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Editorial

That certain important problems in connection with industry and housing will arise after the war cannot be doubted, but should be capable of solution, it is hoped, without any great difficulty, for during the past nine months many measures have been passed through Parliament, and many more are likely to be passed before the war is terminated, all of which should add to greater social improvement.

There is, however, great scope for improvement and adjustment, particularly as regards housing, and whilst provision is being made for the construction of the "Portal Homes" as a temporary expedient, and whilst realising the difficulty of labour, the experiment of standardising homes it is felt, does not seem worthy enough, not as Homes fit for Heroes, but, for Heroes fit for Homes.

Whilst the government have decided upon a housing policy, it is suggested that the local authority should develop and that private enterprise come into the field in order to ease the acute housing situation. Moreover the maintenance of control upon materials, wages and land values must be an

essential feature, so that a fair and reasonable rent should be one of the guides towards a goal of social security.

It may be generally known that the Editor has been associated with matters concerning service men, their dependants & families, and that from time to time representation has been made to various authorities for greater consideration and better treatment regarding service pay, allowances, pensions, etc., and by the time this journal is in print an improvement in the scale of service pay and allowances will have become effective. The increases came into operation on the first pay day after May 1st, and should any difficulty be experienced by members of the armed forces or their dependants and families, assistance can be obtained from the Divisional Secretary of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association, the address of which can be obtained from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Although a guide has been published to the new system of income tax deduction from wages, there still appears to be much doubt, but the Citizens Advice Bureau can help you in this matter.

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It is perhaps unfortunate that the "Bulletin" is not published more frequently, owing to the amount of information that passes through the Bureau daily, but such information can always be obtained by calling at the Bureau or by telephone. A few examples are given here.

Many enquiries are being made concerning emigration after the war, and it may be useful to note the preliminary steps taken by the Government of the Province of Ontario, which is the only part of the Dominions which has so far outlined a scheme. They state that they are "vitaly interested in encouraging healthy, young and industrious persons to settle in the Province" and that they "envisage a scheme that will be carefully controlled and supervised so that there will be homes and jobs for all who go." Any person interested can register at the Bureau, but there is of course no obligation on the part of the enquirer.

The Board of Trade announce that no further permits will be issued for the purchase of alarm clocks.

In view of the shortage of thermos flasks, Thermos Ltd. have

agreed with the Board of Trade to make special arrangements for delivery in cases which are recommended by government depts. Where supplies are available, they can be obtained by persons in special occupations, a list of which can be had from the Bureau.

Members of the Forces serving abroad and Prisoners of War who are liable for the payment of income tax, may be liable for less payment of tax under certain circumstances. Any wife or agent of such a man who seeks information about the position, is advised to consult the Bureau.

May we again remind our readers that in all cases of difficulty or uncertainty, all enquiries brought to the Bureau are dealt with free, as well as with sympathy and in confidence. The address is:
The Citizens Advice Bureau,
Surrey House, Church Street
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Telephone Leatherhead 3291

Special Announcement

The Annual General Meeting of the Leatherhead & Dist. Citizens Advice Bureau will be held in the Council Chamber, the Council Offices, Leatherhead, on Friday, June 23rd, 1944, at 6.30 p.m.

A representative of any organisation in the Leatherhead area is cordially invited to attend.

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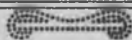
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How to get them

The issue of new Ration Books which will be required for use from 24th July next, is now in full swing. The distribution to consumers in the Leatherhead Food Control area (which of course includes Bookham) is now taking place at The Institute, High Street, Leatherhead. The office is open from 8.30 a.m. till 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8.30 till 1 p.m.

As far as possible, the public are requested to apply during the period allotted to the initial of their surname, which will assist the distributors in their heavy task, and they will be spared queues. All the books for a household can be collected at one time, even if the surnames are different. It is essential that both the present Ration Book and Identity Card are produced, and that page 3 of the Ration Book is clearly filled in before application; the date of birth being inserted in the case of all holders born AFTER the 1st of August, 1926.

Every effort is being made to make the collection of new Ration Books as easy as possible for the public, who can help tremendously by first attending to all details as set out above. Posters throughout

the area indicate the dates when application should be made, and are as follows:—

A to F May 22 to June 3
G to L June 5 to June 17
M to S June 19 to July 1
T to Z July 3 to July 8

If you are in a position to help neighbours who find it difficult to collect their books personally, you may bring their Ration Books and Identity Cards along with your own, but see that everything is complete before you come.

If your Ration Book bears the stamp S.E.41a these arrangements apply to you.

What to do with your New Ration Books

After you have got your new book you must:

Write your address & National Registration Number on the front cover of the Food Book, and your name address and National Registration Number on the front of the Clothing Book.

Next remove the Clothing Book carefully and put it away in a safe place, as you will not be able to use it before 1st August.

Then, on page 5 of the Ration Book, write your name & address in Section A and your PRESENT milk retailer's name and address in Section B.

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LITTLE CHATS

(With apologies all round).

No. 3—The Philatelists.

Stamps eh? Got any swaps? or I say, how much will you give me for a new issue yellow Abyssinian?

Get out, Fatty. Always on the make, you are. These are the Savings stamps for 4B.

Oh! Beach School Group. Mr. Bolster's band of brothers.

Yes, some of 'em. I'm just giving him a hand in the selling this week.

Really! and all for nix I spose?

Of course, you bloated blot, and I've got two new chaps to join.

Poor fish! Why you do it beats me.

Well, it does help the war on you know.

By licking stamps? What foot-ling tosh! Anyhow, whoever wants the war to go on? I've had enough of it.

Nobody—not even Jerry—but he still hopes to win it, and we know we shall win it.

Yes, but when, old man?

Every pound lent brings that moment nearer. We'll show you.

Well, my brother can't see the end. He's in the Army Pay Corps so he ought to know.

And my uncle is in the R.E.M. E.'s at Anzio. The stuff is still piling up there, but more wanted.

Well, its on its way, I suppose.

I tell you straight, Fatty, they won't get enough everywhere till everybody at home here pulls his weight. Now, what about you?

I'll say I've got weight all right.

This isn't a joke, man, its dead serious. Do without those sticky buns at Mother Manson's every day and start sticking in Savings Stamps instead. Here's a book...

Well, I could cut out a few cakes but I did want to complete my set of Costa Rica stamps...

Costa Rica can wait. Cost o' the war is what counts now. So stop spending and start saving instead; you'll enjoy it.

Shall I? perhaps.

Besides, we all want St— Beach I mean, to lead in Bookham school groups. We've been creeping up the last few months.

How? Saluting the soldier and all that?

Yes, and our group didn't do too badly in that. Bookham's target was £15,000 and that was got in small savings in the 37 groups. The full total was £28,532.

I know, I saw it all shown on the indicators in rows of little soldiers.

Then there's Mr. Serkle's efforts too. Don't you like his poster of the East Surrey Corporal outside the soldiers' canteen?

Why I never realised that was done by Uncle Frank!

Rather. It's another Beach con-

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Little Chats—cont.

tribution really. Reminds me of making that model minesweeper in Warship Week.

So it does. I say, old cock, look here . . . put me on the list, and we'll get all the brats in too.

Yes, we will.

I'll close down my blooming stamp album—no, I'll sell it—and sink the lot in Savings. Away with what's the name—phill . . . phillately!

Yes, and away with that other motto too: "fill that belly."

Ha, Ha! You're absolutely right.

Here's a little motto from the Chancellor instead. He says: "Government control must start with self control. If that becomes weak, the Government has to fight a long battle against selfishness."

Jolly good! Control, that's right, from Beach Head to Beach tail! Up the Bookhams! Up Britain!

Salute the Secretary

Hats off and a deep bow to every one of the Bookham Group Secretaries, not only for their recent spectacular success in the "Salute the Soldier" week, but especially for their constancy and devotion to the cause of Savings.

Most of the 37 have now completed more than four years of this solid and selfless service.

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The collecting boxes for Church clock repairs realised £4 1s.
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Broadcast Service

On the morning of Rogation Sunday, May 14th, the voice of the Archdeacon of Wells; The Ven. W. N. Higgins, M.A., came over the air from his ancient church at Mells, Somerset. Many of his late parishioners here in Great Bookham remarked with pleasure upon the familiar vigorous tones of his message, and upon the earnestness of the service. Preceding this we heard a short description of the Church itself.

An Invitation

The Bowling Club opened on April 29th, and the sociability and good fellowship of its members is as marked as ever.

The Ladies Section, however, would welcome a few more members, and a very cordial invitation is extended to any ladies who would like to join. They need not feel at all embarrassed if they have never yet played, as any of the members will be pleased to give instruction and practice, at any time, and once your interest is aroused in this most fascinating game, we are sure you would become an enthusiast.

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Holidays at Home

Transport is difficult in these days and what is available is urgently required for matters of national importance. The Government has, as it did last year, issued requests that the civil portion of the population should refrain from travelling as much as possible and spend their holidays at home. The Government has also given instructions to Local Authorities to arrange Entertainments, etc. in their districts to encourage their residents to remain at home and gain respite from their labours and enjoy their hours of leisure in entertainment and recreation.

Leatherhead Urban District Council has shouldered the responsibility entrusted to them and a strong Holidays at Home Committee has been formed, which for weeks passed has been arranging for Holidays at Home in this district.

The movement will open on Saturday, June 10th with a Grand Fancy Dress Parade headed by the Epsom Home Guard Band in Leatherhead, culminating in a Fete in the Leatherhead Cricket Ground, where there will be side shows and other amusements. The public are cordially invited to take part in this Parade and enter for one or other of the classes as advertised in the bills displayed in the district, and so help to make

it a success.

This Fete will be followed on most Wednesdays and Saturdays until August 19th, by Concert Party Entertainments, Sports for adults and children, and a Swimming Gala. Several well known London Concert Parties have already been engaged and there will also be Concerts & Dramatic Plays by local artists. These entertainments are being arranged to take place in all Wards in turn.

During the school holidays special shows of Punch and Judy and the like are being arranged for the children.

Special days to be remembered are the Swimming Gala at West Wing on Saturday, July 22nd and Adult Sports on the Leatherhead Cricket Ground on Saturday, August 5th. The A.T.C. Sports will take place at the St. John's Playing Field on Monday, August 7th, and the Children's Sports and Swimming Contests will take place on dates to be announced.

It is up to the residents of the district to make the most of the entertainments provided and enjoy the Holidays at Home so that they may be of real benefit to all, and the whole movement a success.

Watch for the bills announcing the places, dates and times of the various events.

You can enjoy your holidays at home in these strange times if you like to make a little effort.—D.



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Another Grouse

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Only a short time ago Grandma Buggins quite surpassed herself when, for a lodger's supper, she intimated that her daughter should commence with FOUR rashers of bacon. Think of it! a supper for ONE man to include as a beginning bacon nearly equalling the ration of TWO people for a week. Of course it may have been thought that a lodger must live, whilst the people with whom he resides should merely exist. In these days when fats are never over plentiful, another expert some little time back mentioned that her recipe would include four ounces of lard; another case of a weekly ration for two people.

In the music line also, the B.B.C. seems to be endeavouring to worsen its worst. Beyond the "clatter, bang and squeak" which appears to be known as "swing," they now give us certain sounds to accompany their plays, etc. These noises seem to consist of assembly of notes both discordant and jarring to the human ear. Two glaring instances recently have been "Don Quixote" and "Appointment with Fear." It makes one think that if that is music, how very few people can really say they understand it.

There is another item in the programmes which the writer considers unfavourable. Two women whose names are well known to radio fans, when rendering solos decelerate the tempo considerably so that the songs become more or less a sticky drawl. 'Arry and 'Arriet might well appreciate this tempo as it would better enable them when singing the chorus to "give it marf" as they say.

It reminds the writer of a yarn current during the last war. A certain woman who wished to do her bit by singing to the soldiers in hospital and who was especially keen on murder on the high C's, had just finished her performance in a hospital ward. Just after she left, one soldier in bed remarked to his neighbour "what a shocking death"! R.A.

"Observer" asks—

Why should it be necessary for the queue waiting for buses at the Victoria and Beckley bus stops to monopolise the whole of the pavement to the exclusion of passers by? Safety first, we are told, should be everybody's consideration, yet "Observer" has seen very many near shaves of people being knocked down by passing vehicles because they had to step into the road to pass the bus queue. Is it too much to ask that something be done to avoid this, or must we wait till somebody is hurt? What about it L.P.T.B.?

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