

School History 1935

In the early part of 1935 the Prime Minister was Ramsay MacDonald, and one in five working men in Britain were out of a job. King George V and his consort Queen Mary had been on the throne since 1910.

The fourteenth year of the School's existence saw the number of its pupils approaching the limit of its capacity to accommodate them. When requested to provide increased facilities, the West Riding Education Committee through its Director, Mr. J.H. Hallam, stated that the Authority's programme of capital works to be undertaken for 1935-36 had already been drawn up, and therefore nothing could be done. There were more urgent needs at the other schools in the area. In the event of the Governors finding it impossible to admit all the new pupils forming the next year's intake (in September) it was suggested that perhaps scholarship holders from certain townships presently in the School's catchment area be diverted to other schools in the neighbourhood. This was a firm refusal to help, with an added caveat that numbers would be reduced in preference to easing the problem with further expenditure. Once again it seemed that the loss of Ald. Price as the school's champion in higher places was being experienced.

School Calendar Jan-Apr 1935 (from the School Magazine No 32, Autumn Term 1934)

Jan. 9th (Wed.) Term Begins.
Jan. 28th Marks and Orders.
Feb. 14th Inter-House Dramatic Competition
Feb. 15th General Knowledge Examination.
Feb. 18th Mid-Term Holiday.
Feb. 19th Marks and Orders.
Feb. 19th - 27th Forms VI and V Test Examination.
Mar. 18th Marks and Orders
Mar. 20th - 21st Staff Play
Mar. 28th. Pontefract Choir Competitions.
Apr. 1st - 2nd Inter-House Music Competitions.
Apr. 5th Term ends.

Milk Rations – A One Act Play

The scene: A Governors' Meeting at the School early in 1935.

Coun. G. Cooper: – “Headmaster, in your opinion are all the children in the School who are in need of milk actually receiving it whether they are able to pay for it or not?”

Headmaster: - “Since this matter was last discussed by the Governors, the County Authority has instructed that all children who are in receipt of a maintenance grant should receive school milk free of charge. That instruction is now being carried out, and there are now 121 children drinking free milk, and 72 children paying for milk. This is a large increase on previous numbers.”

Coun. G. Cooper: - “In view of the lack of medical evidence, are you satisfied that all the children who need milk are receiving it?”

Headmaster: - “Yes, I think that all the children who might want milk and cannot afford to pay for it are being dealt with under the maintenance grants.”

Coun. A.S. Madeley: - “Do you decide who is to have school milk or not?”

Headmaster: - “It is not left to my discretion to issue milk to children whom I might think are in need of it.”

The general agreement: - The system now in operation should be continued, and a record be made of this decision by the Clerk, Mr. Charles Crossley.

The supply of milk to the pupils at HGS was part of a fairly new national phenomenon about which the Hemsworth participants in its issue were ill at ease and without any firm guidance as to their roles. The Headmaster evidently was reluctant to accept the sole responsibility of selecting those who should receive free school milk, and it is not made clear in the records as to who should have had the final say in the matter. Mr. Jenkinson had written a letter of request to the Education Authority asking if an additional maid might be employed at the school owing to the extra work entailed by the serving of milk to the students. This request was firmly denied, with Mr. J.H. Hallam pointing out that far more children in the elementary schools received milk, and the work there was carried out without extra assistance. Mr. Jenkinson was reluctant to take the members of his Staff from their duties in order to serve out milk to the children, and in addition claimed that the work of the elementary schools would suffer if their members of staff had to serve milk to the children. These were the days before supermarkets and serve- yourself selections, when adults still felt obliged to be in charge of the distribution of the bottles of milk.

“Fat King Melon and Princess Caraway”

As soon as the new term of 1935 had begun on January 9th, rehearsals started for the House Drama Competitions. The test production was “Fat King Melon and Princess Caraway” by A.P. Herbert. Dr. Pyecroft very kindly consented to be the adjudicator. Holgate, produced by V. Rowley, was an easy first, and Talbot fourth.

School Hockey

On January 26th was played the most exciting match of the term against Ackworth 1st X1 through a blizzard of blinding sleet and snow. The result was a draw of one goal each. The game between the Second teams was abandoned after play had been in progress for 30 minutes.

Blizzard Helps Old Wathonians.....

At the end of January 1935 the Old Wathonians Rugby team did well in beating the Old Hilmians at Hemsworth by three tries and a dropped goal to nil. The home team had to face the elements for the first 20 minutes, and during this period Wath scored two tries. Conditions improved in the second half but the ground resembled a quagmire. The Wath forwards gave a smart display, and late in the game the visitors increased their score with another try.

..but not their School team....

The School Rugby team also played Wath G.S. at home on the same day, but with a better result. Wath G.S. lost by 14 points to 3. They were soon on the defensive, having to face a semi-blizzard. Line outs were impossible owing to the high wind, and so scrummages were preferred, and in these Wath were outclassed. The Hemsworth threequarters had more of the ball, and the winger went over near the corner for an unconverted try. A forward rush carried the ball over the Wath line for Eric Heath to convert, and another unconverted try came before the interval. Hemsworth had a decided advantage in the scrum, and as a result Kenneth Croft scored another unconverted try. Wath took play into the home half, and a smart piece of work took them over the line. Hemsworth had the better of the subsequent play, and Croft just failed to increase the score.

Old Hilmian’s Rugby

The team for the next Old Hilmian’s Rugby away game, which was a match v Doncaster ‘A’ team in the first week of February 1935, was selected from: J.N. Thorpe, A. Thorpe, H. Sugden, J. Sugden, Ken Brewin, Len Brewin, Eric Whittle, Parker, Warner, William Kirk, Harrison, Potts, James Keenan, George Wainwright, Baxter and Barker. When the game was played, the Old Hilmians won by 5 points to 3 despite Doncaster being the bigger set and pressing strongly in the opening stages. Sugden was outstanding in defence. After the interval Doncaster scored an unconverted try, and ten minutes before the end Wainwright scored a try which was converted by Henry Sugden to give Hemsworth victory. Wainwright played well forward and Senior was a fast stand-off for the winners.

Building on this good result, the Old Hilmians trounced Sandal’s ‘B’ team by 37 points to nil one week later at Hemsworth. From the first minute, when Cyril Teale made a good run and beat three men to score a try which was converted by Eric Heath, Hemsworth dominated the game. Possession came from most of the scrums. The threequarters handled well, and crossed over with a lead of 21 points. Barker, Ken Brewin, James Keenan and Wainwright scored tries, converted by Heath. Sandal came more into the picture in the second half, and there were several scrums on the Hemsworth line, but further tries came from Weaver, Cyril Teale and Heath(2) with Sugden and James Keenan converting.

Wainwright played a good game among the Hemsworth forwards and Teale and Heath among the backs.

During February 1935, while the Rugby players of HGS endeavoured to prevail, in Nazi Germany, Adolph Hitler ordered reinstatement of the air force, the Luftwaffe, in violation of the 1919 Treaty of Versailles. Conversely, in England, the first demonstration of the use of radar to detect aircraft was being made in Daventry by Robert Watson-Watt.

Diphtheria

An acute bacterial infection which affects the tonsils, pharynx, larynx, nose and skin, and produces a thick membrane. The name of the disease is derived from the Greek diphtheria, meaning leather hide. In England and Wales during the 1930’s diphtheria was among the top three causes of death for children under 15 years of age. In February 1935 an HGS student from Upton died from this disease.

Single Women Preferred

At a Governors’ meeting early in 1935, Councillor A. Richards raised the question of the appointment of married women on the domestic staff at the school in preference to single women. This referred to the dinner ladies and cleaners who, unlike the female members of the teaching Staff, presumably did not have a high profile champion such as Lady Mabel Smith to defend the right of married women to work. Indeed, in their deliberations, the Governors seemed quite able to overlook their employment of Mrs. Manning, the caretaker’s wife on their married domestic staff, without whom there would have been no catering at HGS. The general agreement after discussion was that in future, “*all things being equal*” single women should be given the posts. Such was the convenient middle way.

New Boys' Conveniences

In the first week of March 1935 it was announced in the local newspapers that the County Council had approved an estimate of £650.00.00 for the building of a new block of boys' conveniences at the school.

Teachers Meet in the Library – Friday 8th March 1935

The fine-sounding organisation named '*the Pontefract and District Branch of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters in Secondary Schools*' held a meeting at the School at which Mr. P.L. Delaney of Castleford presided. The schools represented were Ackworth, Castleford, Drax, Goole, Hemsworth, Normanton, Pontefract, Thornes House and Wakefield. Important educational items discussed included the over-specialisation in the Higher School Certificate Examination and certain aspects of play productions in schools.

A grant of five guineas (£5.25) was voted in aid of the funds of the British Committee **for the relief of German teachers**. No mention was made of why the German teachers needed the relief of funds from their Yorkshire counterparts, and with hindsight it seems ironic that the well-meaning Staff members of local Yorkshire schools were sending money to a Germany that was at that very time re-arming at a headlong rate and within four years would be dropping bombs on those same schools.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. A.G. Jenkinson M.A. J.P. the Headmaster of Hemsworth Grammar School for his kindness in allowing the use of the School Library for the meeting. Refreshments were served to the members in the Dining Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Manning, the School caretakers.

Might it be assumed that one of the general topics of conversation during this meeting was the success of Malcolm Campbell on the previous day? He had broken the world land speed record in his Bluebird car at Daytona Beach, Florida, at a speed of 276.71 miles per hour, and six months later, in September 1935 was to repeat this achievement at a speed of 301.337mph.

School v Old Hilmians

To round off the Rugby season the School team played the Old Hilmians at the end of March 1935 and avenged their defeat of earlier in the season by beating them by three points to nil in this return match. The Hilmians got the ball out of the scrums better than the school, but the threequarters' handling was poor and there were too many forward passes. Near the interval the school gained the lead through an unconverted try. The second half was keenly contested, and although the school did most of the attacking they could not increase their score. Ken Croft made good runs on the Hilmians' wing, and the kicking of Eric Heath was a feature along with good play from Walsh and George Duckett.

Weather Vane and Lightning Conductor

In March 1935 the Governors decided to request the installation of a weather vane and lightning conductor for the roof of the School.

The Silver Jubilee

In connection with the celebrations of King George V's 25 - year reign, it was decided by the County Authority that each pupil over 11 years of age should receive a present of a fountain pen, and children under 11 years would receive a propelling pencil. Two days' holiday were granted by the West Riding.

8,000 Pairs of Boots

At a meeting of the Governors in March 1935 the discussion went as follows:

Coun. G. Cooper – "I understand that there is to be a distribution of 8,000 pairs of boots among necessitous children in the schools. As there are undoubtedly some such children among the County Minor Scholarship holders at Hemsworth, I hope the Headmaster and his Staff will see to it that they are not overlooked in this connection."
(To the Headmaster) – Have you observed any children to be in need of boots?

The Headmaster – "I can't say that I have. What I have observed has been more about the clothing than boots."

Coun. Potts – "I have no doubt that parents will make sacrifices to send their children decently clad to school."

Coun. A. Flavell (chairman) – "I agree that many parents would suffer hardship for the sake of the children attending the Grammar School more so than for children attending the elementary schools because they know they have to mix with a different class of children."

It was generally agreed that the Headmaster would put in a claim for boots for any necessitous pupils at the School.

Governors' Annual Meeting

On the motion of Mrs. Dooley, seconded by Coun. J. Potts, Coun. A. Flavell C.C. J.P. was re-elected chairman. For the vice-chairmanship, Coun. Potts was proposed by Mrs. Guest and seconded by Coun. S. Fieldhouse, and Mrs. Dooley was moved by Coun. E. Nettleton and seconded by Coun. B.A. Ellis. By four votes to two Coun. Potts received the appointment.

Accounts relating to the Dinner Fund:

Year ended 31st March 1935 – a profit of £43.16s.2d. Surplus for the year - £156.4s.1d Surplus for 1934 - £112.7s.11d

School Calendar Monday Apr 29th – July 1935

May 6 The King's Accession. Jubilee Holiday.
May 15 School Concert 7.30 p.m.
May 24 Empire Day.
May 27 Marks and Orders.
May 30 Ascension Day.
May 31 Inter-House Reading Competition.
June 3 The King's Birthday.
June 7-12 (inclusive) Whitsun Holiday.
June 17-21 School Examinations.
June 24 Marks and Orders.
June 26 Day Trip to Stratford-on-Avon (provisional)
June 28 School Cert. Art.
July 1 School Certificate and Higher School Cert. Examinations begin.
July 15 Marks and Orders.
July 17 Parents' Day.
July 24 Folk Dancing Display 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
July 26 Term Ends.
Sept. 18 (Wednesday) Autumn term begins

Miss Wright becomes Engaged

At the beginning of the Summer Term it became known that Miss Wright the Music Mistress had become engaged to the Rev. H.V. Saunderson, Curate at Hemsworth Parish Church.

Easter in Devon

On April 20th sixteen past and present girls had a week's holiday in Devon, organized and accompanied by Miss Griffiths, who was familiar with the county having previously worked there. Centred in Exeter, they visited Teignmouth, Sidmouth, Exmoor, Tiverton, Lynmouth, Plymouth, Torquay, Paignton, Brixham and Dartmoor. This trip seemed to be a female mirror version of the excursion of the previous year taken by eleven boys and arranged by Sir Henry Lunn Ltd's travel company.

The Civic Service

On Sunday, May 11th 1935, the Headmaster and some of the Staff represented the School at the Civic Service in Hemsworth Parish Church, when members of various Civic bodies attended. This was a revival of an old custom, and the first time the School had joined in such a gathering. According to the local press, the Academic dress of the HGS Staff lent a touch of colour to the sombre appearance of the other representatives, and it was understood that this gathering was to be a regular fixture for the future.

School Concert Wednesday May 15th

Miss Wright and all the performers created a successful evening's performance, especially with the debut of the Percussion Band, which created much amusement. The members of the Old Savilians' Orchestra opened the concert with an overture, 'The Merry Wives of Windsor'. There followed.....

'Fairest Isle.....sung by D.Healey

'Together', 'The Pedlar Song' 'Merlin's Apple Tree'.....Sung by the Girls' Choir accompanied by Miss Agnew, and conducted by Miss Wright.

A violin solo, 'Crocus'.....H. Walker

A dance performed by members of the Second Form

Three songs – 'Serenade', 'Impatience' and 'Conzonet Bohemian' sung by Miss Wright

Pianoforte solos by Hilda Noble and H.G. Clayton

Songs by D. Green and J. Senior

'The King's Men' and 'The Agincourt Song'.....The Boys' Choir

'Yorkshire Symphony'percussion by members of the Girls' and Boys' Choirs on triangles, paper combs and drums

'London Suite' and Elgar's setting of the National Anthemthe Orchestra.

The concert was a great success, enjoyed by all.

Inter House Reading Competition

Dr. C. Pyecroft was the adjudicator on Friday May 31st 1935. He complimented everyone on the improvement in reading within the School, and congratulated all those readers who took part in the final test – especially the Seniors, who were called upon to read a portion of the Board Meeting Speech from Galsworthy's "Strife" – a most difficult speech.

Results: Seniors – 1) Lorna Jagger 239 (Price)
2) D. Baxendale 220 (Talbot)
3) Lewis Firman 219 (Talbot)
Juniors - 1) J.B. Courtney 233 (Holgate)
2) George Jowett 223 (Holgate)
3) Hilda Noble 222 (Talbot)

Holgate came equal first with Talbot and Price took second place, leaving Guest fourth.

The Huddersfield Inter-School Sports June 5th 1935

Although the events were badly marred by the rain, the School managed to come second on the total number of points, and win the Junior Plaque. Competing schools were: Normanton, Penistone, Royds Hall, Elland and Hipperholme.

County Minor Scholarships – local successes in June

Cudworth – Clifford G. Andrews, Jack Gambles, John B. Blomfield, Gordon Race, Leslie Burgess, Frank Warrington, Dorothy Wilcock, Enid Sykes, Greta E. Wolfitt, Dorothy M. Kitchen, Mary Bellis

Brierley –with-Grimethorpe – Charles P. Hellewell, James A. O'Hara, Kathleen R. Young, Vera Blyth, Marion Hall

Shafton – Lewis Alderman, Gerald W. Marshall, Wesley Kenworthy, Kathleen Miles

This seems to be only a partial record of those 10 and 11year olds who had gained a place at HGS starting in the following September of 1935.

The Fourteenth Sports and Parents' Day, Wednesday, July 19th 1935

Four records were broken at the Hemsworth Grammar School Sports

Ideal weather and a record attendance helped to make the 14th annual sports and parents' day the biggest success for some years. Four new records were created. The best performance was by Ernest Sutton, who, running from scratch, lowered the record for the mile handicap from 5mins. 15.2 secs to 5mins.12 secs.

Blanche Eyre lowered the record for the 80 yards junior girls' race from 11.2 to 11 secs.

The Junior 100 yards record was lowered from 12.8 to 12.2 secs. by Cecil Perry, and the senior 440 yards from 60 secs to 58.2 secs. by Cutts.

**Price House won the Sports Cup with 112 ½ points. Talbot (55) were runners up.
Holgate (50) were third. Guest (40 ½) were last.**

The Sports Cup and Victor Ludorum Cups were presented by Mrs. A. Flavell, wife of Coun. A. Flavell, CC JP, Chairman of the Governors.

The Senior Victrix Ludorum was won by K. Fairs of Talbot House for the third year in succession with ten points.

The Junior Victrix Ludorum was won by Dorothy Green of Talbot House with 14 ½ points.

The Senior Victor Ludorum was won by Eric Heath, captain of Price House, with 23 points.

The Junior Victor Ludorum was won by Bernard Clifton of Holgate House with 10 ½ points.

All received medals.

In a brief speech, the Headmaster, Mr. Jenkinson, thanked his staff and the Governors for their kind assistance, and the parents for their attendance. Among those present were;

Coun. Flavell, Coun. Mrs. Dooley JP, Mrs. Guest, Mrs. Price, Councillors A. Richards, E. Nettleton, S. Fieldhouse and B.A. Ellis, and the Clerk to the Governors, Mr. Charles Crossley. The officials were:

PresidentMr. A.G. Jenkinson

Organisers.....Miss Harrison, Mr. Scourfield and Mr. Hyde.

Ground Manager...Mr. Hyde.

Recorder.....Mr. Collette.

Judges.....Miss Kenward, Miss Shortridge, Miss Wright, Mr. Crossland, Mr. Augur, and Mr. Storer.

Stewards.....the Governors and Staff. Starter.....Mr. Hughes.



Some of the parents and friends watching the 1935 Sports.

The school was open for inspection and the Assembly Hall was turned into a miniature Industries Fair, the work of the students being exhibited. Tea was served in the Dining Hall by Mrs. T. Manning, and the Frickley Colliery Band, conducted by Mr. N. Thorpe, played selections during the afternoon.

RESULTS: *(names have been augmented where possible)*

- 80yds , senior girls – (1) Edith Cooper (2) K. Fairs (3) Bessie Athron
 80yds middle girls – (1) Dorothy Green (2) Mary Cutts (3) Rita Needham
 80yds junior girls – (1) Blanche Eyre (2) Dorothy Holbrook (3) Irene Johnson **(new record 11 secs)**
- 100yds senior boys – (1) Eric Heath (2) Walker G.E. (3) George Howitt
 100yds middles boys – (1) Bernard Clifton (2) Hall (3) Turton
 100yds junior boys - (1) Cecil E. Perry (2) Alwynne Younge (3) Eastwood C.W. **(new record 12.2 secs)**
- Obstacle Race open boys – (1) Barraclough (2) Flowers (3) Roland Armitage
 Orange Race, open girls – (1) G. Redfern (2) Margaret Bower (3) B. Page
 120yds hurdles, boys U15 – (1) Bernard Clifton (2) Hall (3) Turton
 100yds hurdles, senior girls (1)Doris Hainsworth (2) K. Fairs (3) Kathleen Himsworth
 60yds hurdles, girls U15 - (1) Dorothy Green (2) G. Redfern (3) eq. Elsie Dawson and Rita Needham
 Sack Race, open boys - (1) Harry Walker (2) Hill (3) Ernest Pointon
 Sack Race, open girls - (1) Kathleen Himsworth (2) Rita Needham (3) Joyce Towler
- 220yds senior boys – (1) Eric Heath (2) George Duckett (3) Howitt F.N.
 220yds boys U15 - (1) Bernard Clifton (2) Hall (3) Turton
 220yds senior girls – (1) Edith Cooper (2) Bessie Athron (3) eq. J. Wardle and Margaret Hardy
 220yds girls U15 - (1) Dorothy Green (2) Mary Cutts (3) Blanche Eyre
- Skipping Race open girls – (1) Margaret Bower (2) Marion Jones (3) Blanche Eyre
 Bunny Race, girls under 4ft 9in – (1) Mary Wormald (2) B. Page (3) Blanche Eyre
 440yds senior boys (1) Cutts (2) Eric A Heath (3) Arthur M. Keeling **(new record 58.2 secs)**
 440yds boys U15 - (1) Duffy J. (2) Donald Batty (3) Underwood
- Obstacle Race open girls – (1) B. Page (2) Rita Needham (3) Margaret Bower
 3-legged race, open girls – (1) Mary Austin and A. Pritchard (2) Rita Needham and Marion Jones
 (3) eq. Mary Cutts and Elsie Dawson
- Throwing the Javelin – (1) Eric Heath (109ft, 7in.) (2) George Howitt (3) Flowers



*One mile Handicap open boys – (1) Ernest Sutton (2) Eric Rutter (3) eq. Denham & Hill
(new record 5 min 12 secs)*



July 19th. 1935

Eric Heath wins the House Relay for Price: (1) Price (2) Guest

Egg and Spoon race, open girls – (1) Blanche Eyre 2) A. Beaumont (3) M. Tyas
 Brothers and Sisters Race – 1st girl, T. Woodall 1st boy, Wreakes S.
 Band Race – (1) J. Whalley (tenor horn) (2) M. Whalley (cornet)
 Tug 'o War, boys – Price House beat Talbot House.
 Old Boys' Race won by Frank R. Smith

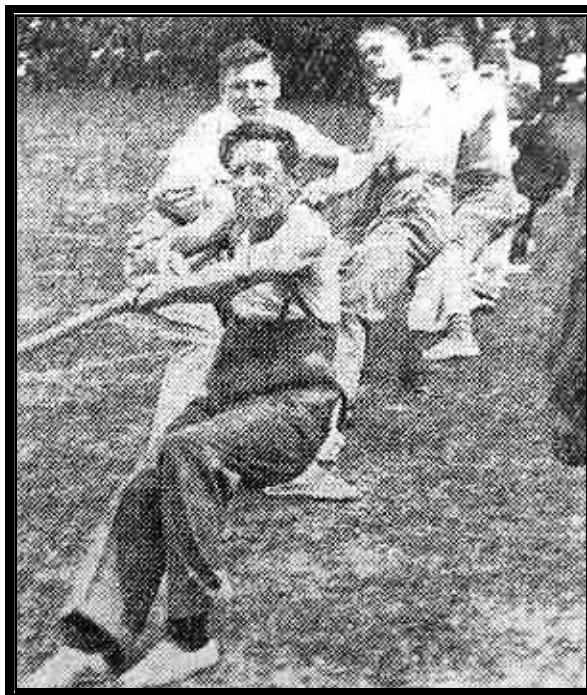
Long Jump, senior girls – (1) K. Fairs (2) Margaret Hardy (3) Mary Austin
 Long Jump girls U15 - (1) Dorothy Green (2) Hazel Hopes (3) Elsie Dawson 14ft 9 ½ in
 Long Jump senior boys - (1) Eric Heath (2) Beer (3) Walker G.E. 18ft 5 ½ in
 Long Jump boys U15 - (1) Collins D. (2) Turton (3) eq. Miles and Harry Smith 17ft 1in.

Throwing the Cricket ball, boys - (1) Cutts (2) George Howitt (3) Gleave 100yds 1ft.

High Jump senior girls - (1) K. Fairs (2) eq. K. Lawton and Kathleen Himsworth 4ft 6ins.
 High Jump girls U15 - (1) eq. Dorothy Green and G. Redfern (3) Mary Cutts
 High Jump senior boys - (1) Eric Heath (2) Cutts (3) eq. Beer and Scott 5ft 1 ½ in
 High Jump boys U15 - (1) Harry Smith (2) eq. Bernard Clifton and Butterwood 4ft 8ins.

Throwing the Discus open boys – (1) William Robinson (2) Eric Heath (3) Rex Gladwyn 80ft 0ins
 Putting the Shot open boys - (1) William Robinson (2) Thorpe (3) Eric Heath 38ft 7in.

Price Wins the Tug o' War



In the evening the annual cricket match between Boys and Parents and the Tennis match between Girls and Mothers were played, with the school teams winning in each case.

The Parents' Cricket team which was captained by Coun. A. Flavell, Chairman of the Governors, was defeated by three wickets. Hopkinson (24), Thorpe (20), and Duckitt (17) being top scorers.

The school Tennis team defeated the Parents by 44 games to 19. Scores:
 Doris Hainsworth and Betty Mulheir (school) beat Mrs. Wilson and Miss Austin 6-3 and Mrs. Heath and Miss Cook 7-2.
 May Madeley and Gertrude Ramsden (school) beat Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Cook 6-3; lost to Mrs. Wilson and Miss Austin 4-5; and beat Mrs. Austin and Miss Atkinson 8-1.
 Winifred Morley and Margaret Poole beat Mrs. Austin and Miss Atkinson 8-1, and beat Miss Heath and Mrs. Cook 5-4.

Folk Dancing

On the following Tuesday, 26th July 1935, the annual folk-dancing display was held on the cricket field to the accompaniment of the Glass Houghton Coke and Chemical Works Band, directed by Mr. W. Smiles. Mr. J. Swinbank of South Kirkby was M.C. and the programme of 18 dances was completed smoothly. Several extras were introduced, including "Lads o' Bunchon" which was danced by the Headmaster, Mr. A.G. Jenkinson, and Messrs. R. Crossland and L.N. Collette. A maypole dance by the Hemsworth Church School was greatly appreciated.

In addition to the staff and pupils of the Grammar School, representatives of the following schools also took part: Hemsworth Church and R.C. Schools, North Featherstone Council School, Howard School, Low Ackworth, Normanton Grammar School, South Kirkby Council School, Hemsworth Girls' Friendly Society, 1st Hemsworth Girl Guides, There was also a party of ten dancers from Grimethorpe under the direction of Miss E. Hinchcliffe. On some occasions, as many as 250 dancers were on the field together.

Holgate Scholarships

In July 1935 it was announced that four Holgate Scholarships had been awarded by the trustees to past or present students of Hemsworth Grammar School who deserved financial assistance to enter Universities or Colleges.

Two of the recipients were South Kirkby brothers – J.N. Thorpe, who was Head Boy of the School during the previous year, and who was to enter a training college for teachers the following October, and Robert H. Thorpe, a present pupil at the School who had already won the Parker Rhodes Scholarship in Mining Engineering tenable at Sheffield University. Those two Scholarships were of the value of £25 each.

The other two Scholarships, valued at £40 each, were awarded to Margaret Townend of Hemsworth, who was shortly to enter a Domestic College and C. Wainwright of Kinsley who was currently gaining teaching experience and about to enter Dudley Training College.

Mr. Scourfield Marries

On August 2nd 1935, the marriage of Mr. Ivor Scourfield, Latin master at the School to Miss Phyllis Rowley, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Lieut.-Col. Rowley of Doncaster was announced in the local newspaper. After a honeymoon in Torquay, the couple planned to reside in Doncaster.

Higher School Certificate Results August 1935

The following is a list of Hemsworth Grammar School successes in the examinations taken in July 1935 which were set by the Joint Matriculation Board of the Universities of Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield and Birmingham.

Harry Bradley, Colin Clarkson, Roger Foye, Lewis W. Firman, Herbert S. Perry, Robert H. Thorpe, George B. Wainwright
Emily Cullingworth, Lorna W. Jagger

Subsidiary Subjects:

Arthur Keeling, Eric Ineson, David S. Moore, Robert H. Thorpe, George B. Wainwright.

Exactly one week later on August 30th the results of the School Certificate successes were announced.

FORM VA BOYS:

Matriculation – Ronald Allen, Gerard Challender, Gordon Hopkinson, Albert A. Kirk, Ernest Pointon, Gordon Pratt.

Without Matriculation – Harold S. Chambers, Charles Chapman, Granville H. Clayton, George Duckett, Francis G. Fullwood, William H. Moakes, John T. Priestley, Ernest Sutton.

FORM VA GIRLS:

Matriculation – Olive Buttree, Doris Hall, Elsie Stamp.

Without Matriculation – Dorothy Dickinson, Edna Kirk, Vera Parkinson.

FORM VB BOYS:

Matriculation – William F. Guest, Eric S. Whittle

Without Matriculation – George E. Howitt, Eric N. Rutter, Fred Smith, Stanley Sykes.

FORM VB GIRLS:

Matriculation – Margaret Poole, Doris Watson

Without Matriculation – Bessie Athron, Eva A. Harris.

FORM VS BOYS:

Matriculation – Rex Gladwyn, William Robinson, Harold W. Skinner.

Without Matriculation – William D. Fletcher, Albert Fox, Norman K. Julian, Philip Kenyon, Ernest Mellors, Ewart Page, John R. Radford, Alfred C. Schorah.

FORM VS GIRLS:

Without Matriculation – Matilda Cunningham, Margaret Hall, Kathleen Himsworth, Kathleen Liversidge, May Madeley, Margaret D. Townend.

Hemsworth's New Mining College 27TH September 1935



Designed by Mr. H. Wormald, Education Architect to the West Riding County Council and opened officially by Mrs. E.L. Dooley, J.P. of Hemsworth on Saturday, 27th September 1935

**Cost of the building - £4,590 Cost of the furniture - £1,200 Cost of equipment - £200
All costs were borne by the Miners' Welfare Fund.**

The building was constructed of Brackenhill stone facings with a brick lining, and the roof was covered with green Westmorland slates. All the rooms were formed with concrete ceilings so that a second storey could easily be added without inconvenience. The heating was by means of a low-pressure hot water installation.

On the ground floor there was a science laboratory, a dark room, preparation room, classroom, drawing office and staff room, and in the basement a metal workshop.

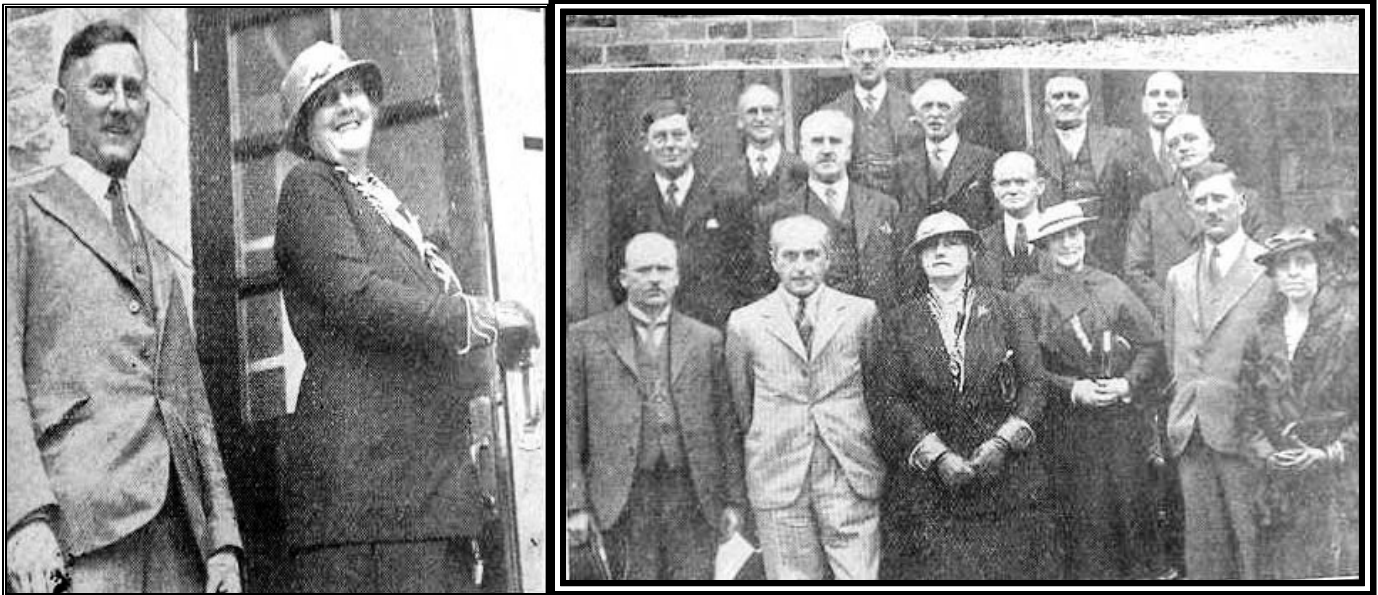
After Mrs. Dooley had formally opened the Institute, the company adjourned to the Hall of the Grammar School, where County Councillor W.M. Hyman, vice-chairman of the West Riding Education Committee, handed to Mr. W.L. Whittle, the chairman of the Hemsworth District Education Sub-committee, the key of the new building.

Accepting the key, Mr. Whittle said he welcomed the new Institute as a "mining man", teacher and lecturer, and research scientist in coal. Not wishing to dwell too much on the recent colliery catastrophes in their area (at South Kirkby and North Gawber) he thought that such disasters emphasised the need for further study. The question of spontaneous combustion was then still only half understood, and only by study could a solution to that problem be found. The opportunity of having such an Institute had been brought about by the miners themselves, for the money had come from the Miners' Welfare Fund, which was doing wonderful work in the colliery areas. He hoped that the local parents would encourage their boys to attend.

Mr. E. Walker, Assistant Education Officer for the West Riding, then spoke his thanks to the Miners' Welfare Fund for "that charming little building", saying that he wanted to see at least 100 students at the new Institute, out of whom he would like to see 50 go on to the technical colleges at Barnsley, Wakefield or Doncaster.

Mr. G.W. Moses, the Headmaster of the Institute, described the available courses to be taken there, saying that although it was primarily a mining centre, in addition there were one or two single subject classes of a non-vocational

character, such as Drama, Play Reading and Craft Work. There was also a Commercial Course, and probably one in French. He hoped that the people of Hemsworth would rally round the Institute. Rounding off the speeches, Coun. Hyman stated that if ever they were going to “get away from alarms and excursions of war and the horrors that went with it”, then education was the only way of bringing sanity to the world.



The Senior Mining Instruction Centre opened at Hemsworth on Saturday. The photograph gives an exterior view of the building, a snapshot of the opening ceremony (performed by Councillor Mrs. Dooley, J.P., of Hemsworth), and a group which includes County Councillor W. M. Hyman, vice-chairman of the West Riding Education Committee; Mrs. Hyman, Mrs. Dooley, Mr. W. L. Whittle, chairman of the Hemsworth District Education Sub-committee; Mr. G. W. Moses, headmaster of the Centre; County Councillor A. Flavell, and others.

The Field is a Positive Danger!

In October 1935 the Grammar School Governors discussed the levelling of a field attached to the School for the purpose of providing a suitable rugby ground. The cost would be about £350. Upon hearing of this proposal, the members of Hemsworth Urban District Council, some of whom were also School Governors, felt moved to air their views on this expenditure. Naturally those who were Governors of the School supported the proposition. Mrs. Dooley, Councillor A. Pawson and Councillor Nettleton had all voted in favour of the levelling at the Governors' meeting, with Coun. Nettleton commenting that the present sloping field “was a positive danger”, but Councillor Isaac Burns (also a member of both committees) wondered if anyone had ever thought of spending £350 on a playing field for an elementary school. With some alacrity Mrs. Dooley answered in the affirmative,

“We are going to give West End School as good a playing field as the land will allow, and there is already a playing field for elementary school children in Holly Bank.”

Councillor Grandidge asked that the money to be spent on levelling the School's grounds should go to local unemployed labour.

The matter was metaphorically ‘kicked into the long grass’ by Coun. Nettleton who said the Council could rest assured that their representatives would do all they could to help the local unemployed, but the last word was with the County Authority.

A Shilling for the Dentist

A circular issued by the County Education Department in October 1935 proposed to give dental treatment to scholars in Secondary schools at a nominal fee of a shilling per scholar, which would be varied in necessitous cases. The Governors asked Mr. Jenkinson if there was a room in the School that could be used as a dental surgery, but he replied that every room in the School was being used for some purpose. They therefore decided to ask the County Architect to discuss with the Headmaster whether any part of the School could be converted to the use of a dental surgery, or whether an additional room should be provided.

Hockey – no losses from September to end of 1935

(Report from School Magazine)

The 1st XI

has succeeded in keeping an unbeaten record despite losing two players this term, Edna Kirk and Lorna Jagger. The team consequently has had to be rearranged, Edith Cooper playing at right inner instead of left wing. Dorothy Green playing left wing, and Alice Rogerson centre-half as a substitute for Lorna Jagger. The weather has taken toll of an unusually large number of matches. The 2nd XI have not been so successful, but it is a very young team, chiefly composed of inexperienced players.

September	28 th	Thornes House	Away	Won	5 - 1
October	5 th	Haley's Rangers	Home	Won	7 - 2
October	12 th	Castleford	Home	Won	3 - 1
October	26 th	Pontefract	Away	Draw	3 - 3
November	9 th	Normanton	Away		Canc.
November	16 th	Wath	Home	Won	2 - 1
November	23 rd	Ackworth	Home	Draw	1 - 1
November	30 th	Old Hilmians	Home	Won	2 - 1
December	14 th	Haley's Rangers	Away	Won	3 - 0

1st XI 1935



Criticisms

Goalkeeper: Mary Sykes - Has made some excellent saves - should be more forceful could use her feet to more advantage.

R. Back: B. Goddard - Hits too hard - should pass more sympathetically tackles well - should be careful of 'barging'.
L. Back: Bessie Athron - Has shown great improvement - clears well - should mark her inner more.
R. Half-Back: Kathleen Himsworth - A valuable member of the team - tackles and marks well.
Centre Half: Alice Rogerson - During her first season in the 1st XI, she has shown that she has the makings of an excellent hockey player - she clears well.
L. Half-Back: Emily Cullingworth - Competent Captain - a reliable player - tackling could be improved.
R. Wing: Kathleen Lawton - Passes lack decision and strength - combines well with the rest of the forwards.
H. Inner: Edith Cooper - Uses her speed to good advantage - shoots well.
Centre Forward: Betty Mulheir - Shooting good and accurate - receives and gives her passes neatly and unselfishly - is an invaluable member of the team
L. Inner: Gertrude Ramsden - A helpful vice-captain - shooting and dodging good.
L. Wing: Dorothy Green - A selfish player - has the makings of a good player, but she must learn to combine with the rest of the team - very energetic

Every department of the Hockey team has improved this season. The forwards have been shooting exceptionally well. On behalf both 1st & 2nd teams I wish to thank Miss Harrison for her unfailing support throughout the season. **Betty Mulheir (Sec.)**

Rugby - 1st XV - Played 12 - Won - 7 - Lost 5. 2nd XV - Played 9 - Won 5 – Lost 4

(Report from School Magazine) Exceptionally wintry weather which has caused many 1st XV matches to be cancelled, and owing to members, including the Captain, leaving School, several team alterations have had to be made. The new players have without exception played very well. Thanks go to all those members of the Staff who have in any way helped us, especially Mr. Manning, who has shown a keen interest throughout the season. We are also grateful to B.T. Weaver who has so willingly and ably refereed many matches. Both teams have developed very well and are especially good in seizing opportunities to score. One serious fault still lingers and that is the inability to stem a forward rush at once. We don't seem to know how to form a solid wall of defensive forwards linked together even when we are gathered round suitably. Also time and time again there have been bursts through which could have been nipped in the bud by a timely drop on the ball. The chance of injury is negligible however dangerous it may look. The above criticism does not alter the fact that the general spirit and knowledge of the game is still improving year by year, and that I am proud to be associated with the teams.

Fullwood (Captain and Scrum-half). His election to captaincy to replace Duckitt comes as a fitting reward to several seasons' keen and sporting service to the School, well-liked by everyone, his example encourages the team to give of its best **T.M.**



Back Row L-R: Mr. Manning, Sutton G R, Roland Armitage, Robert Thorpe, Eric Nuttall, Roland Gleave

Middle Row L-R: Eric Ineson, Poole F K, Ernest Mellars, Arnold Skelding, Rex Gladwyn

Front Row L-R: ? , Harry Walker, Bernard Clifton

Team Criticisms

Sutton G R- Excellent in defence - a keen tackler - is apt to be slow off the mark and hangs on to the ball rather too long.

Poole F K - A good goal kicker, he should run with the ball more and not overdo the short punt ahead.

Roland Gleave: A good player who has had many changes of position as a utility man during the season but has filled each very successfully.

Harry Walker: An excellent centre three with speed and a good swerve. He is inclined to forget his wingman. Has many times turned the tide of the game in our favour.

Bernard Clifton: A promising wingman from whom much is expected. Full of thrust and determination.

Pattison: Small but plenty of spirit. Rather inclined to take his passes standing still.

Michael Giblin: A sound forward in the loose, but has recently taken to tackling too high.

Cutts: A good loose forward who works particularly hard in the loose and line-outs where his height proves a very useful asset.

Ernest Mellars: An energetic forward with a good eye for an opening. He might improve his tackling.

Ineson: An excellent forward - clever dribbler with his feet - follows up hard and is a sure tackler.

Rex Gladwyn: A sound forward who has scored several tries through his alertness in following up.

Robert Thorpe: Energetic especially in the loose - he gets the ball back well to the threequarters in line-outs, but is apt to be too eager and so gets offside.

Eric Nuttall: An excellent hooker, he is energetic in the loose and a really sound forward.

Arnold Skelding: Uses his weight very effectively - a really good forward who has served the team well for several seasons.

Dyson: Plenty of weight but should use it more - a very good forward - sound in the loose.

G.F.F.

14th Speech Day, Friday November 15th 1935 - Lord Halifax Comes 'Home' Speaking at the annual Speech Day held in the Hemsworth Hippodrome, Lord Halifax warned against "mass made judgement", and he emphasized Britain's contributions to science, progress and liberty. The prizes were awarded by Lady Halifax.

Hemsworth Hall, which had been converted to the Grammar School in 1921, had for 80 years been the home of Lord Halifax's family, and his father, the late Lord Halifax was born there. Hemsworth Hall was sold in 1769 to Dr. Henry Wood, Rector of Hemsworth and Vicar of Halifax. In 1789 it passed to Sir Francis Wood, and in 1794 to his son, Sir Francis Lindley Wood, the owner of Hickleton Hall. In 1829 it passed to Sir Charles Wood, son of Sir Francis, who held the offices of Chancellor of the Exchequer, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Secretary of State for India. He lived there from 1829 to 1847, and became the first Viscount Halifax in 1866. Presumably his son, the second Viscount, was born at Hemsworth Hall. In 1849 the hall was sold to Mr. W. H. Leatham, brother-in-law of John Bright, and it remained in the Leatham family until the death of Mr. Gurney Leatham in 1919.

Alderman Flavell, Chairman of the Governors, presided, and wanted to say most seriously, and "with a burning soul," that they were at the dawn of the machine age. The machine was not only replacing muscle and strength; it was already taking the place of brains. There was a "something" born in each of them, and that was personality. He impressed upon them the vital importance of cultivating that personality by service and good sound character that would stand on the rock whatever might come, so that in the great advance of the machine age they might not be left behind.

The Headmaster, Mr. A G Jenkinson, spoke of the establishment of a close and cordial co-operation which had been established between the School and the Labour Exchange, which had improved the employment options of those leaving School in July. He went on to say that 12 past pupils were at various universities, and this number would have been greater had more Scholarship money been provided. In the Higher School Certificate examination last July, nine out of twelve candidates obtained full certificates, two with distinctions. In the School Certificate examination, 47 out of 59 candidates obtained certificates, and 16 reached Matriculation standard. Fifteen distinctions were obtained in various subjects. In the R.S.A. examination last July eighteen candidates entered, and fourteen passed.

"I am very conscious also," he concluded, "of my indebtedness to parents. School rules are generally respected, and such breaches as do occur are due to ignorance. I have always found parents eager to support the school, and I must say I am often struck by their gratitude for such guidance and assistance as we are able to give them with regard to their children's careers. There is another and much larger community in whose hands rests the security, the prosperity, and the good name of the school. I mean those who have left it. There are some 700 and more old boys and girls, but of that number not 100 belong to the Association or attend gatherings at the school. Yet I have constant proof of the affection felt for their old school by those who have passed through it. I should like to see this feeling grow and extend in such a way as to animate the whole body of old girls and boys, and to quicken into life that devotion to their old school

which, though dormant, I am sure exists. For it is on them that the school's foundation rests, and it is by their attitude and by their achievements that the school will, in the last event, be judged."

At the request of Lord Halifax the usual holiday was granted to the scholars.

The distinguished visitors were thanked on the motion of Councillor J. Potts, seconded by Councillor E. Nettleton, and supported by Mrs. Dooley.

Lady Halifax replied, and was presented with a bouquet by the head girl, Lorna Jagger.

A programme of music and plays was given by the scholars with Miss P.E.M. Wright as conductor, and Miss M.I. Agnew and Bessie Athron as accompanists.

Songs were given by the Boys' and Girls' choirs,

Three French plays by Ward, Barraclough and J. Wardle, C. Pickets, Mary Sykes and Alice Rogerson, and Park, Penn, Arnold Skelding, and Pratt, an English play by Barbara Crossland, Dorothy Green, Edith Godfrey, Herbert Perry and Duffy, and a song by Miss Wright.

The Prize Distribution

In addition to the Higher School and School Certificates, the following awards were presented.

~ For gaining **County Major Scholarship**; Herbert S. Perry, Robert Thorpe;

~ For **distinction in School Certificate**: Bessie Athron (Art), Olive Buttree (French), Gerard Challender (History), William D. Fletcher (Physics), Francis G. Fullwood (History), Gordon Hopkinson (English, Geography), Albert A. Kirk (Commercial Subjects), Ernest Pointon (History), Gordon Pratt (French, Commercial Subjects), John T. Priestley (Art), Elsie Stamp (English, Botany, Art),

~Form Prizes:

Va – Elsie Stamp; **Vb** – Eric S. Whittle; **Vs** – May Madeley;

IVa – Mary Ineson; **IVb** – Janet Earl; **IVs** – Eric Nuttall;

IIIa – Arthur W. Jessop; **IIIb** – Enid Moore;

IIa – J.H. Jowett; **IIb** – Beryl Townend; **IIc** – Margaret Bower;

Ia – Eunice Senior; **Ib** – Betty Gill; **Ic** – Phyllis Julian.

~ General Information; William Robinson.

~ Star Prize: Beryl Townend.

~ Special Prizes for Head Girl and Head Boy of the school (given by Mr. J.R.P. Warde-Aldham);

Doris Hainsworth, Herbert S. Perry.

~ Special Prizes

Latin (given by Capt. Hallam); Olive Buttree, Gerard Challender.

Needlework Prize; Kathleen Liversedge.

General Progress; Cyril Mellor, Ronald Dyson, Robert Hawkins, Cecelia Wiggins.

House Challenge Cup; 1. Price 930½ points; 2. Talbot 746 points; 3. Holgate 724½ points; 4. Guest 701½ points.

House Sports Cup; 1. Price 112½ points; 2. Talbot 55 points. 3. Holgate 50 points. 4. Guest 40½ points.

House Arts Cup; 1. Talbot 81 points; 2. Price 65 points; 3. Holgate 63 points; 4. Guest 41 points

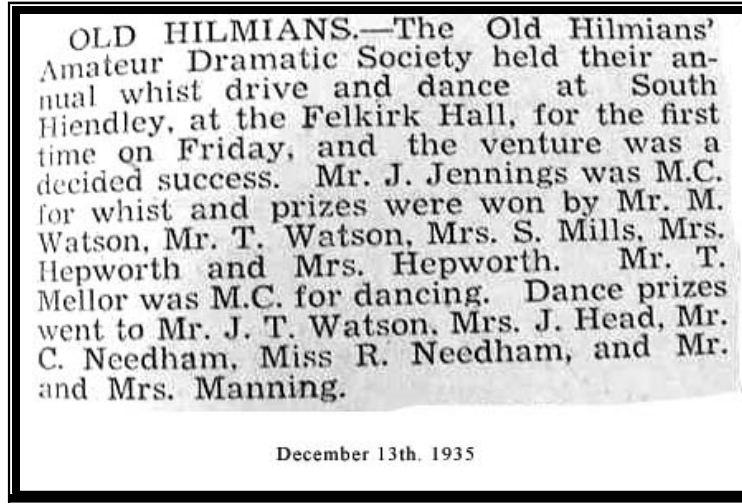
Wanted – Assistant Cook A week later, an advert appeared in a local newspaper for an assistant cook at the School. The wages were to be £1.00 per week. Applicants were invited to contact Charles Crossley, Clerk to the Governors, at 8, St. John's Road North, Wakefield. In fact, Mr. Crossley was at that time in a convalescent home, having been seriously ill. His duties were being covered by a Mr. Simpson, (Acting Clerk). The same advertisement was to appear again one month later. Clearly the wage was not attracting many applicants!

P.T. – The "Cinderella Subject" At the monthly Governor's meeting on November 22nd Councillor J. Potts presided, standing in for Alderman Flavell who was ill. Councillor Richards inquired whether the price of the milk supplied to the School was at the same rate as that sold in the district. Mr. Simpson thought that the price was in accordance with the Milk Marketing Board's price, but Councillor Richards said he understood the retail price in the district was a halfpenny per pint cheaper than that supplied to the School. It was agreed that the matter should be taken up with the Milk Marketing Board.

The Headmaster requested that a recommendation be sent to the County Education Authority for the appointment of a full-time physical training master at the School. The girls had a full-time P.T. mistress, but there was only a part-time trainer for the boys. The Headmaster said he thought the boys – especially the big boys - were not getting anything like

the physical training they ought to have. At present, he said, physical training seemed to be the "Cinderella" of the subjects taught in Secondary schools.

Old Hilmians Amateur Dramatics Society



New Governor Welcomed The replacement for Mrs. Harvey who recently resigned as a School Governor was Mr. C Gilham, representing Leeds University. He was cordially welcomed at a meeting of the Governors in early December. A pavilion and a potting shed were discussed at this meeting.

The Tender is too High When even the lowest tender for the provision of a sports pavilion in the school grounds was higher than allowed by the Higher Education Committee, then a request for the excess amount had to be made to the Board of Education. The cogs and wheels of finance for any of the School's facilities must have been constantly turning while the School's population was oblivious to all this effort. No doubt the Governors were hoping that the pavilion might serve the cricketers in the coming 1936 season.

Let's Have a Potting Shed One of three estimates for the erection of a potting shed was considered by the Governors, and an amount of £19 11s 6d was approved. Mr. Wycherly and Mr. Rhodes would have been pleased.

The School Play The Ivory Door - December 18th and 19th 1935

A.A. Milne's play "The Ivory Door" was presented by the School to good audiences on both nights. This play had great attractions; partly in the excellence of the acting, partly in the beauty of the costumes, but chiefly in the atmosphere of mystery created by the Ivory Door itself. The success of the play was certainly due to Miss Nicholson's able production, and the efficient stage-management of Mr. Hamilton. Mr. Shiells, as usual, took charge most successfully of the onerous duties pertaining to the box office **Elsie Stamp, Guest. (report taken from School Magazine Spring Term No. 36)**



Names from Lorna Jagger. Thank you, Lorna.

Back row L-R: 1, Harold Chambers?, George Wainwright, Granville Clayton

Fourth row L-R: George Elvidge, Lorna Jagger, Vernon Thorpe, Billy Guest?, Donald Park?, Edith Cooper?

Third row L-R: Lewis Firman, Ruth Sterry, Arnold Skelding, Sylvia Clayton?, 16

Second row L-R: Ernest Pointon?, (standing), 18, 19, Bessie Atherton, Cecil Perry, 22, Harry Walker (standing)

Cast of the Play – Prologue - King Hilary – Lewis Firman, Prince Perivale – George Courtney, Servant - Alan Pointon.

The Play

King Perivale - Thorpe Vernon K. Brand (his body servant) – George B. Wainwright Anna (his old nurse) - Bessie Athron
 Thora - Ruth Sterry
 The Chancellor – George Elvidge
 Jessica - Sylvia Clayton
 Anton – Granville Clayton
 Old Beppo – William Guest
 Simeon – Fred Smith
 Woman in the crowd - Edith Cooper
 Count Rollo – Donald Park
 The Mummer – Cecil Perry
 Titus (Soldier of the guard) – Ernest Pointon
 Carlo (Soldier of the guard) – Harry Walker
 Soldier – Harold Chambers, Bruno (Captain of the Guard) – Arnold Skelding Princess Lilia - Lorna Jagger

A Glimpse into the future. The King – John Hibbert The Prince - Pickering R.

Old Hilmians Christmas Dance

DANCE.—There was an attendance of about 150 at the annual dance of the Old Hilmians' Association at the Grammar School on Friday. Messrs. W. Kirk and G. F. Potts were M.C.'s for dancing, assisted by Mr. H. Williamson. Supper was served in the dining hall by Mr. and Mrs. A. Manning, and the president, Mr. A. G. Jenkinson, welcomed the guests. Mr. Kirk presented Mr. and Mrs. Manning with gifts in appreciation of their services. A Christmas cake was won by Mr. R. J. Dowdeswell, of Ryhill. After supper plays arranged by Mr. J. Andrews were given.

27th. December 1935

1935 had been a happy year of continuation of the traditions and ethos of the School. Routines were well-established, senior Staff constant, and pupils generally thriving. Money was short and many parents were out of work, but the enthusiastic pursuit of better equipment and facilities by Mr. Jenkinson and the Governors continued. The opening of a new mining college at the bottom of the back drive seemed to give opportunities for the boys of the area, and the King's Silver Jubilee year had given all the pupils an extra two days' holiday. On the roads, the new cat's eyes were being installed, and the driving test became compulsory. In September 1935 there was a huge explosion at a local mine, North Gawber, which killed 19 men. As the majority of pupils had relatives who worked in the local collieries, that must have cast a shadow. However, there was something happening in Europe which was casting a much larger shadow,

Throughout this year of 1935, quietly and in the background of everyday life was the stirring of events which would affect the pupils and Staff of HGS, and indeed the denizens of Hemsworth, Yorkshire and the whole country. Step by step, we can trace the small threads of movement which would result in an inevitable conflagration. In March 1935 Germany introduced conscription, which had not been allowed since 1918 after its defeat in the First World War. Seeing this, in May the British Government reacted by launching plans to triple the size of the Royal Air Force, especially when it became clear that Germany was rearming. Half way through the year Stanley Baldwin became Prime Minister, leading a coalition Government. In October, Clement Attlee became interim leader of the Labour party, to be confirmed in the November. That month saw the maiden flight of the Hawker Hurricane plane at Brooklands, and in the last month of the year Anthony Eden became Foreign Secretary. The major players of the next few years were all in place, only later to be joined at the apex of things by Winston Churchill.

-<<>>-