

ONSLOW VILLAGE LIMITED

The Society's Estate

The Estate is situated on high ground above the Town of Guildford, on the slopes of the Hog's Back, and commands wide views over rolling country as far as the Crystal Palace and the Berkshire Hills. The view southward from the Hog's Back is one of the most famous in England, taking in Hindhead, Leith Hill and Chantonsbury Ring. It has an altitude of from 200 feet to 450 feet above sea level, and is approached and intersected by the main Farnham Road. It is freehold and comprises 640 acres of picturesque meadow and arable land, with a subsoil principally of chalk and gravel, whilst the picturesque timber is well grown and of park-like appearance. The amount paid for the land, including two Farm Houses, Farm Buildings and 11 Cottages, is £38,000, or £58 10s. per acre.

The southern portion of the property abuts on the celebrated Hog's Back, and affords a number of exceptionally attractive sites with main road frontages and extensive views of the surrounding country.

Care and consideration have been given to the planning and proposed development, with a view to preserving the existing natural boundaries and as far as possible maintaining all attractive features, as shown in illustrations.

With about 24,000 feet of frontages already existing to the Farnham Road and good subsidiary roads, besides a frontage of 5,000 feet to the Hog's Back itself, the estate is admirably suited for development as a Garden Village.

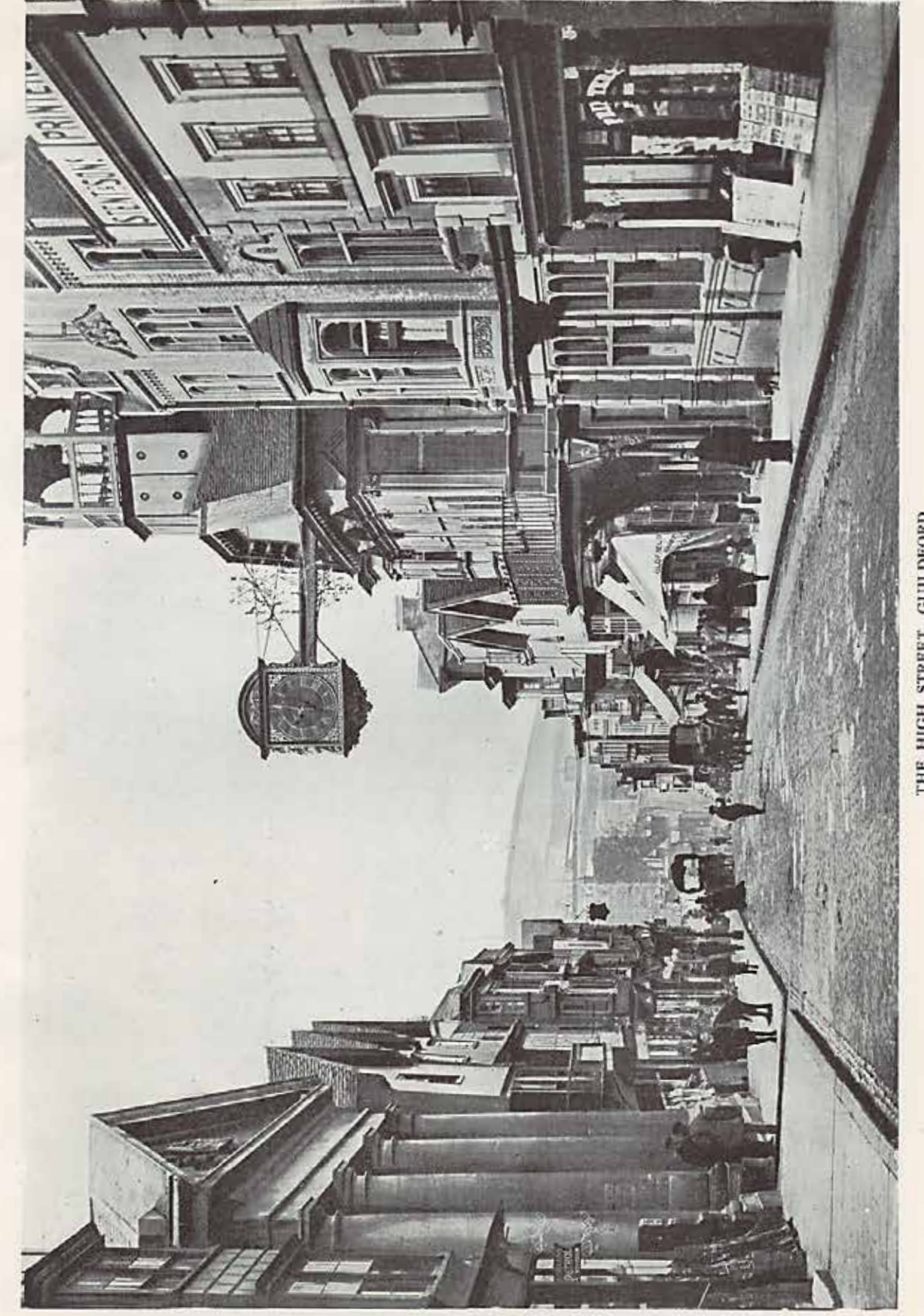
The estate is under a mile of Guildford Railway Station (Central). Guildford is within 30 miles of London, and is served by the London & South-Western Railway, the South-Eastern & Chatham and the London, Brighton & South Coast Railway. An admirable service is maintained, and there are several non-stop trains to and from London, schedule time for the journey being 43 minutes. In addition, there are good prospects of a further improved service, as the following extract indicates:—

ELECTRIFICATION.—"The speech of the Chairman of the London and South-Western Railway Company at the meeting of shareholders last Friday gives ground for hope that the electrification of the new line as far as Guildford will shortly be taken in hand. Towards the close of his speech Brig-Gen. Drummond said:—

We are also considering the question of extending our electrification to cover the Cobham and Leatherhead lines as far as Guildford. The estimated cost of this, including the necessary coaches, is about £750,000, or about three times what it would have cost at pre-war prices. Notwithstanding these items, the advantages of an electrified service are so pronounced that we shall have no hesitation in giving an order for the work to proceed."—*Surrey Advertiser*, 25th February, 1920.

Along the northern side of the estate runs a branch line of the London & South-Western and South-Eastern Railways to Farnham, Aldershot and Reading. This line is hidden from view by a belt of trees. It is intended to provide a siding and eventually a railway station.

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THE HIGH STREET, GUILDFORD (Mark X shows the Eastern Boundary of the Estate)

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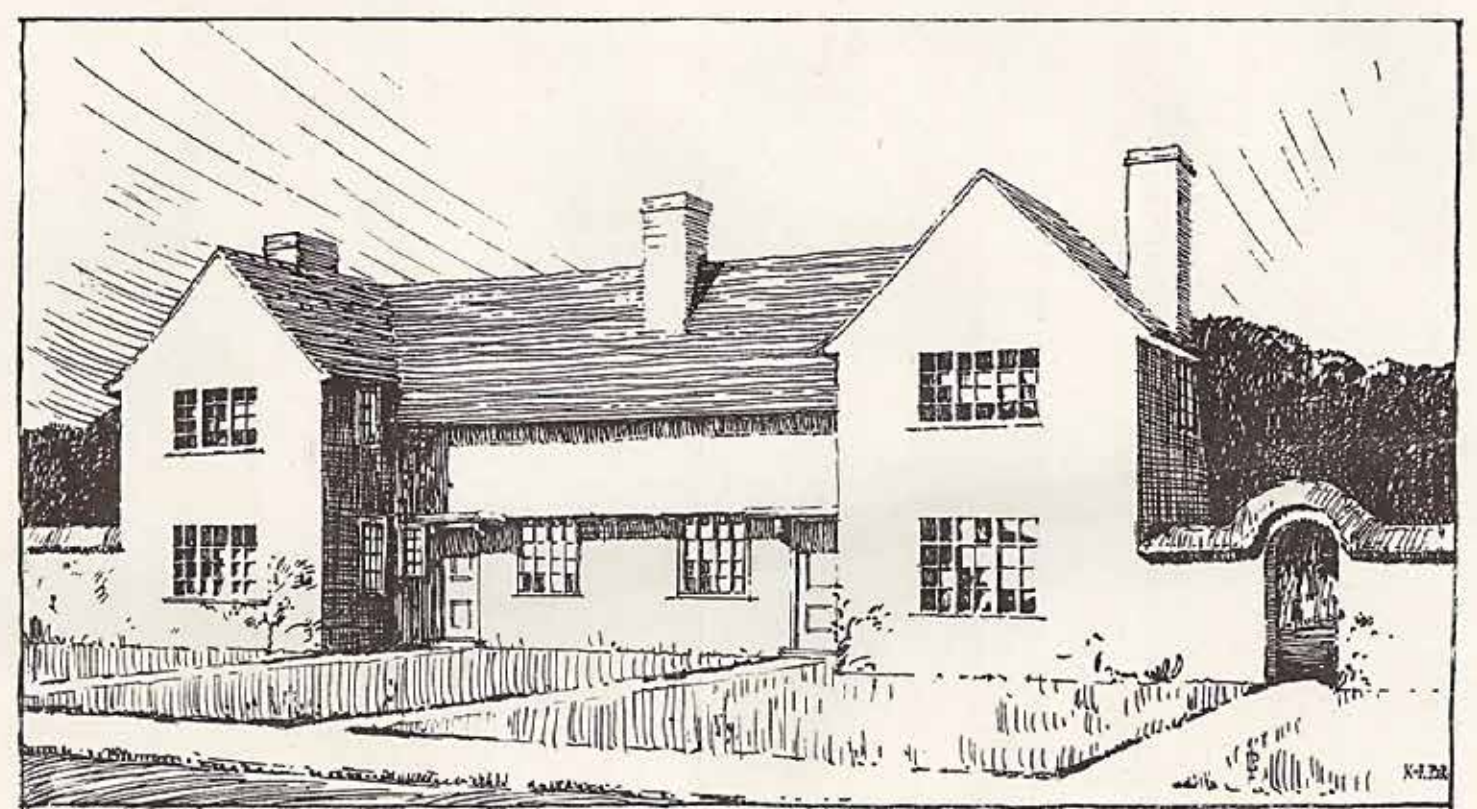
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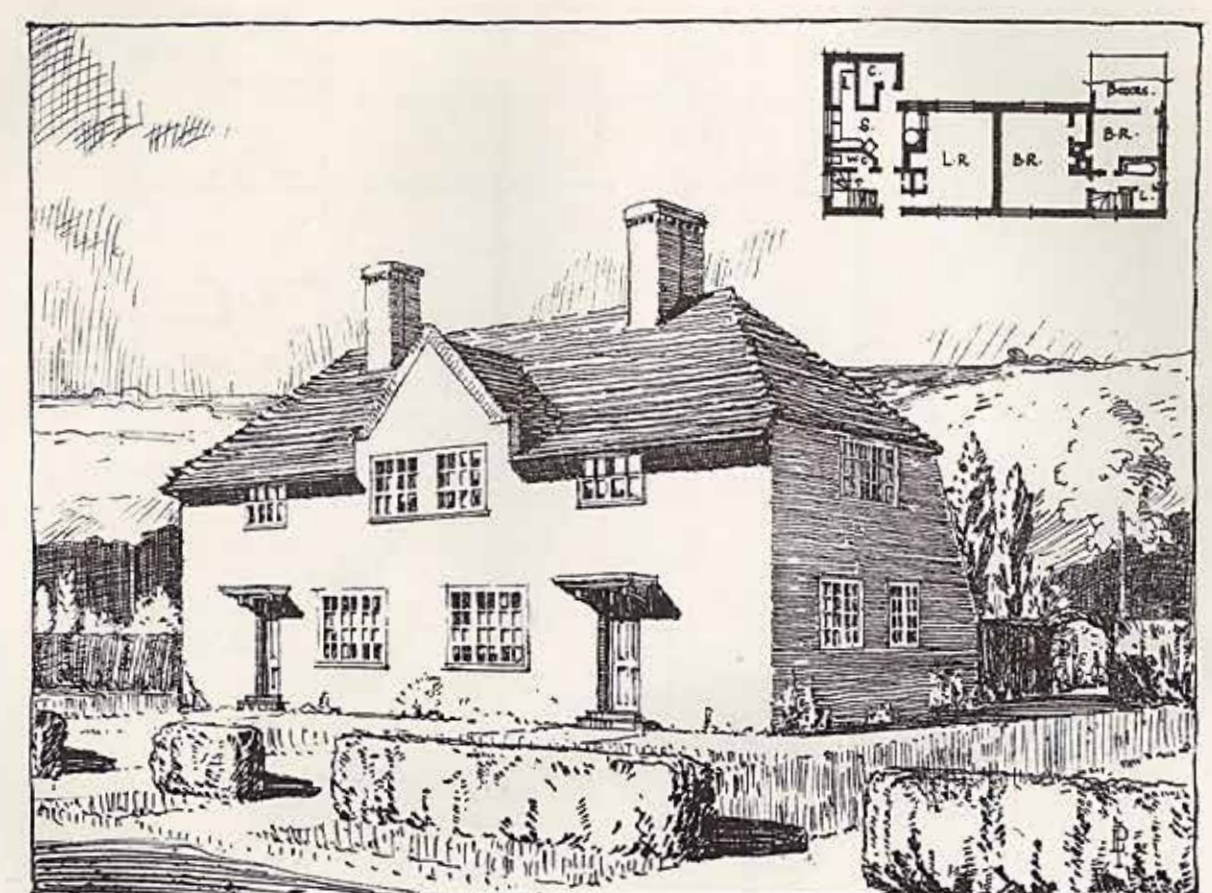
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PERSPECTIVE OF PARLOUR TYPE WITH THREE BEDROOMS



PERSPECTIVE VIEW AND PLAN (TWO BEDROOMS, LIVING ROOM AND SCULLERY)

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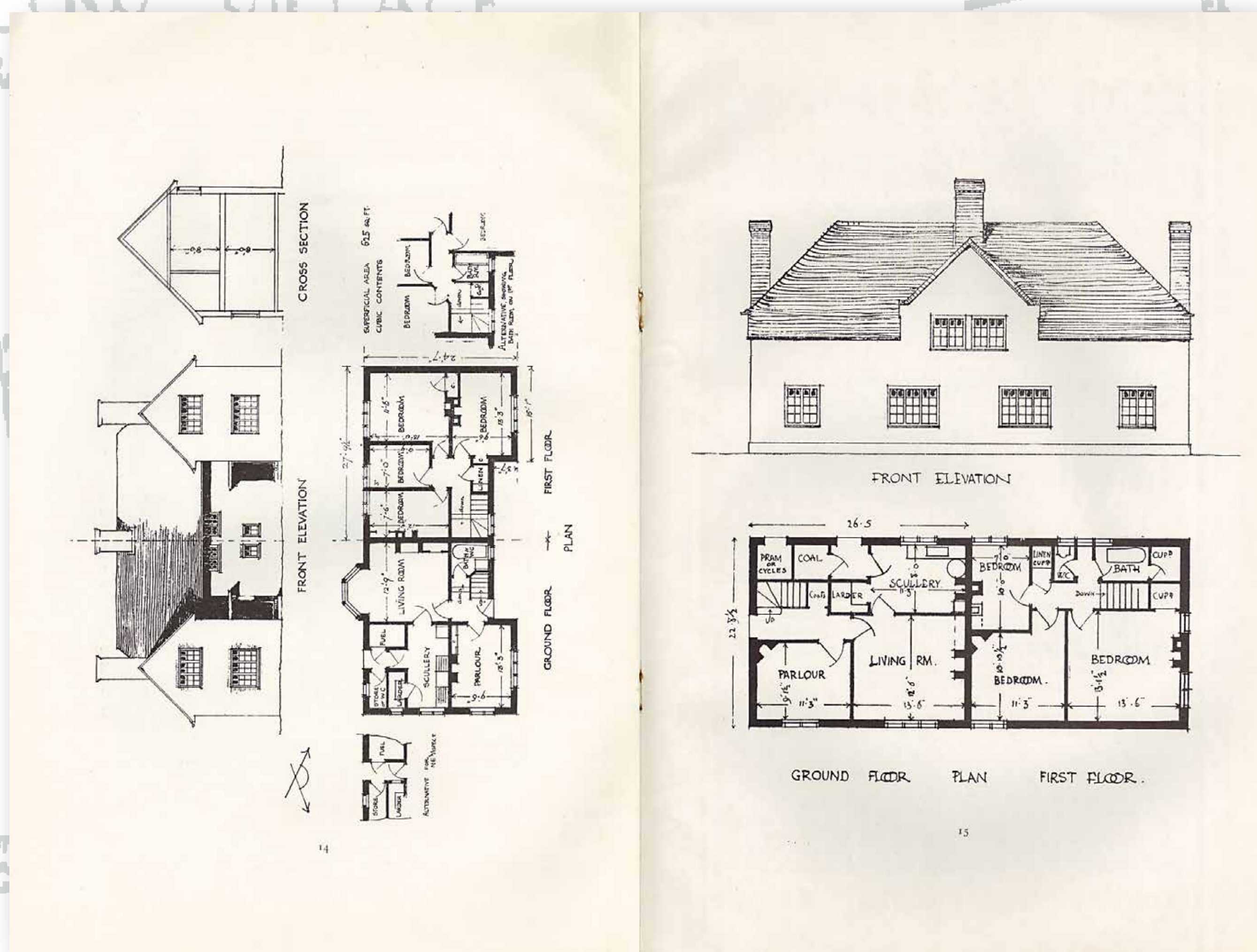
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CONTOUR LINES 10'0" VERTICAL
HOUSE 15 TO THE ACRES

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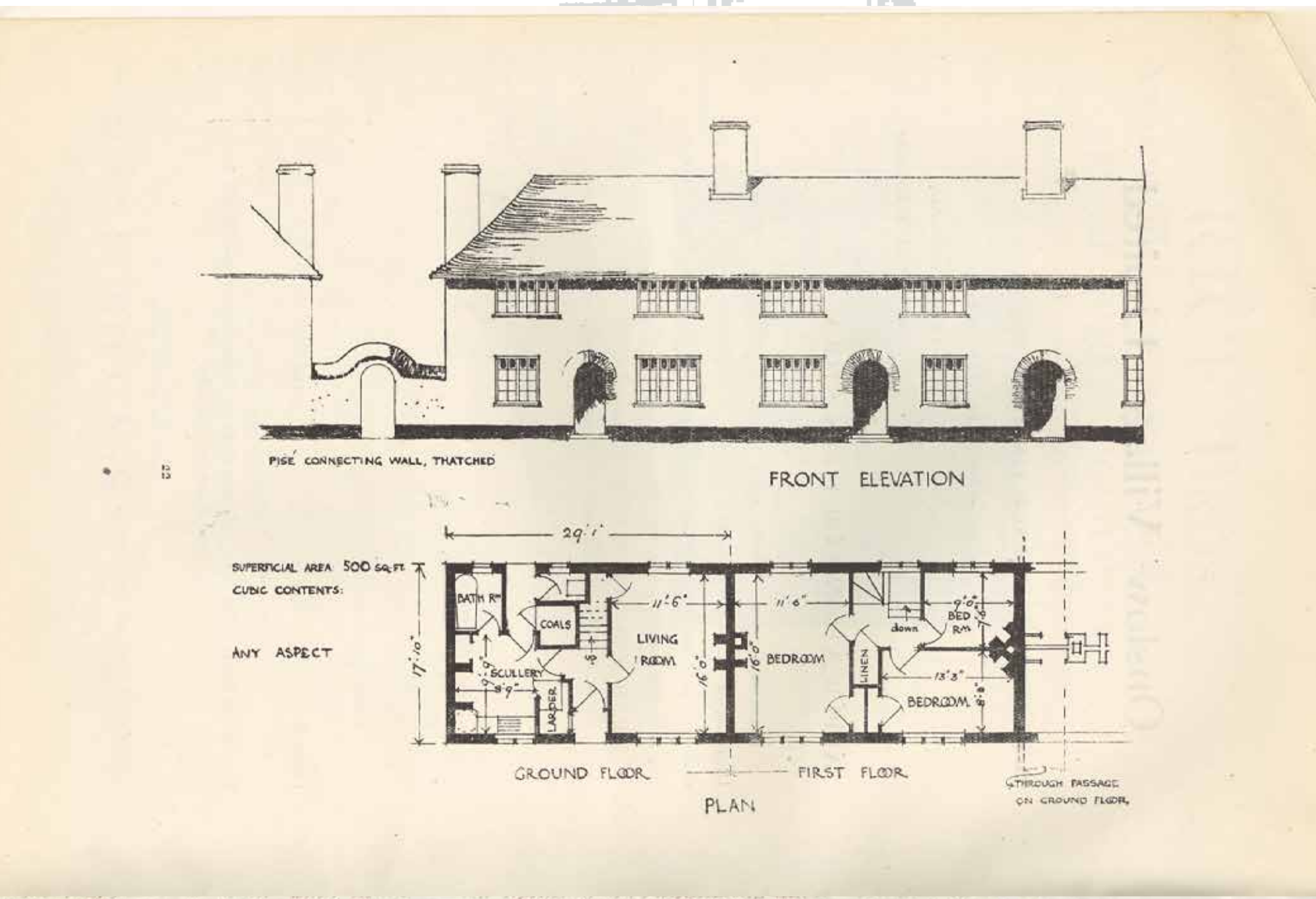
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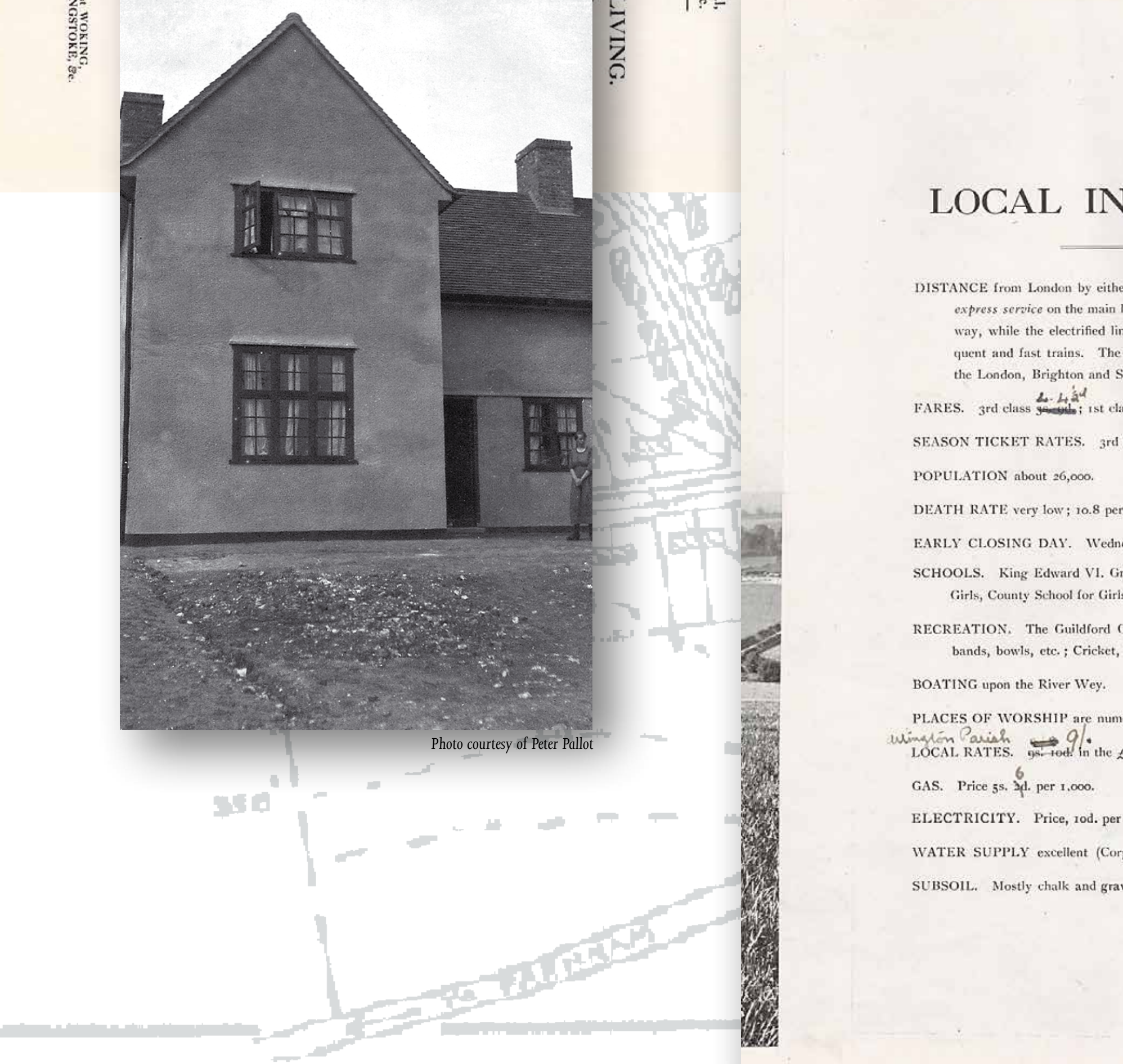
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GUILDFORD & DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY, LTD.

Central Offices: HAYDON PLACE, GUILDFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

Memberships: 4,300

Capital (1919): £63,152

Reserves (1919): £11,000

Interest on Capital: 4% per cent. per annum

Returned to Members during 1919 as Dividend: 1s. 6d. on £1 with the Society.

We can supply and deliver to the Residents of the Onslow Village all their requirements at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE combined with the HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY.

General and Provisional Agents:-
Grocery and Provisional, Departmental, Confectionery, Coal, Hardware, Drapery, Outfitting, Boots, Furnishings, etc., etc.

JOIN THE SOCIETY

PERMANENT REDUCTION IN THE COST OF LIVING.

Full particulars of Membership from the Secretary at the Office.

LOCAL INFORMATION

DISTANCE from London by either road or rail is well under 30 miles, with express service on the main line of the London and South-Western Railway, while the electrified line (Waterloo to Claygate) also affords frequent and fast trains. The South-Eastern and Chatham Railway and the London, Brighton and South-Coast Railway also serve the town.

FARES: 3rd class 2s. 6d.; 1st class, 7s. 6d.

SEASON TICKET RATES: 3rd class, £5/10/5; 1st class, £12/10/0

POPULATION about 26,000.

DEATH RATE very low; 10.8 per 1,000.

EARLY CLOSING DAY: Wednesday.

SCHOOLS: King Edward VI. Grammar School, Guildford High School for Girls, County School for Girls, and many others.

RECREATION: The Guildford Golf Club; Castle Pleasure Grounds, with bands, bowls, etc.; Cricket, Football and Tennis Clubs.

BOATING upon the River Wey.

PLACES OF WORSHIP are numerous and of the various denominations.

LOCAL RATES: 9s. 10d. in the £; Water Rate, 1/- in the £.

GAS: Price 5s. 6d. per 1,000.

ELECTRICITY: Price, 10d. per unit.

WATER SUPPLY excellent (Corporation Works).

SUBSOIL: Mostly chalk and gravel.

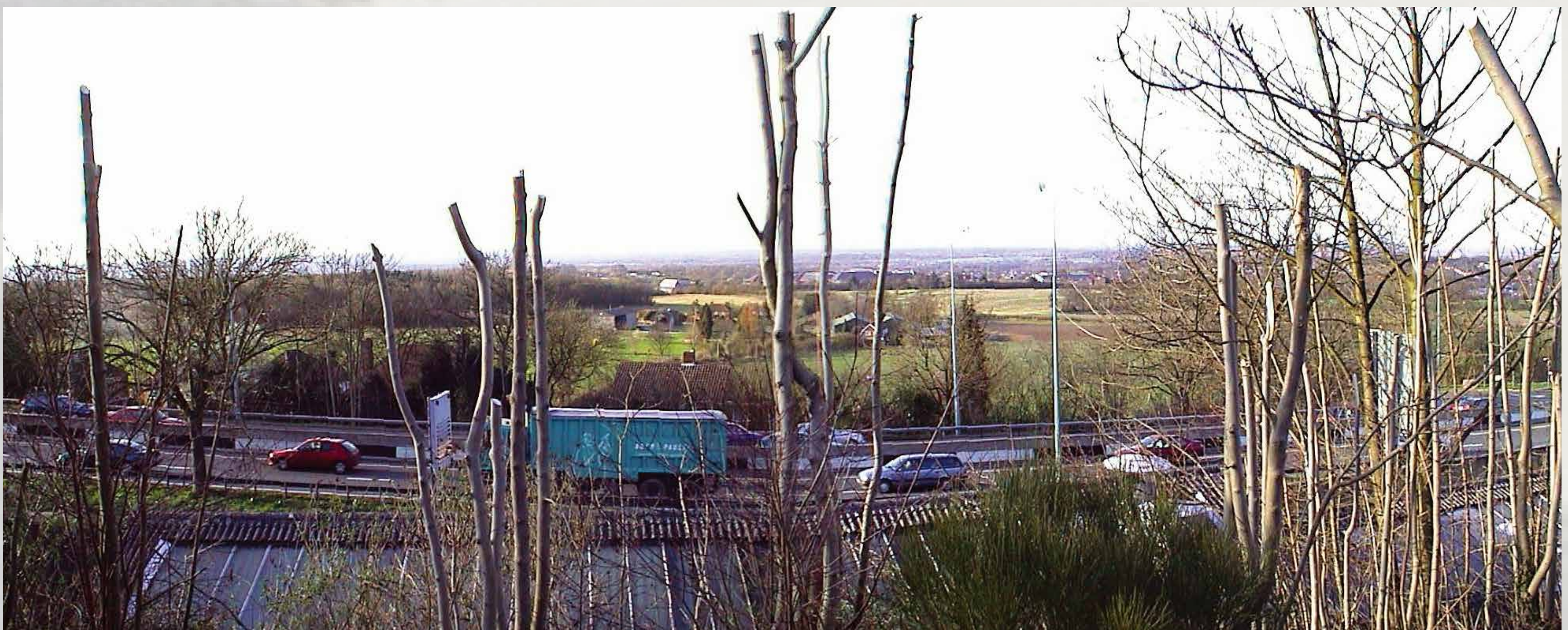
House Types

It is difficult at all times, within the narrow limits imposed by the size and the allowable cost of a working man's house, to produce a satisfactory design without sacrificing any of the ideals with which one sets out. At the present time stress the business resolves itself more and more into a question of compromise, and the weighing of one sacrifice against another, and there is all too much reason to fear that many of the houses now being erected in England will fall short of what would a few years ago have been considered the very lowest allowable standard both as regards planning and construction—considerations of appearance have, in the case of most housing schemes, been thrown overboard long ago; but whatever the immediate difficulties arising from present prices, departmental control, and the like, it is essential that the standard of house plans should be abreast of the standard of public opinion.

One of the most noticeable advances which has been made in the planning of workmen's houses during the last few years has been in the provision and arrangement of baths and sanitary fittings, and there has been an increasing appreciation of the fact that the standards applicable to the working man's house are not, in essentials, different from those insisted on in the case of ordinary middle-class houses. The Onslow Village type plans are intended to mark a definite step forward in this respect—the step which follows surely and inevitably from the progress already made. There will still be difference of opinion as to the position, upstairs or down, of the various sanitary appliances, but this must in any case be such that they can be reached easily and directly at all times, from all points of the house. No position will ever be found which, applied to a large number of houses, would satisfy the tenants in every case.

The question of the parlour may now be regarded as settled, and parlours are included in nearly all the houses; a few non-parlour types being designed to meet special cases. The present centre of controversy is the relative use of the kitchen (or living room) and scullery, and the experts (i.e., the housewives) are so divided upon the point that it is difficult to deduce a definite opinion. While there is a strong feeling that all work should be relegated so far as possible to a kitchen-scullery, leaving the living room free and comfortable, it is in the living room that a fire is most needed when only one can be kept up. In the present plans the sculleries contain gas cookers (with, in many cases, a service hatch to the living room), and the convenient arrangement of closely-grouped parts—sink, copper, larder, coal store, etc.—has been carefully studied.

The exteriors of the houses will be simply treated in brick (with or without rough-cast), and the roofs; and experimental tests of soil for pise-de-terre will be started at an early stage. If these are successful it is hoped to use this method for building bungalows and connecting walls, etc., and Onslow Village may thus be the first to use it on any large scale, which would be very appropriate as the revival of pise building started in the Guildford district.



The view across the A3 to Manor Farm

Photo courtesy of Simon Harvey Williams



Crossways

Photo courtesy of Simon de Kretser



Farm Walk

Photo courtesy of Simon de Kretser

Wilderness Road

Photo courtesy of Marian de Kretser



Wilderness Farm

Photo courtesy of Simon Harvey Williams



The Arboretum



The loss of our local Post Office



The Jubilee Gardens



The University development at Manor Farm



Resident's Parking



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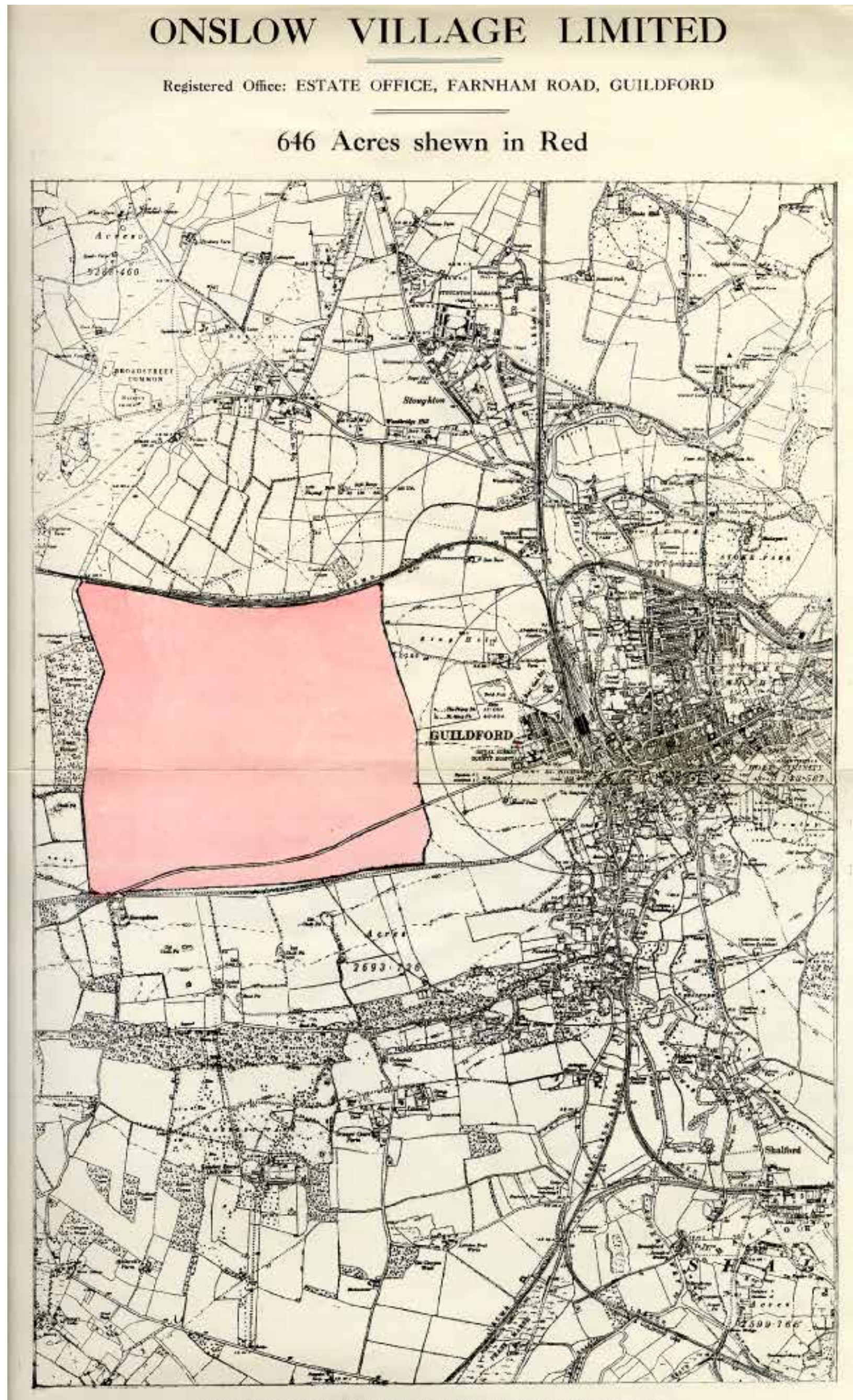
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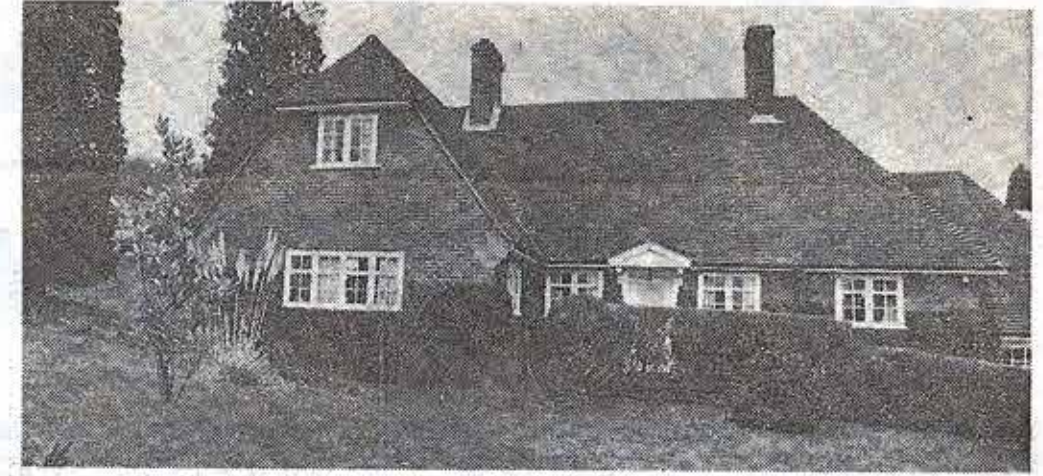


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ONSLow Mail Exclusive on the fortune that split a village

Mr Hurdle gets his £60,000 house... for just £7,000!



BILL HURDLE is a happy man. An astounding piece of good fortune means that he can buy his £60,000 home in a picturesque village by finding just £7,000. And he could share in a £2 million bonanza into the bargain.

Mr Hurdle is not alone in his luck... 250 other tenants in the Surrey village of Onslow, near Guildford, are being given the chance to buy their homes at a third of the market price. All will receive £13,000 in cash to help them on their way. All could share in the £2 million sale of surrounding land.

The company which owns the houses is being sold up and under its rules everything belongs to the tenants, some of whom pay only peppercorn rents of £20 a month for three-bedroom houses.

All 271 are shareholders in the firm, Onslow Village Ltd. They can trace their luck back to 1939 when it was set up by local philanthropists to provide accommodation for troops from World War I under the Homes for Heroes campaign.

Yet for more than 40 years, nobody realised that if the company was wound up, the property and the land belonged not, as usual, to a trust but to the tenants.

Benefit

Mr Hurdle, the chairman, said: "We certainly hadn't expected this when we thought of dissolving the company. We feared then that Government legislation giving council tenants the right to buy their property could soon apply to us so we decided to do it under our own terms."

"When we realised what it all meant to everyone it staggered us. We told every tenant it was Father Christmas calling early. They could hardly believe it."

"Within 14 days we had the necessary 75 per cent of tenants agreeing to sell up the company."

The terms for selling to tenants are similar to those under which long-term council tenants can purchase their homes for 40 per cent of the market price.

Mr Hurdle, former deputy chief auditor of Surrey, will be able to buy his £60,000, three-bedroom house for around £20,000. But he will have to find only £7,000 of the £23,000 for like all the other tenants he will receive £13,000 from the sale of shares in Onslow Village Ltd.

Trevor Barnes, vice chairman, explained: "All the village butchers, slaters, which you had to buy before moving into your property in case you left without paying bills."

"They were only £1 shares, and nobody expected them to be worth anything more. So it came as quite a surprise to learn that each share was worth £130 if the company was wound up. That is £23,000 for each of us from nowhere."

"My £60,000 home has been offered to me at £13,000 as a sitting tenant — so with the £13,000 from the shares, I am paying very little."

The property in Onslow's super sale ranges from small terrace houses to bungalows and semi-detached cottages and detached four-bedroom houses in expansive grounds.

Retired sub-postmaster, Geoffrey Fleming intends to buy his £60,000 three-bedroom home in Bannisters Road for around what he receives



The homes fit for war heroes

Although originally intended as homes for ex-servicemen, with low rents as a thank-you for serving their country, other tenants later replace them. Onslow Village Ltd has valued its properties at £2.2 million, but that is only the sitting-tenant value. On the open market they could be worth £10 million.

For his shares in the company. "It's wonderful," he said.

But not everyone in the village is so happy. People who own their own homes and will not benefit from the company being wound up fear that the tenants will sell off land for development that will change the quiet village into a sprawling housing estate.

Land sales could bring the tenants £2 million. Three development companies have already offered up to £200,000 for waste land on the edge of the village, and the village hall and its car park, owned by the company, could bring £200,000.

Old company executive Eric Boudes is furious about the winding-up. "I think the whole sale is immoral, inequitable, inappropriate and unnecessary," he said. "Town houses worth £200,000 could be built where a row of ten garages now stand and there is a vast area in front of those also for sale."

Handyman Mary Gilding said: "This used to be a quiet, sleepy place and we don't want it to change. Development could bring the value of the village right down."

The luckiest man in the village is the tenant who moved in only last year. He can now buy his three-bedroom, £60,000 house at a knock-down price. "I call it lucky for some, unlucky for others," he said.



Onslow village: A sleepy place now but for how long?

The village hall: Will it be sold for housing?

Pictures: DAVID CRUMP

old on Sambo stories

LEADING publishing on yesterday defended its decision to continue issuing an controversial children's stories of Little Black Sambo.

Bodley Head, which rejects claims that the stories by Helen Bannerman are racist, is even advertising a special edition of the book featuring a cut-out model of Sambo.

London headmaster Robert Brunning—whose LEA bosses have asked that the stories be removed from school shelves—claimed: "When teachers are trying to reinforce the positive image of black people it is not very helpful to have that kind of thing around."

But an assistant editor at Bodley Head said: "Helen Bannerman loved black people and when the stories were written they weren't in any way derogatory."

Blind man dog ban

A BLIND man of 72 is being deprived of the only companion he wants—a dog.

Bert Hart moved into an elderly people's complex in Castle Point, near Southend, three years ago with his dog, Bob, but the pet died. He wants another dog but the council says that although someone can take a pet into the complex, they cannot re-

place it. Mr Hart said: "I never married and my only real companion has been my dog. Now Bob has gone and I am forced to spend a life in dark solitude."

Housing committee chairman Mrs Grace Howard said: "We feel sympathy but we have to think of the other folk in the complex who are also infirm. Other people's pets could be a source of danger."

Pop boy loses a hand

A TEENAGE guitarist had his left hand blown off when he let off a flare while rehearsing with a pop group.

Police said 18-year-old David Sullivan, from Millbrook, Southampton, also lost the thumb of his right hand and may have been blinded. Last night he was in a hospital burns unit recovering after surgery.

The accident happened on Saturday night while David was rehearsing with the group Die in a Venture Sound but he found some flares upstairs in the hut and said he was going to let one off to see if they could be used for stage effects. He went outside and minutes later they heard him screaming and found him badly injured.

FOR SALE FREEHOLD
Substantial Well-built Houses
VICARAGE GATE, ONSLOW VILLAGE : GUILDFORD.
Within half-a-mile of Guildford Station on the Southern Electric Railway.

The accommodation comprises—

GROUND FLOOR:	FIRST FLOOR:
Entrance Hall, 11ft. x 6ft.	Bedroom No. 1, 18ft. 5in. x 11ft.
Through Dining Room, 21ft. 3in. x 12ft. with French Window to Garden.	Bedroom No. 2, 17ft. x 11ft. 7in.
Drawing Room, 14ft. x 11ft. 8in. (excluding bay).	Bedroom No. 3, 12ft. x 10ft.
Kitchen, 14ft. x 9ft. 3in., fitted with "Ideal" Boiler for heating bath, and sink.	Bedroom No. 4, 9ft. 3in. x 9ft. 3in.
Larder, Cools and W.C.	Bathroom fitted with porcelain bath and lavatory basin, separate W.C.
	Large Plots, 5ft. 6in. double-boarded fencing. Gravel carriage drives to garages, oak gates.

No ROAD OR SEWER CHARGES
Brick and Tiled Garage, 15ft. by 9ft. 6in.

PRICE FREEHOLD—Semi-detached - £1,350
Detached - £1,400

For further particulars apply to— **ONSLow VILLAGE LTD.,**
Estate Office, Farnham Road, Guildford.
Telephone No. Guildford 642.



DISTINCTIVE & COUNTRY HOMES
HALIFAX

Assessment for Rates—£56 per annum.
Rates 8s. in £. Water Rate 5%.
Electric Light 4d. per unit. Gas 9d.
Main Drainage : : Gravel Subsoil.
Quarterly season to Waterloo £7 0s. 6d.

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The price includes stoves, tiled hearths and surrounds, mantels, electric bells, internal electric wiring to points, but excluding lamps and shades.