CON. MAJORITY UP BY 19.7

The Conservative majority in the Billericay North (Billericay & Wickford) constituency by-election on Saturday June 20th went up by 197 votes on the full elections' last April. The election was caused by the illness of Mary de Rooper shortly after her election.

Results:

COCKER (Con.)...

PAYNE (Lab.)

Conservative maj. 878.

The poll was lower than last year - 3,158 against 4,665 last year - a total of 1,507 less. The total electorate is 18,163.

Essex County Council is Labour controlled by a majority of three seats.

3 FACTORIES FOR BILLERICAY.

Work has now commenced the "Observer" understands on 3 factories to be built Ronald Lyon Ltd, Alast to be built are houses as an extension of Cromwell Avenue. Workmen have started preparing for the new road to the factories which will start in Stock Road by the footpath to Perry Street, run alongside it, then through or by the private tennis courts to the site for the factories. The plan will take four years to complete.

PRAYERS WILL PRECEDE COUNCIL MEETINGS, HEATED DEBATE.

A Motion by Councillor Pope that "This Council accepts the principles that prayers should precede all meetings of the full Council, and should implement that principle forthwith" was carried by 14 votes to 5. An amendment that the prayers should be held in a suitable venue other to than the Council Chamber was defeated by 14 votes to 11.

Speaking for the motion, in his maiden speech, Councillor Pope said he regretted he had to move this motion, for he felt it should have been done in the very beginning in 1934, when the Urban District Council of Billericay came into existence. This is a Christian he said, governed by a Christian parliament with a Christian queen. I can see no reason for the excuses and they are no more than excuses that have been made regarding this in the past.

A Councillor opposing the motion said that differences of denomination made it difficult for prayers to be held. I believe it is wrong that Councillors will have to wait outside while the prayers are said, Anyway, very few of us here attend Church, I haven't for nine months and to say prayers and not mean them is hypocritical.

Councillor Quirk said he thought prayers would be a very good thing and wished he had thought of the motion himself. Councillor Smart then spoke of his views on the motion. 28 years ago, he said his parents had had him baptised. Since then CONTINUED PAGE 6 - "LEADERS OF THE CHURCH HYPOCRITES" says Councillor.
CINEMA DIARY.
RITZ CINEMA, CHAPEL ST.,
BILLERICAY.

Monday June 22nd. Three Days.
June Allyson, Jeff Chandler in "STRANGER IN MY ARMS" (A), Also "THE BIG STORY" (A)

"STRANGER IN MY ARMS" is the story of a family, the Beasleys, patrician, wealthy, distinguished and utterly decadent. Head of the clan is Vance Beasley. His wife Virgily is obsessed with the memory of her only son, a film who died in action. She builds a hospital in his memory and is determined the nation shall salute him with a posthumous award of the Congress Medal of Honour, America's V.C. The award depends on the testimony of the only man who was with her son when he died, and Virgily is prepared to use any cajolery or bribery to win his support. When he fails in love with the lovely young widow of Virgily's son events take an unusual turn.

Thursday June 26th. Three Days.
"NEVER STEAL ANYTHING SMALL". (U), starring James Cagney & Shirley Jones is the story of Chicago's waterfront muscle-men. Also "NO NAME ON THE BULLET" (U).

Sunday June 28th.
Dale Robertson in "SITTING BULL" and also "DIAMOND EXPERT". (Both U cert.)

Monday June 29th. Three Days.
Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman in "CAP ON A HOT TIN ROOF" (X), Also "SADDLE THE WIND". (A)
L.C.P. 6.50.

Thursday July 2nd. Three Days.
Marshall Thompson and John Loder in "THE SECRET MAN" (U). This film tells the story of the battle to prevent secrets about Britain's new Q-7 rocket, developed by Dr. Clifford Mitchell, which will put Britain on top of the World. He is captured and grilled by Special Branch, Scotland Yard and after he reveals nothing is let into a plan. Major Anderson, head of the Special Branch installs Mitchell in a quiet London hotel and announces his disappearance to the press. After two days Anderson "finds" Mitchell and takes him for interrogation. A mysterious "Mr. Vance" contacts Mitchell believing he has the plans. Eventually the spy ring is cracked, a secret revealed and Mitchell can go back to his normal life.

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ROUND AND ABOUT by "WANDERER".

I think that the idea of prayers before a Council Meeting is a good one. I can't see how anybody as one Councillor said he would be, embarrassed. In my opinion it gives the meeting an air of dignity. It might act as a cooler for some of the members who are inclined to get hotheaded, as this debate on prayers proves.

Some time ago now the Romsey Hall Residents Association suggested to the Council that the present Council Chamber, which will be vacated in about 10 months time when the Council move their offices to Basildon, be the site of a Museum. This suggestion is absurd, stupid, and ridiculous. Work is now progressing on the conversion of 74, High Street, to the G.P.R.E.H.Q. for a Museum. Moreover the Council for The Preservation of Rural England has possession of all the old relics etc. Perhaps Romsey Hall Resident's Association thinks the Council will seize all these objects or have a Museum with only a few things in. No, I remain with my old suggestion - convert the building into a new library. Despite the united efforts of the staff the present library is totally inadequate for a town of 14,000. Let's hope in 10 months time we will be borrowing and reading the treasures of literature in the ex-Council Chamber.

An extremely interesting book has come to me recently, The Basildon U.D.C. year book. In this I am informed the ELECTORATE of the area to be served by the proposed Perry St. bus service is 1,774. This does not include the large number under 21 and others not registered electors. No doubt these will use the service a great deal. This number is OVER DOUBLE the number living in Sunnymead Estate, which has a bus service, 4 TIMES that of St. Burstead which has a bus service. These facts seal the need for a bus service for Perry St. Other interesting facts: The U.D. is the 5th largest in the country, out of 563 and the population is 4th largest.

YEAR AND WHICH MONTH?
From the clues below find which year and which month it is.
All these events happened in Billericay, in one month between Feb, 1952 and May 1959, inclusive.
Basildon Council sent out a S.C.S. for Flood Relief, Mr. Bales' grand old man of Billericay died, etc. Page 4.
This past week, I have been actively interested in two films. The gospel film, "Voice In The Wilderness," is a beautiful story in colour, was made in a desert village. The scenery has been so arranged as to depict the birth of Christ in the Holy Land. The director, Mr. Royal Gornold of St. George's Films, Bournemouth, directed the film for its producer Madeline Lady Lee. He rewrote the script and formed an amateur film unit of some 500 villagers, many of whom acted as the mother of Jesus, a peasant and a Moslem. She became a Christian convert during the making of the film. The cast included all denominations of religion and there were some coloured actors. They were mostly working men, women, and schoolchildren. Scenes had to be shot after work was finished. This included the services of the Dr., as one of the cast and waiting for the return of John the Baptist from his college, the policeman, and soldiers from their duties.

All gave their services without payment; I mentioned to Mr. Gornold, the director, that it was amazing that he too should have done so much without reward. He simply quoted “As ye have received, so freely give.” No payment was made by the viewers to see this film. But I am going to suggest that a silver collection be asked for in future to finance the export of the film abroad in any language. It is to be shown in India, and it is hoped to send it to Uganda and Japan. The American reviewers it is above average or its kind and copies will go out shortly to Hong Kong. The Queen Mother sent a letter of appreciation about the film.

The other film has to be made and it concerns the life of the late poet, author and statesman of India - Rabindranath Tagore. The man who may make the film is also an unusual character. He is an Italian who had to flee from Rome and the Mussolini terror. He produced or directed such famous films as "French Without Tears," "Freedom Radio," "In Which We Serve," "With Noel Coward as actor and director, "The Way To The Stars," "This Happy Breed," "Odd Man Out," "Blythe Spirit," "The Gentle Sex," "Men of Two Worlds," "School for Secrets," "Henry V," "Hamlet," as but a few of the creations by this creative master mind. He would fly out to India and this in itself shows great courage. Mr. Del Giudice had a serious illness and lost the sight of one eye. One hopes that such a person will meet with the encouragement he deserves from the Indian people.

Journal "The Lancet" gave some disturbing figures of fatalities and injuries to health as an indirect or direct result of boxing. A 19-year-old amateur boxer, the father of two baby boys, died in Hospital three hours after being knocked out at a contest in Bracknell, Berks. Only an expert doctor would know where the fatal or serious parts of the anatomy to avoid hitting. And it is noticeable that the medical profession avoid taking part in this form of sport. One would not knock one's possessions about, so why show less respect for the human body.

The Liberace - Cassandra Case.

Since it seems the Jury were not all impartial Justice calls for a re-assessment of the case. When I served on the jury I understood one had to be a British Citizen, living in Britain and not the Commonwealth. One was supposed to be a property owning citizen of unblemished reputation. Perhaps a test of emotional and mental stability should be required too. What are the present day qualifications? Apart from this it seems bad to penalise a press comment. Surely we can rise about criticism. If I am maligned my innocence would give the confidence to ignore it. And can any one be certain that press statements have double meanings? If a poll were taken on this issue I doubt if any readers have ever read into Cassandra's articles the meaning that has formed the basis for these damages.

These articles do not seem to have detracted from Liberace's public appeal after the hearing in Court.

HEALTHHINTS: SICKNESS PREVENTION, (5).

About working too hard. A change of work is as good as a rest. And what we like to do is stimulating to our own mentality. It is less likely to be bad for health than a too active participation in one form of activity - either sports or hobbies. There is too much emphasis on short working hours. Most people who have achieved anything of importance, have given long active hours in many spheres.
EDITOR'S NOTES.

Once again I take up my pen and write these notes about the progress of the paper.

The printing strike which has made the presses of 65% of Britain's local papers silent has not silenced the "Ob" duplicator. Beginning on June 23rd we are starting a publicity campaign to attempt to get the circulation up to 250 (this time 186 copies apx.). Halfway mark to 500, (the eventual aim). As part of this display notice board has been erected outside our offices.

Ha/Ri (most readers will remember him for his "Story of Billericay" articles which ended a few months ago) is commencing, we hope, a new series on different lines in the Autumn) has most kindly offered to draw the town crier shouting "Oyez, all the news" which will go on front of the paper and all notepaper - something like the "Daily Express" Knight or "Daily Mail" 'blue spot'.

Now a triumph! In the "Ob" of April 28th "Janus" reported about a new daily paper which was to be printed. About six weeks later the B.B.C. found out about it and included it in their news. Therefore "Janus" and the "Billericay Observer" beat a great institution like the B.B.C. to it by six weeks!

The "Billericay Observer" deals with Billericay only, although Wickford items are inserted for a few readers who live there.

We are attempting to get even MORE news.

W.P. Grant, Editor

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Demonstrations of Knitting Machines. Tuition.

ANSWER.
To Which Year, Which Month on Page 2 is October 1968.

WARLEY BRANCH ENTERTAINED.
At the meeting held at the Rose Hall of Billericay O.A.P.'s on June 10th there was a very good attendance. Mr. T. Hopkins presided as Mr. Joseph was away with the concert party at Warley. Mrs. Lee was welcomed back after long absence. Mr. W. Richards, the Secretary stated we were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Kiteall had been taken so ill, especially after his having an enjoyable day at Felixstowe. He was now in hospital and all Officials and Members wished him a speedy recovery. Birthday Honours were accorded Mrs Richards and Mrs Johnson. Mrs Bulter from the Warley Branch gave a splendid afternoon's entertainment and Mr. Hopkins, the Vice-Chairman, gave a hearty vote of thanks to her for rendering such lovely songs and who also accompanied herself at the piano. Tea hostesses were Misses James, Misses Witterworth and Martin.

PREFACE - LATEST EPISODE.
The recent disease which killed several fish in Lake Meadows had apparently not affected the new sewer.
The project has not been discussed by the Council for Parks.

COUNCIL: TO ENTER CARNIVAL.
Bexley Council Finance Committee meeting on 9th June to enter in Bexley Carnival one vehicle with floral decorations and one refuse collecting vehicle. The expenditure not to be more than £30.
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CONSENT.

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"minority" programme is getting crushed. Don't let the Third take over its time most night.

Now to law, Mrs Kivitsis the widow goes to prison for a month. This is wrong. I'm not saying she shouldn't be punished but punishments in English Law are out of proportion today. I think a law committee consisting of M.P.'s, judges, reformists and police should be set up by Parliament and its findings put into practice. All ancient, outdated laws would be abolished, new ones would be made, revisions made to existing ones and punishments modified, changed or increased. Let England lead the World in justice.

CUB SPORTS.
Groups from the area competed in the Cub Sports at Billericay Secondary Modern School on June 20th.

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ISLE OF WIGHT.

Isle of Wight, Ryde three miles, Country Hotel, Bed, breakfast, and evening dinner, May, June and September 5 guineas, July and August 5.5 guineas.

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June 23rd .... 8 to 9 p.m.
July 7th .... 2 to 3 p.m.
July 21st .... 8 to 9 p.m.

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Communion, 1st Sunday in Month, 9.30 a.m. Evensong, 3.30 p.m. except 1st Sunday in month.

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SATURDAY IS MORE CONVENIENT FOR ELECTORS.

At Basildon Council's Finance Committee meeting on June 9th the Clerk reported receipt of a letter dated 15th May 1959, from the County Council, suggesting that the date of the County Council election from Saturday to some other day of the week. The opinion had been expressed that all County Council elections should be held on the same day and that if such was not practicable certain advantages might accrue, e.g., from the point of view of publicity arrangements, if a common date within the Home Counties could be agreed. In the latter connection, Thursday was suggested, as being the same day as that on which voting for the London and Middlesex County Councils was held.

The Council decided to inform that the County Council that Saturday is a more convenient date for voting purposes, from the electorate's point of view and should be adhered to.

EVERYTHING FOR THE DO-IT-YOURSELF MAN.

INTERWOVEN FENCING.

GARDEN SHEDS.

HARDWOODS""PLYWOODS"" VENEERS.

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PROMPT DAILY DELIVERIES.
FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WOULD AGGRAVATE SEWERAGE SITUATION.  
Appeal dismissed.

The Minister decided to dismiss the appeal of E.M.I. Properties Ltd against Basildon Council's refusal to allow them to erect 14 bungalows at Bush Hall Farm, Perry St, Billericay.

The appeal site comprised an area of about 14 acres with a frontage of 300 ft to the south side of Perry St.

The appellants said that the land was allocated for development in the County Development Plan, there was a high demand for bungalows, cesspool drainage would satisfy the Council's byelaws, other development had been allowed near the site, the development was not premature, their proposals would not materially affect the locality as it existed, and it was not unreasonable to expect them to wait for main drainage as market conditions for land might in the meantime go against them.

The Council stated that a sewerage scheme had been prepared and would be available in two or three years time, concern had been expressed by the Essex River Board about the pollution of Stock Brook, although the proposals compiled with the byelaws, cesspool drainage in such a small area would be detrimental to amenities and the heavy clay subsoil was unsuitable for cesspool drainage.

The Minister's Inspector noted the pollution in ditches in the vicinity and agreed that the development of the appeal site would add to the present undesirable pollution of water courses. It was reasonable to expect main drainage in two years time, and he recommended that the appeal be dismissed.

The Minister noted the unsatisfactory conditions and consequent damage to amenity and that further development would only aggravate the trouble. He accepted his minister's recommendation.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

An appeal regarding a dwelling house in Potash Road has been dismissed by the Ministry of Housing. The site consisted of 0.755 acres on the west side of Potash Road in an area mainly rural. It was also in a green belt outside the area set aside for residential development and the Council believed that development should not be allowed except in exceptional circumstances.

REVOLUTIONARY NEW FRUIT PICKER IS NOW ON MARKET.

A revolutionary new fruit picker, "THE PICKWICK" is now on the market and was shown at the Chelsea Flower Show for the first time. With this ingenious piece of equipment, fruit can be picked entirely from the ground. The difficulties and dangers of picking fruit from a ladder and possible damage to fruit bearing branches are now overcome. The fruit is lifted or pulled from the tree by four plastic coated steel fingers and fruit rolls down a plastic sleeve running the full length of the handle without bruising. This easily operated piece of equipment costs 45/- and I fully recommend it. From E.P.D., 86, Court Avenue, Old Coulsdon, Surrey. (Phone Downland 3669.)

APPEAL DISMISSED BECAUSE OF SEWERAGE SITUATION.

The Minister of Housing dismissed the appeal of A.B. Bryant (Builders) Ltd against the refusal of Essex County Council to allow erection of 8 houses and 10 bungalows.

The appeal site comprised 2 acres of land on the west side of Perry Street bounded by development in Perry Street, Tylers Avenue and Norsey View Drive. The development would include a small sewage purification plant connected to a surface water sewer leading to a roadside ditch in Perry Street.

For the County Council it was stated they originally saw no difficulty about development in the area but the Essex River Board had raised the question of pollution of Stock Brook and to prevent further pollution no new houses should be allowed until main drainage became available. Local residents described the flooding which occurred at points in the vicinity.

The appellant argued that the arrangements proposed for drainage would be satisfactory and main drainage could be expected to be available in the near future. The Inspector thought that in view of the drainage difficulties and increase in pollution that the development should be deferred until main drainage was available and recommended that the appeal should be dismissed.

The minister agreed with the recommendation of the Inspector.
LEADERS OF THE CHURCH HYPOCRITES
COUNCILLOR TINKS ON METAL BOX CO. IN CONNECTION WITH CHURCH.
Prayers Motion-Continued from Page 1

I have had second thoughts regarding the Church. The church is a
humble-jumble of religions. Maybe, when it puts up a united front and
is the Church and not an owner of shares in the Stock Exchange I'll
go back to it. I always think of
which is owned by the Church and
turns out gambling machines which
the Church campaigns against.

Councillor Curtis, as a
County Councillor said he thought
prayers to the dignity of the
meeting and was always in the Coun-
ty Council Chamber for prayers.

Councillor Blandford
said the Church had disillusioned
him. As an ex-member of the
Salvation Army he had been made to
attend Church of a Sunday. This is
a free country, he said. If you make
me come to these prayers I WILL
NOT ATTEND.

A Councillor then
said. "I believe in God, but not in
the hypocrites who need the Church." The Councillor went on to suggest
that the Press was being "fixed" to make people say what a godly lot we are. The majority of the people in the area couldn't care
less. Do you really think the members
room and get the "Basildon Recorder
to take a picture of you doing it.

Councillor John A. Teslirere,
said that as a parachutist behind
in the last war he had been grateful to his Maker for the
answers to his prayers.

"Rubbish," shouted a
member.

A Councillor then
said, "If these Parliamentary plans would do a bit more about the F-Bomb by praying we may not be in
constant danger of our lives and
future."

Councillor Pope then
summed up and quoted from a
book on local government that the
majority and not the minority
should have its way.

A Councillor then
rose to his feet and started
shouting. Councillor Davies, the Chair,
rose and banged his hammer
several times. After further
persuasion the Councillor sat
down.

The motion was put
to the vote and was declared
carried.

GARDENS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Gardener's Sunday.

The gardens of Lilystone
Hall, Stock, Nr Billericay will be
open to the public on the 28th June
1959, between the hours of 2 p.m
and 7 p.m. Some 1.5 acres of the
gardens, comprising wild garden, shrub, roses, lawn, borders, and ponds can be
viewed. The Hall is situated on the
main road between Billericay and
Chelmsford, on Stock Hill, and
buses, (54, 34a, 51, and 53), pass the
gate. Admission 7/-, Proceeds in aid
of the Gardener's Royal Benevolent
Institution and The Royal Gardener's
Crusof End.

HAND TO PLAY IN PARK.

The decision of Basildon
Council's Park Committee was
approved by the full Council on
Thursday, to let Billericay Brother-
hood Band play in Lake Meadows.
As a result the band will entertain
between 6.30 and 8.00 p.m. on the
following Saturdays: 20th June, 18th July, 22nd August and 19th
September.

SEASON TICKETS FOR GOLF AND PUTTING.

Basildon Council agreed
on Thursday that for the period
1st May to 30th September season
tickets should be made available
for golfing and putting on the various courses provided by the
Council in their parks.

Season tickets for golf
will cost £1.5.0.; for putting, two
kinds of season tickets will be
available - a standard ticket
costing £1.5.0., and a special
ticket for aged persons and
schoolchildren below the age of 16
years, costing 15/-. Season ticket
holders will have no priority over
the casual user.

PERRY ST REFERRED BACK AGAIN:

The Council decided at
their meeting to refer the question of Perry St., as regarded width of
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meeting of the Works Committee.

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