HOSPITAL FETE WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL.

The fete held by St. Andrew's Hospital League of Friends on June 6th in the Archer Hall and Football Field, Laindon Road, was very successful.

The League was founded in 1954 and the fete is the 5th annual one. The League's object is to provide 'little extras' both materially and in service, which the National Health Service cannot. Since its inception among the things the League has provided are: toys for children's ward, armchairs for old people, bulbs and flowers for wards, television sets for wards and staff, special chair for spastic children, Christmas trees and Christmas decorations, summer house for staff, Easter eggs for old ladies, fireworks for children, armchairs for nurses' home, head-phones for radio in ward. Help in providing cubicles in wards.

The fete was opened by Dr. B. Bowen (formerly Dr. E. Preston Thomas) who was presented with a bouquet by Mary McTiernan.

Various local organisations helped the League and Hospital staff man the stalls. A popular feature, as last year was the archery.

Music was provided by the Billericay Brotherhood Band, during the fete. At 4.00 an aeroplane flew over the field several times at the same height and a competition was run inviting people to guess the height.

Winner of the Holiday Sweep, prize for which was a weekend in Paris or 50 Premium Bonds was L.N. Davies of Noak Hill Road, Billericay. 2nd and winning 10 Premium Bonds or a weekend in Southend was B. Peace of School Rd, Billericay. 3rd was Mrs. Middleton of Barking who won 5 Premium bonds.

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CINEMA DIARY
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Monday June 8th. Three days.
Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis in "KINGS GO NORTH" (A).
Also "A WOMAN POSSESSED" (G), L.C.P. 7-00.

Thursday June 11th. Three days.
REX HARRISON and KAY KENDALL in the "RELIQUARY DEBUTANTE" (U).
In this film of High Society hilarity is the parent of Jimmy and Sheila Fane-Adair.
Rex Harrison and Kay Kendall are determined to arrange the life of their daughter, aged 17, present her to London society and make a brilliant match for her. Among the difficulties are the daughter's attachement of an old friend to win David Fenner of the Royal Horse Guards for her daughter, and the daughter's attraction to a jazz drummer who plays at society coming-out balls. Also "UNDERWATER WARRIOR" (U), L.C.P. 6-55.

Sunday June 14th.
"GIRL BENEATH THE SEA" and "WILLIE AND JOE IN TOKYO" (Both U).

Monday June 15th. Three days.
"THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE" (A) starring John Gregson and Peggy Cummins. The story of a has-been captain of an old tramp steamer who was suddenly called to take command of a luxury liner on a trip to Australia. Also "FILL IN THE WOODS" (A), L.C.P. 7-00.

Thursday June 18th. Three days.
"THE LADY IS A SQUARE" (U) starring Frankie Vaughan, Janette Scott and Anna Neagle. Is a musical comedy which supplies a non-stop deluge of music, comedy, dancing, drama and romance.
Frankie Vaughan is a penniless pop singer struggling up the ladder to success is fascinated by Janette Scott, daughter of society widow Anna Neagle. He poses as a piano tuner, gets into the house but is mistaken as a butler hired for the night. So as to be near the daughter he becomes a full time one there. Frankie, now famous, hears of money troubles and secretly pays the family bills. He reveals his secret singing at night and his love for Janette but Anna refuses to let her daughter see him as he is a pop singer. Also "GUN BATTLE AT MONTEREY" (U), L.C.P. 7-00.

Sunday June 21st.
"THE LAWLESS BREED" (A) and also "MA & PA KELLY IN WAIKIKI" (U).

ROUND AND ABOUT
BY "WANDERER".

Once again the Perry St. bus dispute is in the news. And it looks as if the next twelve months we shall have a bus service. However, several people are opposed to a bus service. In my opinion, though, so long as it is not too frequent and there is no danger to schoolchildren, I think a bus service will be a great asset. The route? That's the guess of anybody. Certainly one bus stop will be at Queens Park and another at Bridge Parade and one at the school is "must." Another at Bush Hall and Wick Glen should be sufficient. Still, I don't think the bus plan will go by without some stiff opposition.

How much longer are we to wait for these long promised improvements to Billericay Sta.? The narrow entrance-exit is totally inadequate. As soon as one train load from London is cleared, another comes in. And if anybody wants to catch a train to Southend this is virtually impossible with the sheer crush of people up the stairs. And why is it that Billericay Station has no electricity when every other station has? Let's see a start on modernising soon.

I understand that Stock has entered the best-kept village in Essex contest for the first time. What an excellent idea! This contest is and how it keeps the appearance of villages beautiful. Let's hope the planners allow nothing to be built or done, which might spoil Stock, for surely it is one of the most attractive villages in the area. And if you are in Stock please help by NOT throwing THAT litter on the ground.

I hope that the Council shortly extend the car park in Lake Meadows. Also nowadays is becoming even more increasingly popular. Properly managed it could become a great asset. Build an open-air swimming pool and the number of visitors would be doubled.

Now must add my usual word about the Pedestrian Crossing that isn't.

Q: When will the Pedestrian Crossing be completed?
A: A pedestrian crossing is essential for the High St. GET area. Without one it is very dangerous and inconvenient. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING?

Your old friend and "W" is back in Billericay soon and he's witty, numerous articles resumed.

"Wanderer"
It is good to hear such an outcry against the unfair sentence on the widow of three T.B. children. The Surrey Dockers especially are to be congratulated on their generous rally to collect funds for this poor woman. She should not have been the victim of an overworked or old magistrate. And it is good to hear that a committee is to be set up to check on these inconsistent sentences. As I have mentioned before, one can thank men like John Gordon - the "Sundays Express" reporter - for this proposed reform. If men like him could be the Judge or Magistrate we might once again set the world an example. It is a healthy sign to have a public outcry in the cause of compassion. Women seem to be singled out for harsher treatment too. The men! This is not treating the sexes with equality but it savours of vindicative-ness against one side. It lets down the dignity of our country when women are treated as inferior beings.

The Times is proposed now for nationalization. But this move will fail - the Press is the stronghold of freedom in a democracy. In Russia all newspapers are state controlled.

And now to a word about Rock'n'roll for it does link up with the colour problem. In many tropical countries and parts of Africa the native music and forms of dancing are similar to Jazzy 'Cha Cha' and Rock'n'Roll. The music that young people favour in Britain now is similar to what the native peoples call "hot music". They would dance so vigorously that they were known for hundreds of years. Who is to say this may lead to the crime increases with our own British Boys & Girls. And we are encouraging this by our own example. It is ironic to read of the Clergy introducing this in both Church and Youth Clubs. Should there be no compromise with such things. The delinquents, gangsters and teddy boys are seeking for something the right healthy outlet to the hearts restless yearning. But who will lead them? Shorter working hours and higher pay will increase the wave of crime. And yet if someone could form a good will group and call it the Chivalry Group or the Young Cavaliers many Potential Criminals would become potential emergency helpers. It is not the older dances suited to old squares. They were an inspiration and the waiters and slow, hesitating dances called for a measure of discipline and good manners, so lacking today. Now to books. General Gordon. This book should be rewritten and held as a cheap paper back series. For it would be good to interest young men and women of today in this hero. He was a deeply religious man but had many private conflicts as well as military ones. For instance, he was not confirmed and later there was no opportunity to recant this. And in many churches he was not welcomed as a Communicant. His diary message is pathetic, when he writes "found a little sheet today on eve of the oncoming battle, and they did not question, but welcomed me to partake of Communion". He also gave to the Arabs his own possessions, and ironically, when Whitelock decided after all, he was the right man to release Khartoum, he was casually asked if he had enough money for his travel expenses from London. He had none and his colleagues had to collect to give it to him. He was so touched by poverty in others and quoted Burns in his diary "Man inhumanity to Man makes countless thousands mourn". He was a humble Christian in every way. His endurance during all his campaigns in so many countries including China, India, Abyssinia and Palestine required great faith in God to endure the physical strains.

HEALTH HINTS --- 4.
This time I shall quote from a recent Indian paper. It states: "Don't worry about worry for some worry is good for character building. This advice is from Dr. Krafft of the World Health Organisation. He says a certain amount of normal anxiety contributes to cultural progress. Too many tranquillizers are now taken or pep happy pills, so the morale - shoulder worries and do not drown them with Bacchus, drugs or drink - a spot of gardening is the finest escapism followed by relaxation and soothing music.

"Janus".
EDITORIAL NOTES.

All other newspapers published in E.R. Essex have reduced their size this week owing to the printing dispute. But the "Observer" has extended to eight pages. If the threatened strike comes off the "Observer" will not be affected.

There is always the danger of the "Observer" becoming "magaziney", this we are doing our utmost to prevent. NEWS will always get priority, but we can’t create it. As a result of an article in the "New Zealand Herald" a gentleman living out there has offered to send us news from there - particularly of British sporting teams on tour there. Other countries from which we hope to have foreign correspondents are Singapore, (scene of many arguments), hot-spot Nyasaland, troublesome South Africa and quiet Holland, (I know Nyasaland). We are attempting to get more local news (sport included) than ever before.

Now I must mention a very pleasant gesture by Mrs. L.M. Beadie who painted the portrait of "Oh" W.P. Grant, which was exhibited in the recent Billericay Art Club Exhibition. She has presented the portrait - free- to us. Any reader who wants to see it can, with the collection of "Observer" photos and press cuttings at our office, at any reasonable time, any day.

And now a word for the readers (65% of them) who impose me not to overwork myself. Certainly my choice of spare time interest is unusual and people think that just because it is I must overwork myself. Well I don’t.

IN P. GRANT (EDNOR).

NEW FOOTPATH.

The Council are being recommended by the Works Committee to authorise the provision of a footpath on the eastern side of Tye Common Road, Billericay from the new development to the junction of Tye Common Road with London Rd.

FISH - NOT FOR YET.

There is no news yet regarding the disease that hit fish in Lake Meadows recently or how it will affect the coming season. However the "Observer" has contacted the River Board and full news of developments will appear in the next edition.

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GROUP 'A' LIGHTING FOR STOCK ROAD. WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS.

Basildon Council are being recommended by their Works Committee to approve the preparation of a Group 'A' standard of lighting for Stock Road, from the High Street to Orchard Avenue, Stock Road is the main Chalmerford-Tilbury road.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

Basildon Council will be asked to approve in principle the carrying out of highway improvements in Perry St, Billericay from the Railway Bridge to Ricketts Dr.

Cadet Norman Beadie of Wickford A.T.C. has won a flying scholarship worth £50. He will learn to fly at Southend Airport. 17, he lives in Gorges Hill.

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COMMENT.

The sentence of Mrs Kivitosa to three months in prison, for doing sewing to supplement her meagre national assistance income and help her three boys who had TB, is a mockery of English justice.

Mothers who leave their children get away lightly, but a mother who stays on with 3 sick children and tries to do her utmost to help them is jailed. This wrong should be righted now.

A controversial question is whether animals should be used in connection with space and other experiments. So long as the minimum of cruelty to the animal is observed, even if the animal's life, even hundreds of animal's lives have to be sacrificed painlessly it is all right. And there are no cases of pain to my knowledge being inflicted on animals in this way. If a human life is sacrificed it causes sorrow to relatives. If possible all experiments should have no near relatives or dependents. But also I would like to see some space money spent on improvements to this world.

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NOAK HILL RD. LIGHTING.
The Works Committee considered at their recent meeting the provision of lighting in Noak Hill Road, bearing in mind the County Council's plan for improvement of a section of the road. Whilst it was considered that a Group 'A' standard of lighting would eventually need to be provided, the Committee felt that the most practical method at the present time would be to erect pole bracket lighting units along this road from near Blackmore Farm to the bridge over the River Crouch and to consider the section of the road from Little House to Blackmore Farm in next year's lighting improvement programme and are recommending the Council accordingly.

SMOKE CONTROL.
At the meeting of the Health Committee on 26th May that Smoke Control Order No 1 came into effect on September 1st and discussions are taking place with Coal Merchants to ensure the smooth working of the order.

NEW SMOKELESS ZONE.
Acting in accordance with the Council's expressed intention that the whole of the Urban District should become a smokeless zone, the Health Committee decided to recommend the Council to establish a further smokeless zone in the Eastcliff New Town Area.

WICKFORD NOTES.
The Council are being recommended to agree in principle to the provision of a pedestrian crossing in the Broadway, Wickford.

The Council will be asked to approve in principle the carrying out of highway improvements at Swan Lane Wickford between The Broadway and Jersey Gardens.

FUNERAL OF MR C. W. HISCOCK.
Representatives of the Police, Horse Show and Deacons of the Congregational Church, in all about 200 people attended the funeral of Mr. Charles W. Hiscocks of Norsey Rd, Billericay on May 26th. He was an Inspector of the Special Police, Treasurer of Billericay Congregational Church and Secretary of the Horse Show.

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BY "B.J.P.

If you are going away this year at home or abroad you will need some sort of a guide before you get there. The books reviewed here may help, if you are going to the places concerned.

"THE SEASIDE RESORTS OF EUROPE". GORDON COOPER, has written a very good book full of informative and interesting information, and with 24 illustrations. One comment on the book says "The tips alone are worth more than the price of the whole book". (Cassell 15s).

"NIGHTINGALE IN BRITAIN". by Christopher Trent, Folios, 21s.

This book consists of well routed Tours via the little roads of England, Scotland and Wales, not forgetting all the beauty spots.

For those of you who may be going abroad this year to ITALY.

"BLUE GUIDE TO SOUTHERN ITALY". By L.Russel Muirhead, Benn 35s. Just the book for the person who wants to know the "Lot", the ideal book for the first time tourist.

and the last book, "A SHORT GUIDE TO ROME". (Nicholas Kaye 12s 6d).

John Beighton has written a book well worth reading again.

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what thrills and laughs await you in this third adventure of the BLACK CIRCLE GANG, Brockhampton Press, 3/6.

As one despairing Mum said of her daughter 'If it isn't ponies or ballet dancing.....it's DOGS', and TAPP is a dog and, quite naturally so is his Son, for those who like wet noses, floppy ears, and hairs all over the carpet, SON OF TAPP by Judith BERRISFORD is the book. Published by U.L.P. at 7/6.

Children, puppy-dogs and elderly gentlemen all chase butterflies and with the exception of the pups, they will all find they can do so more successfully with BUTTERFLIES AND NWTHS OF THE BRITISH ISLES by F. FROMHAWK and J. BURN- RICHARDS. This detailed and beautifully illustrated handbook is published by Ward Lock at 10/6.

Whether you are the athletic type who does a four-mile trot each evening for sheer fun, or just someone who likes a good yarn with a spot of mystery, you'll enjoy SPIKED SHOES by M. PEETERS and Bob HOARE which Cassell are v售卖ing at 15/6.

Just the thing for Billericay's many pony enthusiasts is EVERY CHILD'S BOOK OF RIDING which is written by J. & D. WILLIAMS and costs 15/- The publishers are BURKE and they have produced a well-illustrated book with articles on all aspects of pony-lors.

Finally, the teenagers. Ladies first! Isabel Esther AILAN has written a nice little book for the romantic schoolgirl, AMANDA GOES TO ITALY is all about a frustrated young ballet dancer who is cheered up by a dark-eyed Italian lad named Luciano. Not a great book but well worth the 9/6d Hutchisons are asking.

The older boys will enjoy TODD'S TRAVEL by Claire H. BISHOP, T.I. and CAPTAIN OF POFT by Ronald WELCH, O.U.P., 12/-.

The first is about a French boy, living in a Paris alunm who courageously aids his parents in their search for a home when they are evicted because his mother dared to produce twins.

The second book is the latest in the story of the Carey family whose soldiering and adventuring across the centuries will thrill a good many adults too. This book deals with the Peninsular War and Wellington's lads.

O.A.P.'s.

Wednesday May 37th.

There was a very good attendance despite the fact that 32 members were away on holiday at Ramsgate and Mrs. Lamb was cordially welcomed back after being away so long, having met with an accident. The Secretary stated that he had received a telegram of "Good Wishes" from the party at Ramsgate to all members who he read out to the meeting. He then gave details of the outing to Relixtowme on the 8th June, and would explain as to times from Sunnymede, Gooseberry Green and the Mayflower Hall at the next meeting when the members from Ramsgate would be back.

Entertainment was given by Mrs. Alden's concert party from Rochester whom a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Hopkins, the Vice-Chairman.

Wednesday 3rd June.

There was an excellent attendance. His Birthday honours were accorded Mr. Hall who had reached the grand old age of 81. Entertainment was given by our own concert party. Those taking part were Messrs. Plumridge, Sippit, and Harrison, Misses Joseph, Wilson and Plumridge. Mr. H. Dawkins was the Leader and Compere and Mrs. H. Dawkins was the Pianoist. Tea hostesses were Messrs. Sapper, Grose, Wormald and Walters.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS COUNCIL TO EXTEND PRIVATE STREET WORKS.

The Works Committee were informed of the progress of schemes for the make up of roads included in the Council's current private street works programme. The Council recently considerably increased their private street works programme and are undertaking in the course of this Council year, works to the value of £100,000 which means that the Council are now fully committed in their resources. The Committee considered the streets which should be included in a further private street works scheme and decided that schemes be prepared, subject to Council approval for eight roads throughout the Urban District.

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YOUNG WIVES FELLOWSHIP.

June 9th, 2 p.m. Mrs. Mistletoe speaks on "First Aid in the Home.

June 23rd - 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Communion: 1st Sunday in month, 9.30 a.m., Evensongs: 3.30 p.m., except 1st Sunday in month.