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Editorial

One of the most remarkable features of British life during the last 50 years has been the development of a wide range of public services dealing with education, nursery schools and child welfare. the health of school children, the care of the blind, and the social well-being of the unemployed, the sick, the widow, the orphan and the aged. These services are the modern expression of a long tradition of humanitarianism & mutual aid. Practically the whole of our social services have their origin in very early times, initiated by benevolent motives to relieve the suffering or the poor and needy, and by these developments arose many of our social services for which some form of legislation became necessary. In our needs of ten years ago when unemployment was so prevalent, various schemes came into being to help, and in Bookham the Social Service Bureau was established. Much has been accomplished since then in a very quiet way, and the continuity of its work has been assured for at least the next twelve months.

The establishment of the Citizens Advice Bureau in Bookham in September, 1939, has led to a recognised public necessity, not only where persons can get advice and information, but as an integral part of the voluntary social service of the district, and the closest co-operation with the Bookham Social Service Bureau is maintained. There is no spirit of rivalry or competition, but complete understanding working for the common end for the assistance of all persons concerned whatever their status.

After ten years continuous publication, a tribute must be paid to the traders who have steadfastly supported the *Bulletin* by their advertising. Had it not been for their support, the success of this journal could not have been attained, giving as it does a wealth of useful and instructive information to its readers.

Our thanks and appreciation is extended to all those traders who by their continued assistance have made another twelve months publication possible.

For our part we shall endeavour to give our best service in supplying the most up-to-date information, and at the same time would welcome any suitable contribution to our columns.

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By the time this issue of the *Bulletin* is in circulation, the above Bureau will have been transferred to a more permanent office at Surrey House, Church Street, Leatherhead, and a publicity campaign begun to give the fullest information concerning the whereabouts of the Bureau.

From time to time, items regarding the work of the Bureau have been published in the Bu'letin, but there are so many matters to deal with that it is very difficult to put before our readers the appropriate information concerning the particular problem for which they are seeking. Whatever the problem or difficulty, the advice or information needed, the Bureau will be able to help you willingly.

Amongst the many enquiries perhaps the one of chief concern is that of war damage, and we have been advised by the War Damage Commission that claims in respect of war damage to land or buildings cannot be accepted after the prescribed period of 30 days from the date of the damage unless it is accompanied by an explanation satisfactory to the Commission of the failure of the claimant to notify the damage within that time. After the lapse of 90 days it will now be necessary to make a declaration before a Commissioner of Oaths or a Justice of the Peace, on a special form which must be obtained from a regional

office of the Commission. The addresses of regional officers can be obtained from the Bureau.

It has been decided that refugee children from previously unoccupied France may be admitted to this country if they have here either a parent or near relative this being defined as a grandparent uncle, aunt, brother or sister. This decision applies not only to those of German or Austrian parentage who are refugees from Nazi oppression, but also to children whose parents are nationals of allied States whether they are or are not Jews. Further information from the Bureau.

Attention is drawn to the fact that where persons have lost their clothing coupons, only form L.C.4 can be used. This can be obtained from the Boreau with all necessary information about procedure.

Information has been received that many Red Cross postal messages are being addressed direct to Geneva. To prevent unnecessary delay, such messages should be brought to the Red Cross Postal Message Bureau for transmission.

A government announcement states the Engineering Cadetships are now open to youths of 16 to 19 years of age inclusive, and for which the government will pay the necessary fees and maintenance grants. Applications must be made

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to the local Appointments Offices of the Ministry of Labour and National Service or to the Appointments Department of the Ministry. Leaflets describing the scheme in full can be obtained from the Bureau or the local offices of the Ministry of Labour.

May we remind relatives of prisoners of war in Germany and Italy that letters and parcels must always bear the latest form of address given by the prisoner, and should not include a place name unless the prisoner has himself given it as part of his address. Usually the address will be a camp number only ('Stalag XX. B" as an example), but the address of prisoners in hospital may sometimes include the location of the The Italian authorities camp. have also intimated that after 31st January, 1943, letters received in Italy for prisoners of war which incorrectly bear the place name instead of, or in addition to, the number of the camp, will be confiscated, and parcels so addressed will be returned to the sender.

At the time of going to press, the reports that communications between Switzerland, Gt. Britain, Spain & Portugal have been suspended is not correct, as we have been informed by the British Red Cross Society & the International Red Cross that they still accept letters & parcels for transmission.

Emergency Grants

Under exceptional circumstances the Ministry of Pensions provide emergency grants for Service dependants. These are issued for the payment (from f_{2} to f_{10}) towards medical expenses, and in certain cases a sum of f.7 10s. towards funeral expenses. Applications should be made to the Regional Officer of the Ministry of Pensions, the address is obtainable from the Bureau. In very urgent cases telephone Leatherhead 3291 and give full information concerning the case.

Disablement Pensions

Men and women who consider that they are suffering disablement as a result of war service should make a formal claim to pension without delay, and representatives of the British Legion, or Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen's Help Society should give all possible help in making the claim. See under Local Organisations for the name and address of the Secretaries.

To prevent the introduction of Typhus into Britain, passengers from Eire may be compelled to undergo a medical examination at ports of arrival.

A typhus outbreak was recently reported in Eire. It is feared that the disease may be brought back by passengers, and a strict watch is being kept on all boats.

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The War & Education

The war has confronted the Educational authorities with some very difficult problems. Many thousands of children have been transferred from areas considered vulnerable to air attack : hundreds of schools commandeered for war purposes; the building of new schools to replace unsuitable old school premises has ceased for the time being; and the extension of the school leaving age has been postponed. From the point of view of the educational authorities these set-backs are disheartening. but in some cases the authorities are beginning to get the better of their many problems, and a great deal is being learned that can be made use of when peace comes.

Some war-time developments have a more than temporary significance. An interesting by-product of the evacuation of school children has been the provision of 31 evacuation camps designed for use as a school children's holiday camp when the war is over. The scheme for sending children to the British Dominions and the United States, in the opinion of the writer, should be the basis for a permanent arrangement for giving large numbers of British boys and girls a "finishing" course overseas. Such schemes should be upon an international basis, firstly as part of the syllabus for the study of languages, and secondly for the promotion of friendly understanding between the nations concerned.

The demand for the services of married women for war industries and the consequent need to make arrangements for the supervision of the younger children, has led to a revival of interest in nursery schools and classes, and to day nurseries.

The creation of the National Youth Council and a host of local organisations for looking after our young people has opened up many lines of development which promise to be of permanent value.

Towards the end of the last war and in the years immediately following, a short but intensive period of reforming activity began a new era in education. Is it too much to hope that the present struggle will be followed by advances of even greater significance, but with a real tangible system based upon equal opportunities for the individual child and the elimination of the financial interest concerning the type of school to which parents are able to send their children ?

The net expenditure by Central and Local authorities for education was £106'8 millions, whilst contributions, fees, and recovery of cost payments amounted to £9'2 millions.

On Monday, 16th November, 1942, the control of Boot Repairs became statutory.

There's a Wahr-r-r on

This used to be a favourite remark of a well-known wireless artiste, and it is strange that some people either don't or won't realise the truth of it even now.

I was recently in a grocer's off-license shop, when a customer in front of me had received her pay ticket and about to depart when she thought of something further she required. The shop assistant, a young girl, left her and returned with a bottle of beer, when a friend came in and asked the assistant to bring her one also; and when this arrived the first customer desired hers changed and again the assistant went away to do this On her return number two customer wanted another bottle, which was procured. In order to satisfy the customers the assistant had made four journeys to the cellar, which number might have been reduced by half if the customers had only used a little thought. Of course the assistant had to be polite, but I am

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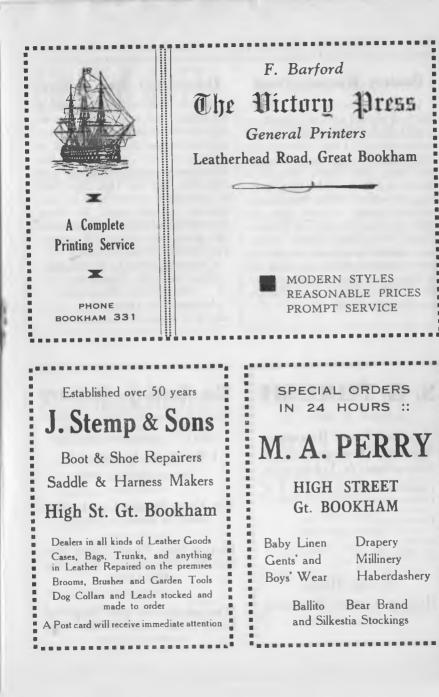
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Another instance. The proprietress of a women's coat shop had just finished dressing the window with three coats and felt proud of having made a good war-time show, when a customer entered and by her request the three coats were taken one after the other from the window and tried on, but unfortunately none were suitable. Other coats were forthcoming and eventually after nearly *two hours* had elapsed, a likeable one was agreed on. It was then mentioned that 18 coupons would be required, upon which the customer replied she had only 11 left ! Result, no sale could be made.

Coming up? Have you noticed sometimes when a man mounts a bus, before proceeding upstairs he will address some similar remark to the conductorette, and upon receiving a reply in the negative will pay his fare there and then. This is a little act of thought which is much appreciated by conductorettes generally.





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Poultry Keepers Note

If you are not already a member, you should join the Bookham and District Poultry Club (annual subscription 2s.) and you will get particulars of how you can feed and keep your birds instead of destroying them. Monthly meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday in each month, at 2-45 p.m., at Mrs. Hassans Woodview Poultry Farm, Woodlands Road, Members unable to attend can rely on every assistance being given by calling upon the Hon. Secretary, Mrs. D. Wootten, 1 New Parade, Leatherhead Road.

Owners of Goats Note

A goat club has been formed in Bookham, and so far the membership is very gratifying. The next meeting is on December 12th, at 7 p.m., at The Croft, Church Rd. Intending goat keepers should join the club, and the Hon. Sec. will be pleased to assist you in purchasing a good goat. In these days of milk shortage a goat can be a great help to the milk supply. The officers of the club are:

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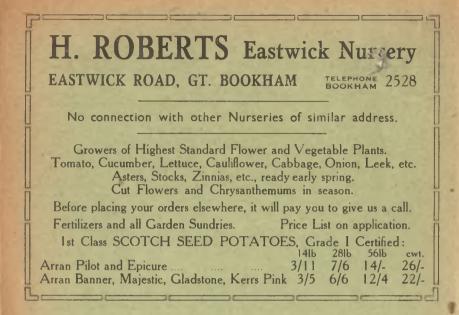
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