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Editorial

The general theme in the Editorial for a number of years has been a summary of some outstanding Act of Parliament which is the general concern of the community, and with the advent of the publication of the National Insurance Bill, the matter of social security is brought a step forward.

In reviewing the National Insurance Bill, the question of social security is not so secure, for this Bill makes certain reservations particularly regarding Widows and Retirement Pensions. As an example, if a man is over 55 years of age, or 50 in the case of a woman, when the scheme commences, and not insured under the present scheme, a payment for the next ten years will have to be made before qualifying for retirement pension.

The rates for unemployment benefit will be lowered by 2/- but this will be offset if there are dependant children, 7/6 for the first child will be made, and other children will be included under the Family Allowances Act.

It is further noted that there is a difference in the rates of Widows Pensions, for under certain circumstances widows over 40 years

of age will receive 26/-. Referring to retirement pensions, those who will receive this pension will not be allowed to earn more than £1 a week.

These conditions appear to fall into line with certain measures employed by the Ministry of Pensions, not to assist certain classes of the community but to create social insecurity by imposing limitations upon them.

Recognising the value of any National Insurance scheme, it must be borne in mind that any anomalies contained in the War Pensions Acts, the Family Allowances Act and the proposals set out in the National Insurance Act, should be the subject of energetic representation to Members of Parliament to ensure the needed security of the war disabled, the widow and her children, and the permanently sick and aged.

Since the suspension of the "Local Organisations" column in the Bulletin there have been many enquiries for the re-introduction of this item, but it is regretted that this cannot yet be included due to the continuance of restriction upon paper supply. As many local

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organisations have revived their activities, any contributions for inclusion in the "Bookhams Bulletin" may be submitted to the

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British Legion

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Outside the ranks of the British Legion, it is not generally known that a persistent and constant pressure has been brought to bear against the Ministry of Pensions for the better treatment of the war disabled and war widows pensions, and whilst the British Legion have obtained some improvements, there is room for further improvement in this matter.

Through this constant pressure the Government in their White Paper of August 1944 made many concessions, and even so the position remained unsatisfactory, and it can now be announced that further improvements dating from February, 1946, have become effective.

The following improvements in war pensions became operative

from the first pay day in February 1946:

1. The rate for assessment of 100 per cent. for a private soldier or equivalent rank will be 45/- instead of 40/- and the rates for lower degrees of disablement will be increased proportionately. This increase applies to all other ranks. Application to the Ministry will not be necessary.

2. In cases of very severe disablement where a maximum amount of 20/- has been payable for constant attendance allowance, this has now been increased to a maximum of 40/-

3. A clothing grant will be paid to persons pensioned for amputation who have an artificial limb.

4. A private soldier's widow who is over 40 years of age, or has children, or who is incapable of self-support will have her pension increased from 32/6 to 35/- with a maximum rent allowance of 15/-.

These are only a few concessions and fuller information upon these matters can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, Effingham and Bookham Branch, British Legion, Legion Hall, Lower Rd. Effingham

The foregoing is only one subject with which the British Legion is actively engaged, and during the transitional period from war to peace very many problems will confront the ex-service man and ex-service woman, and it is the work of the Legion to help solve these problems.

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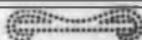
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Upon the admission of the Leatherhead Council, it has taken nearly three years to negotiate with the Ministry of Health and other Ministries to develop the Cleeve Road Estate, Leatherhead, and sanction has been given for the erection of fifty houses.

It can be fully appreciated the trials and difficulties that any local authority was faced with during the war, and if it takes three years for such negotiations to take place for 50 houses, there is every prospect that at the present rate of progress, 30 years will ensue before the completion of the housing schemes for each of the four Wards in the area.

Shortage of man-power and material has been given as the cause for such delays. This may be a partial explanation, but part of the fault lies in the misdirection of labour due to the direction orders of the Ministry of Labour.

Furthermore, another factor must be taken into consideration, that is the question of wages for those engaged in the building trades. It is human nature to work for the greatest wage possible and it is obvious that until there is a standard wage compatible with the standard of living thereby replacing a London and Country rate, under present circumstances the matter of rural housing will be retarded.

Whilst the immediate future is not at all hopeful, there are many

properties throughout the area that remain vacant and are likely to remain vacant as long as the barrier of an economic rent is put forward by the District Valuer as an excuse, and again, the Council's "short term policy" whatever that means.

The Service man and the demobilised Service man are faced with the problem of obtaining temporary accommodation and are being deprived of an essential benefit to which they are justly entitled.

During the war years it was the duty of all local authorities to provide accommodation for those persons rendered homeless as the result of enemy action and it is considered such persons have been accommodated, even only as a temporary measure, for it is ten months ago since all enemy action ceased upon this country and surely the necessary steps must have been taken in this matter.

Local authorities are thus faced with two alternatives, firstly to take steps to amend regulations concerning the billeting of persons rendered homeless as the result of enemy action, or to bring into operation that section of the Housing Act to provide accommodation, which would ensure prior claim, all things being equal, to the returned Service man.

So much we owe to our Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen, that as a token of gratitude let the Leatherhead Council give a lead in this vitally urgent matter.—EDITOR.

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times as much material as is absolutely necessary. One would have thought that owing to the wastage arising out of the war, people would have been guided into comparatively economical expenditure, especially considering the increased cost of living.

Not only has the ordinary man during the war been forced to cut down his clothing expenditure, but Europe's general cry "give us clothes" is answered in a peculiar fashion. It would be interesting to know how many packets of dried egg powder this voluminous dress could be exchanged for—shell eggs must of course be left out of the calculation. R.A.

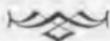
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At a very early age you knew how to sit up and beg (you were photographed once at least in this position, together with your best little girl friend) and you could do this right up to the day before you left us.

In the summer you and I would go to the recreation ground and after being tied up you would patiently wait until I had finished my game and then return home with me. In the autumn when I was picking fruit you would rest under the trees as though waiting to pounce upon any marauding boys who might be around, and how many rides had you in the empty garden barrow, into which you would spring with alacrity when invited to do so.

Another well remembered trick of yours was after being spoken to you would cock your head on one side and with those bright eyes of yours apparently say "I understand." Old age brought upon you its penalties such as blindness, deafness, etc., and the day came when I put you carefully and safely in the car which came to take you away for ever.

It may be that you were destined for one of the seven heavens—I hope so. R.A.

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The Committee have received a good number of answers to their invitation to the residents of the Bookham Ward to send in the names of those members of their households who served in the Forces between the 1st September 1939 and V.J. day, 1945, but there are still some who have not yet answered. The Committee appeal to the latter to send in the names without further delay. If by any chance they have not received the invitation, or have lost it, they are asked to apply to Mr. H. Bostock Fife Lodge, Church Road, Great Bookham.

The Committee cannot hold themselves responsible for any omission from the "Welcome" whose names have not been sent in before 23rd March.

Donations on a generous scale are coming in and the Committee ask all those who are anxious to subscribe to send in their contributions as soon as possible either to the Hon. Treasurer:

Mrs. Griffin, The Shamyard,
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or to any of the Bookham tradesmen who have kindly agreed to receive them.

H.B.

During the war years, manpower and materials were the subject of control, and at varied intervals some of these were lifted, one of the most important being the suspension of the Location of Retail Businesses Order. Except for catering establishments anyone can now open a business providing supplies are available, without a Board of Trade licence.

Some time in March very many sweeping cuts will be made in connection with the Essential Works Orders, and the freedom for which so many have longed is gradually coming about. This is a very agreeable situation as far as the business person and the industrial worker is concerned, but leaves the housewife still confronted with her many problems. She is still subjected by the Ministry of Food to obtain her milk supplies where the Ministry consider (in their judgment) is the best. Such a practice should be discontinued.

Give back to the women freedom to choose their own milk retailer. Whatever the supply, rationing will continue. Milk does not need queueing for and the present system of zoning must be dispensed with.

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During the war all Local Government elections were suspended, but now after six years it will again be possible to go to the polls on March 30th.

Regarding the Bookham Ward, there will be one vacancy only, and up to the time of going to press it is not known how many candidates there will be. Whatever the number, it is the citizen's duty to vote, and this opportunity arises once again for you to use your vote to the best advantage.

There is only one qualification: any person over 21 years of age may vote, providing he or she has been resident in the district for 12 months and over. Should there be any doubt, consult the Electoral Register, or enquire at the local Council Offices.

Make a note of this:

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The last battle is now opening—against Inflation. It will be long and hard and will tax all our strength. Everybody must help, otherwise all hope of a tolerable life will be wrecked.

The Chancellor says with much emphasis "You must save, in the interests of the nation and in your own . . . I leave with you a challenge . . . in planning the budget I *must* know how much you can help me . . . I confidently rely on the Savings Movement."

In the road groups, some roads are not yet covered; will you take one? The Ward Secretary, Wychwood, Sole Farm Road, Tel. 285 will supply information.

Come to the "Savings Rally" at the Old Barn Hall on Monday the 25th March, when a 2-year plan will be explained, followed by an Entertainment, free.

The allies final victory gave humanity a second chance. This last Battle of Savings must also win for our national economy its chance of survival. Full pressure *now* will defeat inflation and open the way through recovery and stability to prosperity.—G.

George and Bob, the Country Gardeners

Spring is here again, George, and our ground should be ready to receive the seeds. I managed to get a load of manure, and I reckon my light ground needs at least a ton to the 20 rod every year.

The war is over, but not our war against garden pests, so I hope you have ordered your insecticides which is our ammunition against pests such as black fly, green fly, cabbage root weevil, onion fly etc. Your nurseryman will advise you what to use and the best for each.

Yes, Bob, but what about seed potatoes? They don't look up to the usual standard, but I suppose we musn't grumble, but do our best by better cultivation to produce as much as we possibly can in view of world shortage. I have ordered a few of several kinds—a few rows of Arran Pilot for first earlies, a row or two of Duke of York, Majestic, Doon Star, and a few Gladstones which are a red or pink-eyed variety, and these look the best of the lot.

I've ordered my other seeds as well as a few bedding plants, Tomato plants and so on, which I think will give the nurseryman a chance to know what to produce in this way as I know they are still shorthanded.

But we've talked a lot and now we must work a lot, or we shall be left behind by our neighbours. Solong till next time.—BOB.

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