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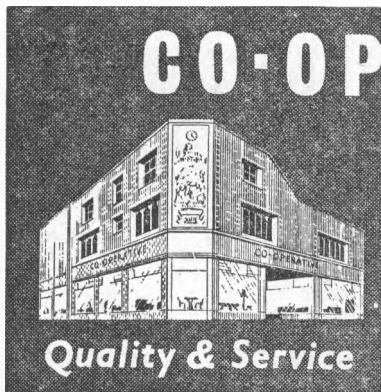
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EDITORIAL

How can we learn the art of living together? This is the question, worded in many different ways, which is continuously flung at us by speakers and writers. The answer means life or death to the nations of the world, and statesmen, we trust, are seeking it with urgency.

As individuals we are asking the same question at our work, in our homes, and in our villages and towns. Modern civilisation has grown so complex that finding the answer has become both more difficult and more vital.

We in Bookham cannot speak for the country, still less for the world, but we think that in our small way, we are going in the right direction. Visitors and new residents frequently comment that they like Bookham because it has character. They would be hard put to it to define "character." So would we. Probably we should reply that we, who live here, not only like Bookham, but we like each other. And we would leave it at that. But is it quite so simple?

Our population has more than doubled since the War. Lots of

young families have joined us. The significant word is that they have joined us, not been added to us. Organisations and groups have multiplied to keep pace with new needs. They are jealous—and rightly so—of their individuality and independence. But they combine magnificently for public occasions. Village Day was a fine example of the coming together of all talents and interests to present a living picture of a neighbourhood in action.

A more striking and, perhaps one might dare to say, a unique illustration of a village enterprise is the annual production at the Polesden Lacey Open Air Theatre. The friendliness of this occasion has to be experienced to be believed. The project was, as we know, initiated by the people of Bookham and is still, apart from the stage performance, mainly organised by them. Why does it continue to arouse our enthusiasm and support? Is it because everybody has a small place in an achievement which is bigger than the combined parts? And is this how we learn, in the pleasantest way, the art of living together?

YOUR CHOICE FOR THE AUTUMN?

Gramophone Club. The Club commences the 1963-64 season on Thursday, September 12th, at 8 p.m., in the Barn Hall, with a Gramophone Concert to which a cordial invitation is extended to all readers of the Bulletin. Admission will be by ticket, costing 2s. 6d., and all proceeds will be given to the Barn Hall Building Fund. Temporary Club Membership for the evening will be conferred on all purchasers of tickets, which may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary. Club evenings will thereafter be fortnightly.

We have been fortunate in securing Mr. Gatt, of the Natural History Gramophone Society, and Mr. Tweddell, among others, to present programmes. Individual evenings will be devoted to music of Mozart, Mahler, Berlioz, etc.

A. E. B.

Camera Club. The new session opens on September 26th with a competition for prints and colour slides. Last year the Club suffered a heavy loss of members because some of the older ones left the district. The population of Bookham is growing, with more people than ever owning cameras, and

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yet the Club—the only one serving Bookham, Horsley, Effingham and Leatherhead—has been reduced to a membership of only 12. Are people not interested in supporting their local club? A larger membership would enable us to invite better lecturers and mount better competitions. If you readers are interested in Photography and would like to share your hobby with others, join your local club NOW.

If, on the other hand, you are satisfied with your photography and feel you could gain nothing by joining a club, we would still like to have you attend our meetings and tell us how you have made your pictures.

S. C. N.

University on your Doorstep. To anyone who is acquainted with the W.E.A. it will be good news that a branch is to be formed in Bookham. To those who do not know of its work we are happy to introduce you. The W.E.A. is a voluntary body. It is non-party and unsectarian. Its aims are to interest men and women in their own continued education and in the better education of their children. By these means it seeks to promote more responsible citizenship, to equip people for effective participation in all spheres and at all levels of a democratic society, to encourage cultural pursuits, and to advance education generally.

The W.E.A. is a country-wide

movement with over a thousand local branches. The branches are grouped in districts. The districts in England and Wales are recognised as responsible bodies in adult education. They receive grants from the Ministry of Education and maintain close relations with universities. Universities make full and part-time tutors available for W.E.A. classes.

In Bookham there will be a public meeting to inaugurate the branch on Thursday, September 19th, at 8 p.m. at the Barn Hall. Miss Margaret Marsh, B.A., will address the meeting on Family Education.

So far it has only been possible to arrange one class to commence in the autumn and that will be an afternoon class on Modern Drama to be held on Wednesdays at 2.30. Place of meeting to be announced. Anyone interested in this or any other subject please contact the acting branch secretary, Mrs. M. L. Everett, 35 Sole Farm oad. Tel 2404.

M. E.

The Olde Tyme Dance Club opens its new season on Wednesday, September 4th, and will meet regularly each Wednesday at the Barn Hall from 8 to 10.30 p.m., until May 27th, 1964. One of the features of the club is the happy atmosphere at these Wednesday meetings when the more experienced members are always ready to encourage and

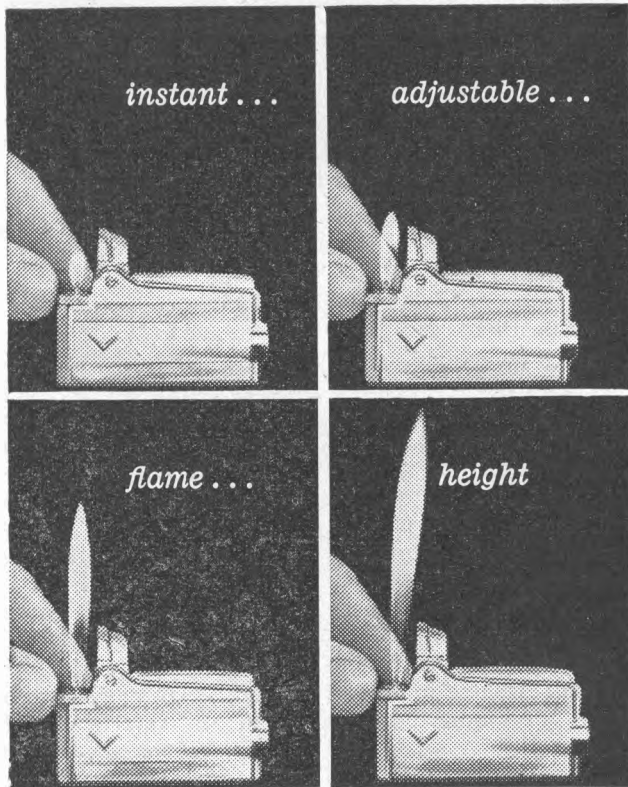
help new members. The club's demonstrator (Mr. John Hilder), too, is always ready to hold a special session for beginners from 7.30 to 8 p.m., should he feel this would be helpful. It is hoped that many new members will join the club this season, and so discover the immense pleasure that can be derived from this pastime.

Some people may be put off by the term "Olde Tyme." Whilst it is true, of course, that the club's repertoire of dances contains a number of old favourites, the vast majority of the dances are of recent invention and are danced to modern tunes and rhythms.

In addition to the Wednesday club night at the Barn Hall, dances are held, normally at Church House, on the second Saturday of each month, to which neighbouring clubs are invited. In return, the Bookham Club spends many enjoyable Saturday evenings visiting dances held in the vicinity.

R. H. P.

Choral Society. The society, founded almost 35 years ago, has as its main object to compete in the Leith Hill Musical Festival. This is an amateur choral festival, founded in 1904, and held in Dorking just after Easter each year. In it choirs from towns and villages for 10 miles round join in competitions and in giving public concerts.



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The festival is organised in three divisions. Bookham has held its place in the highest division for the last six years, competing most recently with choirs from Banstead, Blackheath, Dorking, Epsom and Leatherhead. Music for the festival runs to a regular pattern and comprises a major work for full chorus, men's song, women's song, madrigal and part-song. There are also competitions in quartet-singing and in sight-reading. It is an open secret that the major work this season is Vaughan Williams' Sea Symphony, and that it will be conducted at the concert on April 10th by Sir Adrian Boult (President, L.H.M.F.).

Other activities are a local concert based on the festival music and, at Christmas, a service of carols in St. Nicolas Church. The society will be meeting for practice every Tuesday, from September 24th, in the Congregational Church Hall, 8—9.30 p.m.

New members are welcome in all voices. There is no audition (this does not mean that you can get away with murder!). Come to the first practice, or give your name to the secretary. Membership costs 10s. (min.) per season, and music about 15s. **L. S. H.**

Flower Arrangement and Natural History. In the last issue of the Bulletin we asked if anybody was interested in joining a Floral Arrangement Group, or a Natural

History Group. We have had inquiries about both and propose to call preliminary meetings to discuss the formation of such. **Floral Arrangement Group** — Waterfield Room (Barn Hall), Monday, September 23rd, 2.30 p.m. **Natural History Group** — Waterfield Room (Barn Hall), Wednesday, September 25th, 8.15 p.m.

Evening Institute. It is not generally realised that Evening Institutes cater for a wide range of interests and hobbies over and above the usual bread-and-butter subjects like typing, shorthand, mathematics, etc. The Effingham Evening Institute, which covers Bookham as well, is an unusually enterprising one. Its autumn classes begin on September 16th. At the Eastwick School there will be Dressmaking, Keep-fit and first-year Badminton. At the Effingham Lodge Baths there is a class in Swimming for adult learners, and this is a must for those who had not the opportunity to learn as children and are too shy to join the all-age group. At the Howard of Effingham, to mention only a few classes, there is Photography, Pottery, Car Maintenance, Woodwork, Decorative Metalwork, Golf (beginners), Judo, Fencing and Badminton. Two other classes to be recommended are Russian and The Law for Everyman. Enrolments can be made at either school and are at the

Howard of Effingham School, on September 9th, 10th, from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m., at Eastwick School, on September 11th, 7.30 to 9.30. Further inquiries can be made to the Evening Institute Head, Mr. G. Scoble, The Chase, Guildford Road, Effingham. **E. H.**

OBITUARY

The death of Mr. T. Power was a shock to all of us. Although he was a good age he was always so active that to many of us he seemed almost immortal. He is much missed by the Catholic community, and by the over-sixties, on whose behalf he gave such devoted and kindly service. It seems only the other day that we were rejoicing with him and his wife in their golden wedding celebrations. We offer her our deep sympathy in her great loss.

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The Community Association thank the many organisations and individuals, whose help made Village Day such a success. Over 2,000 people attended and the Exhibition was packed throughout the afternoon. The Association appreciates the generosity of the public in spending so freely in aid of the Building Fund, to which £425 has been transferred from the profits of the occasion. A sum of over £510 was taken, which is another record.

The prizes for the best-dressed stall went to.—First, The Scottish Dancers' Raffle Stall. Second, Mrs. Gant, Exhibition Stand of Dressed Dolls.

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6. Three 12-inch records (3348), A. T. Bailey, 51 The Garstons.
7. Ice-bucket, wine, wine cooler (1713), V. L. Austin, 43 Eastwick Drive.
8. Two 12-inch records (2513), Mr. Riley, Phoenix Farm.
9. Cheese board (3233), Jane Bastion, Hillhead.
10. 12-inch. record, cookery book (0295), Mr. Puttock, Townshott Close.

BARN HALL BUILDING EXTENSION

The Barn Hall Building Fund now stands at over £1,700, and contributions are still flowing in. The response of the village has been magnificent. We are most grateful to the many generous individual donors, who are so numerous that we cannot list them in the Bulletin, and to all those who supported the door-to-door collection, which raised £147. Our thanks also go to the organisations who, by their assistance on Village Day, or by donations, or by both, have helped us to reach the first stage of our target. A list of these, together with the local firms and businesses who have responded, is appended.

As the first quarter of the necessary sum to complete the extensions has been raised, it is now possible to approach the Ministry of Education for financial assistance. The Surrey County Council, with their full blessing and support, has forwarded this application to the Ministry on our behalf. We now wait for the decision of the Minister. We are confident that his answer will be in the affirmative, as our record in the educational and social field is a good one.

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Inquiries will be welcomed by the Hon. Treasurer of the Barn Hall Appeal Fund, Mr. W. Price Ashton, 27 Barn Meadow Lane.

BOOKHAM BREVITIES

Safari with a Prince. Christopher Blackstone, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone, of Sole Farm House, will be returning shortly from an exciting expedition to Ethiopia and Kenya as one of a party of eight Cambridge undergraduates. Leading the group is Prince William, 21-years-old son of the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. They are travelling in two special Land Rovers and the Prince, we understand, has equipped himself for possible emergencies by taking a special manufacturers' course on the vehicle. They are expected to be away for between two and three months, covering some 10,000 miles to Nairobi, where they plan to sell their transport and fly back to London.

Young Bookhamites back in England. Old friends of Mr. Turville Kille, junior, have been pleased to see him in Bookham and his parents have enjoyed having him home with them for two months. He is on six months' leave from his post as Work Study Officer in agriculture for the Rhodesian Government. Although his appointment is a strenuous one—his area covers a third of the

country—he has not opted for a lazy holiday. He started it with a voyage round the world, spending some time in Australia and New Zealand to observe their farming methods. While at home he has four or five visits planned to Farm Institutes in this country on behalf of the Rhodesian Government.

Is grandparenthood as enjoyable as it is said to be? Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, of Common End, are finding out. Their daughter, Elizabeth, has just returned home with her husband, Dr. David Peel, and her two baby sons from Harvard University where they have been for two years. The elder son was just a month old when he left Bookham, and the younger was born in Boston this July.

The return of her daughter to England will be a comfort to Mrs. Free love in her bereavement. Mrs. Helles D'Orsay has spent long holidays in Bookham where she is very well known. Her husband has been posted to London from Ottawa and the whole family, including the four sons, are returning.

Miss Attawell Retires. In our last issue of the Bulletin, a tribute was paid to Miss Attawell on behalf of the Scouts and Cubs. In this issue we record her work for the Bookham School where she had taught for over 40 years, from the year she came from Ascot as a very young teacher

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to her retirement from the Bookham Infant School at Easter. Towards the end of the summer term presentations were made to her, to mark her devoted service, from pupils, parents, ex-pupils, colleagues and managers of the school. The ceremony was a simple and informal one, at which Canon Hughes, speaking for her many friends, assured her of the continued affection and respect of all those whom she had helped both in and out of school.

University Success. Congratulations to Mr. Derek Drake, once a pupil of Bookham School, on obtaining his Degree in Engineering (Second Class Honours. First Division).

Good Wishes. Jennifer Hughes was married on August 31st, at the Bookham Congregational Church, to Mr. Stanley Gower, of Kingston-upon-Thames. The Minister of the Congregational Church at Basingstoke, where Jennifer had been working as a speech therapist, officiated at the ceremony together with the Minister of the Bookham Congregational Church, which Jennifer regularly attended when she lived in the village.

Engagements. Michael Carter, of the Park, to Jackie Dinsdale, formerly of Bookham.

Basil Bye, now at Hull University, to Christine Camm, of Hull.
Congratulations to Mr. J. W. Hilder on the award of an O.B.E.

in the Birthday Honours. Mr. Hilder recently retired from his post as Chief Executive Officer in the War Office, and is enjoying his leisure. One of his big interests is the Old Time Dance Club, of which he was secretary for a number of years, and of which he is now demonstrator.

New Baby. We hear that Phillip and Fifi Morris have a baby son, Stephen Phillip, and we look forward to seeing him on one of their visits to their parents in The Park. They are now residing near Glossop, where Phil has a post as Technical Supervisor.

Oxfam immediately sent £3,000 to Skopje in Yugoslavia when the earthquake struck recently. You can help the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief to continue this kind of emergency relief, in addition to its long-term projects, by contributing generously to a house-to-house collection being held in the first week in October to celebrate Oxfam's 21st anniversary. If you can help please contact Mrs. Earle, Flusing House, Church Road, or Mrs. Flawn, 163 Lower Road. Gifts of used clothing (especially children's and men's), knitted blanket squares and odd wools may be brought to Mrs. Johnston, 190 Lower Road, who will also collect if you ring Bookham 3254.

The Youth Club reopens on September 2nd, and although there is a waiting list prospective new members from Bookham

are advised to make application at the beginning of the season if they wish to join. We are pleased to report that a group of parents are showing great interest in the club and are helping the leaders, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Strudwick, on a rota basis. We shall always be pleased to hear from others willing to give a hand on Monday evenings.

The Annual General Meeting of the club is on Wednesday, October 2nd, 8.15 p.m., in the Waterfield Room, Barn Hall, when the report on the club will be presented by the Adult Management Committee and elections to this committee will be made.

A. H.

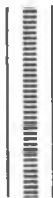
The Bookham Rifle Club is one of the original clubs affiliated to the Community Association and we are pleased to report that its new Club Room was officially opened on July 20th. It is a substantial timber building with electric light laid on, and contains a small office for the statistical officer. The President, Mr. Donald Cook, in opening it, said the club had reached another chapter in its success story with the completion of the Club Room, which was the culmination of many months of enthusiastic hard work. One had to look back more than 20 years to recall the days of the Home Guard which gave birth to this club, and through the post-war days the club has grown in

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strength both in numbers and in the great enterprise shown by its members. The reconstruction of the pistol range, too, is nearly completed. All the improvements have been made within the resources of the club and members have contributed generously by gifts of money, materials, and, perhaps above all, by the sweat of their brows.

Bookham Red Cross. 1963 is the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the International Red Cross Society, inspired by Henri Dunant, a Swiss banker, who saw on the battlefield of Solferino, 1859, more than 40,000 soldiers who lay dead, or were dying untended. He mobilised all the civilians he could to help the wounded, and later laboured unceasingly to organise some official organisation to help wounded and prisoners of war. As a result, in 1863, the International Red Cross Society was formed. Today there are 90 recognised societies and over 169,000,000 members throughout the world, striving to carry out the threefold aims of their peace-time charter — the improvement of health, the prevention of disease, and the relief of suffering in their cities and villages, across the nation, and across the world.

What part is Bookham taking in this work?

In Bookham there is a small but active V.A.D. Detachment—people who have qualified in First Aid and Home Nursing. There

is also a small Members' Group of people who do not wish to take examinations and wear a uniform but who are willing to give spare time to the service of their neighbours. There is a Medical Loan Centre, run by Miss C. Shoosmith, at Little Gastons, Oakdene Road, from which sick-room requisites may be borrowed on a doctor's recommendation. There is, also, a Cadet Unit and a Link Unit. The latter consists of children from 6½ to 11 years of age, who meet each Wednesday from 6—8 p.m., in the Bookham Junior School. The 25 members learn simple First Aid, bandaging, etc., help to make blankets and kit bags containing toilet requisites for refugees, and scrap books for hospitals.

The general public in Bookham do not seem interested in the Red Cross and there seems a deadly apathy regarding the need for the average person to train in First Aid and Home Nursing. Free courses in both subjects are given by the local Red Cross and widely advertised, but few people bother to attend. Is it too much to hope that a number of people will take advantage for the next course in Home Nursing which will start in October? Enquiries, or offers of help with those in need, should be made to Mrs. George, Commandant, Wixwood, Dirtham Lane, Effingham, or Miss Glover, Divisional Officer, 26 Downsway.

R. G.

POINTS FROM THE PARTIES

The local political parties seem to be concentrating on social events for the immediate future. The Liberal Association has a Jumble Sale for September 7th, a Theatre Visit in October, and a Dinner Dance in conjunction with the Leatherhead Association on November 23rd. The Labour Party has a Dinner Dance fixed for November 22nd. In August it held its Garden Party, and during the autumn it is planning a Jumble Sale, a Wine and Cheese Party, and a number of coffee mornings in the homes of members. The Conservative Association has planned a Jumble Sale at Church House, 2.30, September 27th. Members are asked to ring Mrs. Bowen if they have jumble to be collected.

FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sept. 12—Gramophone Concert. Barn Hall. For Building Fund.
- Sept. 14—Scouts Jamborette. Barn Hall.
- Sept. 28—Bazaar. Eastwick School.
- Oct. 2—Youth Club A.G.M. Open to all interested. Waterfield Room (Barn Hall), 8.15.
- Nov. 2—Giant Jumble Sale. Barn Hall Building Fund.
- Nov. 11-16—National Education Week.
- Nov. 14—8 p.m. Conference on Scope and Purpose of Community Associations. Admission 1s. to all members of C.A.

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