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BILLERICAY'S CARNIVAL - ALL SET FOR BIG SUCCESS

Billericay's third post war Carnival, to be held on Saturday week (June 30th) is all set for a big success - provided that the weather on the day is reasonable.

The theme of this year's Carnival is "Rural England", and from the number of entries it appears that the procession will be longer than last year's Carnival i.e. well over half a mile long. Judging takes place on the Town Farm Estate (Hillary Mount, Hunts Mead, and Tensing Gardens) at 2 p.m. The procession will move off from Hillary Mount at 3 p.m., down Everest Rise, and along Western Road to the High Street, reaching the lower end about 3.30 p.m. The procession will then proceed along the High Street to Sun Corner, and from there into the Carnival Fete on the Archer Hall Field, where the Carnival Queen will present the various awards. The procession will be led by the Southend Scottish Pipe Band, and supporting will be the Marine Works Carnival Band from Harwich. Additional arrangements have been made this year to ensure that the procession is efficiently controlled.

The Carnival Fete will be open from 2 p.m., where there will be a large number of sideshows and stalls, as well as various displays in the ring. A commercial funfair at Sun Corner will add to the fun. The Carnival will be concluded with the Carnival Dance in the Archer Hall at 7.30 p.m., presided over by the Carnival Queen Anne Schofield (a 18-year old brunette) and her two attendants Miss Patricia Brown (age 20) and Miss Hilary Ambrose (age 17, and last year's popular Queen), and a Grand Firework Display at dusk on the Fete Field.

Commented Carnival Association Secretary Mr. J.A. Dodd on Friday; "We hope that people will support the Carnival. We would like more collectors, more sideshows, and more entries for the procession - forms from Bell Cleaners - to make it the best Carnival ever. We also appeal to shopkeepers to decorate their premises, and to enter the window dressing competition. Judging for this will take place on Friday evening, and a plaque will be presented for the best dressed shop window."

Proceeds will go to the Billericay Recreation Rooms in the High Street. These rooms are used for an Old People's Rest Rooms, and are also used by many local organisations for meetings of all kinds. Recreational facilities in the form of a Table Tennis Club are also provided. Unfortunately, the rooms are in a bad state of repair, and need re-decorating and re-furnishing for the Old People's Rest Room. Various improvements are also planned.

(Full Carnival Programme - Page 12).

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SPEECH OF M.P. DESCRIBED AS "MOST ELOQUENT SPEECH IN SUPPORT OF A BAD CAUSE SINCE DAYS OF BURKE".

Mr. Edward Gardner Q.C., M.P. for Billericay, heard a speech which he made in the House of Commons recently described by a Member of the Opposition, Mr. Chuter Ede M.P., as "the most eloquent speech in support of a bad cause which has been made in this Chamber since the days of Burke." But the "bad cause" won the day.

Mr. Gardner was opposing an amendment made by Mr. Chuter Ede to the Local Authorities (Historic Buildings) Bill. Mr. Ede argued that the consent of the Minister of Housing & Local Government to a grant for the preservation of historic buildings by the local authority was not necessary, and that the Bill should be amended accordingly.

Mr. Gardner, opposing this, said "I believe that the consent of the Minister would be a healthy and necessary condition to any grant given by local authorities." The Minister, he said, should have the opportunity of considering the reports of his experts. Mr. Gardner added "and I would hope that the experts would not be wearing the mythical bowler hat but would more likely be people wearing beards, and have some taste in architecture. Asked if he was suggesting that the administration of the country be handed over to men with beards Mr. Gardner replied; "No that is the last thing I should urge. In all seriousness I suggest that very valuable advice could be given by experts to the Minister".

COMPULSORY PURCHASE MAY BE USED TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR NEW LOCAL SCHOOL.

At the recent meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Sub-Committee of Basildon Education Committee members were informed that 14.11 acres of the 17.5 acres of the land needed for the new Mayflower County Secondary School off Stock Road, Billericay, had been **acquired**. The owner of the remaining 3.39 acres was unwilling to sell. The time taken in acquiring this land would not delay erection, as it was part of the proposed playing fields. It was decided to recommend the County Council to acquire the land by compulsory purchase. It was also decided to obtain three more acres for a possible youth centre.

TREES SCHEME FOR BILLERICAY? R.A. to investigate possibilities

Billericay Residents' Assn. set up a special Sub-Committee at their Executive Committee meeting on Friday to investigate a scheme to add some greenery to the roads of Billericay, particularly those on new estates. Buttsbury Residents' Assn. are being asked to nominate a representative to sit on the committee.

The proposal was made by Mr. E. Lunt, who said that it would involve the planting of suitable flowering shrubs and the creation of grass verges in areas of new estates without any greenery. The scheme would be organised by the Residents' Association, and would be financed by the people of each road. The Council would select and plant suitable shrubs and trees, and would arrange for their upkeep once planted.

Seconding the proposal Mr. V. Ireland said the scheme had worked extremely well in Upminster. One small estate of three roads had paid £300, and the result had been that a concrete waste had been transformed into a place of beauty.

Mr. Witney, Chairman of the Sunnymede Area Committee, said that trees in roads in Sunnymede had been causing a danger by pushing up the pavements with their roots. They also obscured the street lamps. If people wanted trees they should plant them in their gardens. He was "dead against" the scheme.

After a long and somewhat heated debate it was decided to set up a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Hopkins, Ireland, and Lunt, with Buttsbury Residents' Assn. asked to nominate a member. It was also decided to ask the C.P.R.E. if they would be interested in the scheme.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE PROGRESSING.

The membership and back subscription drive of Billericay Residents' Association is progressing well it was reported at Friday's committee meeting. Membership and funds were steadily increasing.

It was reported that the Fire Prevention Officer had visited the fire hazard on the Outwood Park Estate, where bungalows occupied by old people were surrounded by dense thickets. Nobody had any legal power to clear this, but it was decided to write to the Council asking them to do anything they could about the hazard. Page 2.

PUBLIC SERVICES CANNOT STAND
STRAIN OF EXTRA DEVELOPMENT SAY
COUNCIL - SUNNYMEDE INQUIRY.

A Public Inquiry is to be held by the Ministry of Housing & Local Government into a refusal by Basildon Council to grant planning permission to D.A. Moody & Co. Ltd. for residential development on a large area of land in Jacksons Lane, Sunnymede, Billericay. The Inquiry will be held at the Council Offices (Room 221) 88, Town Square, Basildon, at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday 28th June.

The reasons given by the Council for refusing permission are:-

1. "The land is outside any area allocated for development on the approved County Development Plan. The areas set aside for development are as much as can be allocated having regard to the limited capacity of public services, especially of the rail services to London during the peak periods, the limited assured water supply to South Essex, and the limited sewerage disposal facilities".
2. "It is intended that the land shall be included within the proposed extensions to the Metropolitan Green Belt and which will provide open land between the development areas to the east and west".
3. "The development of this land with access only from Jacksons Lane would be unsatisfactory in that a satisfactorily designed access would be difficult to achieve here due to the steep gradient of the land and the bend in Jacksons Lane".

The Inquiry was the subject of discussion at Friday's meeting of Billericay Residents' Association Executive Committee.

Particular concern was expressed at the effect on the already overcrowded Sunnymede School. Said Mr. Ashley; "We must face it - the child population is going up".

Said Mr. Lunt; "We must not open the door to developers building on future Green Belt. Apart from that the water shortage in Essex is very, very serious.

Remarked Cllr. Blair; "Where are we going to house the second generation when they grow up? We must save land for houses for them."

It was decided to support the Council at the Inquiry.

A.T.C. ON SHOW TO THE PUBLIC.

The Billericay Detached Flight of the Air Training Corps were on show to the public at the W.I. Hall on Tuesday, when they held an Open Evening to celebrate the first anniversary of their formation.

The smartly turned out cadets were inspected by Wing Commander Hind O.B.E. Apart from the normal training, he told them, the A.T.C. taught them valuable lessons in citizenships. He hoped that soon the Detached Flight would be replaced by a Squadron in Billericay. Commander Hind cut a special cake to mark the anniversary.

Describing the work of Billericay Detached Flight, Ft. Lt. Ferris said that their speciality was radio work, and they were working very hard on their procedure for Billericay Carnival.

After a buffet tea, visitors had a chance to walk around and see the boys at work. Among the demonstrations were a group at work on navigation, a lecture on engineering for another group, but most interesting of all a demonstration of the Flight's radio equipment in the West Room.

Now that they are expanding, the Flight would like to have a permanent headquarters in Billericay where they could store equipment and hold meetings. Basildon Education Committee have refused to grant permission for erection of a hut on the Billericay Community Centre site, as they feel that such a prominent site in the centre of Billericay is not suitable for an A.T.C. headquarters. However, they have offered to investigate the possibilities of leasing a different site to the A.T.C.

BALLOON FOUND ITS WAY TO FRANCE!

The winning balloon in the popular "Space Race" at the recent Billericay Hospital Fete found its way to Champdarniers, Deuxseviere in France - 370 miles from Billericay! Several other balloons also were found on the Continent. The purchaser of the balloon - Miss Mary Gee of Cavell Road, Sunnymede, Billericay - receives a prize of £1, and the finder - Edouarde Papet - 10/-.

Receipts at the Fete were £1,017, and the profit is thought to be in excess of last year's figure of £906.

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Since the last issue was published a second reprint of "Early Billericay" has been printed, and has now sold out. A third reprint should be out in the next few days. Sales of this booklet (the first in the Billericay History Series) are now nearly 500 copies! By the way, "Early Billericay" was the subject of a paragraph in the "Peterborough" column of the "Daily Telegraph" last week. The "Billericay Observer" was also featured in Saturday's "Daily Mail". I can only describe the success of "Early Billericay" as amazing - it has exceeded all my expectations.

Over 450 (500 were printed) Billericay Reference Books have now been sold. The price is 6d and the Reference Book includes a complete guide to local societies, a history of Billericay, and a section of extremely useful general information. The price is 6d, and if you would like a copy you are advised to apply to the "Observer" offices as soon as possible. This also applies to "Early Billericay" (also 6d).

Harvey's of Bush Hall Parade in Stock Road are now selling the "Billericay Observer". This means that there are now eight shops selling the "Observer", the other seven being - Howards (High St.), Marshalls (High St.), Queens Park Stores (Perry Street), Shuttleworth Stores (Perry Street), Weedon's (South Green), Baird's (Sunnymede) and Newman's (Outwood Common).

We are entering a float and a van in this year's Billericay Carnival (last year we entered a float, and the year before a wheelbarrow!) Further details Page 6 (History of Billericay!)

----- The Editor.

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There was a very good attendance at the 6th June meeting. With regard to sick members it was reported that Mr. Gill was not so well, Mrs. Train and Mrs. Joseph were improving, and Mrs. Rowe was very ill in Hospital. All were wished a speedy recovery. Mrs. Marshall was welcomed back to the meeting after her long absence through illness. Mrs. Speller was accorded birthday honours. The Secretary said that he hoped that everyone that had been on the week's holiday to Yarmouth was feeling better for the change. Although there had been plenty of sunshine, the wind was very cold, but fortunately they had had little rain, so he considered they were very lucky. He also added that there were a few seats left for the outing to Clacton on June 20th. Entertainment was by the Branch's Concert Party, those taking part being Mesdames Plumridge, Clark; Messrs. Wiltshire, Joseph, and Plumridge, compere Mr. Dawkins, and pianist Mrs. Dawkins.

On the 13th there was a very good attendance. One minute's silence was held for Mrs. Rowe, an old member, who had just passed away. The Secretary stated that it was with great regret that we had lost another old member. All sick members away were wished a very speedy recovery. Mrs. Joseph and Mr. Gill were welcomed back after being absent through illness. Birthday honours were accorded Mrs. Riches and Mrs. Johnson. Several members volunteered their services to help in the refreshment tent on Carnival day. Entertainment was by the "Happy Wanderers" Concert Party from Laindon.

Buttsbury Monday Club - New members are welcome at the meetings held every Monday evening at Buttsbury School. Membership is open to all old folk.

Wheelchairs Appeal - Billericay Old People's Welfare Committee would like some more wheelchairs, particularly for the July outing of handicapped pensioners to Clacton. Helpers are also needed for the Committee's refreshments tent at the Carnival Fete. Anybody able to help is asked to get in touch with the Secretary, Mrs. B. Barr, 273, Mountnessing Road, Billericay.

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REPAIRS TO WATCHES AND CLOCKS.

"BILLERICAY IN THE PAST" by Wynford P. Grant.

As the theme of this year's Billericay Carnival is "Rural England", and as this year's "Observer" float features people and characters who have made news in Billericay in the past, it is an appropriate time to write about the famous local people and characters.

The first of these characters was Bishop Odo, who lived at the time of the Norman Conquest. Odo was the half-brother of William the Conqueror, and was granted several manors in the Billericay area. Of these he made Great Burstead his chief manor, and it is said that on his journeys from his castle at Rochester to his northern lands, he supervised the building of the present Great Burstead Church (some of the work of the Norman period still survives today. He was eventually committed to prison for "sedition against the state", and was eventually banished when he organised a rebellion against the nephew of the Conqueror, William Rufus. Apparently he was then so unpopular that the people cried "Oh for a halter to hang this murderous, perjured, Bishop!" Apparently, not one of the pleasanter people associated with Billericay!

However, in 1475, a Billericay man, Robert Basset, became famous, when he was elected to the position of Mayor of London.

As you probably know, Billericay was a centre of Puritan belief during the Marian Persecution, and several local men and women were martyred. One of the most famous was "Worthee Wattee" (Thomas Watts, a local linen draper). The story of his last hours and trial can be read in Fox's famous "Book of Martyrs".

A less commendable character, but probably better known, was Billericay's "ghastly miller" - Thomas Wood. After a life of extreme eating and intemperance (he weighed well over twenty stone) he began at the age of forty to suffer from gout, a constant sense of thirst and suffocation, dizzy spells, and several other maladies. Convinced that this was due to his over-eating and intemperance he lived for the rest of his life on a revolting sea-biscuit pudding mixture once a day, going without any form of liquid refreshment for months on end. (The truth of this is verified for by the local clergy and a 18th century doctor). The remedy seems to have worked, for he lived to the age of sixty-five, which was a long time in the 18th century. By the way, his spare time delight was letting off fireworks, much to the annoyance of the local inhabitants.

A famous local figure of the late 19th century was Major Thomas Jenner Spitty of "Hurlocks" in the High Street (now demolished). He was a local landowner of some importance (owning Hill House Farm, which then included Lake Meadows, and the present Chantry Estate), a Deputy Lieutenant of Essex, an astronomer and a well-known local Archaeologist. He was also founder of Billericay Recreation Rooms, (the object of this year's Carnival is to raise funds for the Recreation Rooms), but his best known memorial is Billericay Lake, which he had dug to provide local employment during a trade depression in the late 19th century. He used to watch progress from his look out on top of "Hurlocks". He died in 1898, a window being erected to his memory in Great Burstead Church. His carriage (dating back to 1820) and some of his archaeological finds can now be seen in the Castle Museum at Colchester

Many more stories could be told of famous local people, but space does not permit. Of Christopher Martin, for example, one of the five local "Mayflower" pilgrims, and in charge of the stores on the "Mayflower". However, some of these characters, in traditional costume, will be featured on the "Observer" carnival float. If you want to see which ones, why not come along?

THIS TIME'S TOP TEN - Based on sales of records at Stanwood Radio Ltd., High Street, Billericay. Last time's positions in brackets.

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2. R.4902 - Come Outside (Mike Sarne) (4).
3. DB.4828 - Do You Want To Dance? (Cliff Richard) (2).
4. F.11460 - I Don't Know Why (Eden Kane) (-).
5. R.4896 - As You Like It (Adam Faith) (3).
6. 7N.35047 - Picture Of You (Joe Brown) (6).
7. POP.1013 - Ginny Come Lately (Brian Hyland) (7).
8. F.11458 - Last Night Was Made For Love (Billy Fury) (10).
9. DB.4836 - Far Away (Shirley Bassey) (-).
10. F.11470 - A Little Love, A Little Kiss (Karl Denver) (-). Page 6.

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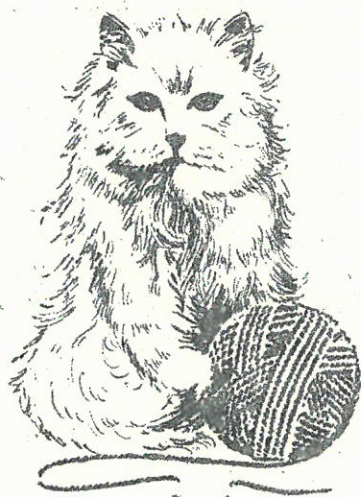
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CRICKET.

St. John's Sports Association (Billericay) beat Rettendon at home on June 9th. St. John's 97 f.5 Rettendon 96

St. John's scoring:-

Derenham N. b. Dale	9
Antony A. c. Creswell, b. Dale ...	17
Marshall C. b. Dale	21
Woodward P. b. Dale	20
Shipton R. b. White	3
Belson D. (Not Out)	10
Tunbridge D. (Not Out)	4

Coe, Crosland, Stutfield, and Mear did not bat. Coe E. took four wickets, Stutfield D. five, and Crosland B. one.

On the 10th St. John's lost to Lyles "A" at Tate and Lyles Sports Ground, St. John's 98, Tate & Lyle "A" 99 for 5.

St. John's scoring:-

Tunbridge D. c. Purcell b. Admore .	6
Warder L. c. Gill b. Padmore	2
Belson D. c. Olson b. Padmore	15
Woodward P. b. Padmore	17
Shipton R. c. Gamblin b. Lock	0
Bane P. c. Savoozy b. Padmore	2
Hill J. c. Taylor b. Lock	6
Brignall P. L.B.W. Padmore	6
Stutfield D. b. Lock	9
Dove R. c. Lock b. Padmore	22
Kidgell T. not out	8

Stutfield took two wickets, Dove two, and Brignall one.

SUCCESSFUL GARDEN PARTY.

Billericay Parish Church held a successful garden party at the "Little House" in Laindon Road last Saturday week with a difference - everything was free.

Said the Vicar, Rev. D.R.

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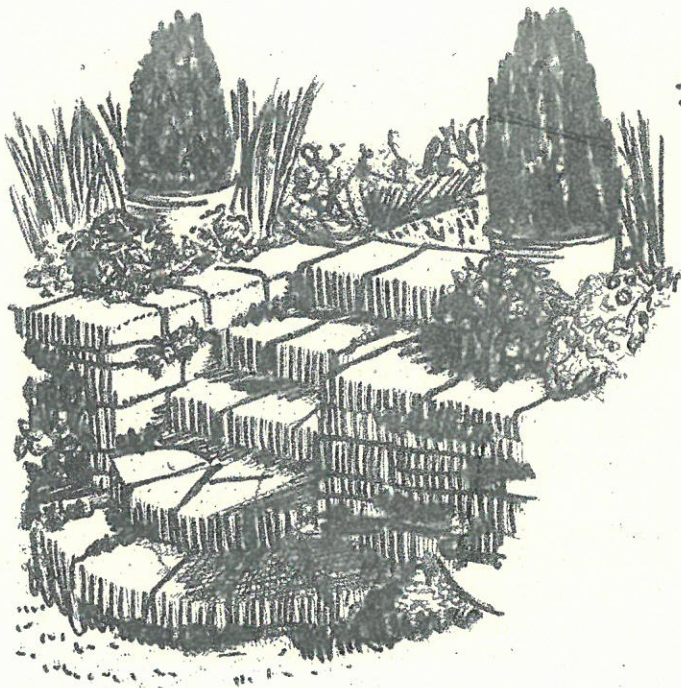
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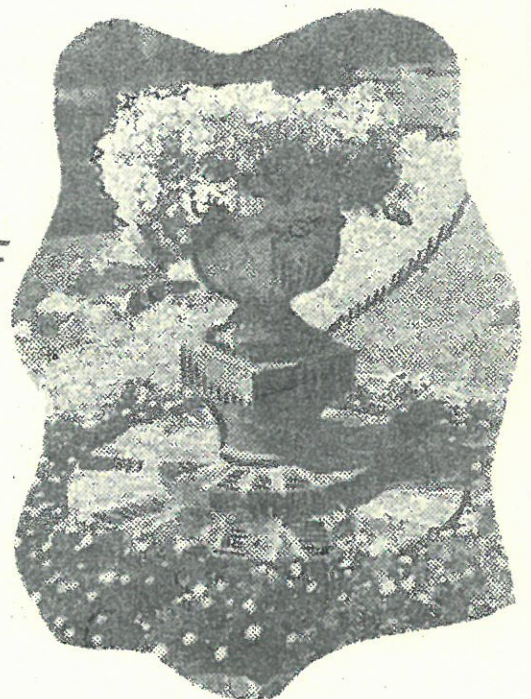
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CANDIDATE SPEAKS ON "COMING ATTACK ON LIBERALS".

"The Coming Attack on the Liberals" was the subject of a Press Conference given by P.M.T. Sheldon-Williams, Prospective Liberal Parliamentary Candidate for Billericay at Hutton on Saturday. He said that the Liberals were determined to win Billericay, and they wanted to make quite clear what they stood for, as he considered that an attack on the Liberals was coming from the Conservatives.

Mr. Sheldon-Williams said that the parrot cry that to vote Liberal was to vote Socialist was nonsense. As Mr. Grimond had said "If you want a Socialist government vote Labour".

It was also untrue to say that the Liberals in the House of Commons were divided. They voted together on all important matters.

On agriculture, Mr. Sheldon-Williams said that the Liberal agricultural policy had been accepted by the Party. It was absolutely untrue to say that the Liberals preached a policy of protection in rural areas and a policy of free trade in urban areas. Liberal agricultural policy would favour free entry for certain agricultural goods, and would favour the efficient farmer. It also planned co-operatives for small farmers to buy equipment by group purchase. Warned Mr. Sheldon-Williams; "Do not trust Conservative and Labour interpretations of our policy".

Liberal economic policy was based on a five-year plan for growth. This had been approved by leading economists who were not Liberals.

Liberals could form a government. The Party had been able to build up a strong nucleus of potential ministers. The argument that these people had never experienced the strains of government was tantamount to saying that there should never be any new blood in the Government.

The Liberal plan for peace in industry was something that all true patriots welcomed. This involved 50% of the Board of Directors being composed of representatives of the ordinary workers. Liberals also called for reform of the Trade Union Movement.

The Conservative Government carried no weight in the councils of the world, and British prestige abroad was low.

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WHY PEOPLE VOTE LIBERAL. From Column 1.

Mr. Sheldon-Williams concluded; "Voters who are now supporting the Liberals do so because they are impressed with the radical remedies Liberals seek to promote so that our country can be saved from further moral shrinkage and economic decline. Those who have turned to us from the Tories, have not merely done so in a spirit of protest, but have learnt from us what our policies are and have made their support positive. Those who have left Labour to join the Liberals have not merely done so to escape the bickerings of a party which is self-divided, but have come to realise that Marxist Socialism is rejected by most people in Britain who understand it.

Mr. L. Wernick (Liberal candidate for Billericay in the recent Council elections) said that the result in Billericay was quite satisfactory. As expected the Residents had made a pact with the Conservatives, and to date had always voted Conservative.

COUNTY PLANNING COMMITTEE APPROVE INNER RELIEF ROAD SCHEME.

Essex County Council's Planning Committee have approved the scheme for an Inner Relief Road for Billericay from Sun Street, down a widened Chapel Street, behind the High Street, and thus to Norsey Road, and have agreed to exercise planning control on the proposed route. They have also agreed that pending a decision on the route of the relief road at the northern end, the route for linking Norsey Road and Stock Road as tentatively suggested by the Urban Council be protected under planning control.

The County Highways Committee have in general taken the view that whilst as a long term solution to this problem a major by-pass might have to be provided, as an interim immediate measure the inner relief road appeared to be the most acceptable scheme. A final decision will be taken at their next meeting.

Apparently, the County Council have in mind proposals for a new road from Basildon to Chelmsford replacing road B.1007 and by-passing Billerivay and Stock, as the ultimate solution.

CLASSIFIED - SITUATIONS VACANT.

Part-time managers required by Dane Cleaners for their receiving branch at 82, High Street, Billericay. This is an interesting job for an active person who can work either mornings (9 a.m. to 1.15 p.m.) or afternoons (1 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.) on alternate weeks with a full day on all Saturdays. A full week will be worked as occasionally required to cover holidays, sickness etc. Wage to commence at 3/- per hour plus small commission. Being the right person is more important than previous retail experience, as full training is given. Applications (in writing only) to Sales Supervisor, Dane Dye Works Ltd., Hadleigh, Essex.

WHAT'S ON AT SOUTH GREEN MEMORIAL HALL EACH WEEK

Sunday morning - South Green Chapel Sunday School Covenanters Boys, 11 a.m.
Monday - Keep Fit Class, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., 1/6d.
Tuesday Afternoon - Child Welfare Clinic, 2-4 p.m. 2nd & 4th week of each month.
Tuesday Evenings - Bingo, 8 p.m., 2/6d.
Wednesday - Whist Drive, 7.45 p.m., 1/6d.
Friday - Keep Fit Class, 7.30 to .30 p.m.
Saturday - Bookings; apply to the Secretary, "St. Helens", 12, Mill Road, South Green, Billericay.

COUNCIL MEETING THURSDAY.

Next meeting of Basildon Council is at the Old Council Chamber, High Street, Billericay, on Thursday (June 21st) at 6.50 p.m. The public are invited to attend.

COUNCIL MAY MOVE MEETING PLACE.

Following complaints from the local press that the accommodation for Council Meetings at the Old Council Chamber, Billericay, is cramped, Basildon Council's Finance Committee are to investigate the possibilities of holding alternate meetings at Billericay Secondary School instead of at the Old Council Chamber.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE "BILLERICAY OBSERVER"! ! !
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"THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

five talks to be given, God willing, during July under this heading are

- JULY 1st - "TO BE ON EARTH"
- JULY 8th - "THE CAPITAL CITY"
- JULY 15th - "THE KING"
- JULY 22nd - "SIGNS OF ITS APPROACH"
- JULY 29th - "WILL YOU BE THERE"

EACH MEETING TO COMMENCE AT 4 o/c IN THE RECREATION ROOMS, HIGH STREET, BILLERICAY, ESSEX (almost opposite the Church).

by the CHRISTADELPHIANS.

Further details and free leaflets on any of the above subjects from J. Stokes Esq., "Furnessia", Highfield Road, South Green, Billericay.

CARNIVAL PROGRAMME DETAILS.

2 p.m. - Carnival Fete on Archer Hall Field opens.
2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Procession entrants line up on Town Farm Estate for judging. The Carnival Association would like entrants to arrive at the Estate by 1.30 p.m. if possible. This is the time to study both the motorised and non-motorised entries at your leisure.
3 p.m. Procession moves off from Hillary Mount, down Everest Rise, and along Western Road.
3.30 p.m. Procession arrives at lower end of High Street. Proceeds up High Street as far as Sun Corner.
4 p.m. Official opening of Carnival Fete by Cllr. A.P. Phelps J.P., Chairman of the Council, and Mrs. Phelps. Presentation of awards by Carnival Queen and tour of stalls and sideshows by platform party.
4.15 p.m. Dancing Display by the Mala School of Dancing.
4.45 p.m. Southend Scottish Pipe Band; display in ring.
5.15 p.m. Display of Swedish Dancing by the Billericay Secondary Modern School.
5.45 p.m. Model aircraft display in the ring by Keil Kraft of Wickford.
7.30 p.m. Carnival Dance in the Archer Hall, presided over by the Carnival Queen and her attendants.
Dusk - Grand Firework Display on the Fete Field.
The official Carnival Programme (Price 6d) should be on sale during the early part of this week.

M.P. PRESSES FOR MORE VOLUNTARY SERVICE AID.

Mr. Edward Gardner Q.C., M.P., has been campaigning for more funds for Voluntary Service Overseas, which sends boys and girls, in their teens, to work overseas, and is similar to the American "Peace Corps".

During the past few weeks Mr. Gardner (M.P. for Billericay and Brentwood) has been persistently questioning the Secretary for Technical Co-operation, and urging an increase in the Government grant for this work. In order to make the work of the Service better known Mr. Gardner has broadcast on the B.B.C. European and Overseas services in the past week.

Mr. Gardner has been elected as a Governor and Guardian of the Thomas Coram Foundation for foundling children, one of the most famous of its kind.

ROUND AND ABOUT

by
"WANDERER".

On June 30th Billericay's third post war Carnival is to be held. It is hoped that all residents will come and watch the procession, support the Fete, and give generously. Billericay Recreation Rooms are a valuable asset to the town, but money is urgently needed for improvements and repairs. I hope that a large sum will be raised at the Carnival.

Throughout the past six months the officials of Billericay Carnival Association have been working hard to make a success of the Carnival. Unfortunately, they have met with little public support, as in past years. It seems that people are all too ready to enjoy the Carnival, but are not prepared to give the over-worked organisers a hand. It is not everybody that has the time to help, but the least you can do is demonstrate your thanks on June 30th by giving generously!

At Saturday's Liberal Press Conference Mr. L. Wernick (Liberal candidate for Billericay in the Council elections) stated that the four Residents' Association Councillors had always voted Tory at the Council Meetings since May. I have kept a careful note of the voting record of the Residents and it would appear that they have voted for the Conservatives once, abstained once, been alone in voting a particular way once, and various members voted different ways twice. Is this Mr. Wernick's of a pact with the Conservatives? Surely, voting for the Conservatives on one occasion out of five does not constitute an alliance? I should hardly think so.

I fully support the decision of the Council not to allow the land in Jacksons Lane to be developed. Our trains are already packed to their limits in the rush hours, and what is going to happen when the children now at School start travelling to London? We must slow down the rate of development in Billericay NOW or in a few years time it will be impossible to get on the trains, to find a place for a child in a local School, or to provide an adequate water supply. I do find it significant that for the first time the Council have included the pressure on services in their reasons for rejecting a planning application, in the first Public Inquiry since May --- "Wanderer".