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#### **Editorial**

One of the outstanding characteristics of a democratic country is a ready response to some charitable cause, and since the outbreak of hostilities there have been many appeals for many worthy objects. In these difficult times with higher cost of living and other commitments, sacrifices in one direction or another are met, and the sacrifices of the dependents and families of our Fighting Forces must not be overlooked.

We are aware of statutory assistance and supplementations to these allowances, but in so many cases they are out of all proportion to the present uncertainty of financial stability for

women bearing the double burden.

Although the Lord-Lieutenant of the County has set up a Fund, it must be borne in mind that this is a County effort, and it is hoped that the general public may as far as possible supplement the existing funds of the Social Service Bureau so that distress caused by our present conditions may be alleviated as soon as possible.

Any contributions however large or small will be gratefully accepted by the Hon. Treasurer,

Social Service Bureau.

On the 1st July next certain classes of women will become eligible to receive Old Age and Blind Persons' Pensions at the age of 60.

Leaflet O.A.P. 107 (B) gives a full explanation, and this can be obtained from any Post Office together with revised form for claiming pension.

In the last issue of the *Bulletin*, reference was made to the Prices of Goods Bill. Perhaps of far greater importance is the Meat (Maximum Prices) Order of 1940.

If there is any doubt in the minds of housewives upon the particular piece of meat required and its cost, any information upon this all important matter can be obtained from your Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Editor has been privileged to receive certain matter from the Ministry of Information, and whilst discretionary powers must be observed it is felt that some of this material should be reproduced for general interest.

#### Citizens Advice Bureau

Through changes in the administration of the Citizens Advice Bureau, the following arrangements have been found necessary in order to provide this voluntary service:

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It has been proved beyond doubt that the setting up of this Bureau has been of immense value to the community, dealing as it does with a thousand and one problems. Whatever difficulty you may have, whether it is a question of increased Families and Dependents Allowances,

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The operation of the International Red Cross Postal Message Service has been most successful and it is learned from Geneva and from the senders that replies have been received. This service has now been extended to Nationals of Norway and Denmark living in this Country, and for their benefit the following instructions in Norwegian are given:—

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#### A.R.P. To-Day

The public has recently seen evidence of an important Civil Defence development in the large scale exercises that have taken place all over the country. These are under the control of General Sir Hugh Elles who was appointed Director of Operational Training at the beginning of April. Looking at these masses of trained civilians moving with their equipment to concentrate at places as far apart as 50 to 70 miles away it can be appreciated that the state of preparedness, equipment and efficiency to-day bears no comparison with the condition of A.R.P. on the outbreak of war.

This is a remarkable record of achievement. Nevertheless, many men and women are still needed to contribute their share, as part-time volunteers, towards the protection of the towns in which they live. This responsibility has been

increased owing to the fact that the question of cost and the growing claims of the Armed Forces upon available man-power have led to recent reductions in full-time paid A.R.P. personnel.

Sir John Anderson, the Minister of Home Security, has emphasised more than once that A.R.P. is a community service. "It was never contemplated that the A.R.P. forces in any area, even the most vulnerable, should consist of paid volunteers to any extent beyond a small nucleus."

Clearly it is the task of everyone who can to take a hand in this work, giving up all the spare time possible in training and exercises and in sharing in the stand-by duties by day or by night. The volunteer forces can never be over recruited.

The vigil of the Civil Defence Services has never ceased since the war began. From the Home Service War Room, through the regional, group and local controls, to the depots and posts,

the staff is on guard day and night.

There is a common spirit of enthusiasm and loyalty, the result of day after day training in all the services. This represents the basis of the whole organisation, and upon it rests a scheme of inter-working which enables one borough to help another, or one area another, one group to reinforce a neighbour, and even one or two regions to give similar help to a third.

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#### Gossip and Its Dangers

Do you wonder if those conducting the antigossip campaign are exaggerating the danger? If so, dismiss the thought at once; the authorities know what they are talking about and they are concerned about gossip.

A large proportion of the population to-day are engaged, in some connection, with war production. It is only to be expected that people talk "shop," and is it not just as probable that those conversations in public-house, train or bus may be overheard with perhaps disastrous results?

Captain E. Altham, of Naval Intelligence, told a gathering of newspaper men recently that his department is definitely perturbed by the harm which can be done to National Security by unconsidered talking.

He gave illustrations of imaginary situations

and they drive home the point:

A warship is damaged by enemy action in the North Sea and is taken into a Northern Port. It is necessary to transfer her to a Dockyard further south and the fact becomes known to the crew and workers in the Port. There is talk about it, overheard by someone, quite harmless, who may be travelling south and he in turn talks in the train. Somewhere the facts have become known to an enemy agent who has means of

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getting the information to Germany. What more likely that submarines or bombers will be lying in wait for the "lame duck" of the Fleet when on its way for repairs?

Guns are being mounted on merchant ships in a shipyard and the workmen over the convivial glass discuss with someone the calibre of the weapons. In Germany the Nazi Admiralty have under consideration the size of guns to be installed in the new submarines: news comes in from the agents who have listened to the public-house conversation. The result is that Germany's "murder craft" are fitted with guns that out-range those of the merchant ships upon which they prey. In due course the news provides Germany with valuable information about the rate of production or details of armaments and stores, which may enable them to make a shrewd guess as to the duty particular ships are likely to carry out.

This is the position from the point of view of the Navy, which desires above everything to preserve its secrets. Similar conditions apply to nearly every form of the Nation's war activities.

Each one of us would know how to deal with the stranger, or even acquaintance, obviously seeking information. Do we consider enough what information we let out unintentionally, when we discuss in public places, our job of work?

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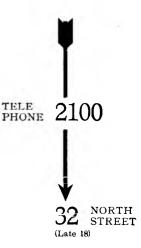
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Leave of the Court.—The protection extends not only to ordinary but also to such obligations as Hire Purchase Agreements, Tenancies and Mortgages. The general effect of the legislation is that leave of the Court must be obtained before a creditor can use either of the two methods by which he can normally enforce his rights. First, in the normal way many kinds of creditors have certain rights of self-help. For instance, a mortgagee has a right of sale of the mortgaged property; a money-lender may sell a security deposited with him to cover the loan. Now permission must be obtained from the Court before such steps can be taken. Secondly, in the normal way any creditors may obtain the judgment of a Court and then proceed to enforce it. example, a judgment creditor may seize his debtor's goods or apply to have him committed to prison on a judgment summons; or a landlord may take possession of a house in default of rent on judgment being given in his favour. These are remedies which may ordinarily be taken without leave of the Court, once judgment has been given in the creditors favour. Now not only must judgment be given, but further permission of the Court is necessary before it can be enforced.

Powers of the Court.—The Court may altogether prohibit the enforcement of the rights of a creditor, or it may make any other order which it considers right in the circumstances. A landlord who wishes to distrain on a tenant's goods, but only on the ground of non-payment of rent, if the tenant has committed any other form of breach of his lease or tenancy agreement, the normal procedure may be followed. applies to all houses and flats, including those not controlled under the Rent Restrictions Act, so long as the tenancy agreement was entered into before the beginning of the war. case of rent, therefore, it does not matter that the default in payment did not occur until after the beginning of the war. These provisions with regard to landlords and tenants are equally applicable to Building Societies or Insurance Companies from whom houses are bought under mortgage. - Editor.

#### The "War on Nerves"

Since last September, Hitler and his gang, as part of their campaign, have waged war on the nerves of our home front by incessant threats through their press and wireless. During winter's short days it was difficult to get away from this, especially in Bookham, as the usual accommodation at the local halls, etc. was required for national work. Some relief however was obtained from evenings spent at the Literary Society's meetings as well as whist drives run by other organisations.

Summer is now with us, and the longer and brighter days will help considerably in the fight against the Nazi campaign, but the playing of outdoor games will assist much more. Cricket, Tennis and Stool-ball all have their respective devotees, but there is one game that should appeal to those who cannot undertake such strenuous exercise as these games offer, namely Bowls.

The Bookhams Bowling Club commenced its season a few weeks ago, and will be pleased to welcome new members, of both sexes, and beginners may be certain of assistance in learning a game which has no professional players. The season ticket (available to the end of September) and the year's subscription together only amount to 15s. Besides ordinary games there will be a number of matches with neighbouring clubs, as well as competitions for Silver Cups, Spoons, &c. The Hon. Sec., Mr. R. Andrews, Five Beeches, Dorking Road, will be pleased to furnish any further details on application.

#### Can You? If so, start Now!

Our men in H. M. armed forces are "all out" to win this war, and it behoves us on the home front to help in every way possible by supplying munitions and good equipment. The National Savings movement has been aptly described as our fourth arm of defence. Every million pounds subscribed can be considered a nail in the Nazi coffin, and at the beginning of this year over a hundred of these nails had been driven in and the number is increasing, so that some will be used for making up inscriptions, one of which will undoubtedly commence "Here lies."

Many savings groups have already been formed in Bookham and others will soon be going strong. These groups are working schemes for subscriptions ranging from one penny and upwards, and if not already a member you should join at once, or you can form a group of your own amongst your neighbours and friends, full particulars for doing so can be had from the Joint Secretaries, Miss D. Etlinger, Briar Cott. Lower Road, or Mr. O. Groom, Wychwood, Sole Farm Road.

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#### The Service of Youth

It has at last been recognised by the Government that the social and physical development of boys and girls between the ages when most of them leave school and when they have grown up have not received anything like the attention it demands. The importance of the service of youth cannot be over emphasized, and an attempt on a national scale is now being made in which Education Authorities will combine with voluntary effort to tackle the problem. The formation all over the country of local Youth Committees is now being encouraged, and we hope this national movement will gain strength and result in supplying a long felt need.

Early this year some of the leaders of youth organisations in Bookham got together and formed the Bookham Youth Organisations Committee. The next step was to form a representative Committee of the young people themselves under a Chairman supplied by the Y.O.C. This Committee, assisted by the Y.O.C., is running the Bookham Youth Club which is open to all young people over the age of 15. Up to the time of writing four meetings of the Club have been held: a dance and social in the Scout Hall on Feb. 21st, talks and a cinema in the Baptist Hall on March 6th, progressive games in Little Bookham Village Hall on March 27th, and a musical evening in the same Hall on April 10th. All these meetings have been successful, attendances varying from 40 to over 70.

The object of the Club is to give young people facilities for the profitable spending of their leisure time and to provide a common ground for all sections. It is recognised that excellent work is being done by Youth Organisations already being run by various denominations or groups, and the last thing desired is to do anything in any way to hinder their efforts. It is felt however that these efforts do not cover the whole ground and that there are many young people who do not belong to any social organisation, and it is the aim of the Youth Club to reach these also. One may further observe that exising organisations will lose nothing from the growth of the movement which aims at increasing the interests of young people generally, gives opportunities for social gatherings of all sections, and can further be used to co-ordinate the efforts and pool the resources of individual organisations. It remains to be seen how the movement can be further developed. It has made a start and we hope it will successfully serve the youth of Bookham.

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Boys' Brigade, 7.15 p.m., Baptist Hall.

Rovers, 8.15 p.m., Scout Hut.

Little Bookham Boys' Club, 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Thrift Club at the School.

Citizens Advice Bureau, 10 a.m. to 12 noon,

Old Barn Hall,

Bookham Choral Society, 8, Congre'al Hall

#### Tuesdays—

Life Boys, 6 p.m., Baptist Hall.

Little Bookham Girls Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Little

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Girls League of Friendship, Congre'al Hall Juniors 6.15, Seniors 7.30

#### Wednesdays-

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#### Thursdays—

Cubs, 5.30 p.m., Scout Hut.

Girls' Life Brigade, 6 p.m., Baptist Hall.

Scouts, 8 p.m., Scout Hut.

Bookham Women's Constitutional Association Monthly Meetings at the Barn Hall. First Thursday in the month at 3 p.m.

Leatherhead Cottage Hospital Linen Guild, 10 to 12.30.

Christian Youth Group (Congregational) The Nest, Howard Road, 8 p.m.

#### Fridays-

Brownies, 4.30 p.m., Scout Hut.

Girl Guides, 6.30 p.m., Scout Hut.

Rangers, 7.45 p.m., Scout Hut. Christian Endeavour, Baptist Hall. 6 to 7 p.m. up to 14 years. Seniors 7 to 8 p.m.

Little Bookham Girls Club, 7 to 9 p.m. Citizens Advice Bureau, at "St. Jean," Crabtree Lane, 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

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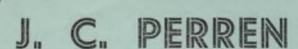
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