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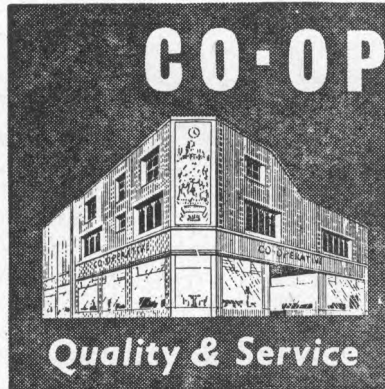
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EDITORIAL

The current issue of The Bulletin contains more appeals than usual. We make no apologies for this. Most people like to think that they live in a neighbourhood which has character. The touchstone of the vitality of a district is the strength of its voluntary organisations; and Bookham has, undoubtedly, a multiplicity of groups catering for different community needs. It has, too, a good cross-section of individuals willing to give public service.

If, however, the situation is analysed more closely, it will be found that the willing horses are pulling too many loads. Can we spread the burden a little more evenly? If you read through these pages you will surely find a cause, or an activity, which you could support. Addresses of secretaries are in the Directory, and the Editors of the Bulletin will gladly help with information. Everybody has something they can give, whether it be time, money, or interest.

HISTORY OF THE BARN HALL

The history of the site and building now known as the Barn Hall is necessarily for the most part that of Sole Farm, to which it belonged until 1906. The Little Guide to Surrey (1910) mentioned that "a fine old 15th century barn, grandly timbered, has recently been turned into a village hall," while Black's Guide to Surrey (1916) states that in the village "is a grand old barn, now used as a Village Institute."

The name Sole is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word *sol* meaning a muddy pool, and this pond still existed in front of what is now the Barn Hall until 50 years ago, when it was filled in as part of the alterations then carried out. The first mention of Sole in Bookham occurs in 1294, when Thomas atte Sole was living there. A generation later the manorial tenant was John atte Sole, who surrendered the messuage and half a yardland (about 15 acres) to the use of his son, Thomas, in 1337. In 1342, Thomas died, leaving a widow, Alice, and a son, John, who was under 20 years old: John was still in possession in 1347. After this docu-

ments are missing and all we know for certain is that Walter Rogers held the farm in 1548 and surrendered it in 1557 to John Rogers, his younger son.

Sole Farm descended in the Rogers family through the 17th century, but in the 18th was bought by the Earls of Effingham, lords of the Manor, and let to tenants. At the end of the 18th century, it was being farmed by John Bennett, and from 1803 to 1812 by Richard Ellis. The freehold passed with the Manor to James Laurell in 1801 and to G. Holme Sumner in 1812. In 1823 it was sold at auction to a Mr. Bolland, being described in the Sale Particulars as a "substantial Brick and Tiled Farm House in good condition, Garden, large Farm Yard, capital Barns, Stables, Cart Lodges and other Farm Buildings." Before 1836 "the messuage called Sole or Sole Farm" had passed to Joseph Bonsor, Junior, the owner of Polesden, and in 1839 it was being farmed by his tenant, Stephen Wood.

The earliest description of the farm buildings is contained in Thomas Clay's survey of Great Bookham in 1614, when Robert

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JOHN HARVEY.

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SUMMER SPORT

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Bookham Cricket Club. Again, this year, we are not going to win the "Ashes," but we are looking forward to an enjoyable season of Village Cricket. Before the season gets under way we would like to take this opportunity to say that any new members will be very welcome indeed. Those interested should contact the Hon. Secretary, Mr. L. Denning, at 48 Middlemead Road.

To those who have no great desire to play an invitation is extended to come and watch. Our home ground is at the Christie Recreation Ground, Dorking Road.

Our first practice game is on April 21st and anyone who has not been in touch with Mr. Denning by then should turn up at the ground by 2.30 when stumps are pitched. Prospective members so doing will be assured of a game—weather and unforeseen circumstances permitting.

G. A. H.

Bookham Bowling Club. How many men and women in Bookham realise that there is a bowling green in the corner of the recreation ground at Dorking Road? The green and the club have been there for nearly 30 years, and the Club has regular fixtures with other clubs throughout Surrey. In the last few years our numbers have dwindled;

older members, for various reasons, have been forced to give up the game, and few younger new members have taken their places.

Naturally the game's greatest appeal is to the retired or semi-retired men who may find they need some sporting activity to replace the more vigorous exercises of youth. But never let it be said that Bowls is an old man's game. Our great successes in the Commonwealth Games were achieved by men not yet in their forties!

After a bad day at the office what more soothing than the gentle roll of the woods up and down the green and the good companionship of other bowlers, who are a very friendly lot! To the ladies we would say that surely not all days are so full that an

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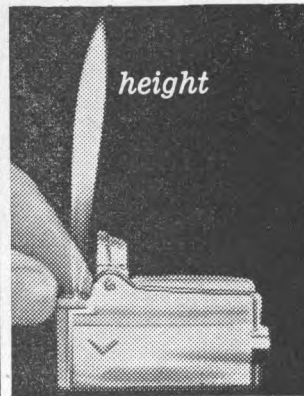
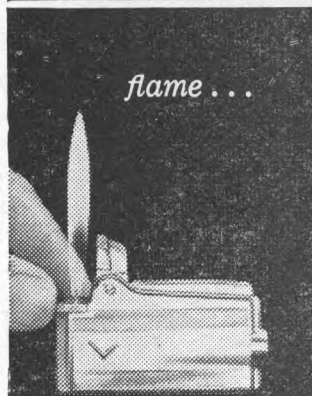
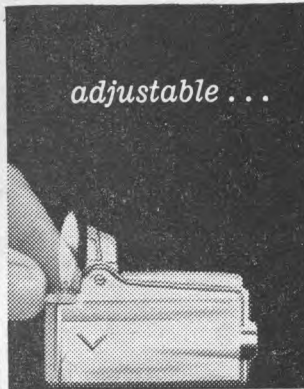
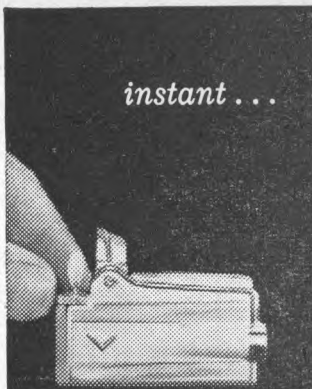
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S. F. P.

Bookham Rifle Club. Shooting is an all the year round sport but, following its Annual General Meeting, the Bookham Rifle Club, with 100 members to its credit, will be entering the summer leagues. The club house is finished and it is now a centre which is the envy of Surrey; there are probably only four or five clubs in the country with better ranges. The club goes back to the old Home Guard days. One of the slowly diminishing "band of brothers" of those days is the President, Mr. Donald G. Cook, who is now in his sixth term of office. Younger members are welcome and the facilities are such that, if they are keen, they can do really well, as is witnessed by the successes of two under-twenties, Miss M. McQue and Mr. R. Gravett.

Eastwick Park Cricket Club. The membership has risen from 166 to 240, of which 67 are playing members. The social side of the Club is lively and there is a continuous programme of dances, parties, etc., which gives good value for the non-playing mem-

bership fee of 7s. 6d. per annum.

Plans for the summer are ambitious. It is proposed to arrange three fixtures each week-end, with a better balance between the sides, so giving plenty of opportunities to the stronger and weaker players alike. This has been made possible by the use of two squares, one on the Lower Road Recreation Ground, to which members have already devoted much voluntary labour, and the other on the King George Playing Fields at Effingham. A Ground Committee has been appointed to supervise the considerable maintenance work which will be necessary in this connection, and it is anticipated, in the light of past experience, that there will be no lack of enthusiasm on the part of members. Mr. R. E. Harverson is the chairman of this committee.

The message from Mr. B. Downing, the secretary, is: A considerable number of Club members are now involved in the administration of the Club in one way or another. If you would like to assist in any sphere of the Club's activities, please contact the Secretary, who would be delighted to hear from you. Also, don't forget, new members are always welcome! Please interest your friends.

Bookham Stoolball Club. Join Bookham Stoolball Club! You can be a supporter member, or a playing member. The yearly

subscription is 5s., which entitles you to a seat on the coach at the small price of 2s., or 3s. for away matches to all parts of Surrey and Sussex. There are several Sunday away matches and we leave Bookham at approximately 2 p.m. The home games start at 3 p.m. on the Dorking Road Recreation Ground. Evening matches at home start at 7 p.m. We leave Bookham at 6.15 p.m. for away matches.

Our first match of the season is away to Crowhurst on Sunday, May 5th. Come and help to fill the coach and enjoy a pleasant day's outing.

Practice matches start on Sunday, April 7th, at 3 p.m., and will continue every Sunday until the lighter evenings make it possible to play during the week.

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The Bookham Boys' Club will have activities every night of the week during the summer. They start on serious training for the Leatherhead and District Annual Sports Day in June, when they hope to retain the Relay Trophy they have held for two years. They will, also, enter the Surrey Boys' Club Championships at Motspur Park in June and intend to pass their previous record. They give much time to swimming instruction, and have a small angling group.

They are pleased to have the Co-op Hall as their temporary home and have worked hard to put it in good order and to re-furbish their equipment. At long last they have a roof under which they can play indoor games. It will not be long before

they have a team in the Table Tennis League.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Language School in Leatherhead District. A Language School with a difference is to be held in Leatherhead from July 15th to August 13th. Thirty young French people have been carefully selected from many applicants to come over to study English and, while doing this, learn something of our way of life. They will be accompanied by a graduate leader and two tutors and will have lectures and excursions during the day. Families in the Leatherhead district will be asked to accommodate a boy or girl—they are between the ages of 15 and 18—and provide

them with meals. More importantly, it is hoped that they will be received as members of a typical household and that their stay will be made in every way pleasant and instructive so that, when they leave this country, they will carry away with them a lasting impression of the genuineness of British hospitality and the friendship of British youth. A sum of £7 per week will be paid for board and lodging.

As an experiment in international understanding this is worth supporting and it is anticipated that families, especially those with children or neighbours in a similar age group, will respond well. The official closing date for applications is March 30th, but late applicants may still be considered. The secretary of the Community Association will be pleased to give information.

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The Campaign and the W.I.s.

Our two local W.I.s have been helping the National Federation of Women's Institutes in their own ambitious campaigns. In less than a year, roughly half the institutes of the country have collected £42,338, which means that the Karamoja project for a Farm Training Institute in Uganda has been completed, and a surplus of £18,338 is available for the second project of a co-operative store at Radisele, Bechuanaland. So generous has been the response that the National Federation feel that they can participate in two other enterprises. They are the Lady Aberdeen Scholarship Fund to train suitable women from underdeveloped countries, chiefly in Asia, in nutrition, dietetics, etc., and the development of a new University Farm at the Faculty of Agriculture, St. Augustine, Trinidad. The Federation has also agreed to donate 5 per cent of its funds from now on to the United Kingdom Committee to assist in its administrative and publicity expenses.

The Freedom from Hunger Campaign reached its climax with the big national effort in March but, in this area, it will continue for a few more months so that the target of £5,000 for the Leatherhead district may be reached. The objective is, as everybody knows, to bring food to the hungry millions in the undeveloped countries by training them and giving them the equipment to help themselves. Apart from joining in projects sponsored by national organisations, many individuals have participated personally in our own local campaign. The week's bring-and-buy sale in Mould's old shop at Leatherhead raised £570. The austerity lunches, helped by the churches of the area, were well supported. The schools, by imaginative appeals, stimulated the generosity of children and parents.

An Entertainment Week is still to come. The Leatherhead Repertory Theatre has made the theatre available to the locality at the end of the season, and during the week beginning May 20th a different entertainment will be put on each night. Admission is by programme obtainable from Mr. J. Smith, 112 Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead, or from the Bookham representative, Mrs. Parker, 30 The Garstons, who will be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help this worthy cause.

The Campaign and the Bookham Boys' Club. At the special request of its members, the Bookham Boys' Club is helping in the War on Want. They have adopted a 15-years-old boy from Kenya, Samuel Mwanji manyi, "Sammy," as he is affectionately called, and have undertaken to clothe, feed and educate him for a year. Two shillings a day will do this, which means a penny a day for 24 members. The National Association of Boys' Clubs have arranged this through the "Youth helps Youth" Scheme, and many other clubs are participating.

BOOKHAM BREVITIES

A much-photographed Butterfly is the Red Admiral which fluttered out of the curtains of Mr. Wood's living room at 26 Blackthorne Road on the bleakest Sunday morning of the big freeze. Its picture appeared in a number of newspapers and it looked quite happy and lively. It continued to take an interest in its surroundings during the rest of the day, but we do not know if it has survived its untimely debut.

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herself—a hobby she took up just over a year ago. By exhibiting them at local functions, she has raised quite a sum of money for charities.

A Sporting Achievement. We congratulate Peter Waldock, of Sole Farm Road, on his selection for the All-England Basket Ball Team, which will give him some exciting trips abroad. He is a pupil of the Glyn County Grammar School and has been offered a university place in September.

Another Sporting Achievement for the record is that of Margaret McQue, of Crabtree Lane. Although only 16 years old, she is shooting for the Surrey Ladies' Team. Her interest in this sport was aroused when she accompanied her father to the Bookham Rifle Club. Her ambition is to reach the national team, and we hope that she realises this. She will have plenty of encouragement and the best of facilities in the local club. She is the second lady from the club to reach county status.

She attends Dorking Grammar School and hopes to take up meteorology as a career.

Club of Many Talents. Not content with winning laurels in athletics, the Bookham Boys' Club entered a number of items in the recent Youth Arts Festival at Glyn House. These included cabinets, sketches, a musical group of guitar and

drums, and a mime in costume of Pagliacci performed by the captain of the football team.

A Play worth Seeing. The annual drama production of the Bookham Afternoon Women's Institute, under its producer, Edith White, is quite a village event. The play this year is "The Sugar Bowl," a comedy by Nina Warner Hooke, and it will be performed at Church House on May 16th, 17th and 18th.

Bookham Author. The first text book of its kind for printers, published by Heinemann, entitled "An Introduction to Science for Printers," has just appeared. Its author is Mr. R. Marshall, of Eastwick Drive. In introducing the book, the publishers say: "The author, as well as having considerable experience as a lecturer, occupies a leading technical position in the industry and thoroughly appreciates the needs of students in printing."

Mr. R. Marshall is an Associate Member of the Institute of Printing but, what interests us in Bookham, is that he is the popular and hard-working chairman of the Community Association.

Community Association A.G.M. Miss E. Micholls was re-elected President of the Community Association. The Vice-presidents are: Mesdames Oldershaw and Cox, Messrs. Brayne, Kepple, Beddous and Austin. The Hon. Secretary is Mrs. E. Harrison and

the Hon. Treasurer is Mr. R. Saunders. The Chairman is Mr. R. Marshall.

First in the Field. The drive to raise £6,000 for the Barn Hall Extension Fund is well under way. The appeal was launched at the Annual General Meeting of the Community Association in February. Within three days, the Old Time Dance Club, one of the Association's own clubs, had responded with a donation of £25, and so gains the distinction of heading the list. In thanking the club for this, we would also like to congratulate it on the success it has had this season in attracting new members and keeping them. This is due to the friendliness of the group and the excellence of its demonstrators. Its session does not end till May 29th, which still leaves time for anyone interested to come along and join.

A Cheer for British Railways. Starting from March 4th, the 11.46 shuttle train from Leatherhead to Effingham Junction will stop at Bookham. This means that one can catch the 11.5 p.m. train from Waterloo and get home. This will be a boon to concert and theatre goers. The new service is provided on a temporary basis and will be retained only if it is found to be justified.

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