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TEL. HOYLAND 3221.
HOURS:
9 - 10 A.M.
2 - 7 P.M.
TUESDAY EVENING EXCEPTED.

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WALDESLADE,
KING STREET,
HOYLAND,
BARNSELY.

February 3rd/55.

Dear Sir,

Your name has been given me by the local cinema as being interested, perhaps, in the enclosed for a news item to be shown in Cinemas on your circuit.

Many well known people have promised to come, and I feel sure the occasion will be one of historical interest for the county.

I trust you will be able to make use of it.

Yours truly,

J. Fairclough
M.B. Ch.B.

YORK -
TOTENHAM.

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Ans'd.

Miss Field.
Mr McCowillie.

Office opposite Hall.

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Dear Sir,

On February 26th in the Miner's Welfare Hall, Hoyland, Barnsley. Earl Scarborough, Lord Lieutenant of the County, will present to Sir. Thomas Tomlinson his portrait in oils, which has been subscribed for by several members of the County Council and many of his friends and admirers. The said event is to mark the occasion of Sir. Thomas being knighted and the fact that he has been Chairman of the County Council longer than anybody else.

He was born of humble mining stock in 1877, and left school at the age of 12 years to work down the pit. In 1910 he became Branch Secretary of the Y.M.A. and entered public life in 1913 by being elected to the Hoyland U.D.C. in which he was Chairman for the first time in 1921-23 and again in 1933-35.

He was elected to the County Council in 1921, and became its Chairman in 1946-49, and again in 1952 to the present time. Amongst his other activities he has been the Local Bench (1919) Chairman of the Education Committee, member of Miner's Welfare Commission, Joint Wages Board, Board of Mine Examiners, President of Wesleyan Reform Union, and a Lay Preacher for 44 years.

Thus by sheer weight of ability Sir. Thomas has risen from a pit boy of 12 years old to be the first citizen of the West Riding with its population of $\frac{1}{2}$ million, to be honoured by his Queen, and attain dreams equal to Dick Whittington himself.