

BILLERICAY OBSERVER.

TUESDAY JULY 21ST, 1959.

EDITOR WYNFORD P. GRANT. EDITION NUMBER 39. PRICE 1½d.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN HIGH ST SOON

Following consultation with the Ministry of Transport & Civil Aviation, Basildon U.D. Council Works Committee decided on July 7th to recommend the Council to seek approval for the establishment of Billericay's much-desired pedestrian crossing in the High Street. The pedestrian crossing is planned to be in the vicinity of the Church. "Wanderer" writes on Page 2.

WATER SUPPLY FOR QUEENS PARK AREA?

Basildon Council Health Committee considered, on July 7th, a request from residents living in the Queens Park area for a main water supply.

They instructed the Council's Engineer and Surveyor to prepare a report on the matter for presentation to a future committee.

THUNDERBOLT THROUGH THE ROOF.

When, last Thursday week, lightning struck a house in Stock Road, during a violent thunderstorm electrical gadgets were affected. The roof of the house was badly damaged.

Also struck by lightning was a post in Hill House Drive, a short distance away.

VICAR CRITICISES PARENTS.

In an outspoken editorial in "Parish Review", the parish magazine of St. Mary Magdalen with Christ Church, Billericay, the Vicar, the Rev. S. Powley criticised the attitudes of parents to the Church and their children. He also criticised people who "do not keep the Sabbath day holy".

The article commenced:

"We are thinking very much about your children. It is no overstatement to say that when children (confirmed or not) get to the age of 13 to 16 they leave the Church in astounding numbers, and we hear no more about them till in later life when perhaps having grown to manhood or womanhood they come to have their Banns called in preparation for marriage. If this continues indefinitely the result will be that soon there will be no Church in the land."

CONTINUED PAGE 6.

"VERY HIGH STANDARD AT CARAVAN SITE" Difficult to judge - Mayor.

Speaking before awarding the prizes in the annual competition for a well-kept caravan garden at Crays Hill Trailer Park on Saturday, the Mayor of Dagenham said there was a very high standard on the site which speaks well for itself.

Continuing his speech the Mayor said that he and the Parks Committee Chairman, and the Parks Supervisor had used a marking score out of 50, also used for the Council House garden competition. It had been very difficult to place the winners and they had to tour the site again looking for bad points. The winner had 40 marks out of 50 and nine or ten between 31 and 40.

The Mayor then awarded the prizes. 1st was Mr Harvey, 2nd, Miss Ferner, 3rd, Mr & Mrs Ray.

There were three people equal for fourth place, the prize for which was awarded by the local milkman and was a week's free supply of milk. The eliminating competition was won by Mr & Mrs Stengaland consisted of pouring milk into a jug, then into a bottle, putting a baby's teak on, running to the male partner who had to drink it. The Mayor stood in for a person who was away and came second.

The event was held in the site clubroom and arranged by the Four Jacks Social Club and was followed by a social. On Sunday a children's party was held.

There are 35 caravans on the site, which was started in 1947.

CHURCH 'IN THE RED' BUT THEY HAVE A LOT OF FAITH.

Billericay Church is in the red but the members have a lot of faith and we will pull through, said the Rev S. Powley at the opening of the church garden fete on Saturday July 11th. The fete was held in the Archer Hall because of showers and a high wind. He went on to say that the aim of the fete was to raise money for the Church Extension Fund which included the provision of a curate's residence, new vestries, and other extensions at Church House, in the High Street which the Church has bought.

CONTINUED PAGE 5.

CINEMA DIARY,
RITZ CINEMA, CHAPEL STREET,
BILLERICAY.

Monday July 20th. Three days.

Van Johnson, Hildegarde Neff, in "SUBWAY IN THE SKY". (A). This is a suspense-laden drama and it is not until the end of the film that the real criminal is revealed.

Also "BROTHER OF A BOY", (U), the story of how a village plans a birthday party for the world's oldest man. His assault of an unpleasant local landowner, nearly upsets the plans of the village and the English T.V. to film it.

They also reckon without the old man himself, his "wee son Willie", well past eighty himself, and many other things. A really good, funny film.

Thursday July 23rd. Three days.

John Cassavetes, and Virginia Maskell in "VIRGIN ISLAND", (U). This is the story of a young couple, just married, are pioneers on a tropical dream island. They build their new home round their only possession - a period bedstead. A good film. Also "THE INTRUDER". (U)

Sunday July 26th.

James Stewart in "THUNDER BAY". (U). Also "IT HAPPENS EVERY THURSDAY". U.

Monday July 27th. Three days.

Peter Finch and Eva Bartok in "OPERATION AMSTERDAM". This is a race against time, centered mainly on Holland. It is 1940. Three people have 14 hours to save millions of pounds of diamonds from the German. Despite the co-operation of the diamond merchants, the diamonds cannot be got at for the precious stones are locked in great vaults. With only twenty minutes left to regain the ship they are menaced by armed fifth-columnists and the city is full of panic-stricken refugees. Also "TARZAN'S HIDDEN JUNGLE". (U).

Thursday July 30th. Three Days.

Terry Thomas, Peter Sellers in "CARLTON-BROWN OF THE F.O.". (U). This is the amusing story of how Britain endeavours to obtain valuable mineral deposits in a small island state. Carlton-Brown of the F.O. with some assistants to the island. Events take an unexpected turn. Carlton-Brown turns any attempt to right things into a shambles. However eventually all is sorted out and Carlton-Browne is decorated - but even this simple ceremony is not without its surprises. A very good film. Also "DEVIL ON HORSEBACK". (U).

ROUND AND ABOUT
by
"WANDERER".

Ship has signature tune!

This statement probably sounds to you untrue and ridiculous. But it's quite true. The United Churches of Southend are holding an exhibition at the Pier Head, Southend called "Whither Britain?". As part of this the Missions to Seamen ship (The Flying Angel), "John Ashley" was on display to visitors. The aim of the Missions to Seamen is the welfare, spiritual and otherwise, of seafarers.

The Chaplain, the Reverend F. Laight explained the ship to me.

It has to be, and is, very compact. Space is precious. This ship visits groups of ships in the area from the Medway & Thames to the Blackwater. Built in 1958, it was launched and sailed in by Prince Phillip, whose signature is in the visitor's book.

The ship is out for three days and three nights and rests on the fourth day. When it approaches ships it plays "Old Father Thames" the signature tune, which gets louder and louder as the "John Ashley" approaches so that all on board know it is near.

The "John Ashley" has one of the most unusual libraries in the World. Every time the "John Ashley" goes out, with it go shelves full of books, and 16 sacks of them. Sailors can take as many books as they like, but they cannot return them - they pass them on to other seamen. Also on board is a T.V., small shop, and postage stamp machine and letter box. In the Main Cabin is a cinema screen. Behind the cabin is a chapel. A major problem was how to project the films, for because of the low cabin the projection beam with meet the heads of the watchers. So the light beam is projected on to a mirror in the chapel, then on to the screen, and the picture comes out the other side right way up. The engines are remote controlled. Cabins and galley are neatly packed into a small space.

Pedestrian Crossing.

Three cheers! My constant demands for a pedestrian crossing in the High St have born fruit! (See Page I). The High Street will be much safer now and it is a pleasant change to give the Council a pat on the back. However, I am a little worried about the position of the crossing - I do not think it is the safest one unless Chapel Street is made one-way from Church to Sun St. Then all would be perfectly safe!

Printing Strike:

On the 8th of July a first meeting of the newly formed Society for helping Tibetians was disrupted by a crowd of 300 or more printing men. Apparently also at the Caxton Hall, London, Mr Martell, who is chairman of the Free Press Society was holding a discussion in the building. The crowd were incensed, as he had hoped to produce T.V. Times and provincial papers with non-union labour. Banners carried the messages "No phoney arbitration", "Scab of the week; Martell". They continued to shout the Hitler cry "Sieg Heil".

The strikers tried to rush the doors as members of the Free Press arrived, jeering, "If he believes in freedom, he will let us in". Mr Martell then came out on to the steps. He told them that six could go into the meeting and one could speak for 10 minutes. One spokesman went inside and asked why all could not go in. Mr Martell replied that they were faces he had seen before and they would wreck the meeting. Only some 20 policemen were there, but reinforcements were probably on call.

In Hertfordshire: Some 30 strike pickets staged a demonstration in St Albans.

They shouted slogans and alleged that the weekly paper "The Herts Advertiser" was black. Members of NATSOPA, they came from Watford, Uxbridge, and other districts. They threw a brick through the window of the press offices. Several girl assistants in the office were saved from injury by wooden picture frames, protecting them from broken glass. They now have to work in the heat behind boarded windows. When a staff reporter tried to take photographs of the damage, the mob tried to seize him. The Police rescued him with cameras and pictures intact. They appear in the July 10th issue of the "Herts Advertiser". The Editorial writes "A new form of colour bar is being operated by the printing unions whose members have been on strike from provincial newspapers and printing firms throughout the country for over three weeks. Newspapers which they term 'black' have received their threats and vicious actions. They do all in their power to prevent any paper which does not conform to their self-made rules from being published and sold. Newsagents were told not to sell the papers. In Watford, the proprietors of a local paper have courageously defied violent attempts to close down the paper and there have been ugly scenes. The Police have tried to maintain order throughout innumerable skirmishes. They were reminiscent of the Nazi jackboot firmly implanted on any thing that stood for freedom. Let it be clearly understood. Freedom is still the right of any individual or body in this country. Freedom to print and publish is one which everyone should defend to the limit. By doggedly struggling along with a handful of workers, many newspaper proprietors are upholding that freedom. In the Herts office 72 workers are on strike. This strike action jeopardised the prosperity of the Company by which they were employed. It threatens the work of those who are not involved. Also it might have broken the record of the unbroken publication for 104 years. It seems that the methods of the strikers and unions are 'black'. The firm are determined to carry on with its few loyal helpers. There were many overseas people at The Tibetan Meeting who seemed stunned at the demonstration they had to pass there on leaving. It was also a new aspect of Britain to the English who saw it too.

News of Other Topics.

U.S.A. - 100,000 men a year leave their wives without making provision for them reports the National Bureau.

India - Delhi; Two sections of Sikhs, the Tara Singh Sikhs and the Anti Tara Sikhs have been fighting.

Moscow - Russian surgeons demonstrated the technique of reviving dead dogs. They hope to test it on man in time.

Sickness Prevention.

Hot weather indisposition may mean lack of Vitamin C. Orange Juice or Rose Hip Syrup prevents this. If syrup is too sweet add to a bottle of the cheapest Port Wine. This makes an excellent tonic.

Other News, Lahore, Pakistan. 400 people have gone down with Typhoid Fever and if precautions are not taken it may turn into an epidemic.

This edition I intend to ask all people who have copies delivered to them if they want the booklet to be published by us in August about the history of the paper, how it is run, statistics etc. If, for one of many reasons, you are not asked, and you want the booklet, please let me know. Then I will be able to announce in the next issue the price, and all other details.

One reason for selling the booklet is to raise money to buy equipment to improve the paper. Unfortunately, due to financial difficulties, we have had to again postpone the town crier emblem on the front of the paper until the next edition. While on the subject of finance I would like to make one point clear. In the last edition I announced copies of the monthly accounts would be available on August 1st. "Oh", said one reader, "180 copies equals £ -s & ? d and adverts equal £1 etc. May I point out the accounts will show the MONEY HANDLED. (and where it comes from and goes).

The paper is smaller this week. However we have now made it our policy to publish 8 pages every fortnight, except between August 10th and September 10th and January 1st and January 20th each year. The reason for the exceptions is lack of news during those periods.

W. P. Grant - EDITOR

WE WOULD LIKE

to point out that the ink used for publishing the "Billericay Observer" is not the type used for pens, but is a special type, used only for duplicating purposes.

COUNCIL FOR THE PRESEVATION OF RURAL ENGLAND - SUMMER OUTING.

The Billericay Area Group, C.P.R.E. chose Suffolk for their Summer outing.

After Coffee at Marks Tey, they crossed the Stour at Manningtree and made their way to East Bergholt Church, with its unfinished Wolsey Tower, which, so the story goes, was dismantled by the Devil as fast as it was built. In disgust, the erection of the tower was abandoned and the bells placed in a wooden cage in the churchyard, where they still remain.

Picnic by the river at Flatford Mill, was followed by a conducted tour of Clare Priory, not usually open to the public. Founded in 1248 as the first home in England of the Augustinian Friars, the Priory was dissolved in 1538, and after remaining in the hands of the same family for generations, was returned to the Augustinians in 1953, a living community once again.

The Church of The Holy Trinity at Long Melford with its unusual Lady Chapel, supposed to have been a Processional Chapel in connection with some long vanished Holy Relic was the next port of call before a very welcome tea at 'The Friars Restaurant' in Sudbury.

Another conducted visit, this time to the Norman Church at Pentlow with its round tower and a ramble round the beautiful grounds of the neighbouring 14th. Cent. Moated Manor House of Pentlow Hall completed the day.

Among the party were several new members, as well as two schoolboy representatives of the newly formed Junior section who evidently enjoyed themselves.

SPECIAL OFFER AT -

"The Woolpack" HIGH ST, BILLERICAY
(Near Church).

15 DENIER FULLY FASHIONED STOCKINGS
ONLY 4/11 PER PAIR

BUY QUICKLY - LIMITED QUANTITY ONLY.

SINGER SEWING MACHINE AGENCY

KNITTING MACHINES, WOOLS, HABERDASHERY.

KNITTING CLUB - NEXT MEETING AUGUST 5TH AT WOOLPACK
7-9 p.m.

LET POLY ARRANGE YOUR HOLIDAY

Summer or Winter, in Britain or on the Continent, Poly Travel offer the finest selection and best values in holidays.

See for yourself how inexpensive a fully inclusive holiday can be. Write or 'phone Poly for your free copies of these wonderful holiday programmes:

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| POLY HOLIDAYS | - Full details of Poly's Holidays on the Continent. |
| BRITISH PROGRAMME | - Holidays in Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, and the Channel Islands. |
| WINTER SPORTS | - Selected resorts for the novice or experienced sports enthusiast. |
| WINTER SUNSHINE | - Winter holidays in the sun to suit all pockets, all tastes. |
| HOLIDAYS AT SEA | - Combined land-sea holidays and cruises. |

POLY TRAVEL LIMITED, 309, REGENT STREET,
LONDON, W. 1.

Telephone: GERRARD 6979

CHURCH FETE. Continued from Page I.

Councillor W.H. Davies, Chairman of Basildon Urban District Council opened the fete.

He spoke of the community spirit in the Church, which he thought was very important, and compared it to that of the W.V.S.

Mary Jackson presented a bouquet to Mrs Davies.

Sideshows were run by church organisations and helpers. Fancy dress, floral table decoration, Best Kept Cycle, and Slow Bicycle Race, as well as a Floral Table Decoration Competition were held.

WORK STARTED.

Basildon U.D.C. Works Committee were told on July 7th that the contractors had now commenced work on the Outwood Common Sewage Works.

They also decided to recommend the Council to include Brightside, off Mountnessing Road, Billericay in the Council's future private street works programme.

TWO RETIRE.

Headmistress of Buttsbury C.P. School and Mrs Roy of Billericay (formerly Gt. Burstead) Primary Billericay are both retiring at the end of this school year.

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, 5½ guineas.

HOLMDALE PRIVATE HOTEL,
HAVENSTREET, NEAR RYDE,
ISLE OF WIGHT.

BEAUTIFUL, PEDIGREE PEKINGISE
PUPPIES.

"CLANDON", KINGSLEY RD, HUTTON.

Phone ---- Brentwood I7II.

"If you are interested in Arcane Wisdom, its influence on Health, Harmony, and Happiness write for FREE booklet entitled 'MASTERY OF LIFE' from"

The Rosicrucian Order, AMORC.,
(96704)

25, Garrick Street, London, W.C. 2.

ADVERTISING IN THE "OBSERVER".

Small Ad (not exceeding 30 words)
6d. 2" half-column (as above) - 1/-.
One-third of page, 2/6.

DUPLICATING

Anything, any size. Different type faces, drawings, executed at very reasonable costs. For full details, of this, and advertising contact the Editor.

POULTRY.

CAPONS. TURKEYS. COCKRELS. BOWLERS. POUSSEIN.
ALL FORMS OF TABLE POULTRY
OBTAINABLE. PRICES VERY COMPARABLE
TO THE MEAT TRADE.
Delivery a pleasure and at no
extra cost. Write or phone me for
prices.

R. NORMAN, Tel 767.
LEA COTTAGE,
SOUTHEND RD. BILLERICAY.

VICAR CRITICISES PARENTS -

Continued from Page 1, Column 1.

The article continues:-
"Unless we can obtain parent's help
and co-operation this leakage from
the Church will not only continue,
but grow larger and larger, especially
now the "Continental" Sunday has
arrived in Britain. As more and more
cars are obtained, the roads on
Sundays will become even more
congested than they are at present,
and the churches will become
emptier and emptier. Is it not time
that we begin to consider more the
claims of God's day of rest, and set
at least a part of it to worship
god? "Remember the Sabbath day to
keep it holy", is a command of God
for all time.

We are very grateful
that many parents help the religious
life of their children all they can,
but we feel that many more could and
must do more for their youngsters in
this essential duty.

Unconsciously, for a
very long time, religion has been
swept aside by this country, until
the situation, unless remedied will
become disastrous. This is not
alarmist - this is truth, stubborn
facts which must be borne in mind.

For one to look out
upon the World, it would hardly be
too certain that it was peopled by
"Sons of God".

CHRIST CHURCH, PERRY ST.

YOUNG WIVES FELLOWSHIP.

July 21st 8 to 9 p.m.
During the summer holidays the
Young Wives will close down and
restart September 15th, 2 to 3p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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

LATE NEWS.

Birthday honours
were accorded
Mrs. Pegg, who
had reached 80.

Printed & Published by the
"Billericay Observer", 143, Perry St.
Billericay, Essex, England.

INSPECTOR PEAGRAM SCOOPS THE PRIZES.

The highest number of
awards at Billericay Horticultural
Society Open Show at the Archer Hall
last Saturday went to Inspector A.C.
Peagram of Brentwood and Brentwood
Police, who with unfailing monotony
gets a prize for everything he
enters in the local horticultural
shows. He won an "Amateur Gardening"
Certificate of Merit, and also a
"Smallholder" one. He won 12 firsts,
three seconds, and one third prize
for his various entries.

But there is a new
challenger for his title. G.R. Versey
of Knightbridge Walk, Billericay,
the society's secretary. On a very
small garden he has grown many
prize-winning exhibits. He won a
"Popular Gardening" diploma, 5
first, 8 second, and one third prize
for his exhibits.

There were 312 entries
compared with 143 last year, and a
large number, some prizewinners came
from the small gardens on the new
estates. The judge's in their
remarks said that there was a very
high standard and the show was well
worth of public support, making a
few minor criticisms.

STEEL LIGHT COLUMNS FOR STOCK RD?

It was reported to the
Works Committee on July 7th that
consideration is being given to the
use of steel columns, as opposed to
concrete ones, as it is thought
these would be more in keeping with
the area.

On the same day, the Health
Committee were told that numerous
complaints had been received
regarding pollution of ditches in
the Stock Road area and the Clerk
reported on a circular letter
which had been sent to local
residents requesting their support
in preventing pollution.

OPENED FETE BY DRINKING LEMONADE.

Father Collins of Wickford
R.C. Church opened the Holy Redeemer
R.C. Church, Billericay fete last
Saturday by drinking a bottle of
lemonade. The fete was in aid of
the church repair fund and was
well supported.

O.A.P.'s - Wednesday July 8th.

A new member was
welcomed. Entertainment was given by
the over 60's club from Laindon,
leader and pianist being Mrs Hinton.
Mr Maxwell was welcomed back after
being ill in hospital.

Wednesday 15th.

A minutes silence for
Mr Kitsell, who died in St. Andrew's
Hospital on Monday last was
observed. He was a founder member,
and a boer war veteran. He was 81.
He was former Secretary & Treasurer
of the Horticultural Section.