

The straitened economic circumstances in the country, and especially in the North of England, meant that many of the 7 million people depending on the dole lived in that area, and during 1932, riots provoked by hunger marchers were taking place in many cities. At the end of January 1932, Capt. Mansfield F.R.G.S. gave a lantern lecture at Hemsworth Secondary School entitled, "Iceland, a land of surprises." He described his four-month stay in that country, saying it was a land of hot springs, geysers and waterfalls. Most of the population lived in the coastal areas, and were very hospitable. He suggested that a more appropriate name for that country would be "Berg Land." Less than a week later, staying with the theme of ice and snow, on February 4th, The Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, New York State. Faced with the Depression, the President of the organising committee of the Winter Olympic Games donated the land used for the construction of the bob sleigh run. There were 17 nations and 251 athletes taking part (231 men and 22 women), and Sonja Henie defended her figure skating title. Not surprisingly, the USA won 6 gold medals, 4 silver and 2 bronze from the 14 events.

The Governors Meet

Fresh from his successful entry to Parliament, Ald. Price presided over an acrimonious February gathering of Governors. Mrs. Dooley complained about the amount of publicity given by the Press to the visit of the lady Governors to the school which took place without prior notice being given to anyone. She made it clear that she did not accompany the lady Governors on that occasion, and she had always presented herself to the Headmaster when visiting the school. However, she did not think the Press had been fair in broadcasting the whole matter. Mrs. Guest made it clear that she had agreed to apologise to the Headmaster for the unexpected visit, but not because she had come into the school and had lunch, which she believed was part of her work, which should not require an apology. Mrs. Blackmore said she was not concerned about the newspaper reports, and insisted that she had had the best interest of the school in her mind when she paid the visit. "I think," she said, "these meetings are the worst I attend for feeling, for we are not pulling together." The Headmaster (Mr. Jenkinson) insisted that no Governor who was courteous would come to the school without giving him notice. Capt. Hallam made it plain that he had always, as a matter of courtesy, informed the Headmaster of his intended visit. Mr. A. Bednall thought the Headmaster was perfectly justified in asking for prior notice. Mr. W. Exley remarked that he would not have lost any dignity over the matter. Ald. Price appealed for calm, and said the Governors were trying to do their best. It was clear that opinions were not going to be changed by any further discussion, and so the next item on the agenda was introduced, and the matter was dropped.

The Caretaker's Car

Unfortunately, when Mr. Isaac Burns mentioned the next item for discussion, the negative atmosphere seemed to continue. Mr. Burns had been told by persons unnamed that the school caretaker was sufficiently well off to have a motor van, and that a girl on the domestic staff was employed to occasionally clean the van. He wondered if this was a compulsory part of her job, and if the Governors were paying her wages for this. Mr. Burns asked the Headmaster to what extent was he responsible for the domestic affairs of the school. Mr. Jenkinson responded that he was responsible for everything that took place at the school, although he had no direct control over the domestic affairs. He had seen one of the maids cleaning the car, but he knew nothing more about this. Capt. Hallam thought the matter might be investigated further.

Honours Boards

A refusal had been received from the County Hall to provide new 'Honours Boards' at the school, "owing to the present need for economy." The Clerk to the Governors, Mr. Charles Crossley, reported that the Authorities had recommended a book in which to place the Honours Lists. The price of the Honours Boards would be about £15 / 0s / 0d, and the Book would cost a little over £2 / 0s / 0d. Capt. Hallam's reaction to this was that the Governors should press for the Boards to be installed, adding "...the County Hall's suggestions are absolutely tripe."

Resignation and Appointments

The resignation of Miss Mackie, Domestic Mistress at the school, was accepted in February 1932, and Mr. P. Hughes was appointed gymnastic instructor to the boys. The girls saw the appointment one month later of their physical drill mistress, Miss J.C. Harrison, who came from a private girls' school at Hove.

The Covered Way

No reply had been received from the County Authority regarding a proposed meeting with the County Architect to discuss the building of a covered way between the school and the Dining Hall. The refusal of the previous November to supply the requested funds apparently stood. This was a most unrewarding and unsatisfactory meeting, the negative aspects of which would colour future agendas. The general adjustments which had to be made to accommodate the prevalent economic realities seemed to result in the Governors venting their frustrations onto any nearby target. At their next meeting one month later, they considered a letter from the caretaker in explanation for the cleaning of his car by a domestic maid. Mr. Manning wrote that a maid had assisted him in the cleaning of his car, but it was after she had finished her duties on a Saturday afternoon. She did the cleaning of her own free will, and was suitably rewarded. Mr. Burns said he was satisfied with the explanation provided it meant that none of the school's employees cleaned the car during working hours in the future. As long as every Governor agreed that they should not engage and pay people to clean the cars of other employees, he was satisfied. Mr. Manning's explanation was accepted. Mr. Manning's opinions on the necessity of having to write his letter of explanation went unrecorded.

Labrador

The Rev. Arthur Raley M.C. (Vicar of Grimethorpe) gave a lecture on "Labrador" at the school on Wednesday March 2nd 1932. Sidney Fox moved a vote of thanks. This seems such a brief reference to such a distinguished man that a mention of his background may show how uniquely qualified he was to speak on this subject. *Rev. Raley was a well-loved vicar within the village of Grimethorpe. During the 1914-18 War he served with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and was at Gallipoli and in France on the staff of the 88th Brigade. For his actions at Ypres he was awarded the Military Cross. He was also mentioned in dispatches,*

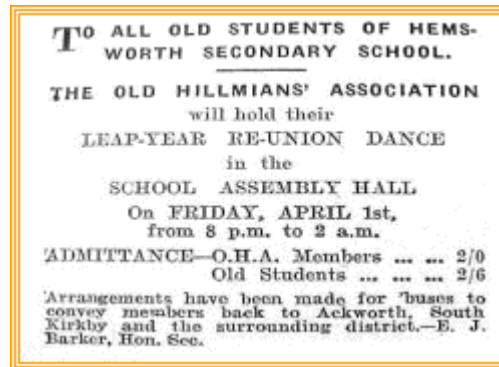
and received the French and Belgian Croix de Guerre. Before his service in the First World War, Mr. Raley was a member of the English medical missionary Sir Wilfrid Grenfell's Labrador Expedition of 1911-12. Mr. Raley was educated at Bedford in Newfoundland, and at Warmminster, and was a keen Scouter, who had been a staff officer for the famous 1929 International Jamboree at Arrowe Park. For many seasons he was captain of the Grimethorpe Cricket Team, and was one of the few players in the area who could boast of having played with W.G. Grace, shortly after leaving school in 1908.

I Shall Need a Garage

Undeterred by all the refusals for funds from County Hall, Mr. Jenkinson requested the provision of a garage, as (not to be outdone by his caretaker) he was shortly to own a car. A garage could be provided at a low cost, he stated. He also gained the backing of the Governors for his request to have his house re-painted.

The First Mention of the 'Old Hillmians'

The new naming of the Old Girls' and Boys' Association of the school appeared in this advertisement for a reunion dance. About 70 members subsequently attended. Alice Scott and Doreen Raine acted as M.C's and the Crescent Band supplied the music. Mr. William Kirk (president) announced during that evening that the Old Hillmians Dramatic Society would present the play, "Penelope" the following September.



Rugby at Hemsworth S.S. in 1932

The local newspaper spoke of the Hemsworth Rugby Team as ranking amongst the most successful school teams in Yorkshire by the excellent results reported during the season. They played 21 games, won 16, lost 3 and 2 were drawn. Points for were 523, and against 136. The chief try-scorers of the season were Colin Moxon (33), Harris (26), Williamson (19), Bernard Hemstock (14) and Ernest Hedley Wright (9). Moxon also kicked 51 goals, representing over 100 points. In March 1932, the team scored a convincing win over Thorne G.S. by 17 points to 3. Quickly aggressive, Croft ran over for a try but was recalled for a forward pass, and directly afterwards Leslie Guy forced his way over, and Heath converted. Thorne improved and Ellaby was checked when close to the line. Subsequent pressure by the home side resulting in Thorpe touching down. Thorne reduced the deficit early in the second half through a penalty goal by Ellaby, and Heath replied with a fine dropped goal. Nearing the finish, Newby added a try, Heath improving with a kick. The second team played 13 matches during the season, of which 8 were won, 4 lost and 1 drawn. Croft was the chief try scorer with 25 to his credit. Rugby Championship of the school was secured by Holgate House in 1932.

Vale Head Park, Hemsworth

On 19th March 1932 Vale Head Park opened at a cost of £13,000. It was based on land bought from Earl Fitzwilliam with grants from the Miners' Welfare Fund and the Government. The Park's official opening ceremony took place on 5th May 1934 conducted by Coun. Isaac Burns.



On Sunday April 24 1932 around 600 ramblers walked from Hayfield in Derbyshire to Kinder Scout, a high plateau in the Peak district. The trespassers demanded one simple change: the landowners should open a public path through Kinder Scout, allowing local walkers to ramble through when the land was not in use. Behind this simple demand there were deeper questions. By the

1920s and 1930s most ramblers were working class. With so many unemployed, rambling grew in popularity. Tens of thousands of workers used their Sundays to go walking. By 1932 it is estimated that 15,000 working class ramblers left Manchester every Sunday. On that day, Benny Rothman, their 20 yr old leader, along with four others, were arrested and sent to trial, and it was the outraged publicity surrounding the jailing of these five idealistic Mancunians which led eventually to the passing of the Access to Countryside Act of 1949 and the creation of our national parks.

Who Will Be Chairman?

When the appointment of chairman for the next year was being considered at the annual meeting of the Governors of the school in April 1932, the clerk (Mr. Charles Crossley) informed Coun. E. Ford that he was unaware if Ald. G. Price, MP, who had held that office since the opening of the school, would be able to continue, due to his political responsibilities. Mrs. Garstang proposed the re-election of Ald. Price, "not only for his interest in, but for his inception of, the beautiful school to which we are all so proud to belong". Coun. W.H. Beetham seconded, on condition that Ald. Price would be able to attend the meetings, and Coun. Ford supported. Mrs. A. Schorah stated that although she had the utmost admiration for Ald. Price, however, she moved that Capt. L. Hallam be elected chairman, as a person who would be able to attend the meetings. After further discussion, they requested the clerk to make the requisite enquiry about the availability of Ald. Price for future Governors' meetings, and meanwhile, Capt. Hallam was appointed temporary chairman.

Hemsworth's Eliminating Trials

Keen interest was being maintained within the school for the second annual athletic championship contests to be held at Fartown, Huddersfield on 1st June 1932. Many of the West Riding Secondary Schools would be in competition, and bearing in mind Hemsworth's many successes of the previous year, in enthusiastic preparation for this, about 50 youths and boys had undergone extensive training. A week before the championship, the final eliminating tests were held at the school. In the Senior 100 yards, good contests were seen, with three competitors together for the latter half, finishing in a heap in the good time of 10.8 seconds. The first two to finish in each heat would represent the school at Huddersfield.

Results:

Event	First	Second	Third	Performance
100 yards (Junior)	Wade	Duckett	Scales	12 secs
100 yards (Middle)	Parsons	Hopkinson	Smith	11.2 secs
100 yards (Senior)	Williamson	Harris	Croft	10.8 secs
220 yards (Junior)	Duckett	Fry	Sutton	26.6 secs
220 yards (Middle)	Parsons	Hopkinson		no time recorded
440 yards (Junior)	Sutton	Cutts	Morrison	61 secs
440 yards (Middle)	Smith	Coldwell		55.8 secs
440 yards (Senior)	Thorpe	Hemstock	Wright	54 secs
220 yards (test trial)	Croft	Hopkinson		24.4 secs
Half mile (Junior)	Smith	Crapper		2 mins 19 secs
Mile (Senior)	Baxter	Newby	Allison Time	4 mins 38 secs
High Jump (Junior)	Scales	Wade		4ft 2 ins
High Jump (Senior)	Hemstock	Wright	Marlow	4ft 11 ins

The Second Inter-School Huddersfield Sports - 1st June 1932

Hemsworth "Swept the Board"

Competing Schools; Hemsworth, Penistone, Royds Hall, Elland, Holmfirth and Hipperholme.

Guest of Honour: - Sir Percy Jackson.

Hemsworth were the current holders of the Championship Shield, and easily retained it. Several events were closely contested.

The local paper reported the sports as follows.

"Ramsden, Goodinson, Brooks and the sisters Roebuck rendered Penistone good service, whilst the winners Hemsworth had a fine team in Harris, Williamson, Croft and Hemstock. Williamson and Croft had the finish of the senior sprint to themselves, inches separating the pair at the tape in 11 seconds, which considering the slow track, was good. Croft and Harris were worthy winners of the heats in the furlong, in the final of which Harris was beaten on the tape. The high jumps also furnished good returns in view of the soft nature of the take-off. Hemstock (Hemsworth) and Goodinson (Penistone) fighting a keen duel in clearing 4ft 10 ins.

At the conclusion of the sports the plaques were handed to the successful schools by Sir Percy Jackson, who congratulated Hemsworth on a very smart performance. Hemsworth were awarded plaques for the senior and junior sections, and the Challenge Shield for the highest aggregate of points."

Results:

Hemsworth	48 points
Royds Hall	32 points
Penistone	25 points
Holmfirth	15 points
Elland	7 points
Hipperholme	5 points

Although great mention was made of the boys in the sports teams, upon close examination of the list of results of the events of that day, it can be seen that there was a female contingent at the sports, though Hemsworth's girls did not shine. There was:

a senior girls' 100 yards (won by one of the Roebuck sisters of Penistone with 4ft 6"),

a junior High Jump won by a tied Royds Hall and Penistone,

a middle High Jump won by Penistone,

a senior girls' High Jump won by one of the Roebuck sisters,

a middle girls' 220 yards won by Penistone and a junior and middle relay event won by Royds Hall and Penistone respectively.

School Concert - Wednesday 8th June 1932

A large audience at the annual concert heard a programme given by the school choir assisted by the Old Savilians Orchestra of Wakefield. Pianoforte solos were given by Granville H. Clayton and Miss Kathleen Perry. Songs were performed by Miss Wright, Miss Joan Senior and Granville H. Clayton. A violin solo was played by Miss Eva Harris. The Old Savilians rendered "Pique Dame", "The Mikado", "Egmont" and Ballet Music from "Faust". The School Choir sang the cantata "The Walrus and the Carpenter".

Such a narrow victory!

Hemsworth Secondary School and Mexborough Secondary School played a June 1932 cricket match at Hemsworth which saw the visitors securing victory by 5 runs. But for Colin Desborough (12) and George Potts (7) the Hemsworth batsmen did little with the bowling of Trickett (5 for 16) and the innings only made 39. However, at the commencement of Mexboro's innings, Heath E. and Bernard Hemstock bowled with such deadly effect that five of the first six batsmen were dismissed without scoring! A timely effort by Trickett (13) and Thorpe (9) pulled the game round, though the position was interesting when Parker, the Mexborough last man, went in with five runs still required for victory. He survived two narrow escapes before making the winning hit and was bowled three runs later. Bernard Hemstock secured 6 for 17 and Heath 4 for 25.

The Mining Centre

The first discussions for a Mining Technical College had originally taken place at a meeting of the West Riding Education Committee in October 1927. Ald. Price had been enthusiastic about this, and had proposed that the £6,000 which had been granted by the Central Miners' Welfare Committee should be allocated to this project. The Governors agreed to allow such an Institute to be sited within the school grounds. Five years later, it seemed that a firm decision to build had been made, and sketch plans forwarded to the Governors in April 1932 for their observations, indicating that the proposed site was situated between the main entrance gates and the private road to the school, and that outbuildings would need to be removed, and an embankment excavated. Several trees would also need to be felled. In a letter to the Governors from Mr. J.H. Hallam, Education Officer for the West Riding, he invited suggestions for the management of the Institute, as there existed no body of managers whose authority covered the whole area to be served by a senior institute of that particular type. More details were requested by the Governors before their final approval could be given, and the County Council was asked that the governors be represented on the managing body of the new establishment. Capt. L. Hallam presided at a meeting of the school Governors on Friday 10th June 1932. A more detailed set of plans for the "senior mining centre" was being considered, with the help of the assistant architect of the West Riding, Mr. H. Denton. There was to be: a drawing office, a mining laboratory, instruction and accommodation for both male and female students - and separate entrances, full cloakroom accommodation for both men and women, a frontage of 107 feet, with the building standing 50 or 60 feet from the roadway, between the main and rear approaches to the school. The felling of seven trees would be necessary. The one-storey building was designed so that a second storey could be added where necessary, and the estimated cost of £4,500 was to be met by the Miners' Welfare Fund.

What type of building? - The chairman expressed the opinion that they would like to keep the new building in uniformity with the existing school. He would prefer the new building to be of stone, and on the motion of Mr. W. Exley, it was decided by the meeting to request the centre be constructed entirely of stone at an extra cost of £100. (Would that the 1960's considerations on the front extensions to the school itself had had the good taste to follow suit!) Mr. Exley stated that he would not like the present attractive position of the secondary school spoiled by the removal of trees, and made the observation that it was easier to cut trees down than to put them up. Mr. Denton assured the Governors that the minimum number of trees would be removed. Mr. J. Dunleavy asked if it was necessary for the mining centre to be placed near the school at all. After all, he knew there was land available near Holly Bank. The chairman responded by saying that the plans for such a centre had been made several years ago, and much time had been invested in getting to that point. He did not want to jeopardise the building of the centre by imposing too many stringent conditions. Mr. Jenkinson asked for a separate entrance. He wanted the schoolchildren's entrance completely separate from that of the centre. There was general agreement to this.

Dancing Display

On the last day of June 1932 the annual dancing display by the staff and students took place in the school grounds. The programme was made up of 23 items, and music was supplied by Glasshoughton Band. The M.C. was Mr. J. Swinbank, headmaster of South Kirkby Council School, and father of the Latin Master known to many later pupils of the school.

Staff Changes

A special meeting of the Governors was held on Friday 8th July 1932 when candidates for the position of Art master were interviewed. There had been 94 applicants, and three made the short list, with the successful candidate being Mr. J.D. Hamilton of Stirling. In the absence through illness of Ald Price MP (chairman), Capt. L. Hallam presided at the August meeting of the Governors which accepted the resignation of Miss N.M. Muir (junior English mistress) who was taking up an appointment at a girls' High School in Constantinople. Miss N.J. Clifford B.A. of Ramsbottom Central School, Manchester was appointed Senior English Mistress, Miss N.W. Wilde B.A. of Stanford House School, Birmingham was appointed junior English Mistress. The Headmaster reported that he had re-appointed Reginald J. Dowdeswell for another year as his secretary, and George Potts as Dowdeswell's assistant. Miss Quayle and Miss Mann retired.

County Minor Scholarships announced June 1932

Boys (34)

Brierley	Frank Wilson
Crofton	William Higgins, Leslie Woolley, Joseph Simpson
Hemsworth	Robert Hawkins, Eric Green, Arthur E. Jessop, Harold Butler, Philip Moore, Alec Miles, Adrian L. Courtney, Arthur Turner, Kenneth D. Barker, Robert T. Hedley, Rowland Armitage, Alan Pointon, Michael Giblin
Ryhill	Raymond F. Griffiths

Shafton	Arthur R. Moulson
South Elmsall	Ernest Gough, Peter R. Weavery, Cyril Perkins, John W. Wesbroom, John Philips, John F. Wilkinson
South Hiendley	Hector Holder
South Kirkby	Donald M. McAllister, William G. Branford, Frank Keegan, Ronald Dyson, Walter T. Miles, Jack Lockwood, John Hibbert
Upton	Cyril Mellor

Girls (21)

Brierley	Alice S. Rogerson
Crofton	Marion E. Jones, Evelyn Dixon, Monica C. Summerscales
Hemsworth	Enid Moore, Eunice Strutt,
Ryhill	Jessie H. Hartley, Audrey Parker, Sylvia Marshall
South Elmsall	Sylvia Clayton, Kathleen J. Flavell, Dora M. Dunning, Olive White, Dorothy Turner,
South Hiendley	Rita Needham
South Kirkby	Margaret Bower, Jean M. Askham, Edna Kelly, Ursula M. Dunn, Mona D. Sands, Edna Kearsley.

Summer Renovations

At the close of the summer term of 1932 the repairs and renovations usual for such an old building with such heavy wear and tear began. The tender of Mr. S. Sterry of Ryhill for £224 10s 0d (£224.50) had been accepted. Mr. Hammerton Schorah of Shafton had estimated a cost of £21 for repairs to the upper corridor of the school, and this work also proceeded.

The Eleventh Sports and Parents' Day, July 20th 1932

Weather conditions for the annual sports and parents' day at the Hemsworth Secondary School were ideal, and a large number of parents and friends were present. The sport was of the usual high order, thanks to some splendid arrangements by the school staff, which ensured the completion of an extensive programme without hitch of any kind. A section of the pupils having previously given practical proof of their abilities in winning the sectional championships for the second successive year at Huddersfield meant that excitement was assured. There were several smart performances, with the chief interest centred in the sprints and the furlong races, in which competed the school's outstanding athletes. Expectations were realised when a stirring finish of the senior boys' 100 yards produced a fine struggle between three of the contestants, with inches only dividing them at the tape. The school record was beaten in this event, with the clock showing the fast time of 10.6 secs. The 120 yards senior boys' hurdles was also a good race, with all the competitors taking the obstacles in a dead line, and it was only on landing over the last hurdle that Croft gained a slight advantage to win. The high jump for the senior boys also produced a keen struggle between Bernard Hemstock and Ernest H. Wright, the former winning after Wright had sustained a fall in the take off.

Results:

Event	First	Second	Third	Performance
Long Jump, boys, senior	Colin Desborough	Harris	Raymond H. Williamson	18ft. 5½ ins
Long Jump, girls, junior	K. Fairs	Margaret Reeves	E. Cooper	12ft. 11 ins
Long Jump, girls, senior	Marjorie Harrison	Grace White	G. Ramsden	15ft. 1½ ins
Long Jump, boys, junior	Hopkinson H.			15ft. 1½ ins
Throwing Cricket Ball	Raymond H. Williamson	Ernest Wright	Colin Moxon	80 yds. 1ft. 6ins
Throwing Rounders Ball, girls	G. Ramsden	Lois Harris		
High Jump, girls, senior	Marjorie Harrison	Doris Hainsworth	Grace White	4ft. 2 ins
High Jump, girls, juniors	K. Fairs	Gwendolyn Crowther	E. Cooper	4ft. 0 ins
High Jump, boys, senior	Ernest Wright & Bernard Hemstock (tie)		Williamson & Marlow (tie)	4ft. 11 ins
High Jump, boys, junior	Cutts	Hopkinson H.	Scott	4ft. 3ins
Throwing the Discus	Baxter	Gordon Sterry	Newby	80 ft
Putting the Shot	Gordon Sterry	Colin Moxon	Raymond H. Williamson	36ft. 11 ins
100 yards, girls, senior	M. Jones	Marjorie Harrison	Ruth Bower	13 secs
100 yards, girls, junior	D. Clark	Bessie Athron	D. Cooper	13 secs
100 yards, girls, under 13	C. White	I. Leng	V. Townend	14 secs
100 yards, boys, senior	Raymond H. Williamson	Harris	Croft	10.6 secs record
100 yards, boys, junior	Wade	Hopkinson H.	Duckett	11.8 secs
100 yards, boys, under 13	Hince	Vollans	Stephenson	12.6 secs
Obstacle Race	Heywood	Bear	Ireson	
120 yards hurdles, boys, senior	Croft	Harris	Raymond H. Williamson	17.4 secs
120 yards hurdles, boys, under 15	Sutton	Hopkinson H.	Fry	18.2 secs
80 yards hurdles, girls	Marjorie Harrison	M. Jones	Hilda Paley	16.2 secs
80 yards hurdles, girls, under 15	Julien	K. Fairs	Clark	16.4 secs
Boys Sack Race	Scott	Haywood	Walker	
Girls Sack Race	K. Thorpe	Doris Hainsworth	Marjorie Harrison	
220 yards, boys, senior	Harris	Raymond H. Williamson	Croft	25 secs
220 yards, boys, junior	Wade	Hopkinson H.	Duckett	28.4 secs
220 yards, girls, senior	M. Jones	Marjorie Harrison	Hilda Paley	
220 yards, girls, junior	D. Cooper	Bessie Athron	K. Fairs	
Girls Wheelbarrow Race	M. Hadley & Walker	W. Bower	F. Higgins	
Bunny Race (under 4ft. 9ins.)	K. Thorpe	L. Hainsworth	C. White	
440 yards, boys, senior	Harris	Wright	Thorpe	60.6 secs
440 yards, boys, junior	Sutton	Duckett	Baxendale	65 secs
Deciding High Jump, Senior Boys	Bernard Hemstock	Ernest Wright		4ft. 11½ ins
Throwing the Javelin	Green	Colin Moxon	Gordon Sterry	102 ft. 6 ins
Mile (handicap)	Baxter F.	Stevenson	Fry	5min. 10 secs
Girls' Balance Race	Bibey & Pratt dead heat		E. Smith.	
3-legged race, girls	Marjorie Harrison & Estelle Rhodes, 2. Doris Hainsworth & R. Jackson, 3. D. Clark & I. Smith.			
House Relay	Price	Talbot.		
Tug o' War	Talbot	Guest		
Brothers and Sisters Race	Geoffrey Burt	M. Jackson.		
Bandsmens' Race	Tenor Horn (J. Walley)	E Flat Bass (J. Smethurst)	E Flat Bass (W. Hill)	

The Senior Victor Ludorum cup and medallion for boys was won by H. Williamson, with 12½ points,

The Junior Victor Ludorum went to H. Hopkinson.

The Senior Victrix Ludorum was won by Marjorie Harrison;

The Junior Victrix Ludorum was won by K. Fairs.

The House championship ended in a tie between Price House and Guest House, with 70½ points each, Talbot securing 64½ and Holgate 43½.

At the conclusion of the sports Mr. Gabriel Price, M.P., gave a short address, in which he spoke appreciatively of the Hemsworth Secondary School, which had a record second to none for all-round excellence. An exhibition of arts and crafts was held in the school, and as showing the sporting trend of the mind of one young artist there was included a picture of the English F.A. Cup, with players in action, under the title, "The Way to Wembley." In the evening a cricket match between the School team and parents was easily won by the School, though Mr. Price managed to secure 3 wickets for 20 runs. For the School, Heath obtained 10 wickets for 24 runs.

Scores:

Parents

Messrs. Leas		b. Heath	4
Schorah	c. Hemstok	b. Jaques	15
Skeldon	c. Hemstock	b. Jaques	0
E. Sutton	c. Wilson	b. Jaques	0
M. Sutton		b. Heath	10
Hemstock		b. Heath	15
White		b. Heath	4
Heath		b. Heath	0
J. Heath		b. Heath	26
Walker	c. Williamson	b. Hemstock	20
Steward		b. Wright	8
Price		b. Heath	1
Wilson		not out	4
Wincard		b. Heath	0
Croft		b. Heath	0
Extras 10			
Total 136			

School

Potts		b. Walker	35
Heath		b. Price	8
Hemstock		b. Wincard	15
Desborough		b. Wincard	18
Senior		b. Price	4
Williamson		not out	44
Harris	c. Smith	b Price	1
Marriott		not out	9
Extras 4			
Total for 6 wickets 138			

Perhaps all those who took part in the Sports at Hemsworth had heard on the radio, or read in the newspapers about the Olympic Games which that month were being held in Los Angeles. Mildred 'Babe' Didrikson excelled there by winning a Gold Medal in the 80 metres hurdles, Gold in the Javelin and Silver in the High Jump.

Old Hilmians' Dance Friday July 22nd 1932

The summer dance was held at the school on this Friday evening, and many previous scholars who had not visited the school for many years were present. The Crescent Band supplied the music, and the M.C. was Mr. William Kirk. Mr. Jenkinson took the opportunity at the gathering to congratulate Mr. J.A. Leslie Jago on his success in winning a Royal Art Exhibition scholarship.

September's Results

The hard work of the 1932 older pupils was rewarded and announced in the local newspaper, with M for Matriculation, along with the new term's dates (term to begin on 13th September 1932) and fees (£3.3s.0d per term). As usual, Mr. Charles Crossley would be at the school on Monday, 12th September to accept payment.

School Certificate Results 1932

Boys

Matriculation:

5A	Colin Clarkson, Colin C. Hart, Richard F. Leeming, Horace K. Porter
5S	Kenneth R., Goodall, Henry L., Hackforth, Leslie Taylor, Robert H. Thorpe,
5C	Harold Noble

School Certificates:

5A	Bernard Allison, Edward Butler, George Elvidge, Lewis W. Firman, Frederick Harrison, Lionel F. Newby, Norman Senior, Clifford Wainwright, Ernest Hedley Wright
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5S Harold R. Dimon, Leslie Guy, John R. Jaques, Charles Rhodes, Harry Taylor, James H. Turner, George B. Wainwright, Arthur E. Whittle.

5C Vernon Barnsley, Albert Bell, Joseph Keough, George F. Potts, James H. White, George W. Woodall

Girls

Matriculation:

5A Emily Cullingworth, Ida Farmery, Millicent Leaver, Kathleen Perry, Josephine M. Steel

5S Lorna W. Jagger

School Certificates:

5A Winifred Bower, Connie Bull, Annie Dodd, Marjorie Harrison, Hannah R. McCroakam, Estelle Rhodes, Mabel Townend

5S Laura Austin, Rose Fisher, Grace M. Mills, Joyce Warner

5C Phyllis Asher, Alice Hinchcliffe, Doris M. Jackson

"Egypt, Palestine and Syria"

The third visit of Mr. Guy S. Fothergill of Chorley Wood to the school was made in October 1932 to give a lecture about Egypt, Palestine and Syria which was illustrated with lantern slides. This was of considerable interest to the students, as he had recently visited these three countries. As was the usual custom, a vote of thanks was proposed to the lecturer by Mary Metcalfe (known to later generations of pupils as their long-serving Domestic Science teacher) and seconded by the Headmaster, Mr. Jenkinson, who expressed the hope that as the holding of the lectures was in the nature of an experiment, they would be of great educational value to the students. In fact, these lectures had been a regular feature at the school since the opening of the 'new' Assembly Hall in 1927, so it could be assumed that Mr. Jenkinson was quietly reviewing their value - or perhaps a young copywriter at the newspaper needed a final sentence to complete his report!

"Air Travel To-day and Tomorrow"

Mr. O.E. Simmonds, M.P., of Birmingham, gave a lecture on this topic at the school. Alec Ramsden, the School Captain (Head Boy) proposed the vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Jenkinson. It was recorded that Mr. L.T. Hyde operated the lantern. A link could be made between this lecture and the previous one at the school, as only five months previously, in May 1932 Egyptair established its first airline and became a pioneer of air travel to "promote the spirit of aviation among Egyptian youth."

By the 1930's, airlines such as Lufthansa, Qantas, Swissair, Varig, Vasp, United, American, TWA, Sabena, KLM and Imperial Airways (later BOAC) were operating regular services across a wide network of air-routes. Interestingly, the first air-stewardesses were required to be registered nurses!

The First Home Match of the Season

The Rugby team entertained Goole G.S. in the second week of October 1932, and recovered from an early setback to wear down the opposition and score a creditable 19-9 win.

Match report

Goole started promisingly, Woodcock scored a try. Guy replied with a similar score, but Hemstock failed to convert. Hemstock landed a penalty goal for Hemsworth. For Goole, Clague got over rather luckily. Hemsworth replied when Ramsden darted over for an opportunist try. Early in the second half, Williamson kicked through, followed up, recovered the ball and touched down for a fine try which was converted by Hemstock. Goole stuck to it, and as the ball rebounded from an upright, Woodstock picked up and raced over for a try, which was not improved on. Near the end, Hemsworth applied strong pressure which culminated in Wainwright scoring a try, which Hemstock improved on.

Awaiting the Axe - Circular 1421

The October Governors' meeting, presided over by Ald. Price M.P. discussed the previous year's announcement of cut-backs by the Board of Education, known as Circular 1421. The economies to be made were still being considered by the County Education Committee and the possibility of an increase in fees was on the horizon. Mrs. Schorah asked if the "cuts" and suggested increases of fees would apply to the scholars already attending the school, but was assured by the chairman that he did not think existing contracts could be affected. The Clerk, Mr. C. Crossley, reported that the Governors of Wath Grammar School had forwarded thanks for the courtesy extended to them on their recent visit to inspect the Hemsworth school dining room and kitchens. Mr. Jenkinson said that the Wath Governors were pleased with everything they saw.

"Penelope"

The Old Hilmians Drama Group received two reviews in the local papers of their October rendition of W. Somerset Maughan's play

Review 1

"Penelope" (W. Somerset Maughan).

Mr. Davenport Barlow	W. Leo Dooley
Peyton	Winifred M. Penn
Mrs Golightly	Violet Dodds
Professor Golightly	Edwin Taylor
Mr. Beadsworth	Arthur Rappitt
Penelope	Doreen Raine
Dickie	James Keenan
Mrs. Ferguson	Maisie M. Thorne
A Patient	William Kirk
Mrs. Watson	Grace Mills

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Six weeks from choosing a play, to presenting it in public, especially when the society is making its debut and the members are self-coached, with the majority of them giving their first performance on the stage, is rather daring. A certain amount of "rawness" is bound to show itself. This was the experience of the Old Hilmians Dramatic Society, composed of former scholars of Hemsworth Secondary School, who presented "Penelope," a comedy in three acts, in the large hall of the school on Wednesday and Thursday. The performance was good, and the large audience thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. But with a little more rehearsal it would have been a great deal better. Perhaps a better work might have been chosen. The "eternal triangle" theme is threadbare. Before the performance was halfway through the audience knew the result, and had placed first, second and third. The society was fortunate in having a very charming and graceful Penelope in Doreen Raine. She was hardly impetuous enough in one or two scenes, as when she threatened to divorce her husband; and the fury of this woman scorned lacked conviction. Still she gave a very interesting interpretation, especially in the later passages. As her husband, James Keenan was not at all comfortable. He was too formal and stiff, and his acting rather forced. His enunciation, however, was very good. After the whispered conversations of most of the other actors his clear, crisp tones were welcome. W. Leo Dooley gave a good characterisation of Penelope's aristocratic uncle. His naturalness, was refreshing, and he was at ease throughout. As with most of the others, elocution was not his strong suit. Edwin Taylor was a success as the professor, who was not so absent-minded as he seemed, and whose

For their production next Wednesday and Thursday of Somerset Maughan's "Penelope," the Hemsworth Secondary School Old Hilmians' Association have chosen the following cast:

Penelope Doreen Raynor
Dickie James Keenan
Mr. Davenport Barlow Leo Dooley
Ada Ferguson Maisie Thorne
Professor Golightly Edwin Taylor
Mrs. Golightly Violet Dodd
Patient William Kirk
Mr. Beedsworth Arthur Rappitt
Peyton Winnie Penn

Mrs. Watson and Grace Mills have minor parts. Margaret Foster is the producer. Doreen Raynor, Violet Dodd and Leo Dooley were principals in last year's production of "The First Mrs. Fraser."

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shrewdness saved the situation, and Violet Dodds acted the part of his wife very well. Maisie Thorne played the unenviable part of the "other woman" with distinction. She gave a natural portrayal, and her hauteur came easily. Winifred Penn looked as a well-trained maid should. Arthur Rappitt was a typical lawyer, and Grace Mills was very good as the incurable and incorrigible patient. William Kirk gave a masterly exposition of a nervous, doddering old patient, and his make-up was very effective. Altogether a successful premiere. Margaret Foster was the producer. Stanley Hawkesworth stage manager, and William Kirk and S. L. Carter business managers.

Review 2

Hemsworth Secondary School Old Students - Pleasing performance of "Penelope". The Old Hilmians' Dramatic Society, an adjunct of the Hemsworth Secondary School Old Students' Association, made their public debut on Wednesday evening, when they gave the first of two performances of W. Somerset Maughan's three-act comedy, "Penelope," in the School Hall, before a large and appreciative audience. "Penelope" is not a difficult comedy to produce, and in selecting it as their initial show the Society very wisely displayed an inclination to accept the old advice of attempting to walk before essaying a sprint. That there were palpable signs of nervousness on the part of the actors in the early part of the performance was an expected, but a forgivable factor, and the losing of lines in the last act, when the prompter's voice was so much in evidence, could easily be pardoned. All things considered, the Society gave a pleasing performance, and although it would be unsafe to predict that ere long they will outvie their more experienced local theatrical rivals the hope will be freely expressed that their future activities will be attended with considerable success. There is unbounded room for an organisation of this description in Hemsworth, and it should be whole-heartedly supported.



The whole story of "Penelope" centres On the machinations of Mrs. O'Farrell, who bears that Christian name, to detract the attentions of her husband, Dr. O'Farrell, from her friend, Mrs. Ferguson, his fictitious patient, and the manner in which she succeeds after exploiting the views of her parents (Professor and Mrs. Golightly), friends and relations, provides much that is highly amusing. In the title role Miss Doreen Paine was charming, and her delineation of the part was only excelled by the brilliant acting of Mr. W. Leo Dooley as Uncle Davenport. There was a naturalness about the acting of Mr.

Dooley not found to any appreciable degree in any other member of the cast, excepting perhaps Mr. Edwin Taylor, whose interpretation of the part of the Professor was deliberate and convincing. Miss Maisie M. Thorne, as Mrs. Ferguson, was at times splendid in her efforts to show that she was a womanly woman, liked by men, but with a head like a sieve. Miss Violet Dodds, as Mrs. Golightly, was satisfactory, and Miss Grace Mills as Mrs. Watson, in her scene with Dr. O'Farrell in his surgery caused the biggest laugh of the show. Miss Winifred M. Penn as Peyton, the maid, had little to do, but did it well. Mr. James Keenan scarcely did justice to the part of Dr. O'Farrell, but there were occasions when the dramatic fervour he introduced enhanced the lustre of the scene. The minor parts of Mr. Beadsworth, the family solicitor, and the patient, taken by Mr. Arthur Rappit and Mr. William Kirk respectively, were well sustained. The performance was admirably staged, and congratulations are to be extended to Miss Margaret Foster for her work as producer. Mr. Stanley Hawkesworth, the stage manager and Messrs. William Kirk and S. L. Carter, as the business managers, contributed in no small measure to the success of the production. The performance was repeated last evening to a crowded house.