about 9.15 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3rd. Johnson's heavy lorry skidded, pulled across the road and collided with a van. The van driver was badly hurt and 57-years-old Mr. Moores of The Slades, Vange, a passenger in the van, was killed.

Mr. P. O. Holland, vehicle examiner, of Dartford, said he examined Johnson's articulated truck on the day following the collision. The vehicle was extensively damaged, but he alleged there was no sign of mechanical failure.

alleged Johnson's vehicle suddenly swerved across the road and by the time he reached it Johnson had jumped out.

Mr. Clements said he saw the van approaching at normal speed in the opposite direction, but thought Johnson had missed it. As he got closer, however, he saw there had been a collision.

He thought traffic in front of the "Artic" had slowed or stopped to let somebody turn into Cuckoo Lane. He did not see any brake lights on Johnson's vehicle or have any conversation with him after the crash.

Mr. P. S. Bates, tanker driver, Tunney Crescent, Corringham, said he was driving his tanker towards London when the accident occurred. The van was in front of him, travelling a bit faster.

When they reached Cuckoo Lane, a car turned right and the van was then 100-200 yards ahead. The lane is of Southend-bound traffic, in the opposite direction, slowed almost to stopping point.

HEARD A CRASH

He passed the car, which was turning right, on its nearside. He then heard a crash. The lorry had come across the road and hit the van, which was on the grass on his nearside. He had no conversation with Johnson about the accident.

Mr. Thomas William Charles Moores, electrical fitter, The Slades, Basildon, the eldest son of the deceased, identified the body.

P. E. W. Delaney, London Traffic Control, said when he arrived the van was still trapped in the van, obviously seriously injured, and he had to be pulled out by the fire brigade. Mr. Moores' body was lying on the grass verge at the side of the road.

P. E. Delaney said he spoke to Johnson before he was taken to hospital. Johnson allegedly told him the vehicle in front of him stopped—"for an unknown reason"—and he braked but the truck skidded.

He interviewed Johnson again in hospital later, and told him Mr. Moores was dead and his driver seriously injured. Johnson, he alleged, said: "It was the trailer brakes—they didn't work."

P. E. Delaney said he told Johnson the accident was his fault, because he was following too close behind the vehicle in front of him, and had to swerve to avoid hitting him. He told Johnson he would be reported and cautioned him. Johnson later made a statement.

Boys' raid on kiosk

TWO 14-YEARS-OLD boys admitted at Billericay Juvenile Court on Monday breaking into the Ritz Cinema, Chapel Street, Billericay, and stealing cigarettes, tobacco, matches and soft drinks worth £16 from the sales kiosk.

Both boys were conditionally discharged for 12 months.

Their parents were bound over in £25 for their sons' good behaviour for a similar period and were ordered to pay £2 costs and £1 restitution each.

Entry was gained through a toilet window and £14 worth of goods had been recovered from a dilapidated caravan on land adjoining the cinema, said Mr. M. Frost, prosecuting.

ARE YOU A WINNER?

A cake and a box of sweets are looking for owners at Wickford Community Centre. They were prizes in a competition organised on behalf of the children's Christmas party to be held in January, but have not so far been claimed. The tickets needed to claim the prizes both bear the serial No. JLV831 and are Nos. 509 (cake) and 402 (sweets).

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Appeal for drivers to help housebound folk

SHORTAGE of drivers is handicapping the W.R.V.S. Meals-on-Wheels delivery service in Basildon. As a result, Basildon Council's Chairman (Coun. A. Baron Burn, J.P.) this week issued an appeal for help.

He wants to hear from people who can give two hours of their time between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on one or more days every two months. They will be required to use their own cars to deliver the hot meals (in special containers) to old people at their homes.

People interested in helping should get in touch with the Town Manager's Department of Basildon Council or the Health Department at Billericay.

The distribution centre is the Council's central kitchen in the George Hurd Centre in Fauners, Basildon.

BIG DROP IN CHAMBER OF TRADE MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BASILDON CHAMBER OF TRADE HAS DECREASED FROM 128 TO 85, IT WAS REVEALED AT THEIR TUESDAY MEETING HELD AT THE LAINDON HOTEL.

But there was no need to disband, members agreed. Most members looked upon membership of the Chamber as a kind of insurance.

The question of disbanding the Chamber came from Laindon member Mr. Chris Collings, who claimed that a decrease in membership, coupled with non-attendance at meetings and reluctance to pay subscriptions, was a sign that nobody wanted the Chamber.

It was agreed that only four meetings had been held during the year, but this was because there was no interest.

Chairman Mr. Peter Toomey said: "The Executive Committee are always criticising themselves to see if we are doing anything wrong. Every question that comes along we try to deal with."

"But these days we have got no problems. It Mr. Boniface, of Basildon Development Corporation, were here tonight to discuss planning problems, I

guarantee this room would not be big enough."

Treasurer Mr. Bill Hoskins agreed: "It's very difficult to know why these people have given up membership. They never give their reasons. The Executive Committee are a bit frustrated about this."

He added: "It's a case of complete and utter apathy, they are not interested enough to come along."

Mr. Roy Bird agreed, but added: "Of course there is a use for the Chamber of Trade because, as soon as there is a problem, we can deal with it immediately. Because we don't have meetings, it does not mean that the Chamber is not playing its part."

Membership had been reduced mainly because subscriptions had not been

renewed or because members had refused to pay the increased subscription of three guineas.

EVENING SHOPPING

SEVERAL MULTIPLE shops at Basildon stayed open late on Thursday to enable old and handicapped people to carry out their Christmas shopping in comfort.

The scheme was organised for the second year running by Basildon Rotary Club. Shops participating included Woolworth's, Littlewood's, Timothy White's and Boot's. Old people were taken to the shops in special transport.



BLUE HOUSE SCHOOL, BASILDON, KEEP-FIT CLASS HELD THEIR PARTY AT BLUE HOUSE SCHOOL ON FRIDAY. THE GIRLS ENTERTAINED THEIR GUESTS WITH A DEMONSTRATION AND INVITED EVERYONE TO JOIN IN IT.

Left-wing Labour M.P.s asked about devaluation

WILL PRICES rise and wages stay the same now the pound has been devalued? Left-wing Labour M.P.s, some of whom supported devaluation before it happened, were asked this question at a public meeting in Billericay on Sunday.

"People might agree to pulling their belts in if the Government ask them to—but not while they suspect the Government are not coming clean with them," said Mr. Sidney Bidwell, M.P. for Southall, in his reply.

Three M.P.s well known for their Left-wing views—Messrs. Ian Mikardo, Hugh Jenkins and Bidwell—were on the panel at a political education meeting run by the local Labour Party and "Tribune" magazine. With them was Mr. Tony Arblaster, a "Tribune" writer.

About 60 people attended and issues discussed ranged from plans to build an airport at Stansted to the Vietnam War. On the latter, the whole panel agreed the Government should oppose the war, and Mr. Jenkins (M.P. for Putney) thought they would sooner or later.

On deflation, Mr. John Ryan (M.P. for Uxbridge) said: "The Government's old policy of deflation is killing the country and our Party." But he wondered if the terms of the big loan the Government had now accepted would keep foreign bankers "on our back."

Devaluing might lead to more deflation in the short term, but not, he hoped, in the long one.

Said Mr. Mikardo (M.P. for Poplar): "Devaluation is not a good policy, nor a bad one. It is not a policy, but a means of buying time."

Mr. Jenkins agreed the Government's previous save-the-pound policy had been a mistake. "But I think we should have devalued more savagely and not accepted this loan," he said. "I would have accepted a more savage withdrawal from our overseas commitments in order to help the economy."

"We are not living outside our means in our home spending, but in our spending overseas," he went on.

Mr. Bidwell called the defence burden absurd. "In the end it might wreck our movement," he said. Mr. Ryan said we should not merely pare it down, but should adopt a new role overseas.

Mr. Arblaster said he could accept higher taxation—"so long as the new taxes were progressive ones, whose burden fell heavily on the wealthy."

On plans to site an airport at Stansted, Mr. Jenkins said: "Our first consideration must be to relieve Heathrow, which is one of the worst-hit places in the world for noise." He agreed to Stansted being used in the short term, but

thought Foulness might have its uses in the long term. Mr. Ryan said he had voted for an airport at Stansted—"if only because the propaganda against it was extremely loud."

Tories make their plans for 1969

STRATEGY leading up to the next General Election in 1968 or 1969 seemed likely to be discussed by Billericay Constituency Conservatives last week.

They plan a considerable increase in political activity in the district, with all-out effort to increase membership, and a rise in the cost of individual subscriptions.

The average subscription per head to the Conservative Party was considerably less than that to other parties, it was pointed out. Mr. Robert McCrindle, the prospective parliamentary candidate, told the meeting it had become apparent that a General Election was fought before late 1970 they would enter the fray on the existing boundaries.

As a General Election in 1968 or 1969 seemed likely it appeared that one man would again represent something like 130,000 electors until somewhere in the mid-1970's. This was asking a great deal of any man when the Boundary Commission recommended 55,000 as a reasonable average.

It was within the Government's powers, said Mr. McCrindle, to advance the date of the boundary changes, but as it would mean a gain of about 20 seats to the Conservatives they preferred to wait.

PARTY IN BARN

Nevedon Women's Institute held a Christmas party last week at the Tithe Barn. The main competition was "Table Decorations," winner of which was Mrs. Mrs. Hawkins made and led the Christmas cake; Mrs. Ramsbottom and Mrs. Walker won a paper hat competition. Overall winner for the year was Mrs. Tatham-Thompson. The committee, members enjoyed a performance of a one-act play by Mrs. Dove and friends, which kept the audience laughing.

Married at Vange

NEWLYWEDS Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Spurr, married on Saturday at All Saints' Parish Church, Vange, are now honeymooning in Palma Nova, Majorca.

Mr. Spurr, of Hainault, was married to Miss Betty Lilian Francis, of Nelson Road, Basildon, by the Rev. H. J. Moorhouse.

Given away by her father, Mr. Victor Francis, the bride wore a dress of tulle-bark satin, trimmed with guipure lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley, with orchids and stephanotis.

Matron of honour was Mrs. E. Morris, a friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were the Misses S. Benson (friend) and J. Weller (bride's cousin). Page boy was Michael Spurr (bridegroom's nephew) and best man was Mr. Ken Green.

BILLERICAY TO HAVE FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC NEXT YEAR

A FAMILY planning clinic is to open in Billericay in the spring. The South Essex branch of the Family Planning Association are negotiating to run the clinic from St. Andrew's Hospital's ante-natal section, although full details have yet to be discussed.

DUTY CHEMISTS

BASILDON C. G. Wind, 119 Whitmore Way, and M. D. Godfrey, 150, Clay Hill Road, Basildon, will be duty chemists for week commencing Monday (December 18th). They will be open every weeknight except Wednesday and Saturday from 6 to 7 p.m. On Sunday M. D. Godfrey, Ltd. will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

BILLERICAY M. W. Shadforth, 49, High Street, Billericay, will be duty chemist for week commencing Monday (December 18th). 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 24th) they will open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

WICKFORD L. A. Garbett, 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).

WITHDRAWN

Chelmsford Rural Council announced this week that Mr. D. C. Jenkins had withdrawn his appeal to the Minister of Housing and Local Government against the Council's refusal of planning permission for a house and small holding on land at Church Road, Ramsden Heath. The local inquiry arranged for January 3rd has been cancelled.

YOUNG CONSERVATIVES

A controversial talk on different recruitment methods and ways of organisation was given to Billericay Young Conservatives by David Atkinson, a member of Southern West Y.C.'s. After the talk there was discussion and debate, and to end the meeting the speaker asked different members to say what they thought of them.

DANCERS' AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL dancers Anthony Hurley and Fay Saxton presented awards at the Bill Webb School of Dancing's presentation night and party at Runwell Parish Hall on Saturday.

Over 120 parents packed the hall to see the presentation and to watch Anthony and Fay, the London and Midland dancing champions, give a demonstration.

RESULTS

Adults: Ballroom Bronze Medal—Vera and Bill Hart, Frederick and Winifred Strand. Juniors: Grade I Awards — Karen Davis, Belinda Jessup, Amanda Wallace; Grade I Latin American—Karen Davis, Mandy Gilda, Natalie Buckley; Bronze Medal Ballroom—Deborah Parfett, Jaqueline Major, Vincent Buckley, N. Caulfield, Valerie Trollop, Linda Benson, John Good, Carol Baker, Vivian Murphy, Lorraine Bigwood, Julie Benson, Brenda Harper, Wendy McGarment, Fiona Taylor; Bronze Medal Latin American—Deborah Parfett, Sally Gooch, Valerie Trollop, Linda Benson, John Good, James Beavis, Julie Benson; Silver Medal—Deborah Parfett, Yvonne Clarke, Christine Nash, Maralyn Gunnitt, Cheryl Phillippe, Christine Benson, C. Pennings, R. Mason, Elaine Biggs.

"We're finding it awfully difficult to keep up with the demand," he said. "The neighbouring clinic at Basildon, which holds three sessions a week, dealt with 2,500 patients up to and including September this year."

"At the moment we're just managing to cope, and are opening new clinics at Aveley and Orsett."

Mr. Blunt said he looked into the possibilities of opening a clinic in Billericay following a direct approach by the Buttsbury Residents' Association. Volunteer workers from the Wickford and Basildon Clinics are helping in forming the clinic.

The centres are manned by volunteer workers and directed by a doctor and nurse.

Mr. Blunt said that finding doctors and nurses to take on the work is one of their biggest headaches.

"The doctors are so busy with their other duties, and, of course, this entails extra work for them," he said.

A firm date for the opening has not been fixed.



EMPLOYEES OF THE FORD TRACTOR HYDRAULIC MACHINE DEPARTMENT HELD A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN THE LEE CHAPEL NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE, BASILDON, ON SATURDAY.



LEE CHAPEL SOUTH JUNIOR SCHOOL HELD THEIR NATIVITY PLAY ON THURSDAY WEEK AND FRIDAY. THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN AT THE DRESS REHEARSAL. ONE UNUSUAL FEATURE IS THAT ALL THE ANGELS ARE BOYS!

Taxi drivers at Wickford told, "no poaching"

TAXI DRIVERS licensed to work in the Wickford area but who operate in the Basildon and Laindon district may have their licences revoked, Basildon Council warned this week.

Requests to stop "poaching" have failed, the Town Manager told the Works Committee, pointing out that the effect was that Wickford people were not getting the service the Council wished.

It was agreed that taxi proprietors should be informed that if their vehicles did not operate generally in the Wickford area in the future the Committee would seriously consider revoking their licences.

No action is to be taken by the Works Committee on a suggestion from the local Taxi Proprietors' Association that the policy of allocating licences for the areas of Wick-

ford, Billericay and Basildon areas should be made available throughout the urban district.

Unbalanced

The Town Manager stated that this would lead to an unbalanced service at Wickford and Billericay.

In their "no action" decision, the Committee added a rider that if the Association came forward with the majority of their members in favour of a policy change, the position would then be reviewed. The Committee accepted the point that there are difficulties in operating from the Basildon Town Centre rank. The bus-

ter is being taken up with the Development Corporation in a bid to improve the situation.

Danger

The taxi drivers want a Policeman on duty at the Basildon Way-Stock Road, Billericay, junction between 5 p.m. and 6.30 p.m., the commuters' coming-home time.

The Police representative at the meeting said it was considered unsafe, especially during the winter, for a Policeman to be stationed at the junction.

Possible developments in the area should improve conditions, the Committee noted the position.

No additional hackney carriage plates are to be issued at the present time, but the situation will be kept under review.

The Works Committee were told that the number of licences on issue were 25 at Basildon, 11 at Billericay and nine at Wickford.

Yard closed, so he helped himself

FOUND in a store at W. Dixon and Sons' premises at Jones Lane, Downham, John Sippitt forced his way out through the roof and ran off, it was stated at Billericay on Tuesday.

Sippitt (22), of Coniston Avenue, Uppminster, pleaded guilty to breaking out of the store and stealing an engine block worth £20.

A draughtsman with no previous convictions, he was fined £30, with five guineas costs, to be paid at £6 a week. He will go to prison for three months in default.

Sippitt said he had phoned the firm and asked them to stay open late as he wanted an engine. When he got there nobody was about. He was looking round, heard a dog bark and tried to hide.



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HOMELESS HOMER WILL GET A NEW HOME

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Homer was placed in the entrance hall of Brooke House in 1952 after a short spell at Gifford House, headquarters of the Development Corporation.

Defaced by vandals, he was removed and put in store by the Development Corporation, where he has lain ever since.

Stored away, but not forgotten—for recently Mrs. Muriel Wright, a porter and sculptor, of Western Road, Billericay, wrote to Development Corporation Chairman Mr. Charles Boniface asking for the statue to be reinstated in the Town Centre.

"Every piece of sculpture on public view faces the hazard of vandalism," she wrote.

"Obviously the risks are very great, but fortunately over the centuries people throughout the world have been prepared to face these risks and suffer the sometimes distressing results rather than take the easy alternative of shutting them safely away."

Now Mr. Boniface has promised to restore the statue to the Town Centre "in due course."

In a letter to Mrs. Wright, he states that the statue will be put back on display as soon as uncertainty regarding expansion proposals for the Town Centre is overcome.

WALKED SO FAST THEY BEAT THE OFFICIAL CAR

TWO WALKERS on a 48-mile charity walk from London's Westminster Bridge to Southend travelled so fast they outpaced officials travelling by car to set up checkpoints along the route.

They were Keith Eastman (19), a bank clerk, of Church Road, Ramden Heath, and Eric Mitchell (22), an army private stationed at Catterick.

"We were supposed to have soup and other refreshments laid on for us along the route, but we got so far ahead that by the time the officials arrived at the checkpoints we had already passed through," Keith told the "Standard" afterwards.

Eleven hours

The walk on Saturday was expected to take at least 16 hours, but Keith and Eric finished the course in just 11 hours 55 minutes.

There were nine starters altogether, but Martin Howard (22), a shipping clerk, of Fairfield Rise, Billericay, and Geoff Wright (23), a student, of Crown Road, Billericay, were the only others to keep going through the blizzard which swept the country over the weekend.

Bitter cold

"The snow didn't seem to slow us down at all," said

Keith. "It was bitterly cold, but this helped in a way because it stopped us getting hot and sticky."

Even more surprising—Keith suffered no ill-effects after the marathon. "I felt a bit tired afterwards," he said, "but I came out of it without any aches, pains or blisters."

"I regarded the whole affair as something of a challenge," he added. "I wanted to see if I was capable of doing it and it seemed a good way of raising money for charity at the same time."

Expect £90

The walk was originally planned by Keith and several others over a pint in their local last year. They are hoping to collect about £90 from their sponsors.

"It is only a drop in the ocean compared to what some organisations raise, but we feel we have proved, something to ourselves and, we hope, accomplished something worth while," said Keith.



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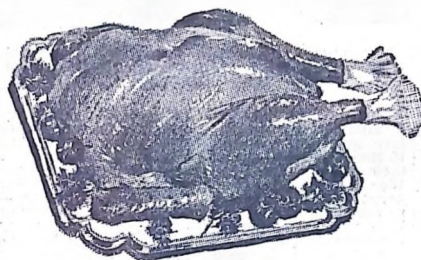
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The Turkey is now ready for stuffing sausages in the carcass and chestnut in the breast.

Finishing touches: Rub

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To help keep the bird moist brush it all over with melted butter and the juice of half a lemon. Cover the breast, legs and wings with bacon pieces.

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Most scents are usually obtainable in leak-proof purse sizes which are not too expensive, and most of the well-known makers

produce a toilet water which is cheaper though not quite so lasting. There is nowadays a trend towards cream perfumes — Coty Cream Sachets, for instance, which are more lasting.

A perfume should fit her personality and nowadays there is bound to be one that will be just "her."

A spicy scent for evening wear is "Imprudence" by Worth or Lancome's "Trésor." A lovely fresh scent is "Blue Grass" by Elizabeth Arden, or "Je Reviens" by Worth. Flowery and sweet are "Memoire Cherie" by Elizabeth Arden, "Paris" and "L'Almante" by Coty.

Of course the very best for the country girl is a classic perfume like "Tweed" or the real flower perfumes like Yardley's Violet or Lavender, or "Requete" by Worth.

If you are feeling very extravagant then you should back up a good perfume with accessories like bath salts, talcum powder, and so on. At this time of year there are many lovely gift boxes from which to choose at a price to suit all pockets.

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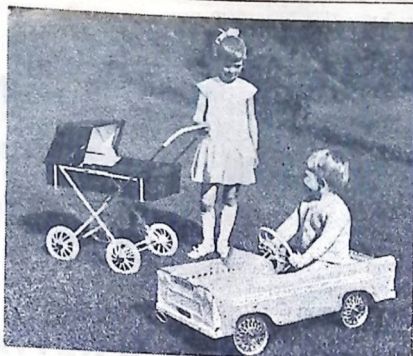
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"That was the year

Johnnie was born; hasn't he grown?"

"Look at those funny hair styles!"

"Oh, George — remember your awful moustache!"

And, of course, this is the moment to take the pictures for next year's Christmas cards.

Such colourful evidence of previous happy hol-

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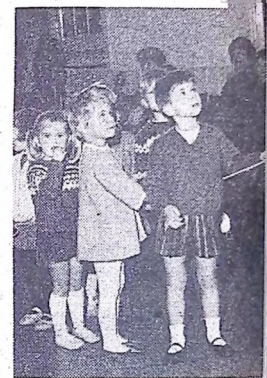
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Saying



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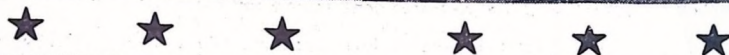
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HOSPITAL REJECT CHARGE

Runwell father goes to M.P.

THE COMMITTEE appointed by Runwell Hospital to investigate a Wickford father's claim that his dying three-months-old son was refused help at the hospital have rejected the accusations.

"The committee do not support any allegations of negligence on behalf of the hospital," Mr. D. R. Frost, hospital Assistant Secretary, told a reporter.

The complaint was filed by Mr. John Scarrott (24), a carpet layer, of Deirdre Avenue, who says that the hospital refused him admit-

tance when his son, Gordon, was choking to death of a virus disease.

Mr. Scarrott rushed to St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, while his wife, Connie, kept the baby alive with the "kiss of life." They arrived at 12.55 a.m.—and the baby died a few minutes later.

Mr. Scarrott, infuriated by the Committee's conclusion, is now taking the case to local Member of Parliament Mr. Eric Moonman.

"No excuse"

"There's no excuse for them turning me away at all. Now they are just trying to hush it up," Mr. Scarrott said bitterly.

The Committee met last Thursday. Their decision was made known to Mr. Scarrott by letter, which read:—

"After a full examination of the facts available, including oral evidence given by the member of the staff in question, the investigating Committee concluded that in the circumstances the gate porter was attempting to be helpful to you in advising you to proceed to the nearby casualty centre at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay. In the event you decided to proceed to Chelmsford."

Urgency

"As the gate porter saw it, in the short space of time you were at the hospital gate, you sought treatment for a sick child, but he did not gain the impression that the case was one of urgent emergency or he would have sought, in accordance with the accustomed practice here, the advice and guidance of the duty doctor on call."

"My members have asked me to convey to you their very sincere sympathy in the loss you have sustained." The letter was signed by

Mr. B. W. Thomas, Hospital Secretary.

The National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospitals are referring the case to the Ministry of Health in the hope that "pressure will be brought to bear on the Management Committee."

Not final

But the Sub-Committee's findings are not yet final. A "confidential report" will go before the full Management Committee next Tuesday to be approved.

Mr. Frost said the gate porter concerned is "still carrying on his duties as normal."

Commenting on the Management Sub-Committee's letter, Mr. Scarrott said: "They seem to be hushing it up and passing the blame. How was I to know what was wrong with the baby. He was gasping for breath—that, to me, seemed serious. But I couldn't convince the gate porter of that."

Mr. Scarrott, who has two other children—Connie (5) and John (4)—said he took the baby to Chelmsford because he did not know where to find St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay.

Prizes for pirates

WHEN the 4th Billericay Cub/Scout Packs held their fancy dress party on Saturday there were pirates all around.

Over 40 Cubs—members of the Secones and Dahinda Packs—played organised games and had tea.

Highlight of the afternoon was a fancy dress contest, judged by a "Standard" reporter. Top pirate was Simon Henning, of Meadow Way, and John Rankin, of Raven Crescent, was second.

Making sure that everything was run shipshape were organisers John Ashley, Rosemary Weatherburn, Jean Henning and Pat Skitt.

Postman dumped 277 letters in woods

LETTERS FOUND in Norey Woods, Billericay, and two other places nearby resulted in a postman, Alfred Campbell (34), of Tinkler Side, Basildon, appearing at Billericay on Tuesday. He pleaded guilty to stealing 10s. from a postal packet, opening a postal packet and three charges of delaying postal packets.

With a previous conviction, he asked for two other similar offences to be considered, and was sent to prison for six months.

"There is no other course we can take," said the Chairman, Mr. H. R. Dunnico.

Campbell had been employed by the Post Office for six weeks when the first batch of letters was found, and it was his first day out on his own, the Court heard.

Interviewed by a G.P.O. investigation officer, Campbell said, "I just

opened the letters to see if there was anything important in them. I am very sorry. I was opening the letters looking for money, but all I got was 10s."

The offences involved 277 letters. It was stated. In Court Campbell said, "It was excessive work. I got behind and just left them, intending to pick them up the next morning."

SEAT SITING
An offer by Billericay Women's Institute to give a public seat to be sited in front of Pizz House, High Street, has been accepted by Basildon Council Works Committee.

Christmas drink prices crushed! at Fosters Wine Markets

**Save
on
whisky
and gin!**

Look at these amazing bargains!

WHISKY - from 46/-
GIN - - - - from 43/6
BRANDY - from 51/6
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CHERRY BRANDY from 41/6

MARTINI SWEET - - - 17/6

CARAFINO - - - Litre 10/11

1/2 Gal. 23/3

VEUVE CHANTAL - - - 15/9

CAP BON - - - - - 8/11

ANJOU ROSE - - - - 10/9

JANOS RIESLING - - - 9/9

PEPPINO VERMOUTH - 11/9

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Yule love
these
bargains!



Christmas cheer begins here:

**Fosters
Wine Merchants
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Fosters have bargains all the time: watch our windows and advertisements!

WICKFORD CRASH IN JUNIOR CUP

Four-goal Baker the star

WICKFORD TOWN 1st XI 2, HARWAY 0
WICKFORD TOWN crashed 6-2 in their Essex Junior Cup match with Harway at Wickford on Saturday.

Harway were the better team and deservedly took the honours, but Wickford put up a good fight and gave the visitors some anxious moments.

Wickford were two goals down within 30 minutes but good combination work levelled the score when the home team rocketed home two goals.

The visitors' robust forward line replied with four well-taken goals.

All square

Wickford Town Res. 0, Rayleigh Res. 0

Wickford's Town Reserves shared the points with Rayleigh Reserves when the teams met at Wickford in a South Essex Premier Reserve Section fixture on Saturday.

Hard ground conditions marred the match and both teams found difficulty in controlling the ball.

Late point

BENFLEET CATHOLICS 2, WICKFORD TOWN 2

A 40-yard drive by left-half Taylor less than 30 seconds before the whistle saved Wickford from defeat when they met Benfleet Catholics in a South Essex District League Division III fixture on Saturday.

The frozen pitch at Benfleet made good soccer difficult, although both teams produced some entertaining football. There was no score at half-time.

Benfleet opened the scoring within five minutes of the second half with a well-placed shot which gave the Wickford defence no chance.

But Wickford replied in the 20th minute when Taylor scored following an indirect free-kick.

After heavy pressure from the Benfleet forward line it came as no surprise when they took the lead through their outside-right.

Wickford hit back with determination and good combination led to Taylor scoring the goal of the match with Wickford's last attempt. His effort for the keeper to stop.

The game ended immediately after the kick-off.

Gallant eight

Wickford Town 4th XI 1, Hockley & Hawkwell 4th XI 1

Fielding only eight men, Wickford Town did quite well in their South Essex Division IV clash with Hockley & Hawkwell at Wickford on Saturday.

The local combination suffered badly in the first half and were five down at the break, but they held their own in the second half and put up a good show.

The forwards had to help in defence when the visitors launched attacks, but the eight put up a creditable display.

Knights scored their only goal.

This lapse cost Belfairs a replay as extra time would have been impossible in the conditions.

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DESERVED WIN FOR CRAYS HILL

CRAYS HILL ATHLETIC 2, BENFLEET RANGERS 0

Crays Hill Athletic gained a well-deserved 2-0 victory in their South Essex District League Division I match with Benfleet Rangers at Wickford Memorial Park on Saturday.

Both teams did well in a clean and entertaining match. Although no goals were scored in the first half, near misses gave anxious moments to both defences.

Conceded pressure resulted in Crays securing a goal in the 55th minute when K. Gerrard ran through and gave the keeper no chance.

In the 80th minute B. Rickenberg was on the spot to score Crays' second goal and clinch victory for the home team.

WICKFORD CUBS BEAT BRENTWOOD

WICKFORD CUBS 3, BRENTWOOD CUBS 1

AFTER a shaky start Wickford Cubs ran out easy winners in their Mid-Essex District Cup League clash with Brentwood Cubs at Wickford Memorial Park on Saturday.

Brentwood took full advantage of the down hill slope in the opening minutes and looked the better team but Wickford defence work by P. Smith, M. Weston and Morgan felled the visitors' goalscoring attempts.

A mistake by Wickford defence allowed Brentwood to run through and score the first goal.

The local eleven slowly took a grip of the game and equalised five minutes before half-time when D. Ford collected a long pass from S. Daniels and just managed to tap the ball over the line.

Wickford Cubs completely dominated the second half and confused the Brentwood defence. P. Bovill collected a long pass from the right wing and fired the ball low into the goalkeeper's arms, but the keeper turned the ball into his own net.

Continued pressure resulted in E. Matthews receiving an excellent cross from P. Bovill and rocketing home Wickford's third goal.

Cupholders lose 7-2

4th BASILDON 7, 1st IPSWICH 2

THE 4th Basildon Boys' Brigade football team made an encouraging start in the first round of the Eastern Counties Harwood Cup championships on Saturday.

They beat the cup holders, 1st Ipswich, by five goals at Morkhams Ground Basildon reached the quarter final of the competition, but they have higher hopes this year.

Beaten in final

In the English badminton championships finals at Hull on Saturday, the Essex pair of J. Havers and W. Havers were beaten 15-3 and 15-9 in the men's doubles.



Sun Shield setback for New Towners

BASILDON SCHOOLS 1, LUTON SCHOOLS 2
BASILDON'S PROGRESS in the Sun Shield came to an abrupt end on a frost-bound ground at Landon on Saturday, but they were decidedly unlucky to lose against the hefty Luton side.

In addition to having most of the play throughout, Basildon also provided the outstanding player on the field, brilliant centre-half Carrigan.

The smaller Basildon team adapted themselves better to the conditions in the opening stages and little left-winger Burford put across several centres which Luton's defenders were glad to scramble away.

Basildon's policy of hitting the ball hard down the centre was much more effective than Luton's short passing game and the visitors' goalkeeper was constantly in action cutting out many of these passes.

With Carrigan dominating the centre little was seen of the Luton attack, apart from a couple of shots which were well saved by Bazely, until they took the lead against the run of play.

It stemmed from a fine run down the right flank by the Luton left-winger. His low centre was headed by Carrigan who shot hard and low. Bazely made a brave attempt to save what looked a certain goal, but could only deflect the shot to Hines, who made no mistake.

Basildon soon returned to the attack, but could not find a way through the tightly-knit Luton defence until the use of the long ball at last paid off.

The ball from Carrigan found centre-forward Williams who controlled it excellently, ran 30 yards and beat the advancing goalkeeper for a fine individualist goal. Just before the break Basildon almost went ahead, a Burford header being cleared off the line by a Luton defender.

For a time in the second half Basildon seemed to lose the initiative, mainly because their wing-halves lost their grip and gave the Luton inside men too much room.

During this spell, slack defensive work saw Mins another chance which he took admirably, his low left-footed drive from close in beating Bazely all the way. Basildon made a determined

effort to get back on terms in the last 15 minutes, but they wasted their opportunities through bad finishing. Twice they missed excellent chances in the closing minutes. First right-half Enderington, who had a disappointing game, fluffed a chance from close in, and then inside-forward Keating shot just wide after a great run down the left.

Luton held on and were glad to hear the final whistle.

Rare goal
Unusual goal at Anfield last Saturday when Liverpool entertained Leeds. Leeds were trailing 1-0 when goalkeeper Peter Sprake attempted to throw the ball away. It slipped from his grasp and flew into his own net.

Basildon Schools (under-12) 3, Waltham Forest (under-12) 0
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The game settled into a pattern. Waltham Forest held territorial advantage, but could do nothing with it while Basildon remained very dangerous in breakaways. The Basildon defence, covering and tackling well, gave nothing away and behind them P. Osborne was calm and efficient in goal.

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Philip's first goal was a good one. He beat two men, then shot the ball right-footed. The second was a true lucky when he took advantage of several fortunate rebounds to score.

Immediately afterwards came the half-time whistle. It seemed even at this stage that these three goals, with their resolute defence, would be enough to ensure a Basildon victory, and that's how it turned out.

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Caedonians "A," who won the Intermediate Play Leadership Cup Final on Sunday. They beat Laindon Avengers 4-1 and received their trophy from Coun. D. Pope (right).

CUP FINAL DEFEAT FOR AVENGERS

CALEDONIANS 4, LAINDON AVENGERS 1

CALEDONIANS ENDED up worthy winners of this Play Leadership Intermediate Cup final at Fryerns on Sunday. They looked the better side in the first half and did most of the attacking, but the Avengers defence kept the scoreless blank until half-time.

After the interval Caedonians took the lead after ten minutes and scored twice more within another eight minutes to build up a 3-0 lead.

The fourth goal came seven minutes from time, and was followed by Avengers' only goal of the game.

Avengers pressed hard until the final whistle, but had left their rally much too late.

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THE BASILDON DISTRICT UNDER-12 FOOTBALL TEAM PICTURED BEFORE PLAYING WALTHAM FOREST AT FRYERNS SCHOOL ON SATURDAY FOR THE BIRMINGHAM TROPHY.

Dramatic victory for Fryerns

Belfairs Rangers 1, Fryerns Boys' Club 2

FRYERNS BOYS' CLUB snatched a dramatic victory with a goal three minutes from the end by May in this Essex Pelly Cup match at Southend on Saturday.

On a bone hard bumpy pitch the standard of the usual standard, but the two teams soldiered on to provide an exciting encounter.

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Basildon Table Tennis

LEAGUE TEAM IS PIPPED AT POST BY CHELMSFORD

AFTER LEADING 5-2 at one stage in their Essex Inter-League match against Chelmsford on Monday, the Basildon Table Tennis League were pipped at the post in an exciting final game and had to be content with a draw, writes

INTER-LEAGUER.

The whole match hinged on that final game between Basildon's Richie Mellin and Chelmsford's V. Keeble and was naturally a very tense affair.

Mellin had the first game in his pocket when leading 20-16, but Keeble played brilliantly to level at deuce and go on to win 22-20.

In the second Mellin made no mistake, his occasional forward drives at the right time seeing him through 21-16.

It was then all to play for in the decided, which developed into a firm defensive battle. The players were locked together until all when the Chelmsford man sneaked in front to gain match point.

The final point then developed into a tremendous long rally which ended when a killing shot flicked the ball and was deflected off the table to give Chelmsford a hard-earned point.

Three ahead

Earlier in the match, victories by MacDonald over Levett, Mellin over Carroll and Sandra

Faldo over Mrs. Carroll gave Basildon a 3-0 lead.

But the next two games were both lost by the New Towners. Mick Pond going down to Keeble and Mrs. Baker losing to Mrs. Crozier.

With the score at 2-2, Basildon found the winning touch in the men's and women's doubles and with a 3-2 lead looked home and dry.

Both Pond and then MacDonald disassembled in losing their second singles and it was left to Mellin to fight it out in the final exciting match.

Scores—
I. MacDonald beat J. Levett 21-16, 21-10, 21-13; Corroll 20-21, 21-15, 12-21; R. Mellin beat C. Carroll 20-22, 21-16, 10-21.

M. Pond lost to Keeble 21-23, 15-21, 18-21.

Mrs. I. Baker lost to Mrs. Crozier 17-21, 13-21.

Mrs. S. Faldo beat Mrs. Carroll 21-17, 24-22.

Mellin and Pond beat Keeble and Carroll 21-18, 21-17.

Baker and Miss Faldo won by MacDonald over Levett, Mellin over Carroll and Sandra

BADMINTON

EXCITING WIN FOR BARSTABLE

BARSTABLE G. WICKFORD 3
BARSTABLE beat Wickford in a close and exciting mixed pairs badminton friendly at Junot Duke School on Friday.

Barstable took the first game fairly easily, but Peter Hyde and Angela Cringle frequently caught flat-footed by Horrie Wright's accurately placed shots, had to fight hard to take the second game.

The third game was equally close and was eventually won by the Wickford pair Mike and Dorrie Wright when they beat Cyril Moore and Shirley Sutherland in the third leg by 15-13.

The rest of the match was just as even with not a great deal to choose between either side. The more confident forward play of the Barstable girls over their Wickford counterparts was a factor in Barstable's victory.

Scores:—
Eric Vile and Joyce Moore (Barstable) beat Reg Iles and Pauline Waugh 15-5, 15-3; beat Horrie Wright and Kay Iles 15-10, 13-15, 15-13; lost to Mike and Dorrie Wright 12-15, 9-15.

Peter Hyde and Angela Cringle (Barstable) beat Reg Iles and Pauline Waugh 15-7, 15-4; beat Horrie Wright and Kay Iles 15-9, 15-12; beat Mike and Dorrie Wright 15-4, 15-11.

Cyril Moore and Shirley Sutherland (Barstable) beat Reg Iles and Pauline Waugh 10-15, 10-15; lost to Horrie Wright and Kay Iles 5-15, 11-15; lost to Mike and Dorrie Wright 15-9, 2-15, 13-15.

Pitsea too strong

PITSEA JUNIOR SCHOOL 9.
FAIRHOUSE JUNIORS 0.
PITSEA on their home court, proved far too strong for Fairhouse Juniors in a friendly badminton match last Friday and finished with a well-deserved win of 9-0.

The Fairhouse players were ill at ease on the strange court, and made a poor start by losing the first game 7-0. Though they did a little better in the following games, it was not until halfway through the match that they really pulled themselves together. By this time it was too late for victory, but the competition was much fiercer.

In two of the games, Fairhouse built up a lead of 6-3, but the Pitsea players were not flustered, and eventually pulled back the scores to win both games 7-6.

There were one or two periods when play degenerated into pure strong-arm play between the boys, but the standard of play for most of the match was good, especially during the latter half.

Reggie Kightly and Beverley Brown (Pitsea) beat Graham Thompson and Linda Hanton 7-0; beat Keith King and Gina Anthony 7-6; beat Boyd Duncan and Sylvia Clifford 7-5.

Tony Savage and Jacqueline Watts (Pitsea) beat Brian Thompson and Linda Hanton 7-0; beat Keith King and Gina Anthony 7-4; beat Boyd Duncan and Sylvia Clifford 7-5.

Dennis Bignall and Pat Oregreass (Pitsea) beat Graham Thompson and Linda Hanton 7-0; beat Keith King and Gina Anthony 7-1; beat Boyd Duncan and Sylvia Clifford 7-1.

Goal famine

Coventry City, struggling at the foot of the First Division, have netted only twice in their last five outings.

Essex fail

In the Eastern Division of County hockey championship at Chelmsford, Essex lost 1-0 to Herts after extra-time on Sunday.

Webb too hot for Olympic medallist

BASILDON WALKER Johnny Webb pushed Mexican Jose Pedroza to a record time in the Cambridge Harriers' open mile road walk on Saturday.

Victory for Wickford Chess Club

WICKFORD Chess Club visited Uppingham last week and, following a close match, took the Third Division (East) points by 31-21. Without Paul Bullock and Ted Jeffery, Wickford sent a weaker looking side than the one which lost 4-2 three weeks ago.

In the first game Pealling and Ellison drew after 22 moves, 16 pawns being stretched immovably across the board, with 10 pieces locked in behind.

Surprise was felt by both teams when Uppingham's Lambert offered a draw after 37 moves against Newman when the match was poised.

Wickford's only defeat was suffered by M. Rollins in his game with S. Knight, while victories were recorded by both Neen and Fearnley. The other games were drawn.

Scores: W. Pealling (U) 1; G. D. Ellison (W) 1; R. Beck (U) 0; R. Noon (W) 1; S. J. Abbott (U) 1; D. Fearnley (W) 1; S. Knight (U) 1; M. Rollins (W) 0; J. W. Lambert (U) 1; G. Newman (W) 1; E. Volla (U) 1; A. Walls (W) 1.

"Capped"

Basildon and Pitsea forwards Tony Holden and George Watson play for Essex against Hertfordshire at Aveley on Saturday.

Postponed

Tilbury Juniors' Polly Cup Third Round match away to Old Southendians last Saturday was postponed; two juniors Peter Taylor and Terry White were playing for Essex.

Webb came second, only 37 seconds behind Olympic silver medallist Paul Nibbel, was pushed into third place. This was the Mexican's last race in Britain, and he had two warnings for "lifting" which in effect changes a walk into a run. Many spectators thought Pedroza was consistently lifting, nevertheless, he went on to win in a new record time of 50m. 13s.

Webb came a very good second in 50m. 50s, beating his own course record by a minute, and eight seconds behind him was Nibbel. Jim McCormick, the other Basildon walker, came 32nd and also beat his personal best with a time of 50m. 23s.

CROSTON SIX-HIT CHAMPION

PITSEA CRICKET Club's sixth hit champion last year was wins the club's trophy for the most sixes hit in matches.

Other trophy winners announced at last week's annual meeting were: Sheep pen Cup for catches—K. Sandeman; Memorial Bowling Cup—R. Clarke; Pembroke Memorial Trophy—J. Sell.

Elected were: President—R. Clarke; Match Secretary—J. E. Vile; Sports Council representative—K. Evans; 1st XI Captain—L. Williams; 2nd XI Captain—K. Sandeman; 2nd XI Captain—R. Davies; K.O. Cup Captain—K. Sandeman.

Annual clash

THE YEARLY clash between Basildon's Saturday and Sunday Football League takes place at 11 o'clock on Christmas Eve in the Gloucester Park Bowl.

Nevedon Park Cricket Club held their annual meeting last Friday and took the opportunity to present plaques to their youth team winners of the Basildon Youth Cricket League. Skipper of the side Nick Hird is seen in the centre with the shield.

Walthamstow beaten 6-3

THE BASILDON Table Tennis League's women's team visited the Walthamstow League's National Rose Bowl competition on Friday and came back with a 6-3 win under their belts.

Basildon got off on the right foot when Ivy Baker beat Mrs. Hall (sister of Essex and England player Bobby Stevens) 2-1 in the opening game.

Sandra Faldo also started with a win in her first game coming through in straight games 21-15, 21-12 against Mrs. Bourne.

After this there was not much doubt about Basildon's superiority, although at one stage Walthamstow were only a game behind at 3-2.

The match was a triumph for both Ivy Baker and Sandra Faldo, who each won their three games.

Miss Faldo's hardest fight was against Mrs. Martin, whose chop and spin worried the Basildon girl. Sandra won the first 21-18 after being 17-18 down and in the second was taken to deuce before she scraped home 23-21.

Scores (Basildon first).
Mrs. Baker beat Mrs. A. Hall 21-12, 21-21, 21-17; beat Mrs. J. Bourne 21-15, 21-11, 21-11.

Miss Faldo beat Mrs. Bourne 21-12, 21-12; beat Mrs. Martin 21-19, 21-21; beat Mrs. Hall 21-19, 21-21; beat Mrs. Miss Castle lost to Mrs. Martin 21-13, 18-21, 17-21; lost to Mrs. Hall 12-21, 15-21; 0-21.

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Promotion bid

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Leaders crush challengers

THE BASILDON Table Tennis League Division III championship race sorted itself out last week when the leaders, Ford "B", beat their closest rivals, Nicholas Youth Centre, 7-3. The win puts them seven points clear.

F. Lane was Ford's man in the match, winning his three games against Payne, Balcombe and Hayley. Russell won two. Balcombe with two wins was the Youth Centre's most successful player.

Third team in the table, Shill, when they lost vital ground against Bonallack "B". They drew 5-5, but played an unregistered player, M. Ebdon, in the process and had two games deducted. This gave victory to Bonallack by 7-3.

In Division II Carreras "B" maintained their lead with a 9-1 win over Kingswood "D", but were helped by Kingswood only having two players, Armitage and Cleary both won their games for the Cats.

Division I side Rotary Hoos "A" lost their unbeaten record when they went down 6-4 to Ford "A" in a good match at Basildon. Anderson won three for Ford's and Overall and Morgan two each for Rotary Hoos.

One of the most closely contested games was the doubles, won by Ford's 21-10, 20-22, 23-21.

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DIVISION III

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Results

Premier Division—Kingswood "B" 5, Carreras "A" 3; Kingswood "B" 5, Springfield "A" 4.

Division I—Ford "B" 7, Carreras "A" 2; Ford "A" 6, Rotary Hoos "A" 4.

Division II—Hillford "C" 4, Waterloo "B" 6; Carreras "B" 9, Kingswood "D" 1; Rotary Hoos "B" 9, Hornets "B" 7; Hillford "B" 2, Timberland "B" 1; Nalco "B" 10, S.T.C. "C" 6.

Division III—Shell "B" 3, Bonallack "B" 7; Ford's "B" 7, A. Nicholas "B" 0; Carreras "C" 10, Bonallack "C" 8; Springfield "C" 8, Waterloo "B" 1.

Hillford "D" 8; Wickford "C" 2; Wickford "D" 8; Wickford "D" 9; Waterloo "B" 1.

Youth Division—Nicholas 9, Springfield "B" 1.

Westcliff trip

Rainham Athletic visit Westcliff-on-Sea on January 6th to play Priory Athletic in the fourth round of Essex Intermediate Cup.

Poor month

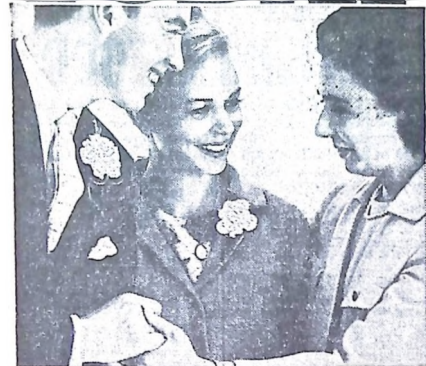
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SORRENTO TOP IN SECOND HALF

GALLANT FIGHT BY NINE MEN

CHYLROGROVE "A" 4.

CANVEY "B" 2
CANVEY'S NINE men put on a plucky fight in Sunday's bitter weather, but failed to stop Chylrograve picking up their first brace of league points.

An own goal when Grove's right-back deflected a shot into his own net put Canvey into the lead after twenty-five minutes, but the advantage was lost when left-winger Frake replied with a well-taken goal.

Shortly before half-time Chylrograve went ahead when their right-winger, Davidson, hammered home a neat shot from a difficult angle.

Canvey made a great effort at the start of the second half, but their luck was out. Things were made worse when they were reduced to eight men through injury.

After this Canvey relied on a great deal on the outside trap and they restricted the Grove to two more goals, one from new signing Lowing and the other from Sutton.

Chylrograve missed chance after chance in this half and it took a final breakaway goal from Canvey to shake them up in the last 10 minutes.

Chylrograve's men of the match was right-winger Colin Davidson.

OUTWOOD RECOVER, WIN 3-2

OUTWOOD COMMON 3.

TWO GOALS down after 20 minutes, Outwood Common were in trouble in their Basildon Sunday League encounter with Gilbarco at New Lodge.

On a hard, frosty pitch, Outwood's strong defence got into serious difficulties with repeated Gilbarco attacks, and Gilbarco were deservedly two up after 20 minutes following some fast football.

The visitors looked like going further ahead when they were awarded a penalty, but they failed to convert it.

Common then began to force the pace, and the Gilbarco defence tightened in their own goal area, and it came as no surprise to see T. Babb collect a ball from Garland, which floated diagonally across a net, and net Common's first goal.

Common mercilessly put on the pressure in the second half, and they were on equal terms when A. Clifton scored after a header from J. Cossy.

Sartain, in Common's defence, backed by a strong, resolute, were dominating the mid-field play enabling the forwards to gain several corners in the last minutes.

Outwood gained the decider when G. Babb scored after a goalmouth scramble.

Towards the end of play a Gilbarco player was sent off.

IMPORTANT GAME AT THE GUN

PITSEA UNITED hope to have injured players Grebbard and Thorogood back in their side for Sunday's big Sunday League match against Corringham at the Gun Meadow.

Boxey players George Watson has been named as substitute. Pitsea team: Flack, Bromage, Mosley, Laver, Beech, Rod Staff, Sadler, Holden, Grebbard, Thorogood.

LEAGUE SIDE SELECTED

THE SUNDAY League team to meet the Saturday League XI on December 24th will be:—Alan Connolly, Graham Wadham, Fred Hucker, Roy Whitmore, Henry Beech, Bill Reed, Bob Fager, George Watson, Tony Holden, Bertie Mill, Pin Hope, Reserves: Flack, Atkinson, Hucker, Payers, Card and Shelverton.

Team Manager is Del Swinburne and the trainer, Fred Oliver.

FESTIVAL GUEST?

It is up to the Civic Purposes Committee of Thurrock Council to decide whether to invite Mr. Denis Howell, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Education and Science to the Festival of Sport on June 9th, 1968.

The Parks Committee decided this week to pass on this suggestion from Thurrock Sports Council to the Civic Purposes Committee.

Goal-hungry

The goal young Alan Ryan scored last Saturday to make Runcorn F.A. cup goalkeepers over North County was his 39th of the season.

SORRENTO 3, DOUBLE SIX 1

DOUBLE SIX concentrated on defence to hold the free-scoring Sorrento forward line in the first half of this Sunday League match, and they succeeded, but when they tried to attack on their own behalf in the second half, Sorrento made use of the gaps to record a good win.

Considering the conditions, it was a very good game, and the crowd who braved the weather had a good return for their courage. Sorrento were on top in the first half without making many clear chances, although Pace had one effort kicked off the line. At the other end big Ron Williams was the only man to threaten the Sorrento defence but he had little support.

Double Six missed what chances they did create during the first half, and there was no score in the interval. When Double Six concentrated more on attack Sorrento found more room and they began to run well off the ball.

Bates in the Six goal was in the first minutes, when he was beaten eventually, when Card laid on a beautiful centre for Dave Graham.

Six played terribly for a while after this, passing inaccurately and failing back continuously as Sorrento stormed forward. Then Dave and Pace played the way they had to go.

For to score with a low drive from the edge of the area.

Sorrento kept on pressing, and six full-back Yates was forced to punch the ball over his own bar. Pace having a great second half, took the penalty and stroked the ball into an upright.

Double Six were at last stung to life. Ron Williams got a goal from a free-kick, hitting the ball round the wall of defenders into the corner, but he was caught. Six got no nearer Sorrento than that.

With six minutes to go, Sorrento "A" 3, Double Six "A" 1.

A GOLDEN goal by R. Saveall in the closing minutes gave Sorrento "A" 4.

Both Sunday League points in a great Division 1 Corringham, London Hotel v Pegasus; Double Six v Priors; Chylrograve v Sorrento; Newcomen v Basildon; Canvey.

Division 1: Stability v Outwood Common; Gilbarco v Corringham "A"; B.E.N.O.C. v Gilford Rangers; Sorrento v Double Six; A. Canvey v "A" v Cheltenham.

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SMITH HEADS GOAL RIOT BY STABILITY

Double Six "A" 2, Stability 9

STABILITY TOOK their first Sunday League points of the season by hammering the Double Six mercilessly at Gloucester Park on Sunday.

Despite the conditions Stability seemed in by far their best display this season, their accurate passing and defence really giving the Six a rough passage.

Leading goalscorer S. Smith took the lead in the 10th minute from R. Smith's centre, and five minutes later was on the spot again to push the ball into goal.

The over-dancerous Smith made it a hat-trick in the 22nd minute when McQueen turned and chipped a pass into the penalty area.

R. Smith took a hand in the scoring in the 28th minute when his long shot beat the goalkeeper, and before half-time further goals were added by L. Thompson and McQueen.

Because of the weather the teams turned straight round at half-time and the suggestion of the referee and the restart saw the Six coming much more in to the game with the slope advantage.

They eventually pulled back a goal but not before Thompson had made it seven for Stability with a fine effort.

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MURCO SPORTS 7. CARTER & WARD SPORTS 3

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match to stop a point-blank range shot.

Outstanding in the Sorrento car park was right-back Hucker, who broke up many raids.

Just before half-time Sorrento appealed for a goal when a Saveall shot appeared to go in and hit the net support, but the referee waved play on. In the second half the pattern was the same with the defences holding the upper hand although it was Corringham, playing with the slope, who had the edge.

Sorrento survived many storming raids and Manning brought off a number of good saves.

With 25 minutes left substitute B. Pigrin came on in place of Sorrento's injured winger and he soon missed a golden chance with the Corringham defence wide open.

The score remained at 0-0 until the last few minutes when from a corner, Pink sent over centre which R. Saveall pushed into the net for the winner.

HOW THEY FARED

BASILDON SUNDAY LEAGUE

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Division II: Chylrograve "A" 4, Canvey "B" 2; Shell 2, S.E.M. 0.

Division III: Manor 2, Scimitar 2; Murco 7, Carter Ward 3.

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Shell 2, South Essex Motors 9

S.E.M. CONTINUED their goal-scoring spree with another nine in the Sunday League this week. Their victims this time were Shell.

The game had only been in progress a matter of seconds before S.E.M. went ahead through Dennis Morgan. In a similar move four minutes later Mick Savage made it 2-0.

It was hard luck on Shell, who at the time had only nine men on the field due to late arrivals.

Shell just could not settle on the hard pitch and they reduced to nine men in 20 minutes when two players went off, beaten by the colour of the pitch.

This opened the door for the Motors and before six further goals were added by Mick Savage and Dennis Morgan, who brought his personal tally to five.

Notable win for Pegasus

SARACENS (CHELMSFORD) 2, PEGASUS (BASILDON) 1

PEGASUS OVERCAME both the icy conditions and a Saracens team mainly consisting of senior amateur players to win their way through to round three of the Essex Intermediate Cup on Sunday.

Pegasus began with some fine football, and the home side were pressed back into their own half. Pegasus, however, set up a chance for J. Thorogood, but his shot lacked force and the centre-forward made amends with a fine run and pass to L. Lampshire, who drove the ball home. Pegasus, on the other hand, had the better of the exchanges and J. Vettori came within a finger's breadth of increasing the lead as the keeper brilliantly saved his lob.

Solid side

After the interval the home side managed to get back into the game by playing on their best football of the year, their solid defence and still extreme danger from front. G. Wadham broke out of defence to test the Saracens' keeper, and in the process the pair exchanged goals. Wadham and Barlow tore holes in the Saracens defence.

The pair received some more credit from the Chelmsford defence, and from one of the resultant free-kicks J. Thorogood saw a good shot tipped round a post.

Finally Pegasus scored a second and decisive goal. Owen scored from the left wing, and he linked past four men as he went to the by-line and then scored with a fine shot from an acute angle.

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Billericay Table Tennis BARDSWELL 'A' BID FOR TOP POSITION

BARDSWELL 'A' ARE WELL PLACED TO TAKE OVER AT THE TOP OF THE PREMIER DIVISION OF THE BILLERICAY AND DISTRICT TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE FOLLOWING AN 8-2 VICTORY OVER ROTARY HOES 'A' LAST WEEK.

Peter Smith and John Osbourne beat John Lloyd and Dick Roberts. Mick Jarvis beat Dave Richardson and Dennis Morgan, and Brian Warren beat Dennis Morgan in three, but lost to Dave Richardson in two doubles.

After some close games Brentwood Y.C. 'A' beat Billericay C.C. 'A' 8-2. For Brentwood Peter Gunth and Steve Willis beat Brian Cole and Bill Murray. For Billericay Peter Sagrott beat Mick Hook and Dudley Davenport, and Davenport but lost to Mick Hook. Both teams won a double.

Grays Hill 'A' stay at the top with an 8-2 win over Hutton T.T.C. Keith Murray and Fred Lockwood beat Gene Ryan and Brian Coore. Ray Briggs and John Morris beat Stan Ray, but both lost to Eric Davey. Grays won both doubles.

Third now

In Division I Hutton 'C' move up into third place with an 8-2 win over Rotary Hoes 'C'. Dennis Goater and Spooner beat Dave Richardson and Fred Fuller. Stan Ray beat Mike Hay and Barry Hammond, and Frank Douglas beat Mike Hay but lost to Barry Hammond. Both teams won a double.

Hutton 'B' proved far too strong for Brentwood Youth Centre 'B', who went down 10-0. Trevor Sear and Ron Knight beat Chris Taylor and Ray Phillips, and Reg James and Roy Pilkington beat Stewart Green and Jimmy Moores. Hutton won both doubles.

St. Joseph's 'A' kept their unbeaten record when they beat Rotary Hoes 'B' 8-2.

Stallard beat Betty Richardson and Malcolm Hay. Fred Foster beat Mike Hay but lost to Betty Richardson. Barry Ashton beat Len Boun and Jack Overall, and Barry Seabrook beat Len Boun three but lost to Jack Overall in three. St. Joseph's won both doubles.

Brentwood School 'A' won their first match of the season in Division II when they beat Incidental 8-4. Douglas Wignall beat George Watts and Keith Lloyd, but lost to Quentin Ford and Tim Harrison. Brentwood beat Incidental 8-4. Douglas Wignall beat George Watts and Keith Lloyd, and Ken Lloyd beat Keith Lloyd but lost to George Watts. Both teams won a double.

Incidentals made up for their bad display by holding Wickford 5-3. For Incidentals, Gordon Hughes beat Harry Dowling and Ron Coughlan. Fred Benfield beat Terry Dowling but lost to Ron Coughlan. For Wickford Able Warner beat George Watts and Keith Lloyd, and Ken Lloyd beat Keith Lloyd but lost to George Watts. Both teams won a double.

8-2 success

Estic 'A' go merrily on their way with an 8-2 victory over Grays Hill. Cyril Kirby and Ian Halstead beat Norman Plant and P. Mackintosh. Mick Jarvis beat Joy Chaplin and M. Carter, and Peter Jolly beat M. Carter in three but lost to Joy Chaplin in three. Both teams won a double.

St. John's 'A' moved above Incidentals 'B' when they beat them 7-3. David Platt beat Peter Higgins and D. Slow. Derrick Bell beat Peter Higgins but lost to D. Slow and Colin Haynes and Rod Godman. Keith Lloyd beat both lost to George Cockran. St. John's won both doubles.

Hutton 'D' managed a 3-1 win over Brentwood School 'A'. Sid Best and D. Plant beat Tim Harrison and Quentin Ford for Hutton, and for the school Douglas Wignall beat Winifred Willis and Chris Beard, and P. Randall beat Chris Beard but lost to Winifred Willis. Hutton won both doubles.

In Division III Solo 'A' proved too strong for Hutton 'B' and secured a 10-0 victory. Gordon Hill and J. Brodie beat Tony Adams and Terry Gordon. Brenda Lafferty and A. Wilson beat David Wood and David Saunders, and Solo won both doubles.

Brookfields 'A' scored a good 8-2 win over Billericay C.C. 'B'. John Rowell and Graham Smith beat J. Scott and T. Smalley. John Barrie beat John Roberts and Gordon Taylor, and David Rowell beat Gordon Taylor, but lost to John Roberts. Both teams won a double.

Barwell 'D' moved up to the middle of the league with an 8-2 victory over Solo 'B'. Cyril Knight and Paul Culler beat Bill Wall and Joan Cook. John Day and Alan Duddy beat Roy Perrin in three but both lost to John Davenport. Barwell won both doubles.

Red Jack dogged Brookfields 'C' in Division IV and they went down 7-3 to Brunell. Michael Callister beat Tim Baze and Stephen Roy. Pat

Drew beat Stephen Ray but lost to Tim Blake. Roy Smith beat Ray Frank and Chris Stephenson, and Bouchard beat Chris Stephenson but lost to Ray Frank. Both teams won a double.

Solo 'C' had little trouble beating Brookfields 'B'. Ben Page and Alan Montgomery beat Eddy Ray and Andrew Rothwell. B. Harvry and D. Martin and Solo won both doubles.

BRENTWOOD LADIES BEATEN 3-1

BASILDON LADIES II 3, BRENTWOOD LADIES II 1. DESPITE THE arctic conditions of Saturday, Basildon Ladies' second team coasted to an easy win over Brentwood.

The game was quite fast, and Basildon were first on the attack. After a number of unsuccessful sorties they opened the scoring with a goal from Maureen Ames, and although Brentwood equalised soon afterwards Basildon were not deterred.

Pat Hoston hit an accurate shot from the edge of the area for goal number two, and they held this lead until the interval. In the second half Basildon were obviously the better organised side, but the erratic bounce of the ball robbed them of several scoring chances. Finally Pat Hoston scored the third to complete a fine individual game. Basildon's next game is at home to Brimstone.

ONE GOAL DECIDES

Billericay Ladies' 1st XI 0, Westcliff Ladies' 1st XI 1. Westcliff Ladies played well on an uneven, ice-dip pitch and in falling snow at Lake Meadows and deserved their victory by the only goal of the game scored by S. Corradini. Gilles in the Westcliff goal was responsible for many fine saves.

Great day

When amateurs Dagenham beat Tonbridge on Saturday they reached the second round of the P.A. Cup competition for the first time.



Goals galore in Play Leadership final at Fryerns

Ghyllgrove Lions 7, Billericay Rangers 5. DESPITE THE icy conditions goals came at regular intervals in a fast Play Leadership Senior Cup final at Fryerns on Sunday. In the end the Lions ran out winners 7-5.

The first of the 12 goals came after eight minutes when Heathman shot the Lions into the lead. Rangers quickly equalised only for Parvell to hit home the Lions' second goal.

Rangers managed to get on terms again but were then penned back by the Lions, who added four more goals, including two from penalties, to lead 6-2 at half-time.

Early in the second half the game looked all over when the Lions made it 7-2 but it was the signal for a stupendous fight back by the Rangers.

This brought them three more goals before the end to narrow the final score to two. Good work by Lunnes, Peters and Clarke prevented them from getting more.

Scorers for Lions were Heathman (2), Lunnes (3), including two penalties, Sargent and Parvell, and for Rangers, Levett, Pierce, Barnard (pen), Meek and Smith.

CLACTON VETERANS PIPPED

BILLERICAY JUST pipped Clacton 5-4 in Division II of the Veterans Inter-League last week. Horrie Dawson (Billericay) beat K. Gladwell (Clacton), lost in three to D. Ar. (Clacton), Jack Clark (Billericay) beat G. Meakin (Clacton), but the also lost to D. Ar. in three. Frank Douglas (Billericay) dropped both his games to G. Meakin but he beat K. Gladwell in two straight games. Billericay's team strength showed when they paired; they won all three doubles.

Ghyllgrove Lions who won the Play Leadership senior soccer final against Billericay Rangers on Sunday.

Pocket nets late winner for Teleflex

TELEFLEX 4, PARK YOUTH 3. TELEFLEX PASSED through to the Essex Junior Cup quarter-finals on Saturday, but they made hard work of beating Thurrock Combination side Park Youth at Little Burestead. In the end they snatched the match with a goal three minutes from time by Pockett.

The 'Flex were worth more than an odd goal win. They dominated the game for long spells, but a couple of mistakes by the defence gave Park Youth two of their three goals and enabled them to make a fight of it.

The first goal of the game went to Teleflex in the 20th minute when Armistage, who led the Youth defence a merry dance throughout, climbed high to nod home a Pockett corner.

Park Youth netted a disputed equaliser five minutes from half-time in one of their rare attacks. Teleflex claimed the ball had never crossed the line, but they were overruled.

Stung by this reverse Teleflex replied a minute from the break when Le Page rammed home a hard shot from a very narrow angle. The second half was ten minutes old when Teleflex made it 3-1. Armistage finishing off a combined move by the forwards. At this point an easy 'Flex win seemed on the cards, but Park Youth stormed back to score twice in quick succession, the second goal being a great shot by the left-winger which flashed into the net. The score remained at 3-3 until three minutes from the end when Pockett managed to get the ball home at the third attempt to give Teleflex their win.

Tough time for New Town Clubs

BASILDON TEAMS are meeting strong opposition in the Essex Business Houses League and none are challenging for honours at this stage.

Teleflex are in the middle of the Division I table and Marconi United are near the bottom.

Ford's (Basildon) are in the middle of Division II but in Division III the motormen are near the bottom, in company with Iford Limited and Teleflex. Marconi United are fourth in this competition.

Essex Business Houses League tables up to December 2nd:-

| PREMIER DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Bata Sports | 12 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 6 | 24 | Dagenite | 10 | 2 | 0 | 47 | 12 | 22 |
| Dagenite | 10 | 2 | 0 | 47 | 12 | 22 | Pegasus | 7 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 13 | 11 |
| Pegasus | 7 | 2 | 1 | 26 | 13 | 11 | Lathol | 6 | 3 | 2 | 26 | 29 | 15 |
| Lathol | 6 | 3 | 2 | 26 | 29 | 15 | Green & S.V.W. | 5 | 2 | 4 | 23 | 24 | 14 |
| Green & S.V.W. | 5 | 2 | 4 | 23 | 24 | 14 | P.L.A. | 5 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 20 | 14 |
| P.L.A. | 5 | 4 | 2 | 26 | 20 | 14 | Basildon | 4 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 13 |
| Basildon | 4 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 14 | 13 | Royals | 4 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 12 | 9 |
| Royals | 4 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 12 | 9 | Dagenham Cables | 3 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 12 | 5 |
| Dagenham Cables | 3 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 12 | 5 | Dagenham Dock | 3 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 4 |
| Dagenham Dock | 3 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 4 | Shell | 3 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 4 |
| Shell | 3 | 1 | 6 | 15 | 21 | 4 | Warner | 2 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 41 | 4 |
| Warner | 2 | 0 | 7 | 15 | 41 | 4 | Hoffmann | 1 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 46 | 3 |
| Hoffmann | 1 | 1 | 8 | 16 | 46 | 3 | | | | | | | |

| DIVISION I | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Hornford Brewery | 11 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 10 | 22 | Bata Sports | 10 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 16 | 16 |
| Bata Sports | 10 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 16 | 16 | Iford Limited | 7 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 24 | 16 |
| Iford Limited | 7 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 24 | 16 | Thames Mills | 6 | 4 | 3 | 37 | 26 | 16 |
| Thames Mills | 6 | 4 | 3 | 37 | 26 | 16 | London | 6 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 17 | 15 |
| London | 6 | 3 | 3 | 34 | 17 | 15 | Teleflex | 6 | 1 | 3 | 34 | 21 | 13 |
| Teleflex | 6 | 1 | 3 | 34 | 21 | 13 | English Electric | 5 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 27 | 13 |
| English Electric | 5 | 3 | 5 | 27 | 27 | 13 | P.L.A. | 5 | 2 | 4 | 27 | 28 | 11 |
| P.L.A. | 5 | 2 | 4 | 27 | 28 | 11 | Kelvin | 5 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 25 | 11 |
| Kelvin | 5 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 25 | 11 | Hughes | 5 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 25 | 11 |
| Hughes | 5 | 1 | 6 | 18 | 25 | 11 | Green & S.W. | 3 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 38 | 6 |
| Green & S.W. | 3 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 38 | 6 | Ford United | 2 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 41 | 5 |
| Ford United | 2 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 41 | 5 | Marconi United | 2 | 0 | 9 | 15 | 27 | 4 |
| Marconi United | 2 | 0 | 9 | 15 | 27 | 4 | Fendu Sports | 0 | 1 | 10 | 13 | 40 | 1 |
| Fendu Sports | 0 | 1 | 10 | 13 | 40 | 1 | | | | | | | |

| DIVISION II | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | W | D | L | F | A | Pts | | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
| Dagenite | 6 | 4 | 0 | 27 | 8 | 16 | Waterworks | 7 | 1 | 2 | 38 | 16 | 15 |
| S.E. Waterworks | 5 | 1 | 2 | 38 | 16 | 15 | Parkinson | 6 | 2 | 1 | 34 | 15 | 14 |
| Royals | 5 | 2 | 1 | 34 | 15 | 14 | Parkinson | 5 | 3 | 2 | 35 | 23 | 13 |
| C. Parkinson | 5 | 3 | 2 | 35 | 23 | 13 | P.L.A. | 5 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 26 | 12 |
| P.L.A. | 5 | 2 | 3 | 30 | 26 | 12 | Ford Basildon | 5 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 24 | 11 |
| Ford Basildon | 5 | 1 | 4 | 36 | 24 | 11 | Lathol | 3 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 12 | 9 |
| Lathol | 3 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 12 | 9 | Dagenham Dock | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 45 | 10 |
| Dagenham Dock | 5 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 45 | 10 | Plessey | 4 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 16 | 9 |
| Plessey | 4 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 16 | 9 | May and Baker | 3 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 26 | 7 |
| May and Baker | 3 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 26 | 7 | Dagenham Cables | 3 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 26 | 7 |
| Dagenham Cables | 3 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 26 | 7 | Penasus | 2 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 17 | 7 |
| Penasus | 2 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 17 | 7 | | | | | | | |

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| Penasus | 1 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 30 | 2 |
| Marconi | 1 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 37 | 2 |
| English Electric | 1 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 38 | 2 |
| DIVISION III | | | | | | |
| C.W.S. London | 10 | 0 | 1 | 47 | 16 | 20 |
| English Electric | 9 | 1 | 4 | 29 | 20 | 15 |
| Shell | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 9 |
| Marconi | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 9 |
| Thames Mills | 6 | 0 | 5 | 41 | 32 | 12 |
| Warnes | 6 | 0 | 5 | 39 | 26 | 12 |
| Green & Sy W. | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 12 |
| Stork | 5 | 1 | 6 | 27 | 33 | 10 |
| Kelvin Hughes | 4 | 0 | 4 | 24 | 25 | 10 |
| C. Parkinson | 4 | 0 | 6 | 24 | 31 | 10 |
| L.A. | 3 | 0 | 8 | 24 | 30 | 8 |
| Basildon | 3 | 0 | 8 | 24 | 30 | 8 |
| Basildon Dock | 3 | 0 | 8 | 20 | 34 | 8 |
| Basildon Limited | 2 | 0 | 9 | 20 | 34 | 8 |
| Teleflex | 2 | 0 | 9 | 24 | 58 | 4 |

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PREMIER DIVISION

| PREMIER DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| W | D | L | F | A | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | | |
| St. Walsby | 10 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 24 | 16 | St. Walsby | 10 | 1 | 1 | 39 | 24 | 16 |
| Benfleet Ranges | 9 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 18 | 15 | Benfleet Ranges | 9 | 2 | 3 | 37 | 18 | 15 |
| Rayleigh Town | 8 | 2 | 4 | 35 | 14 | 14 | Rayleigh Town | 8 | 2 | 4 | 35 | 14 | 14 |
| Rayleigh Amat. | 7 | 2 | 5 | 30 | 16 | 12 | Rayleigh Amat. | 7 | 2 | 5 | 30 | 16 | 12 |
| Hullbridge Spots | 6 | 2 | 6 | 30 | 16 | 12 | Hullbridge Spots | 6 | 2 | 6 | 30 | 16 | 12 |
| Monarchs Spots | 5 | 2 | 7 | 29 | 12 | 10 | Monarchs Spots | 5 | 2 | 7 | 29 | 12 | 10 |
| Thundersley Utd. | 4 | 2 | 8 | 26 | 19 | 9 | Thundersley Utd. | 4 | 2 | 8 | 26 | 19 | 9 |
| Wingfield Town | 3 | 2 | 9 | 23 | 16 | 9 | Wingfield Town | 3 | 2 | 9 | 23 | 16 | 9 |
| Luffham | 2 | 1 | 9 | 19 | 17 | 7 | Luffham | 2 | 1 | 9 | 19 | 17 | 7 |
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| PREMIER RESERVE DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| W | D | L | F | A | P | W | D | L | F | A | P | | |
| Benfleet Ranges | 6 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 16 | Benfleet Ranges | 6 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 16 |
| Monarchs Spots | 5 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 2 | 11 | Monarchs Spots | 5 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 2 | 11 |
| Rayleigh Town | 4 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 13 | 11 | Rayleigh Town | 4 | 2 | 2 | 39 | 13 | 11 |

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| Hadfield Ath. | 4 | 2 | 4 | 32 | 25 | 10 |
| Thunders United | 3 | 1 | 5 | 15 | 32 | 7 |
| Battlesbridge | 3 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 11 | 3 |
| Wickford | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 33 | 3 |
| Rayleigh Amat. | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| Hullbridge Spis. | 1 | 1 | 7 | 11 | 50 | 3 |
| Carreras | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 28 | 0 |

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| Hadfield Ath. | 7 | 0 | 1 | 34 | 16 | 14 |
| Rumwell Hosp. | 6 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 13 | 12 |
| Crays H. | 3 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 7 |
| Benfleet Rg. III | 3 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 6 |
| Benfleet Rg. IV | 2 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 23 | 5 |
| Thunders & Hk. | 2 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 14 | 5 |
| Canvey Town | 1 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 15 | 3 |
| Rayleigh Area | 1 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 2 |
| Basildon | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 0 |

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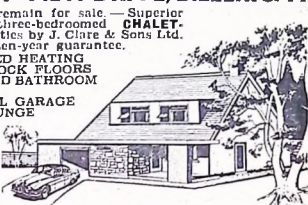
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CANCER

Dr. Franklin states that about half of all male cancer deaths between the ages of 45 and 65 were ascribed to cancer of the lung, "most of them doubtless as a direct result of cigarette smoking."

The total number of deaths from cancer rose from 2,087 in 1965 to 2,170, the death rate being 2.01 a 1,000, compared with 1.98 in 1965, and an average of 1.97 in the five years 1961-65.

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Although the death rate for all causes was unchanged at 9.9 per 1,000 population, the birth rate fell from 19.1 to 18.6 per 1,000 of the population. Total number of births was 20,001, compared with 20,096 in 1965.

GIFT FOR MINISTER

Rev J. S. Wilkinson (Minister) gave a talk on Christmas at last week's meeting of Billerley Congregational Church Young Wives' Group at the Mayflower Hall. He was presented with a small gift from the Group.

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MR. ERIC Moonman, M.P., has obtained a Master's Degree from Manchester University.

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Aside from the thesis the firm will expect proposals to remedy the problem from Mr. Moonman.

OUTWOOD COMMON SIGN THE CONTRACT

THE SIGNING of the contract for the new community centre to be built at Outwood Common, Billerley, was the highlight of an Outwood Common Association social on Saturday.

Guest of honour was Member of Parliament Mr. Eric Moonman, who praised the Association for the hard work they had put in over the last eight years and the determination they had shown in raising money to build the centre.

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Town folk will have more to interest them at Essex Show

THE EXPERIMENT to bring the town to the country at last year's Essex Show was such a tremendous success that further features of interest to urban residents are to be featured in next year's Show to be staged at Chelmsford on Friday and Saturday, June 14th-15th.

One new attractive and exciting feature will be a wildlife exhibition, which will show many animals and birds of the Essex countryside, including badgers and pheasants.

The Children's Corner will also be developed, and there will be many young and small animals for the children to look at and play with.

Plans for the garden area, the shopping arcade and the Essex industry exhibits are all attracting considerable interest. There is also a scheme for a large sports exhibit, which will include facilities for practical instruction.

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Secretary Mr. Jack Pollard told the "Standard" there had been a tremendous response and interest following last year's show.

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The report of the organisers, the Essex Agricultural Society, says: "With such a good show it is disappointing that expenditure has exceeded income by £1,738."

The Show was the first to be held on Friday and Saturday instead of midweek, and the report states the Council felt justified in thinking the whole basis of the Show had been so widened that it would receive the support of more trade exhibitors and even more visitors in the future, and, in the true sense of the word, be a County Show representing every aspect of life and work in Essex.

FIRST SINCE 1959

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FIRE

A house Long Riding Basildon was slightly damaged by fire on Sunday afternoon when gas fire caused fire Basildon Fire Brigade attended.

Helped himself at a store

STAFF IN Woolworth's at Basildon saw a man "helping himself to quite a large amount of property," said Mr. Malcolm Simons, prosecuting, at Billerley on Tuesday.

Before the Court was George Hurlock (54), of Ballards Walk, Basildon, who admitted stealing a paint brush and other articles, worth 19s. 3d.

A man with no previous convictions, Hurlock was put on probation for 12 months.

"BIBLE DIPPING"

Speaker at last week's meeting of Wickford Methodist Wesley Guild was Mr. Tom Mansness whose subject was Bible Dipping. Mrs. Peggy Martin was in the chair.

PARENTS HELPED SCHOOL STAFF TO MAKE PLAY A BIG SUCCESS

ALTHOUGH PRODUCED under great difficulty due to illness among members of the staff, Wickford Church of England Infants' School Nativity play on Tuesday was a great success. Over 100 parents went to see it and were very impressed by the costumes.

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Said Headmistress Mrs. M. Astell, "I am very appreciative of the help given by parents. Many gave materials for costumes and some even made several complete costumes. Quite a number of parents also turned up to dress the children in their costumes."

Money raised from a collection will go towards funds for the relief of spinabifida and hydrocephalus, two child-killing diseases.

"We chose this charity because of there being a number of local children suffering from this disease," Mrs. Astell told the "Standard Recorder."

Bryn School performances

PUPILS of Bryn Infants' School, Basildon, staged a complex series of carols, monologues and Nativity sketches on Tuesday.

Every class in the school worked on their own contributions to the concert, which was performed before Chairman of the School Managers Mrs. L. McFarlane, Rev. Brian Buxton, of Holy Cross Church. The two sides of Christmas were presented in the form of a traditional poem, which was enacted with a Christmas party and party games, and the Nativity playlet. Another poem—this time set to music—told another story of the birth of Christ. The older classes of the school provided a small band and recorder group to play music for the carols. The Three Kings were also represented by older children. The concert was also played before parents—the boys' parents one afternoon and the girls' parents the next.

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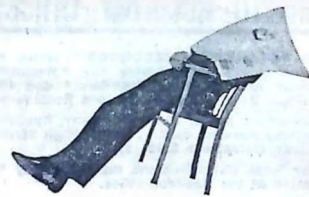
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It had been planned that Billericay Old Time Dancing Club for the Blind and Partially Sighted should go to the show and arrangements were made for them to make the journey by coach.

The coach had picked up members of the Club from Billericay and Wickford and was on its way to the Basildon area to collect more members when snow fell and the roads became treacherous.

Said Outing Organiser Mrs. Yvonne Stevens, of Kingsway, Billericay: "When we got to Basildon our members who had been waiting had found

it so bitterly cold that they had gone home. We had to go to their houses for them and this, of course, caused a delay.

"The roads were really bad and we had to call the whole thing off at about 5.30 p.m. because we were supposed to be at the radio studio at 6.30 p.m.," she added.

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Gas pressure in the Outwood Common area of Billericay dropped to an all-time low owing to a fantastic increase in demand during the "deep freeze" at the weekend.

us we just sat and froze. There was snow on the ground outside and we just did not know what to do with ourselves it got so cold.

"It didn't do the children any good to get chilled right through and both of them suffered with colds afterwards," she added. "It was impossible to cook anything to eat until the early evening and I was particularly worried because they had got nothing in their insides to keep them warm."

Mr. Thompson, a Freightliner Sales Assistant Controller, contacted several of his neighbours to try and find out what had happened, and as soon as he realised that most of the area was affected he telephoned the North Thames Gas Board. Gas Board engineers began checking for faults in the system, but said a spokesman: "The main reason for the sudden drop in pressure

was a fantastic increase in the demand for gas as a result of the cold spell.

"We have, however, made some alterations in the distribution system as a result of this experience and we do not anticipate any further trouble."

Billericay High Street meeting

PROPOSALS by Basildon Council for Billericay High Street and the town's inner relief road will be explained at a public meeting called by the Council to be held tonight (Friday) at the Archer Hall, Billericay, at 7.30.

Questions will be invited and plans and sketches will be exhibited.

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Winners of the Christmas hat competition, held at the Women's Advisory Committee Christmas party at the Constitutional Club, Billericay, were Mrs. M. Sellen and Mrs. S. Lane.

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ALL LIT UP AT WICKFORD



SNOWFLAKES TUMBLED FROM THE SKY ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AS WICKFORD CARNIVAL QUEEN ANN CAMP SWITCHED ON THE TOWN'S CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATIONS.

The Yuletide scene was completed by Father Christmas (Frank Guilfoyle) distributing small gifts to children.

The illuminations, stretching from the Southernhay Road shopping area into the High Street and London Road, have been provided by the Chamber of Trade at a cost of about £400.

Chamber President Mr. Brian Raff told the crowd that Chamber members offered the lights to the public in appreciation of their custom throughout the year.

Queen Ann climbed a ladder, flicked up a switch

and, to the "Oohs" and "Ahs" of the crowd, the thousands of coloured bulbs sprang to life.

Cutting Runwell in half

ESSEX LOCAL Government and Parliamentary Committee agreed on Thursday to make an order dividing the parish of Runwell into two wards for Parish Council election purposes.

This follows a request from Runwell Parish Council, who expressed concern about difficulties created for electors and the Returning Officer by the long list of candidates on the ballot paper.

Kerbside waits of Wickford?



THE PICCADILLY KERBSIDE WIND ENSEMBLE, WHO TOOK PART IN "DO NOT SPIT ON THE STAIRS" BY THE WICKFORD COMMUNITY PLAYERS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. SEE STORY ON PAGE 8.

Wickford supermarket rumours refuted

RUMOURS CIRCULATING in Wickford that work on the still uncompleted London Co-operative Society's supermarket in Wickford High Street has stopped because of uncertainty about the proposed Wickford Inner Relief Road were strongly denied this week

Work ceased on the supermarket two weeks ago and it has been rumoured since that Basildon Council called a halt to the construction pending certain developments concerning the Inner Relief Road.

But a spokesman for the Co-operative told the "Standard Recorder": "We have two shops in Wickford High Street and it is obviously the intention of the management to incorporate the two into one supermarket."

"One of the buildings has been pulled down and we are now waiting planning permission from the authorities to go ahead with the construction."

No decision
A Basildon Council spokesman confirmed the Co-op's statement, and added: "The Planning Committee have made no decision on this application yet."

Speaking of the need for a new supermarket in Wickford, the Co-operative Society spokesman said: "The area is expanding so quickly that it became apparent that the conveniences of a self-service store, similar to the ones we have in other towns, was in demand."

The Co-op hope to start building the supermarket immediately the Council give their decision.

"We don't anticipate any obstacles in connection with the Inner Relief Road," said the spokesman.

Bear with us

FRED BEAR arrived in Wickford last week. Fred, a 4ft. off-white toy bear, became a celebrity in October, 1962, at Richmond, Yorkshire, where members of the Round Table came up with the idea of sending him to various Tables round the country to collect toys for needy children.

Since his rise to fame Fred has spent each fortnight with a different Table and has so far collected 250 toys.

The Table who receive him when he has 24 toys present them to a local children's organisation. Up to now Fred has visited 125 Tables and collected 250 toys. Parts of call have included the Scilly Isles, Cornwall, Teichend, Morecambe, Blackburn and Alloo.

Experiment succeeding

WICKFORD Congregational Church held their annual meeting last week, with about 36 members present.

Church Secretary Mr. Lawrence Lay reported: "This year has been notable for our co-operation with other churches, and since October we have been sharing our evening service with the Methodist Church. This experiment is proving very successful."

The only new election on to the Committee was of Mr. John Bolton as Treasurer. Mr. J. Hervey was elected a deacon.

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President of Wickford Round Table Mr. Roy Thompson (left) presenting a cheque for £500 to Mr. Phillips, of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children.

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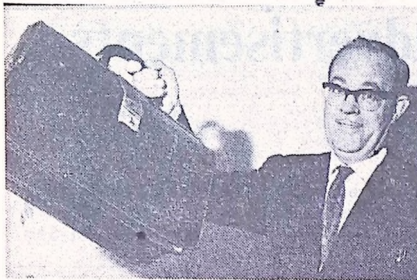
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Mr. George Gowing, of Rayside, Basildon, who has been at Basildon Post Office for the last seven years, is leaving because he has been promoted to telecommunications officer at Southend. He is seen with a brief-case presented to him by Mr. Ron Read, the Head Postmaster, on behalf of his friends in the postal department.

Vandals cause havoc at the Council's new offices

VANDALS CAUSED havoc and about £300 worth of damage at Basildon Council's new offices in Fodderwick at the weekend.

All offices in both the Town's Manager's and Architect's Departments were visited. A duplicating machine was damaged and ink thrown over the walls.

Police were called in when the premises were found to have been entered on Sunday. It is believed children were responsible.

The Council stated this week that additional security pre-

cautions have been taken to protect the new offices in future. These include the introduction of guard dog patrols.

Town Centre market

BASILDON'S Town Centre market will be open on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday next week.

It will be closed on Boxing Day and open again after Christmas on Friday, December 29th.

FRIDAY CLUB
A carol sing-song was held at Sunnymede Friday Club last week. Mrs. Brett played the piano. Mr. Byron presided.

Smoking jacket for David



A PARTY OF EMPLOYEES FROM LITTLEWOODS STORE, BASILDON, VISITED THE REDIFFUSION STUDIOS AT WEMBLEY ON WEDNESDAY WEEK TO SEE "THE FROST PROGRAMME." AFTER THE SHOW, DAVID FROST WAS PRESENTED WITH A SMOKING JACKET ON BEHALF OF THE VISITING PARTY. FROM THE LEFT: MRS. S. GOLDTHORPE, MISS R. WHITBY MAKING THE PRESENTATION, MISS M. LOWRY, MRS. J. SULLIVAN AND MISS S. FENSOME.

HEALTH CENTRE REJECTED

AFTER consulting doctors in the area the Essex Executive Council of the National Health Service decided on Thursday not to make a request for a health centre in the Vange area of Basildon New Town.

It was reported that the Local Medical Committee did not feel "a need could strictly be said to exist for the provision of additional general practitioner accommodation, as the needs of the estimated additional population could reasonably be expected to be met by the existing facilities."

Only one partnership had expressed a strong desire to practise from a health centre, particularly as they might have a need for a third surgery and it was doubtful whether their existing site was suitable for expansion.

Two other practices had indicated they might like the opportunity of using accommodation on a sessional basis.

The Executive Council gave approval, however, to the establishment of a health centre to serve the Laindon and Langdon Hills area of the New Town. This approval is subject to agreement on the financial aspects of the scheme.



The Transformer Electrical Company Social Club held their fifth children's party in the Fryers Community Centre, Basildon, on Saturday.

MOTHER WAS DESPERATE

PLEADING guilty at Billericay on Tuesday to stealing a chicken and other goods from a Vange self-service store, Mrs. Dorothea Rollings (24) of Swanstead, Vange, mother of two, told the Court: "I was desperate. I had no money and wanted something for dinner."

She was put on probation for two years.

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BOYS FROM LAINDON SECONDARY SCHOOL HELPED WITH THE LAINDON OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE'S DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS GIFTS ON FRIDAY.