

“Merthyr Express” 5 January 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, members spent a delightful three-quarters of an hour speaking about "Christmas Thoughts."

Watch-Night Service An impressive watch-night service was held at St. Mary's Church on New Year's Eve, conducted by the Rev. John Francis. The service was well attended. The Vicar earnestly appealed for all present to make good resolutions for the coming year, and urged the necessity of prayer.

Entertainment And entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening last week, and was presided over by the Rev. John Francis. An excellent programme was contributed to by Willie Jones, William Williams, Percy Gwynne, Hubert Wilton, Robert Wilton, Latimer Evans, Maggie H. Williams, Elspeth Lewis, Sybil Gwynne, Myrtle Harris, Eiluned Lawrence, Edna Edwards, Glynwen Edwards, Carada Adams, Gwenda Thomas, Vera Wilton, Rowena Harris. There was a duett for violin and organ played by Masters Francis Wilton and Aneurin Thomas, and also selections on the organ from Master Thomas. In the singing competition the winners were Sybil Gwynne, Gweneda Thomas, and Myrtle Harris. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the actors being Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, A. Lewis, and H. Harris.

Noddfa Chapel A concert was held at Noddfa Chapel on Monday, December 31st, and there was a large attendance. The following took part: soprano, Madam S. Thomas John, Merthyr; contralto, Miss Mafanwy Walters, New Tredegar; tenor, Mr. W. J. Jones, Rhymney; bass, Mr. James Evans, Rhymney; accompanist, Miss Hilda Phillips, Fochriw; chairman, Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The programme was as follows: duet for tenor and bass, "Mae Cymru'r Barod"; waltz song for soprano; tenor solo, "Ei Walia Wen"; contralto solo, "Bless thou the Lord, O my Soul"; bass solo, "Y Marchog"; duet for tenor and contralto, "A lover and his lass"; duet for tenor and bass; song for soprano, "A May Morning"; song for tenor "The Sailors' Grave"; song for contralto, "The Blind Ploughman"; song for bass, "The Lowland Sea"; quartette, "Good Night Beloved."

“Merthyr Express” 12 January 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was a discussion on "My Motto for 1918," many members taking part. Brother T. J. James presided.

Smoker A successful smoker was held at the Mount Pleasant Church on Friday evening in honour of Corporal George Everett, Private Tom Jones, R.N.D., and Private W. Rees, Welsh Regiment. They were all home on leave. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. S. Williams. The programme was contributed to by Messrs. Tom Rees, Tom Jones, W. J. Angell, W. M. Davies, I. Martin, and B. Taylor. A quartet was given by Messrs. A. Mantle, J. Walters, W. J. Angell, and D. J. Davies.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Lloyd, Tunnel Pits, widow of the late Mr. J. Morgan Lloyd, took place on Tuesday, amidst manifestations of public respect. Deceased was over 80 years of age, and was well-known to a large circle of friends. She passed away at the house that her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilcox, with whom she had lived for a number of years. The Rev. J. Ellis, Moriah, Dowlais, officiated throughout. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. Wilcox and children, Mr. Richards and children, Messrs. D. Jones, L. Griffiths, D. Morgan, D. C. Davies, Tom Davies, cousins. The burial was at Pant Cemetery.

Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Rev. John Francis. An excellent programme was contributed by Willie Jones, Lorne Slimmons, Sybil Gwynne, Adelaide Baldwin, Ivy Adams, Carada Adams, Ursula Harris, Harold Harris, Myrtle Harris, Gwenda Thomas, Nellie Morris, Nancy Davies, Olive Payne, Morfydd Williams, Mildred Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Lena Way, Lizzie Davies. In the singing competition, the winners were: Dan Evans, Ben Davies, Griffith Morris, Robert Wilton, Lizzie Davies; dialogue, Ivy Curtis and Mildred Hughes; violin selections, Francis Wilton. The evening finished with a laughable sketch, presented by Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, O. Richards, J. Lewis, and H.

Harris.

Welcome Home A welcome home concert was held at St Mary's Hall on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, to welcome home Private Caradoc Ballard, R.A.M.C., who is home on leave from France. The meeting was presided over by the Vicar, who gave an able address. Miss Elvis Phillips gave the fine solo, followed by contributions from Miss Ruth Griffiths, Miss Enid Evans, and Mr. James Williams, who recited. A musical quartet was given by Mr. John Walters, A. Mantle, W. J. Angell and Mr. D. J. Davies. The treasurer of the fund, Mr. W. J. Payne, presented Private Ballard with the usual cheque. Private Ballard thanked the people of Fochriw for their kindness towards him, and gave a descriptive account of some of his experiences in France, and the excellent work of the R.A.M.C.. Miss Enid Evans then sang, to be followed by further contributions from the artistes already named, and from Mr. Edmund Davies. Speeches were given by Mr. M. Williams and Mr. J. M. Jones. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips. Master Aneurin Thomas gave a selection on the organ and Master Francis Wilton a violin selection.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn, read an interesting paper on "Ben Bowen," paying him a glowing tribute as one of the greatest geniuses within the principality. He had died at the age of 24.

Entertainment An entertainment was held up at St Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Vicar. Many contributed to the musical programme.

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I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held an open session on Thursday evening. Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn, read an interesting paper on "Ben Bown." Mr. Williams, being one of the many admirers of "Ben Bowen," paid him a glowing tribute as one of the greatest geniuses in his calling in the Principality, but who died at the age of 24. Several members commented on the paper, and Mr. Williams was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Bro. T.J. Jones, C.T. presided.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Rev. John Francis, vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: duet, Enid Evans and Elvis Phillips; Ivor Phillips, Griffith Morris, Vera Wilton, Elizabeth Lawrence, Nelly Morris, Elvis Phillips, Blodwen Watkins, Carada Adams, Nancy Davies, W.J. Gittoes, Ivy Adams, Willie Jones, Olive May Payne, Lena Rees, Maggie H. Williams, Clifford Hughes, Alan Lewis, Owen Morris. A singing competition was held, the winners being Elvis Phillips, Lorne Slimmons, and Griffith Morris. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch by Messrs. W.J. Payne, W.J. Curtis, W.N. Hughes. The adjudicators were Mr. B. Angell and the Rev. J. Francis. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

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Pits Idle Both pits were idle on Monday last owing to a shortage of wagons.

On Service Military Foot Police John Thomas was home on short leave from France recently.

Promotions The numerous friends of the Private Olwen Williams, W.A.A.C., Devon Regiment, Salisbury, will be pleased to hear of her recent promotion to assistant forewomen at the Rollerston Camp, Salisbury.

Football The Fochriw Juniors Football Club played Bedlinog at Fochriw on Monday. Some very keen play was witnessed, Fochriw doing most of the pressing throughout. However, the game ended in a draw, with no score. Fochriw was assisted by their old captain, Private T. H. Jones, who is home on leave.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Brother Owen Evans gave an account of his visit to the Juvenile Temple. A musical programme followed, Brothers Harry Thomas, Charles Payne and James Williams contributing.

Presentation A pleasant evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening, when Private T. H. Jones, South Lancasters, was the recipient of a wristlet watch from his football friends. The Vicar presided, and gave a fine address on sport in its highest form. Afterwards, he presented Private Jones with the watch, and spoke some encouraging words. Private Jones feelingly acknowledged the kind

gift. He said he was now playing a greater game. He had many happy recollections of the games he had played with them, and hoped soon to be back amongst them. Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Brinley Sibley, Mr. Lewis Jones, and Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins also spoke.

The Reverend Moses Young The numerous friends of the Reverend Moses S. Young, late pastor of the Noddfa Baptist Church, and now pastor of the Slating Baptist Church, Pennsylvania, will be pleased to know that he is now in France with the American troops, having been appointed secretary of the American Y.M.C.A.. His Church has given him a six months leave of absence. He arrived in Paris on 9th January, and left on 16th January for some place near the front. The Reverend Young was very popular in Fochriw, and married Miss G. M. Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel, about six years ago, leaving shortly afterwards for America, where he is greatly respected.

Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: Adelaide Baldwin, Nancy Davies, Sylvia Adams, Carada Adams, Ivy Curtis, Mildred Hughes, Blodwen Watkins, Aseneth Davies, Rowena Harris, Jesse Davis, Annie May Morgan, Cassie Shankland, Lettice Davies, Jack Williams, George Jones, Thomas Jane Morgan, Lorne Slimmons, Ben Davies, Cassie Shankland, Mervyn Francis, Robert Wilton, Willie Jones, Willie Roberts, Griffith Morris, Harold Harris, Cissie Evans, Ivy Tyler, Morfydd Williams, Muriel Jones, May Davies, Jenny M. Davies. A laughable sketch concluded the programme, the characters being sustained by Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, W. Morris, A. Lewis, and H. Harris.

Fochriw Colliery Albert Powell, repairer at the Fochriw Colliery, was fined 10 shillings or seven days imprisonment, for having a match in the mine.

“Merthyr Express” 2 February, 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a paper was read by the Rev. John Francis on "Character." Mr. Francis read his paper with much earnestness and fervour and with a sense of the importance of the subject. A discussion followed.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening. A singing competition was also held, the winners being Myrtle Harris and Morfydd Williams. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, W. Morris, A. Lewis, taking the parts.

“Merthyr Express” 9 February 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, officers for the ensuing quarter were elected. One candidate was admitted into membership. The meeting was presided over by Brother T. J. James.

Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, when the Vicar presided. A large number of children contributed to the musical programme. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, "Painless Extraction," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris.

On Leave Driver D. J. Price, A.S.C., Martin-street, is home on short leave from France.

Obituary: Mr. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, aged 71 The funeral of the late Mr. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was an old and respected inhabitant of the village, will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was one of the largest that has left the village. Deceased, who was 71 years of age, leaves a widow and grown-up family. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William, Jenkin, Howell, and Thomas Thomas, sons; Mr. Thomas Walters, son-in-law; Messrs. Howell, William, Henry, David H., Howell J., and David Glyndwr Thomas, grandsons; David James Davies, Haydn Davies, grandsons; William and John Thomas, brothers. Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiated, assisted by Revs. John Francis and Esaiiah Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 16 February 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, Sister Jones gave an account of her visit to the Juvenile Temple. "Discussion on Inspiration," by Brothers Thomas Lewis and James Williams, was the subject for the evening. Brother Payne read a card inviting all the members to open the lodge at Bethel Chapel, Merthyr. A vote of sympathy was passed on behalf of Sister Walters on the death of her father.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, the vicar presiding. A large number contributed to a musical programme. The laughable sketch "Wireless Telegraphy," concluded the programme, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, O. Morris, W. Morris, A. Lewis, and H Harris. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

Presentation A pleasant evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last, the Reverend John Francis presiding. Mrs. R. E. Davies was made the recipient of a handsome case of cutlery, given by her friends at St. Mary's, to mark the occasion of her marriage. Mrs. Davies was a faithful member, and also secretary of the Sunday School and Bank. The musical programme was contributed to by several of the members. The presentation was made by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mrs. Davies thanked the people for their kindness.

“Merthyr Express” 23 February 1918

Death We have to record the death of an old inhabitant, in the person of Mr. William Williams, Glen-view, Pentwyn, after a long and painful illness.

Waifs' and Strays' An interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. John Francis, vicar, on the work of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society.

Lecture An edifying lecture was given on Tuesday evening by Dr. D. M. Phillips, M.A., Ph.D., at Nazareth Chapel, on "Y Dyn Ieuanc Anffaeledig." Councillor John Jones presided.

War Savings The Fochriw Mixed School Association has been at work exactly a year, and during that time 163 certificates (averaging one per child) have been sold. It is to be hoped that by the end of the second year every child in School will be able to say that they have tried to their very best to make the Association a success, by keeping up their own payments, and inducing others to join in.

Welcome Home Sergeant T. R. Harris, the Rifle Brigade, has been discharged from the Army after a severe attack of malaria. He was called up with the National Reserve at the outbreak of war in August 1914, joining the Wessex and Welsh Rifle Brigade in 1915. He went abroad to Egypt, and afterwards saw service at Cyprus, Mudros and Salonika. His eldest son, Gilbert, has been in France for nearly three years with the A.S.C. Sergeant Harris was the recipient of the usual cheque from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. During the evening, a silver cruet was presented to Sister M. Evansby Bro. C. Thomas. The following contributed to the entertainment: pianoforte solo, Brother David Thomas; mandoline solo, Brother Henry Thomas ; solos, Sister Ruth Griffiths, Brothers Latimer Evans, Howell Thomas; recitations, Brothers Henry Thomas, Latimer Evans; duet, Phyllis Williams and Ivy Curtis; speech, Brother Charles Payne.

“Merthyr Express” 2 March 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The Bedlinog Lodge entertained. Sister M. Jones presided.

Concert A pleasant evening was spent at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday, when a concert was held in aid of the United Football Club. The room was well filled. The artistes included the well-known Merthyr comedian, Mr. Fred Richards, who delighted the audience with his performances. Other singers were Messrs. H. Wilcox, Tom Jones, Tom Rees, & W. Weale. The accompanist was Mr. Weale of Dowlais.

Obituary: Mr. William Williams, 3, Glen-view, Pentwyn, aged 72 The funeral of the late Mr.

William Williams, 3, Glen-view, Pentwyn, took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday, amidst manifestations of sorrow. The deceased was a well-known figure in the district, where he had lived for the last 40 years. He will be missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was well attended. Deceased was 72 years of age. The officiating ministers were the Revs. John Francis, Esaiiah Williams and Rev Hughes, Zoar, Pontlottyn. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas, George, John, Watkin S., Benjamin, James, and David Williams, sons; John L. Williams, William T. Williams, Joseph Williams, Johnny Williams, George Williams, Tom Morgan, grandchildren.

“Merthyr Express” 9 March 1918

St. David's Day at Fochriw: Fochriw Infants' School St. David's Day was celebrated with real Welsh enthusiasm. The school was prettily decorated with banners, and with the Red Dragon, leeks and daffodils. The programme included Welsh folk songs, nursery rhymes, dramatised games based on incidents in Welsh history, dances to nursery rhymes, penillion singing, etc. The crowd of parents and friends present at the school, show of the warm interest taken in the celebrations, and the school accommodation was taxed to the utmost. Appeals were made to all present to speak Welsh in the home, and to do all in their power to foster the Welsh spirit. The vote of thanks to Mrs. E. Cole Jones and her active staff was proposed by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, who said that the staff was to be highly complemented for the splendid programme and for the Welsh spirit, which was so marked. In seconding the vote, the Rev. John Francis, vicar of Fochriw, spoke of the good tone of the school, and in a stirring speech eulogised the bravery and heroism shown the Welsh boys on the battlefields of Europe and on the seas. Among others present were Rev. J. Morgan Jones and Rev. R. D. Jenkins. At the suggestion of Mr. W. Payne, a very substantial collection was made by the audience, which was handed over to the fund in aid of comfort for the Welsh troops.

St. David's Day at Fochriw: Fochriw Mixed School A pleasant morning was spent by the scholars of the Mixed Department, most of the children assembling in national dress, and wearing either the daffodil or the leek. The celebration took the form of a miscellaneous concert, and all the items were excellently rendered, and showed careful preparation on the part of the staff. Violin solos were given by Francis Wilton and Miriam Thomas, and "Cader Idris" was sung by Enid Evans, and "Gwalia Dlos" by Miriam Thomas. Selections from the national songs were nicely rendered by the children, followed by the historical plays "King Alfred" and "Boadicea." "My Country" was then given by Standard III, and "Yr Ysgolar Bach" was finely recited by Windsor Rhys. The choruses by the scholars included "Ffarweli Blwy' Llangower," "Canu'r Iach i Arfon," "Deio i Dywyn," "Suo Gan." A Welsh dialogue followed by L. H. Angell, Mary Jones and Miriam Thomas. A feature of the afternoon was a performance by the 6th Standard entitled "Plas Gogerddan," which was excellently done. An address was also given by the Rev. John Francis, which was much appreciated by the scholars.

Penybank Council Schools St David's Day the celebrated in an enthusiastic manner at Penybank Council School. The school was prettily decorated with daffodils and leeks. Many of the children's parents visited the school, and were delighted to see the children taking their various parts so well. The Rev. D. R. Beynon, Pontlottyn, was present, and complimented the headmistress and staff on the able way the children performed. Programme : adroddiadau, Tom Davies a Mary E. Price; "Dau Dderyn Bach," Edna M. Morgan a George Williams; "Pegi Ban," Lettuce Davies; adroddiad, A. C. Llewellyn; dadl, May Williams a Jane Seaborne; adroddiadau, "O Hyd y mae Dewi" a "Bachgen Bach o Gymru"; "Dolly's Visitor," Frances Atkins and Mary M. Griffiths; recitation, Alfred Morgan; song, Jane E. Jones; "Alfred and the cakes," Standards I & II; "I Blas Gogerddan" Girls' Choir; recitation, Eleanor A. Davies; song, Jane Seaborne; dadl, Alice Mills and Dorothy Watkins; "Joan of Arc," Standards III & IV; "Tra Bo Dau" Maria Jones a Myfanwy Cole ; adroddiad, Celia Small; "Ar Hyd y Nos" cor merched; "Rhanu'r Deisen," Olwen Small a Morfydd Williams; "Alfred's Book," Standards III & IV; deuawd, Misses Jones a Cole; drama, "Caradof yn Rhufain," Dosbarthau V & VI; canu penillion, Miss Jones; "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Blodwen Watkins. The headmistress, Miss Jones, appeared in Welsh costume.

At Carmel St David's Day was celebrated at Carmel Chapel, and a fine Welsh programme was

contributed as follows: chwareu'r berdoneg, Aneurin Thomas; unawd, Ruth Griffiths a S. J. Cole; adroddiadau, Miss Edna Burrows a Mr. David Lewis; canu'r penillion, "Babanod"; dadl, Lewis Angell a'i gyfeillesau; cor merched; "Tra Bo Dau," Miss Maria Jones; araeth, Mr. Moses Williams; sketch, "Y Mwyaf Ei Werth i'r Byd," Henry Evans a'i Gyfeillion; deuawd, perdoneg a'r cwrth, Aneurin a Miriam Thomas; darlleniad, Mrs. E. Cole Jones; deuawd, "Y Fwyalchen Ddu Bigfelen," Misses Maria and Sarah Jones; sketch, "Dyledswydd Merched Cymru," Miss Nan Angell a'i Chyfeillasau; cor merched; y ddrama fer, "Pwy Bia'r Gadair?"

Welsh Troops The Flag Day in aid of the Welsh Troops was held at Fochriw on Saturday. Thanks to the organising abilities of Mrs. J. Francis and Mrs. E. Cole Jones, and their gallant band of lady sellers, the sum of about £8 was realised.

Special Services Special services were held at Nazareth chapel on Sunday, when Adjutant W. Robinson, District Officer, Salvation Army, Cardiff, preached powerful sermons to large congregations at 10:30a.m. and at 6:00p.m. His subjects were "Seal of the Children of God" and "Christianity in Action."

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Advertisement If you want to get rid of the beetles in your kitchen, Buy Bagley's Kill'em Quick Insect Powder. It is the best powder sold to kill all kinds of insects. Don't be put off with any other. Buy the best.

Football A Rugby football match was held at Fochriw on Saturday, when Fochriw and Rhymney met in aid of funds for the National Institute for the Blind. A grand game was witnessed, Fochriw winning by six points. The collection was afterwards sent to the above Fund.

Lecture A very interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Reverend John Francis, on the subject "Cecil Whyndous' Quest." The lecture was very interesting and much appreciated. The proceeds would be devoted towards the Waifs' and Strays' Society.

Noddfa Chapel A concert was held at Noddfa chapel on Thursday, when the following delighted the audience with their singing: soprano, Miss Gwladys Morgan, Dowlais; contralto, Miss Maggie Davies, Ynyshir; tenor, Mr. Manuel Jones, Ferndale; bass, Mr. John Williams, Mountain Ash; accompanist and solo pianist, Mr. Arthur Hughes, Dowlais.

Personal It was very pleasing to see both sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Aelybryn, home on short leave recently, both looking well. Lance-Corporal B. Shankland (Welsh) is serving in France, and Gunner D. J. Shankland, of H.M.S., is serving somewhere in the North Sea. Both have been with the Colours since the early part of the war.

"Merthyr Express" 23 March 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Short papers on "The Four-fold Pledge" were read by Brothers W. Griffiths, S.Lewis and H. Thomas. Brother T. J. James was responsible.

"Merthyr Express" 6 April 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following gave short addresses to the Lodge: Bros. Payne, S. Lewis & Simmonds.

Palm Sunday Large numbers visited Pentwyn Churchyard on Sunday. A service was held at St. Andrew's Church at 3pm. The Church was well filled. The Reverend John Francis, vicar, conducted a very impressive service, and also preached a powerful sermon. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ, and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing.

Easter Services were held at St. Mary the Virgin on Good Friday and Easter Day. All the services were conducted by the Reverend John Francis. The Church was beautifully decorated with Easter lilies and choice flowers. During the evening, the choir, under their conductor Mr. Berkley Angell, rendered the anthem "Arise from the Dead." The solos were sung by the Vicar and Mr. Angell. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards. During the children's service, the Lenten boxes on behalf of the Church of England Waifs' and Strays' Society were returned. Thanks are due to the self-sacrifice of the people who took the boxes. This deserving society will benefit from between £10 to £15.

“Merthyr Express” 13 April 1918

Carmel Chapel A grand operetta, the "Mystic Mirror," was given by the Carmel Chapel Sunday School Choir, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angel, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, before crowded audiences. The chief characters were ably sustained by Madame H. C. Davies, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. T. J. Lewis, Mr. James Jones, Master Henry Evans, Miss Maria Jones, Miss M. Cole, Mr. Henry Hughes, and Miss Doris Davies. The accompanists were Miss H. Evans and Mr. Thomas Walters. Mr. Thomas Jones was the stage manager, and was assisted by Messrs. Howell Thomas and David Harris. Mrs. E. Cole Jones also rendered great help. The Fochriw String Band rendered excellent help; first violin, Miss Irene Phillips, Miss Miriam Thomas, Mr. Harold Williams; second violins, Messrs. D. J. Thomas, Charlie Budd, and Miss Katie Davies; cellist, Mr. Danny Morgan; flautist, Mr. Alf Sullivan; cornet, Mr. Albert Mantle. Great praise is due to all who worked so hard to make it such a success. The secretarial duties were performed by Miss Maria Jones.

Obituary We have to record death of Mr. Evan Jones, Aelybryn, who had resided in the village a long time.

Vestry Meeting The annual Easter vestry in connection with St. Mary's was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, the vicar presiding over a large attendance. In his remarks, the vicar spoke highly of the work done in connection with the Church during the last year and thanked the people for their hearty co-operation. He also thanked the Churchwarden for his untiring labour in connection with the Church: and also, the choirmaster, organist, sidemen, superintendent of the Sunday School, teachers, collectors, caretaker, and all who had laboured so faithfully during the past year. Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, submitted the statements of accounts, and said the past year had been the most successful within his recollection. Since the advent of the new vicar, great things had been accomplished - the roof had been repaired, the organ rebuilt, a new pulpit erected, a new lectern provided, and various other things purchased for the comfort of the congregation and the beautifying of the Church. As churchwarden, he hoped the Vicar's stay amongst them would be a long one. He also thanked the people for their kind co-operation during the past year, and asked them to continue in the good work. He was pleased to say that after all the things that had been added to the Church, they were free of debt and had a good balance in their favour. The offertories had more than trebled. The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected churchwarden; Mr. Berkley Angell, choirmaster; Mr. Octavius Richards, organist, Mr. Payne, superintendent Sunday school; sideman, Messrs. Parker, Bayliss, Perrot, Payne, Curtis, Hughes, Archer, Baldwin, Evans, Hughes, Morris, F. Way, Edgar Wilton, Harris, Way, Hughes, Angell, Davies, Mantle, Lewis, Coggan, and Hollister. During the evening, the Easter offerings were handed to the vicar.

“Merthyr Express” 20 April 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Those present took part in the discussion on the welfare of the lodge in face of losing members by the war.

Funeral: Mr. Evan Jones, Aelybryn The funeral of the late Mr. Evan Jones, Aelybryn, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard amidst manifestations of much sorrow. Deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the place and will be much missed.

“Merthyr Express” 27 April, 1918

For Their Country A large number of young men left the district during last week to join the Colours. Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed at the station each day.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following programme was given: solos, Annie Ballard, Adelaide Lawrence, Gwenda Thomas, Elvis Phillips, Lizzie M. Davies, Mary J. Cole, Latimer Evans; pianoforte solo, Master Wyndham Lawrence; recitation, Eirlys Jenkins, Latimer Evans, Lalla Cole, Mary Jones, Nellie Morris, Maggie Ballard; reading, Enid Evans; dialogue, Maggie S. Evans and Edmund Davies. The party rendered "My Native Land" and "Saf Dros y Gwir."

Funeral: Mrs. Ann Jenkins, Dynevor-street, aged 78 The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Jenkins,

Dynevor-street, took place on Monday, amidst manifestations of sorrow and respect. The deceased was a well-known and much-respected lady, and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. She was a native of Newcastle Emlyn where she was born in 1839. She went to Dowlais at the early age of 13, afterwards moving to Fochriw, where she lived for the last 44 years at the same house. She was the widow of the late Mr. Thomas Jenkins, who was an official at the Fochriw Colliery for over 20 years. The funeral, which was a public one, was largely attended. There are four sons and one daughter, and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. The chief mourners were: Mr. Daniel Jenkins, son; Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Angell, daughter and son-in-law, the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, son; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John Jenkins, son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, Miss Tegwen Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Griffiths, Berkley, Willie, Tom and Nellie Maud Angell, Richard E. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, Guest-street, Nellie, Fanny, Sylvanus, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. R. Jenkins, Miss M. Jenkins and Mrs. E. Jenkins, Bedwas, Mr. John Jenkins and Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Cardiff, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones, Mr. Sam Davies and Elizabeth Ann Jenkins, Henry Jones Jenkins, grandchildren. The officiating ministers were: Rev. J. M. Jones, Pontlottyn; the Rev R. T. Peregrine, Rhymney; the Rev. T. E. James, the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Rev. Isaac Roderick, etc.

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Funeral Mrs. Jenkins The names of Mr. and Mrs. David Jenkins, son and daughter-in-law, were omitted in the report of last week's funeral.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The officers for the coming quarter were installed by Brother Charles Payne. A surprise visit was paid by the members of the Tredegar Lodge who were entertained.

“Merthyr Express” 11 May 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. A paper was read by Sister M. A. Lewis on "Environment." Brothers T. J. James presided.

Killed in Action Pioneer Austin Price, Royal Engineers, formerly of 4, New Street, Aberaman, was killed on April 11th in action in France by a shell, in the first line of trenches. Some time ago, he had worked at the Fochriw Colliery, and had lived at Fochriw for a number of years. He was the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel. He was 31 years of age.

"Playmates" St. Mary Hall was crowded on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, for performances of the children's cantata, "Playmates," given by the children of St. Mary's choir, under their conductor Mr. Berkley Angell. The choruses by the children were well rendered. All the characters were excellently represented, the following taking part: Gwenny Rees, Robert Wilton, Percy Gwynne, Ben Davies, Harold Harris, Jackie Williams, Rowena Harris, Adelaide Baldwin, Vera Wilton, Morfydd Williams, Charles Lawrence, George Baldwin. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and the organist Mr. Willie Hughes. They were assisted by the orchestra: first violin, Messrs. D. J. Thomas, Harold James, Miss Irene Phillips, Miss Miriam Thomas; second violin Mr. Harry Hughes, Miss Katie Jones Davies; cornet, Mr. Albert Mantle; cello, Mr. Daniel Morgan; flute, Mr. Alfred Sullivan. The stage manager was Mr. Charles Payne. The scenery was by Mr. Willie Curtis, who presented them to the Church. The Chairman was the Rev. Francis.

“Merthyr Express” 18 May 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "Newspaper Cuttings."

“Merthyr Express” 25 May 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The musical programme for the evening was contributed

to by Messrs. Latimer Evans, David Thomas, Sam Lewis Charles Payne, James Williams and Thomas Lewis. Brother James Williams presided.

Nazareth Chapel The annual meeting in connection with the chapel was held on Saturday and Sunday, when edifying sermons were preached to large congregations by the Rev. Teifi Davies, Hirwain. Miss Katie Jones Davies presided at the organ, and Mr. John Davies conducted singing.

Operetta A very pretty Japanese operetta, "Surprise Land," was performed at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings by the school children, in aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund. Miss Hilda Phillips was the conductor. All the characters were excellently sustained. The operetta was preceded by numerous action songs. The following took part: Miss Enid Evans, Miss Elvis Phillips, Miss Ivy Curtis, Miss Edith Walters, Miss Delsey Turner, Miss D. Burrows, Master Ben Davies, Master J. Thomas, Master D. J. Davies, Master E. Davies. The accompanist was Miss Hannah Evans. The duties of stage manageress were ably carried out by Miss S. A. Sibley, and the scenic operator was Mr. Charles Payne.

Wounded Information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, that their son Second Lieutenant Howell Jones, Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment, has been wounded for the third time in France.

Success Wyndham Price Lawrence, Station-terrace, successfully passed the primary examination of the London College of Music for pianoforte playing, held at Cardiff.

"Merthyr Express" 1 June 1918

Success William Albert Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis, (station master), Brynteg, has been successful in passing first class elementary in pianoforte playing.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "How I spent Whitsun." A most enjoyable and edifying evening was spent.

"Merthyr Express" 15 June 1918

Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Monday last and were well-attended. Rev. D. Eurof Walters, Abertawe, and Rev. Evan Jones, Burry Port, preached very appropriate sermons. On Sunday night the Reverend Walters preached an English sermon. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ and Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, the programme was as follows: pianoforte solo, Wyndham Lawrence; songs, Mary Jane Cole, Lizzie Mary Davies; recitation, May Cook, S. J. Price, M. Jones, M. Ballard, M. Price, Edmund Davies, Lewis Angell, M. L. Thomas, Latimer Evans, E. Davies, D. Thomas; sketch, Olive May Payne and Lena Rees. Three visiting members from Merthyr took part in the evening.

Obituary: Miss Bessie James, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn, aged 18 The funeral of the late Miss Bessie James, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Church. Deceased had been ailing for a long time, but bore all her sufferings very patiently. She was only 18 years of age. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Vicar, who also officiated at the Church and graveside. He was assisted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams and the Rev. R. D. Jenkins. Mr. O. Richards played the "Dead March." The chief mourners were Mr. and Mrs. James, parents; Bertie, Willie, Amy and Maggie, brothers and sisters; Mr. Watkins and Miss Watkins, uncle and cousin. Among the floral tributes was one from St. Mary's Church, of which deceased was a very faithful member and Sunday school teacher.

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"Merthyr Express" 22 June 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge of Good Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, an address was delivered by Brother James Williams. There were visitors from the

Brithdir Lodge who also contributed to the programme for the evening.

Flag Day Flag Day was observed at Fochriw on Saturday last in aid of the Salvation Army Red Cross Fund. Thanks to the organising abilities of Mrs. M. Bevan, Martin-street, and a willing band of sellers, the sum of £6-4-1 was realised.

On Leave Then numerous friends of Private George Smith, A.S.C., were pleased to see him home from Italy for a short leave.

The Rev. Moses Young The Reverend Moses Young, secretary of the YMCA, United States, was here on 17 days leave, having been gassed in France.

“Merthyr Express” 29 June 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme was "Topical Talks." Brother W. Griffiths presided.

The Tank A meeting in connection with a visit of the Tank to Pontlloftyn was held at the Church hall on Thursday, presided over by Councillor John Jones. Before the meeting the Band played appropriate music.

Labour Party The Fochriw Lodge of the South Wales Miners' Federation held an open-air meeting, when Mr. T. J. Mardy Jones spoke on the question of the coming Labour Parliament, and what can be done for the people. Mr. E. M. Davies presided. Mr. Jones outlined the far-reaching programme of the Labour Party, and emphasised the necessity of a programme of this kind to meet the requirements of Labour and Democracy after the war.

R T Jones and Co: Summer Sale commences on Friday next.

“Merthyr Express” 6 July 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Brother Simmons presided.

Welcome Home Fund The Treasurer of the Welcome Home Fund received the sum of the £18 12s 10d from the secretary of the Football Tournament, as a result of their efforts; also the sum of £16 12s 9d as the proceeds of the cantata "Surprise Land." Since the Fund has started, 66 have received a cheque for £1 on their return from active service.

Tank Visit On Monday, the children of Fochriw Mixed School, of which Mr. F. J. Wooten is headmaster, visited Pontlloftyn to place their money in the tank. The children formed up at school, and headed by the Fochriw Band under Mr. W. J. Powell, marched to Pontlloftyn. Songs were also rendered by the children, conducted by Miss Hannah Evans. The number of children attending school is 200, and the amount placed in the tank was £952 3s, or an average per head of £4 5s, which is excellent. Credit is due to the staff in general, and to Miss Sibley, secretary, and Miss Hilda Phillips, treasurer, for their untiring efforts.

First Aid Book A comprehensive little book on First Aid, written by Dr H. W. Gell, has been published by Christopher Thomas & Bros. Ltd, Broad Plain, Bristol, who will be pleased to send a copy to any applicant sending two penny stamps for postage, etc.

“Merthyr Express” 13 July 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "A Night with our Soldiers." Brother Simmons presided.

The Tank The total contribution of the Fochriw school children to the tank at Pontlloftyn was £1,236, which is a fine record, as the number of child is only 200.

Tea Parties The annual tea parties in connection with the various chapels - Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth - were held on Monday. After tea, games etc. were indulged in.

Personal The Reverend Moses Solva Young, Baptist minister, Slattington, Pennsylvania, USA, has been appointed religious and social director of all the YMCA camps or huts in South-West England and the whole of South Wales. He has just been to Wales on furlough for about three weeks from the Front, where he has been for the last eight months. On returning to the United States YMCA headquarters in London, he was given the above appointment. Before leaving for the United States, about six years ago, he was pastor of Noddfa Baptist chapel. He is a native of Solva, Pembrokeshire.

Sleeping in the Mine William Hughes, a bell-man, Pit-row, Fochriw, and John Evans, engineman, Station-terrace, Dowlais, were each fined 20 shillings or the 11 days imprisonment, for sleeping in the South Tunnel Pit, Cwmbargoed.

“Merthyr Express” 20 July 1918

St. Mary's The annual tea party in connection because it St. Mary's was held on Thursday last, all goods being given by church members. The children were afterwards entertained to sports.

Musical Success Miss Enid Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Evans, Dynevor-street, was successful in passing the primary section pianoforte of the London College of Music, with a high mark. She is a pupil of Miss Hilda Phillips.

Parade On Saturday, a parade was held under the auspices of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Lodge, in aid of St. Dunstan's. The parade was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band and was composed of the R.A.O.B., the Fire Brigade, and St. John Ambulance. A collection was made by the ladies and £9 3s will be forwarded to this deserving cause. Thanks are due to all.

Obituary: Mrs. Jones, 26, Aelybryn, aged 60 We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant at the village in the person of Mrs. Jones, 26, Aelybryn, who passed away on Friday night after a few days of illness. She was 60 years in the age, and a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel. Her husband died some years ago. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Cefn Goleu Cemetery, the officiating ministers being the Revs. Isaac Roderick and R. D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. E. Jones, son; Mr. Edward Williams, father.

“Merthyr Express” 27 July 1918

Bargoed Higher Elementary School Wyndham Lawrence, Jack Davies, Gomer Evans, David Thomas and Enid Evans have been successful in passing for admission to the Higher Elementary School, Bargoed.

London College of Music At a recent examination held at Cardiff, Master Aneurin Thomas, aged 12 years, was successful in passing his intermediate examination in pianoforte playing, with honours. He is the son of Mr. David John Thomas.

Merthyr Hospital A Flag-Day, in aid of Merthyr General Hospital, was held on Saturday, when a number of ladies were busy disposing of flags and forget-me-nots. The arrangements were ably carried out by Mrs. John Bevan, Martin-street, and the sum realised amounted to £12 13s 3½d.

Success Delsey Mary Turner, Plantation-terrace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, has been successful in gaining a four years' scholarship at the Hengoed County School. Also, Eileen Morgan, daughter of Mrs. Morgan, and the late Mr. W. O. Morgan, schoolmaster, won a similar scholarship.

Eisteddfodic Success At New Tredegar Eisteddfod on July 20th, out of the eight competitors, the first prize in the Violin competition was divided between Miss Mary Thomas, (10 years old, and daughter of Mr. D. J. Thomas), and Master Hugh Pearce, Abersychan. Warm compliments were paid to the standard of playing in view of the youth of the two competitors.

Home on Leave Private Arthur Way, Welsh Regiment, son of Mrs. Susannah Way, and the late Mr. Samuel Way, Aelybryn, was home last week, after an absence of nearly four years, during which time he has seen much active service in France, Salonika, and in Egypt. He has been wounded twice, and also had a severe attack of malaria, from which he is now suffering. He is one of three brothers serving with the Colours.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The following contributed to aid to the entertainment: pianoforte solo, Master W. Lawrence; solo, Leonora Jenkins, Adelaide Lawrence, Elvis Phillips, M. J. Cole, Enid Evans; recitations, Mary L. Thomas, Eirlys Jenkins, Mary Jones, Latimer Evans, Lalla Cole; dialogue, Olive May Payne and Lena Rees, David Thomas and Richard Evans; sketch "Teatime Party."

“Merthyr Express” 3 August 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme for the evening was "Question Time." Officers for the coming quarter were elected. Brothers Simmonds presided.

In Hospital The numerous friends of Rifleman D. J. Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Price, Martin-

street, will regret to hear that he is in hospital at Bristol suffering from trench fever. Rifleman Price joined the Colours just after the commencement of the war, and has celebrated four birthdays in France. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Fete A fete organised in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund took place at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday. The parade, headed by the Brass Band, was a pleasing sight. The various costumes and dresses and different characters were well represented. After the parade, a musical programme was given. At the various stalls, a willing band of workers did all they could to make it a success.

Obituary: Mr. Edward Williams, Bryn Corwen The funeral of Mr. Edward Williams, Bryn Corwen, took place on Monday at Cefn Goleu cemetery, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased was a very old and familiar character in the village, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. Mr. Williams' death follows that of his daughter, which we reported some weeks ago. The Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. W E Jones, grandson; Mr. Edward Parry, Mr. Robert Parry and Mr. George Evans.

"Merthyr Express" 10 August 1918

Success At the recent examination held at Cardiff, Miss Miriam Thomas, daughter of Mr. D. J. Thomas, was successful in passing the elementary examination in violin playing, with honours.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. A letter was read from Private Brother Harry West junior, who, for a considerable time, has been a prisoner of war in Germany. Brother West feels quite fit, and in his own words "as happy as most people who are prisoners of war." Brother West is chaplain to the prisoners' camp, in which capacity the lodge wishes him God's blessing on his labours.

Home on Leave The numerous friends of Private John Edwards, Welsh Regiment, were pleased to see him home on leave from hospital where he has been suffering from being gassed in France. Private Edwards has served 24 years with the Colours, and he has been in service in India, Egypt and China, and holds several medals. He was an old Reserve when war broke out, and rejoined on August 10th, 1914, afterwards going to France where he was wounded and gassed. He was recipient of the usual donation from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

"Merthyr Express" 17 August 1918

National Eisteddfod Success Fochriw was pleased to learn that Enid Evans, daughter of Mr' and Mrs' Thomas Evans, Dynevor-street, was one of the three selected to appear on the stage at the National Eisteddfod Neath, out of 60 competitors. She is not 13 years old yet, and gives promise of a bright career.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. A paper was read by Sister M. A. Lewis on "Cheerfulness in Thought." The new officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne.

"Merthyr Express" 24 August 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme for the evening was a paper read by Rev. John Francis, vicar, on "Temperance." The Lodge accorded the Vicar a hearty vote of thanks, to which the Vicar responded.

Home on Leave Evan Henry Lewis, Walters Jenkins, David Lewis Evans, Edgar Cooke, Jenkins Williams, Willie Phillips, Henry Thomas, Aneurin Evans, Willie Edwards, and George Davies, are all home on leave.

"Merthyr Express" 31 August 1918

On Leave The following Fochriw boys are home on leave: Pte. Trevor Lewis, Pte. Gomer Williams, Pte. Edward Thomas, Pte. Edward Puddle, Pte. Johnny Williams, Pte. Willie Morris, and Pte. Evan Williams.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The programme for the evening was contributed to, and well sustained by Bro. Charles Payne and Bro. G. H. Simmonds. Brothers Simmonds presided.

Killed in Action Information has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Way, Glen-view, Pentwyn, that their son Private Gordon Way, Welsh Regiment, has died in hospital in France. Private Way

joined the Colours just after the outbreak of war when he was 17 years of age. He has seen much fighting for nearly four years. He has two brothers in the Colours, one in France, the other in Egypt. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening in memory of the young hero. The service was conducted by the Reverend John Francis, who preached from Revelations 21, 7: "He that overcometh shall inherit all things." At the close of the service, the organist played the "Dead March."

"Merthyr Express" 7 September 1918

Recovering The numerous friends of Lieut. Howell Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones, Station-terrace, are glad to see him home from hospital recovering from wounds received the second time in France.

"Merthyr Express" 14 September 1918

Fochriw Allotment Society: First Annual Flower and Vegetable Show The Show was held on Saturday at St. Mary's Hall, and was a great success. There was a fine display of vegetables and flowers, and Mr. C. Blake, F.R.H.S., Tredegar, the judge, declared that some of the stuff exhibited was the best he had seen this summer. The show was largely attended throughout. Afterwards, the vegetables were sold, and the proceeds, with other takings, will be sent to the Welcome Home Fund. Before the opening ceremony, the Fochriw Brass Band, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, met with the officials of the show at the station, and played up to the hall. The president, Mr. John Bevan M.E., delivered a very encouraging address before calling upon Mrs. Tudor Davies, Dowlais, to open the Show. Mrs. Davies said it was a pleasure to see such a large number and the keen interest shown, and she hoped that this would be kept up after the war. The Rev. John Francis, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Davies and Mr. Tudor Davies. Rev. Rhys D. Williams seconded with a few well-chosen remarks.

Mr. Tudor Davies then spoke and said that it was a surprise to him to see so much stuff and its splendid quality. He had never thought that a place like Fochriw could produce such vegetables. He appealed to them to continue this, as the allotment movement had solved a great difficulty, and had defeated the Hun boast of starvation with their U boats. As in everything else, the Britisher had risen to the occasion when put to the test, and he hoped this good movement would go on year after year.

Mr. Blake then gave his award on the allotments, and also some very good advice to the competitors. He said that this had been one of the happiest days he had spent. He had received nothing but kindness since he arrived at Fochriw, and thanked Mr. Francis the vicar, who had a happy way of making him feel at home from the first moment they had met. He also wished to thank their president and his wife for their kind hospitality throughout the day. He complimented the members on the show, which was quite a good one taking into account the nature of the ground. The celery was the best he had seen this summer. His award for the best and neatest allotment, which also contained the most essential food crops was: at Fochriw: 1. Mr. Edward Everett; 2. Mr. John Baldwin; 3. Mr. Berkeley Angell; at Pentwyn: 1. Mr. Richard Morris; 2. Mr. John Jones; 3. Mr. Richard Morgan. He advised them all to keep on with the good work, and to aim high.

Mr. George Thomas moved to a vote of thanks to the judge for the excellent way he had carried out his duties. Mr. Edward Lewis seconded, and said Mr. Blake was giving his services free in aid of the Welcome Home Fund. Rev. R. D. Jenkins then proposed a vote of thanks to the president, who he said was always ready to do all in his power to carry on any good work in the place. P. S. Williams seconded. Great credit for the success of the show is due to the Association chairman, Mr. Edward Lewis, who was untiring in his efforts both as chairman and auctioneer; Mr. Albert Mantle, vice chairman; Mr. James Davies, treasurer; and the energetic secretary, Mr. John Walters, all of whom were ably assisted by a hard-working committee. The list of prize winners will appear shortly.

Home on Leave Private Johnny Lewis, Welsh Regiment, 4, Aelybryn, and Private Willie Davies, R.F.A., Plantation-terrace, have been home on leave.

Garden Fete A grand garden fete was held by Noddfa Baptist Church on July 25th in aid of the Prisoners of War Fund, and realised £22. A receipt for the sum has been received by the secretary, Mrs. T. Matthews, Llwynhelig House, from of the "Evening Express" Starving Prisoners of War

Fund.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The following took part in the programme for the evening: a short paper on Burns was read by Brother W. James; speech, Brother H. Bellamy; solo, Sister Havard; recitation, Sister Thomas; speech, Bro. Saunders; duet, Sister Havard. Brother Simmonds presided.

Successes The numerous friends of the following will be pleased to hear of their recent success at the Central Welsh Board Examination: Welsh Metrication and Senior, Miss Bessie Ballard, with distinction in drawing; Senior, Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins; Supplementary, Miss Tegwen Jenkins, Miss Annie Maud Jones; Junior, Miss Annie Maud Jones and Miss Elizabeth A. Angell, Mr. Ben Jones and Mr. Brinley Sibley.

"Merthyr Express" 21 September 1918

Doctor Voted In The result of the final ballot for a doctor for the Fochriw district was declared on Tuesday evening, when the voting was as follows: Dr. N. R. Jenkins, Newport, 316; Dr. M. C. Morgan, Pant, 250.

On Leave The following soldiers have been home on leave: Sapper William Thomas, Royal Engineers; Private F. Price, Welsh Regiment; George Davies, R.F.A.; Willie Davies, Welsh Regiment, and Private Tom I. Evans, Welsh Guards.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The Lodge was entertained by the Juveniles. Songs, recitations, dialogues, pianoforte solos, and choruses made up the entertainment, all being of high quality. Each child was presented with a book to mark the fourth anniversary of "The World War."

Sports An excellent programme of sports took place at the Primrose Field on Saturday in aid of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Welcome Home Fund. The Fochriw Brass Band played throughout the evening. The events were as follows: 80 yards handicap - 1. Ernest Prosser, 2. W. Pellard, 3. D. Jones; 220 yards handicap - 1. Ernest Prosser, 2. W. J. Thomas, 3. Lewis Jones; wheelbarrow race - 1. Fred Prosser and D W Morris; tug-of-war - the Deri team.

"Merthyr Express" 28 September 1918

Fatal Accident On Friday at Fochriw No. 2 Colliery, Mr. Edgar Morris, Aelybryn, was instantly killed by a fall of the roof, whilst following his occupation as a collier. Great sympathy is extended to the young widow and a little child.

Half-Yearly Meetings The half yearly meetings in connection with Noddfa chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last. The Rev. W. S. Jones, Llwynypia, preached very appropriate sermons to large congregations. Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ, and Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Brother William Griffiths read a paper entitled "John Wesley." A for very edifying hour was spent, several members speaking on the paper. Brother Simmonds presided.

Prize Winners: Flower and Vegetables Show The following won prizes in the various categories at the recent show: Thomas Jenkins, Charles Mills, R. Jones, W. Wilton, Thomas Everett, D. Jones, S. Phillips, J. Lawrence, John Baldwin, Richard Morgan, Tom Davies, Tom Powell, W. H. Davies, J. Morgan, H. Watkins, David Cole, P. S. Williams, John Richards, James Davies, Bert Evans, E. Jones, Tom Rees, A. Shankland, Percy Cumpstone, John Lewis, Walter Walters, Edward Everett, Levi Richard, John Baldwin, Rev. John Francis, William Sibley, Berkley Angell. Schoolboys' prize - Charles Dummatt.

Harvest Festival The Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. Mary's Church were held on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last. The Church had been artistically decorated, large quantities of vegetables, flowers, etc, being given. The services on Sunday were conducted by the Vicar. Large congregations attended throughout the day. The special preacher on Tuesday evening was the Rev. G. M. Evans, Abertyswg, who preached a very edifying sermon. Rev. W. Brazell read the lessons. On Wednesday evening, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. E. R. Davies, Vicar of Cyfarthfa. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ, and the choir had been trained by Mr. Berkley Angell.

Heroes Honoured On Friday, the large gathering of friends assembled at Carmel Vestry, under the auspices of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, to welcome home and present with the usual cheques Sapper W. Thomas, R.E., Pte. Tommy Price, Welsh Regiment, (home from France), Pte. Albion Jones, D.C.L.I., (from Salonika, after an absence of three years). The Vicar presided, and gave a very encouraging welcome to the boys. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte selection, Master W. Lawrence; solos, Master Stanley Lewis and Miss Ruth Griffiths; duets, Mr. Albert Mantle and Mr. Tom Powell; quartet, Mr. Albert Mantle, Mr. W. H. Davies, Mr. John Walters, and Mr. Howell Thomas. The presentation of cheques was made by the treasurer of the fund, Mr. W. J. Payne, who gave an able address, and also outlined what the Welcome Home Fund had accomplished. The 77th cheque was being given out this evening. He urged the people to continue giving to the Fund, saying that when the war was over they would have something to distribute amongst the lads for what they had done. The Vicar then, on behalf of the band members, presented Sapper W. Thomas with a fountain pen, in recognition of his services to the band. In so doing, he gave an inspiring address, hoping that the recipients would soon be back amongst their old friends again. The soldiers feelingly responded. Speeches were also given by Mr. James Williams and Mr. M. Williams. The singing of the National Anthem brought the evening to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 5 October 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week.

Church Parade The annual Church parade of the members of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes took place on Sunday afternoon. The brethren assembled at the Lodge room, Mount Pleasant Inn, and afterwards marched to Noddfa Chapel, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band. An impressive service was conducted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, pastor.

Obituary: Mr. Edgar Morris, 23, Aelybryn, aged 27 The funeral of the late Mr. Edgar Morris, who was killed at Fochriw Colliery, took place on Wednesday last, amidst manifestations of deep sympathy. Deceased, who was only 27 years of age, was well liked by all, and his genial countenance will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. After a short service in the house, the cortege, which was the largest that has left the village, wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, led by the Deri United Choir, of which deceased was a faithful member. The choir sang hymns en route. The Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, (of which deceased was also a member), the Bedlinog Ambulance and Dowlais Brigade, and also the members of the Bristol and West England Society, formed part of the procession. At the graveside, the Choir gave an effective rendering of "O Dduw, ro im Dy Hedd." The officiating ministers were Revs. Rhys D. Jenkins, Esaiiah Williams and John Francis. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Morris, widow; Megan Morris, daughter; Mr. and Mrs. T. Morris, father and mother; Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Protheroe, Mr. Bob Price, Mr. Stanley Morris, Miss Annie M. Morris, Miss Lizzie Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, (father and mother-in-law), as well as many other close friends.

Summons Morgan Thomas, Penydarren, was summoned for riding on trams underground at Fochriw Colliery and was fined 40 shillings or 21 days imprisonment.

“Merthyr Express” 12 October 1918

Obituary Mrs. William Evans, Penybank Farm, passed away on Friday after a very painful illness.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. Brother Simmonds presided. The evening was set apart for Bible Stories, many members taking part.

Killed in Action News has been received by Mrs. (Captain) Edwards, The Anchorage, of the death of her son, Pte. Willie Edwards, South Wales Borderers, who was killed in action on September 18th in France. He joined the Colours on April 19th, 1918, and had only been in France a fortnight. He was home on leave about a month ago. In civil life, he was an engine driver at Fochriw Colliery. Great sympathy is felt for the mother and family at the sad loss of such a brave son. He will be greatly missed.

“Merthyr Express” 19 October 1918

Pulpit The pulpit at Noddfa chapel was occupied on Sunday by the former pastor, Rev. M. S. Young, now of the United States Forces, who preached powerful sermons to large congregations.

Doctor's Appointment On Monday evening, at a well-attended meeting at the Library, presided over by Mr. E. M. Davies, Dr. S. E. Evans, of Dowlais, was unanimously appointed doctor for the district of Fochriw.

Vegetable Show As a result of the recent vegetable show held by the Fochriw Allotment Society, the sum of £18 18s 7d has been handed over to the Treasurer of the Fochriw Sailors' and Soldiers' Welcome Home Fund.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening. The election of officers took place, and Brother Charles Payne gave a report of the Grand Lodge session held at Cory Hall, Cardiff. Brother Simmonds presided.

Death in Action We have to record the death in action of another Fochriw soldier, Private Johnny Williams, Welsh Regiment. The sad news was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watkin Williams, Hill-row, Pentwyn, on Tuesday morning, in a letter from his commanding officer, stating that their son had been killed in action in France on October 8th. He was only 19 years of age, and had been in France for about one month. Before enlisting he was employed at the Fochriw Colliery.

Obituary: Mrs. William Evans, Penybank Farm, aged 60 The funeral of the late Mrs. William Evans, Penybank Farm, took place on Thursday last week, the officiating minister being Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Noddfa chapel, of which deceased had been a faithful member. The deceased was 60 years of age, and the place of interment was Gellygaer Churchyard. The following gentleman acted as bearers: Sergeant Williams, Fochriw; Messrs. David Evans, Richard Evans, John Jones, Penybank; John Morris, Ty Mawr; Mr. James Davies, Cwm Farm. The chief mourners were: Mr. William Evans, husband; Miss Watkins, Mrs. Edwards, sisters; Mr. Edwards, brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, Fochriw, Mr. and Mrs. J M Evans, Bedlinog, Mr. Josiah, Gellygaer, Mr. Lewis Evans, Penybank, Mr. David Evans, Cefn Bach, and many other friends.

“Merthyr Express” 2 November 1918

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The members were entertained by Mr. Harry Roberts, who well sustained the interest of the audience. Brothers Simmonds presided.

Obituary: Mrs. E. Edgar, Guest-street The funeral of the late Mrs E. Edgar, Guest-street, took place on Saturday last, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was a public one, and was largely attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. Isaac Roderick and Rev John Francis officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. Edgar, husband; Willie and John Edgar, sons; May, Ettie and Elsie, daughters; Mr. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Mr. and Mrs. T. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. R. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Mr. George Watkins, Mr. David Davies, sisters and brothers-in-law, as well as many family friends.

Obituary: Mr. William Evans We have to record the sudden death of one of Fochriw's most familiar figures in the person of Mr. William Evans, pitman, who passed away on Wednesday last, after a few days illness, from influenza. The funeral, which took place on Monday last, and was for gentleman only, was largely attended. The place of interment was Pant Cemetery. After a short service in the house, conducted by the Rev. John Francis, and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, the solemn cortege wended its way, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow, to Fochriw station, and thence to Pant. The Vicar again officiated at the Church and at the graveside. The deceased leaves a son and five daughters to mourn the loss. Chief mourners were: Messrs. David, Henry, Thomas, & Benjamin Evans, brothers; Mr. Thomas Edwards, brother-in-law; Messrs. W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, sons in-law; Messrs. D. Evans, David W. Thomas, Edward Evans, Henry Evans, T. J. Evans, Willie Evans, Edgar Evans, William T. Evans, Edward Evans, Private William H. Edwards, Messrs. Thomas B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, David R. Jones, Edward Jones, Albert Mantle, Roderick Williams, David W. Price, Richard Pugh, Benjamin Whitby, Willie J. Whitby, Meth Evans, Will Smith, D. R. Price, nephews; Messrs. David Evans and Harry Evans, cousins.

Labour Party A public meeting under the auspices of the Caerphilly Divisional Labour Party, was

held at the Reading Room on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by Mr. E. M. Davies. Mr. Alfred Onions, the prospective Parliamentary Labour candidate for the Caerphilly Division, addressed the meeting on the subject "Labour and the new Social Order." Other speakers who addressed the meeting were Mr. T. D. Matthews, Bargoed, and Mr. T. I. Mardy Jones, both of whom gave fine addresses. Votes of thanks to the speakers and chairman brought the very instructive meeting to a close.

"Merthyr Express" 9 November 1918

Obituary: Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, Dynevor-street, aged 62 We have to record the death of Mr. Thomas Llewellyn after a painful illness, on Monday last, at the age of 62.

Wounded Information has been received that Private Gomer William, Welsh Regiment, son of a Police Sergeant & Mrs. Williams, Guest-street, has been wounded in action in France, and is now in hospital in London. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. Officers for the coming quarter were elected. A paper was read by Brother Thomas Lewis on "The Joy of Consecration." Brother Simmonds presided.

Welcome Home A very enthusiastic welcome home concert, under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, was held at Noddfa vestry on Monday, to welcome home on leave from France Air Mechanic Daniel Jenkins, Private Sidney Phillips, and Private D. J. Williams. The chairman was Rev. John Francis, who gave a very able address, and a hearty welcome to the brave boys. A first-class programme was provided, encores being the order of the evening. The following artistes took part: Mr. James John Lewis, Madame H. Cole Davies, Miss Enid Evans, Miss Elvis Phillips; violin selections by Miss Miriam Thomas, accompanied Master Aneurin Thomas. Mr. W. J. Payne, treasurer of the Fund, on presenting the boys with the usual cheques, gave a brief outline of what the fund had accomplished. Tonight the 90th cheque was being presented. He appealed for further support, and said that they should not be satisfied with giving only a £1 cheque to the boys who had done so much. Let us build up our fund, so that when peace was proclaimed they will have something substantial to divide amongst them. A vote of condolence was passed with the bereaved families of the five brave boys Fochriw boys who had laid down their lives for King and country in France during the last month, namely, Private Willie Edwards, Private Willie J. Phillips, Private Willie Thomas, Private Johnny Williams, and Private Johnny Small. The Vicar asked the large audience to stand in silence. The Rev. Isaiah Williams then gave an address in Welsh. The soldiers expressed their desire for peace, and to be home with them again.

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Entertainment The first of a series of entertainments was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. John Francis.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held on Thursday. During the evening, the installation of officers took place by Bro. C. Payne. The meeting was presided over by Bro. J. Williams.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, Dynevor-street, took place on Thursday last week amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was at Gellygaer Church. The deceased, who was 62 years of age, was a familiar figure in the village. Revs. Isiah Williams and Rhys D. Jenkins officiated in the house, and Rev. Mr. James, New Tredegar, at the graveside.

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Peace A Thanksgiving Service was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday last to commemorate the signing of the Armistice. The Vicar preached a very powerful sermon. After the service, the National Anthem was sung. The choir was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell and the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The Fochriw Brass Band paraded the streets of the village playing lively music, to the delight of all. Flags and bunting were displayed from every window.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. A vote of condolence was passed with Brother Evans, New Tredegar, upon the loss of his only daughter. The programme for the evening was "Newspaper Cuttings." Private

James Williams read a memorial poem composed by him on the occasion of the death of his young nephew Johnny Williams, on the field of battle in France. Brother Simmonds presided.

Concert An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, and was well attended, the Vicar presiding. Solos and recitations were given. A singing competition was held, the prize being divided between Stanley Lewis, George Jones, and Carada Adams. The concert concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Doctor Do-da," in which W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, and Harold Harris took part.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. After disposing of business, a paper was read by Brother James Williams, Pentwyn, on "Telepathy," which was very humorous and interesting. Brother Simmonds presided.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday and was well attended, the Vicar presiding. The following contributed to the programme: solos, T. Elfed Davies, George Jones, D. H. Potter, Ivy Curtis, Rowena Harris; recitations Claerwyn Davies, Ivor Phillips, Mildred Hughes. A duet competition was held, the prize being divided between Stanley Lewis and Marjory Lewis, and Ben Davies and Lorne Slimmons. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Hickany Hockany," in which Messrs. W. Curtis, W. Hughes, Owen Morris, Harold Harris, and Mrs. W. Hughes took part.

"Merthyr Express" 7 December 1918

Mothers' Union A well attended the meeting of the Mothers' Union was held at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, when Archdeaconess Alice of Penarth, delivered a stirring address.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was as follows: pianoforte solos, songs, recitations, dialogues etc., given by the Juveniles. Brother Thomas Lewis presided.

Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund A public meeting in connection with the Fund was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, Councillor John Jones presiding. It was decided to erect a suitable memorial to those who had fallen in the war.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was well attended. The Vicar presided. The following took part: Percy Gwynne, D. H. Potter, Willie Jones, Irllys Jenkins, Mary Davies, Willie Parry, Phoebe Cole, Olive May Payne, Megan Davies, Islwyn Davies, Claerwyn Davies, F. E. Davis, etc. The singing competitions were won by the following: Willie Roberts and Percy Gwynne Elsa Matthews and Dilys Evans. The adjudicator was Mr. Berkley Angell. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Robbery of their Jewels." The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes Owen Morris and Harold Harris.

Ambulance The day presentation meeting in connection with the Fochriw Female Ambulance Class was held in the Ambulance Hall on Monday evening, when the successful candidates of last year's class were presented with their certificates. The chair was occupied by the Rev. John Francis, who gave a stirring address on the great values of ambulance, appealing to all to take up the good work. The presentation of certificates was made by Mrs. John Francis. Nurse Thomas, in a very pleasing speech, presented Mr. Thomas Jones and Mr. W. J. Barnard with a beautiful walking stick each, in recognition of their great work for the ambulance cause. Both responded with feeling. Addresses were also given by Mr. Samuel Jones, Dowlais, and Mrs. E. Cole Jones. An excellent programme of music was contributed to by the following: Madame H. C. Davies, Miss Hilda Davies, Miss Enid Evans, Master Stanley Lewis; recitations, Mr. W. Lewis. A hearty vote of thanks to all was proposed by Mr. Howell Thomas, seconded by Mr. Edward Lewis. A pleasant evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

"Merthyr Express" 14 December 1918

Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. J. Seymour Rees, Cefn Coed, preached inspiring sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ, and Mr. David Davies conducted the

singing.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. A miscellaneous programme was the order of the evening. In addition to the part taken by the members, Mr. Harry Roberts entertained with the gramophone. Brother Simmonds presided.

The Election A public meeting in support of the candidature of Mr. Alfred Onions, J.P., was held at the Old Council School on Friday evening, and was well attended. A public meeting in support of the candidature of Mr. W. R. Edmonds was held at Noddfa vestry, and was well attended, on Tuesday evening. Able addresses were given by the candidates, who were well received at their respective meetings.

Entertainment An entertainment was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to a musical programme: A. Dummett, W. Roberts, S. Adams, C. Adams, D. H. Potter, P. Gwynne, E. Matthews, D. Evans, R. Harris, M. Angel, W. Jones, R. Wilton. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Operations," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, Harold Harris, Alfred Gwynne, Willie Jones, and Willie Roberts.

"Merthyr Express" 21 December 1918

The Election Very little excitement was caused by the election. The collieries were idle for the occasion. Both sides seemed confident of victory.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening week. The programme for the evening was "Recitations."

Labour Meeting A well attended public meeting in support of the Labour candidate, Mr. Alfred Onions, J. P., was held at Noddfa Vestry on Friday evening. The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. M. Davies, who outlined the Labour Party's policy in the future. An able address was given by Miss L. Andrews, Ystrad Rhondda.

Entertainment A children's entertainment took place at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Vicar. There was an unpunctuated reading competition, the following being the winners: Bryn Davies, May Davies, Iorwerth Evans, and R. Evans. The laughable sketch entitled "One Bed to Let" was given by the following: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, Owen Morris, Harold Harris, and Alfred Gwynne.