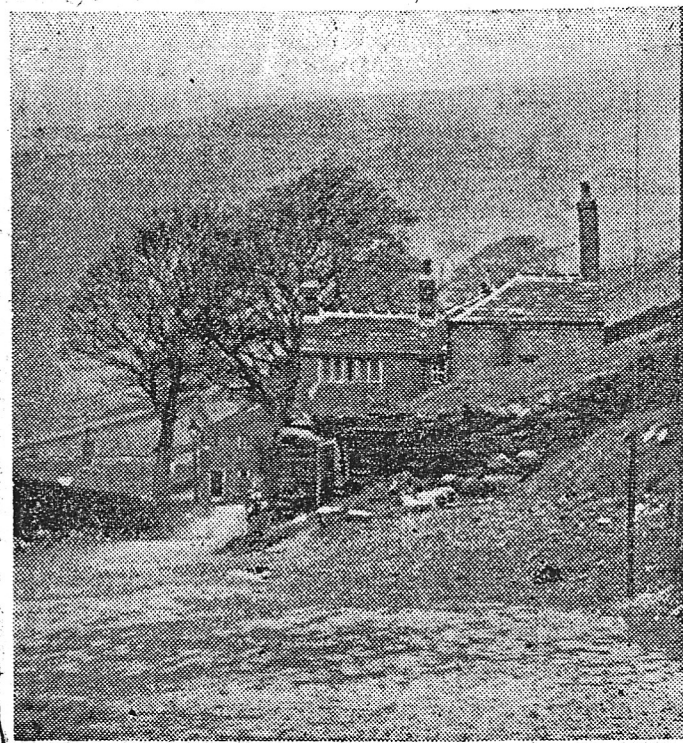




To-day's picture

JUST behind Peel House and Peel House Gate, where Stocks Lane, Luddenden makes a hairpin bend, a by-lane turns down towards Dean Mill, passing Hive House (seen in to-night's picture), Benns, and Little Peel House. Steep though this area is, it has been cultivated for hundreds of years, as is disclosed in Mr. Tom Sutcliffe's story of Peel House, and Mr. A. Senior's account of Old Riding.

Most of these old places have been held by the Wadsworths, Wades, Appleyards, and Amblers. Hive House should not be confused with Ive House and South Ive House, also in Warley but nearer Halifax and directly under Hollins. Hive House and Benns (in 1608 described as Bendes) in all probability owe their origin to house retainers or helpers on the early Peel House estate.