



LAINDON "BOMB" SCARE

... ends well!

BOMB DISPOSAL expert Captain Thomas Moore and two workmen ended the Laindon Park School bomb scare yesterday (Thursday) by finding the brickwork of a forgotten well.

• **CAPT. MOORE PROBES... AND FINDS WATER.**

The hole in the playing fields was discovered on Wednesday by groundsmen Kenneth Elmes.

"I put my foot in it," he said. "According to the tractor driver there has been a depression there for some time and he fills it in every time he mows the grass."

Sticks were used to prod the hole and an object was found three feet down. This later turned out to be the top of the well.

TWO CRATERS

But the unexploded bomb theory grew because during the war a bomber jetted a stick of high explosives over fields near the Primary School. There is now a pond in a bomb crater hidden in a thicket at the north edge of the playing fields, while there is another crater at the top of the field.

Captain Moore, of the Royal Engineers, came from Felixstowe. His depot handles all unexploded bombs north of the Thames.

Had a bomb find seemed likely he would have sent a team of soldiers.

Instead, Mr. Elmes, aged 35, of Ganel's Road, South Green, and his fellow groundsmen, Mr. Fred Chessell, of Wash Road, Laindon, enlarged the hole.

WATER PIT

The ground was virtually hollow under the grass and only a few spadefuls were removed to make a watery pit five feet across. The well is thought to belong to farm buildings associated with nearby 15th Century Laindon Hall which was burned down by vandals three years ago. It was not marked on plans of the playing field.

• **KENNETH ELMES—HE PUT HIS FOOT IN IT.**



Thefts from cars

A spate of thefts from parked cars occurred in the Rantree Fold, Lee Chapel South area of Basildon this week. On Tuesday night radios were stolen from cars in Rantree Fold. The Knare and Eastley, and on Wednesday night a radio and a camera were stolen when two more cars were broken into in Rantree Fold.

£1 theft

Only £1 was stolen from the till by a thief who broke a window and entered David Saines' Chemists shop in Lee Chapel South, Basildon, on Wednesday night.

Don't ban corporal punishment

OUTLAWING of corporal punishment in schools suggested in the Plowden Report is being opposed by Basildon Schoolmasters' Association.

They are also against the introduction of large numbers of teachers' aides.

At a meeting of the Association this week the teachers passed the following resolution:

"The Basildon Schoolmasters' Association welcomes the attempts of

— Basildon teachers

the Plowden Report to raise the quality of primary education and to extend the school building programme.

But we firmly deplore two of its recommendations, (a) the outlawing of corporal

punishment since we believe the overwhelming mass of teachers use this only when it is educationally desirable, and (b) the suggestion that large numbers of teachers' aides should be employed, since we see this as a further dilution of our profession."

Copies of the resolution have been sent to the Chief Education Officer for Essex and the District Education Officer.

Shopworkers welcome late-night opening

NINETY-NINE per cent of Basildon Town Centre shopworkers would welcome late-night opening of shops. This was the startling fact which emerged from a Shopworkers' Union probe into the views of local employees.

Mr. John Summerhill, Area Organiser, of U.S.D.A.W., told the "Standard" he was very surprised at this result. "But what we were seeking was the view of the shopworkers," he said. "And this is it. I think it shows that they are prepared to take a reasonable attitude over working hours."

Centre shop staff and have received 200 back. The Union sent out 600 questionnaires to Town

Mr. Summerhill, "but it appears that 98 per cent are in favour of five-day opening and the large majority chose Monday for the day off."

"Nine-nine per cent agreed there should be late opening on one night and they voted overwhelmingly for Friday."

"The closing times which most people suggested were 7 or 7.30 p.m. Some went as far as 8 p.m. It is a very interesting result."

Mr. Summerhill said as far as U.S.D.A.W. head office were aware this was the first time any quiz of this type had been undertaken. The Union's policy on opening hours was a flexible one aimed at suiting different local conditions.

"Our next move, after detailed assessment of the answers, is to seek a meeting with Basildon Consumer Group. We will also hope to meet the Chamber of Trade and find the views of the multiples on support for a firm five-day week in the Town Centre."

Basildon Consumer Group Secretary David Cardy was delighted with the result of the quiz.



"This goes quite a long way towards meeting our views," he said. "The Consumer Group called for general adoption of Friday for late-night shopping. We suggested 8.30 as closing time."

"We also conceded, somewhat reluctantly, that the only realistic compensation for working late was a whole day's closing. We suggested Monday for Basildon Town Centre, but would like to see the neighbourhood centres remain open on that day to provide an alternative."

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"Action" demand after school plan is blocked

DISTURBED that the County Council have turned down a new primary school to serve the town, Billericay Residents' Association on Wednesday voiced their concern in a statement and a call for public action.

It referred to the rejection at County level of Basildon Council's request for an additional 560-place school to be built in 1968-69.

"The Association," says the statement, "feel that full public support should be given to Basildon's insistence that this school should be built in 1968-69, because otherwise over 120 children due to start school in that year will be without a place."

"If all these 120 children are to be accommodated in existing Billericay schools the average size class would be over 50. The Plowden Report recommendation is 30 and the recommended maximum at this moment is 40."

"Even if the new school is provided, the average size class will still exceed this figure. The Association considers this unacceptable."

"This situation has been made worse by the rate at which the town has increased in size," say the Association.

DANGER DOLLS

BASILDON Consumer Group this week issued a warning that the Polish dolls which have been withdrawn as highly inflammable were on sale in Wickford shops around Christmas.

The dolls are described as about 30in. tall, with long thin legs, celluloid faces and artificial hair.

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A BUS RIDE... AND EDUCATION MUST SUFFER

A CHILD PASSES the 11-plus examination. He or she goes to the school chosen by the parents. Then it is found that bus facilities are inadequate to ensure that the child receives the full benefit of schooling, particularly in after-hours' activities. This is the anomalous position for Wickford children attending Chelmsford schools which has been revealed this week. And there is a simple solution to the problem. That is for the education authority to provide train passes in place of the bus concessions. If this were done there would be no trouble for parents to pay out on rail tickets themselves, or for their children to suffer by having, through no fault of their own, to leave school earlier than their local-living friends, who have the joy of taking part in sport or school clubs when the normal lessons have finished. One knows that the train fare is to some extent reimbursed, but always a term in arrears. For the majority of parents this is all right, but there are some who, with school uniforms and other things to buy, obviously cannot afford to have money owing to them. Added to this, there is the inadequate bus service itself. Only about two buses a day go straight through to Chelmsford from Wickford, and vice versa. The only solution is for train passes to be allowed. After all, enough is spent on the education service that a few more pounds should not be quibbled at.

Not enough to close just one intersection

THE CLOSING of the killer Harrows cross-roads on the Arterial Road this week ought to be welcomed in all quarters regardless of the inconvenience it may cause to some. It has taken a long time and several lives for the move to be taken. In fact, it would probably still be open today but for the triple fatality there in January. One by one the authorities are beginning to realise at last that all intersections other than the bulge type are killers on major roads carrying such a heavy volume of traffic as the Arterial. But, instead of making a clean sweep and closing them all, piecemeal blocking has been carried out over the last few years. Now the Harrows crossing is closed, Southend-bound traffic wishing to enter Pound Lane will be tempted to use the next intersection just on the brow of the hill, which is still open. Likewise, London-bound traffic wishing to get to Granfield Park Drive will probably head for the next appropriate intersection on the London side of the junction. In both cases "U" turns will be necessary. In the case of lorries this turn will be accentuated and could involve swinging across both lanes of the dual carriageway. Should this prove so, then the potential danger is as great, if not greater, than if the old Harrows crossing, which at least had a run-in lane, had been retained. Traffic must be encouraged to find alternative routes to Pound Lane and Granfield Park Drive. This will not be easy while these other intersections remain open. They should be closed before they are turned into killer spots, too.

DUTY CHEMISTS

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 Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon (name of duty chemist noted on the door of both shops):

BILLERICAY
M. W. Shadforth, 47, High Street, Billericay, will be duty chemist for week commencing Monday (March 13th). They will be open every weeknight from 6 to 8.30 p.m. (except Thursday, when they will be open from 7-8 p.m.). On Sunday they will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

BASILDON
C. C. Wind, 418, Whitmore Way, and M. D. Godfrey, 150, Clay Hill Road, Basildon, will be duty chemists for week commencing Monday (March 13th). They will be open every weeknight (except Wednesday and Saturday) from 6 to 7 p.m. On Sunday (March 12th) M. D. Godfrey will be open from 11 a.m. to 12 noon and on Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

Friends of the Hospital

A MEMBERSHIP record of 332 was announced by Secretary Mr. John Harrison at the Committee meeting of St. Andrew's Hospital League of Friends, Billericay, on Monday.

"This is a record and as it is early in the year I hope we shall be even further ahead of this figure at the year's end," he said.

Balances of £2,736 were reported by Mr. Peter Moore (Treasurer). The Committee decided to buy 20 knee blankets for use by patients at the Mayflower Hospital.

Pupils press for private studies

LET SENIOR pupils design a special school uniform of more modern and adult style. This was one of the suggestions put forward by children at the first meeting of Basildon's experimental youth education consultative committee.

The nine representatives of secondary schools in the area present at the meeting agreed to discuss the suggestion with their respective head teachers. Other points raised included the inadequate facilities for sixth form private study at many schools. Examples were given of distractions during study periods caused by movement of furniture and music practice.

A suggestion was made that sixth-formers who asked to do so might be allowed half a day at home for private study during school hours.

YOUTH WINGS

Members of the Education Committee present emphasised that in consultation with head teachers, provision was being made in school building programmes for improved facilities generally including accommodation for private study. Certain accommodation not at present in use

during day time, such as youth wings, might be made available, it was suggested, to meet immediate requirements for private study.

The school representatives were recommended to take up this matter with their Heads.

Another call was for facilities for homework at schools after normal school hours. It was felt this would be helpful to children whose home conditions were not conducive to study.

It was explained that Basildon Council had already expressed a desire to make such facilities available and the matter

was being considered by the County Education Committee.

Lack of entertainment for teenagers in Basildon was another subject discussed, and the Education Committee Chairman, Coun. G. T. Field, undertook to look into the possibility of increasing entertainments at youth centres at weekends.

Greater use of sports pitches on Sundays was also advocated. School representatives present at the meeting were Derek Peggs (Barstable), Hilary Roberts (Beauchamps), Christopher Cannon (Billericay), Norma Clarke (Craylands), James Lockwood (Fryerns), David Osborne (Laindon), Jean Gelder (Timberlog), George Stebbings (Woodlands Boys) and Susan Garmann (Woodlands Girls). Basildon Council of Youth was represented by Annemarie Cavill, Bonita Kettle and M. Lindsell.

CHURCH MARKET STALL

ON THE third Monday in April Wickford Church of England members will reopen their stall in Wickford Market and proceeds will go towards St. Andrew's New Church Fund and St. Catherine's Belfry Fund. The stall, which is loaned by Mrs. Harvey, was run on the third Monday in each month last year from April to October. A total of £46 10s. 6d. was raised.

Battle for steps won

MOTHERS with children at Lee Chapel North no longer have to clamber up a steep bank to reach the bus stops on Laindon Link.

Steps and a pram-ramp are now being built because of the efforts of mother-of-three Mrs. Dorothy Partridge, of Falsstones.

She started a letter-writing campaign single-handed last summer. At first the official answer was no. Authority said steps would encourage cars to park on a dangerous section of the fast road to drop passengers.

But more letters to Basildon Council and the Development Corporation from Mrs. Partridge, and, Authority changed its mind.

"The steps make a tremendous difference," she told a reporter. "Before, we used to have to cross mud and climb the bank to reach the bus stops—or else walk a long way along the pavements." Her success was reported to Lee Chapel North Community Association.

Sir Donald is guest

Kingswood Baptist Church held their ninth anniversary last week when large congregations welcomed as guest Sir Donald Finemore, President of the Baptist Union. He has been a High Court Judge and has given a lifetime service for the Boy Brigade. Anniversary gift came to £120. Special services were taken by Rev. Derek Rodgers, who after some years in China and New Zealand is now minister of the Baptist church at Shoburn.

Referee's tissue of falsehoods

FOOTBALL REFEREE John Green, of Southcote Crescent, Bilsdon, who claimed he could not have been at the scene of an accident in Pitsea because he had been refereeing a game at Eversley Road and was still there when it occurred, was found guilty at Billericay on Tuesday of careless driving.

He was also found guilty of failing to stop after an accident and failing to report an accident.

Fines of £30 with costs of £26 is, and a driving disqualification for six months were imposed.

He was given three months to pay and told by the Chairman: "We have listened to your story and the best we can say for it is it has been a tissue of falsehoods."

Green, who had previous motoring convictions, was also told: "Your record of driving is really disgusting. You should not really be on the road at all."

The accident was between a lorry which Green was driving and a car in Rectory Road, Pitsea, said Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting.



ABOVE: BILLERICAY FOLK PLAYERS PRESENTED TWO ONE-ACT PLAYS TO AN INVITED AUDIENCE AT THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HALL, BILLERICAY, ON SATURDAY. PICTURE SHOWS JANE PRICHARD, SHEILA ELLIS AND VICKY SANDS, THREE OF THE CAST OF "THE BLACK BAG," BY ERIC JONES EVANS.



LEFT: PRIZEWINNERS FROM BILLERICAY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE HANDICRAFT EXHIBITION SEEN RECEIVING THEIR AWARDS FROM HANDICRAFT SECRETARY MRS. P. HARVEY. MRS. R. AYTON (RIGHT) WON THE BEST IN SHOW, ALSO THE PRESIDENT'S PRIZE FOR THE MOST ENTRIES, WHILE RESERVED BEST IN SHOW WENT TO MRS. F. V. CHURCHILL (LEFT).

★ ★ ★ HOW'S THIS FOR SIZE!

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD HELD A JUMBLE SALE AT THE CHURCH HALL, BILLERICAY, ON SATURDAY. TRYING ON SOME OF THE HAT BARGAINS FOR SIZE WERE ANN PINNINGTON (7), PAULA MCCLINTOCK (7) AND FRANCESCA WATTS (9).



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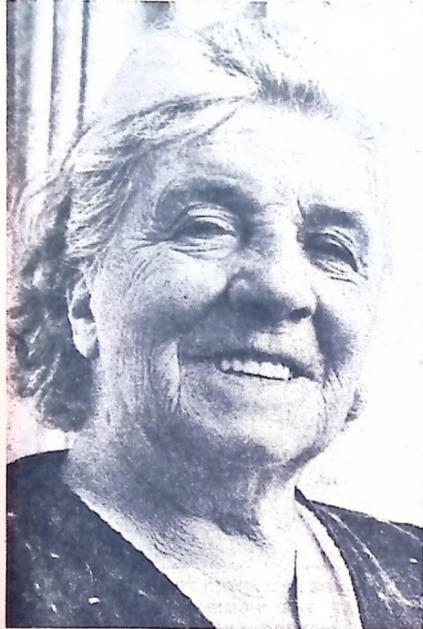
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Gay Links entertain



MRS. LORD RETIRES AS CHAIRMAN

RETIRING AFTER four years as Chairman of Bowers Gifford Darby and Joan Club is Mrs. Beatrice M. Lord.

Mrs. Lord (pictured above), who is 75, took over the job after Mr. and Mrs. F. Huckerby, who founded the Club, left the district. Now she herself is moving away and going to live at Mill Hill, Middlesex, where she will be near her children and grandchildren.

Melodysmakers entertained

For their meeting on Friday the Community Centre, Wickford O.A.P. Association No. 2 branch had entertainment by the Melodysmakers Concert Party. Their programme included songs and monologues and chorus singing in which members joined. Mr. P. W. Perkins (Chairman) thanked the party. Sick members were remembered and birthday greetings were accorded Mrs. Cawsey, Bring-and-buy sales were by Mesdames Oliver and Read. Mrs. Tiltford, tea hostess, was assisted by Mesdames Perkins, Garmen, Hill, Hitchcock and Read.

Senior Citizens

A bring-and-buy sale was held at the meeting of the Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens. Mrs. Thurston, Chairman, presided over the meeting, which was attended by 88 members. Sick members were sent the good wishes of their colleagues, including Mrs. Looker, getting on as well as could be expected. Mr. Martin, who was not too well, and Mrs. Cooper, comfortable after her operation. Members were asked to be as early as possible at the next meeting, because there will be a film show. Chatting and helpers served the tea.

Lee Chapel O.A.P.

An excellent attendance of members of Lee Chapel South O.A.P. gathered to hear the Gaytime's concert party at their weekly meeting on Wednesday at Lee Chapel South Community hall. Led by Mrs. Evans at the piano, they gave a varied and most enjoyable entertainment. This was their first appearance and they would welcome inquiries from other clubs for their services. Anyone interested should write to Mrs. Evans, 439, Great Knighthays, Lee Chapel South, Basildon. Chairman Mr. T. Simpkins announced that Mr. Stokes was making good progress after his operation and would be going away for convalescence. Mrs. Bailey had received musical honours for her wedding anniversary. The Chairman also introduced four new members to the meeting. Two visitors were welcomed. Mrs. Hughes and a representative of the Spastic Children's Society, who explained to interested old folk how their money is used in the best interests of the children.

THE GAY LINKS concert party entertained at Mundy House, the old people's home in Church Road, Basildon, on Wednesday week.

The show was produced by George Mannin and Joe Gollop. Taking part were Len Green, George Woolhead, Valda Lilley, Barbara Edwards, Pauline Hyland, Tom Shepherd, Les Saunders, Ernest Timworth, John and Max and the Two Lynns.

Malcolm Gelding was the compere. For Pauline Hyland celebrating her 16th birthday there was a signed photograph of the show.

Chatted with members

No. 1 O.A.P.

Members stood in silent tribute for a former member, Mrs. Brackstone, at their bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday. Sick members Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Nulton were remembered, and sent the good wishes of their colleagues. It was announced that a theatre outing for March 14th has been arranged. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. White, assisted by willing helpers. The afternoon's entertainment was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin, from Convey Island. Mr. Wilkin is Chairman of the Area Council of the Essex Federation of O.A.P. Associations and gave a talk on his experiences. Mrs. Wilkin, who is Area Council Minutes Secretary, played the piano and sang one of two solos.

D. and J. Club

Mr. J. Heager presided over Thursday's meeting of Lee Chapel North Darby and Joan Club, which was attended by 87 members. Mr. and Mrs. Nutman were welcomed back, and also various members who had been absent through illness. Good wishes were extended to sick members for their recovery. Mr. Dowsett received birthday honours, with Mrs. Evans at the piano. An outing to Folkestone was planned for May 16th. A total of 52 gifts from members were raffled and members spent the rest of the afternoon playing Bingo.



Silver Threads

Over 120 people attended Tuesday week's meeting of Wickford Salvation Army Corps Silver Threads Over-60's Club, when the special guest was Brig. Bramwell Thornett, National Secretary for the Salvation Army Sponsored Over-60's Clubs. The Brigadier entertained with concertina solos and spoke to members. Ada Little led the birthday celebrations, when honours were accorded to Mesdames McKay, Borcham and Cawsey, and Mr. C. Jones. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Gentry, Casbolt, Olford, Shuttin, Purdy, Isaac and Ansard.

Over-Sixties

Mrs. Sheppard presided over the weekly meeting of the Laindon Hills Over-60's Club on Thursday. A hearty welcome was extended to four visitors, and to Mrs. Sargeant, returning after illness. There was also news of an improvement in the health of Mrs. Bell. Members spent a whilst drive, with Mr. Blend and Mrs. Shumman. Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Smith. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Atchborough. Tea hostesses were Mrs. Greenfield and Mrs. Smith.

Laindon No. 1 O.A.P.

Mrs. Sibthorne presided over the meeting of Laindon No. 1 O.A.P. on Thursday. Sick members were remembered, and sent the good wishes of their colleagues. Mrs. Haberfield played the piano, and members spent the afternoon enjoying a sing-song.



• MRS. ELIZABETH THURSTON

"YES, OF COURSE, I like Basildon!" says Mrs. Elizabeth Thurston. "Wherever you go it's the same—things are what you make them yourself!"

Mrs. Thurston practises what she preaches. If things need doing, she does them. If things need to happen, she sees that they do.

Mrs. Thurston is a typical Londoner. Forthright down to earth, immensely proud of her large family and very much aware of all that happens, one can imagine just what she means when she says, "I used to do a lot of knitting—but I don't have time now!"

She is too busy looking after other people.

No time for knitting—too busy looking after others

Mark in life

Born 79 years ago in Westminster, she seems to have been making her mark on life since her early school days. She still has several medals presented to her at school, each one inscribed "Reward for good conduct and advance in learning."

She remembers playing the part of St. George in a play presented at the Old People's Palace in the Mile End Road. While she was on stage her "armoured tunic" split in half completely.

When she left school she served her apprenticeship as a tailoress. During the First World War she was a conductress on a tram, running between Barking and Bloomsbury.

The Second World War found her in the W.V.S. looking after children, manning the W.V.S. shop, taking round the tea wagon and serving refreshments after air raids.

Always loved dancing

She has always loved dancing and in her young days was very good at gymnastics. Even now she is one of the first to take to the floor when the old people's club, of which she is Chairman, hold a dance and sing-song at their weekly meetings. She loves the theatre, too.

Before the last war she and her husband bred Russian Borzoi dogs, which they showed at all the big shows in the country, including Crufts. She has innumerable award cards that her dogs have won. When the war came, however, it was no longer possible to keep the dogs.

Globe-trotting daughter

Mrs. Thurston has five children, 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

One of her daughters "globe-trots"—"I don't know where she is exactly at this minute," says Mrs. Thurston, "but I expect I shall be getting some flowers on Mother's Day!"

One of her grandsons was a junior mayor of East Ham, and two sons and two grandsons are tug-masters, like their father.

Apart from her work for the Basildon No. 1 Senior Citizens' Club, Mrs. Thurston is constantly called upon to help elderly neighbours.

"The young people round here are extremely good," she says. "They always inquire after me and often go shopping for me."

She is obviously—and rightly—appreciated by old and young alike.

ABOVE: Mrs. E. Jones, a widow, who lives at Melow Mead, Laindon, is more than grateful for the regular visits of "her two young men." They are David Clark and Michael Ludlow, both 14, who visit her weekly to do the chores she cannot manage herself, like cleaning windows and chopping wood, and so on. The boys are both pupils of Laindon County Secondary School.



RIGHT: The Gay Timers, Lee Chapel South O.A.P.'s own newly-formed concert party, who gave a splendid show to members at their meeting last Wednesday. Centre, back, is Mrs. B. Evans, organiser of the concert party and their very able pianist.

WEDDINGS OF THE WEEK

BELOW: Mr. Michael Walters, son of Mrs. Walters, of Southwick, was married on Saturday at St. Andrew's Church, Wickford, to Miss Brenda Edwards, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Edwards, of Trinder Way, Wickford. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of white satin and coat were in Empire style. She wore a Both dress and carried a bouquet of multi-coloured flowers. Her bridesmaids were Rosemarie and Pamela Munns (cousins), who wore satin dresses in pink and blue. They carried bouquets of white carnations. Mr. Paul Wannacott, a friend of the bridegroom, was the best man. (Photo by Stan Caldwell, Wickford)



BELOW: The wedding took place at Holy Cross Church, Basildon, on Saturday, of Mr. David William Kerry, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Kerry, of Diss, Norfolk, and Miss Gloria Rickerby, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Rickerby, of Quilters Straight, Basildon. Rev. R. Williams officiated. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length gown of white lace decorated with lace. She wore a matching head-dress and carried a bouquet of roses. She was attended by Miss Angela Kerry (bridegroom's sister), Miss Angela Roberts (bride's niece) and a page boy, Master Philip Fisher. Mr. Robert Whiteman was best man.



BELOW: The wedding of Mr. D. J. Higgs, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Higgs, of Great Gregorie, Basildon, and Miss N. D. Chatterton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Chatterton, of Shell Estate, Corringham, took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Corringham. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length brocade gown and a short veil secured by a coronet. She was attended by the Misses J. Broomfield, L. Plant, P. Hurst, V. Ruffell and D. Higgs and page boys Robert and Richard. Mr. T. Higgs was best man. (Photo by Roberts Studios)



ABOVE: The marriage took place on Saturday at St. Martin's Church, Basildon, between Mr. Alan William Pilgrim, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Pilgrim, of Rantree Fold, Lee Chapel South, and Miss Jean Christina Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Carr, of Gross Green, Lee Chapel South. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white satin and lace and carried a bouquet of red carnations. Mrs. Margaret Carr and Miss Judy McQueen attended and Mr. Roy Pilgrim was best man.

RIGHT: St. Catherine's Church, Wickford, was the scene on Saturday of the wedding of Mr. John William Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mason, of Greenwich, and Miss Pamela Jessie Winder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Winder, of Nevendon Road, Wickford. The service was conducted by Rev. F. G. Prance. The bride was given away by her father and wore a full-length white satin gown, with a lace coat. A coronet head-dress held a short veil, and she carried a bouquet of golden roses and yellow freesia. Best man was Mr. Gordon Bradshaw. The honeymoon is being spent in Jersey. (Photo by J. Hearn, Wickford)



ABOVE: Mr. Alan Betts, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Betts, of Orsett End, Basildon, married Miss Pauline Pizey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Pizey, of Highlands Road, Bowers Gifford, at St. Margaret's Church, Bowers Gifford, on Saturday. Rev. Eric C. Ford officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress and coat of lace with a train of nylon over silk and head-dress of pearls and diamonds. Carrying a bouquet of white roses, she was attended by Stephanie White and Linda and Janice Chitcock. Best man was Mr. Brian Betts. (Photo by Highlands Studios, Leigh)



LEFT: Miss Brigid Ann Murphy, daughter of Mrs. Anna Murphy, of Long Basildon, married Mr. John O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. James O'Brien, of Hynchens, Basildon, at St. Basil the Great, on Saturday. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Murphy, wore a full-length gown of chiffon georgette with a silk nylon veil held in place by a floral headress. Carrying a bouquet of white lilies, hyacinth pips and feathers, she was attended by the Misses Breda Murphy, Irene and Bernadette Howlin and Evelyn O'Brien. Best man was Mr. Barry Ballard. Florides Photographics, Ltd.



BELOW: A honeymoon in London following the wedding on Saturday of Mr. Peter Robin Meadows, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Meadows, of Chelmsford, who was married to Miss Helen Vera Plato, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Plato, of Great Gregorie, Basildon. The ceremony took place at St. Martin's Church, Basildon, and was conducted by the Rural Dean, Rev. A. J. Dunlop. The bride was given away by her father and chose a wedding gown of white lace over satin, full-length, with lace sleeves and train. Her bouffant veil was held by a white satin band, diamond-studded, and she carried tangerine carnations. She had one small bridesmaid, Judith Kelly, who wore a long dress of tangerine brocade, with a circular head-dress of white flowers. Best man was Mr. John Christian. Photo by Burrough, Laindon.



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ROWDYISM SPOILS "TREASURE ISLAND"

THE VOLUME of music that heralded Woodland Boys' School's production of "Treasure Island" would have done credit to a cinemascope epic, though its stops and starts were somewhat puzzling.

One can only assume it was an attempt to disguise the blatant hooliganism of some of the schoolboys, who fought, shuffled, smoked, swore, shouted, clambered over chairs, whistled, turned programmes into paper darts and talked almost non-stop for the entire first half of the play and raced in and out of the hall between scenes on Wednesday.

The few parents who braved the evening seemed puzzled at what was going on around them. Only a few attempts were made to quieten the boys.

True, it was a collection of perhaps 40 boys spread among the 200-strong audience who were responsible for most of the rowdyism. But at times it seemed the entire audience — who were, in any case, nearly all schoolboys — were deep in conversation while the actors rattled on unheeded and unheard in the background.

In these circumstances any attempt to comment seriously on what was happening on stage during the first half of the play becomes virtually impossible.

The School did not deserve an audience. No matter how good their production and actors may have been, no matter how good the scenery certainly was, behaviour like this should not be tolerated anywhere, least of all when a school puts itself on show for parents and public.

For no apparent reason things improved in the second half of the play. It was possible to hear most of what was said by the cast.

While the acting would fetch few Oscars, the production was potentially enjoyable. Undoubtedly permission has been refused for retail sales from Mr. Warr's garden supply business, but because of a technicality, Mr. Warr may continue with this side of the business.

The scenery was excellent, with splendid atmosphere for the actors to draw on. Thanks to their audience they seldom had a chance on Wednesday. The play closes tonight (Friday).



• JEAN WATTS VENTURES ACROSS FROM WOODLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL TO PLAY THE PART OF JIM'S MUM. JIM HIMSELF IS PLAYED BY BRIAN TERRY.

actors had been encouraged to take their job seriously by the audience. Cabin boy Jim Hawkins (Brian Terry) and Long John Silver (John English) gave the best performances.

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TONY BLANDFORD



• NO QUARTER FOR THE SQUIRE'S MAN, MICHAEL KING (ABOVE), WHEN SILVER RUNS HIM TO EARTH. JOHN ENGLISH PLAYS LONG JOHN. CABIN BOY HAWKINS (BRIAN TERRY) LOOKS ON.

• IT'S BEN GUNN (LEFT) GETTING READY FOR HIS SPELL OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT ON TREASURE ISLAND. PHILIP KELLY PLAYS GUNN AS WELL AS BLIND PEW. PRODUCER MR. F. BALL MADE THE HEADPIECE.

• RIGHT: MUSKETS RATTLE AND SPLINTERS FLY AS THE DEFENDERS MAN THE STOCKADE AGAINST LONG JOHN SILVER'S VILLAINS.

• LEFT: BILLY BONES (DANIEL MCGARRIGLE) DISCOVERS THAT BLIND PEW (PHILIP KELLY) IS A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT.



New look for Centre

WICKFORD Community Centre is to be given a new look during the fortnight it is closed at the beginning of August. Much of the Centre is to be redecorated and the Community Association are in urgent need of volunteers to assist in washing down and painting.

Work will be carried out in the Warden's office, hall, passageways and siderooms, but the washing down will take place prior to the closure.

Homes for Police

The Essex Police Committee on Monday accepted a tender at £8,463 for the erection of two Police houses at Billericay.

MAN'S APPEAL UPHELD

AN APPEAL by Mr. J. S. Warr, against an enforcement notice served by Basildon Council in December, 1965, has been upheld by the Minister of Housing. Permission has been refused for retail sales from Mr. Warr's garden supply business, but because of a technicality, Mr. Warr may continue with this side of the business.

The notice related to the use of the land at Lymington, Burnt Mill Road, Basildon, for the purpose of retail sales of garden supplies. The Minister quashed the notice on the grounds that it had not been served within four years of the commencement of the development.

With regard to planning permission for a hut, erected in March, 1965, however, the Minister refused this after consideration of the Inspector's conclusions that the site was not an appropriate one for retail sales and was liable to give rise to traffic difficulties.

Since the erection of the hut, Mr. Warr's business had increased through the sales of cut flowers and pot plants, though it was not considered the increase was extensive enough to involve a material change of use.

The Minister's refusal of planning permission does not prejudice Mr. Warr's immunity from enforcement action already granted to him.

Head-on crash

TWO PEOPLE were taken to hospital following a head-on crash between two cars in Noak Hill Road, Laldon, on Thursday week. They were the drivers, Mr. William Bingleton, of Mill Road, Billericay, and Mrs. Saunders, of Hutton Hall, Brentwood. Mr. Bingleton had rib injuries and Mrs. Saunders an injured wrist and cuts.

Briefs thief

Ladies underwear was stolen from a clothes line in Woolgreen, Basildon, on Monday.



Some of the youngsters who took part in the cabaret at the Barbara Holmes School of Dancing's family social at Laindon Community Centre on Saturday.

BANNED RELIGIOUS DRAMA

CONTROVERSIAL religious drama "A Man Dies"—banned from London's West End by the Lord Chamberlain—will be seen in Basildon at Easter.

It is being put on at St. Martin's Church, Town Centre, by Southend and District Young Congregationalists. Last year they performed it at Crowstone Church, Westcliff, before 2,000 people.

Now it has been brought to the New Town by an invitation from Basildon Christian Council. A team of 40 are busily rehearsing. The play, which was written in 1960 by a Bristol Presbyterian minister, tells the story of Moses through to Christ as though the events were happening today. Performed in modern dress with little scenery, but the Cross, the story is mimed

WILL BE SEEN AT EASTER

and hits out strongly at Twentieth Century pharisees and conventions. Continually comes from music and songs from a "pop" group and folk singers.

The music will be by the Saints and Sinners beat group and the Crowstone Folk Five. The parts of Christ, Moses and John the Baptist will be acted by Stan Diggins, Colin Woold and David Towel.

Narrator is Roger Storer and Jim Tarrant will supply the voice of Christ.

Produced by Derek Groom, "A Man Dies" will be performed at St. Martin's on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. Programmes are now on sale at churches.

Because the play has been seen on television and at the Albert Hall—and Harry Belafonte has recorded some of the numbers—Christian Council organisers are hoping it will attract a large number. One topical issue hit at by the players is war in Vietnam.

Your cinemas

Century, Pitsea

Monday for six days "The Spy in the Green Hat" is another adventure of the men from U.N.C.L.E. This time they are up against a mad ex-Nazi scientist who is being encouraged by T.H.R.U.S.H. to improve on an invention which will divert the Gulf Stream.

Radion, Laindon

"The Witches" (Sunday and Monday) is about a woman who returns to England after a bad experience with a witch in Africa, to find herself in a village held by a strange curse. "Que Million Years B.C." (Tuesday for five days) is a prehistoric adventure about two tribes of cave-men. The animation of prehistoric monsters is excellent.

Ritz, Billericay

Sunday and Monday "The Chase" is a drama of vicissitudes and intrigue in a small American town. "Alvarez Kelly" (Tuesday and Wednesday) is a Western adventure about a large herd of cattle during the American Civil War. Jerry Lewis stars in "Three on a Couch" (Thursday for three days) as a young man who impersonates four other young men in order to win a wife.

ABC, Southend

Showing up to and including Wednesday, "Penelope" is a light-hearted comedy about a young woman who turns bank robber to gain the attention of her neglectful husband, a preoccupied bank owner.

Odeon, Southend

Starring Dirk Bogarde and Stanley Baker "Accident" (showing up to and including Wednesday) is a melancholy tale of a middle-aged tutor whose pupil is killed in a motor accident.

Essoldo, Westcliff

Another adventure of the men from U.N.C.L.E., "The Spy in the Green Hat" (Wednesday) sets Napoleon on the trail of a mad ex-Nazi scientist who is working on a plan to divert the Gulf Stream.

Ritz, Southend

An horrific melodrama set on a desolate Caribbean island, "Castle of the Living Dead" (for one week) is a story about a mad scientist who comes up against a hideous, murderous robot.

Rio, Canvey

"South West to Sonora" (Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday) is a Western about a man in search of his horse, stolen by a Mexican bandit. "The Fighting Prince of Donegal" (Friday and Saturday) is a romantic adventure concerning the Irish troubles with the English in Queen Elizabeth I's time.

Given a chance to move out

FOR FAILING to comply with an enforcement notice to move a caravan from land at Merrylands Chase, Dunton, William Killick appeared at Billericay on Tuesday.

For Basildon Council it was stated an enforcement notice to clear the site of caravans was served on four owners of caravans in October, 1964.

When the owners left, and while the notice was still in force, Mr. Killick moved on to the land with a caravan.

Mr. Killick admitted being on the land in contravention of an enforcement notice and said he was there because he had two children going to school and they wanted education.

Mr. Killick, who was warned of the penalties which could be placed on him if he stayed on the site, had the Court's decision adjourned for a week to give him a chance to move.

Return of Irish folk singer

AN AUDIENCE of over 100 greeted the return of Irish folk singer Noel Murphy to Billericay Folk Club at the Rising Sun Hall on Friday.

Noel, who records for the Columbia label, presented a programme of mainly Irish and Scottish traditional ballads and chorus songs. He was supported by Club resident group The Freekind, who were joined for a musical nonsense song by visiting singer Dave Brown, of The Riggers.

As the Club continues to grow (membership now approaching 500) it is able to bring the most accomplished and famous singers to the Basildon area. The folk record chart-topping group The Young Tradition, some of the best exponents of English traditional singing and vocal harmonies, have been booked for an appearance in the near future.

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He's just bought a school

TO GIVE VILLAGE LIFE A BIT OF ZIP

SOLICITOR Mr. Robert Watson has bought a school. He is using the disused Church of England school at North Benfleet to revive social life in the tiny village.

The school closed in August after its class had dwindled to a handful. It is now being repaired by workmen, who are also building a single-track railway to link the school with Mr. Watson's home—the Old Rectory—a quarter-mile away.

For he is a railway enthusiast. A half-ton model engine—the Duchess of Benfleet—in L.M.S. colours, will run on the 7½ in. gauge rail.

"The children go mad over it," he said. "It is a big attraction at the church fete."

This is now to be held at the school. So are the yearly old people's dinner and meetings of church groups. In the rear classroom the North Benfleet Players meet. Producer of the 22-strong group is Mr. Watson's wife, Helena.

Livened up

"For many years the village had died down," 58-years-old Mr. Watson said. "It has now livened up quite a lot."

Secretary of the Parish Church Council Mr. Watson uses the hall of the school mainly for church social activities. But a branch of the travelling library still visits the school once a week.

Mr. Watson's business is at Southend, but he moved into the fields of North Benfleet to escape the noise and bustle of town.

"Everyone said it would be so quiet. Quite the opposite. We have more friends here than anywhere else we have lived."

His wife added: "We practically know the whole village."



MR. WATSON AND HIS WIFE HELENA AT THE VICTORIAN SCHOOL.

Restoring the school and its derelict schoolhouse is not Mr. Watson's only task. When our reporter called there were about 15 workmen busy on operations in School Lane, North Benfleet.

Impressive tower

One team were working on the 300-years-old barn at the Old Rectory. Mr. Watson took over the Old Rectory three years ago. The basis of the building dates back to around 1770 and the impressive clock tower at the front was added about 1900.

And a note for railway supporters of the steam era—the Duchess series of engines was part of Stanier's London Midland Pacific Class locomotives.

RODNEY LEGG



ABOVE: Bowers Gifford Community Association marked their first anniversary with a social on Saturday. More than 90 people attended and saw Mrs. H. M. Westlake present a writing case to founder member Mrs. B. Lord, who is leaving the district. Our photograph shows some of those present enjoying themselves.

BELOW: Members of Basildon Evening Townswomen's Guild seen at Bellmans "At Home on Knitting Problems" held at their East Walk branch on Wednesday. Also in the picture are Mrs. A. Cresswell (manageress), Mrs. P. Gillum (company buyer), Mr. B. Fisher (Area Manager) and Mr. B. Saipie (Public Relations Officer).



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BASIL IS GETTING THE RATE FOR HIS JOB

GETTING DOWN to a spot of hard work during the next fortnight is Basildon Council's recently-acquired computer. With the help of eight Council staff and two part-time programmers, "Basil" the computer is drawing up this year's rate demands.

Worth £40,000, Basil will be calling in just over £34M. from the urban district's ratepayers. Basildon Council will retain about £1,200,000 of this, but the County Council get the rest.

"Without a computer we would have had a Dickens of a job this year," said Treasurer Mr. B. S. Humphreys (above). "Things are made much more complicated by the differential rate system."

All the notices will go out around the end of the month, 20,000 of them to individual ratepayers, and sheets of assessments to the Development Corporation for their tenants. There will be only one demand to cover the whole year, offering a choice between a lump sum, half-yearly payments, or negotiation with the Treasurer's department.

"Of course, we will still issue a final notice, which will really act as a reminder, when necessary." Meantime, the rate demands are steadily coming off at the rate of 1,500 an hour.

"We get very few mistakes from Basil," said Mr. Humphreys, "but I'll be very surprised if we don't have one or two reminders sent out by mistake. I hope people will appreciate that we can then put the error right, and it will not happen again."

A jab at poetry

OUR NEWS item last week about a poetry award prompted Mr. H. Noakes, of St. Michael's Avenue, Pitsea, to send us a little contribution, penned by his daughter and inspired by the necessary inoculations given to W.R.A.F. personnel going overseas.

It runs:-
"Clinking bottles, banging doors,
Echoing footsteps on stone floors;
Voices kept discreetly low;
Thoughts are for those soon to go.
One by one they quietly vanish,
While I sit here in silent anguish,
Waiting - wondering - till they ever
Give me my jab for yellow fever!"

AIMS TO BRING THE BARD TO BILLERICAY

FOR THE first time the urban district will have its own Shakespearian group when - after Easter - an adult class starts in the Mayflower Department, Billericay, of Basildon Evening Institute.

Producer will be Mr. Ronald L. Westlake, who is well known for his work with Billericay Amateur Operatic Society. He started in amateur dramatics about 20 years ago and has played comedy leads in several musicals. Founder-member of Brentwood Festival Players,

whose main aim was open-air Shakespeare, he was trained at Trent Park College.

"Taming of the Shrew"

First play he hopes the Shakespearian group will put on is "The Taming of the Shrew" - in which Mr. Westlake has played Trinculo - but he is looking for suitable actors for the

• RONALD WESTLAKE

parts of Kate and Petruchio. "If you aspire to such dramatic heights - or are prepared to play more menial roles - contact the Principal at the school in Stock Road," said Mr. A. T. Williams, Principal of Basildon's Evening Institute courses.

He pointed out people would join a keen group of enthusiasts and also have a chance to get background knowledge on the history of the theatre in Elizabethan times.

CAN'T BEAR TO BE IDLE

Shaun (six weeks) has grand parents galore!



MASTER Shaun Andrew Jackson, born on January 28th, can look forward to plenty of attention from his doting grand parents - and his great-grandparents - and his great-grandmother! Shaun is at present completely unconcerned about the fact that

he is the fifth generation in his family; but he may possibly find so many grandparents a bit confusing in the future.

His own parents, Mr. Dennis Jackson, 19, and his wife, Jean, 18, have just moved into their new home in Collingwood Terrace, Basildon.

They do not belong to any local clubs at present.

MR. RAY WILLIAMS moved to Vista Road, Wickford, just two months ago, but already he has been recruited by Wickford Town Show and Carnival Organisation to serve on their Committee.

A development engineer, he studied at Malvern College of Electronics for five years before coming to Wickford, and while he was there he and one other organised the College's rag day procession.

"I started looking round in vain for something to do on the social side soon after I moved here," he told the "Standard." "It is a pleasant enough place, but there doesn't seem to be a lot going on."

"Then somebody told me that the Carnival Organisation were always short of helpers so, because I had got a kick out of organising

the rag procession, I decided to go along to one of their meetings and ended up on the Committee."

Unmarried, Mr. Williams has also landed himself a job as a civilian instructor with the Wickford 1471 Squadron, Air Training Corps, and it will not come as a surprise to learn that he is giving a helping hand to several other local organisations before long. "I don't like to sit at home doing nothing," he explained.

Well, fancy that

Next production of Southend Operatic Society will be "White Horse Inn" - the name of the public house of which their President, Mr. Ken Travis, is licensee at Ramsden Heath.

JOKERS WILD CUT A DISC

TIPPED BY a national newspaper as a group to watch, the Jokers Wild went to their first recording session on Saturday.

All the members of the five-man group come from this part of Essex. One, the lead singer, is 17-years-old Bob Mund, of Kent View Road, Basildon. He works for a Basildon tailoring firm. Manager of the group is Mr. Frank Presland, who lives at Hope Road, Benfleet, but is well known as the coach of Basildon and Pitsea F.C. His son, Philip, a 16-years-old draughtsman, is the drummer.

Formerly The Vampires, the group changed their name at Christmas and have been booked by halls all over Essex and on the fringe of London. The songs they recorded on Saturday were: "What are you trying to say?" and "Lost a Woman."

Other members are Brian Lawrence (23), of Orchard Avenue, Hockley, who is the bass guitarist; Peter Holliday (19), the lead guitarist; Peter Westcliff, the lead guitarist; and Mark Roberts (18), of Elm Road, Leigh, the rhythm guitarist.



BROCK HILL DRAINAGE

A SURFACE water drainage scheme for Brock Hill, Runwell, has been approved by Chelmsford Rural Council.

The scheme, costing £9,287 2s. 1d., entails discharging house drain pipes from the main drainage sewers and connecting them instead to an extended system of surface water drainage pipes. It was announced at Monday's Runwell Parish Council meeting.

This will put an end to problems, such as flooding toilets, that have plagued Brock Hill residents for several years.

Moped gone

A moped owned by Mr. Vincent Childs, of Beisteds, Basildon, was stolen on Monday night. The registration number is 236 UPO.

97 after the job of four Headships

FOUR FURTHER heads for Basildon's Comprehensive schools — chosen from 97 applicants — will be recommended to the next Education Committee meeting. All from outside Basildon, they join three local heads already named to take over comprehensive schools, and are comparatively young men.

Three out of the four are under the age of 40. They will take charge of schools with about 1,320 pupils each. These schools open in September, 1968, but heads are being appointed from January next year to let them make preparations for the mergers of existing grammar and secondary schools.

Selected applicants are:—

Mr. A. W. Lingard, M.A., for Billericay School. He is 34 and lives at Bawtry, Yorkshire. Deputy Head of Anthonpe Comprehensive School, he has also taught at a West Bromwich comprehensive school and at Hyde Grammar School, Cheshire. He has been at Anthonpe, in the West Riding, since January, 1963. Present Head at Billericay Secondary School, Mr. John Goldwin — has not been chosen for a Basildon comprehensive school.

Mr. A. H. J. Chadband, M.A., for Laindon. Aged 39, he lives at Biggleswade, Beds, and took over Holmead Secondary School, Bedford, in May, 1963. Before that he was Deputy Head of Ifracombe Grammar School. Recent Head at Laindon Secondary Mr. Walter Day has left and the post is vacant.

Mr. J. D. Greener, B.A., for Nicholas. He is 47 and Deputy Head of Joseph Leckie Grammar School, Walsall. He lives at Penn, Wolverhampton. Before going to Walsall three years ago he was a senior master at Tipton Grammar School, Staffordshire, for six years. Like Laindon, the post is at present vacant.

Mr. K. D. Barnes, B.A., for Woodlands. He is 39 and has been Head of Grays Technical High School since 1963. He lives at Uxminster. He was previously at a Hemechurch school. Fryers Head Mr. C. R. J. Baggs also came to Basildon from being Head of Grays Technical. Present Head of Woodlands Boys is Mr. J. H. J. Woodward and Miss A. S. Brewis is Head at Woodlands Girls.

Mr. A. Lindon and Nicholas are new without heads. The Education Committee will be asked to appoint Mr. Chadband and Mr. Greener as heads of the existing secondary schools from September. Secondary schools are Mr. C. R. J. Baggs for Fryers Comprehensive School, Mr. A. Bicker-



Tories score with fashions at the Bull's Eye

ABOUT 200 PEOPLE WENT TO KINGSWOOD CONSERVATIVE WOMEN'S FIRST FASHION SHOW.

RUN BY THEIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IT WAS HELD AT THE BULL'S EYE ON THURSDAY. MEMBERS MODELLED FOR KAY ELLIS, OF BILLERI-

CAY, WHO ALSO COMPERED THE SHOW. CLOTHES RANGED FROM CASUAL WEAR TO SUITS AND SUMMER DRESSES. MRS. BRENDA FISK, OF

REGENCY HOUSE, KINGSWOOD, ORGANISED A HAIR FASHION PARADE. THIS WAS THE BIGGEST EVENT WE HAVE PUT ON IN THREE YEARS," SAID

COMMITTEE MEMBER MRS. MARGARET BOOT. "IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS."

OUR PICTURE LEFT SHOWS A MODEL WEARING A TROUSER SUIT AND FAIR ISLE JERSEY.

BELOW: AMONG THE GUESTS WERE MRS. A. BARON BURN, WIFE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.



Part of national network

THE NEWLY-FORMED Billericay branch of the nationwide network of 18+ Groups held their first meeting at the Crown Hotel on Thursday week.

Over 100 people attended the meeting, which was supported by contingents from other 18+ Groups in Chelmsford, Brentwood, Colchester and Southend. The Billericay branch was inaugurated by a dozen local youngsters, who have been attending the 18+ group in Brentwood, because "there was nothing for young people to do in the town."

They will meet at the Crown Hotel at 8 p.m. every Thursday from now on, and a full programme of activities, including talks, demonstrations, debates, film shows and outings, has already been arranged. The aim of the Group is to help young people between the ages of 18 and 30 live life "as fully as possible." Scott told the Standard: "We are non-political and non-religious. All we try to do is to provide young people with the means to enjoy themselves." Cost of membership? Ten shillings, with a weekly subscription of 2s.

M.P. ACTS

Concern by a resident over a bend in the proposed extension of Elder Close, Wickford, was taken up by Billericay M.P. Mr. Eric Moonman with Basildon Council.

From his approach has come a statement through Town Manager Mr. David Taylor. He says that the road, being a purely residential one, will be subject to a 30 m.p.h. speed limit, and the bend is so very slight that it cannot be regarded as a hazard.

"It is common practice to have curving roads in housing schemes, and the bend proposed does not make for any particular difficulties," he says.

Tubing stolen

About £700 worth of coiled copper tubing has been stolen from contractors working on the Burn Hall Estate.

School thief

A case opener was stolen by a thief who broke into crowded Junior School, Marshams Chase, Laindon, over the weekend.

ALL HE WANTED WAS TO SEE HIS CHILDREN

AFTER LEAVING him and taking their children with her, the wife of Thomas Morgan was looked after by friends.

Her husband called to see her on several occasions and there were arguments. Then, said Mr. T. Lavelle, prosecuting, at Billericay on Tuesday, on one call Morgan attacked his wife's host.

Morgan (31), of The Hatherley, Basildon, pleaded guilty to assaulting Mr. Roy Player, causing him actual bodily harm, and causing wilful damage amounting to £29 to a wrist watch and pane of glass.

He was fined £10, ordered to make restitution of £29 and to pay costs of £4 16s. 10d.

He was given a month to pay or, in default, two months' prison.

Mr. Lavelle said Morgan called at the Players' home and asked to see his wife and children.

FORCED WAY IN

He would not believe they were not there and forced his way into the hall, where he attacked Mr. Player.

Mr. Player's wrist watch came off and was smashed and the glass window from the kitchen to the hall broken.

Morgan said he became very upset and worried when he was told his wife and children were not at the house. "I didn't believe my children were not there. All I wanted to do was to see my children."

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FACTORY GOSSIP

Leakproof and tough carton

THE DAY of the tin can is nearly over. This is the forecast from Pembroke Cartons, who this week announced a major breakthrough in packaging.

Cause of all the excitement at their Basildon headquarters has been the development of a carton with a built-in lining which will hold any material from soft drinks to wine, from oil to powder.

It is leakproof, tough, stackable and easily disposed of, claim Pembroke's, and it should put the tin can where it belongs—in the Iron Age.

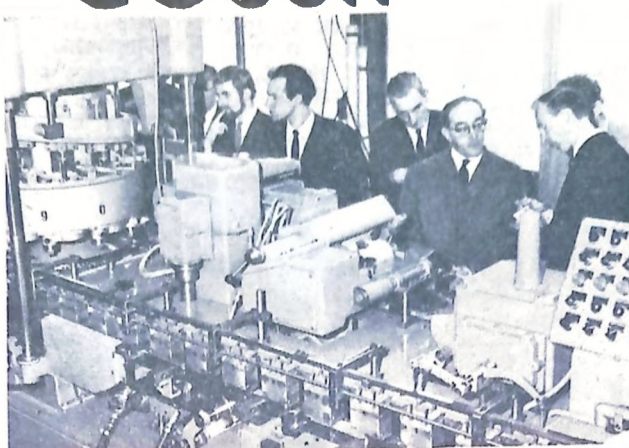
Pembroke Cartons, jointly owned by Iford and Carrara, have been working on the new system for three years.

"The need for this kind of packaging has been growing as manufacturers have tried to cut costs," said Mr. Harry Hyams, sales director. "We think we have the answer for them."

Left: The new packaging system which Pembroke Cartons unveiled this week.



MR. PATRICK D'DOWN, OF HAWKWELL, A PRESS TOOL MAKER, SEEN HERE OPERATING A SURFACE GRINDER AT COLUMBIA TOOLS AND ENGINEERING CO., LTD., AT WICKFORD.



COLUMBIA HAVE DOUBLED SIZE

COLUMBIA Tool and Engineering Co., Ltd., the precision engineers of Bruce Grove, Wickford, have doubled the size of their factory in the past month.

They set themselves up 21 years ago in a 2,800 square foot unit and are now in the process of expanding into the one next door. Standard Manufacturing Co., Ltd., having moved out.

Reason, according to Joint Managing Directors Mr. George Robbins and Mr. Robert Robbins, is "a steady flow of work for regular customers and an increasing number of new customers to whom we have been recommended."

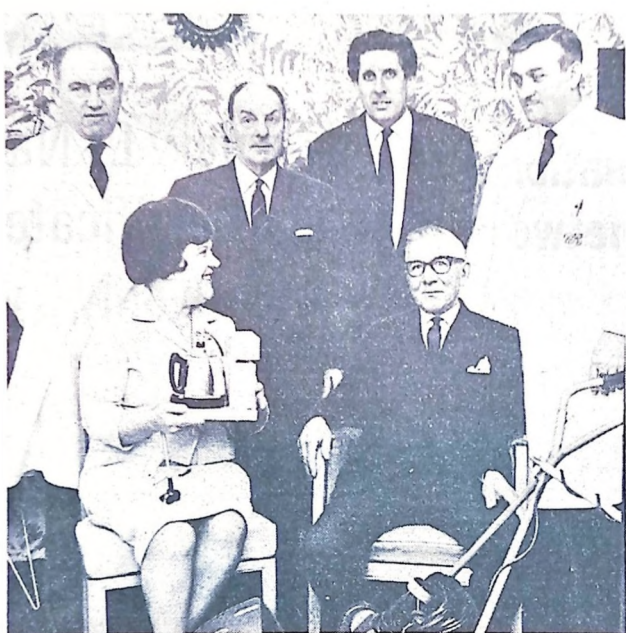
Columbia make press tools, jigs and fixtures—specialising in progression tools—and the brothers now employ 26 people, including their secretarial staff. They were on their own when they started.

Then they had only seven machines, but they have increased this figure to 19, and now, with additional space for them, they have four more on order with two more planned.

"We are all the time increasing our capacity to tackle all sorts of press toolmaking," said Mr. George Robbins.

The expansion will also make possible a reorganisation in the factory.

A separate jig boring and grinding room is to be set up in the new unit and the drawing office will also be moved there and enlarged. The present drawing office will become an enclosed inspection department.



RETIRED ON HIS BIRTHDAY AND RECEIVES A LAWNMOWER! GOOD TURN-OUT FOR

MARCONI CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

TWO CARRERAS workers seated (above) retired on Monday. For Mr. George Corp, of the engineering department, retirement day was also his 65th birthday.

Mrs. Margaret Wheeler also retired, from being

a waste recorder. Mr. Corp had been with the firm 32 years and Mrs. Wheeler 21 years.

Production director Mr. L. E. Broffitt gave Mr. Corp an electric lawnmower—

his hobby is gardening—and a

teamaid to Mrs. Wheeler.

Her interests have included swimming, photography and bowling. "But I have got a bit past them now," she admitted.

Mr. Corp lives at Great Gregorie

and Mrs. Wheeler in Gold-

hanger Cross, Basildon. Mr. Corp's married son John is also in the Carreras engineering department and was at his father's leaving party on Monday.

WHEN A "Factory Gossip" team visited the Wickford factory of Lipa and Isostat, Ltd., they found 15-year-old Stephen Richardson (above), of Clarence Road, North Benfleet, the only boy among 15 girls at the factory.

Stephen joined the French firm, who manufacture compact bakelite and phosphor-bronze push-button switches, six months ago when they opened up in Wickford.

"At first I was embarrassed when I realised that I was going to be the only boy on the benches, but I soon got used to it," he said.

Now I mix with the girls quite freely—it beats talking to yourself—but I wouldn't mind one or two other lads to keep me company," he added.

An apprentice fitter, Stephen attended courses in general engineering at Southend College of Technology.

He is also an active member of Basildon Cycling Club. He gained second place in the Essex Cycling Championship heats last year, and is the holder of the club trophy for the best rider under 16.

FORTY PEOPLE went to Basildon Marconi Club's annual meeting on Monday. "One of our best turn-outs for some time," agreed the officers.

Secretary Mr. Les Norton reported on the Club's 11 sections and said that, as in previous years, the daily competition had been responsible for the major portion of the Club's income. Overall profit was £2900, £220 less than last year. Members should realise that continued progress depended on this draw.

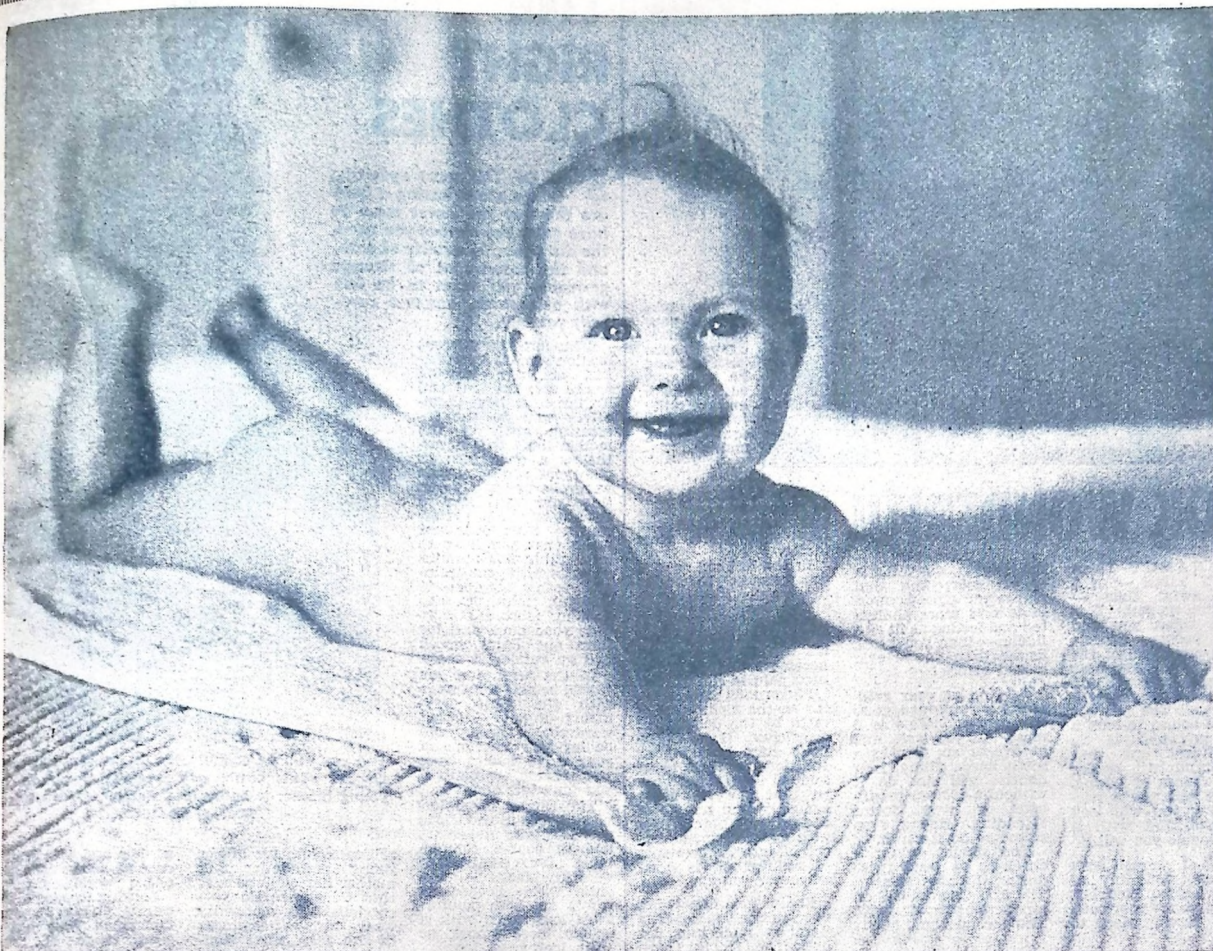
The Club held 14 sessions during the year. The youngest section, youngsters, had held its first function on New Year's Eve, when 30 people dined in the works canteen.

The darts section had chalked up another successful year and were in a strong position this season.

Membership of most sections had increased. And the photographic section was particularly busy. The Sub-Aqua Club had run their full weekend dives on the South Coast.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. Les Norton; Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Smith; Secretary, Mr. J. H. Smith; Treasurer, Mr. J. H. Smith; and other officers. They will meet again next Monday.





Babies at their best — sweet and warm from a bath, full of chuckles and good cheer. This is Elaine Edwards aged six months.



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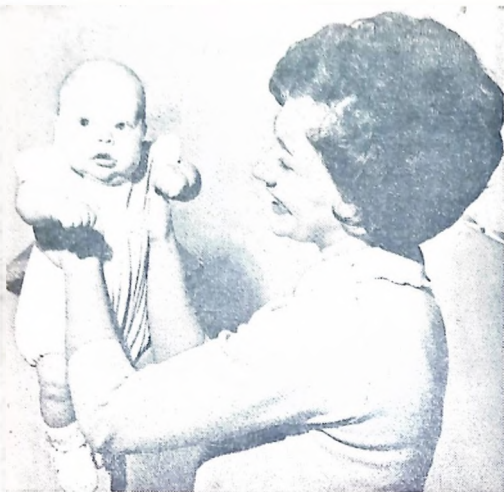
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If you take care of your health before baby is born both you and he will glow with health and vitality just like this pretty young mother.

LOOK WONDERFUL

PREGNANCY IS A PRETTY TIME — or a pretty awful time — depending on you. It is a time when you and other people become acutely conscious of the way you look. And here the word conscious should be stressed — not self-conscious. The attitude of "I'm bound to look a sight, anyway," is an unintelligent one that no "Standard" reader should dream of taking. So start with the conviction that you will look wonderful and with a little trouble you will.

Think of yourself as a caretaker, not only of your own good looks but of the treasure your body holds. Having risen to

the heights, the thing is to do everything that makes you more comfortable and more contented and feeling as fit as a fiddle — then you'll look better than you've ever looked before!

As soon as your pregnancy is confirmed, go to the dentist. This is a must. If you wait, and at five or six months a tooth needs filling, your dentist will not do it without a doctor's certificate or your doctor attending. He may even refuse to do it at all.

You should go for a check-up at least twice during the nine months. The first time he will do any serious repair work. The second time, at six

months, he will only have to check on your gums and possibly clean and free your teeth from tartar.

In the bad old days it was almost inevitable that women lost some or all of their teeth with childbirth, but today if one tooth is even marred it's usually because the necessary visits have not been paid to the dentist.

Fingernails are affected in the same way as teeth by the double call on calcium. If the fingernails start breaking or splitting, cut them short and cut them every week so that the tip never comes beyond the tip of the finger. Paint them with colourless iodine and rub oil into them (a spot of codliver oil is best) whenever you can.

Shoes are important, but you don't necessarily have to rush into flat heels if you feel that high ones do something for you. Also if you have always worn high heels you will find that your muscles are not going to take kindly to flat ones. Don't go tottering around on thin heels, but the new lower, blocky heels look good and are comfortable.

More important than ever is your hair. The prettiest and easiest to manage are the short styles. Here's a tip from an experienced mother-to-be who kept up her fortnightly visits to the hairdresser right to the end because it kept her morale high. She said that towards the end of the nine months she found the dryer a great thirst-maker and as it was not possible or even convenient to get water or tea she always took a flask of orange juice with her. She also had another good idea — a baby carrying pillow (a small hard cushion) which she took to the cinema, theatre or hairdressers. This, pushed into the small of her back, made all the difference to her comfort.

Don't leave it too long before you buy a small maternity suspender belt. If you start wearing it at three months you have time to get used to it before you are too large and as it acts as a kind of sling it accommodates itself in turn to your particular shaped swelling!

At the same time buy a strong brassière with a good uplift and an expanding fastening, and when you get really heavy wear it at night as well as during the day. This will not only make you much more comfortable in bed but will save stretching and that ugly sagging line.

Take care of your skin. If you tend to have a dry skin it may become dryer, so a little skin food would be a good idea. Funnily enough this is a time when you won't suffer from spots and your skin should be at its best. A light make-up would be best — the smallest amount of foundation and a soft rose shade of lipstick.

THE RIGHT CLOTHES

SOME OF THE most upsetting things about having a baby are the way you never seem to have quite the clothes you need, the disappearing quality of cash, and the assortment of strange garments you seem to be left with afterwards, however carefully you buy.

Although the current fashion trend is for waistless or high-waisted frocks and the tent and Kaftan lines lend themselves well to the increasing girth of the mother-to-be, it is nevertheless a good idea to plan your while-you-wait wardrobe carefully so that you can have a bracing buy or two afterwards. This does not mean that you have to lurk within five minutes of home with your ordinary clothes strained to bursting point or with nothing more subtle to hide your hope and joy than one floral smock and an outside in coats.

In the beginning you should be able to manage with the most easy-fitting of your existing wardrobe. Others will be far less conscious of your extra inches than you imagine, especially if you don't talk about it.

The ranges of maternity clothes in the shops now are pretty and smart and, of course, comfortable. Don't be afraid of wearing slacks — the ones with scooped-out fronts are both comfortable and, worn with a simple loose smock or shirt, look good, too.

MATERNITY FASHIONS IN BASILDON

Mrs. Constance Rose Forster has young mothers-to-be very much in mind and with the



You can still be comfortable in casual slacks and smock. This outfit was specially chosen for a young mother-to-be by Mrs. Forster, of Constance Rose, of Basildon.

critical comments of her young daughter Jackie (a mother herself) she sees that Constance Rose — specialists in maternity wear — always has stocks of the very latest slim-line dresses and trousers. Styles to flatter in those early days, as well as through the final trying weeks, are always available. Mrs. Forster will always give advice and guidance from her

wisdom and wide experience as, as she calls herself, a "working mum." Looking forward to the warm summer days Constance Rose has a good range of crisp, cool cottons which will make you look chic however bulky you feel. One particularly attractive frock is made of Moogashel, with the latest crocheted neckline and front panel.

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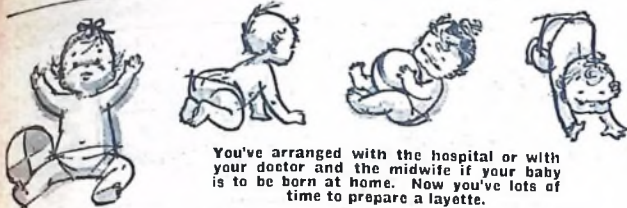
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A BASIC LAYETTE

YOU MAY THINK you have plenty of time to prepare baby's layette, but it's surprising how quickly time goes, so you might as well start preparing right away. Here is a basic layette.

VESTS (four).— Fine wool tie-across coat vests should be comfortable for spring or early summer. Look out for envelope shoulders and no fastenings.

DAY DRESSES (four).— Nowadays gowns don't have to be long, though a long white dress is useful. Sleeves should be long and the gown at least cover baby's feet. Alternatively you could buy a couple of brushed nylon or wool-cotton mixture and "angel tops." These cost around 17/11 to 18/11.

NIGHTGOWNS (four).— These should have long sleeves in, say, Vyella, Ceydella, knitted nylon, etc.

MATINEE COATS (four).— If you're lucky you'll probably have quite a batch of matinee coats from loving aunts and cousins and future grandmas. These can be knitted, brushed nylon or Orlon.

NAPKINS (three dozen— one dozen gauze and two dozen terry towelling).— Gauze is used under terry towelling, or you can buy gauze-backed terry by Harrington. Or there are disposable napkins such as Golden Babe.

MITTENS (four pairs).— These you can knit so easily. Make them without thumbs to tie round the wrist. Use them when the weather is cool.

BOOTEES (four pairs).— Again you'll probably have quite a few pairs as presents. These are necessary because baby's feet do get cold quickly.

BONNET (one).— Again useful when weather is cool — and again you'll

probably have one or two as presents.

SHAWLS (two).— One of the most useful items in a layette. Wrap baby up like a cocoon over the rest of his clothes and he'll settle down to sleep in his pram warm and comfortable.

BLANKETS (two).

PLASTIC PANTS (two).— Make sure they are supple and that baby is never left in them when his nappies are wet.

Everything should be ready by the sixth month, for after that getting about is not so easy.

If your confinement is to be at home, make sure that everything in the bedroom is as the midwife needs it. Consult with her and she will tell you what she needs. Be sure to arrange for somebody to look after you while you're in bed. The Home Help service run by the local authority is very reasonable.

FEEDING BABY

Two things in your baby's diet should never vary: Your interest in it and your certainty that he is getting all the necessities of life.

That means proteins, starches, fats, minerals, vitamins and water, all in balanced, attractive and easily-digested form.

Even when baby is given breast milk from birth he still needs extra supplies of mineral iron and of vitamins C and D from about three months old. Vitamin A which is derived from animal and plant fats is essential, as is vitamin E which is also derived from animal and plant sources. Vitamin B, derived from yeast, vegetable extract and animal sources is also essential to life as well as growth.

Giving a lot of vitamins or iron tonics will not make baby bigger or stronger, only regular attention to details will produce permanent results. Make sure baby has regular sleep and fresh air and a good appetite will result.

Godfrey the chemist in Basildon stocks just about every baby food and is always willing to give advice.

BABY FACTS

- ★ Over 990,000 babies are born in the United Kingdom — or nineteen babies to every thousand people living in Great Britain — each year.
- ★ Boys outnumber girls by 30,000.
- ★ Seventy per cent of babies are born in hospital.
- ★ Eighty-six per cent of all first babies are born in hospital.
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 2. Make sure that every pair of shoes is carefully fitted.
 3. Baby's first shoes should be soft and flexible.
 4. For older children shoes should fit snugly and see that the fitting is exactly right at toes, heels and instep, and laces and straps not too tight, and that soles are flexible.
 5. Shoes should never be passed from one child to another.
 6. Have a regular quarterly foot-size check at Charsleys.

Think of the Future

WHATEVER the arguments for and against such examinations as the 11-plus, there will have to be some method of sorting children of different abilities. Now the chances are that your child will be able to pass the sort of tests which will apply in 10 or 12 years' time, but suppose he doesn't, and you would like him, for his own good, to go to a special fee-paying school?

The answer to the problem is to take out an adaptable educational assurance policy and to build up a fund which can be drawn upon in the expensive educational period. Premiums depend on the parent and the term of policy — the lower the age of the child at the time of taking it

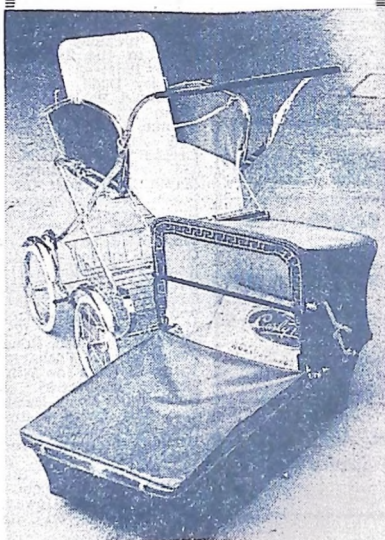
out, the longer the term and so the lower the premium rate.

A typical scheme provides that for an annual premium of £31.15.0 a 30-years-old parent can provide a sum of £500 which will be payable in 15 instalments starting 13 years after taking out the policy.

Larger sums can be provided at an extra cost on a series of policies available from any insurance agent. Income tax relief can be readily obtained by pointing out the premium paid to one's Inspector of Taxes.

So your child's education is not limited to that provided by the local authority and no parent need accept their verdict on his child's capabilities and educational needs.

A NEW ALL-PURPOSE PRAM



BUYING A PRAM is exciting, especially nowadays when there are so many new designs. At Berman's in Basildon the new Baby Boy dual-purpose pram should be very popular indeed. As can be seen from the photograph above it is a folding pram, carrycot, stroller, with hood and apron.

A lightweight

Baby Boy is ideal for families living in flats or smaller houses for it is 30% lighter in weight than the average pram and when folded the frame has small outside measurements and the modern design of the body provides the maximum amount of lying space, yet takes up the minimum amount of room.

Convertible

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CHILDREN'S PAGE



WANTED: A GIANT DUST-PAN

ISN'T THIS a lovely big broom? Just think of all the dust you could sweep up in one go with that! The trouble would be finding a dust-pan big enough to go with it, though!

Pushing it are two happy young people, Jane (9) and Michael Daly (7), of Belmont Avenue, Wickford, and who were at a jumble sale on Saturday at Wickford Community Hall. Their mother had gone along to take care of one of the stalls and they went along to help.

Michael goes to Wickford Infants' School, but soon he will be going up into the Junior School with sister Jane. Jane loves reading and both children love acting.



THEY PLAYED FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

Birthday
greetings

GREETINGS FOR a very happy birthday go this week to the following Happy Pals:—

Lesley Dodd, of Lun-
cles Road, Basildon (9);
Helen Giles, of Lake
Avenue, Billericay (5),
and Rita Lawler, of
Great Spenders, Basildon
(13), all on Saturday,
March 11th. Janet Gus-
terson, of Waldegrave,
Basildon (12); Alison
Frankland, of Whitmore
Way, Basildon (11);
Geoffrey Hanser, of Swal-
lowdale, Basildon (15);
Deborah Ewen, of Great
Gregorie, Basildon (9),
and Michelle Carlo, of
Moss Close, Vange (2),
all on March 12th. Rona
Forteous, of Paslowes,
Vange (11), on the 13th.
Terence Hackett, of
Burnt Mills Road, Basil-
don, and Barry Mans-
field, of Spenders Close,
Basildon (8), both on the
14th. John Jennings,
of The Slades, Vange (12),
on the 15th, and Louise
Shirley, of The Upway,
Basildon (7), on the
16th.

Very many happy
returns of the day to
you all.

AUNTIE LIZ.

I MET TWO very talented little girls on Sunday at Wickford Salvation Army Citadel. They were attend-
ing the Mothering Sunday service, which was held
specially for the Sunday School children and their
mothers, and they both played piano solos, to the
delight of everyone
there.

You can see them both
in our picture above
(although they both sat
on the same stool, they
did not play a duet!).
Nearest to the camera is
Judith Stock, who is 10
and lives in Lee Chapel
North, Basildon.

Judith attends Janet
Duke Junior School and
she is a Junior Soldier in
the Salvation Army. Her
main interest is music
and last week she sat
her Grade Three exami-
nation.

Her companion is Gil-
lian Toppie, also 10, who
lives in Athelstan Gar-
dens, Wickford.

Gillian attends Wick-
ford Junior School and
she has studied the
piano for two years.
Shortly she will take her
Grade One examination
and I know you will join
me in wishing her every
success.

Gillian has other

Secret message

VWJ ZIQ LQZBFA VF
JVKPUJ JAA MIW
DIPNUJ PNEK ZUVWJ
B'D KQWJ KNJGG LJ
PNWGGJE BM ZIQ EI

Interests besides music
— she loves swimming
and is also a member of
the Wickford Junior
Medau Class, which
means that she takes
part in music and move-
ment.

I have seen lots of
Medau Classes at work,
very graceful they are,
too.

Keep up the good work,
Judith and Gillian, and
one day, perhaps, we
shall be able to buy
tickets to attend your
concerts.

CLEVER PEOPLE

AT ONE time an indepen-
dent kingdom, Babylon be-
came the capital of Baby-
lonia about 2,000 B.C.
This was during the
reign of King Hammurabi,
who drew up an impor-
tant code of law which
he gave his name.

The fertile valleys of
the Euphrates and the
Tigris were particularly
good for growing crops
and the Babylonians built
canals to irrigate the
land and drain the mar-
shes. They grew a lot of
wheat and became very
rich. Trade with other
countries developed and
the canals became even
more important as river
boats were used to carry
the merchandise.

Towns were built near
the canals and the popu-
lation increased. The
Babylonians were very
clever; they developed
mathematics and studied
the stars. They also made
pottery and sculpture, and
planned beautiful build-
ings.

Do you know?

LICHEN is a low form of
plant life in which two
quite different kinds of
plants have combined to
help each other.

One kind is a fungus,
which extracts part of the
plant food from the wood,
bark or stone on which it
grows.

The other kind is an
alga, a plant which con-
tains chlorophyll; the cells
of the alga are entangled
in the threads of the
fungus.

The lichen has no leaves,
but the cells of the alga
supply carbohydrates by a
process called "photosyn-
thesis" just as leaf-bear-
ing plants do.

Many lichens look like
grey-green papery scales,
but others resemble long,
tangled masses of hair
hanging from the branches
of trees.

'Standard' Happy Pals League

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YOUR FULL NAME

YOUR ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH

Please send this form to "Auntie Liz".
"Standard" Office, 10 Southernhay,
Basildon.

DUMBELLE ...

by Brian Richardson



Andrew (7) an uncle four times over!

DEAR HAPPY PALS,

I have three letters to tell you about this week. The first is from Mrs. Crudgington, who, you may remember, was searching for two little girls named Christine and Pamela, who were kind to her at Christmas.

She writes to tell me that the two children concerned called on her on Friday after seeing our paper. They live at Falkenham Rise, Basildon, but your other name, girls. She was very pleased to see you, though, and most grateful for all you have done for her.

My second letter is from Mrs. O. Want, who tells me that we have indeed another Happy Pal, who is more! This one is Andrew Payne, of Thistle-down, Basildon, who is seven, and has four nephews and little boy, Desmond, who is 5½, and who joined the League last July with Uncle Andrew. Desmond lives at Pattsick Square, Basildon.

The third letter is from Mr. A. Pegrum, who signs himself "Happy Pal's Dad," and tells me that his daughter, Heather, was three years old on March 9th, not two. So sorry, Heather.

With love from

AUNTIE LIZ



"Not to worry" on birthday

Celebrating their 21st birthday with a party in place of their usual monthly meeting on Wednesday week were Crays Hill Women's Institute members. Friends and members of the Mayflower Group were welcomed by the President (Mrs. Cattell). A comedy entitled "Not to Worry" was presented by Hutton Women's Institute members. Tea convenors were Miss M. Gower and Mrs. Lloyd. Music was provided by Mrs. D. Fowles, who was also responsible for the decorations.

MOTHER TOOK HUSBAND'S BELT TO DAUGHTER

A 31-YEARS-OLD Basildon woman, said to have hit her daughter because she lost a door key, was conditionally discharged, bound over in the sum of £10 to keep the peace for 12 months and ordered to pay five guineas costs at Billericay on Monday.

She was Mrs. Theresa Button, of The Fremnells, who pleaded guilty to assaulting her 11-years-old daughter, Carol, causing her actual bodily harm.

Prosecuting, Police Inspector Bruce Irwin said the girl stayed at school to play badminton and found she had lost the front door key of her home.

The Headmaster telephoned her mother at work and passed a message to the girl that she should go to a friend's house.

The girl did so and her mother met her and was annoyed because the girl had lost the key.

She told the girl to go home, but she did not because she was under the impression the door would not be open. But her father was waiting at home for her.

HIT IN EYE

The same night, when the girl had gone to bed, her mother went into the room and began to get very angry. She hit the girl about the body. The girl was struck in the eye and fell to the ground where her mother, who was wearing slippers, kicked her. The girl's eye was swollen and began to bleed.

Insp. Irwin said when seen by a Policewoman Mrs. Button admitted hitting the girl with her husband's belt.

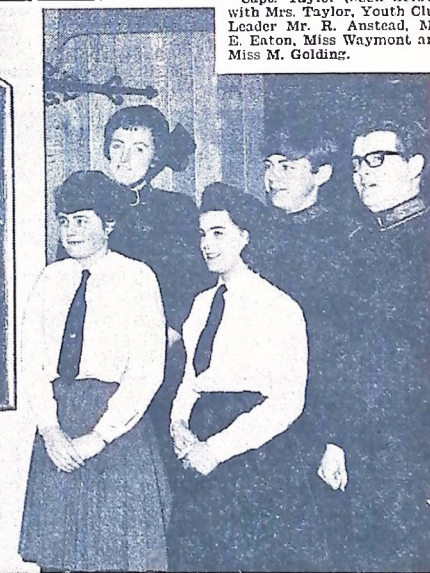
Mrs. Button told the Court: "I think I got in a temper and took my husband's belt to her. Quite by accident it caught her in the eye."

The Warmongers are here . . .

... PROCLAIMS a poster outside Wickford Salvation Army Corps Citadel. It is part of a campaign organised by Capt. Brian Taylor to coincide with a television programme this week entitled "The Warmongers." The programme questioned the ability of the Salvation Army to attract young people to its ranks.

Capt. Taylor said: "My purpose is to let Wickford people who watch television know that the same type of work that was illustrated on the programme actually goes on in this town, too."

Capt. Taylor (seen below) with Mrs. Taylor, Youth Club Leader Mr. R. Anstead, Mr. E. Eaton, Miss Waymont and Miss M. Golding.



Protect yourself against the Council — warns M.P.

FEARS of Basildon council house tenants in School Road, Billericay, expressed to the "Standard" last week, about the possible demolition of their houses, may be unfounded.

But if demolition does come, every endeavour will be made to ensure that tenants suffer as little inconvenience as possible, the Council stated.

In a letter to Mr. Eric Moonman, M.P., who backed a petition from the tenants to the Council protesting at the threatened demolition, Mr. David H. Taylor (Town Manager) says the Council's Housing Committee, as a possible alternative to modernising the houses, have asked the architect to prepare a scheme for comprehensive redevelopment of the site.

"The architect is preparing a scheme and after consultations with the Ministry of Housing a further report will be submitted to the Committee and the Council for their consideration."

"At the moment there is no Council decision to demolish the houses and until the architect's proposals have been fully discussed and a decision made, you will appreciate it is impossible to give any more definite information on the future of these houses," says Mr. Taylor.

He adds: "In the event of the Council deciding to redevelop this site, every endeavour will be made to ensure that the tenants suffer as little inconvenience as possible."

Mr. Moonman has advised the petition organiser (Mr. William Tucker) to keep reminding the Council and the local councillors to ensure that any intended plan has got to be properly debated and full opportunity given for disagreements to be raised.

"You have got to protect yourself against the Council because so often the individual's wishes are ignored. It must not happen here," Mr. Moonman adds.

£174,394 schools

An estimate at £174,394 for the proposed new Mill House Infant's school, Basildon, was approved by the Education Committee on Monday.

Tylands Club

An enjoyable evening was held at The Crown Billericay, on Friday, when the Foresters Riding Club was a guest of the Tylands Riding Club, for a film show and quiz. The films were about a day's hunting.

After the films, the quiz: the teams comprised: Foresters — Joan Giffin, Lesley Allen, Sue Ford and J. Bowles; Tylands — H. Garcia Velez, S. Norington, P. O'wies and J. Brace. After a hard battle the Foresters team won.

NOT STANDING

One of Runwell Parish Council's representatives on Chelmsford Rural and Essex County Councils will not be standing for re-election to the Parish and Rural District Councils in May.

He is Mr. Robert Foulsham, of Rettendon Common. This was stated at a Parish Council meeting on Monday. Now the Parish Council have got to select a new candidate to stand for the Rural Council to partner their Chairman (Mr. H. P. Liberty).

Grass fires

Basildon firemen dealt with two grass fires in Pitsea on Thursday. One was in Waterville Road, the other in Chestnut Avenue, Pitsea. On Friday they attended a chimney fire in Burnt Mills Road, Basildon, and on Saturday a grass fire in Timberling Lane.

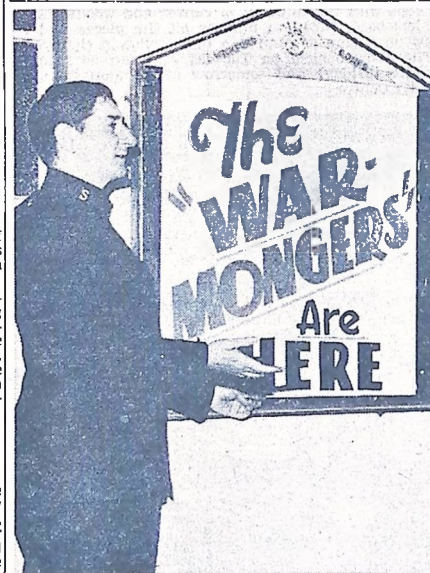
81, found wandering

EIGHTY-ONE-YEARS-OLD Mr. Herbert Gwinnett, of Gladwyns, Basildon, was reported missing on Monday night.

He was found the following morning wandering near Standard Telephones' factory on the No. 2 Industrial Estate. Mr. Gwinnett left home to visit his daughter in Ballards Walk and disappeared.

Line danger

Pieces of wood were removed from the railway line near Church Road, Basildon, on Sunday after reports that objects had been thrown on to the track by children.



A DRY DAY FOR SAINT PATRICK?

WHEN MR. DALY failed to appear at Billericay on Tuesday in support of an application for extended drinking hours at Basildon's Irish Club on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, the Chairman commented: "St. Patrick is going to be very dry if he isn't here."

But Mr. Daly did not come forward when his name was called outside the Court.

"Is no one willing to stand in for St. Patrick?" asked Mr. Dunnico.

No one was, so Mr. Dunnico, obviously having the well-being of the district's Irishmen at heart, adjourned the application for a week.

"Mr. Daly had better be here by next Tuesday otherwise there may be difficulties for St. Patrick," he added.

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LET THE PUBLIC SEE PRODUCER IN ACTION

Tony Blandford

A PLAY—or more particularly a musical—can sometimes be vastly more entertaining when viewed at dress rehearsal than it will be under the straitening influence of a full audience.

Theatrical convention demands that "on the night," mistakes are plastered over to the best of the company's ability.

The result is that the public are not privileged to see a producer in action. This is a pity, especially when the producer is a man like Mr. John Briggs, who is behind Basildon Amateur Operatic Society's production of "The Rebel Maid" at Lalndon this week.



• THE REBEL MAID, PLAYED BY JOYCELYN COOKE.

At dress rehearsal, Mr. Briggs is one of the principal players, racing up and down the empty auditorium, exhorting more use of the lungs from the back of the hall, waving players further right or left and occasionally leaping on-stage to adjust a troublesome prop.

Come first night, he is relegated to silent prayer.

Perhaps some day, a daring company may put on a string of dress rehearsals instead of the usual performances. It could well pay dividends.

The audience would certainly enjoy themselves, and the feeling of being on the inside might well produce some welcome membership applications.

Mr. Briggs has produced the Society's shows since 1961 and has a considerable field of talent to draw from.

This year in "The Rebel Maid" he was able to give the part of the hero, Derek Lanscombe, commander of a rebel cutter, to relative newcomer John Spriggs. Joycelyn Cooke plays opposite him as the Rebel Maid herself, while George Siggers—attired in funeral black—is the villain of the piece, Sir Stephen Crespinny.

Set in the Devonshire of 1688, "The Rebel Maid" adds music and romance to one of the tamest invasions in British history—the landing of William,



• LORD MILVERTON (RALPH ALLEN) WITH HIS SON DEREK (JOHN SPRIGGS) AND DEREK'S TREACHEROUS COUSIN STEPHEN (GEORGE SIGGERS).

Prince of Orange, to claim the Crown from those erratic Stuarts. With wigs galore, cavalier costume for the men, fetching frills for the ladies, and the well-known "Fishermen of England" audience-rouser, the show is a reliable winner.

Ralph Allen, cast as Derek's father Lord Milverton, has, perhaps, the most resplendent costume—a frock coat in 1667 mauve. Alan van Cortel, Keith Elliott and Rena Davies deal competently with the comedy.

Three scene changes

Others taking part are John Foot, Robert Walmsley, Frederick Wheeler, Olive Pearson, Mary Pitts, Lillian Allen and a 32-strong chorus.

Headache for co-producer Mr. Eric Rand has been the three scene changes which the show calls for. To cope with the 40 pieces of canvas and woodwork he has been forced to number all the pieces and draw up a plan of campaign to be followed rigidly.

The show opened on Tuesday and can be seen tonight (Friday) and tomorrow at Lalndon Community Centre.



• CONTEST FOR ABIGAIL'S AFFECTIONS. CONTENDERS ARE SEPTIMUS BUNKLE (ALAN VAN CORTEL) AND SOLOMON HOOKER (KEITH ELLIOTT). ABIGAIL IS PLAYED BY RENA DAVIES. BELOW: THE CAST.



LABOUR PARTY IS SPLIT OVER THE £75,000 ARTS CENTRE PLAN

LABOUR GROUP Leader Joe Morgan launched a biting attack on the Council for spending £60,000 on a Civic Arts Centre on Thursday—but all he succeeded in doing was splitting his own party.

The attack came when Coun. Morgan was commenting on the Council's rate increase of 7d. which was caused, he said, by their splashing out large sums of money on projects such as the Civic Arts scheme.

Describing the Council's £60,000 contribution to the cost of the £75,000 Arts Centre as "fantastic," Coun. Morgan drew attention to the wage freeze. People are expected to make ends meet without more pay," he said. "We turn round so glibly and say the cost must be met out of the rates. The Tories steal a penny from the capital fund and pay it back out of rates to pay for the civic theatre. Every year the cost will be that much larger."

Not the time

The theatre would never be self-supporting, he said. "Some of my members accept the need for a civic theatre—we all do—but this is not the time to build it."

People were fond of quoting "You cannot live by bread alone" in support of the scheme. "But in a time of financial difficulty bread is far better than Shakespeare," said Coun. Morgan.

He challenged Tory councillors to break with the Party whip and represent the people in their wards. "What do Pitsea and Laindon councillors have to say about this?" he asked. Only about 200 people would use the Arts Centre regularly, while many in the town's shack areas were still burying their own sewage.

Lot of rubbish

But it was Labour Councillor Bill Archibald who crossed the Party line

and poured scorn on his leader's remarks. "I have heard a lot of rubbish in this Council Chamber," said Coun. Archibald. "But the amount of rubbish that has been talked tonight about the Arts Centre tops the bill."

Do we wait for ever till all the gullies in the urban district have been cleansed?" he demanded. "Do we stand by while the Civic Arts Society withers away and dies? Even if the Arts Centre temporary building is only there for five years the money will have been well spent and the Council will have been justified in spending it."

Labour Councillor Gerald Krejzl, who was with Coun. Archibald on the Theatre Study Group, followed up. It was both unfair and unwise to attack the Arts Centre scheme, he said. "We made our decision to finance the Arts Centre very well known," he pointed out. "I don't remember seeing a single letter from the public protesting about it."

RECREATION Committee Chairman Coun. Derrick Pope congratulated Coun. Archibald on his stand. The Civic Arts Society had produced one of the biggest petitions the Council had ever seen to back their demand for the Arts Centre.

"For anyone to say it will be pulled down in seven years time should not need me to contradict it," he said, referring to a forecast by Coun. Morgan. "It is true it is a seven-year lease, but would anyone like a bet with me that it is still standing in 15 years' time?"

In his attack on the rate increase, Coun. Morgan said he was not going along with the usual practice that the opposition should abstain from voting on rates.

Other local councils—such as Thurrock—had not seen fit to make any rate increase this year, Basildon's last increase had been fourpence. This year's would have been sevenpence without the Government subsidy of fivepence for domestic ratepayers.

It's immoral

"It is immoral," said Coun. Morgan, "to bring in this increase at a time of national economy."

The Tory group, in going ahead with the Arts Centre, had been forced to make other cuts. They had cut back

on the grant to the Old People's Welfare Committee; they had put back expansion of the paper sack refuse system; they had cut down on maintenance of recreation areas.

Yet they were going ahead with temporary accommodation which was 'ridiculous and lavish' such as separate rooms for Chairman and opposition leader. It was a disgrace.

The Shotgate sewage disposal works had been intended to serve The Wick, the Tories were ensuring that the £1 million would help the speculative builder.

"Pretty speech"

Coun. Reginald Brown described Coun. Morgan's attack as a "pretty little speech." He had obviously

been unable to resist the urge to wave the political banner. "But he did not tell you what he has told me many times: that it is important that a New Town area should raise its rate until amenities are there."

Thurrock's rate standstill was irrelevant, said Coun. Harry Withrington. They were living on a reserve built up in the last few years and were an established area.

The Shotgate sewage works were not just for The Wick. They were for the whole Shotgate area.

The Arts Centre was to serve the whole community, not just those who would go to the theatre. It was an essential in the New Town wilderness. The Civic Arts Society had been pushed from school to school and had virtually

ended up meeting on street corners. If the Council had failed to provide somewhere for people to get together they would have been falling down in the provision of amenities.

Improved accommodation for the Council was also a necessity. Was the Leader of the Opposition aware that his present accommodation was a converted store room?

Coun. Percy Saunders only knew of one successful Arts Centre in the country and that was "somewhere in Surrey." The money could be spent more wisely, he said.

Coun. A. V. Stockley denied Coun. Morgan's claim that the grant to the Old People's Welfare Committee had been cut. It had, in fact, gone up from £770 to £1,050, he said. The only cut involved was in the fact that the Committee's Chairman had asked for £1,250 and the Council had not gone that far.

Voting was 15 in favour of the 13s. 6d. rate, and four against. They were Coun. Morgan, Coun. Saunders, Coun. Alf Dove and Coun. Ken Tyson.

BACKGROUND TO THE RATE

Basildon's new rate is 13s. 6d. in the £, an overall increase of 10d. on last year.

On Thursday week Basildon Council approved a 7d. local increase on top of the County Council claim for an extra 3d.

Taking into account the new Government subsidy of 5d. for domestic ratepayers, the cost to the average household will be about 30s. a year. Industrial and commercial premises will not benefit from the subsidy and will pay the full 10d. increase. The County's share of the rate is now 9s. while Basildon takes the remaining 4s. 6d. in the £.

LOWEST FOR YEARS

Explaining the Council's reasoning, Finance Chairman, Coun. A. V. Stockley said the freeze made it incumbent on all local authorities to curb expenditure as much as possible, and he had kept the rate increase at its lowest for many years. A rise of 3.69d. was inevitable due to the rise in expenditure last year, which had

been cushioned by appropriation from balances. This could only be done once. There could be no standstill because of the exceptional needs of the district. The amount of capital work alone made it necessary to move forward.

It is my belief that even in these times of financial stringency the majority of people will wish to see the Arts Centre erected with all speed," he said.

Cost was a penny rate and not 1d. as had originally been expected. Other important amenities to be completed this year were the swimming pool and golf course, and both would begin to incur expense.

Further capital schemes under way were Pound Lane surface water drains, Shotgate and Pitsea sewage disposal extensions, a central sludge treatment plant, Ramsden Bellhouse sewerage scheme, Burnt Mills Road improvements, Gloucester Park pavilion, Kingswood and Gloucester Park play areas and changing accommodation in three parks. Estimates had been pruned, but a substantial start was to be made on the massive Private Street Works programme. The Play Leadership scheme would be extended to Billericay, and the paper sack refuse collection service extended to another area. More would be spent on road cleansing.

Made a pastry board

A DEMONSTRATION on the uses of laminated plastic was given by Mrs. Jones at Wickford Women's Institute's meeting on Tuesday in the Community Centre. The demonstrator made a pastry board and gave it to the Institute.

Mrs. Halls presided and final arrangements were made for a visit to the Cheese Information Council Centre, London.

A competition for a bowl of bulbs was judged by Mrs. Jones and winners were—1, Mrs. Clegg; 2, Mrs. Kempson. A second competition was won by Mrs. James and Mrs. Free and the mystery prize-winner was Mrs. Larden. Tea was served by Mrs. Long and helpers.

£180 thefts

Cash, rings and radios worth £180 were stolen from two Basildon houses, one in Pampkins and the other in Wickhay, on Thursday week.

Unit killer cross-roads is closed

ONLY HOURS after the Ministry of Transport gave out the order on Friday, County Council workmen had sealed off the ill-famed Harrows cross-roads (right) on the A127 Arterial Road.

This killer intersection had claimed four lives in the past eight weeks and has been a constant source of accidents for several years. By 10 a.m. on Saturday it was closed for ever.

But the speed of the Ministry's action caught Eastern National on the hop. They had used the crossroads for their 232 service from Pitsea to Brock Hill, Wickford.

"We do expect a little more warning than this," said their spokesman. "We don't expect to be rung up at lunchtime and told the crossing will close at midnight. We like a fortnight to revise a time-table."

"The Company could have lodged an earlier objection to the closure of the crossroads, but had not done so. We felt we could revise the service to cope," said the spokesman.

Quite a lot of duties were involved in any retiming operation. The extra distance, about three miles on each journey, meant that the tail-ends of the service had to be cut.

The 232 would now turn back at Wickford and not go on to Brock Hill. Eastern National were considering operating two services to each side of the crossroads as an alternative to putting up fares.

In the meantime north-bound buses will go down to the Marconi roundabout and south-bound buses will

use the Rayleigh underpass to turn back.

"It would be highly dangerous for us to use the other intersections for a U-turn on the Arterial," said the spokesman. "We can direct our drivers accordingly, but no one can direct other drivers not to do it. I think it would have been wiser to do the whole job of cleaning up this stretch of the Arterial in one go."

Chief Inspector Ronald Canham, of Basildon Police, said that at the moment the public seemed to be reacting sensibly to the sealing of the crossroads.

He thought many drivers from Pound Lane would use Burnt Mills Road and join the Arterial at the Marconi roundabout rather than joining it at the Harrows.

"We have checked on it and the situation will have to be watched," he said. "If we find drivers using the other intersections to turn round, and creating more dangers, something will have to be done."

There are two intersections between the Harrows and the roundabout and four between the Harrows and the under-pass.



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Luck plays a big part

FIFTEEN YEARS ago a young man named Frank Warr hopefully started a used-car business. He had £400, and the first vehicle he sold was his own Morris 8.

Today he runs a £6,000 Mercedes, can holiday in Miami, turns over more than a £1M. each year and reckons he carries the biggest range of used cars this side of Romford.

"I had to wait to get into the trade when I came out of the Army," said Mr. Warr.

"It was a question of getting enough capital together to start and I couldn't have bought a bike with what I had then."

The attraction was big money. "Now we reckon on 4 per cent, but cars were making big money in those days," said Mr. Warr. "Car dealers came to have a bad reputation, but I don't think it is so bad today. The last credit squeeze thinned them out."

Although he is noticing the effect of the present squeeze, he denies that business is bad.

"I should think we are about 25 per cent below the normal level," he said.

• WELL-KNOWN BOSS OF PITSEA AUTO MART AND COMMODORE MOTORS IS MR. FRANK WARR.

WANT SOMETHING FOR NOTHING

It is amazing how stupid the public sometimes be about this sort of thing. We offer them a full after-sales service. Suppose we are asking £400 for a secondhand car. A chap will come along

and tell you he has seen an identical car offered at £360 on a corner site. He may be right, but he can't have it both ways. "If he buys from us, or a firm like us, he can expect some after-sales service. If he buys from a corner site he is on his own, and if anything goes wrong he must pay for it himself. But people just don't seem to be able to see it like that."

• HOLMES AND SMITH SALESMEN MR. MARTIN LANGASTER AND MR. JOHN WHITWELL AT THE BASILDON SHOWROOM.



TIME OF THE SMALL TRADER IS RUNNING OUT

"I THINK OF myself as a professional and a businessman. After all, we have more than 120 employees. A firm of this size has to be run on a business footing."

Speaker was Mr. Ernest Poole, managing director of Basildon's biggest car sales firm, South Essex Motors.

Larger and grander than most car sales businesses outside London, S.E.M. are far from typical of the trade. But, forecasts Mr. Poole, they are an indication of the direction it is heading.

"The motor trade is still a new business," he said. "Its skill, management and expertise are limited. The car has only been around for 50 years and it is only in the last 10 years that the trade has begun to sort itself out."

The future, he feels, lies with the big firm such as his own. "I think the days when the used-vehicle trade operated on its own without service facilities must be nearly over."

Realistic

"You used to hear stories about profits of £200 a car, but things are more realistic today. The profit margin is reducing so much with the approaching an unsatisfactory level. The return on investment is so small that I believe many small traders will shut down completely."

To pay for themselves, South Essex Motors' car sales department have to sell 40 new and 20 used

vehicles each month. "That is just to break even," pointed out Mr. Poole, "and is assuming that the other departments pay for themselves."

In five years' time he believes there will be only half the present number of dealerships in Britain. The survivors will grow accordingly.

There is little to remind you in the plush air-conditioned office suite which S.E.M. management occupy above the Cherrydown showroom that 35-years-old Mr. Poole started his working life at 14 as an apprentice fitter.

Fully trained

"Just after the war anyone was a mechanic," he said candidly. "But today you have to be fully trained and offered a good salary."

He crossed the line between workshop and directors' suite by means of a three-year Ford course, polishing up on accountancy and staff communication with the



• BEHIND THE SUPERMARKET-STYLE SHOWROOM OCCUPIED BY SOUTH ESSEX MOTORS ARE THE POOLE BROTHERS. LEFT, SALES MANAGER MR. REG POOLE; RIGHT, MANAGING DIRECTOR MR. ERNIE POOLE.

Institute of Engineering Technology and an eye-opening trip to study marketing in the United States.

Then in 1963, teamed with his elder brother Mr. Reg Poole, he started South Essex Motors. At their Basildon headquarters they reckon on carrying 220 new cars, 25 company vehicles, 35 used cars and 130 customer cars at any given time. There are two other garages in the group and 22 apprentices among the staff.

The need for business promotion was one of the lessons the Poole brothers

A Cockney whose family moved East in time for him to go to school in Pitsea, he enjoys the car sale business and says he "would just as soon bulldoze through the petrol pumps" at Commodore Motors tomorrow. "I don't think petrol has much to do with sales."

With three salesmen he runs this garage in Long Riding as well as his original site at Station Lane, Pitsea.

"Luck has a big part in this trade," he said. "I have sold people a car for £50 and a year later they have told me they have never put a spanner to it. Next week you can sell a £1,000 motor and something diabolical will go wrong with it."

He knows all the stories about dealers putting sawdust in gearboxes, but denies that this goes on today.

"My advice is to go to a dealer who has been around for some time," he said. "It doesn't matter whether he is a big dealer or a small one, but I really believe you get better treatment from a privately-owned business than from one of the big companies. I mean that."

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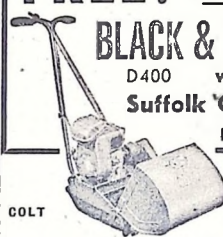
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RESIDENTS APPEAL FOR TREES TO BE SPARED

TREE PRESERVATION was Basildon Council's objection to a house being built at Weir Wynd, Billericay. But five residents of the road raised other points at a planning appeal on Wednesday.

Leading the residents of the wooded estate, Mr. Roy Lovell said: "We, as owner-occupiers, feel the developer is exploiting us in proposing to build this further house, which clearly was never originally intended."

He attacked the developer, Mr. James Strachan, who owns the firm based at Chapel Street, Billericay, which built 12 houses in a woodland setting.

The construction, he said, would lower the standard of the estate planning and reduce the values of the properties generally.

About the trees—described at the inquiry as a fine group of conifers—Mr. Lovell said: "We would stress that all owners regard the preserva-

tion of all trees on the estate as most essential."

This was echoed by Basildon Council, who have put preservation orders on the trees. Parks Manager Mr. Albert Farrington said all the varieties of evergreens on the appeal site were uncommon locally.

TO LIVE 1,000 YEARS?

One fine specimen was of sequoia wellingtonia and was about 50ft. high. As far as Mr. Farrington knew, there were only three of these trees growing in the urban district and this tree was expected to live another thousand years.

For Mr. Strachan, solicitor Mr. Brian Edwards said the plot had been left untouched at the Council's request, so that an access road could be built to Council-owned land. This request meant the estate had to be re-designed and the houses given smaller gardens.

"At some point in time," he went on, "the Council decided that the appeal site was no longer required for this road work."

When the Council's mind changed Mr. Strachan made his application for planning permission.

Mr. Edwards emphasised that under this plan only some of the trees would be touched.

Mother's fight to get train passes for students

NOT UNTIL her son, Neil, had won a scholarship place from Wickford Junior to King Edward VI School, Chelmsford, did Mrs. Enid Hempel, of Wick Beech Avenue, Wickford, realise the travelling difficulties.

Since then she has carried on a running fight with the County Education Authority for train passes in the place of bus passes for local children attending Chelmsford schools.

Mrs. Hempel had to buy her son a train ticket at a cost of £11 14s. 10d. so that he could get to school reasonably easily and be able to stay after lessons for out-of-hours activities.

Trouble first arose over the question of reimbursement of the fare.

After getting little satisfaction from dealings with the County Education Authority she wrote to Billericay and District Association for the Advancement of State Edu-

cation and asked for help.

COMMON COMPLAINT

The Association found her complaint was a common one among Wickford parents in the same position so they wrote to Chief Education Officer Mr. David Bungey.

He told them the question of making arrangements for parents to be reimbursed travelling expenses was still under review.

The Association have written again saying they cannot understand why it is so difficult to reimburse train fares or the equivalent of bus fares in advance when bus travel season tickets for pupils in advance.

They do not think bus travel should be regarded as the most proper means of travel on a particular route is exceptionally difficult, as between Wickford and Chelmsford.

Mrs. Hempel told a reporter that when she raised the fare reimbursement question with the County she was told the equivalent of the bus fare would be paid.

But this appeared to have been reviewed and when she received a cheque from the County it was only about 28s. short of the amount she had paid for the train ticket.

But there was the question that this was paid after the first term, and after a second ticket had been bought, so reimbursement was always a term behind.

"With the first reimbursement only slightly short of the full amount, I have not such a terrible quibble from this point of view now, but something must be done about the inadequate bus service," she said.

If her son went by bus he had to catch the 7.43 a.m., otherwise it meant changing buses at Billericay. Similarly, on the return journey, if he did not catch the 4 p.m., which was impossible because of the school hours, he had to wait in Billericay up to 30 minutes for a connection home.

"Most men would not put up with this kind of travel something ought to be done," Mrs. Hempel added.

MALTA IS STILL A FRIENDLY ISLE

MALTA, whose friendship has been enjoyed by thousands of holidaymakers from the United Kingdom in the past, is still a friendly island.

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Tue. 2.10 (17.9)	2.34 (17.7)	
Wed. 2.39 (17.7)	3.0 (17.3)	
Thurs. 3.7 (17.3)	3.27 (16.7)	
Fri. 3.46 (16.6)	3.58 (16.3)	

(March 17th)
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Mothering Sunday

Wickford Salvation Army held their Mothering Sunday service on Sunday afternoon, which children of the Sunday School and their mothers attended. Children presented their mothers with a posy of flowers and a card. Picture shows some of the mothers and children.

Want to be a Queen?

WANT to be a Queen? More specifically do you want to be Basildon Carnival Queen? The Carnival Association are looking for as many entrants as possible to enter this year's competition and entry forms can be obtained from Mr. G. S. R. Coleman-Wood, at Lily Cott, Pound Lane, Pitsea.

Contestants under 21 years of age will require parental or guardian's permission to enter the competition.

The first heat of the competition will be held at the Century Cinema, Pitsea, in conjunction with the film "My Fair Lady," on April 22nd, 1967, and closing date for entries is April 8th.

CHOSEN BY THE TORIES

Billericay Young Conservative Chairman Geoff Wheatley told members at their meeting last week that he had been accepted as candidate for Billericay South Ward in Basildon Council elections in May. Films, including "Gas from the Sahara," were shown by Mr. Beatty, from the North Thames Gas Board, who talked of the conversion to natural gas and its advantages.

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CARNIVAL TOILETS REFUSED

THERE WILL be no Council cash for Basildon Carnival Association for facilities needed on the Fryerns Field ground in August.

This shock for the Association came at the last Council finance meeting. Last year the Council lowered kerbing and gave the ground free.

Though this aid will still be given this year, a request for Carnival facilities—including toilets—has been turned down.

But a Council spokesman stressed: "We will give the ground again and the same facilities as last year."

Change-over of ward boundaries

WITH THE change-over of ward boundaries in the Billericay area the local Liberals have been busy setting up organisations to serve the new wards.

Latest is at Buttsbury, which, under the title of Buttsbury Ward Liberal Association, was formed last week.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. Peter Linfoot; Secretary, Mrs. N. M. Rosler; Treasurer, Miss M. Alford; Ward Organiser, Mr. A. Hawkins.

Mr. Linfoot said it was hoped they would be in a position to make an announcement regarding fighting Basildon Council elections in May after their next meeting on March 21st.



LADIES AT WORK

ABOVE: WEST BASILDON LADIES' SECTION OF THE LABOUR PARTY HELD A JUMBLE SALE AT LEE CHAPEL NORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE ON FRIDAY. PICTURE SHOWS THE STALL-HOLDERS.

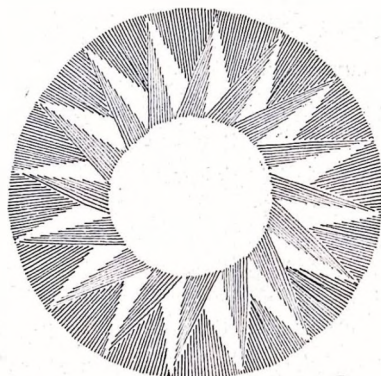
For old folk

LEFT: MEMBERS OF FRYERNS LADIES' CLUB SEEN AT THEIR JUMBLE SALE HELD AT FRYERNS COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SATURDAY. THE SALE WAS IN AID OF THE AMENITIES FUND FOR MUNDY HOUSE OLD FOLK'S HOME.

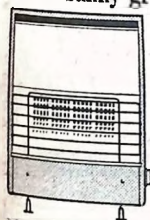


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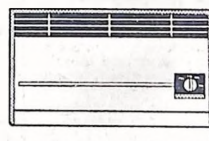
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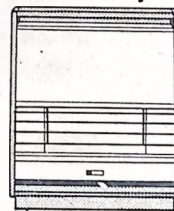
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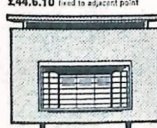
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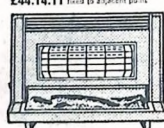
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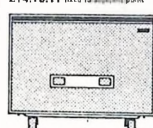
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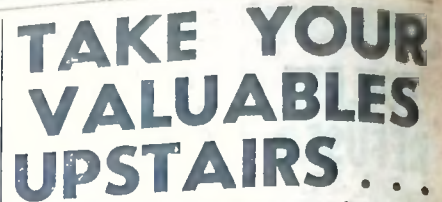
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Bus services leading up to battle royal?

At Great Burstead in 1694, Francois Clarke, Edward Jones and John Castle, on April 10th,

service to a number of towns, including Wickford and Brentwood.

acqueline Holland and Elaine Henall. Piano solos were rendered by Gillian Topple and Judith Stock, and at the conclusion of the meeting a

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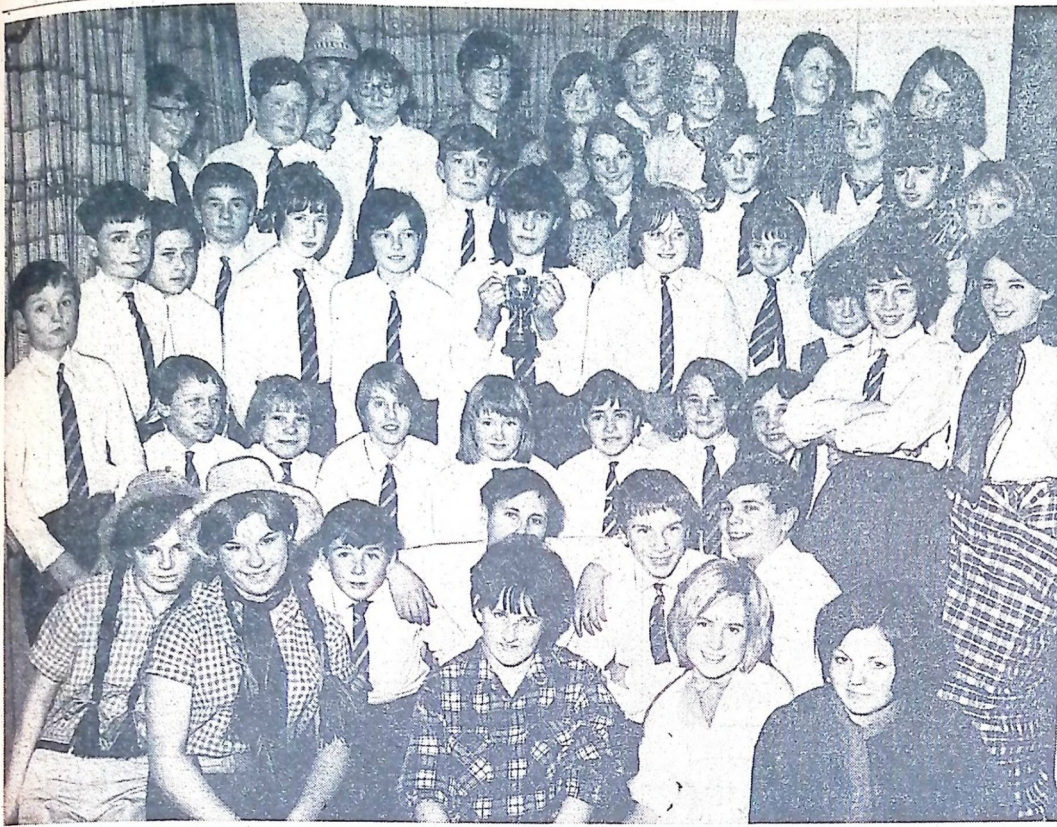
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TOPS WITH THE VERSE

TWO FORMS, the Upper 5 Commercial, and 2D, tied for first place in the verse reading competition at Timberlog Secondary School on Thursday. The forms are pictured (left) after the competition.

Eleven forms, from 1st to 5th year, took part, some in fancy dress to suit the mood of their verse. The forms had been rehearsing their pieces for about five or six weeks.

The judges could not finally decide between form 2D and Upper 5 Commercial, and they decided to award the trophy jointly. "The New Duckling," by A. Noyes, was told by 2D, and "The Dark of the Moon," by Richardson, was recited by Upper 5 Commercial.



Mr. Sharp bound for Canada



AN ALL expenses paid three-weeks tour of Canada, including a two-day stay at Expo 67, the World Fair, was the prize in a draw with a difference last week.

Winner at the Round Table Area 33 Ladies' Night at Hutton to pick who should represent the Area at the World Conference of Round Tables in Canada was Mr. Maurice Sharp, a founder member of Wickford Round Table.

The conference, which takes place in Alberta at the end of September, lasts five days and the rest of the time is spent touring. Total cost is likely to exceed £200.

Mr. Sharp (34), iron and steel merchant company director, of Mount Close, said: "I am very pleased and surprised, not only for the sake of the trip, but also because I regard it as something of an honour to represent my Area at this conference."

Snowdrops for mothers

The Bishop of Exeter visited St. Mary's Church, Langdon on Sunday when a packed church took part in the Bishop's service during which the Bishop blessed and distributed snowdrops to the mothers among the congregation as part of the Mother's Day celebration. The snowdrops were blessed by the Bishop of Exeter, from the Rectory garden, and about 100 were made up for distribution.



SOUTH GREEN CHAPEL HELD THEIR PRIMARY SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MAYFLOWER HALL, BILLERICAY. PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT AND, LEFT, THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT, WHO JOINED THE YOUNGER CHILDREN FOR TEA AND STAYED LATER FOR A FILM SHOW.

Stock W.I.

The meeting last week was the 49th birthday of the Institute and Mrs. B.G. Smith, one of the earliest members, kindly gave a birthday cake. Mrs. Brierley presided. Mrs. Koppel gave a talk which she called "Loving care of house plants." Members going to the theatre outing on March 28th please note that the coach will leave the Bear at 4.45 p.m. Mrs. Browning has again offered to have a tea party at her house on June 15th. The president's plan for a picnic for the village hall brought in many offers and she sends her sincere thanks.



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Ninth success for table tennis star

FOR THE ninth year in succession Joan Hand (formerly Rye) is the Basildon Table Tennis League's women's singles champion. Her victory, once again over Brenda Jones, overshadowed all the other results at the league's finals night on Saturday.

It was a night which produced several winners but a new male champion in 27-year-old bearded Hugh Molloy (St. Peter's). He also triumphed in the handicap singles, topping last year's champion, Miss Pond. By his straight games, he confirmed his status as a quarter-finalist in this year's quarter-finals.

Molloy's due was by 25-23 to the decisive final with Fred Lockwood was his first win in the Basildon singles.

What a contrast to Joan Hand's magnificent ninth win in the women's singles. Over the years a host of over stars and experienced performers have tried to wrest the crown from her. Her victim on Saturday, Brenda Jones, has been among them. Three times she had reached the final only to lose.

After being crushed 21-9 in the decisive game in last year's final, Brenda made a grand start this time and snatched the first game 21-17.

With her forehead working exceedingly well at this stage against Mrs. Hand's vicious chop, it looked on the cards that a new champion might emerge at last.

True champion

Miss Jones also led 8-5 in the second before Mrs. Hand, in true champion style, crashed through to 12-8, 16-18, 16-12 and then to a 21-15 victory.

The third game was never in doubt after Mrs. Hand had streaked into a 6-1 lead in the first. Miss Jones had lost all her killer instinct and the forehead which had served her so well earlier on had been reduced to a weak-looking half-hearted prod.

From 10-3 up, Mrs. Hand started ahead to 17-8 and then to victory at 21-14.

Earlier she had retained the women's doubles crown for the third year in succession with Pat Bedwell, winning 21-15, 23-21 against Ivy Baker and Brenda Jones.

Another third successive win was recorded by Southern champion Richie Allen and Fred Lockwood in the men's doubles.

The winning margin of two straight games gives no indication on the closeness of the games in the final against Mike Watts and Ian Pitt.

In the first the holders trailed 15-10, but sneaked through to win 21-19, and in the second were 20-17 down. They pulled back to deuce and then snatched victory with two straight games away by a 21-19 and 21-17.

Opening match

Watts' first defeat came in the opening match—his men's singles semi-final—when he was beaten by the eventual winner, Hugh Molloy.

The first game provided a rather scrappy opening to the evening's proceedings, the players missing many chances before Molloy, who was always ahead by two or more points, took it 21-17.

Visually Watts found his attacking touch in the second and the ultra-composed Molloy was set back on his heels as the Standard Telephones man zoomed ahead to 8-2 and 12-4.

Long before the end Molloy had given up all hope of catching him and Watts came through with a 21-8 win.

Those who thought Watts was going to repeat his recent league victory over their views in the deciding when Molloy changed ends 16-6 up.

Watts made a great effort to get back into the game, and actually narrowed the gap to one point at 19-12, but stupid mistakes which boosted Molloy through to the final at 21-16.

The second semi-final saw the previous year's beaten to Fred Lockwood in a game which never produced the expected snarl.

Count found difficulty in getting his quick counter-hit routine in the first, which he repeated to an unfamiliar pushing tide. He led all the way, 17-16, 11-9 and then 17-16 before Lockwood eased ahead for the first time at 16-18 and went on to take the game 21-16.

Tense struggle

The opening game of the semi-final between Molloy and Lockwood produced few indications of the tense struggle which was to follow.

Both players feeling tense and hot after the 10-10 chance their own, the

scores kept level at five-each and 14-each before Lockwood got the better of the exchanges and came through to win 21-16.

It looked odds on Lockwood's trophy when he led 5-2 in the second and appeared to be dominating the course of the game with his chopping and accurate side-to-side push shot.

Molloy at this stage was only a ghost of the confident player the crowd had seen in his previous two matches. His attack seemed to have been stifled, and when he did try to open out things rarely went right.

But he held on, took the lead for the first time at 10-9 and went on to level things up with a 21-17 win. Most of the excitement was crammed into the final game, which started with Molloy chopping over four shorting passing shots to shoot into a dramatic 5-9 lead.

So well did Lockwood hit back that he levelled at 11-11 and snatched a 12-11 victory over Gifford Rangers. Gorringham have been excluded from the Basildon Sunday League's Charity Cup and fined £1.

The match has been awarded to Gifford Rangers, who now meet Newcombe and Hastings in the semi-final on April 16th. Laindon Hotel, Pitsea Priory and Pegasus are quarter-finalists in the other half.

Long rallies

Twice edge points put him ahead and once Lockwood drew back level with a net—only to trail again at 20-19. Molloy then missed by inches going for the winner, and it was deuce.

Marathon rallies then followed before the title was decided. After 19 strokes Molloy led again and 27 strokes later Lockwood was on terms at 21-11.

After Molloy had gone ahead again, the longest rally of the night, 86 strokes, followed before Lockwood squared it at 22-22.

It was short-lived as Molloy came straight back again following an exchange of a mere four strokes to lead 23-22, helped by a lucky edge.

Lockwood drew level yet again at 23-23, but it was his last effort and Molloy netched the last two points to end a memorable final. It was a shame one player had to lose.

Results

Men's singles: Semi-finals—B. Molloy (St. Peter's) beat M. Watts (Standard Telephones) 21-17, 8-21, 21-15. P. Lockwood (Legion) beat H. Gault (Legion) 21-10, 21-18. Final—Molloy beat Lockwood 16-21, 21-17, 25-23.

Women's singles—Mrs. J. Hand (Rotary Hoes) beat Miss B. Jones (Bonallack) 17-21, 21-15, 21-14.

Women's doubles—Mrs. Hand and Mrs. Bedwell (Rotary Hoes) beat Mrs. J. Baker (Legion) and Miss B. Jones (Bonallack) 21-19, 23-21.

Handicap singles—H. Molloy (St. Peter's) beat M. Pond (St. Peter's) 21-12, 21-19.

Mixed doubles—F. Lockwood (Legion) and Miss B. Jones (Bonallack) beat M. Watts (Standard Telephones) and Miss F. Faldie (Springfield) 11-21, 21-16, 21-18.

Men's doubles—R. Melling and P. Lockwood (Legion) beat Ian Pitt (Bonallack) and M. Watts (Standard Telephones) 11-19, 22-20.

Veterans' singles—P. Gallagher (Kingswood) beat G. Moon 21-16, 20-22, 21-12.



Members of Carreras Junior Judo Club at their first annual display at the Club House, Nevendon Road.

FINED AND EXCLUDED

FOR PLAYING an ineligible player in their quarter-final victory over Gifford Rangers, Gorringham have been excluded from the Basildon Sunday League's Charity Cup and fined £1.

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Table tennis challenge

WICKFORD Community Association Table Tennis Club are seeking challenges from any club or section able to play friendlies on Tuesday afternoons.

The Club recently organised a tournament between themselves when the winning team were Freddie Shirley Davies, Margaret Constable and Joan Vuglar.

Newcomers to the game also showed good promise, and new members are always welcome.

FOURTH PLACE AFTER 9-1 WIN

BY A good win of 9-1 over St. Joseph's, A. W. W. Ball (Billericay) moved into fourth place in the Premier Division of Billericay and District Table Tennis League.

Crays Hill "B" just scraped home in their Division I match against Billericay Rec. "B" and Runwell Hospital crashed 8-2 to lowly Brookfields "B" in the Fourth Division.

In the Premier Division Rotary Hoes "A" held Ingatstone "A" to 5-5 draw and showed they were another team rapidly becoming draw experts. John Bassim and Roger Buckenham beat Dave Richardson, but they both lost to Joan Hand, John Morgan beat John Lloyd, but lost to Dick Roberts, Graham Taplin beat Dick Roberts and lost to Lloyd. Each team won a double.

W. W. Ball scored a 9-1 win over St. Joseph's "A". Ron Painter and Peter Sarratt beat both Roger Fuller and Fred Foster. Brian Cole defeated both Barrie Senbrook and Barry Ashton, while Jerry Lyons beat Senbrook in three.

Town held at home by Tillingham

Billericay Town 1, Tillingham 1
BILLERICAY TOWN scored first through Roger Fuller in their Mid-Essex League (Division I) match against Tillingham.

Within a minute, however, Peter Hammond had equalised and the score remained 1-1 at the interval.

End-to-end play in the second half failed to produce a goal, although Billericay had a penalty saved as the game closed.

Swan Villa 2, "A" 1
Away to Swan Villa, Billericay Town "A" had the double

The first half provided some good play, with the teams attacking alternately.

It was not until the 44th minute that the scoring was opened. Villa centre-forward E. Edwards fired in a shot which found the back of the net.

The Town replied with a strong attack and within a minute were on terms through Roger Fuller.

Villa gained their second goal and the points three-quarters of the way through

the second half when Bill Fletcher netted.

Billericay Town "B" 0, Rayne 2

Conditions at Lake Meadows were far from good for Billericay Town "B" and Rayne in their Mid-Essex League Division II encounter.

Rayne took the points with a goal in each half, but Billericay were not up to their standard of the past few matches.

Sunday treat

A SEMI-FINAL of the Essex Sunday Junior Cup was played at Sowers United's ground on Sunday. It is between Sparrow and Reserves from Southend and Burnham Social from Dagenham (4.0. 10.30).

All the officials come from the Basildon area. They are D. G. West (referee) and S. Atkins and A. R. Cain (linesmen).

GOLF NOTES

IN THE second of Basildon Golf Club's quarter-final matches in the M. Chot winter competition, Charlie Geeson beat Fred Sharman by 3 and 1 at Hainault.

After winning the first hole, Sharman lost three of the next four holes and went 2 down. On the 6th, with his stroke allowance, Sharman reduced Geeson's lead to 1 up, but he lost the hole when Geeson's tee-shot found the green and the short putt was holed.

At Hainault, Bill Owen beat Bouchard, but lost to Drew. David Turner beat both John Collins and Roy Smith, and Bob Price beat Roy Smith and lost to Collins. Both doubles were won by Brookfields.

Other results: Brentwood Y.C. "B" 9, St. Faith's "B" 10, Hutton "B" 9, Hutton "A" 10.

Division III
Bardwell "C" beat Sels "A" 7-3. Congregational lost 8-2 to Estrie "A", and Brentwood "A" 8-2.

Division IV
Runwell Hospital going down 8-2 to Brookfields "B", gave their opponents their second win of the season. John Rowell beat both Pat Drew and C. Bouchard, but lost to Drew. David Turner beat both John Collins and Roy Smith, and Bob Price beat Roy Smith and lost to Collins. Both doubles were won by Brookfields.

Other results: Brentwood School "B" 1, Sels "B" 3, Bardwell "D" 10, Fulgim Hatch 0.

A bogey by Sharman on the 10th made the match all square and, after having the 11th and 12th he went into the lead again on the 13th when Geeson lost a ball. However, Geeson soon regained the lead and won the match with winning bogeys on the next four holes although Sharman was unlucky not to get a half on the 16th when a putt tipped the cup and failed to drop.

Geeson will now play the winner of the match between Chris Thomas and Terry Harris. The other semi-finals are Norman Coker and either Jack Hull or Stan Sheeh.

The four-man team from the Ford Golf Section have not yet arranged to play their challenge match with the team of Freddy, Coker, Thompson and Harris. In the meantime the latter players have accepted a challenge to a game of "tar" set off from a team from Thames Bourd Mills and an application has been made to have the licence extended until 11.30 p.m.

The Annual General Meeting of the Basildon District Golfing Society will be held on Monday evening at the Prince of Wales, Wash Road, at 8 p.m. This will be an important meeting as proposals, relating to both membership and subscriptions, have been received for amendment to the constitution.

In addition, the draws for the Society's competitions will be made and as this is likely to be a long meeting a buffet has been laid on and an application has been made to have the licence extended until 11.30 p.m.



Finalists in the Basildon Table Tennis League's 20th finals night on Saturday. In the centre is Mrs. Joan Hand, who won the women's singles for the ninth successive year. Men's champion Hugh Molloy is on the right.

WENN NETS WINNER IN EXTRA TIME

SORRENTO "A" 2, OUTWOOD COMMON 1 (AFTER EXTRA TIME)
A MAGNIFICENT goal by full-back Sam Wenn late in extra time saw Sorrento "A" through to the Basildon League's Division I Cup final. The goal came at a time when the players were thinking in terms of a replay.

In an incident-packed first 15 minutes, Sorrento's defence was superb, but the Common's cross-bar from only five yards' range and a free-kick for Sorrento also suffered the same fate. In addition, Sorrento lost Ayling with a pulled thigh muscle.

After all this pressure Outwood Common took over and went ahead with a header after 10 minutes.

Although Sorrento were down to 10 men at this stage they equalised when a fine shot from full-back Holmrope beat the keeper. The common's defence was superb, but the Common's cross-bar from only five yards' range and a free-kick for Sorrento also suffered the same fate. In addition, Sorrento lost Ayling with a pulled thigh muscle.

Ayling returned to the field to take a passenger role on the wing and his reappearance brought extra pressure on Sorrento, who were unlucky when Card hit the crossbar yet again.

Ten minutes after the restart the gallant Ayling had to be carried off and this left Sorrento to fight it out with 10 men for the rest of the game.

Outwood Common threw everything into attack and almost went ahead when Wenn saved a certain goal by clearing off the line.

Sorrento also had their moments at the other end. Once a corner-kick rolled along the crossbar and then a shot from Savell hit the bar.

In a breakaway, a terrific drive for Outwood Common produced the goal which was earned applause from players and spectators alike.

In extra time Outwood Common had the ball in the net, only to be ruled offside. After this Sorrento got on top and Card, Green and Savell all went close, with Green being their downfall.

In the second period and with the minutes ticking away, a full-back Wenn embarked on a run down the wing. He cut in and fired in a great shot from 25 yards to provide the winner for Sorrento.

Full marks went to Holmrope, Wenn and Manning for their defensive work in a splendid match.

SIX GOALS SHARED

CORRINGHAM 3, SORRENTO 3 (AFTER EXTRA TIME)
A SECOND-HALF penalty save by goalkeeper John Connelly helped keep Sorrento in the Basildon Sunday League Cup at Landon Hotel until the match — a battle between the top two teams in the league — was drawn after extra time and will be replayed this week.

After 20 minutes of end-to-end football in the first half, Sorrento took the lead with a peculiar goal. Connelly, by the Corringham goalkeeper hitting Mullen on the back and he turned round and walked it into the net.

Before half-time Corringham were level again with a grand header from a corner.

Sorrento put on the pressure after half-time and, from a corner by Finch, Craven headed them into the lead again. Then, from a punch of a pass by Jewell, Craven scored again to make it 3-1.

Corringham retaliated with a header by their centre-forward from a corner and then equalised from a penalty.

Shortly afterwards Corringham were awarded another penalty, but this time Connelly made a good save to keep his side in the cup.

In extra time Sorrento came more into the game again, but with both sides tiring, no further goals came.

Both teams fought tenaciously every ball after this and the defences were stretched to the limits to hold the game at 3-3.

Right on the stroke of half-time Craven regained the form he made him the scourge of defences in the first half, but to a perfect through ball from O'Connor and flanked by two defenders, Craven picked his spot and shot low and hard wide of the keeper.

The second half proved less, but it was not without incident. In one attack the Six's snooker, when the common's cross-bar and, altogether, attacked with more cohesion than in the first half.

Territorially they had the better of the half, but the Chesterhall defence, led by James and Docherty were outstanding, held out.

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PITSEA UNITED 4, LAINDON HOTEL UNITED 2

PITSEA UNITED got through to the final of the Basildon Sunday League's Premier Division Cup with an impressive win over Laindon at Gloucester Park on Sunday. On this showing they must stand a grand chance of lifting the trophy for the first time.

Conditions were excellent for a football match and both teams obliged and treated the large crowd to some stirring play.

Pitsea settled down quickly at the start and started the ball around with mechanical ease, causing Laindon to chase for possession.

After 15 minutes Pitsea took the lead when Sadler and Staff combined well to leave centre-forward Tony Holden with the easiest of chances, which he accepted gratefully.

Laindon, who did not always have the run of the ball, pressed hard for an equaliser, but a fine cross by Steven Murphy being nodded inside to Staff who raced through from the half-way line to beat the last manlain from 20 yards.

Pitsea were now in complete command and it came as no surprise when Holden scored the third five minutes from the interval after good work by Staff and Frederick.

Grand move

After half-an-hour Pitsea went further ahead with a great goal. Staff, it was the move, the ball going from one end to the other, and a fine pass by Steven Murphy being nodded inside to Staff who raced through from the half-way line to beat the last manlain from 20 yards.

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Laindon's pressure at the start of the second half was rewarded after six minutes when left-winger Roker Payne netted a fine goal from a narrow angle, a shot which gave Pitsea no chance.

Laindon began to feel the effect of Pitsea's tough tackling after this and, with Brian Greer and Alan Francis in command in midfield, they had a strange to keep out the Blue.

Midway through the half Pitsea scored again, a constant pressure leaving Laindon's defence spread-eagled and providing hard-working Staff the goal. Staff, it was the move, the ball going from one end to the other, and a fine pass by Steven Murphy being nodded inside to Staff who raced through from the half-way line to beat the last manlain from 20 yards.

Fifteen minutes from time Pitsea had the goal for the second time. A fine cross by Roker Payne was headed in by Staff who scored the fourth goal.

Wastafle converted a penalty to make it 3-2 and two minutes later Redman floated over a good corner for Murrell to match the fourth.

Derby added his second goal to make it 5-2 and just on half-time Watson ended a great run with a rasping shot to make it 6-2.

With such a lead, Pitsea naturally did not play with much urgency in the second half and the game suffered as a result.

In this half Derby scrambled to bring their evening goal before Priors reduced the arrears following some slack work by the Pegasus defence.

Ten minutes from time Watson completed the scoring with a splendid shot.

Outstanding players for Pegasus were Owen, Watson and Derby.

B.E.N.C. UNITED 7, CANVEY "B" 2
HELPED by five goals from sharpshooter D. Benham, B.E.N.C. United stormed through to a Sunday League Cup final at Landon Hotel, the expense of Canvey "B" on Sunday.

They now take on Chesterhall United "A" surprise winners of the other semi-final.

Canvey took only 10 minutes to find the target, netting with a great shot from the edge of the penalty area. He followed up with another two, including one direct from a corner, to put the Busmen well in control.

Canvey did manage to pull one goal back in the first half but Luke scored a fourth for the Busmen from a good cross the hour to make it 4-1 at half-time.

In the second half Canvey, with another with an own goal by Cano-Lopez in a goalmouth scramble, but the Busmen took back and further goals by Benham (2) and Saye gave them a comfortable win.

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Mike's winner
Mike Sadler, forward transferred from Southern Peterborough, scored the only goal of the match last Saturday, when the "Tox" entertained Scunthorpe.

GILBARCO THROUGH

GILBARCO 3, UNFAIRLY RANGERS 0
GILBARCO 3, UNFAIRLY RANGERS 0. Gilbarco reached the final of the Sunday League's Division I Cup, beating the Rangers 3-0 in an entertaining and sporting semi-final on Sunday.

Gilbarco took 25 minutes to go ahead, a well-placed pass from Andy putting Simmons through to plant a shot wide of the goalkeeper into the net.

Unfairly Rangers tried to equalise by throwing every thing into attack, but the Gilbarco defence held them out.

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FRYERNS B.C. UNBEATEN

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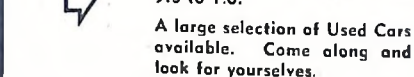
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PLAN TO AMALGAMATE LOCAL SOCCER LEAGUES

Football programme

BIG MATCH of the weekend in Basildon is the Sunday League Premier Cup replay between Sorrento and Cloucesham at Cloucesham Park on Sunday (11 a.m.).

If it is as exciting as the 3-3 draw after extra time last Sunday the game should be worth watching.

Sorrento's team will be: J. Connolly, Brennan, Evans, Jewell, Cova, Savelli, Mullin, Mullin, Craven, Finch, Day.

SATURDAY TEAMS
Laindon: Hotel United (Reserves away to Southwold); Buck, Reynolds, G. Payne, Thomas, J. Smith, A. Pidgeon, Venables, Elbery, Chew, Yeomans, S. Smith.

Armadia 1st XI (home to Hornoddon Sports, 10 a.m.): M. Flock, R. Bristable, G. Roberts, H. Anderson, B. Bryan, W. Dyer, G. Bingham, Thorogood, J. Mann, J. Blunster and R. Waite.

Armadia Reserves (away to Canvey Athletic; J. Ditchburn, L. Williams, C. Livermore, K. DeBond, M. Bingham, M. Bingham, R. Wynn, R. De Bond, L. Chapman, A. Patterson, D. Lane.

SUNDAY TEAMS
Double Six (at home to Pitsea United): Levey, Bearman, Pidgeon, Walker, Yates, Hucker, Walker, Meider, Elbery, Gardner, Huot.

Double Six "A" (at home to Bourncliffe): Bates, Bourke, O'Reilly, Kelly, Bannan, Horsley, Williams, Hucker, Callaghan, Halsey, Bannan.

Double Six "B" (versus Chiglygrove, friendly): Hudspeth, Beaman, Naves, Taylor, Dupery, Theobald, Welch, Dalimore, Pavey, Hudspeth, Martin.

Laindon Hotel United (at home to Peasewick Cup): Hamlyn, Griffin, Whitehead, Lamphire, Mason, Bird, S. Payne, Tomkins, Yeomans, Whitmore, R. Payne.

Hosts wanted
WARDEN OF Woodlands Youth Centre Mr. B. J. Davis launches an appeal for accommodation for German footballers at a meeting of the Basildon Saturday League on Monday.

Over Easter his team played host to a team from Hellenhaus and he is still searching for homes at which all the visiting players can stay. So far he has fixed up about 14 places, he needs another half-a-dozen.

The players will be staying in England for one week from Easter Friday and will play the Basildon League team on the Saturday, and Woodlands on the Sunday.

Their football is of a very high standard, pointed out Mr. Davis. Only a few years ago he took a Laindon Corinthian team there and it was beaten 5-2.

SAVE-ALL
Playing in goal for Billericay Youth Centre on Saturday, instead of in his usual position of right-half, Barry Savelli lived up to his name. Save all he did — not a goal was netted by the opposing side.

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A SENSATIONAL PLAN TO AMALGAMATE BASILDON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUES HAS JUST BEEN REVEALED, AND IT IS A PLAN SUPPORTED BY BOTH LEAGUE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES.

The idea came into the open at a meeting of the Saturday League on Monday, when Secretary Joe Hoarn announced he had been told by a Sunday League official that "they would like to amalgamate in the near future."

"This is a terrific opportunity," he told the League. "There are lots and lots of reasons for and very few against. This would be a big event, perhaps the biggest ever to happen in local football."

The committees of the Leagues will meet soon, though no date has yet been fixed.

Edwin Gray, Chairman of the Saturday League, and also on the Management Committee of the Sunday League, gave a hint as to why the Sunday League have made this sudden move. "What is the good of having one league," he said. "Combined we can do wonders. This move is for the betterment of football in Basildon. Football here has been languishing still for 20 years, and it is time we moved forward. Once the Leagues get together, I am sure we can work it out."

George Stirk, Fixtures Secretary, was another man to give his full support to the idea. "We think it will do the Saturday League much good. There are many clubs who would only be too pleased to come back into our league now, and such a combination would give them ample opportunity without their having to swallow any pride."

"But he warned members. "What could shatter this idea is the feeling that one League is 'putting one over' on the other. No one is. This move is for the good of football. Club secretaries were a little stunned by the sudden announcement of the plan, and a few had nothing to say at all. One question they did raise was: Why do the Sunday League, apparently stronger both in finance and playing strength, want to join with the Saturday League?"

There seems only one answer. As one club secretary put it: "People interested in football in Basildon are waking up and last football is on the move."

In doubt
Several clubs expressed doubts about the need for a merger at Wednesday's Sunday League meeting.

In spite of this the League suggested an eight-man committee (four from each league) to formally discuss the proposal and to report back.

The Canvey delegate who proposed this step said: "If we close the door now, we might regret it later."

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Woodlands Secondary School under-16 basketball team, pictured with the trophy they won in the Secondary Basketball Championships last week.

Rugby finals at Canvey

ST. JOHN'S Independent School, Billericay, with 80 boys in its secondary section, will represent Billericay in the finals of the Essex Schools' Rugby (South-East Region) seven-a-side contest on Saturday at Canvey Secondary School.

The school's under 14 and under 17 teams won their first round matches on Tuesday by defeating school with five or six times as many boys.

In all, St. John's scored 52 points and had only three points scored against them.

It is the fourth time in recent years they have been in the finals.

The teams were: Under 17, C. Davies (captain), L. Johnson, P. G. Davies, D. Weisman, J. Curley, J. Holt, H. Holloway.

Under 14 — J. Fox, P. Cardwell, D. Perkins, M. Moore, P. Bowler (captain), M. Falls and R. China.

INJURY-HIT walker John Webb forfeited his Southern seven miles' track championship on Saturday to save himself for the National 10 miles' race at Bolton on March 18th.

John's injury is on the mend, but he did not wait to aggravate it and ruin his chances of a place in the big race.

Due to Webb's absence in the Southern race at Bittersea Park, Basildon had only one competitor, Jim McCormack, who finished 24th out of the 60 starters in a personal best track time of 61m. 55s.

The new title-holder is Surrey's Paul Nibb, who completed the course in 62m. 10s.

In the boys' open two miles walk, Basildon boy Oliver Cavallighi scored an impressive win over the 15 other starters in 17m. 15s.

He went into the lead from the start and never looked like being beaten. S. Smith (Leicester) was second in 17m. 25s, and S. Daultrey (Waltham) stow in 17m. 32s.

In a third event, a youths' three miles walk, Greta Smith (Basildon), who has had a London injury, was past month, put up a good show to finish ninth out of 16 in 28m. 45s.

Winner of the race was N. Burton (Leicester) in 24m. 45s.

Back on the cup trail
The Pirates got there on Saturday by beating Orsett Athletic in the semi-finals. Their opponents in the final, Orsett Athletic, are the current league leaders, having only tasted one defeat in 16 games.

The Pirates must start off with a victory for the cup, but the favorites with brothers Mick and Geoff Burton eligible for the final, should give them a run for their money.

In the old days Armada Athletic are the people fighting and on several occasions through to the divisional final of the Essex Junior Cup.

Some time ago the Council set a limit of 500 season tickets. At the beginning of this week applications only totalled 150.

"We have had numerous inquiries from people living outside Basildon," said a Council spokesman, "and in the circumstances we have decided to open the application list to them."

"If the limit of 200 applies we still be very much within our limit and there should be room for them."

The only snag as far as Basildon are concerned is that the Council have already stated that priority next year when applications are received

Another step towards first-class Basildon team

YORKSHIRE visitors
TWENTY-TWO LADS from Yorkshire will be spending Easter on a footballing visit to Basildon as guests of Fryerns Boys' Club.

Members of Trillickians F.C. from Orsett near Wakefield, the Yorkshire boys hope to play four or five games in the area during their stay.

These games will be against Fryerns and possibly Basildon and Canvey Boys' Clubs.

For two of the games against Fryerns the Peasewick F.C. ground at Herd Lane will be used. This will be on the Sunday morning. The following day another game takes place at Rotary Hoes' ground, West Horndon.

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Tournament for 90
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Representatives of the eight squads are: D. Rees, J. Walker, J. Comber, B. Jenkins, B. Collins, M. O. Knight and T. Light.

Games will be played in a round-robin system, with each pool will contest two games.

Prize for the winners? A crate of beer!

Ban lifted
FORMER BASILDON League and Basildon West End club Mick Willis has had his suspension from soccer lifted by the Essex County Football Association.

Mr. Willis was suspended since when he failed to appear before a County Council committee on January 19th.

He was asked for the case to be reconsidered Monday the County Association was sent to him.

The only stipulation is that he signs an undertaking to abide by the County F.A. Rules. This he has done.

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WICKFORD AT HOME

WICKFORD FOOTBALL club first team will be giving repeat a recent 1-0 victory over Grays Hill in a friendly match at home in Division of the Southend and District League on Saturday.

Their line-up: Goalkeeper, Ashdon, F. will be: Oldham, Parsons, Hazel, W. Jones and B. Jones. The second team will be: Rayleigh Town, but no fixtures have been arranged for the third and fourth teams.

Revenge?
AWAY TO Rodinas United this week, Wickford Youth Centre are anxious to avenge a cup defeat earlier this season. Centre team selection, but it will come from Manning, Wren, Wilson, Harris, B. Russell, Scott, Adams, Duffin, Peeling, Routledge, Corbett and R. Savelli.

The team will meet at School Road at 1.15 p.m.

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