Public House Appeal.

REMARK ABOUT MR TOWNSENS BEAUTIFUL ROAD THAT HE MADE FOR HIS PEOPLE.

This report is entirely original to the Billericay Observer.

The appeal for the proposed Public House in Perry Street was held at the Council Offices, 94 High Street, Billericay, Essex. The decision will not be made public for two weeks.

The inquiry commenced at 11 a.m and lasted until late in the afternoon. There was a very good attendance. The solicitor for Mr. Townsend said that there were never any plans to erect a dance hall on the site. The solicitor for Mr. Townsend said that there was aold act forbidding the erection of any licensed premises on the site but if the appeal was successful they would quickly overcome that. He said he petitioned over ninety residents in favour the public house. The solicitor representing the people against the Public House said he had a petition of over eighty names. Asked about the parade of shops, he said that they thought that they would erect shops but now Barker & Pickney of Romford were erecting shops at Mountnessing Road End. When Mr. Townsend was asked if it was unusual to have a Public House outside the town he said that were he lived the public house was right outside the village. Mr. Townsend could not understand why when he built this beautiful road (Upland Road) why his people had objected to him building a much needed Public House. Mr. Townsend's solicitor said that the last ten houses erected had been sold much more quickly than the rest once the news of the Public House had been released.

There were a great number of objections against the Public House at the inquiry. They included objections from a night worker. Some people objected to the noise and crowds of Lake Meadows visitors in the summer season. Some to the increase
ROUND AND ABOUT by "Wanderer".

I am getting tired of these war memoirs: Sunday newspapers keep publishing; like my memoirs of General by his private secretary or New Revealed War Events. Sunday newspapers are turning into magazines. Soon the newspapers will be so hard up for war memoirs that will have to publish something like this: "My memoirs of General by this milkmen, or even dustman: Some people oppose the idea of police frogmen training in Lake Meadows. Why? Conditions have been made to minimise nuisance to boaters and fishermen.

Do all these parades of shops need to be erected in Perry Street? There are two shops selling most commodities and in addition there are mobile shops. I say no more shops in Perry Street or it will become a shopping centre.

Basildon U.D. road safety organisation seem to concentrate most on children cyclists. I say this is wrong, a lot of accidents happen to C.A.P., besides a lot of accidents are caused by pedestrians; in fact a almost equal share of accidents is caused by the community as a whole. The road safety organisation - if they are to prevent road accidents - should concentrate on everybody, not just child cyclists. I wish the manufacturers of glue would not enclose the glue in those unconvient tubes. Once I had one and the glue leaked out of the tube on to surrounding objects. One glue manufacturer has produced a bottle with a rubber stop which you squeeze.

Why do people buy dwellings with large gardens when they are not keen gardeners? It is very pleasant to view a road of tidy, attractive gardens. If people not enthusiastic gardeners did not take over large gardens Billericay's appearance would greatly improve.

All for now,

Wanderer
THE HAUNTED GARAGE a serial PART I.
BY H. E. BATES (nom-de-plume)

IT all began one Spring day not very long ago. The green shoots were beginning to sprout (or should one say the sprouts were beginning to shoot)? The gentle peace of the neighbourhood was broken at about 5.30a.m. by a strange beast calling to it's mate. Gimme the screwdriver it roared. Fetch the gimlet. Can't stay on the garage all day waiting for you.

Soon the mate itself appeared. But instead of handing the gimlet to it's master suddenly grinned in a diabolical fashion, pulled the stepladders smartly away, and as he plunged to the concrete base below, lunged forward.

The policeman attending the trial said that he was walking along minding his own business and everyone else's business as that was what he was paid to do, when he heard the deathly rattle of a strange beast. Hurrying towards the spot he was horrified to find a mate of the beast standing over him with an implement in it's hand resembling a gimlet or a hand instrument with a sharp pointed end. What must have happened was...... But here we must digress dear readers (for all good serial writers are always digressing).

The editorial room of a local famous newspaper was humming with activity......mainly because the sole occupant, the editor in chief was humming 'Will you no come back again?' Apart from that he was just about to put the 'paper to bed (as they say in newspaper offices). The leader had been written, the special articles had all been completed, even the gardening advice had been done (he loved to do gardening advice himself......he didn't know the first thing about gardening and he delighted to think of all the poor innocent twirlers who would be putting their flower seeds upside down as a result of his wicked suggestions), when suddenly he heard a scream.

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ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION

Basildon Urban District Road Safety Organisation held a Road safety exhibition at the Recreation Rooms, High Street, Billericay, Essex from Tuesday March 25th until Saturday March 29th. At first there was a poor attendance but on Saturday there were huge attendances. The exhibition included posters and machines connected with accident prevention. These included a machine were you sat down and when a red light showed you had to press a brake as if you were in a car, then a dial recorded how many minutes seconds before you braked. Every person visiting received Road Safety leaflets.

JUMBLE SALE

Billericay District Tennis Club held a jumble sale at the Women's Institute Hall on Saturday March 29th. There was an admission fee of 2d. Goods for sale included clothes, shoe wear and toys.

ANY IDEAS FOR IMPROVING THE BILLERICAY OBSERVER?
Excellent ideas awarded a prize. Send your ideas to Improvements Dept, Billericay Observer, 145, Perry Street, Billericay, Essex.
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GARD
Dear Readers,

This our biggest -and we hope best edition - yet. Many people have suggested we make a charge for the Billericay Observer, but we want to continue to publish our newspaper free of any charge.

Yours Sincerely,

EDITOR

In the Garden,

(Garden Advice Letters are on Page Eight for this Edition)

For our answer to any query or problem of gardening write Gardening Expert, Billericay Observer, I43. Perry Street, Billericay, Essex. Your letter and our answer will appear in this newspaper.

This week I am going to say a little about garden planning. Well of course it depends on if you want a formal garden or if you want an informal garden. Well most people like informal gardens; so I will talk about those. Every garden, however small should have a well-kept lawn, for the purpose of children playing on, somewhere to place deckchairs and improving the appearance of the garden. How to grow a good lawn? I say turf; turf is ready almost immediately for use. The new root method is too slow and seeds are eaten by birds; well the editor will not give me all the space I would have liked - something about politics - but I will discuss the planning of a garden more fully next week.

Political Landscape.

The Liberal Party have won the Torrington by-election ....just. I for one was not surprised, the Liberals are always more successful in remote agricultural district; namely Northern Scotland and Western England. Their only two members of parliament without Conservative support are MP's in these areas, Torrington and Orkney and Shetland. If the Liberals have succeeded in gaining Torrington from the Conservatives they could do so in many other remote constituencies. The Liberals success in remote areas is due to their agricultural policy. However recently the Liberals have obtained great success in towns. What is this due to? People are getting tired of the major party. They are turning to the only alternative ....... the Liberals. What is the Liberals policy? They seem to try to find a middle way to every question.
LETTER PAGE.

On this page and page six are letters received by us. Please send us more. The Editor comments at the end of most letters.

POLITICS

You may send in letters in reply to letters on this page.

Sir,

I am pleased to see you giving space to the Liberal cause, if only it shows them up to be such ridiculous idealists. How can you have fewer controls, fewer taxes, and still maintain the welfare state? We Socialists fought for the welfare state and we don't want to see any long-haired Liberals make a mess of it. Keep Liberals where they belong - a small minority in the house. Jo Grimond is a nice enough bloke - but wet a lot of twaddle he talks to be sure. Three hearty cheers for Nye Bevan and the party that stands for the oppressed classes - this means you and me! Keir Hardie Junior.

Ed; Health services were much cheaper before the welfare state was formed. I do not agree with you in saying that we are the oppressed classes. The Socialists come into power .... and with them comes ruin.

Sir,

How nice it would be to have the Liberals in power. How pleasant for everyone to be free and independent and to have no controls etc. And how chaotic it would soon become. What a lot of airy fairy pipe dreams these Liberals have. Why don't they come down to earth - why don't they admit that certain controls and subsidies are necessary. We Conservatives want to see more controls go - and they will, have no fear. But certain controls are necessary in an ordered community. Tory.

Ed; a very sensible policy.

Sir,

You will have read in your national press this week that the government has reduced the subsidies on milk, eggs, bacon etc. Is this not a way of reducing taxation? There are many others. Many involving less government control and subsidising. Rates are a form of taxation. Those could be reduced appreciably if council house tenants were made to pay a economic rent. I could instance many more examples. Does this reply to your crack about holes in the Liberal Platform? Ewart Gladstone Junior.

Ed; the Liberals try to take the middle way which is not there. After this letter the Liberals I am convinced have gaping wide holes in their platform.

Sir,

As an Independent in politics I say let the Liberals have a little more support. They could serve a most useful purpose in the Commons as independent minded M.P.'s without the need to take either of the party whips. More Liberal representation not less say I and I am an independent, Independent.

Ed; the Liberals try to obtain votes as their main aim, they have no policy ... just apathy. The Socialist and Conservative parties are not frightened to take unpopular measures which lose them votes. But is this true of Liberals?

YOU MAY REPLY TO LETTERS IN THIS EDITION AND THE EDITORS COMMENTS.

Coming Soon,

EXCITING ARTICLES.
Dear Sir,

If you want to improve your newspaper and not just talk about it why don't you do some of the things correspondents have suggested? Another thing, as a young reader why do you not write a children's corner? I am sure it would be appreciated by the younger element.

That is all for now, Ten Year Old.

Ed; we are going to use some of the suggestions (Film Reviews, Do You Know?).

Sir,

How to improve the Billerica Observer. Print it on five pound notes. Moneybags.

Sir,

I see Longsight is not so longsighted after all......there are twelve rooks nest now. I saw a certain Longsight get his finger bitten by a swan the other day. Do you consider that swans like to eat human beings? Or was it a case of biting that hand that feeds it? Longersight.

Sir,

I still think you could run a serial in your newspaper. After all, great novelists like Charles Dickens first made their mark by writing serial stories for publication. David Copperfield and Oliver Twist etc all appeared as weekly episodes. Can't you write a serial? If not you could always adapt a book. The art of precis writing is a very necessary art for all reporters and editors. Improver.


Sir,

Give a free gift every week! Have more competitions! Have a woman's page. Don't be a spoil sport over dance halls and things. Encourage the young people to enjoy themselves and not be so miserable. And give me first prize for these good suggestions.

Yours Hopefully,

'Brainbox'.

Ed; I could not afford to give a free gift every week. There will probably be not a free gift until the 25th Edition. This was a rural era and we do not want it to turn into a London suburb with dance halls etc. There is a dance almost weekly at the Archer Memorial Hall. If you want a dance hall you should have not come to live here, you ought to have remained in London.

Sir,

To improve your excellent newspaper why don't you have general knowledge sections. Not quizzes they are becoming far too frequent these days....but something on the lines of Ripley or Do You Know? Facts and Figures of interest, unusual things, strange, incredible yet true...

I think you would find a keen readership for this kind of thing and you would be educating your readership at the same time.

Yours Sincerely,

Seeker After Facts. Ed; see Do You Know?
The Editor,
What a cheek that well wisher has. Fancy tellin' a newspaper editor as how he can't rite and spel. You does alright I say so good luk to yuu my deer sir. Them what asnt ad a propper educashium is envuios of yuu. Mi grandaun is typin this for me.
Yours Sincerely,
Your proper weal wisher.
Ed; what about improving your grammar and spelling?

Sir,
As a regular reader of your journal I would agree with Well Wisher who last week wrote criticising the spelling in your newspaper. This week I notice you again perpetrate a number of AVOIDABLE errors. Interest. NOT Intrest. Derelict. Nurseries. Economy. Controversy. Answer. Separate. Excellent etc. I hope you will take this criticism in the right spirit for I am sure your 'paper is good enough and big enough to ride over these minor flaws.
Yours Sincerely
Grammarian.
Ed; you have proved your point about the spelling. We will try to improve.

Sir,
I thought your free gift offer was a delightful gesture. Thank you very much indeed. At the same time I do not know how you can manage to make these gifts when you make no charge for your delightful 'paper. I feel sure none of your readers would object to making a nominal contribution.
Yours Sincerely,
Mrs Christiansen.
Ed; it is a part of Billericay Observer policy to make no charge. There will only be free gifts on special occasions from now on - 25th edition, 100th edition etc.

Sir,
Why are they being allowed to build shops at the end of Perry Street? Surely we have got enough shops already. Why make Perry Street another town? I suppose the next thing will be dance halls and public houses and then were will we be?
Yours Sincerely,
Country Lover.

Ed; true, there are many mobile shops for shopping.

Sir,
Thank goodness that that horrible old derelict house is to be demolished at the corner of Mountnessing/Perry Street and new shops to be erected. They will be a amenity much desired.
Yours Sincerely,
Harrased Housewife.

Ed; true the house is ugly and should be demolished but instead of erecting ugly, modern shops on the site lets have a public garden, with flowers which would beautify the area. There are two shops in Perry Street and many more mobile shops and the High Street is only thirty minutes walk through delightful surroundings. No more shops for Perry Street.
I don't think I want to ask for any more advice I have decided to grow geraniums instead.

Yours Sincerely,
Animal Lover.

Ed; Is the title 'Animal Lover' appropriate? If you have left animals for geranium growing should you name yourself "Geranium Lover"?

Sir,
I'm sure a point that is causing some concern to all who live in the top end of Perry Street is the question of what is to happen to the house and field adjoining the Billericay Observers Editorial offices. Has the Wanderer any information on this please?

Yours Sincerely,
Worried Resident.

Ed; The Wanderers job is to COMMENT not REPORT. The field and house has been sold (NOT confirmed, just our opinion) to builders. Measuring has been progressing in the field.

GARDEN ADVICE.

Sir,
I always thought that with drying bulbs you did not cut the flowers off but let them die back first. My mother used to tell me to leave the flower on the stem. Perhaps you made a mistake in your advice?

Yours Sincerely,
Mary, Mary, quite contrary.

Ed; Our advice was right says our gardens EXPERT (not the editor). Leave the flowers on the stems? Definitely not! Why? The flowers seed and take the strength from the bulb.

DO YOU KNOW? ROYALTY.

That the Queen's official motor car has no licence number-plate?

That in Lancashire Her Majesty is toasted as: "The Queen, DUKE of Lancaster!"

That the Buckingham Palace has more than 600 rooms, with more than 300 clocks in them?

That Balmoral is NOT the Queen's official residence in Scotland? Her official residence is Holyrood Palace.

That no reigning monarch since Queen Anne in 1717 refrained from placing the royal assent on a Act of Parliament?

That the Lake in the grounds of Buckingham Palace covers five acres and is fed by the old Tyburn River?

That four sizes of Royal Standard are flown at Buckingham Palace? The smallest seen on tempestuous days is called the Storm Standard; the largest, eighteen feet by nine, is seen on ceremonial occasions such as the Queen's Birthday.

That there's a post office inside Buckingham Palace? It's the low building at the left-hand corner as you look at the Palace front. It has a counter and clerks - and a very busy telephone switchboard - but it is not for the use General Public but for the Palace staff and Palace business. However Guardsmen who have come off sentry - go in front of the Palace railings may use the Post Office inside the Palace.

WATCH OUT FOR MORE

DO YOU KNOW? FEATURES.