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- P.1 Born in Kendal, 1907. Remembers sinking of Titanic and assassination of Duke Ferdinand.
Father served with Kendal Pals in Boer War; died 1909.
Business (Thompsons) began inside Woolworths, 1890-1900.
Stepfather managed wholesale newspaper firm, then expanded tobacco business (Gates's).
- P.2 Approached by manager of LMS railway to begin agency.
Lived on Beast Banks, Ghyllside, Fisher Mount.
Attended Kendal Grammar School, Moore headmaster.
Fellow pupil of - Willan who became a judge.
- P.3 Gt-aunt headmistress of Kirkland School (Elizabeth Garnett).
Gt-grandfather Edward Garnett, worked for Bellamy Braithwaite.
Gates's and Garnett families.
Officers Training Corps formed guard of honour for tank given to town.
- P.4 Arrival of the tank; George Martindale, mayor.
Railway agency came 1932.
Tobacco business - area covered; sale of same.
Travel agency.
- P.5 Geoffrey & Felicity Kendal (Bragg).
Motor bikes; members of Westmorland Motor Club.
Poverty on Fellside.
- P.6 Local party politics.
Tom O'Loughlin.
Hours worked before World War II.
- P.7 Mayors of Kendal - Mr Cleasby, J.J.Thomas, Mr Greenall.
Lord Lowther's visitors to Kendal; entertaining the Kaiser before 1914.
Mr O'Neill, chief constable, took respondent to see Buck Ruxton relics.
- P.8 Kendal murders - Liptrot and Hadwin. Tottie Smith, chief constable.
Election days. Sergeant Heap.
Parliamentary result declared at Appleby; victorious candidate returned to Kendal to balcony at Town Hall.
- P.9 Shops boarded up at election time; traffic stopped.
Competing with Town Hall clock when announcing results.
- P.10 Taking of snuff in court.
Gawith Hoggarth (Lowther St.), snuff manufacturers. Twist tobacco chewed by miners. Snuff sold at Gates's.
Snuff mill at Scroggs. Whittaker snuffworks at Oxenholme,

Snuff Mill Lane, earlier than 1700.

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- P.11 Samuel Gawith's snuff mill; Edith & Dickane Cannon.
Golf Ball at Grange; Mayor's Ball; dancing on the Pier,
Morecambe.
Restaurants, theatres in Morecambe.
- P.12 Stainton's taxi.
New Year's Eve at the Golf, Grange. Position, full name,
Golf Hotel.
Players at St. George's.
- P.13 Operatic Society shows, 1920/30.
First cinema in Kendal: St. George's; sequence of events there. The
band.
Tolson involved with The Kinema (Roxy)
May Tolson opened Prizet filling station.
Simpson converted stables to make the Palladium. Previous occupant
of
stables.
- P.14 Palladium was: stables, woodyard, County Mews.
Changes in Kendal.
Mr Dodd, manager, Lake District Road Traffic Co. provided transport
in the Lakes.
Descriptions of vehicles used. Westmorland Motor Co. Thorneycrofts.
- P.15 Gates's used to run charters to pubs. Routes used.
Rutter, King's Arms.
Lighting of charabancs by aceteline.
- P.16 Penrith coach accident on Shap.
Rutters, Beethams, Staintons taxis.
- P.17 Ashton Davis, head of LMS.
Opening of Midland Hotel, Morecambe.
Gates's employed ex-railway drivers.
Oxenholme railway village.
New investment in railways.
Arthur Miles, Whitwell Marks brewery.
Rotary Club met at the Fleece Inn.
- P.18 Fleece Inn was meeting place for JPs and businessmen.
Members of the Coffee Club - Albert Gates, Don Moser, Hubert Simpson.
Mr Dobson, Clerk of the Court.
- P. 19 Muriel Brunskill, opera singer.
Plaque at Stramongate School to famous pupils.
Johnny Alexander; Jim Noble.
- P.20 Billy Earl, Mary Powney, Lena Earl, Geoffrey Hird.
Widening bottom half of Allhallows Lane.
N.Thompson's pot shop. Leightons the grocers.

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- P.21 Driving sheep and cows down Beast Banks.
Cow stuck in underground passage from baths to river.
Flooding of the Kent.
New Romney Bridge.
- P.22 Tricks played whilst a child.
Friend was policeman, worked on cruise liner, then on children's educational cruises, then checked petrol pumps in N.E. and N.W.
Old practices in Police Force.
- P.23 Services provided by Gates's.
Kendal station/line between Windermere & Kendal/Windermere station.
- P.24 Settle-Carlisle line.
Hardwick engines. Engines stood at Oxenholme for banking purposes.
Travel to Grange via Hincaster. Kendal Tommy ran from Kendal to Arnside, then Furness railway to Grange or Barrow.
Kendal people used train to have a day at Sandside or Arnside.
- P.25 Excursion to Southport for 1/6d - with extra carriages.
Railtrack profits.
- P.26 Special trips arranged by Michael Gates.
Carriers used for transporting tobacco.
Details of carriers. Moses Hully, carrier from Tebay, had a Fiat; Jackson worked Burton; Dick Gardner worked Crosthwaite; Ellwoods, Rainbow
Yard, went to Ulverston; Dick Burrow did Sedbergh with horse and cart.
- P.27 Gates's got a van. Parked in Rainbow Yard.
Police on point duty at top of Finkle Street.
- P.28 Wilf Miller, Toc H.
Police station accommodation.
Fire bell outside police station. Merryweather steam engine for fire fighting.
- P.29 Volunteer firemen turned out for Mayor's Sunday.
Mr Langhorn, builder.