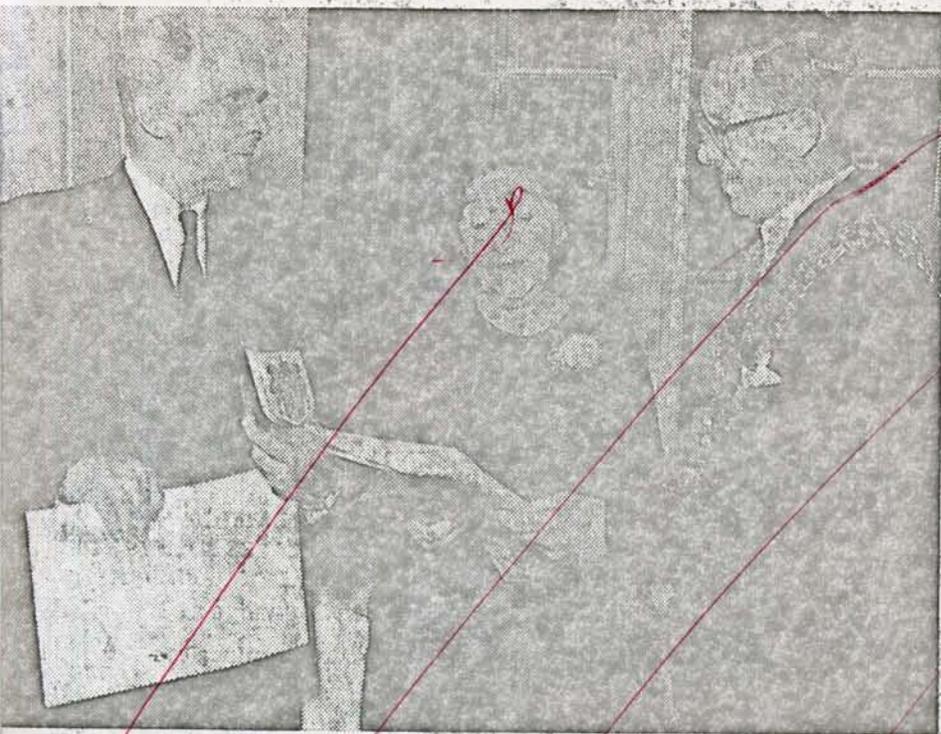


Cottage, Camden town. My daughter went to fetch her little girl from as no serious calls came

Flooded 23 premises as a spa activity.



Welfare services do not match the need

Camden is already in the front of the new boroughs. It has inherited the spirit of experiment and pioneer work in the old borough of St. Pancras."

...said the Minister for Health, Mr. Kenneth Robinson, when he opened Bidborough, the council's new headquarters for health, housing and welfare, behind the town this week.

...Robinson added his thanks for the training that years as a St. Pancras councillor had proved before becoming an MP.

"People's needs can't be easily organised to match arranged patterns," he said.

"What we must arrive at are services to match the needs."

The new building is designed to do that. Arrangements for reception and interviewing are pooled so that visitors do not have to apply to a particular department, but are immediately put in touch with the receptionist with the officer best qualified to deal with their case.

Private interview rooms for reception are already available. There is even a play area with playpen and toys for children waiting for their parents. Social workers are on duty as well as in other parts of the borough. When necessary, workers from several departments work together to deal with all aspects of a family's needs.

...the opening ceremony.

The Mayor of Camden (Cllr. Samuel Fisher) pointed out that the site was once the Duke of Wellington's stables and added, "in the courtyard there is a very large red horse."

The building, which has been in use since the beginning of the year, although various rooms are still unfinished, covers 40,000 square feet. Four departments and 300 staff are housed there.

Inscribed mementos and copies of a resolution thanking aldermen and councillors for their services to the old Metropolitan Borough of Islington were presented by the mayor (Cllr. Ernest Ward) at an informal social gathering at the town hall on Tuesday evening. Cllr. Ward (right) is pictured after the presentation ceremony with Cllr. George Barnard and Cllr. Mrs. F. H. Cantwell, both former mayors of Islington. The mementos included plaques and cuff-links bearing the borough's coat-of-arms.

Footprints on window sills matched youth's shoes—Police

Footprints led to the arrest of Allan Phillip Ponting, aged 17, van boy, of Calabria Road, Highbury, on two charges of housebreaking, said Det. Sgt. Victor Allen at North London last week.

Ponting appeared on remand charged with breaking into a neighbour's and stealing £5 10s. cash belonging to Mr. Malban. He was further charged with breaking into other premises at Calabria Road, with intent to commit a felony and with stealing in the house jewellery worth £250, the property of Miss Barbara de Petrucci.

Mr. Malban, a school teacher, said he and his wife occupied a first-floor flat. On July 5 when he got up at 6.30 a.m. he found his kitchen in disorder and approximately £5 10s. cash missing.

Miss de Petrucci said she had a first-floor back bedroom. About 10.15 p.m. she found a window wide open and the property missing from her jewel box.

Det. Sgt. Victor Allen said he searched Ponting's back bedroom and in the presence of

his brother found a pair of shoes with soles which matched marks on window sills of the entered premises.

Reserving both cross-examination and his defence, Ponting was committed in custody to the Inner London Sessions for trial on both charges.

Indecent assault

An order under the Mental Health Act was made by the Clerkenwell Magistrate (Mr. J. D. Purcell) on Tuesday in the case of Patrick Fitzpatrick, aged 29, unemployed and of no fixed address.

At an earlier hearing Fitzpatrick pleaded guilty to indecently assaulting a 13-year-old schoolgirl in Dartmouth Park Hill, N19.

On Tuesday he was discharged to Darent Park Hospital

Basements and cellars more than 30 houses and shops in Berriman Road and Isledon Road, Holloway, were flooded. The basement passages of some of the houses were "inches deep in water."

Armed with buckets and brooms, housewives and shopkeepers laboured for several hours to remove the water and mud from their premises.

Angry residents in Berriman Road and Isledon Road complained that their homes became flooded every time there was a heavy fall of rain.

"The water came up from the drains in front and at the back of my basement flat and saturated carpets and linoleum," a Berriman housewife said.

"We believe the water comes from the sewers. Complaints have been made from time to time to the borough council but nothing has yet been done to put matters right."

Mrs. Ellen Davis, of Isledon Road, said carpets and linoleum were saturated with water which flooded the basement passage of her home.

"The mud and stench was just terrible and it took hours to dry things out and get things straight again. This kind of flooding seems to happen every July but no one in authority has done anything about the problem."

Several houses and shops in Blackstock Road and Gillespie Road, Finsbury Park, were also flooded. At one time the water in the front room of a shop rose to 20 inches above floor-level.

Camden Council keep control of Tolmers Square redevelopment

CAMDEN COUNCIL will retain control of the development of the Tolmers Square area, St. Pancras.

Greater London Council have decided, after talks with Camden officials, that although there are important roads in the area, the local council should go ahead with the plan.

The GLC think that the redevelopment will have more than local significance. But as long as there is close co-operation between Camden and the GLC, matters will stay as they are.

Now the way is clear for the council to press ahead. Development will be basically residential with some ancillary shops, said the council spokesman.

WRECKS

Since the borough of Camden came into being in April, 375 derelict cars have been reported to the council and the police. Already 175 have been removed for destruction.

Mr. Shinder said that when he bought the Cross Street property the condition was so bad that he dedicated non-habitation perhaps 30 years or more as a reason of rubbish accumulation. At a cost of some £1,000 the premises were cleared, sashes made and fixed and certain repairs carried out.

The back room was let to Mr. Evans on the understanding that no persons should work at the premises except for ingress and egress not more often than once a month.

He was a builder of modest means and had not used the room for some months.

The basement rooms, said Mr. Shinder, were unfit for habitation and could not be made fit at reasonable expense. The complete clearance of the rooms to restore them to rubbish dumps was an unreal and unreasonable requirement.

He criticised the wording of notices sent by Islington Council to owners and occupiers of neighbouring houses in Cross Street.

In his view the notices were a direct invitation to people to submit representations in support of the council's case. The 32 letters would have been seen by an average of 60 people, said Mr. Shinder.

Mr. Richard Trist, senior solicitor for the council, said the notices were ordinary letters which the council were required by the Minister to send to owners and occupiers of neighbouring properties.

He submitted that the appeal should be dismissed as the enforcement order was firm. The council was concerned with building future Islington and in conforming use of premises could not be allowed in an area which had been zoned for residential purposes.

Multiple

Mr. Bernard Hyde, a planning officer with Islington council, said the upper floors were a multiple family occupation while two rooms which formed the basement were used in contravention of planning control. The premises both internally and externally were poorly maintained.

Mr. A. R. Kempshall, senior public health inspector, said the basement could be converted into bad rooms if the premises were made damp proof and other essential improvements effected.

Mrs. Sarah Sheehan, tenant at No. 35 Cross Street, said she had lived in the house for some 19 years. She had complained to Islington Council and the former L.C. about the use being made of the basement rooms.

She also objected to the installation of the printing machine and could tell where it was in use by the effect it had on her TV set.

The inquiry was conducted by Mr. G. Mill, an inspector for the Minister of Housing and Local Government.