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Editorial

Although one of the most valuable material assets a man may have is a knowledge of the law, there is, perhaps a far greater asset in that of assisting his neighbour in some difficulty. This may not necessarily be financial, but take some practical form, even if it is only to advise or comfort.

In a small way, the Social Service Bureau has, for the past five years, applied these principles, and with the present composition of the Committee, is in a position to advise and bring a small measure of comfort to those in need of it. If it cannot assist directly, it can always put the applicant in direct touch with some Society who can. In carrying out its work, the Bureau needs financial assistance.

It has been mentioned in previous issues of the "Bookhams Bulletin," that the present circumstances of increased employment and a minimum of sickness may not call for large funds, yet cases of hardship still occur among those who receive statutory benefits under the Widows, Orphans and Old Age Pensions. If every reader sent a penny for each copy of The Bulletin he receives, the Bureau would have at least £16 per annum. May we ask you for your mite?

Readers are reminded that volunteers are still required for the Air Raid Precautions Scheme in Leatherhead. This is no alarmist propaganda but a warning to be prepared should the hateful necessity arise.

Over 200,000 people were killed and injured on our roads last year requiring skilled medical assistance, but what of the ordinary hospital cases that need similar attention. Here is your opportunity to see that these latter cases can be adequately provided for by giving a subscription to the Leatherhead Cottage Hospital, who urgently need funds for the new extension.

The Blind Persons Act comes into operation next June when provision will be made for certain blind persons to receive a pension of 10/- at the age of 40 instead of, as at present, 50 years of age. We understand that blind people in Institutions and War-blinded Disablement Pensioners are not eligible. Information can be had from the Secretary, Surrey Voluntary Association for the Blind, 5, Grove Crescent, Kingston-on-Thames.

British Legion in Association with St. Dunstan's

(Effingham and The Bookhams Branch)

St. Dunstan's was founded in the early part of 1915, to look after the interests of the men who were blinded in the Great War, or who have lost their sight since, as the result of their service in any branch of the Imperial Services. The Founder, the late Sir Arthur Pearson, held that these men, most of them suddenly blinded in the prime of their manhood whilst fighting for the Empire's protection, needed and deserved special training and every opportunity to rebuild their lives. How splendidly they have seized that opportunity is proved in the useful and contented lives nearly two thousand of these men are now leading. They have gained proficiency in a wide range of crafts and occupations, many of which had previously been thought to be beyond the scope of those without sight. They are taking an active and useful part in public as well as private life, and many have gained public honours and signal distinctions in politics, professions, and sport.

The aim of St. Dunstan's from the outset has been to study each man's individual capacity, and help and stimulate in every way his ambitions. From the moment he enters St. Dunstan's, he is taught independence and self-reliance. He is given a thorough and unique training in the profession or craft chosen, and when fully trained is settled in his own home with all the necessary equipment to carry on his vocation.

There are under the care of St. Dunstan's a number of men, who in addition to their loss of sight, suffered such other terrible injuries during the War that it was obvious that they would be invalids for the rest of their lives. These men will always be cared for at St. Dunstan's Home at Brighton, which is also used as a Convalescent Home.

Although it is so long after the Great War, new cases are still being admitted. Almost invariably these new cases are those of men whose sight was slightly affected as a result of their war service, and after all these years, have gone blind. The majority of such new cases within the last few years have been of "delayed action" blindness due to mustard gas. During the last five years nearly 200 men have been admitted among them being thirty-four cases of men gassed during the War, who have only now gone blind. Nineteen cases of blindness due to gas were admitted to St. Dunstan's last year, and enquiries are still being made into a number of other cases.

These brief notes serve to remind readers of the appalling results of modern warfare, particularly gas attacks. It is therefore every citizen's duty to acquire the necessary knowledge to be prepared for gas attacks which, should hostilities break out, inevitably be launched on open towns by enemy aircraft.

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Civic Notes

Postponement of Valuations

By *Mitre*

The Ministry of Health have sent a circular (No. 1691, 28th March, 1938) to all county valuation committees, assessment committees, and rating authorities, with reference to the postponement of the third re-valuation.

Reference is made to the receipt by the Minister of a number of enquiries from local authorities and others as to their action now that the postponement has been authorised. The circular states that the decision to postpone the operation of the lists was due to complaints that application of the existing law would lead to hardship and to the desirability of affording adequate time for the investigation of the validity of those complaints and the formulation of a suitable remedy, if one should be found necessary.

The Circular points out that any such investigation will be hampered unless definite statements of fact can be produced as to the effect of the existing law, not only in relation to the alteration of the assessment of individual properties or classes of property, but also in relation to such changes in rate poundage as would be effected, as a result of the re-valuation, apart from any increase or decrease of the expenditure of local authorities.

The preparation of provisional revised lists of assessments is contemplated by the circular as a basis for considering the points which will arise in connection with the proposed investigation. It is suggested that these provisional lists can best be prepared by proceeding with returns for re-valuation which have already been commenced by many local authorities. The work involved will not require to be duplicated to any appreciable extent for the purposes of re-valuation as from the new date, and the Minister trusts that local authorities will generally in this way test the soundness, as regards the facts of their own area, of the allegations of hardship that have been made, and assist in securing that the proposed investigation is carried out on a sound basis.

It is also observed that if the two years of postponement are used to the fullest extent, the result should be not only the clearing up of the question of hardship, but the establishment of such a degree of uniformity as might otherwise not have been obtained for a number of years, and a considerable saving of the cost and labour of future revaluations.

The postponement was secured by the concerted action of ratepayers and kindred associations throughout the country. What is their answer to the bureaucratic blarney outlined above? It is hoped that an adequate answer will be prepared in time for publication in the next issue of this journal.

Council Elections

Bookham is to be congratulated on its record poll of 52% of the electorate at the recent election, and it is hoped that the two successful candidates, Messrs. Brayne and Murrells, will prove themselves worthy

of the interest roused on their behalf.

An analysis of the figures of the poll raises some interesting questions. The number of ballot papers issued was 1,075 and as each voter was entitled to use two votes and no ballot papers were spoilt, there should have been a total of 2,150 votes cast. The total number of votes however was 1,496, shewing that 654 people only voted for one candidate. Although there was one independent candidate who openly advocated "plumping," he could not have received all the single votes as his poll was only 450.

Such single voting is greatly to be deplored when there is more than one candidate. It is not playing the game; it is contrary to the true spirit of democracy and deprives the voter of his share in the choice of the second candidate.

MITRE.

Railway Matters

Apart from the major issues of improved services to London Bridge, overcrowding on Waterloo line and poorness of evening services, the Bookhams Ratepayers' Association have taken up various minor matters which have met with more success.

The Association has been promised that a G.P.O. telephone will be installed at Bookham station so that enquiries concerning arrivals of goods, season tickets, and services may be made by 'phone and unnecessary journeys to the station avoided. The connection of the 8.27 a.m. down train with the 8.32 up, from Effingham via Surbiton, has been the subject of successful representation to the Southern Railway and considerable improvement in the timekeeping of these trains has been noticed. Season ticket holders, travelling to London, are reminded that the extra cost via Effingham is only 10/- a month, and an additional service of trains obtained thereby. The Association is always prepared to take up similar questions, one at present in hand is in connection with workmen's tickets.

R. B.

Forthcoming Attractions

It is understood that a Fete is being organised to raise further Funds for the Leatherhead Cottage Hospital Building Fund. As far as is known the Fete commences on 19th June and it is hoped to raise a further sum of £1,000. Keep your eye on the Local Press for more detailed information.

In aid of Funds, the Effingham and The Bookhams Branch of the British Legion will hold their Annual Fete on 9th July (Saturday). Sports, Side Shows and all the Fun of the Fair. To make this a success Members and their Friends are invited to volunteer, as helpers are urgently needed. All information from Organising Secretary, Mr. F. A. Bishop, Badulla, Forest Road, Effingham, or any Member of the Committee at the Legion Hall, Lower Road, Effingham. Look out for posters and handbills.

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The Poor Law

The Poor Law is now administered by each County Council within its own district, and they are subject to the supervision and control of the Ministry of Health. In special cases County Councils may combine for the purposes of administering poor relief, if such a combination will promote general efficiency or save expenses.

Public Assistance Committees.—Every Council is required to appoint a Public Assistance Committee, and such Committee may consist entirely of Members of the Council, or its number may be made up by co-opting additional Members who are not Members of the Council.

The Forms of Poor Relief.—County Councils are entrusted with the task of setting to work all persons within their area who have no means of maintaining themselves and use no ordinary trade to get their living; of providing relief for the lame, impotent, old and blind poor who are unable to work; to apprentice children who are orphans, or whose parents are unable to maintain them; and to assist in the emigration of poor persons. There are many other activities which are comprised under the heading of poor relief, such as medical relief, boarding out of children, and assisting in the burial of poor persons. All these duties are imposed upon the County Council, and they are responsible for seeing that they are carried out. These functions are undertaken by the Public Assistance Committee and a certain portion of the duties are done by the Guardian Committee.

If a poor or destitute person desires to obtain relief, he must apply to the Public Assistance Officer (Relieving Officer) of the District. The Officer investigates the claim and reports to the Committee. The Committee considers the report and makes the order for relief if they are of the opinion that the claim is substantiated.

The Public Assistance Officer cannot himself give any relief except in cases of urgent necessity. In such cases he may give relief, not in money, to any poor person even though he is not settled in the county for which the Officer acts.

In cases of sudden illness a Justice of the Peace may order the Public Assistance Officer to give medical relief to the sick person and the Officer must obey the order, otherwise he is liable to a fine of £5.

The Minister of Health ruled to the London County Council that the following items be disregarded when taking certain allowances into consideration in the application of Public Assistance:—

1. The first 7/6 per week of National Health Insurance Benefit.
2. The first £1 of a War Disablement Pension.
3. The first 5/- of any Trade Union or Friendly Society Sick Benefit.

Sections 49, 50 and 51 of the Poor Law Act, 1930, provide out-door relief by way of loans, and such loans can be recovered out of annuities or other benefits. In making awards for out door relief, it is contended that the special circumstances of the sick should not be met by way of loan, as again, there is the provocation of further hardship.

The Act of 1934 to amend sections of the 1930 Act relates to certain forms of out-door relief, which disregards certain proportions of income from sources

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Local History

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According to tradition, Judge Jeffreys, when his worthy master King James had fled to France, slunk in disguise to Leatherhead. It was one of the many roads he found closed against him in his attempts to escape, but he did not come to Leatherhead solely because it lay on the road to the south. His little daughter lay at the point of death at her uncle's house, and his desire was to see her once more before she died. The once mighty Lord Chancellor, dressed as a common sailor with shaven eyebrows and coal dust smeared on his face, hated with a furious intensity of loathing, which has never been felt for an Englishman before or since, knocked fearfully at dead of night at the door of the house where lay his dying daughter. So says the legend, and history does not forbid belief, for the register dates the child's funeral on December 2nd, 1688, and it was ten days afterwards that a wild crowd nearly tore the judge limb from limb at Wapping.

A gentler memory, or rather association, belonging to Church Street, Leatherhead, and the houses in the neighbourhood. There have been many attempts by Miss Austen's readers to identify Highbury, "the large and populous village, almost amounting to a town" of Emma, with some Surrey towns. There is a school of serious students who placed it at Esher; another band of enthusiasts support Dorking. Mr. E. V. Lucas, in his engaging introduction to an edition of the novel, has another suggestion. He commends the theory that Highbury was Leatherhead, which satisfies most of the conditions of the book. It is as he says, rightly placed as regards London, Kingston and Box Hill; though seven miles, which was the drive from Hartfield to Box Hill, is surely rather a generous estimate of the actual distance, but Leatherhead certainly has a river and a "Randalls," and Mr. Lucas has been told that it has an "Abbey Farm." That may be a mere coincidence; but, if so, it is the more striking when one turns to the Parish registers, and finds in them the uncommon name of Knightley. Mr. Knightley, in 1761, raised the pulpit of the Church, and erected a new reading desk and seat for the clerk, and it was "hereby ordered that the thanks of this vestry be paid in the most respectful manner to Mr. Knightley, for this fresh mark of regard." Surely that is precisely what would have been the attitude of Mr. Elton's parishioners to Emma's husband. If Miss Austen read the parish literature, she may also have set eyes on a poem entitled "Norbury Park," which was written by a minor bard of the neighbourhood named Woodhouse, but that is insisting too much, though to be sure, from the quality of his verse. Mr. Woodhouse, author of "Norbury Park," may well be imagined to have had, like Emma's father, a nice taste in gruel.

E. P.

mentioned above. It must be remembered, however, that Ratepayers contribute towards the needs of those in distress, and whilst appreciating the increases in County and Local Rates, we must in Christian Charity provide for hard cases without resorting to any question of loan.—THE EDITOR.

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BOWLING CLUB.—Annual Subscription, 5/-. Green Fee, 10/-. Particulars from Mr. R. Andrews, Hon. Sec., "Five Beeches," Dorking Road, Gt. Bookham. Tel.: Bookham 201.

BOYS' BRIGADE.—Objects: The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness. Headquarters, Baptist Memorial Hall, Lower Road, Gt. Bookham. Particulars from Mr. Donald Cook, Flushings Farm House, Gt. Bookham. Tel.: Bookham 320.

BRITISH LEGION, Effingham and The Bookhams Branch.—Objects: To perpetuate the memory of those who died in the Great War, to assist all Ex-service men, their dependents, widows and orphans who are suffering hardship due to unemployment, sickness or other cause, to educate public opinion in the maintenance of the disabled ex-service men, etc. Headquarters, The Legion Hall, Lower Road, Effingham. Subscription, 2/6 annually, ex-service men only. Particulars, Mr. F. A. Bishop, Hon. Sec., "Badulla," Forest Road, Effingham. Tel.: East Horsley 147, or from Mr. W. A. Muggerridge, Hon. Sec., Local Benevolent Committee, "St. Jean," Crabtree Lane, Gt. Bookham. Tel.: Bookham 399.

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FOOTBALL CLUBS.—As the season will have closed when this issue of the Bulletin is published, full information will be given in future numbers.

GARDEN SOCIETY.—A full account of the objects were given in the May, 1937, issue. Minimum annual subscription 1/-. This gives free admission to the Flower Show. Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Saunders, "Sycamore," Eastwick Drive, Gt. Bookham.

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LIFE GIRLS (Objects as Boys' Brigade, see under heading).—Particulars from Mrs. Shipley, "Garlands," The Ridgeway, Fetcham Park. Tel.: Leatherhead 4240.

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N.S.P.C.C.—Objects: Prevention of the ill-treatment of children, wrongful negligence and improper employment of children, etc. Subscriptions are voluntary and particulars can be had from Mrs. Stanley Russell, "Elmcroft," Gt. Bookham, who is District Correspondent. Tel.: Bookham 13. The Hon. Sec. is Miss Westendarp, "Hawkwood," Guildford Road, Gt. Bookham. Tel.: Bookham 38.

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Bookhams Bowling Club

The green is all prepared and before this issue of the Bulletin is ready for distribution it is certain that the Members of this Club will have commenced the 1938 playing season. Many of the players will be full of hope regarding the numerous competitions for which they intend to enter.

In the Women's Section, the Mrs. Allen Cup (which carries with it the championship) and the Coronation Cup, as well as other prizes.

For the Men, there will be the Brotherhood Trophy (which carries with it their championship), and the Coronation Cup.

There will be the usual County, Mixed and other Competitions (for which it is expected a larger number of entrants than in previous years) including those popular contests for Silver Spoons of which twenty will be presented at the end of the season to the fortunate winners.

The foregoing are some of the prizes to be won, but those who are contemplating joining the Club need not enter for these tests unless they choose to do so, and it is certain if they will become members

they will be assured of a hearty welcome from one of the most "Pally clubs" in the County.

Those who have never enjoyed the handling of a "wood" on a bowling green are cordially invited to join in the pleasure of a game, which unlike many others, is suitable for both young and old as it is not too strenuous, in fact, on Bank Holiday some of the older members are known to play through the whole day, with breaks only for meals.

It will be noted in the heading Local Organisation in this issue of the Bulletin, particulars of membership to the Bowling Club, but the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. Andrews, will always give any further information.
R. A.

Gardening in 1938

The beautiful weather that prevailed practically through the whole of March enabled most garden lovers to get ahead with their preparations for the 1938 season, and if the Springs of 1911 and 1921 are anything to go by (although the weather in this Country does not usually recognise precedents) then we are in for another dry Summer. Our local Gardening Society, which holds its Annual Show on the 27th July, is always pleased to help its members in pursuit of their favourite hobby, and particulars of subscription, etc., can be obtained from the Hon. Sec., Mr. Saunders, of "Sycamore," Eastwick Drive.
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Women's Fellowship, 2.30, 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.

Little Bookham Boys' Club, 7 to 9.30 p.m.

Girls' Club (14 years and over) Church House, 7.30 p.m. including Physical Training Classes.

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.

Little Bookham Boys' Club, 7 to 9.30 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.

Leatherhead Cottage Hospital Linen Guild, 10 to 12.30.

Fridays—

Brownies, 4.30 p.m., Scout Hut.

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

Rangers, 7.45 p.m., Scout Hut.

Christain Endeavour, Baptist Hall. Juniors 6 to 7 p.m. up to 14 years. Seniors 7 to 8 p.m.

Things Worth Knowing

Of Special Interest to the Housewife

It is almost impossible to wash silk stockings too much and they should certainly be washed after a day's wear, or at the most two days' wear. Never put them away with the slightest suspicion of a mud or rain stain on them. Wash them in warm, softened water, and use pure soap flakes.

If you have a table with stains which refuse to vanish in spite of countless remedies, try a paste made of olive oil and salt. Spread this on the marks and leave for a short time, then gently rub it in and finally wipe away. It is not always completely successful at the first application, and in that case the application should be repeated.

To make home-made hand cream, shread into a basin half an ounce of yellow beeswax and add the same quantity of olive oil. Stand the basin in a larger one filled with boiling water and let it remain there until the wax is dissolved. Leave the mixture to set and when you go to bed rub some well into the hands. One application of this old-fashioned remedy is sufficient to soften the roughest hands.

To make cotton wool go twice as far, unroll it before using it and warm it in front of a fire. The wool then expands to twice its original thickness. Now separate this thickness into two, and roll up both rolls again for use.

Never get into bed without first thoroughly cleansing the face. Before you go to sleep, all impurities should be removed from the skin and nutritive cream applied.

Warm tea before using it. It will be found to make much stronger tea than if put into the teapot when cold.

When boiling potatoes add a pinch of salt and sugar. This makes them dry and floury looking when cooked.

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