EX COUNCIL CHAIRMAN CLAPPED OUT OF CHAMBER

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 inviting Councillor 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 J.D.C. elections when the Conservatives gained control of the council. Councillor Mrs J.O. Seddon 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 CONCEVEID 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 conceived 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, Councillor Davies said:

"We propose to re-commence House Purchase Loans and House Improvement loans almost immediately. We have several major sewerage schemes under way. We also wish to assist in solving the car parking problems in Basildon and Fostoria. There are plans for the take over of Education, Health, and Welfare and County Highways from the County Council. We plan to progress in Private Street Works, but we will not impose a rate rise 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 to 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."

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CINEMA DIARY,
RITZ CINEMA, CHAPEL ST. BILLERICAY.

Monday May 25th. Three days L.C.P. 7.45, "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 sunblest desert to authorities at Barstow, Calif. The two-car caravan stalked by Massonetti'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. 7.45. Kirk Douglas and Tony Curtis star in "THE VIKINGS" (U), the well-rehearsed film about the Viking invasion of England. Also "HOT CARS" (U).

Sunday May 31st L.C.P. 7.45, "DESSERT 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 jovous, exciting adventure into the mysterious world of man's imagination. 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 COOKS" (U), Fingers (George Cole) in use 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 are immobilized. They are not break a ceaseless vigil on a vicious, hard-fighting 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 litter. The public is becoming more litter conscious. But it is still bad enough. I have two suggestions 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 halfs presence by leaflets. The others would hand summonses to offenders against the Litter Act. This would soon rid the country of litter bugs. Expensive, you say, a fraction 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 closed 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 Pt. 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 facilities and want it developed into a town. And old residents are divided between the two. As a result all sorts of complications and arguments arise; seeing both sides are in equal proportions. Any "sort-out" suggestions? "WANDERER".
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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 was to be prohibition for non Europeans. The mildest form of alchohol 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 conscious 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 come to light. 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. In them no higher 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 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 hardship cases 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 propaganda 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.C. 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 9.30 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 9.45 or 9.00 according to day of week. The other points 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 advert there were only 4 pages.

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 from yourself if the Editor-in-chief from your own newspaper "The Billericay Observer". I saw it in our illustration "beatty"s", and I read the story over: "the boy who have one own newspaper!". I find it admirable that you do it altogether alone."

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, haberdashery, baby linen and basketware etc. "THE WOOLPACK" is the transferred business of the former Newman’s of Houghton’s Yard. You may ask, "why call the shop "THE WOOLPACK". 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 Fishpool of Billericay issued, in 1869, a tradesman’s token with a Woolpack on it denoting his business.

CALL IN AT THE "WOOLPACK".

High Street.

"THE WOOLPACK"

DISEASE HITS FISH, AT LEAST 800 DIE.

At least 800 fish have been killed by a disease since Whiteway, in Lake Meadows, died. They are mostly small ones. The dead fish are in boxes alongside the lake side. 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 Park Keeper. We were told that there wasn’t one.

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

TOWN CRIER.

It has been devised 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 committee of Billericay U.D.C. will consist of 5 Conservatives and 4 Labour plus 2 ex-officio members Finance Committee will consist of all councillors.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

NATURE NOTE: 8 cygnets have hatched out on an Island in Lake Meadows. Visitors saw them obediently following mother.
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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 those 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 mourning would do something the great Commonwealth & Empire of Great 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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CHAIRWEN.

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various committees of Basildon U.D.
Council for the ensuing year:-
(Chairman first, Vice-Chairmen
second). Finance; Clr R.R. Gaywood,
Clr W.H. Davies J.P., Development;
Clr A.F. Quirk, Clr C.H. Weston,
Establishment; Clr A.P. Phelps, Clr
H.G. Pembroke, Health; Clr T.W.S.
Souts, Clr J.J.A. Tocchi, Housing;
Clr D.V. Morley, Clr A.P. Phelps,
Parks; Clr H.G. Pembroke, Clr J.H.
Merrin, Planning; Clr A.P. Quirk,
Clr C.H. Weston, Works; Clr A.P.
Phelps, Clr C.C. Leyton.

O.A.P.'s.

At meeting of the
Billericaay 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
Rome for one week's holiday on
Saturday May 23rd. Owing to the
Concert Party who were booked for
CONTINUED NEXT COLUMN.

0.A.P.'s, continued from Column I.
this afternoon being unable to
come along the Members entertain-
ed themselves with Piano-
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
carried 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 syst-
em 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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