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## 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 successul.

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 spestic children, Christmas Trees and Christmas Decorations, Summer House for Staff, Easter eggs for old ladies, Fireworks for children, Armchairs for Nurses' Home, Headphones for radio in ward, Help in providing cubicles in wards.

by Dr E. Bowen (formerly Dr E. Preston Thomas) who was presented with a boquet by Mary Mc Tiernan.

Various local organisations helped the League and Hospital Staff mann the stalls. A popular feature, as last

year was the archery.

Music was provided by the Billericay Brotherhood Band, during the fete. At 4.0. an aeroplane flew over the field several times at the same height and a compitition 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
TO Premium Bonds or a weekend in
Southend was B.Eace of School Rd,
Billericay, 3rd was Mrs Middleton
of Barkingside who won 5 Premium
bonds.

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#### PERRY STREET.

WORKS COMMITTEE DECIDES.

The Works Committee of
Basildon U.D.C. were informed at
their meeting on 26th Mey that
the improvement to the street had
been substantially completed and
the road had a with of I6ft which
was in accordance with the
Ministry of Transport and Civil
Aviation's standard for a road of
that type.

In accordance with a promise made at a recent Councik Meeting the Committee discussed the question of whether the carriageway required further widening, bearing in mind its present and future use, and the fact that there would be an outlet from Lake Meadows into the road.

they did not anticipate any trouble in running the proposed service along the rpad, at a width of I6ft. Reference was made to the fact that any further widening of Perry St would necessiate purchase of frontager's land.

relationship of Perry St, to the surrounding area and the plan for development of Billericay the Committee decided that the present width would be adequate for many years to come.

FANCY DRESS.

Winners of the Fency Dress contest in St Andrew's League of Friends Fete were:Most original, under 7;
Glynis Bird - Vicar.
Most pretty, under 7;
Carolyn Ashton - Bride.
Most Original, 7 to I4;
Hillary Roberts - In and Out
Patients.
Most Pretty, 7 to I4;
Margaret Dorrington - Victorian
Child.
TO HELP LITTER WEEKEND.

The Works Committee are recomending Basildon Council to support the Keep Britain Tidy Group national campaign weekend over August Bank Holiday Weekend this yr. The Committee are asking the Council to make the necessary posters and publicity arrangements.

#### CINEMA DIARY. RITZ CINEMA, CHAPEL ST., BILLERICAY.

Monday June 8th. Three days. Frank Sinatra, Tony Curtis in "KINGS GO FORTH" (A).Also "A WOMAN POSESSED".(U).L.C.P. 7-00. Thursday June IIth. Three days. Rex Harrison and Kay Kendall in the "RELUCTANT DEBUTANTE" . (U) . In this film of High Society Hilarity the parents Jimmy and Shelia Broadbent, (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 apathy, the determined efforts of an old friend to win David Fenner of the Royal Horse Quards for her daughter, and the daughter's attractstiff opposition. -ion to a jazz drummer who plays at society coming-out balls. Also "UNDERWATER WARRIOR".(U).L.C.P. 6.55. Sunday June 14th. "CITY BENEATH THE SEA" and "WILLIE AND JOE IN TOKYO" (Both U). Monday June 15th Three days. "THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE" (A) starring tells the story of a herrased captain of an old tramp steamer who is suddenly called to take command of a luxury liner on a trip to Australia. Also "GIRL IN THE WOODS". (A) L.C.P. 7-00. Thursday June 18th, Three Days. "THE LADY IS A SQUARE" (U) starring Frankle Vaughan, Jannete Scott and Anna Neagle,18 a musical comedy which supplies a non-stop deluge of music, comedy, dancing, drama and romance. Frankie Vaungh a penniless

pop singer struggling up the ladder to sucsess is fascinated by Janette Scott, daughter of society Widow Anna Neagle. He poses near the daughter he becomes a full time one there. Frankie, now famous, hears of money troubles and secretly pays the family bills visitors would be doubled. 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

ROUND AND ABOUT Bï "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, as 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 a "must". Another at Bush Hall and Wick Glen should be sufficent. Still, I don't think the bus plan will go by without some

How much longer are we to walt 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 mad ruch charging up the stairs. And why is that Billericay Station has no electricity when every other station has?Let's see a start on modernising scon.

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 appearence 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 attract -ive 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 as a plano tuner, and gets into the extend the car park in Loke Meadows. house but is mistaken as a butler lake Meadows is tecoming even more house for the night. So as to be increasingly popular. Properly handled it could become a great rates asset. Build an open-air swimming pool and the number of Now I must add my usual word about the Pedestrian Crossing that

O when 70 when 70 when 70 when ? WILL A pedestrian crossing essential for the High St. GET area. Without one it 18 very A DANGERous and inconvienent. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING? Your old friend and "Ob" writer, "Longsight" may be back in

numerous articles resumed.

- "Wanderer".

8 MONTHS POSTAL SUBSCRIPTION - 4/4 Billericay soon and his witty.

"THE LAWLESS BREED" (A) and also

"MA & PA KETTLE IN WAIKIKI", (U).

MONTEREY", (U), L.C.P. 7-00.

Sunday June 21st.

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 "Sunday 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 than the men! This is not treating the sexes with equality but it savours of vindicativeness 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 offfreedom 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 problerm. In many tropical countries and parts of Africa the native music and forms of dencing are similar to Jazza 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 dence so vigorously until intoxicat ed with their music. Then they would be in the mood to eat their foes. And in some cases to eat them too. Canibalism is now returning to many countries where it has been unknown for hundreds of years. Who is to say, this may lead to the crime increase 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. There should 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 Chiviary Troup or The Young Cavaliers many Potential Criminals would become potential emergency helpers. It is not because the older dances were suited to old squares. They were an inspiration and the Waltzes 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 sold as a cheap paper back series. For it would be good to interest young men and boys of today intthis 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 oppurtunity to rectify this And in many churches he was not welcomed as a Communicant. His diary message is pathetic, when he writes "found a little Church 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 posessions, and ironically, when Whitehall 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 colleauges had to collect to give it to him! He was so touched by poverty in others and quoted Burns in his diary "Mans inhumanity to Man makes countless thousands mourn". He was a humble Christian general in every way. His endurance during all his campaigns in so many countries including China, India, Abysina and Palestine required great faith in God to endure the physical strains.

HEALTH HINTS This time I shall quote from a recent Indian paper. It states - "Don't worry about worry for some worry is good for charectar building. This advice is from Dr Kraft of the World Health Organisation. He says a certain amount of normal anxiety contributes to cultural progress.

Too many tranquillisers are now taken or pep happy pills, so the moral is - shoulder worries and do not drown them with Escapisy drugs or drink - a spot of gardening is the finest esapism followed by relaxation and soothing music, "janus".

All other newspapers published in S.E.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 - particulary of British sporting teams on tour there. Other countries from which we hope to have foreign correspondents are Singapore, (scene for FREE booklet entitled "MASTARY of many arguments), hot-spot Nyasland OF LIFE" from . troublesome South Africa and quite

(sport included) than ever before. Now I must mention a very pleasant gesture by Mrs I.M. Beadle, who painted the portrait of "Ob" ed W.P. Grant, which was exhibted in the recent Billericay Art Club Exhibition. She has presented the portrait - free- to us. Any reader who wants to see it can,

Holland. (I know Nyas Aland). We are

attempting to get more local news

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 (85% of them) who implore me not to overwork myself. Certainly my choice of spare time interest is unusual and vpeople think that just because it is I must overwork myself. Well I don't

IN P. Grand (EDMOR)

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 Twe Common Road with London Ra.

FISH - NO NEWS YET. There is no news vet 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.

"If you are interested in Acrahe Wisdom, 1th influence on Health, Harmony and Happiness write Jan ...

The Rosigrucian Order, AMORC., (96704)25, Garrick Street, London, W.C.2.

GROUP 'A' LICHTING FOR STOCK ROAD. WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMENDS. Basildon Council are being recomended 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 Chelmsford-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 Beadle of Wickford A.T.C. has wor a flying scholarship worth £450. He will learn to fly at Southend Airport. 17, he lives in Crays Hill.

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#### COMMENT.

The sentence of Mirs

Kivitos to three months in prison,

for doing sewing to supplement her

mearage national assitence income

and help her three boys who had T.B

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 mo 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 YES. 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 spacemen of the future, until dpace travel is as safe as it possibly can be all canidates 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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## WHEN IN TOWN CALL AT MATTHEW'S CAFE 25, HIGH ST FOR A GOOD CUP OF TEA3. OR COFFEE 50 SNACKS ALWAYS READY

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 recomending the Council accordingly.

SMOKE CONTROL. At the meeting of the Health Committee on 26th May that Smoke Control Order No I came into on September Ist 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 shall become a smokeless zone the Health Committee decided to recomend the Council to establish a further smokeless zone in the Besilden 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. HISCOCKS. 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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"BILLERICAY OBSERVER" BOOK REVIEWS.

"THE OBSERVER HOLIDAY BOOK REVIEW". 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 it is quite a job to chose just a 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 intersting 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 I5s).

"MOTORING FOLIDAYS IN BRITAIN". by Christopher Trent. Foulis, 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 Muirland, 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 IZS Sd).

John Beighton has written a book well worth rding again.

THE BOOKWAN'S PAGE - JUNIOR EDITI-ON.BY "THE LIBRARYMAN".

For one who sees every book for children published in this country, few to review without feeling that something important has been left out so please don't write to the editor protesting I did not mention this or that book! There is just not room for so many reviews.

I will start with the youngest readers . Margot AUSTIN has written two delightful picture books which ,if you can't manage them yourself Will give Mum and Dad quite a lot of fun when they read them to you. They are TRUMPET CHURCHDOG and GABRIEL CHURCHKITTEN AND THE MOTHS each published by World's work at 8/6d. They are about three little animals, great friends, who have all their adventures in a church. They are Parson Pease-Porridge's pets.

The latest Ladybird book is FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE by L.du Garde who does those exciting history plays for children's hour. Like all Ladybird books, it is easy to read and cheap. Published by Wille & Hepworth.

Any boy between the ages of eight and twelve, and the kind of girl who climbs trees and tears her pants will like PERIL ALL THE WAY by John KENNETT. If you have

already read PERIL FOR THE GUY, or have seen the film, you'll know CONTINUED OVERLEAF.

GROCERS, TOBACCONISTS, CONFECTIONERS, NEWSAGENTS, ETC.

# SHUTTLEWORTH

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what thrills and laughs await you in this third adventure of the BLACK CIRCLE GANG. Brockhampton

Press, 8,86.

As one desparing Mum said of her daughter 'If it isn't ponies or ballet dancing....it's DOGS' and TAFF 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 TAFF by Judith BERRISFORD is the book. Published by U.L.P. at 7/6.

children, puppy-dogs and elderly gentleman all chase butter-flies and with the exception of the pups, they will all find they can do so more successfully with: BUTTER-FLIES AND MOTHS OF THE ERITISH ISLES by F. FROWHAWK and J. BUNN-RICHARDS. This detailed and beautifully illustrated handbook is published by Ward Lock at 10/6.

whether you are the athletic type who does a fourmile trot each evening for sheer fun or just someone who likes a good varn with a spot of mystery, you'll enjoy SPIKED SHOES by J. PETERS and Bob HOARE which Cassell

are vending at 8/6da

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 I5/-. The publishers are BURKE and they have produced a well-illustrated book with articles on all aspects of pony-lore.

Finally, the teenagers.
Ladies first! Mabel Esther ALLAN
has written a nice little book for
the tomantic schoolgirl. AMANDA
GOES TO ITALY is all about a
frustated young ballet dancer who
is cheered up ne-end by a darkevod Italian lad named luciano.
Not a great book but well worth
the 9/6d Hutchinsons are asking.

The clder boys will enjoy TOTO'S TRIUMPH by Claire H. BISHOP Dent, II/6 and CAPTAIN OF FOOT by Ronald WELCH, O. U.P., I2/6.

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

The second book is the latest in the story of the Carey family whose soldiering and saventuring 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 Wirs Lamb was gordially welcomed back after being away so long, having met with an accident. The Secretary stated heuhad received a belegram of "Good Wishes" from the party at Ramsgate to all members which he read out to the meeting. He then gave details as to the Outing to Felixstowe 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 Wrs Alden's concert party from Rochford to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Hopkins, the Vice-Chairman,

Wednesday 3rd June.

There was an excellent attendance. Birthday honours were accorded Mr Hall who had reached the grand old age of 8I. Enterteinment was given by our own concert party. Those taking part were Mesdames Plumridge, Sippit, and Harrison, Messers Joseph, Wiltshire and Plumridge. Mr H. Dawkins was the Leader and Compere and Mrs H. Dawkins was the Planist. Tea hostesses were Mesdames Sammen, Crisp Wormald and Walters.

COMMITTEE RECOMENDS 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.

CHRIST CHURCH, PERRY ST.

YOUNG WIVES FELLOWSHIP.
June 9th.2 p.m.Dr Rilstone speaks
on First Aid in the Home.
June 23rd - 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Communion; Ist Sunday in Month, 9.30
a.m., Evensong; 3.30 p.m., except
Ist Sunday in month.