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Editorial.

No one who is interested in the growth of human ideals or the welfare of human society can afford to neglect the present day problems which confront us. The all important subject of Unemployment is one of these problems, and although the present situation in the Bookhams has improved, there is unfortunately a gap.

It naturally follows that unemployment causes unnecessary hardship to the out-of-work man and his family, but statutory powers, in most cases, are inadequate to meet the obligations imposed from other sources.

In an issue of the "Bulletin" for September, 1934, the following was published:—

"Could you live on this?"

The week's budget of one of the cases assisted by the Bureau:—

Wages	...	26/- per week
Rent	...	10/- per week

Balance ... 16/- for food, clothing, coal, etc.

This was not an isolated case, but even now after two years, there is still the need for the Bureau to carry on.

Whilst sympathising with the Distressed Areas Labour now employed in this district, it must be borne in mind, that the position of unemployed residents of the Bookhams is seriously prejudiced.

The Bureau have to express their profound appreciation to the Tradesmen who have once again inserted advertisements in this Journal.

So far the Well of Inspiration has not run dry, and as we are about to enter the fourth year of publication, it would be much appreciated if suitable articles were forthcoming.

Remembrance Day.

Armistice Day, more than any other in the English calendar, makes us realise the family spirit of the Nation. That we belong to one great family is recognised afresh every 11th of November.

In the common understanding with its Silent Tribute for those who gave their lives, there still live on those men, unemployed, sick and disabled, and whilst honouring the Memory of our Fallen Comrades by the buying of a Poppy, whatever the sentiment, you are helping those distressed Ex-Service men of the Great War.

Since the inauguration of the late Earl Haig's Fund, the collection in the Bookhams was the highest on record—well over £80 was a very fine achievement. Think what it would mean to some of these war-broken men, if this figure could be increased to £100. Further than this, the making of Poppies gives employment to nearly 400 disabled Ex-Service men, and the greater increase in the sale of these Flanders Flowers, the greater the possibility for employment of disabled men.—W.A.M.

"In Flanders Fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark the places

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Street Lighting in the Bookhams.

The Executive Committee of the Bookhams Ratepayers Association was approached on the matter of street lighting in the district, and they thought it advisable to ask Mr. R. Andrews to obtain details of a preliminary scheme and its approximate cost for submission to the Half-year Meeting in September last. It was there agreed that every Ratepayer in the area should have an opportunity of voting for or against street lamps.

The following Roads would be included in an initial scheme; Lower Road, (Fetcham Boundary to Church), Church Road (Lower Road to Common), High Street, Guildford Road, ("Victoria Hotel" to Grove Side), Leatherhead Road (Grove Corner to Fetcham Boundary), Dorking Road (Leatherhead Road to Kenilworth), Little Bookham Street, Lower Road (Childs Hall Road to Manor Lane).

Based on known comparable figures, the approximate cost is estimated to be £485 per annum for three years, if gas is used; electricity would cost roughly £800 per annum for three years. It is quite probable that when actual tenders are obtained, the cost may be somewhat less. At the end of the first three years the outlay will be reduced to cover the cost of lighting and maintenance only, cost of installation having been spread over the initial period.

It must be borne in mind that the Local Authority is only responsible for the lighting of Public Roads, and in the case of Private Roads, the cost will fall as an annual charge on the Frontagers over and above their contribution through the General Rates for lighting public thoroughfares. In the case of roads about to be made up by the Local Council, the Frontagers will have to bear the expense of installation of the lighting system in addition to the cost of making-up the road; but when it is taken over by the Council, the charge for lighting and maintenance will fall on the General Rate.

The question of street lighting has created a large amount of interest and strong feeling has been expressed both for and against. The Committee of the Bookhams Ratepayers' Association would urge on you, in your own interests, the advisability of filling up the post

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Silver Jubilee Commemoration Fund.

The following is a further list of Subscribers: Mr. H. Absalom, Mr. H. S. Clatworthy, Mr. G. M. E. Groves (per Mrs. Cordingly) Mr. Dawes (per Mr. W. G. Jones) Mr. H. Ferris, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. A. Lee, Mrs. Walker Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Wigley.

Mrs. Kleboe kindly ran a Whist Drive early last month at the Church House for the purpose of raising money to cover the expenses incurred in connection with this Fund, and the Committee most heartily thank her for this assistance, as the object aimed at was achieved.

The Church Clock.

Bookhams residents and others can now rely upon having the correct time, as the electrification of the Clock is now completed. The lighting, however, is not yet quite satisfactory, but this is principally owing to the dial being concave. It is expected that this will be remedied in the very near future, and the whole of the work will then be finished.

Since our last issue, a few more subscriptions have come in, and the total amount required is nearer completion.

There is still a small sum needed, and it is to be hoped that those who have not yet subscribed but have benefited by the improved time-piece, will be good enough to help to make up the required balance, which is about £3.

If you are curious about where to send your subscription, either refer to a back number of the "Bulletin," or send it to one of the following:

Mr. H. Bostock, "Fife Lodge," Great Bookham,
Mr. A. E. Murrells, "Torbay," Eastwick Drive,
Mr. R. Andrews, "Five Beeches," Dorking Rd.

card enclosed in this issue of the "Bulletin" and posting it without delay. We feel that every one, in view of the importance of the matter, will not begrudge the half-penny stamp in assisting the Executive of the Association to carry out the wishes of the majority.

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Bookhams Bowling Club.

The close of the 1936 Summer season on the 26th September, was unfortunately not too bright as the members had hoped for, as owing to the rain which fell in the morning, a match arranged for the afternoon had to be abandoned. Nevertheless, the Club has had a most enjoyable season, and this has been made more pleasant by having fixed up "home" and "away" matches on the same day. Some twenty-four players have been placed on the rinks (once, owing to a competition in addition there were twenty-eight) and this is something very few, if any Clubs in the vicinity could do. Forty-two matches were played of which Bookham won nearly 40%. In competitions, the Championship of the Ladies' Section was won by Mrs. Rose, whilst that of the Men's Section was won by Mr. P. W. Locke.

Various other competitions also were played, and seventeen silver spoons were won by various members, besides sets of Bowls, etc. Most people would imagine that would finish the game until May, but that is not the case with the Bookhams, some of whose members were desirous of continuing play through the Winter, and especially as Bookham has a Hall for this purpose.

Last February as an experiment the Barn Hall was hired by the Club for two days a week, for three months, and as it has proved successful it was decided to have a Winter session of six months commencing in October, and arrangements accordingly have been made. The opening day was the 10th October, and the hours 3 to 9 p.m., every Saturday and Wednesday, excepting the first and third Wednesdays in each month when they run from about 4 to 10 p.m.

To the uninitiated it may be mentioned that there is a great difference between the indoor and outdoor games, as in the former care is required in keeping the "woods" back, whereas in the latter it sometimes requires a strenuous effort to get the bowls to go the length, and especially so when the green is heavy and consequently "slow." With indoor bowling there can be no fear of damaging the "green" when delivering the "woods," so this bogey with beginners is never to be feared. The Club is assured not only of those who joined in February re-joining, but of

new members coming in. Winter bowls is becoming more and more popular, in this direction Bookham is well to the fore in having started, and matches with other Clubs are now under consideration. Those likely to be interested in the game are invited to call at the Barn Hall on the days previously mentioned, and details as to membership can be obtained from Mr. R. Andrews, "Five Beeches," Dorking Rd.

The Club is to be congratulated in having as President such a keen bowling enthusiast as Mr. H. Allen.—R.A.

Wild Flowers found in the Bookhams.

The Holly bough is too distinctly associated with some of the happiest days of childhood to need description. Christmas Eve with the Holly and Mistletoe brought in to decorate the home—but these are gradually falling into disuse.

Familiar as the red berries of the Holly are to us all, its flowers are less generally known. These grow closely round the stem in May and June, and are white and thick, as if cut out of wax. The dark green ever glossy leaves are usually edged with sharp spines; but the upper leaves are often smooth, a circumstance on which Southey wrote a poem of the Holly Tree.

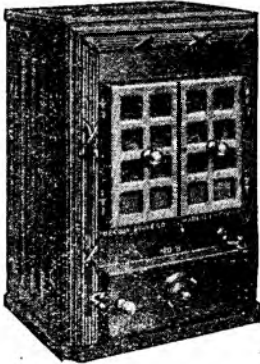
This plant is very frequent in woods and hedges, especially where the soil is gravel, and though it is of slow growth, yet it will in the course of time, form an excellent garden hedge. Those who have read John Evelyn's Diary will remember how much he lamented the destruction of his beautiful Holly hedge at Saye's Court by the Czar of Russia. This hedge was 400 feet in length, 9 feet high and 5 feet wide, and anyone possessing such a hedge would mourn its destruction.

As we approach the Christmas season, there will be many anxious to get Holly for decoration purposes, please do not cause wanton destruction, but try and preserve the country-side even if it is winter.—A.P.

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It seems a long time since we had our Annual Show, yet it is only three months ago. Needless to say it was a great success. Fine weather in the afternoon and evening, a great number of entries, and an excellent show of vegetables, flowers, babies, live fish, and future athletic champions, all contributed towards the end achieved.

Regarding the membership, it has increased since we last wrote about the Garden Society, and we think that we may have helped to bring up the number which is now within a thousand. It is hoped that those who intended to join this year, but forgot to do so, will enrol so that the thousand mark can be attained.

The Joint Secretaries are, Mr. S. J. Pearsall, "Sherwood," The Park, and Mr. G. B. Saunders, "Sycamore," Eastwick Drive.

Why not write to them and get your name on the books for 1937?

The Annual General Meeting will be held this month, of which due notice will be given to the members, but the public are invited to be present. It behoves members to attend this Meeting, not only to hear of the progress made during 1936, but to decide how the funds shall be dealt with in the future.—R.A.

An Heroic Publication.

In the long list of names of those whose records will be handed down to the future generations of their respective countries for the part they played in the Great War, that of Burgomaster Max will surely rank among the great men of Belgium.

The story of the Brussels burgomaster has been told by Auguste Vierset & Oscar E. Millard in *Burgomaster Max* (Hutchinson), which gives an account of the publication by him of *La Libre Belgique*, the little paper that persisted in its appearance in spite of the efforts at its suppression by the Germans. The story is a thrilling one, and tells how copies of this journal were delivered to the Germans themselves, even to the opening of a safe in the office of the Governor General and placing therein a copy of the paper. Secret Service agents were defied, and finally after the arrest of all who were thought to be concerned with its production and the seizure of the printing press, a copy of the paper with the ink still wet was brought into the room where those arrested were being tried.

Let's see what's on!

REGULAR WEEKLY FIXTURES.

Sundays—

Brotherhood, 3 p.m. (Congregational Hall).

Mondays—

Women's Thrift Club.

Coal and Clothing Club, 12 p.m. (School).

Women's Fellowship, 2.30 p.m. (Church House)

Women's Meeting, 3 p.m. (Congregational Church Parlour).

Women's Own, 3 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Girls' Life Brigade Cadets, 5.30 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Junior Club, 7 p.m. (Church House).

Boys' Brigade, 7.15 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Girls' Friendly Society & Girls' Club, 7.30 p.m. (Church House).

Bookham Choral Society, 8 p.m. (Congregational Church).

Rovers, 8.15 p.m. (Scout Hut).

Tuesdays—

Life Boys, 6 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Blue Birds, 6.30 p.m. (Congregational Hall).

Camp Fire Girls, 7.30 p.m. (Congregational Hall).

Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m. (Church House)

Wednesdays—

The White Ribbon Band of Hope. Last Wednesday in each month at Congregational Church, from 6.30 till 8 p.m.

Thursdays—

Cubs, 5.30 p.m. (Scout Hut).

Girls' Life Brigade, 6 p.m. (Baptist Hall).

Scouts, 8 p.m. (Scout Hut).

Young Men's Club, 7.30 p.m. (Church House)

Bookham Women's Constitutional Association Monthly Meetings at the Barn Hall.

First Thursday in the month at 3 p.m.

Fridays—

Brownies, 4.30 p.m. (Scout Hut).

Girl Guides, 6.30 p.m. (Scout Hut).

Rangers, 7.45 p.m. (Scout Hut).

Good Companions Club, 8 p.m. (Barn Hall)

CITIZENSHIP : RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

By *MITRE.*

When Saint Paul declared "I am a Jew, of Tarsus, in Celicia, a citizen of no mean city," he was expressing his civic pride as a member of two communities, his nation and his town.

Further, when brought before Festus, he said "I appeal unto Cæsar," and so referred to his membership of a larger community, the Roman Empire. In similar fashion the readers of this journal might say that they were Bookham men, of the County of Surrey, England, and the British Empire.

In accordance with their depth of thought and experience, would such a declaration by members of this village community vary in intensity of feeling. Judging by the apathy shewn at the polls, Bookham together with thousands of other villages in the United Kingdom, is not sufficiently "civic conscious." From time to time major issues arise and stir up strong passions, but in between these times the general body of voters relapses into its lethargic state. Unless there is a strong body of well-informed opinion the tendency in these days of a powerful press, radio, scientific and psychological control of mass hysteria, and large scale publicity campaigns, is towards the stampeding of electors and elected into hasty actions that are so often regretted after more mature thought.

Good citizenship entails an intelligent interest in the affairs of the community of which the citizen is a member. This interest can only be maintained so long as it is backed up by knowledge and study. The object of this short article and others that may follow, is to remind its readers of things which no doubt at the back of their minds they know, but which because they are so commonplace not much thought is given to them.

The rights of a citizen in England are not all to be found detailed in the statutes of the country as, say, in the U.S.A.; they have been won so slowly, bit by bit, that they are to be found chiefly in the Common Law (largely unwritten) of the country. Many of these rights, once they have been established by the strength of public feeling, have later been embraced in the Statutes. No man nowadays is born a serf, with no political or religious freedom, no freedom of speech or assembly, and no equality of justice. These and many other rights have been obtained

only after years of struggle; men and women have even laid down their lives in their efforts for freedom. It behoves everyone therefore to guard jealously against any infringement of our liberties.

Those who say they are not interested, must live in a community for some benefit to themselves and which involves them willy-nilly in its government. Even the non-exercise of a vote has its negative effect. Sharing the work of local government does not necessarily mean becoming a local councillor. Let those with the gifts and time for public work do that. But the good citizen will take an intelligent interest in local affairs, exercise his franchise with discrimination, and support his local councillors when opportunities arise.

Other obligations which the possession of rights involves, are the observance of law and order, the sharing of expenses by the payment of rates and taxes, the defence of the country in time of peril, the maintenance of health, the education of ourselves and our children, and above all to work for our living. Let us ask ourselves, are we an asset to the nation?

Much that is written above is the starting point of many controversies. It is hoped that thought and discussion may be stimulated thereby.

Coronation Celebrations in the Bookhams.

The Bookham Ratepayers' Association has been asked by the Leatherhead U.D. Council to convene a meeting of representatives of every society and organisation in the district. This meeting will probably take place in the first or second week of November. The objects of the meeting are, firstly, to suggest in what way the event should be celebrated in the Bookhams, and secondly, to appoint one delegate to represent Bookham organisations on the special sub-committee appointed by the Urban District Council.

No question of any permanent commemoration will be considered at this meeting.

Should any organisation be overlooked and not receive a notification of the meeting, will one of the officials communicate direct with Mr. R. Bishop, Hon. Secretary, The Bookhams Ratepayers' Association, Jonod, Dowlans Road, Great Bookham (Telephone Bookham 465).

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To make brooms fresh and clean, dip them into boiling water to which soda has been added, and dry in the sun.

Batter puddings can be made lighter by adding two teaspoonfuls of ground rice to the flour before mixing.

A large bowl of water placed in a room where there has been a party will clear away the smell of tobacco smoke overnight.

Mix a little powdered clove with the paste for an apple tart, instead of putting so many cloves with the fruit, and you achieve a subtle flavour.

Silver and plate articles that are not in constant use require protection in damp weather. One way is to bury them in flour; another, to rub them with sweet oil and wrap them in soft leather.

If cooking utensils or knives and forks smell of fish, they should be washed directly after use in tepid water in which a handful of salt has been dissolved. Rinse them in clear water and dry.

A coat of lacquer, which can be bought at any oilshop, will keep your brass handles and geyser fittings looking bright through the winter if it is applied immediately after cleaning the brass.

Crepe-de-chine blouses, frocks and lingerie will keep their glossy looks if they are washed before they become too dirty, using borax and warm water. Rinse in water which also contains a little borax.

Ironing will be simplified if you remember that linens should be pressed while damp with a very hot iron; cottons require only damping down and pressing with a hot iron; while artificial silks should be lightly pressed with a comparatively cool iron.

Boiled fowls are not often stuffed, but occasionally it may be desirable to stuff them to make them go further. Allow three tablespoons of coarse oatmeal, a chopped shallot, a chopped onion, some dripping, pepper and salt and paprika. Mix well and bind the whole together with a new laid egg.

Vegetable marrows and cucumbers may be kept fresh for a long while by a very simple plan. Just melt some candle wax in a can and, when it is liquid, dip the cut stalks of the marrows so that they are sealed up. In this way loss of moisture is prevented, and the marrows do not shrivel up even if they are kept for several months. A cool place should be selected for storage.

Damask table linen possessing a particularly bright surface should be washed, when new, in cold water without soap before being used. If soiled before being washed, the damask must be soaked in cold water for a few hours to soften the marks, then washed in hot water with a reliable soap. If treated in this way, the fibres will be preserved and the colour retained for a long time.

When a gas stove is rusty, apply linseed oil with a soft cloth. Sandpaper any spots that remain.

If you want to make some smelling salts, put a few small lumps of rock ammonia in a glass-stoppered bottle and cover with eau de Cologne. Keep well corked.

Cinders soaked in paraffin will light a fire in a kitchen boiler without sticks.

New crockery will be less liable to crack if it is put into a large saucepanful of cold water, which should be brought slowly to the boil and allowed to cool off again.

Christmas will soon be here (how time flies!) and you will be thinking of your friends and the greetings you will send them. Don't be satisfied with the usual stock book of greeting cards, but call and inspect the very special selection of private cards *which cannot be obtained elsewhere*, and you can have your own greetings printed at an inclusive charge, which is no more expensive than the usual hackneyed phrases. The Victory Press, Leatherhead Road, Great Bookham have this exclusive selection, and will be pleased to show it to you at any time.—*Adv.*

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