LAKESIDE (one of the worst unmade roads in Billericay) TO BE RE-SURFACED - AT LAST. by Wynford Grant.

A notice has appeared at the end of Lakeside, Perry Street, Billericay, Common Road Billericay, stating that plans is to be re-surfaced. for the re-surfacing of the road are open for inspection at the engineering and surveyors dept of Basildon U.D.C. High Street Billericay. It also states that people affected by the roads may apply against the Private Road Works the council's decision. The plans will be open for inspection until March 19th. Lakeside is like a swamp and has deep and frequent pools and a equal spreading of mud, which has been made worst in the last few years by building lorries. But now building has been completed the work of re-surfacing the road can begin. The council has been planning to re-surface the road for years but the plans are now ready, though the actual date on which work will be started is not yet known. I don't think any of Lakeside's residents will appeal against the council's decision after being troubled by mud and slimy clay for years!

INSIDE
Round and about by Wanderer

FAIRFIELD RISE TO BE RE-SURFACED.
Fairfield Rise, Tye Common Road Billericay. council at 168 High Street Billericay. High Street Billericay. People affected by the roads. It also states that people affected by this ruling may apply against the Private Road Works the council's decision. The plans will be open for inspection until March 19th.

FAIRFIELD RISE continued from preceding column. Act 1892. The road is in a very poor state of repair.

BLIZZARD
Trains up to 2½ hours late by W. Grant.

In the blizzard (25-2-1958 -26.2.1958) trains were delayed up to 2½ hours. The main reason for this delay was the points freezing at Brentwood, Shenfield and Southend Victoria. At Billericay Station there were queues of people waiting for taxis. Bus services ran though they were severely disrupted.

In parts of Billericay the electricity failed on Tuesday evening and for part of Wednesday morning. The buses to take Basildon County Primary School Lower Junior classes to temporary classrooms at Basildon was ½ hour late and the children remained at Basildon County Primary School. Attendances in most local primary schools dropped considerably on the first day of the blizzard as children living a long distance away from the schools could not attend. On Wednesday most of the roads in the district consisted of slush and ice. There was a frost on Tuesday night. The snow fell to a depth of 3". There were only snow showers on Wednesday and there was a considerable thaw.
HOLIDAYS.
Have you decided where to go for your summer holiday? No; there are many kinds of holidays, continental, country, quiet seaside villages, noisy holiday resorts, holiday camps, walking and cycling tours. I can not mention all of them here, but there are so many. If you go on a continental holiday, save yourself worry and go on an organised one such as the stay-in-one-place holidays run by Polly's, Cooks, Framers, Horizon Holidays, etc. Another comfortable worry-free holiday are the coach tours of Europe. You can see Europe from an armchair and you stay at excellent hotels.

If you cannot afford a continental holiday but want one and you want to avoid custom barriers and language difficulties, an ideal choice is the Channel Islands. Although the official language is French, almost the entire population speaks English. There are also no customs barriers. There are day trips to the French coast. The accommodation is excellent and the Islands have beautiful scenery and lovely safe bathing beaches. For the people who like to stay at holiday camps, there are two in Jersey.

For people who are going to take their summer holidays in the British Isles, the British Railways' 'Holiday Haunts' is an ideal guide. It is on sale at most railway stations and travel agencies. The price is 6d. There are five different guides, each covering a separate area, as listed below. I have two and believe me, they are good.

WESTERN ENGLAND & SOUTH & CENTRAL WALES.

SCOTLAND.

NORTH WEST ENGLAND AND NORTH WALES.

EASTERN ENGLAND.

SOUTHERN ENGLAND & CHANNEL ISLANDS.

If you have got a family, there are a number of ideal resorts. THE resorts should have the following qualifications: a medium-sized resort with a pier but not too many amusements, like Blackpool. If you do not want to go far, Walton on Naze is an excellent resort. It has glorious sands and safe bathing, excellent boating, good accommodation and the second longest pier in England. Also, ideal for day trips.

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THE WANDERER WILL WRITE ABOUT LOCAL EVENTS IN EVERY EDITION

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SHOULD CYCLISTS BE ALLOWED ON STATION-PERRY STREET FOOTPATHS?

this controversial question reported by a 'Billericay Observer' special investigator.

Despite 'cycling pro-

RIVER OVERFLOWS.

hhibited notices cyclists continue to use the Sta-
tion-Perry Street foot-

paths. The problem is

Buckwyns was not running as a result of

that the cyclists alternative the floods and children had to walk.

route via Stock Road is over 1\2 miles longer. However the

pedestrians point of view is

that bicycles are a danger and a nuisance and after all

it is a footpath not a cycle

track.

STOP PRESS.

SNOW.

There was a slight snow shower early in the morning on February 19th. Snow quickly thawed after the shower and the weather grew milder later in the day.

PUZZLES AND QUESTIONS TO AMUSE YOU AND MAKE YOU THINK.

ow answers next edition.

There are five ships PUFFIN, CURLEW, SALVADOR, ENTERPRISE AND SEAGULL IN A RACE BUT THEY DO NOT FINISH IN THAT ORDER. From the facts below place them in the order in which they finish. (1, 2, 3, 4, 5.)

SEAGULL IS BEHIND CURLEW BUT IN FRONT OF PUFFIN.
ENTERPRISE IS LAST.
SALVADOR IS IN FRONT OF CURLEW.

Below are listed some towns and letters. Each town belongs to a letter. Find out the letters the towns belong to.

ROMFORD CHELMSFORD ILFORD L J A
LEYTON ROMFORD CLACTON S Y L
ILFORD SOUTHEND LEYTON M S A

GENERAL QUESTIONS.

1. What is the name of the smallest country in England?
2. What is the name of the smallest republic in the world?
3. Who were the original twelve football league clubs?
4. What is the name of the only club that took the F.A Cup out of England?

BILLERICAY 'OBSERVER' ANNOUNCEMENT

news suitable for this paper is welcomed.

We hope to start a letter page on any news item or letter or any aspect of this paper or any local event.

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I hope you will enjoy this newspaper. Please send me correspondence on any aspect of the newspaper as we would like to start a page for letters. Please send me any news suitable for this newspaper.

Yours Sincerely
J.W. Grant
EDITOR

LICENSED SESSIONS

The second session of the general annual licensing session under the licensing Act, 1953 will be held at the court house, High Street, Billericay, Essex on Tuesday March 4th.

READ THE NEXT EDITION OF THE BILLERICAY 'OBSERVER'.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN THE HOME (OPINION POLL)

Of those asked:
65% had television
100% had radios
10% had pianos

They were then asked which of the two television networks they preferred:
95% preferred I.T.V
5% preferred B.B.C.

They were then asked if they thought advertisements on television spoiled it. This was a very controversial question and opinion was almost equally divided.

60% said YES, ADVERTISEMENTS DID SPOIL TELEVISION
40% said NO, ADVERTISEMENTS DID NOT SPOIL TELEVISION.

There has been a very high market for televisions in the past few years especially since Independent Television (I.T.V.) was started. Despite this most people have kept their radios as the Opinion Poll shows. There has been a steady decrease in owners of pianos as television forms the main means of entertainment. The radio however is unrivalled for production of music as there are difficulties in making of music on television attractive.

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PUBLIC HOUSE AND DANCE HALL FOR PERRY STREET?

A public house and dance hall is proposed for the corner of Uplands Road, Perry Street Billericay. An inquiry will be held at the council chambers, High Street. If the public house is banned the brewer will take up the matter with the town and country planning. A petition is being organised against the proposed public house and dance hall.

IN THE GARDEN.

The weather recently has not been suitable for gardening though people living in new houses and houses with uncultivated gardens had the chance of burning rubbish, clearing ground, digging out tree roots etc. The recent snow and frost has probably done great damage to plants though until the snow thaws the extent of damage will be unestimated. When the snow melts most gardens will be waterlogged and stagnant water can be harmful to grass and earth. A month of dry sunny weather would do a lot of good. And don't forget the birds, a piece of fat hung from a branch of a tree by string for blue-tits and great-tits. The robins like bacon rhine, cheese and other small pieces of food. Robins are easy to tame.