ST JOHNS OLD BOYS CRICKET CLUB TO INCLUDE TENNIS, HOCKEY, ATHLETICS, AND RUGBY FOOTBALL, EARLY FAIR HALL TO RAISE FUNDS.

St John's Old Boys Cricket Club held an Easter Ball at the Archer Hall, Billericay on Wednesday, February 28th to raise funds for the proposed St John's nets expansion. The President outlined the club's history. He said that the club had been founded in 1936/7 and as it had no ground used the school and its grounds. At the start of the war, the club ended but it was revived after the war in 1945. In 1947, a piece of ground of about 3 to 4 acres was purchased near the Rush Hall Stores in the Stock Road, for use as a ground. Recently the ground was built on and this made play dangerous. Fortunately, the ground was building land and was easy to sell. Now the club had bought a ground of 7 to 8 acres further up the Stock Road. Money was needed to erect a first-class pavilion.

Mrs C. Allison was the headmistress of Brentwood School, performing the opening ceremony. She said that there was much criticism of youth today that they didn't have enough to raise money, but if a club was needed, the club was very much needed.

Sala's were Needlework, and Jewellery, Garden, Groceries, bottles, Household goods, Books, toys, and Stationery, Lucky dips, jubile, Inquisites, Cakes, etc. A dance, Eastern eggs, Slideshows were all Northall, or Mission U-Drive Madame Zulaika, and refreshments.

EXTENSIONS COMPLETED.

Extensions to Luttsbury C.I. School were completed recently. Some classes had to be taken to Basildon by bus every day because of lack of room at Luttsbury. But pupils returned to work in the new extension on Thursday, February 28th.

The Schools Service between Mountnessing Road and Luttsbury, which was started when children first went to Basildon will be maintained.

RAIL ACCIDENT.

When the 5.33 from Liverpool St. overtook the platform at Billericay Station on Tuesday, February 24th, a door was opened against the bridge and wrenched off.

A porter travelled in the coach to Southend where the train was put out of service, causing delays on Wednesday morning. A man's name and address was taken.

CHAOS IN LAKE AVENUE.

POLICE CONTROL CARS.

The hot weather brought chaos to Lake Avenue, Billericay on Sunday March 4th.

By 6.30 the car park was full, as no car parks had been made or used, and only a small car standing was in use. Residents of Lake Avenue and the "Observer" tried to control the 300 cars which arrived.

Motorists ignored no parking notices and parked on Lake Avenue verges and in the road, and they threw the car park full sign into the hedge.

Groups of angry residents formed and one resident told the "Observer", "If the Council want people to come to the park they should make facilities. It's all the Council's fault".

Several people dialed for the Police, who arrived and cleared most of the cars out of Lake Avenue and allowed no cars in. As a result of this, lines of cars formed along the Stock Road.

A park official told the "Observer", "A car for cars in the High Street area would greatly help things".

Despite the car congestion, Lake Meadows was as crowded as a July Fair.

PARTITION CARNIVAL QUEEN MAY BE FROM BILLERICAY THIS YEAR.

Basildon Carnival Queen may come from Billericay this year, as the Carnival Association have opened the competition to the whole urban district.

The Carnival Association hope to organise processions from Wickford and Billericay, to join up with the main procession.

Carnival weekend will be the August bank holiday weekend.

ARCHERY CLUB IN BILLERICAY.

An archery club has been formed in Billericay for teenagers over 16 and adults joining the Youth Centre.

The club meets at the Secondary School, and the founders are Mr and Mrs R.P. Goldwater of Chantry Way, who are official coaches of the Grand National Archery Society.

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STOP PRESS NEWS.
**Cinema Column**

**Ferry Street Again.**

We are the residents of Ferry Street still enjoying the treasures of excavators, drummers, billies, or dunghill, which corral soil and mixed cement etc., charging up and down the street we have had mud, mud nothing but mud. Good progress has been made and is being made, and no doubt a great improvement for all concerned, especially small children coming and going from school (safety first). I now understand that the Chelmerford Borough Council is to take over Ferry St. to make it a main road, and in three years intend to widen this road. So we start from scratch again, what of the future then?

I am given to understand that at least 400 houses are going to be built soon between Uplands Rd. and The Brightside. Soon we shall be catching up on Harlow New Town. On the building subject there is great activity again in Lake Meadows. Not cement and brick, neither Mr. Sherriff or Townsend, its sticks moss and feathers. Yes its those cows etc., invading again with plenty of cause and fighting going on.

Childrens swings in Lake Meadows.

Why have the authorities moved the site near to the children's paddling pool I make it about 40 feet from Lake and Pool. Surely a better sight could have been found. What a conception there will be in the summertime with swings, slides etc, and youngsters with parents, used that piece of grass to pile their little shoes, stockings or socks etc. They also have lunch, ice cream, there. But there, somebody knows best or do they? Furthermore I suggest, as this portion is for small children only that it be fenced in and a gate leading in a woman in charge, to prevent those 15 to 16 years old from using those swings etc. I have myself seen these latter mentioned kids on those swings on several occasions, and no doubt readers of this newspaper have seen in many parks a woman in charge of the small children.

Cheerio readers! This will be my last article for some weeks as I will be touring Warwickshire and Staffordshire. Please think kindly of me sometime.

**The Brightside.**

Q. Why did the cow cross the road?
A. Because it saw the algae stream. Happy Hunting—“LONGSIDE.”
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Would any lady pensioner like Woman's Own passed on weekly? Perry or High St area. Apply box No. 2, Billericay Observer, 143, Perry Street, Billericay.

EDITORIAL CORNER.
This edition includes a competition, which I hope you will all enter for. Also we now include a 'Cinema Column', which we are sure will be a welcome addition to cinemagoers all and alike. However, lack of space, and we hope will return shortly. So now this Editorial is the only article which has appeared in the newspaper since its inauguration.

Yours Sincerely,
W. Grant, Editor.

COMPETITION.
Win a good ballpoint pen. No entry fee.
It is hoped that many people will enter. In the past entries for competitions have been very low. What you have to do is a list of the 'B.O.' articles in this edition. Place them in order of preference e.g. History of Billericay, Longsight, etc. Then choose a new article you would like in the 'O'h and suggest a name for it. If it was Peter's Corner, send your name and address and send your entry to the office or hand it to the editor or entries will be collected when the next copy is delivered. Closing date is March 20th. If you do not want to cut your copy you can do your entry on plain paper. The Editor's decision in all matters relating to the competition is final. The winner will be the person who agrees with the majority poll. In the event of more than one's new article idea will count. It is very simple to do, only takes a few minutes, and you are helping the ed so that he knows the most popular articles.

ENTRY FORM.
(PLAIN PAPER CAN BE USED)
Number in preference 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.
1. History of Billericay
2. 'Cinema Column'
3. 'Sound and Vision'
4. 'Sports Observer'
5. 'For the Gardener'
6. My new article name is:

Name
Address

The result will be published in the issue of March 31st. The winner may be you, if you enter.

SPORTS OBSERVER.

You may have read in your national newspapers that the F.A. intend to cut down to a small number the non-league clubs entering the F.A. cup, perhaps with the eventual aim of making it all Football League competition. What a tragedy this would be for all the glamour would go out of the F.A. cup if all clubs from United and Yeovil Towns, Exeter or Watford C. Herford United or South Shields were not included. As for cutting down.

The F.A. cup is a national competition and it should be kept that why. How can it be a really true national competition if the majority of clubs are not represented? In my opinion the number of clubs competing should be raised so that most clubs in St. Britain down to the standard of Billericay Town would have a chance of course the question of dates than arises, as under the present arrangement the earliest rounds are played in September. So I suggest an extra competition be arranged for smaller clubs, from which about twenty to thirty clubs would enter the qualifying rounds. This could be played out in the months of March, April and May of the previous season.

FOR THE GARDENER

Garden Planning 2 - Lawns.
Any series about Garden Planning would not be complete without an article on lawns. For there are very few gardens that have not got a lawn.

The best method of lawn making is by turf. This produces better results than seed, and you do not have to bother about birds. Also it can be easily taken up again. The much-advertised "Emerald Velvet" allege, many gardeners is a very poor method.

The most suitable time for laying turf is April-May and September-October.

The ground should be well dug and cleared of any roots, however small, then level and firm it. A light layer of sand on top on the soil, although not necessary is a help when laying turf. After the turves have been laid they should be well-rolled for a few weeks.

GARDEN ADVICE.
We offer a free garden advice service by an expert (not the ed). We will either answer your questions or letter on in this column. In that way other readers are assisted. So send your queries and problems to us at 143, Perry St, Billericay.