

Some of Langcliffe School's Scholars



A CIVIC LESSON.—Some of the 35 children of Langcliffe Council School, Settle, being shown the Lord Mayor's robes during their tour of Bradford Town Hall.: (By a "Mercury" photographer.)

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I recognise some of these:-

At the back, l. to r. -

Alan Cokell, Kenneth Middleton, Miss Graham, Mr. & Mrs. Bland.

In front, l. to r. -

?, ?, Betty Newhouse (hat), Roger Wiseman, Ada Simm (hat), Billy McLernon (at front) Dorothy Eccleston with - Mercer behind; Pat Craven? with - Tomlinson behind; John Bland at the front and behind him someone in a beret with bent head and Margaret Parker next to her. June Bradley at the front next to the Lord Mayor's robe.

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School Leavers 1934:

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Noel Wilson, Tom Cardus,
Ronald Frankland,
Joan Houghton, -?-
and Joe Venn.



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1945 or 6.

Cuttings from 1946-7

Langcliffe C.H. 7.4.46.

Victory celebrations on Saturday at Langcliffe were on a lavish scale, providing numerous attractions from the early afternoon until midnight. At 1 p.m. residents assembled on the Village Green for a ceremony of wreath laying, placed on the War Memorial by Mr. J. W. Thistlethwaite, J.P. (chairman of the Parish Council) in recollection of those of the village who sacrificed their lives. This was followed by a united service, conducted jointly by the Rev. F. A. B. Hervey (Vicar of Langcliffe-with-Stainforth), and the Rev. Gordon A. Arzyle (Methodist minister of the Settle circuit). The singing was led by Mr. Edmund Reid. A procession was then formed, taking a route through the village and along the Stainforth Road to the Paper Mill, and returning via West View to The Green. There was a splendid turn-out for the fancy dress and decorated cycle parade, in which were seen many original efforts, notably "Mary's little lamb," a live one born two days previously, which was tenderly carried by Jean Bullock. The Hon. Mrs. Geoffrey Dawson, Miss M. Newhouse, Mr. John Ingham, J.P., and Mr. J. F. M. Peel were judges, and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Ingham and Mrs. Peel.

Thesports events provided prizes for children of all ages, these being presented by Mrs. L. M. Bland, J.P., and Mrs. I. Reid. Mr. R. Marsden was the official announcer, the starter was Mr. E. Soanes, and the handicappers Messrs. D. Hoggarth, B. Marsden and J. Marklew. Judges were Mr. J. Thistlethwaite, Mr. S. Potts and Mr. H. H. Bland. A sumptuous tea, free to all residents in the township, was served in the Council School by ladies of the Catering Committee, and the sports were resumed until 9 p.m. Mr. E. Percy supplied music for the celebrations and for the dance in the Institute, and at 10-30 p.m. the festively decorated Green was illuminated and a bonfire kindled by Mr. R. Marsden.

The Victory Celebrations Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. George Newhouse, with Mrs. I. Reid as secretary and Mr. H. H. Bland as treasurer, were responsible for all the arrangements.

Fancy dress results:
Adults, original—1, Miss H. Brayshaw (Ann Boleyn); 2, Mrs. Fitchett (Hawalian); 3, Miss J. Bradley (U.N.O.). Comic—Mrs. Jackman (Sweep); 2, Mrs. R. Brayshaw (Nurse); 3, G. Harrison and D. Clark (Tandem).

Children, original, under 5 years—1, D. Marsden and Eleanor Reid (Fleet's in Fort); 2, J. Bullock (Mary and Little Lamb); 3, M. Clark (Queen of Hearts); 4, P. Hartley (Milk Maid). 6 to 10 years—1, M. Yates (Road Safety); 2, B. Marshall (Bread Crusade); 3, R. Moore (Use More Potatoes); 4, W. McClelland (Spirit of France), 11 to 14 years—1, G. Carman (The Moor); 2, J. Segger (Chinaman); 3, P. Marklew (G.L. Bride); 4, E. Jackman (Fortuna Teller). Comic, under 5 years—1, I. Johnson and E. Webb (Bride and Groom); 2, B. Hesmondhalgh (Boy Blue); 3, L. Bradley (Wee Willie Winkle); 4, J. Capstick (Coalman). 6 to 10 years—1, J. Fitchett (Hawalian Girl); 2, A. Towler (Jennie Jones from Wales); 3, G. Fox (Rajah); 4, E. Booth and A. Webb (Queen of Hearts and Coster), 11 to 14 years—1, F. Middleton (Woman's Work Never Done); 2, J. Robinson (Family Allowances); 3, L. Redfern (Boy with Nose); 4, H. Middleton (Red Tape). Decorated cycles—1, N. Forster (H.M.S. Victory); 2, B. Marklew (Peace Celebrations); 3, A. Clark (Flower Cycle). Prams—1, J. Fitchett; 2, A. French.

Every child in the village under 14 was presented with 2s., and in addition to prizes, all children under six years in the parade received 1s.

Langcliffe C.H. 18.10.46.

TROPHY FOR SCHOOL.—A presentation of a silver cup for a suitable competition at Langcliffe School was made on Monday to the headmaster (Mr. Bland) by Mrs. Mary Sylvester (Aldershot) to commemorate her school days there. This is the second silver cup Mrs. Sylvester has presented at Langcliffe; she gave a similar trophy to the Langcliffe Mills Sports Club in 1935. Mrs. Sylvester, who is the daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Bowker, of Langcliffe, is a well-known writer and is connected with many charitable causes at Aldershot. She has received letters of acknowledgment from the late King George V. and from Mrs. Roosevelt, for poems written by her. The cup is inscribed as a "Victory Cup, presented to Langcliffe Schools by Mary Bowker," and is to be used as a Service Cup.

Langcliffe C.H. 25.10.46.

SCHOOL CONCERT.—Largely attended was concert on Friday in the Langcliffe Institute presented by the scholars of Langcliffe Council School. Opening with "The Dashing White Sergeant" (arranged from the Gaelic), and a folk dance, there followed percussion band playing and a play, "Trouble in Toyland," performed by the infants, who also were together in songs and dances. Contributions by the junior children included a short sketch and a traditional play, "The wise woman of Gotham," and the seniors were seen in songs, acrobatics, short sketches and an Irish tragedy play, "Riders to the Sea" (J. M. Synge). Miss D. M. Simpson was the accompanist, and the respective producers were Mr. H. H. Bland (seniors), Miss F. M. Graham (juniors) and Miss Simpson (infants). Mr. M. Boweh had charge of the stage lighting, Mr. E. Reid (curtain), Mrs. Baker (programmes), Messrs. G. Newhouse and R. Marsden (door receipts). Mr. H. H. Bland (headmaster) thanked Mr. E. Soanes and members of the Institute committee for the use of the hall, and all who had helped towards the success of the concert, which was concluded in a final concerted number and the National Anthem. The proceeds were for the School Fund.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION.—Mrs. Walton, of Bowerley, presided at a meeting of Langcliffe Parents' Association, held on Tuesday in the Langcliffe Council School. Following the business an enjoyable quiz, "Your questions answered," was dealt with by a team comprising Mr. H. M. Bannister, J.P., Mr. A. Burroughs, Mr. C. Tinker, Mr. J. Carman and Mr. H. H. Bland.

SCHOOL PARTY.

—A Christmas party at Langcliffe Council School took place yesterday (Thursday) week. John Worthington and Peggy Marklew were host and hostess, and also present were a large number of old scholars and members of the Parents' Association to tea. Games were enjoyed, prepared and introduced by organising teams. Parents and friends enjoyed a film show operated by Frank Middleton. The seniors presented a comedy, and Miss Ivy Sanderson, Langcliffe, was enthusiastically received in costume dances, with Miss I. Reid as piano accompanist. The juniors presented a topical play and vigorous dances, the producer being Miss F. M. Graham. Then followed a Nativity play by the seniors, with the juniors providing "off stage" musical and choir effects. Mr. H. H. Bland (head master) voiced the school's pleasure in having so many parents, friends and old scholars present. Mrs. Hayton, the canteen staff and Mrs. T. Wriggles and Mrs. T. Marsden were welcome guests at the invitation of the children. For service to the school community, Olive Segger was presented with the silver cup by Peggy Marklew, and John Worthington presented the book prize to Eva Jackman, who had collected 169 different specimens of wild flowers from the Langcliffe district during 1946. Hearty thanks were given to all who had helped towards the success of the evening, which closed with the singing of carols, with Mrs. McClelland as accompanist. Those present included Mrs. Walton (deputising for Mr. Walton, chairman of the Parents' Association), Mrs. Tinker (secretary, Parents' Association), Miss Ackroyd, a member of the committee (officially representing the parents). There was an excellent attendance of relatives and friends. Owing to a family bereavement, Miss D. M. Simpson, of Clapham, was unable to attend.

C. H. 27.12.46.

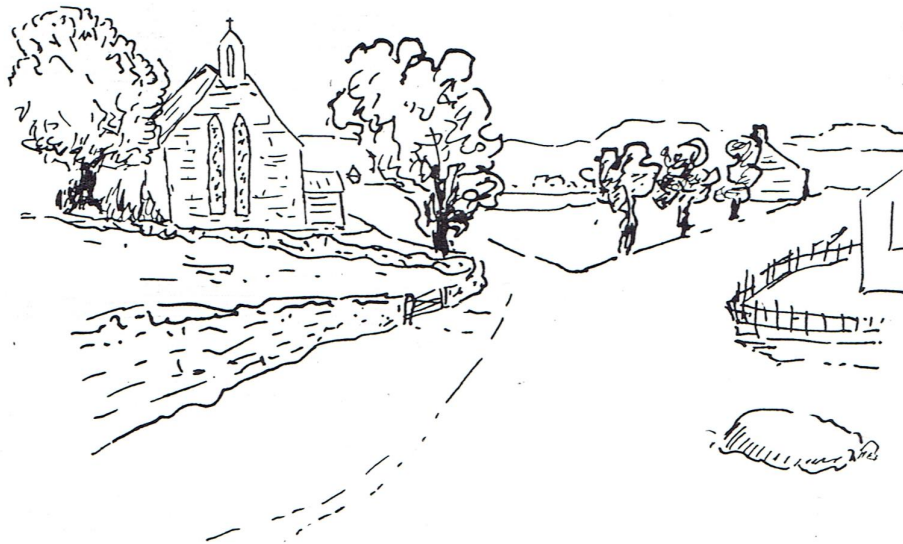
Langcliffe C.H. 9.5.47.

GIFTS TO HEAD MASTER.—Mr. H. H. Bland, of Craven Terrace, Settle, who last week took over an appointment as Area Youth Officer under the West Riding Education Committee, was the recipient of presentations and good wishes from the staff and scholars of Langcliffe Council School, of which he had been the head master for the past 13 years. The

ceremony was presided over by Miss F. M. Graham (senior assistant teacher), who introduced Mr. John Ingham, of Langcliffe Place (chairman of the School Managers), who was accompanied by Mrs. Ingham. Mr. Ingham reviewed the scholarship successes gained by the school during Mr. Bland's tenure, and expressed the high esteem in which he was held by parents, school staff and children. He expressed the keen regret on behalf of the school managers at Mr. Bland's departure, and also his and their good wishes for happiness and success in his new sphere. The presentations were made by children representing sections of the school, who handed to Mr. Bland a brief case, "Biro" pen and propelling pencil, and office equipment. Returning thanks, Mr. Bland said he would always remember the happy time spent at Langcliffe School. Now that the time had come for his departure, he would not say "Good-bye" but "Au revoir," as he would often be working in the district, and so be able to visit them again.

Langcliffe C.H. 11.7.47.

"BIRD AND TREE."—The annual Bird and Tree Festival took place on Wednesday week in Langcliffe Council School. Miss Newall (head teacher), presiding, read the names of last year's team and the judges' comments on the essays submitted. The prizes were distributed by Mr. H. H. Bland, of Settle, until recently head master at the school, and now a county youth officer for the area. The following awards were made: Eva Jackman (book prize and medal for her essays on tree and bird life), John Fox (book and medal for his essay on the dipper waterbird). Others receiving book prizes were Anne Towler, Peggy Marklew, Jean Robinson, Pat Ashurst and Arthur Tinker. Afterwards, Mr. Frederic Riley, of Settle, gave an interesting lecture on the out-door subject, "Wayside Wonders," illustrated by many slides, for which the lanternist was Mr. Graham Harris. Miss Newall thanked the visitors.



By H. H. Bland
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