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Editorial

Beyond the local Press and the Parish magazines circulating in their respective localities, it is very doubtful whether such other parts of Surrey receive the type of information which appears in the columns of the *Bulletin*; and so through changing circumstances from peace to war and the ever increasing paper control, the *Bulletin* has held its own in maintaining the object for which the Social Service Bureau was set up nearly nine years ago.

One of the greatest tasks with which the editor is faced is the matter to be used for its columns. Every day brings in some items, whether they be a new defence regulation, a new control order, or some other item affecting our lives, it will be appreciated that to include all such information would mean the enlargement of our issue to an average sized novel.

It might be suggested that in view of the foregoing, some concern might be felt as to where to go for information upon these many and varied matters, but if in any doubt, the nearest Citizens Advice Bureau is always at your service and willing to help you.

The Ministry of Health and the Board of Education urges the need of provision for the care of young children whose mothers are on war work. The greatest contribution to the problem can be made by the women of the district who, it is suggested, should help each other, by those who cannot go into a factory to help those who can. But the problem can only be fully solved by the co-operation of the responsible Local Authorities or voluntary organisations.

Persons affected who desire the setting up of a day nursery should apply to the Leatherhead Urban District Council, or to Mr. R. Andrews, Five Beeches, Dorking Road, Great Bookham.

In addition to members of the armed forces, the War Service Grants scheme extends to the men called up for Civil Defence under the National Service Act, 1941, and men posted to employment to a County War Agricultural Executive Committee on or after 1st June, 1941. Applications for War Service Grants can be obtained from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

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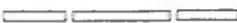
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On May 1st a new scale of billeting allowances for unaccompanied children came into force. These amounts vary from 8/6 to 16/6, and further particulars can be had from the billeting officer.

The B.B.C. have a service for broadcasting personal messages to people in enemy-occupied countries. This service at present applies to France, Holland, Greece, Belgium (French and Flemish), Sweden & Yugo-Slavia. Information concerning this service can be obtained from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

There seems to be some misunderstanding among a number of foreigners regarding communicating with their relations in enemy and enemy-occupied territory. Such enquirers can be supplied with the necessary form, and should not apply to the Foreign Office.

In order to prevent unnecessary

delay when making an application for a War Service Grant in respect of dependants and families of members of H.M. forces, do not send form W.S.G.21 (M.S.A.C.21) to the War Service Grants Committee, but either bring it along to the Citizens Advice Bureau or send it to the Assistance Board.

Your Snapshots to cheer the Forces

A service which should prove of interest to all connected with members of the Forces has been introduced by the Y.M.C.A. under the title "Snapshots from Home League," and all interested in amateur photography should apply for particulars from the Secretary "Snapshots from Home League," 4 Great Russell Street, W.C.1.

Bookhams Bowling Club

The last Saturday in April saw the opening of the Bowling Green and in spite of the cold wind prevailing on that day, there was a good attendance of members.

As a light physical exercise, specially for those tending towards later years, this game is recommended by medical men, and as an antidote for war worries it has probably no equal. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. Andrews, Five Beeches, Dorking Road, Bookham will be pleased to hear of any local residents, men or women, who are desirous of joining the Club. The season finishes at the end of September or early October.

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Citizens Advice Bureau Leatherhead & District

Since the introduction of clothes rationing much more work has resulted for the Bureau staff, and whilst every effort is being made to meet the demands of the public it must be emphasised that the Bureau is only the intermediary between the public and the Board of Trade.

It has been brought to our notice that many persons having lost their clothing cards, have completed their forms and had them duly signed by a Justice of the Peace, and then sent them to the Board of Trade, and not being aware of the correct address directed them to the London office. There appears to be many difficulties being experienced by the general public in the matter of supplies, and in order to meet these as far as is possible under existing conditions, if members of the public will inform the Bureau of their difficulties, representation will be made to the Board of Trade with a view to having these matters adjusted.

Problems concerning goods, supplies and prices, particularly concerning babies clothing, children's clothing and footwear, industrial workers clothing & footwear, members of H.M. forces who have been discharged, etc.

There is no need for complaint to your next-door neighbour, bring your complaint to the Bureau

where it will be treated with confidence, and if it is justified you may be assured that the matter will be referred to the right quarter and appropriate action taken.

It has been pointed out before in these columns that many more responsibilities are being placed upon the work of the Bureau, but knowing that whatever it undertakes is for the benefit of the community, the assistance of Old Age Pensioners has been readily undertaken. If you cannot find an answer to *your* problem, come to the Citizens Advice Bureau, or if you are unable to attend send a friend on your behalf and a member of the Bureau will visit you to answer any questions, help to complete any forms, make an application on your behalf for supplementary allowance, or help you in any way possible.

The address of the Bureau is 25 High Street, Leatherhead.

Will senders of Red Cross postal messages please note that the use of the word "letter" must not be made, but to substitute the word "news." This applies to all used languages, thus:
German 'nachrichten' for 'brief.'
French 'nouvelles' for 'lettre.'

It is now possible to communicate with persons living in Sweden by air mail, and that in future no Red Cross postal messages can be accepted.

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The Needs of Service and Ex-Service Men & Women

Prior to the war, the needs of ex-service men and their dependants was the chief concern of the British Legion, and beyond Earl Haig's Poppy Day Fund and the National Collection on November 11th, it is not generally realised that the work of the Legion continues in all its branches.

Although the National Service Bill has to some degree relieved a great deal of unemployment, there are still many needs to be met. Apart from the question of assistance it is felt that so much could be achieved if all ex-service men joined the ranks of the British Legion. There are four branches in the Leatherhead Urban area, and those desiring particulars can apply to the following Secretaries in their respective wards:—

- Ashted : Mr. B. J. Jackson,
Denehurst, West Farm Av.
Bookham (Effingham and The Bookhams) : Mr. W. Muggerridge
St. Jean, Crabtree Lane.
Fetcham : Mr. W. Watson,
Rylston, Cobham Road.
Leatherhead : Capt. F. Stoneham
Springfield, Linden Gardens.

The Incorporated Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Help Society assist all service men and service women. Full details of its objects and work can be obtained from the District Head, 25 High Street Leatherhead.

The Soldiers, Sailors & Airmens Families Association provides assistance in many ways for the dependants and families of members of the armed forces. Further information can be had from the District Representative, 25 High Street, Leatherhead.

There are many other agencies for the relief of distress, including King George's Fund, which latter however does not perform the functions like that of the British Legion. Details of any service or ex-service organisation can be obtained from the above named.

White Ribbon Youth Group

In maintaining the material side of everyday life, the White Ribbon Youth Group continues to carry out their objects of fulfilling the quieter side, not as a sedative, but the spiritual welfare so necessary in the present world conflict.

Every Wednesday evening the Group meets at the Congregational Hall, Eastwick Road, from 7.15 to 8.30. Besides social activities comprising tennis and hiking, devotional & educational instruction is accorded, whilst the White Ribbon Band of Hope is open to children every Friday evening from 6 to 8, along similar lines to the Youth Group. Both societies are affiliated to the National British Women's Total Abstinence Union.

Save—till it "hurts"

Bookham & Dist. Rabbit Club

The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Hewlins, Nowhurst, Leatherhead Road, on July 11th, at 3 p.m.

A general meeting will be held at The Croft, Church Road, on 8th August, at 3 p.m. and all members should make every effort to attend. Intending rabbit keepers seeking advice should call and see the Secretary, Mrs. Wootten, 1 New Parade, Leatherhead Road.

An Open Table Show is being held at the Flower Show on July 29th, and you are asked to enter your rabbits and make it a success.

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By the time these words are in print they should not appear so cryptic, for the National Savings Summer Campaign will have been fully launched, and the Bookham Group committed to the task of saving £10,000—the price of a Crusader Tank. Last summer's War Weapons Weeks total of £8760 (part of Leatherhead district's £57,504) ought to be easily exceeded.

This is the critical year, and lending all we can to our country is the best thing many of us can do. All needless spending is now heading for national suicide. Join a group now, and saving is easy.

The weekly progress of the Group Tank Weeks (May to Sept.) will be shown at the Savings office in the High Street and also on the board outside the Canteen opposite the Church.

Bookham Poultry Club

Future meetings with subjects of talks, etc., are as follows:

- June 3—Culling the old stock.
Spring cleaning a poultry house.
- July 1—Ailments of backyard poultry.
Egg Competition.
- Aug. 5—Visit to Mr. Watanabe's poultry farm.
- Sept. 2—Housing the pullets and vaccination against fowl pox.

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It is often said that women's fashions change so that in the end they complete the circle. Such a remark is impossible to apply to men's attire. Fifty years ago, silk hats, frock and morning coats, stiff & high collars, narrow-legged trousers, spats and patent leather boots were absolutely the vogue in the City. Uncomfortable was merely a mild adjective to apply to this gear on a hot day. To-day bowlers, trilbys or caps for the head (very often no headgear at all), soft collars, lounge and sports jackets, wider trousers and shoes. Sometimes no waistcoats, and oh, crime of crimes, braces in evidence. Evening dress is more or less the same as it was in the early nineties. There have been a few minor alterations for the men, such as a tucked soft shirt instead of a hard boiled one, the former of which certainly helped to lower the temperature a trifle, whilst the women with their soft draperies appeared to be the acme of coolness, and were a reminder of a picture published by cynics about that time showing a couple of ragged urchins watching a lady descending from her carriage to attend an evening function. To this was attached the following piece of doggerel :

The rich and poor alike
Their nakedness display ;
The poor because they must,
The rich because they may

By the bye, where has the straw hat gone? It is now very seldom seen away from meat markets such as Smithfield or Leadenhall.

Sometimes one wonders why women copied the men in wearing slacks. Of all the ugly wearing apparel ever adopted by human beings, I think the pair of stove pipes known as trousers are really the limit. It may be that men became disinclined to show what nature could do, if she chose, in shaping them; one thing however could not be absolutely hidden, namely bandy legs.

With the more catholic ideas of dress prevalent one sees some incongruities fairly frequently, but one I remember distinctly in the past. This was not seen however in the City or West End; it was a man wearing a bowler hat, black frock coat, blue trousers and brown boots. To-day these contrasting mixtures are not so much met with in the man's attire as in the woman's.

Thinking of past crimes against convention, one specially occurs to my mind and that is that no man calling upon friends would enter the house with his trousers turned up!—R.A.

Oh, my poor feet!

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