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## The Bookhams Bulletin

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## Editorial

Before the present war, little or no provision was made by voluntary organisations to give information to the public affecting the lives of the community. There were of course exceptions such as the Charity Organisations Society and the British Legion, and while these continue in their own particular specialised way, the introduction of Citizens Advice Bureaux throughout the country has to a certain extent provided a service of information and advice.

In recognising the value of this service, the question of the continuation as part of the post-war scheme of social service is an important matter for early consideration, both by the Statutory authorities and the public alike, as both are dependant upon each other for the continuance of these Bureaux.

It must not be assumed that the Leatherhead & District Citizens Advice Bureau has absorbed the Bookham Social Service Bureau, on the contrary, the liason between the two bodies is interwoven, thereby giving a greater scope for pooling of general administration.

Two important Acts of Parliament recently received the Royal assent, viz.: the Education Act and the Re-instatement of Civilian Employment Act, and whilst they are important in themselves, priority measures should be the first consideration of the Ministry of Health in matters affecting the health and welfare of children, and up to the moment of going to press, it is understood that the Leatherhead Urban district still remains a reception area.

This is not the chief issue, as so many mothers with children have already left the area away from the flying-bomb menace. Apparently the Ministry of Health are not concerned with the evacuation of unaccompanied sick children; this for the time being is the responsibility of the parents. Again, the Ministry of Health have requisioned hostels for some evacuated children, which is of course right and proper, but steps should also have been taken to set up hostels for the care of permanently invalided children, or the establishment of some form of convalescent hostels for such cases. It may be suggested that sufficient staffs are not available; if this is so, then the direction orders of the Ministry of Labour & National Service must be redrafted to meet this urgent need.

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## Citizens Advice Bureau

### Leatherhead & District

From August 1st, those persons entitled to buy utility furniture will have their allowance increased. This concession includes (a) new applicants, (b) persons who have had the reduced allowance. For further information and application forms apply at the Bureau.

As announced in the national press, certain banned areas have been re-opened. These are the whole of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset, The County Borough of Bournemouth, the Borough of Christchurch, the Rural Districts of Ringwood and Fordingbridge, these latter being in the County of Hampshire.

The Home Secretary announced in July that though the travel ban had not been lifted, he was prepared to consider applications for women and children, aged or infirm persons, from London and evacuable areas who could arrange to take up residence with relatives or friends in Ireland. Such persons must be prepared to remain in Ireland for the duration of the war, and it is understood that preference will be given to those who can go to their parents or parents-in-law.

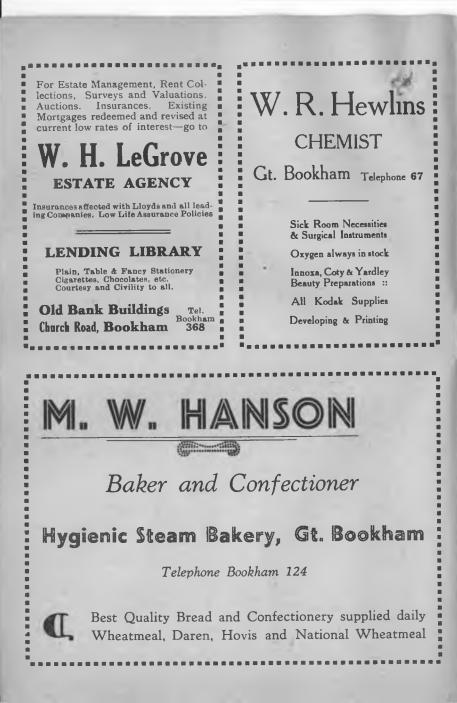
The government have for many months been dealing with problems that will arise after the re-occupation of the Channel Islands, and the Refugee Committee is in

constant touch with the department concerned. Whilst at this stage it is impossible to know under what conditions re-occupation will take place, it must be made clear that even in the most favourable circumstances no one will be allowed to go to the Islands for some considerable time unless their services are urgently required for work in connection with the war effort, and that only in the most exceptional cases will anyone be allowed to leave the Islands. The calls upon our shipping will continue to be heavy and there is no likelihood that a passenger service between the Islands and the mainland, or a good service sufficient to maintain an addition to their present population, could be established at an early date after re-occupation.

The air mail service is again available to Prisoners-of-War and Internees in Europe.

The civil air mail service to Gibraltar, Portugal, Azores, Cape Verde Islands, Madeira, Spain, Canary Islands, Switzerland, French and Spanish Morocco, Tangier, Algeria & Tunisia, and Corsica has now been restored and in addition the air mail service for members of the Forces is again in operation.

Under an order made by the Ministry of War Transport it is now possible for bombed out persons to have their furniture removed by road transport more than 60 miles from damaged area.



#### THE BOOKHAMS BULLETIN

## Evacuation after Air Raids

The information given below so far only affects the London area and those areas that have become evacuation areas, and can only be generalised here:

1. Official parties to billets provided by the government :

(a) Unaccompanied school children (b) Mothers with children under 5 years of age. If mothers with children under 5 have also others of school age, they can be evacuated together.

(c) Mothers with children up to 16 years of age, if they have been rendered homeless.

(d) Expectant mothers within six weeks of confinement.

(e) Expectant mothers who are suitable for evacuation with the organised parties, i.e. not within six weeks of confinement. If any expectant mother has a child under 5 years of age evacuated with her she should, upon arrival in the reception area, request arrangements to be made for the child for a short stay in a nursery while she has her confinement.

2. Assisted Private Evacuation. (a) Mothers with children of school age or under.

(b) Expectant mothers.

(c) Aged and blind persons.

(d) Infirm persons and invalids.

These persons must make their own arrangements for accommodation, but will be provided with travel vouchers and billeting allowances.

## Children's Supplementary Clothes Coupons

For children, the extra ten coupons are in their clothing book page 3a, which became available on August 1st. The further extra coupons for the younger age group and "out-size" children will be available on September 1st.

Wellington boots with waterproof uppers, for civilian use, are being released by the Board of Trade and will need three coupons a pair.

Unframed & unfitted handbags and shoulderbags are now available for 10s. or less by the makers for six months from August 1st.

### A Serious Blow to Tank Production

Production at a factory making tanks and other armoured vehicles suffered a serious setback as the result of a fire that completely gutted an entire storage bay.

There's a fire every other minute somewhere in Britain — but don't imagine you couldn't start one. Almost every fire that breaks out is caused by someone who never caused a fire before. Every possible precaution should be taken to prevent accidental fire-wastage at this crucial stage of the war.

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## LITTLE CHATS

(With apologies to A.P.H.)

No. 4—A Factory act

Had a good time ? Oh well, ves, I suppose so.

Holidays at home, of course.

No. Wish we had. Travelling awful both week-ends. Queueing up for tickets, standing up on the journey, and paying up all the rest of the time.

"Holidays with pay" you might say. But the weather was good.

Too hot for me. I'm that tired this morning I hardly had strength to clock in. How about you?

Not too bad. Spent a quiet time at home mostly on odd jobs. No other kind of spending for us till after the war. It's not worth it.

Oh, you mean this Savings craze. "Lend to defend" etc.

There's no craze about it; and it isn't 'lend to defend' any longer. It's "Back the Attack" now.

It looks like a walk-over now.

What? There are men out there at this very moment . . .

Hold on, I know there are, and I do back them up don't I? My income tax does that alright, so why should I lend too?

That's an easy one. Saving now is in your own interest. You'll have money after the war for the things you need then but can't get now at all, or only at fearful prices.

So they say. Anything else?

Yes. By not spending you keep prices down and help your neigh-

bours and everybody else.

But what about taxes?

Taxes alone never ran the country in peace days. In war they only bring in a fraction of the cost; the rest is done by loans, which means our Savings.

Suppose there were no savings, would the war stop?

Not at all, but we should get all the ugly things—black markets and inflation.

Inflation ! that always beats me. I hope it won't. Savings has

beaten inflation. Yes, invasion happened instead.

Oh! but vast planning went to it, and Savings comes by planning.

Whose plans ?

Well, mine is 'bob in the pound' at least a shilling out of every pound earned. Also, there's a bigger plan: all Bookham are increasing their savings by a fifth.

What's that for ?

Maintaining East Surrey men in the field. It's all explained in a leaflet going round.

. Maintaining ? I reckon the wife and family come first.

So they do, but we're all in the war, and Hitler's having a bit of 1940 back now and we can hasten things on by our Savings. The responsibility is on all of us.

You're right. How do I start?

Join a Savings group; its much the best and easiest way. There's one here or one in your road.

Righto! Good! I'll join both and . . and . .

And Maintain our Men."-G.

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### Maps

The war has made many people study maps to a much greater extent than formerly, and it is sometimes surprising the difference that exists between the English and natives in spelling names of towns, etc. Take for instance the Italian port which has been on the front page of newspapers recently, viz.: Leghorn; in any good map of Italy it is found spelt Livorno, and consequently scarcely recognisable. Then again the French still spell London Londres and Dover Douvres. How many people realise that Elsass & Lothringen are the provinces Alsace and Lorraine which France regained after the last war. Leningrad, too, was once Petrograd and formerly St. Petersburg, and in spite of its re-naming the timber trade stuck to its old measure of "St. Petersburg Standard Hundred" for years afterwards.

Wars or similar troubles have generally meant changes being made, for instance when Norway broke away from the Scandinavían Union at the end of the last century she gave the name of Oslo to her capital which had previously been know as Kristiania. Another northern town which seems very peculiar to us, viz.: Kjoebenhavn is really Copenhagen when spelt by us.

Some of the southern cities suffer somewhat on these lines, but are more or less recognisable in their own native spelling, viz.: Rome (Roma), Lisbon (Lisboa), Naples (Napoli) and Genoa (Genova).

One of the biggest series of changes that the writer can remember is that of Finland, which up to the beginning of the last war was a Grand Duchy and formed part of the Russian Empire. Beyond her native language she also taught her children Swedish. as the Swedes had been great friends for many years, and she was compulsorily bound to teach Russian. The result was somewhat peculiar to visitors, for example the names of both the streets and the railway stations were posted up in the three languages. When Finland emerged from the war a free and independent country, one of the first steps taken was the wiping out of anything appearing in the Russian language. The national spirit led by the Young Finn party was very strong and eventually the Swedish names that appeared on English maps had to give way to the Finnish, the result was that some were unrecognisable in their new garb. The following are some examples, the first name being the Swedish and the second the new Finnish :

Uleaborg (Oulu). Brahestad (Raahe), St. Michel (Mikkeli), Nystad (Uusikaupungi), Abo (Turku), Borgaa (Porvoo), Helsingfors (Helsinki) Wiborg (Wipuuri)

In these circumstances it is so nice to know that we are winning the war and there is no fear of London being re-named—\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Schieckelgruberburg ! R.A.

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Hatty Green, the American multi-millionaire, was asked by a journalist why she loved her little Scottish terrier so much. She replied "Because he does not know how rich I am."

Too low they build Who build beneath the stars.

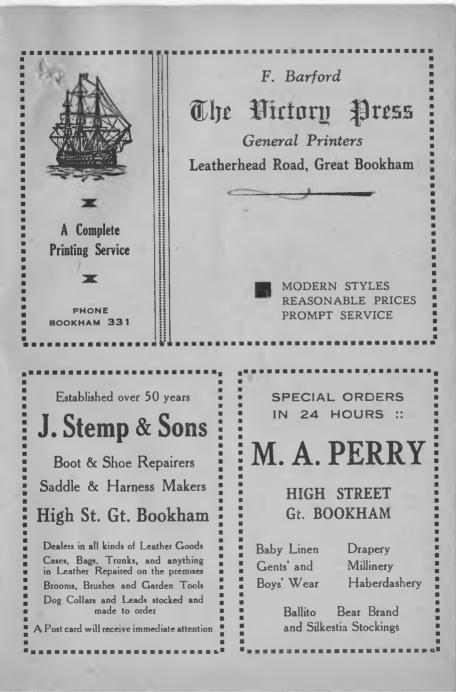
"You're kinder to dumb animals" His wife said "than to me." "You try being dumb" said he, "And see how kind I'll be."

"Here," said the corporal in the Home Guard, "You'd better get off home; we can't have you coughing like that, keeping the chaps awake all night."

When Abraham Lincoln was President of the United States the British Minister, calling at the White House, was shocked to find the President blacking his shoes. He stammered out something to the effect that in England gentlemen do not polish their own boots. "Whose boots do they black?" asked Lincoln blandly. There had been a Negro wedding and Saidie the coloured girl who had been given the day off to go to the wedding party, was describing to her mistress all that had happened. She told what the bride wore, what the bridesmaids had on, what they had to eat, the games they played, all in detail. "But, Saida," said her mistress, "you havn't told me anything about the bridegroom; what was he like?" "Oh, missy," replied Saidie solemnly, "Do you know that demmed old nigger, he nebber turned up at all."

They were dining together and had reached the dessert. As he cut an apple in two and examined the core, Jones asked "Does it make you mad to find a worm in an apple?" "No," Brown replied "but I get mad when I come on half a worm."

By some mischance a Roman Catholic Padre and an Ulster Presbyterian Chaplain found themselves occupying the same dugout. They scrapped, verbally, for a time but finally became good friends. Then the Presbyterian Chaplain had to move with his regiment and he bid goodbye to the R.C. Padre. "Do you know, Padre," he said, I'm sorry now that we have to part company, we've got on splendidly lately. I think its because we've come to realise that we are both doing the Lord's work-you in your way, and I in His."



The Bishop's Challenge

### A primary demand of the peace

As you are well aware, the Bishop of Guildford is appealing for the sum of one million pounds during the next ten years to meet the needs of the Diocese. While the sum sounds vast (it would finance the British share in the war for 1.7 hours) Canon Southam the organiser of the appeal points out that 6d. a week from each person on the electoral rolls of the Diocese and 6d. a week from each child in our Sunday Schools would raise 80 per cent. of the total.

It is required for three main reasons: the vast growth of the London end of the Diocese, the need for the revision of salaries of many workers and the demands of the new Education Bill. One third is required for living agents. Of the existing livings, in addition to the fall in purchasing power of money due to war conditions, many are being reduced by up to 25 per cent. owing to the operation of the Tithe Act. More priests in charge are required for the new housing areas, and the present stipend of £300 a year is inadequate with present prices and still more with present rents.

Great building demands are imminent. The new districts need churches and halls; the best estimate that can be made of our liabilities for schools is £150,000, and one point in instance may be quoted: In 1939 we built and converted five new central schools which conformed to the same specifications  $\cdot$  as those of the County, but we understand these may not meet the requirements of the post-war educational world.

Last and by no means least, we must play our part in the rebuilding of the work of the Church overseas in China, Burma and the Far East, devastated by years of war.

Please help us. By the time you read this, Major Fairbanks Smith will have explained the scheme to a representative meeting in church. Full details can be had from the Bishop's Courier, Mr. W. O. Groom, Wychwood, Sole Farm Road (phone 285).

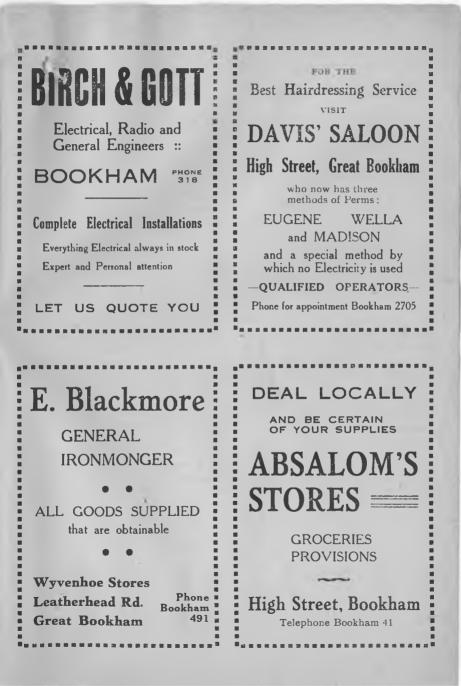
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### **Diphtheria** is **Deadly**

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## Maintain Our Men!

The June "Bulletin" recorded the great success which attended Bookham's effort in May to Salute the Soldier. Leatherhead district saved enough to pay the cost of fully equipping two battalions of the East Surrey Regiment. It is calculated that of these trained and equipped men, 228 were placed in the line by Bookham's total savings of  $\pounds 28,532$ .

A pleasant thrill of pride in this achievement should not let us forget the tremendous debt we owe all our fighting men. They give daily—sometimes their lives—we are only lending. Let us follow up our salute by lending more. The objectives which the soldier has to reach demand a mighty struggle. We must match our efforts with his; we must not fail him. No one dares set a price upon courage.

The cost of a week's maintenance of 228 men is about  $\pounds$  1,200. Bookham can and ought to save that amount weekly and so maintain our men. This maintenance campaign is on until the end of 1944, and £30,000 is the aim. Final and complete victory lies ahead and it is in our power to hasten it by saving more. If we determine to put all efforts into winning the war, holding nothing back, we shall be true partners with those who fight. With them we shall achieve and deserve Victory.---G.

## **Bob the Gardener**

Harvest time is fast approaching. The onion crop as a whole is good, though on some soils the crop is poorer owing to lack of humus and dryness in March.

Gardeners should now think of planting out spring cabbage of such varieties as Harbinger and Emperor for those who like good compact hearts, as well as Flower of Spring or Ellams Early for the more leafy kinds.

A sowing of autumn onions should now be made, any of the well-known varieties can be used. Folks who like winter salads are advised to sow winter lettuce such Imperial, Lee's Immense, Arctic or Winter Crop, all of which will stand the winter.

Tomato crops are not particularly good, but from experience we cannot expect good crops of all vegetables in the same year. For those who have tomato plants bearing trusses of fruit should now remove the leaves to allow the sun to ripen the fruit, and plants that have not been sprayed may have potato blight on them which will spread to the fruit.

I have seen some good crops of potatoes including Dunbar Standard, a variety recommended by a friend, which keeps well, has a slightly rough skin and is white in colour. This variety is worth a trial if you want a future change.

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