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EX-COUNCIL CHAIRMAN CLAPPED OUT OF CHAMBER. -ER.

AND EX-CHAIRMAN MARCHANT OF LAST YEAR LOOKS ON.

Everybody in Basildon U.D. Council Chamber on Thursday rose and clapped Mr H.E. Tanswell, the former Council Chairman as he left after investing Counc W.H. Davies J.P. with the chain of office. Mr Tanswell and his wife, who was with him, both lost their seats in the recent U.D.C. elections when the Conservatives gained control of the council, 15 seats to 13. Counc Mrs C.J. Gadsen was elected Vice-Chairman.

Ex-Chairman Marchant arrived with a friend a few minutes before the meeting started, and the Chamber being full, he took the empty seats on the Press Table. Mr Marchant resigned as Chairman, from the Council and the Labour Party last year because an ex-Communist had been put up for the elections, after just joining the party. Two other councillors also resigned, both Labour members.

Speaking of Mr H.E. Tanswell, Councillor Davies the new Chairman said that his whole life was his work with the Council.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ADVISES NEW COUNCILLORS "TO FORGET CONCIETED IDEAS".

Councillor W.H. Davies J.P. speaking of a councillor's duties said, "Being a councillor is a harder job than many people think. A councillor must be able to speak well and have a sense of humor. He should have a sense of civic pride. He should be able to contribute to the good of the community. Whatever concieted ideas a new councillor may have I advise him to forget them. This is the place where you get knocked down if you cannot find your ground. We can only do what we aim to do in the next 12 months if the councillors co-operate and work strenuously for what we believe is right, for the community in the whole of the Basildon Urban District.

LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE ARE TO START AGAIN.

"MORE STABLE RATE".

Speaking of the plans of the Conservatives for the next 12 months at the council meeting Counc Davies said;

"We propose to re-commence House Purchase Loans and House Improvement loans almost immediately. We have five major sewerage schemes under way. We also wish to assist in solving the car parking problems in Bikericay and Pypsea. There are plans for the take over of Education, Health & Welfare and County Highways from the County Council. We plan to progress in Private Street Works, but we will not impose a 1/- rate each year for this (as planned by the former Labour-controlled Council) as we release some people have already paid towards this in one way or the other. A more stable rate".

LABOUR MEMBERS WORRIED ABOUT NEW COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS.

Members on the Labour side of the Council expressed their concern over the new timetable and committee arrangements at the Council Meeting. Under this system Health and Works, Parks and Development, and Housing and Planning meet on the same nights. Also the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Finance Committee Chairman are allowed to be present as ex-officio members.

Labour expressed their concern at the meeting of two committees on one night, as a Councillor may have interests in both. They also regretted the removal of the right to attend all Committee meetings. They said that at the end of the year, one half of the Council would not know what the other half was doing.

A Conservative member stated that the timetable was a model of efficiency and had been drawn up as a result of considerable thought.

A Socialist member said "Are we to sacrifice democracy at the sake of efficiency. After being put to the vote a Labour amendment was defeated.

CINEMA DIARY,
RITZ CINEMA, CHAPEL ST.,
BIRMINGHAM.

Monday May 25th. Three Days. L.C.P.
7.05. "THE BAITED TRAP" and "AS
YOUNG AS WE ARE". Both Cert A.
"THE BAITED TRAP". - In a terror
taut melodrama Ralph Anderson vows
to drive Massonetti, gang chief
responsible for his father's death
across the sunblasted desert to
authorities at Barstow, Calif. The
two-car caravan stalked by Masso-
netti's killers, includes Tippy,
Anderson, Linda and two deputies.
Death rides with the caravan. Tippy
and the deputies are killed and
Anderson wounded but in the
sensational climax Anderson drives
a car into Massonetti's speeding
airplane and prevents his escape.
Thursday May 28th. Three days. L.C.P.
7.5.

Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis star
in "THE VIKINGS" (U) the well-
renowned film about the Viking
Invasion of England. Also "HOT CARS"
(U).

Sunday May 31st L.C.P. 7.15.
"DESERT SANDS" (U) and "TIMETABLE"
(U).

June 1st Monday. Three days. L.C.P.
"THE 7th VOYAGE OF SINBAD". (A).
This Technicolor entertainment
brings to vibrant life the
magical fantasy of the enthralling
Arabian Nights stories and the "7th
VOYAGE OF SINBAD" is a joyous,
exciting adventure into the
mysterious world of man's imagin-
ation.

Thursday June 4th. Three days.
Bernard Bresslaw, Terry-Thomas,
and Sidney James (of Hancock's
Half Hour are among the familiar
names in the cast of "TOO MANY
CROOKS". (U). Fingers (George Cole)
is boss of a gang of crooksters,
always making mistakes. Shady city
tycoon Billy Gordon (Terry-Thomas)
is always on the look out for the
tax man. The gang try to kidnap
Gordon's daughter and as usual
make a mistake. This is one of the
most amusing films of the year,
and certainly the best of the
fortnight.

Also "ABOVE US THE WAVES". (U) and
stars John Mills & John Gregson.
In the film, the battle of the
Atlantic is at its height, in World
War II. Ships are badly needed
everywhere but the fastest and
most modern of the heavy units is
immobilised. They dare not break a
ceaseless vigil on a vicious, hard-
hitting menace to the life-line
of the West - the monster German
battleship, Tirpitz. It is in a
fjord-quite safe from the British
fleet. It must be destroyed-but how

ROUND AND ABOUT
BY
"WANDERER".

Recently, I have noticed
the litter bins in Lake Meadows
have become fuller and the ground
not covered quite so much by lit-
ter. The public is becoming more
litter conscious. But it is still
bad enough. I have two suggest-
ions to rid this country of most
of its litter - or at least the
beauty spots.

(a) More Bins. The present number
is totally inadequate.

(b) A few swoops on beauty spots
like Lake Meadows. I suggest that
a special group of wardens is
formed. One section would give
warnings of the other half's
presence by leaflets. The others
would hand summonses to offenders
against the Litter Act. This would
soon rid the country of litter
bugs. Expensive? Not very, a fracti-
-on of the amount of that spent
on space probes etc. And worth it.
To beautify this lovely England
by ridding it of litter.

Whilst on the subject
of Lake Meadows, on Whit Monday a
line of cars extended from Lake
Meadows, up Lake Avenue, along
the Stock Road, up to Western Rd.
About 850 - 900 cars were in the
car park. Among those in the jam
were buses which were delayed
for periods of up to twenty-five
minutes. Eventually Police clos-
-ed the road and moved cars on.
If there had been room something
in the region of 1,500 cars
would have been in Lake Meadows.
What is the great attraction
that draws people from a range
of 150 miles to Lake Meadows?

Last week I said that
Tom's bus from Stock ran down
Perry St. NOW some old resident
tells me that a bus ran from
Shenfield Station to Queens Pk.
Some say there was no bus, some
say it comes from Shenfield,
a history expert says it was
Tom's from Stock. Any more offers
? Could old residents help me to
clear this "bus mystery" up?
Behind the present bus argument
are, the residents who came down
here for the country, the other
residents who want more facilit-
-ies and want it developed into
a town. And the old residents are
divided between the two. As a re-
-sult all sorts of complications
and arguments arise seeing both
sides are in equal proportions.
Any "sorting-out" suggestions?

"WANDERER".

South Africa is persisting with her policy of a separate state for the coloured population. This is strongly condemned by Critics of her policy. But it is not a matter that can be resolved to please all. In South Africa, there are many different tribes. Each with their own racial problems. Some of the more advanced groups causing jealousy from the less emancipated.

Crime is high in some places. Usually there has to be a curfew in the Union of S.A.: Then at night at least Africa is claimed by the Coloureds, for White People, known as Europeans, go out at their own risk. There has to be prohibition for non Europeans. The mildest form of alcohol transforms the non Europeans to a state of mutiny. Europeans run the risk of heavy penalties by the Courts for giving or allowing non European Employees to obtain intoxicants. I issued a chit to a coloured Cook Boy to obtain yeast to make bread. He used it to make Kaffir beer. I had to give an account of how some 20 non-European employees in my charge were drunk and violent. I imagine many would opt for some segregation. They enjoyed their separate living quarters far enough from the Europeans, so that they could make merry in their own way until dawn.

At St George's Cathedral in Cape Town there was no segregation. There were always coloured people attending the services and they sat anywhere. These things are not generally known!

With the tendencies of the non Europeans to Violent Criminal conduct after a small amount of intoxicants; the Europeans do live with a real apprehension of the coloured community. After all there is so much deception and honest declaration of policy has its merits. Each individual has his own conception of democracy. A recent press report indicated that America now has its class segregation. It lists Drs as priority. In religion Anglicans are at the top of the social scale. Roman Catholics next. Jews are right out. And Methodists are classed as the lower scale workers. Well, it savours of White Apartheid.

On Legal Matters.

We have two innocent men still held ever since Suez for over 2 years in an Egyptian prison. Surely their release could have been made a condition of that settlement. Are we becoming careless of how we administer Legal matters of Justice? Compulsory purchase of Homes & Land have become a disturbing factor in our Country. There seem few to decry these things. But for fearless impartial reporters like John Gordon these things would have to go by default. The Home Secretary has refused to allow the petition of a young British Vicar resident in Queensland, from where he made a 12,000 mile journey to answer his dead brother's last request. This was to adopt his brother's only eighteen month old son and bring him up as his own. The East Suffolk County Council contested the young Vicar's application and placed the child in care of Foster Parents. Is there no high authority in the British Christian organisation to raise an outcry at such shocking British Injustice. I recall an eminent judge of the High Court hearing a Widow's appeal against her late husband's will. It was during the period following the end of the last war. The husband left the whole of his Estate of some £12,000 plus his WIFE'S personal things to relatives and friends. Though it was ascertained that the Widow had only what she could earn in a precarious way the Court upheld the Will. Many such hardships are probably still inflicted in the England that used to be called by foreigners:- "England JUSTICE Land".

Perhaps we need a Legal Honorary Organisation similar to "Chatham House". The Committee and Members of Chatham House advises the Government on World Affairs. They are all unpaid and little is ever heard of their work.

It is noted that some sections of the community feel that a Protection Committee is essential to protect coloured peoples in Britain. But this is an isolated case of its kind. During recent years, many white people have been killed or brutally injured by coloured and white people. Some one with a flair for Statistics should publish these. Whilst everyone should deplore the murder of a West Indian Worker in this country; we should not conclude this is a discriminatory murder. It seems like mad murder for greed. It will be used for propagandist purposes.

HEALTH HINTS (3) - For sore and bleeding gums; use salt with a little sugar added to clean the teeth and wash out the mouth for a few days. This is also excellent as a gargle. Remember what I have advised before. Raw Grated Carrot, Salads, Fruit. These help for a healthy head of hair too.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

Basildon U.D. Council have now sent us the conditions and rules for the Press Facilities which the "Billericay Observer" has had for quite a time now. They are:-
(1.) A copy of the Council Minutes and Committee reports will be available for you on the night of the meeting, and it will be in order for you to retain this copy.
(2.) It is suggested that you should not remain at a Council Meeting, or any other Council function, later than 8.30 p.m. in Billericay and 8.15 p.m. in Basildon. The "Observer" has written a letter to Mr Hatt hoping that this regulation will not apply in school vacations. At other meetings the "Observer" remains until 8.45 or 9.0 according to day of week. The others outline that I will be sent all Press Statements, a copy must be supplied to Mr Hatt. Others deal with minor points.

I must apologise for the amount of advertising in this issue. It will be rectified soon. But I must remind readers that until we had adverts there were only 4 pages.

W.P. Editor.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Was received from a Dutch youth, Bill King, who lives in Amsterdam and is a free-lancer from a daily newspaper there. Part of his letter:-
"Enclosed you find a picture of yourself if the Editor-in-chief from your own newspaper 'The Billericay Observer'. I saw it in our illustration 'Beatrix's', and I read the story over: 'the boy who have one own newspaper!'. 'I find it admirable that you do it altogether alone'."

DISEASE HITS FISH. AT LEAST 800 DIE.

At least 800 fish have been killed by a disease since Whitsun, in Lake Meadows Lake. They are mostly small roach. The dead fish are in banks alongside the lake sides. A type of white fungus forms on the fish, and is spread to others quickly, eventually killing them. It is a common disease of goldfish.

Local people are now asking questions among them, "Will the lake have to be re-stocked? If so how much will it cost? Will the coming fishing season be affected?"

To answer these and other questions the "Observer" went to find the Parkeeper. We were told that there wasn't one. (We hope to include a fuller report in the next issue).

LETTERS

are invited expressing your opinion on various matters. See Page 6. Originals can be seen on application.

TOWN CRIER.

It has been decided that the "Observer" emblem will be a Town Crier, newspapers of old, with a bell, crying "Oyez, all the news".

NEW COMMITTEE FORMATION.

The new committees of Basildon U.D.C. will consist of 5 Conservatives and 4 Labour plus ex-officio members. Finance Committee will consist of all councillors.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

NATURE NOTE:- 6 cygnets have hatched out on an island in Lake Meadows. Visitors saw them obediently following Mother.

WOOL TRADITION IS CARRIED ON.

No. 3 Chapel Street, Billericay was in great probability a house of one of Billericay's Woolmen when the Wool Trade was at its height. No 5 and part of No 7 were with little doubt part of the same house, although in its present form it would be unrecognisable to its original owner. Now No 3 will carry on its connection with wool for the "WOOLPACK" is now open there. Also on sale apart from wool (range from 1/- per oz) are knitting machines, sewing machines, hosiery, haberdashery, baby linen and basketware etc. "THE WOOL PACK" is the transferred business of the former NEWMAN'S of Houghton's Yard. You may ask, "Why call the shop 'THE WOOL PACK'". The owner thought it would be more in keeping with the 1450 building in which it is housed and the historic High Street than NEWMAN'S. Also Joseph Fishpoole of Billericay issued, in 1669, a tradesman's token with a Woolpack on it denoting his business.

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COMMENT.

Sunday was Empire Day. Did you give it more than a passing thought or notice it in your diary? Or didn't you even give it a passing thought. I expect many readers come in these two categories.

Are Britons losing pride in their country? Is the British workman losing pride in his work?

One daily newspaper issued 'Empire Day Flags'. This is a step in the right direction. If the people who kept moaning would do something the great Commonwealth & Empire of Gt. Britain would be a better place to live in. Note I say GREAT Britain. Let us try to make it greater, and its Commonwealth in the eyes of the nations of the World.

I make no excuse for repeating that a traffic police must be formed. There is a definite need for one. The overworked, hard-trying Police Force are out on holidays, when traffic is at its height, and property most vulnerable. There is a need for a corps now.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN.

Below are listed the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the various committees of Basildon U.D. Council for the ensuing year:- (Chairmen first, Vice-Chairmen second). Finance; Cllr R.R. Gaywood, Cllr W.H. Davies J.P., Development; Cllr A.F. Quirk, Cllr C.H. Weston, Establishment; Cllr A.P. Phelps, Cllr H.G. Pembroke, Health; Cllr T.W.S. Roots, Cllr J.J.A. Tesoriere, Housing; Cllr D.V. Morley, Cllr A.P. Phelps, Parks; Cllr H.G. Pembroke, Cllr E.H. Merrin, Planning; Cllr A.F. Quirk, Cllr C.H. Weston, Works; Cllr A.P. Phelps, Cllr C.C. Layton.

O.A.P.'s.

At meeting of the Billericay O.A.P. held at the Rose Hall on Wednesday last there was an excellent attendance. Mr W. Joseph presided. All sick Members were wished a very speedy recovery. The Secretary in his remarks gave the final details in respect of the party of Members who were going to Ramsgate for one week's holiday on Saturday May 23rd. Owing to the Concert Party who were booked for

CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN.

O.A.P.'s. Continued from Column I. this afternoon being unable to come along the Members entertained themselves with Pianforte Solos, Songs, and Recitations and some "new discoveries" were brought to light amongst some of the older members, which everyone much enjoyed.

READER'S OPINION.

Sir,

I moved into this area less than 3 years ago and already in that comparatively short time the plumbing in my house has had to be overhauled and partly renewed and now needs further attention.

The trouble, I understand, is caused by a chemical. In the mains water which, when heated, has a reaction on copper piping and leaves a brown, jelly-like deposit. This very quickly causes blockages in the hot-water system and gradually reduces the pressure. This is likely to prove a costly business to house owners and I wonder whether any of your readers know a solution?

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