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February 10th.

We have not had a daily paper since Monday 3rd, Croven Herald managed to land, "the Mail" been once in a week and somebody brought letters twice. Bread and meat and telephone vans came up on Friday when they got cut through, but now they are stuck near Scale House on their way back and nowt can get up or down with the new snow. I have not been to my sister Beaties for over a week, she said don't come so I'm glad, but she has all the kids at home so I hope she will be able to make them do some jobs. Philip got some lodgings in Hellifield with Mrs. Major Coates so he will be able to keep at work. He was off two or three days last week. Mick came to see me yesterday, but he is not signed off the panel yet, but if he was, the buses are not running and he could not go to work. Today the farmers have made another effort and I keep seeing different ones go past on their way to Flashy, where the milk is taken from by wagon. The roads are mostly blocked up by now. Ter-time again. Walter has been in this evening. He says Norman Walker and himself have walked up to Netherside, about some water trouble. The ploughs have been on the road from Crocoe to Kilnsey, but it is hard going, and he was tired. He brought 3 loaves back with him from Grassington, they will help different ones out. Norman brought some as well. Gilbert's boss, Mr. Macaulay of Rylstone, had gone to Halifax today for the first time for a week. He had to walk to Skipton, but it was hard going so he said on the phone. Much worse than Saturday. He had gone down on Saturday for their meat. Mrs. Walker came this morning, she said "Have you had a tramp?", I said "no", well said she "there is that man about with that awful red beard, he's been at our Willie's and asked for hot water and they had some tea just made, so they gave him a pot full, and he said that it was water he wanted to wash his cocoa, but drank the tea and saved his cocoa, then he said can you spare me a slice of bread, and they only had a bit of a loaf and did not know when they would get next, so they said no. Then he dived into his pocket and brought a bacon sandwich out. Again this morning he has gone on. I remember seeing that bag go by on the hedge yesterday, but I thought it was one of the farmers with something for their cattle. He must want a job lobbing that around, maybe it is his worlds goods, and it will no doubt keep a bit of this blistering wind off. A bit too late for Santa Claus and the beard not the right shade.

The birds eat all before them and my words they are thirsty. We have just one wagtail different from usual winters, all the rest have been ordinary birds. I keep looking out for strangers. Gilbert says the Field fares have been and eaten up all the holly berries which were in good supply and keep in good order. Now they are attacking Mr. Snowdens turnips, he sees them most times he passes, they live on the farm by the roadside from Hetton to Rylstone. Mr. Standeven died on Saturday at 3 something. They rang for Mr. Redman about 5 to go and fix up about the funeral which they would have liked to take place on Wednesday, so Mr. Redman went down and it was wild so Mr. Chester went with him and they were going past a barn between Rylstone and Scale House a voice shouted out "where are you going?" and they said Scale House, where are you and a man said in this barn, I'm on my way to Burnesall, I think I'll stay here all night I've plenty of food, so they said can we ring anybody for you and he said he would be pleased if they would and told them who- at Fell Hotel, Burnesall. He was from near Bradford and he was going to stay at Burnesall. Redman and Chester stopped all night at Scale House, it had taken them 1 1/2 hours to go in what usually takes 40 minutes or less.

Dinnertime 11th February.

Annie Andrews has been in, she says young Sill was brought by the snow cutters to Hanhams whilst she was down there, he was nearly done for. with cold and tired, he's only 12 and very frail but will go with the men. She had to revive him and put him to lay down a bit. Mrs. Walker has been having a job on with folks and their Bread Units for bread (bread was still rationed). It is cropping how many folks are useless as regards the value and numbers for the period. I thought at least the women would know, but they say we leave it to our bread man and never bother. Gilbert said when he came home he had been talking to that tramp this morning, he says he is right well spoken and said he came out of Lance hire and he had slept in a barn at Crocoe.

February 12th

It doesn't seem to have come any snow in the night, but it is snowing now at breakfast time. The icicles on Ready's barn are about 5 or 6 feet long.



some as thick as your arm. I've been doing upstairs with a helmet and gloves on. Mrs. Walker has just been to say we could have another loaf if we want one. I refuse nowt these days, you never know. Those things still stuck in Scale House hill, otherwise known a Tyke hill, it is becoming famous everybody talks about it. The men are still trying to get the Rylstone/Grassington/Gargrave road open enough for traffic, but they don't know where to put the snow. I suggested they cart or sledge it to where it is barer, that's the only way to get rid of it, they can't lift it in some places. It looks like more to come. Reggie has rung his dealer at Blackburn, and he says that he had no greengroceries for him if he come, but he can't get so thats that. We have some carrots in. Gilbert had a good crop of carrots and beet and he put them in sand, one of the farmers let him have a bag of taties on Monday. It was my turn to see Mrs. Redman, so I called whilst out for the milk and she said come and have coffee with us at noon, so I took my jam sandwiches and the two girls and their mother and I s t round the fire made of bits of wood the led had sawn, then a knock came, and it was Mr. Clark wanting to ring his grocer in Gargrave. He said a food convoy was going up to Grassington at 3 o'clock, so he was getting some stuff up with them. A lot of Germans come through with shovels they are through to Hetton and to Rylstone from Grassington, so there is a lot of cutters between Snowden's and the bridge now, we could see them from Redmans back door. Clark said John was on his way home but he hadn't landed when I came away at 1.30p.m. 7 mins past 2. A red lorry went through towards Gargrave at a good speed then a gang of men following it at various speeds, and different ages and head gear, berets, woolen helmets, and the old fashioned motor cycle helmets. Some have both hats and helmets. The Gerrys have gone back now towards Gargrave. There hasn't been a train up since the beginning of last week. The kids seem to enjoy it best with their sledges. I don't think I've ever seen so many shovels. Now the tractor snow plough (caterpillar) has come from Gargrave way and the red lorry, W.R.C.C. has come back and a group of fellows. Telephones have been working funny, sometimes folks could get through and sometimes they couldn't. Some body just gone with their milk cart to Flasby. I forgot to put the postman landed with a letter at 11.30 this morning from Rotherham sent on February 8th. Tom's just landed back from taking Reeday's milk 3.05 p.m. Tractor has gone Gargrave way again 3.15 p.m. and Mr. Willis's carrier on its tail, with 4 fellows complete withshovels in the back. The W.R.C.C. lorry has gone Gargrave way after them, the local diggers are heading for the bridge. A Settle lime wagon now, gone towards Gargrave. Willie Verity gone with their milk 3.35 p.m. a minute after, a grey car came up from Gargrave way, he's supervising the convoy. He went to Walkers to ring up. 2 minutes after a navy blue van drew up at the pub, stayed only a minute or two then went back Gargrave way. Tommy Shuttleworth gone on with empty horse and float at a tidy pace. 10 to 4 Milk wagon came up from Gargrave and Willie Verity after it, then Tommy Shuttleworth, Windle's lorry 2 Royal Mails, W.R.A.E.C. van posh black motor, yeast van, little black van, small army wagon, L.M.S. wagon, B.P. petrol wagon, fellows smiling again, private motor car, van, pool paraffin, meat wagon, L.M.S. full of bags, Clayton's, another carry van, Counters wagon, Stockdale & Helm, all in convoy. Hearse came, turned round at the pub and went away again. Police Sergeant. Then there was a photographer taking a picture of the paraffin fellows and our house was in the background, so I popped in to the doorway, I thought I might as well be on it. Two lorry loads of snow cutters gone on. Mr. Willis's lorry, these have all gone Grassington way. Now the paraffin fellows have gone after having a drink at the Galkers. I see our Bobby is in the village done up for the occasion. Its like a Galt day after all the quiet. 2 cows have now got amongst stuff. Swinden limeworks are letting Billy Swales have some coal. Reggie is helping him to load it, Mrs. Walker told me. It is raw and cold today. A fog is creeping down off the fell. The Sergeant and the Bobby are patrolling Hetton, we couldn't be more honoured if the king was coming. Convoy going back about 5.30. to 6 in a straggly fashion, Myers has landed another letter posted at tea-time on the 7th February.

#### February 13th Thursday

A car went before 7 a.m. and Mr. Willis's lorry went Gargrave way at 8. That man who was supervising was up and about at 8.15. Now a big lorry full of workmen has gone towards Grassington at 8.40. That man has gone towards Gargrave at 8.45. Willie Walker has gone off somewhere in their lorry and a load of work stuff. Walter brought his overalls, he said 2 cars had gone to



Grassington early. Windle's lorry from Skipton has been on to the pub and turned round. Mrs. Walker came, she said her head had been warmer in bed and she had slept better for having an old shawl. My nose was cold again, I've had to rub it every cold night since the snow started. It is an offence to use Electric for domestic use from 9 a.m. this morning. No one except those with battery sets should be listening to this programme. 9 news. 9 til 12, 2 till 4. Continuing cold for a while yet. Just after 9 - that blue van and a lorry load of German prisoners, a milk wagon gone up, break down wagon gone up at 9.25. 9.55. Mrs. Walker came and said they are having to control the traffic, Policeman has gone on. She said Willie has taken Flora to Skipton to work and Walt Hanham. She is going to stay down at her Mothers and go to work from there. He also has taken some stuff, for the Skipton fellows to work. A black private motor car has just gone up, another private car with alot of parcels in. Mr. Wade's man gone on with the float. 2 cars gone on. Milk wagon gone on stacked full of cans towards Gargrave. 10 to 11 break down wagon gone back. Windle's lorry standing in. Sergeant gone up walking. 11.15 a.m. a brown wagon, L.V.S. wagon, Dugdales cattle wagon, car, Manby's, Hoywards load of hay, Proctors cattle food, fawn and black car, W.R.E.E.C. van, supervisor again, all these gone up, load of ashes gone up in a wagon, its brought a brazier for the man on point duty I should think. Mr. Willis van gone on, also a red van towards Gargrave, a big wagon gone up and a petrol wagon. Norman Reeday's tripping about with his tractor. Dugdales have taken some cows away. Bobby running, man running, to keep warm I expect. Sergeant smoking a cigarette, takes himself back to the Angel. 2 private cars gone up. Willie Verity and Mason brought their milk. Tommy Shut and Wades man back also Willie Walker. Ethel struggling with a box of stuff as much as she could manage. Bob was driving. B.Y.B wagon gone up, Snowden's motor. Snow plough is working again after being broke down last night. Mr. Standeven's coffin has been dragged so far by horse and sledge, old Joe took Jack Taylor's horse sledge. I see two men doing a spot of business, changing moneys then a man in a green van took various parcels, I think it was from the tea van. Mrs. Redman's told me, Trevor Standeven's wife now Mrs. Brook had been ringing up to see what the roads were like, so she came up by taxi to Homers then she was walking forward to Scale House.

#### FEBRUARY 14th.

Mick and George, my nephews, called last night to see how we were fixed, he said they were all right and the Philip (a fireman on the railway) had nearly been overblown in Bleamoor tunnel. Gilbert and Mrs. Macaulay are trying the car out for Skipton today, he says the dog pinched their butter ration and yeast and took it into the kennel, it had eaten the butter but just messed the yeast about. A few motors about already at 8.30. Yesterday those 8 poor fellows who were trying to get some food to the folks in Staffordshire were killed in the plane crash. There is some more going to try today. Mrs. Walker told me yesterday that folks at Burnsall were without food and they were not dug out yet. I saw a strange bird yesterday. I'll keep my eyes skimmed for it. The milk wagon and two loads of letters have come 20 to 9. 1.25 - Mrs. Walker had a ring through from the Police to say stop all traffic going towards Gargrave as the Fire Engine was coming through to a fire at Burnsall. She stopped two big wagons, then it came, but one of the Stockdales men said it can't get within four miles of Burnsall, so they look like being burnt out whoever it is. Now Keighley Bobby has rung up to say Keighley Fire Brigade are coming and will she stop all traffic going towards Gargrave, 15 mins to 2. Mrs. Macaulay and Gilbert have brought the shopping, left ours, and gone forward to Rylstone. Now Fire Brigade Break has come from Skipton, with 2 men in it. 12 Minutes past 2 and it hasn't come yet, but there is an old pig in the road, it will have to mind its p's and q's. A jeep and a posh car and a big wagon and Jacksons from Cracoe gone Gargrave way. Its tried snowing a bit to-day, like sago. It is still terribly cold, much colder than yesterday, it is such a biting wind. My hyacinth is a grand one, it has 3 heads of flowers out and 3 more to come out, the cactus is doing well. 4 p.m. I've just come back from Rylstone and the snow drifts are immense with whats piled up from the cutting, its the size of a house and it is just like going into a store. Cutting deeper than the Hall road stone cutting. Billy Swales landed us 4 cwt of coal, he said he had got it at Swinden. By, that blue look has come into the sky again, we've had it before these other lots of snow. Billy says he has been a few times to Swinden, he can only do about 2 journeys a day. I saw Dr. Ollerenshaw in his car when I was out, also Myers



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going to the vault with a wreath. He says Mrs. Standeven is very worried and Dennis was paying the fellows overtime to get the road cut open from there to Church for the funeral tomorrow. 4.45 the Frie Brigade and Trailer Break, 3 big snow cutters, wagons, 1 car Gargrave w'y. I haven't been able to check every thing today, but the weight of traffic hasn't been so heavy this afternoon.

#### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15th

Things went on much the same as the day before, only Mr. Standeven's funeral.

Coal, meat, snow cutters, and Germans being carted about in lorries, the train got as far as Rylstone. The sun came out quite a few times. Gilbert says he never saw so much snow on the fell and he is turned 40. The Mrs. went to meet the Boss. She took Gilbert with her. They were held up by two vehicles that got hooked up together. There seems to be various methods of getting the milk kits back home, they seem to make the Angel the sending off place. Gilbert brought a nice cob and some bits of smokeless coal that had fallen off a wagon. Mr. Macaulay stopped the car so he could pick it up. I went out to see Annie in the afternoon, she was baking. I took her a Beetroot I had boiled in the morning. She gave me my Christmas box, a writing pad and envelopes.

#### SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY.

The sun is shining, I don't think it is as cold, but it seems dryer. Gilbert has gone by the field, he says the roads are bad to walk on. I see some coal has gone up this morning, there is an awful lot of Gerrys going up I do hope they work. There is a lot of snow to cut yet. Gilbert says he saw a Gerry going to Snowdens for tea for 60 Gerrys who were cutting near the station. He came back by the road. Miss Procter wanted her engine seeing to, so he had to tell Walter. We didn't go out again. We kept the fire warm. He said he was cold in bed so he had a bottle for the first time this winter. I put him Miss Midgley's knitted blanket on. He said he had been much warmer.

#### MONDAY FEBRUARY 17th

It is still/as cold as ever. Trying to snow again, but not doing so much. I waited about for Mr. Henning from Shuttleworths, grocer in Skipton, he came at noon. Mrs. Walker landed back at noon, she had been to see her Auntie who had been found by a neighbour lying on the floor. They had got her to bed and got her warm, they thought she must have been there a few hours, she was very cold. Her sister went as well, she lives at Colne does the Auntie, they stopped all night and fixed her up about her being looked after. I walked down to Beaties in the afternoon, she was washing, I did upstairs, George and Janet came upstairs to me. I suppose I was a change, it is three weeks or more since they were at school, what with the flu and the storm. The buses are supposed to start running tomorrow. Walter Dent was going to Skipton the same time as I was walking down. He said he had been away up Rylstone Fell at the weekend for 2 sheep and a tup and they were fair matted up with ice and snow. He said it isn't wise to knock much off them at once as they feel the cold too much, (much better to let it thaw off).

#### FEBRUARY 18th

A terrible biting wind today, but fine and the sun is shining. I went to Cracoe by the station way and it is not cut at all in that road. Big drifts from Fleets road end to Wellocks barn, then it isn't at all bad. But I could walk on the drifts so it seems fairly solid. The telephone men were out getting the wires put straight, he said it would take them a good 12 months to get all straightened out. I saw Mrs. Leathley about our dance and she doesn't know what to do about it, but is going to get in touch with some of the folks and let me know in the morning. I called to see Mrs. Myers and left her a button belonging to her husbands post clothes, she said she was O.K. and Margaret had gone to work yesterday first time for a fortnight. Myers had been to Bordley last Friday and it nearly killed him she said. Then I called on Mary Preston. She said Mrs. Brown was much better since she had seen the specialist and she was having to do exercises and she has message by Mrs. Firth. She said Mr. Charlesworth was dead and they were berying him at Settle. I had my dinner with her, a road man was having his tee made. He said the water was shut off at Grassington because of wastage from a burst. She sent some papers on for Mrs. Walker and lent me a paper. I enjoyed the walk back but it was draughty, l vely sunshine on front side and a biting wind behind. The train was just going back to Skipton, no snow cutters had got through to Grassington, so I had to wait till it had passed the crossing, the little gate was blocked up, just about an hour after I



saw a goods train come up. The engine had 'OLD FAITHFUL' written in chalk across the front. I expect the engine men had done it. Mrs. Leathley gave me a list of buses to and from Skipton, she said it was only a skeleton service, but better than none. Gilbert said it had been grand in the garden, the hare and the rabbits hadn't been at his brussels again, he thought he must have found their getting in place and he had blocked some likely places up. He says he has to start the motor every morning to keep it in trim, since they had trouble with it last Friday.

#### FEBRUARY 19th.

Still cold and its dull this morning, the snow looks mucky. It is snowing a few flakes. Mrs. Walker said that when Willie was fetching Flora home last night 2 buses were stuck and neither of em would go back at first and it delayed them an hour and they couldn't go back by Gargrave as there was a stream of traffic behind them. Norman Walker had been to a burst above Hebden and he had to walk 4 miles each way. He says we don't know what snow is. Whernside looks one solid mass, I can see it sometimes. Dogs will come and take my few scraps that I manage to save for the birds. I've not seen that strange bird any more. Slater's men have been ringing up his boss at Skipton to say a wheel has come off his van, he landed up about 3 in the afternoon with the batteries, he said they had sent him a casing up for his wheel, so he had got it fixed up right. The van was newly out of the garage from being mended. Gilbert said it hadn't thrown much over at Rylstone but we had lovely sunshine and dripping off the roofs etc. Mrs. Redman said they were going to the pictures if Nancy could look after the girls. John was dropping Mrs. Binks and her at the pictures whilst he went forward to see his parents at Keighley. I rang the Craven Herald to say put in our advert for the 22th. Mrs. Leathley thought we had better have our dance as fixed. Mrs. Chester wanted to know how we were to get. But time tells everything. The owl over at Rylstone was caught yesterday when it bumped itself into a window when the dog was let out. Gilbert said he had hold of it and it was terribly light, but it flew away all right when he held it up, it has been about for quite a while now.

#### FEBRUARY 20th

There was about an inch of new snow this morning, but it was blowing and snowing, but now the sun is shining lovely, the snow isn't falling now. German snow cutters still go up this way for Bordley I expect. 2 lorry loads went this morning, there is two laying chippings off a lorry. A white aeroplane went over this morning. Joan Hebden has been with the weekly rations. She had her big dog-Butcher with her, he is a size but a grand dog. I went to see Miss Featherstone and took her some beetroot, they have kept nicely and she said they just have to keep up to the fire for warmth. I think it is worst for old folks. It is snowing and blowing but doesn't feel quite so cold in the house this last two days.

#### FRIDAY FEBRUARY 21st

Its still snowing and blowing, sometimes its bad and sometimes its nearly stopped. 2 loads of German prisoners gone up, one load came and turned round and went back. Mrs. Walker has been in and Norman says it is fit for her to go to Colne. I'm not going to Beaties, she said don't come if its snowing we'll manage somehow. Willie Walker says he has been to Skipton but it is bad again in places. Part lorries about with proven. I see the Postman talking to Mr. Horn who brings his milk to the Angel in his cart, also Stanley from Shackletons. I'm afraid the snow cutting will be all getting blocked up again by the look of it. I see Reggie going on his wagon. The goods train has managed to get through to Rylstone at 11.15. The newspapers came up at 2.30 p.m. Mary said she had come up on the noon bus and they are not running any more. It has snowed and blown all day. Mrs. Walker said Walt Hanham had been told on the phone at Bingley if he didn't get himself home he wouldn't get, so he rang Flora up and collected her and brought her back about 2 p.m. Horns couldn't get up Rylstone Hill. It was simply blinding. They met Norman Walker on their way back to Hetton and told him not to take his motor, he was going to Scale Hill to unfreeze them. Just turned 3 p.m. The German prisoners have gone walking by fair plastered, the lorries have come for them from Gargrave way, they seem to have been in some fair drifts by the snow on their wheels. Two big loads of meal and provender



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have gone on the village. You didn't see many people out today belonging to the village. I've been doing a few drawers out whilst I'm fast in. Reggie has gone back but he seems not to have much on his lorry. Snowing and blowing a gale at Gilberts home time, he said some lorries were stopped by the pond. It was terrible up at Rylstone corner again. When we were having our tea we saw 5 or 6 motor traffic come from Rylstone towards Gargrave. Gilbert said these are the ones that were stopped by the pond. He said he saw a hawk pick up a bird, it was sharp. Annie called in the evening to show me a cutting out of the Craven Herald about John Coates and his sheep.

#### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 22nd.

It hadn't come a lot more over night, just blown it about a bit. Traffic seems to be able to get by Gargrave. Mrs. Thackery said traffic had had to come from Skipton by Gargrave last night. It has been a few heavy showers today, but it was also very bright sunshine here for quite a long time. It had a good melt at the snow. Not been anywhere today. I saw Mrs. Chester and Betty going home about teatime then it fairly snowed for about 1/2 hour, quite thick and heavy.

#### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23rd.

Beautiful sunshine. Gilbert said there was a service in the morning but not at night. I went to Cracoe to see all the members of the committee to arrange for a meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. about our dance on Friday. It was a grand walk, I had to wear my dark glasses, the snow was most dazzling. They hadn't cut out by the station yet but I went that way and walked on the drifts. I only saw Billy Swales who was digging himself a way across the fields to lead some coal that was much needed. There was a bit against the Railway that the Railway men would have cut tomorrow he said. Then I met the Policeman nearly at Cracoe, he said I thought you'd got two black eyes. He had some very shiny leggings on. I've never seen him so bright before. I came back by Mrs. Hoares and Rylstone, it was a lovely walk but very narrow between piles of snow wall top high all the way from Cracoe to top of Rectory Hill which had an immense drift with ERIC printed in it, then there was not as much down into Rylstone but it makes up for it the other side. It is higher than ever now. I called to see the Hunters whilst I was there, they are better again after having flu and colds. Fred told me he had been up to the cross one day and it was very slippery on the snow, shot ice in places and he said there was a thick coating of ice on the walls and rabbits were as thin as lats. Gilbert had been for some Water Cress when I got back, he said he had enjoyed his walk, he had been talking to Mr. Taylor who told him about "George" from the Angel having to take Ted Burton home one night, he was very full up and couldn't manage himself. It was cold at night, keenest frost here I should think. Cracoe folks are having water trouble.

#### FEBRUARY 24th

Another grand day, beautiful sunshine but keen frost. Mary Redmans birthday, she said her Mother was poorly so I went to see her. She had a pain in her shoulder, and didn't know what it was and the Dr. was coming, by what she told me it sounded like Rheumatics. She said she's never had Rheumatism so didn't know what it was like. So I told her what to do for it, as I've nearly always got some somewhere on me. I went to Beaties and set off to walk but got a lift from the Railway bridge with Mr. Wellock who was going to Skipton, he said they are going to try and go<sup>to</sup> their new farm at Airton on Wednesday. Janet helped me do some jobs, Beatie says she has a job to make her do. I never asked her, she just said I'm going to help you Auntie. Last week she said I had to pay her, so I gave her a penny which was seemingly enough. I got a lift back all the way with Mr. Reeday. He came whilst I was waiting for the bus, we were lucky and didn't meet owt in the narrow places. Philip had been at home at the weekend, he called on us when we were out on Sunday.

#### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25th

Grand morning again. I don't think the frost is so keen. Did my chores then went to see Mrs. Redman to see how she was. She said she had done what I said and she had had a better night and it wasn't so painful but was still there. I took some Womens papers to Mrs. Tom Taylor. She is better than she was, but Annies kiddies have whooping cough.

#### FEBRUARY 26th

Everything plastered and still snowing and blowing. Gilberts had to put a helmet on this morning and leggings. 10 a.m. It must be bad Norman is walking with a sack of hay on his back. The wind doesn't seem as strong. Walter



Hanham and Flora seem to be at home and I've only seen Normans little wagon once and no other traffic. I've seen no one taking their milk this morning. Roads are all made up again, the snow is coming from the South West this time. Mrs. Redman told me her shoulder was mending. The Dr. came yesterday he said he thought it must be Rheumatism as she couldn't remember falling or anything like that. He gave her some pills. Mrs. Clarks Mother wasn't expected to live and she had come home to Preston to her. Mr. Clark came to Redmans to wait for a telephone call from her. I saw our Walt and he said the Cracoe/Rylstone road was made up again. At night Gilbert said the "BULL NOSER", as Carr calls it had landed to Rylstone from Skipton but it had been riding on some of the drifts because John Hodgkinson said there were places a yard high that his van wouldn't tackle and Mrs. Macaulay who had been with Hamish yo his school - he was just going back from Xmas what with Flu, Bronchitus and snow he had been held up, they went on Tuesday when it was thawing nicely and she stayed all night and she didn't know owt about this extra snow till she was ordering a taxi to come back with and they said if we can get one, which is doubtful, but we'll take you as far as we can. The buses of course were all stopped again. The taxi picked up a young man on its travels, a painter name of Featherstone from Grassington, the taxi couldn't come beyond Scale House so they had to walk. She gave him a warm up and some food at Rylstone before he went forward to Grassington. I had to cancel our dance until further notice.

#### FEBRUARY 27th

It is Letty's birthday, but there was no mail or papers yester day so it wasn't any good writing when you don't know when they will go so I shouted a Happy Birthday up the chimney. It doesn't seem to have done anything in the night. Folks running with shovels. The milkman has said he will be at Rylstone at 10 a.m. so they are digging from here to there. John Willie and Joan came in the afternoon and they both said "Good Morning". Beef this Week. The Redmans bread lad said what a lovely smell. It was my Hyacinth it has 5 lots of flowers out and one to come yet. Ethel came, they couldn't get by Flasby, so they had to go all the way round Skipton. Bob said he cursed, then a wagon was stuck in Hetton Hill, its been worse this time than before for snow. I did laugh I had given the birds some bits and some scraps of cheese, a Blue Tit just sat its behind on the snow and held the cheese in its foot. It must have got tired of standing. Next day it was doing it again and another came and took hold of the other side. I saw a hen Chaffinch keep picking its right leg up into its feathers, I wondered if it had chilblains - poor thing. In the afternoon I went for the rest of the storm to Stainforth to nurse Mother who had an awful pain, after she got the coals in and Barbara's feet were a terrible mess, she had great blisters on them, but these we dried up with Calamine Lotion, it took about 8 weeks. Gilbert had to look after himself, and he had had the laundry man one night. I'm sorry to say I haven't the records of the last part of the storm as all my time was taken up nursing. Letty and me saw the aeroplane one morning which was dropping hay at Capon Hall and Rough Close, they had to keep going round in circles to keep their balance - so old Godfrey said. When the snow went it was a lovely spring and things soon seemed to be a lovely green.









