

“Merthyr Express” 7 January 1939

Death The death has occurred of Mr. Edgar Evans, Williams-row, at the age of 31 years. He returned from Pontsarn Hospital last Thursday and died on Monday.

Hospital Mr. James Lawrence, Emlyn House, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital is improving. Mrs. Saunders, Williams-row, is also progressing favourably. Other patients admitted are: Mr. Edward Price, Martin-street; Mr. James Davies, Guest-street; Miss Iris Barlow, Aelybryn. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Drama Performance The Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, with Mr. D. J. Phillips as producer, delighted the audience at the New Hall on Thursday evening last, when they performed the four-act play entitled "Kick In." The performance was in aid of Noddfa Baptist chapel. The chairman has Mr. T. J. Jones.

British Legion At the annual meeting of the Fochriw British Legion and the United Services Fund Benevolent Committee, the following were appointed officers for 1939: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Sullivan; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Assistance was rendered to sick cases and applications for dentures approved. The branch general meeting was held on Tuesday, when Mr. E. J. Cumpstone presided. The reconstruction proposals have been put into effect, and in future, membership subscriptions will be 4 shillings per annum, and the general meetings will be held quarterly. The Milford-on-Sea (Hampshire) branch of the Women's Section, sent along at grant, and this will only be distributed to cheer someone in need. A discussion took place on the provisional agenda of the forthcoming area conference to be held at the Brecon in February, and the branch resolutions have been duly tabled. It was resolved to support the candidature of Mr. F. C. Miller for the position of area vice-chairman. All ex-servicemen in the Fochriw area are invited to join the branch, and the secretary will give any information and advice.

“Merthyr Express” 14 January 1939

Death The death took place suddenly of Mr. John Morgan, 5, Glyn-terrace, on Monday afternoon, while following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery. One of the pioneers and stalwarts of the St. John Ambulance movement in the district, he held the rank of Corps Treasurer of the Dowlais Division.

Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth chapel on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Willie Adams Jones. The Rev. Richard Evans opened the meeting, after which the Rev. W. Crwys Williams, Cardiff, gave an address. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Councillor Sam Lewis and Mr. E. H. Lewis. The organist was Mr. D. J. Davies.

Funeral: Mr. Edgar Evans, 4, Williams-row, aged 30 The funeral of Mr. Edgar Evans took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Evans had been ill for about six months. He was of a bright and genial disposition, and will be sadly missed. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. Thomas Evans (father); Messrs. David Lewis, Henry & William Evans (brothers); Henry Evans, Ben Evans, Walter Jones, Evan Jones and W. Jones (uncles); Mr. Williams (father-in-law); Terence Kelly, William Hewins, William Evans, Oliver Evans, Emrys Williams, H. Lewis, Morgan Jones, D. G. Thomas, Rowland Williams, Alec Williams (brothers-in-law); Desmond Kelly (nephews); William H. Edwards, Thomas B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, Edward Evans, David William Thomas, John L. Jones, William J. Jones, Roderick Jones, Trevor Davies, William Bennett, W. Smith, Arnold Pritchard, Leslie Jones, Mordecai Williams, Windsor Williams, Lewis Evans, T. Jones, Wyndham Morgan, Meth Evans, Percy Edwards, Bedford Edwards, Albert Mantle, and Thomas Sullivan. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Evans (wife); Mrs. Mary Evans (mother); Mrs. Hewins (sister); Mary Joan Evans (niece); Mesdames B. Evans, M. Evans, J. Lewis, Beatrice Jones, Annie Thomas, C. Williams, Megan Williams, Mary Williams (sisters-in-

law); Mrs. M. A. Jones (aunt); Mesdames Myfanwy Jones, M. Davies, M. S. Mantle, Esther Sullivan (cousins).

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Former Fochriw Lady: Dies at Onllwyn Mrs. Gwyneth Vivian Davies, formerly of Aelybryn, wife of Mr. Trevor Davies, Onllwyn, passed away on Wednesday last week after a prolonged illness. Deceased, who was 38 years of age, was an active member of Calvaria Baptist Church. In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son. The interment took place last Monday at Brynbedd Cemetery, Seven Sisters, the Revs. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, W. I. Price, and H. H. Lewis officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. Trevor Davies (husband); Wm. Davies (father-in-law); Ed. Morgan, Chas. Rowlands (brothers-in-law); Wm. Williams, W. J. Davies, Jess Williams, John Brook, Llew Bowen (uncles); Loyal Evans, D. J. Davies, Trevor Davies, Emllyn Davies, Lewis and Aneurin Price, Octavius Richards, Myrddin Davies, Harry Southall, John Brook (cousins). At the house: Mrs. M. Davies (mother); Mrs. L. Hughes, Mrs. Gwladys Rowlands (sisters-in-law); Mrs. A. Bell, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. C. Evans, Mrs. L. Davies, Mrs. M. Isaac, Mrs. G. Williams (aunts); Mrs. R. Davies, Mrs. Williams (cousins). Deacons of Calvaria acted as bearers.

Boys' Club Upon the invitation of the Rev. J. C. Payne, the vicar of Penydarren, members of Fochriw Boys' Club visited St. John's Church Guild on Thursday last. The evening's programme commenced with a table tennis match that was won by the Guild. In the billiards match, Fochriw proved victors in all the games played. Refreshments were prepared by Mrs. Payne and the girls of the Guild. When food was served, the position was "all square." The darts match also ended in a victory for Fochriw. The matches were followed by an impromptu dance. The secretary of the Boys' Club, Mr. Bryn Davies, thanked the Vicar, Mrs. Payne and members of the Guild, and extended an invitation to the Penydarren Guild to be a guests of the Fochriw Boys' Club in the near future.

On Monday at the New Hall, Mr. R. Clark presided at a meeting of the Boys' Club. Mr. Roberts, the organiser, addressed the meeting and outlined ways and means of proceedings with the object of securing a Boys' Club in the village. It was explained that a building was essential, so that it could be used six nights a week, if necessary. The Boys' Club movement was by far the strongest movement in South Wales, and there were 126 clubs already in existence. He could see nothing to prevent Fochriw having a building of their own, provided a suitable piece of ground could be secured. It was decided to seek premises of their own and a number of schemes for raising part of the money were considered.

Ambulance Officer's Death: Mr. John Morgan, aged 61 The death has occurred of Corps Superintendent John Morgan, who collapsed and died while working at Ogilvie Colliery. His services were in constant demand, and his great skill in ambulance work had been the means of relieving hundreds of sufferers. He had resided at Fochriw for 38 years. His wife died six years ago. He joined the Ambulance class under the late Dr. Eleazer Davies in 1902, and had been a member for 36 years. He held the rank of Divisional Superintendent for seven years, later being Corps Treasurer, and at his death was Corps Superintendent. He had conducted several classes in ambulance work, and trained several winning teams in competitions. He adjudicated at many important competitions. He was a member of Carmel Chapel. The burial took place on Saturday at Pant Cemetery, where there was a representative attendance. The coffin was draped with the flag of the Priory of St. John. The cortege was marshalled by Ambulance Officer Tom Evans. The bearers were Sergeant Dan James, Honorary Sergeant, Divisional Secretary T. Thomas, Corporal W. Parry and Cadet Superintendent Tom Powell. A strong detachment of ambulance men and cadets from the district also attended. On arrival at Pant station the cortege was met by Centre Commissioner W. J. Canton. The bearers from the station to the graveside were Sergeant D. James; Ambulance Officer T. Evans, Fochriw Division; Corps Treas. Wooding, Dowlais Division; Officer T. Morgan, Deri Division; Officer L. Powell, Merthyr Division; Officer T. H. Shankland, Penydarren, with Corps

Sergeant Major of the Dowlais Corps in command. Also present was Chief Superintendent Hy. Jones, Merthyr. The officiating ministers were the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, Rev. Richard Evans, Deri; Rev A. J. Jeffries, Penydarren. The chief mourners were: Mr. T. J. Morgan, Mr. William G. Morgan (sons); Mr. Thomas Pope (son-in-law); Mr. Evan Morgan (brother); Mr. T. Jones, Messrs. John and Jack Lewis, Edward & Wm. Lewis (brothers-in-law); Arthur Jones, W. T. Lewis, John Lewis, Emrys Lewis, John Walters, Idris Walters, W. J. Jones, Evan Bevan, J. Bevan, Bob Rees, Ambrose Jones, William Cook, Idris Jones, Evan Jones, T. Jones, Ieuan Jones, Islwyn Jones, I. Jones, John Thomas, W. R. Beddoe, W. S. Thomas, Dryslyn Beddoe, Ardwyn Beddoe, William Jones and E. Jones. At the house: Mrs. T. Pope (daughter); Mrs. T. J. Morgan (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Jane Jones, Mrs. Emily Jones (sisters); Mesdames W. Griffiths, Katie Morgan, E. Lewis, J. Evans (sisters-in-law); Ambrose Jones, W. Cook, Bob Rees, Morse, Rees, W. J. Jones, I. Jones, G. Jones, Thomas, Miss Iris Jones, Miss Mair Morgan (nieces and cousins); Mrs. Eileen Jones and Mrs. M. Jones (nieces).

Hospital Mrs. J. Morgan, Stoney Houses, Penybank, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. She has undergone an operation and is progressing favourably.

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Hospital Dance A good gathering assembled at the New Hall on Tuesday evening at the hospital dance. The evening had been organised by Mr. Idris and Bert Cumpstone, along with Mr. T. J. Jones. The hall had been decorated by the hospital workers in the village. Music was supplied by the the Serenaders' Band, Merthyr. The M.Cs. were Messrs. I. & B. Cumpstone, and prizes were won by a Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Mr. Bert Cumpstone. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, presided over by Mr. W J. Payne. The secretary reported on progress of the new building and on repairs to heating apparatus. The caretaker reported that several papers had again been taken from the reading room. The committee deplored this mean action. The librarian, Mr. Richard Jones, reported the a large number of books had been taken out this month. The books had been re-catalogued. The auditor's report was given by Messrs. Hartwell Wood and Dan James, and the accounts showed a balance on the right side. It was decided to defer the date of the annual meeting pending further news from the Welfare Association regarding the progress of the new hall.

“Merthyr Express” 4 February 1939

Hospital Mr. J. Morgan, Council Houses, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, has undergone an operation, and is progressing favourably. Mr. James Lawrence, Mrs. Morgan, Penybank, and Mrs. T. Powell, have returned home after being patients at the hospital.

British Legion Optimism prevails as to the future of the Fochriw British Legion branch for many new developments have been made. The agenda for the area conference contains three resolutions from the branch. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, represented the branch at the official opening of the Ystrad Mynach headquarters.

Wedding: Baldwin-Gardner The wedding was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, Southampton, on Sunday, of Miss Adelaide Baldwin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baldwin, Glen-view, Pentwyn, and Mr. Robert Gardner, Southampton. They will make their future home at Southampton.

Wedding: Evans-Mantle The wedding was solemnised at Salem Baptist Church, Bedlinog, on Saturday, of Miss Phyllis Irene Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Evans, Colly-row, Bedlinog, and Mr. John Edward Mantle, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mantle, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in a pale blue satin dress with veil to match, held in place by a coronet of orange blossom and pearls, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was given away by her father, and was attended by Miss Hannah Mantle and Miss Ceinwen Williams, who wore pink satin, with head dresses of silver leaves, and carried

sheaves of tulips, mimosa and white heather. The flower girl was Phyllis Prothero, and she wore a green satin dress, and carried a posy of tulips and white heather. The page-boy was David Roberts, and he wore a green velvet suit with a white satin blouse. Mr. Thomas M. Mantle, brother of the bridegroom, was the best man, and the groomsmen were Messrs. David Roberts and David Thomas Price. The officiating minister was the Rev. R. C. Pugh, Pengam (late of Bedlinog), and the organist was Miss B. Watkins. The couple will make their future home at Aelybryn.

“Merthyr Express” 11 February 1939

Fire At Fochriw Church: Bargoed Brigade Finds Building In Smoke The Gellygaer Fire Brigade, under Second Officer E. Owen, were called to Fochriw just before eight o'clock on Sunday morning, and found St. Mary's Church enveloped in smoke. The firemen donned smoke helmets, and found a stage in a concert room in the basement smouldering. It is believed that hot coke from a heating apparatus fell on to the stage. The outbreak was soon quelled. The Church proper was not damaged, and services were held as usual on Sunday. The damage is estimated at £20.

British Legion: Response to Appeal to Ex-servicemen Invitations to ex-servicemen to attend a meeting on Tuesday to discuss the future of the local branch, met with a favourable response, and the organising secretary, Mr. A. Kennedy Hunt, as well as Mr. F. C. Miller & Mr. Ivor Lewis (chairman and secretary of the North East Glamorgan Committee), were delighted with the enthusiasm of a large attendance. Mr. E. I. Cumpstone presided, and was supported by Mr. T. J. Jones (branch president), Mr. W. J. Payne (chairman, Benevolent Committee), Mr. J. Lloyd Jones (branch secretary), and Mr. W. T. Pegg (treasurer). The paying membership of the branch has steadily increased, and it was gratifying to know considerable progress had been made as a result of the modification of the branch subscriptions. There now appeared to be no reason why 100 per cent membership could not be obtained. The organising secretary outlined the work of the British Legion, and stressed the importance of solidarity. He said that the success of appeals to the various government departments depended on the organised percentage. It would be safe to presume the ex-service population at five millions. While the Legion was the largest organised ex-service movement, progress depended on its membership strength. Without involving itself politically, the Legion had the right to demand recognition at the present time, when the Empire seemed confronted with apprehension at world affairs. Regarding the plight of prematurely aged ex-servicemen, satisfactory negotiations were going on between H.M. Government and the British Legion. Mr. F. C. Miller spoke on area and branch activities, while Mr. Ivor Lewis, the representative on the North East Glamorgan War Pensions Committee, described the efforts put forward by the Legion to safeguard war disabled ex-servicemen. Votes of thanks to the speakers were accorded on the motion of Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. Edward Puddle. The branch committee will continue its activities with more vigour than ever, as the meeting displayed all that was necessary to establish a branch that will maintain the confidence of the Area and National Headquarters. Councillor Sam Lewis, Mr. D. Jenkins, Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. A. Ballard were among those present.

Hospital Mr. Robert Llewellyn, son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, is a patient at Talgarth Hospital, and is progressing favourably.

Air Raid Precaution Lecturer At the recent examination, Mr. Griffiths Thomas, Aelybryn, passed Grade 1 in A.P.R.. This qualifies him to lecture on the subject.

Boys' Club At the weekly meeting of the Fochriw Boys' Club, it was reported by the Secretary that the numbers on the books showed an increase once more. However, there were still a few boys left in the village who should join the club immediately to strengthen the case of Mr. E. Roberts, Bargoed, for a building at Fochriw for the use of boys. A site had been procured and progress is being made in this direction. It was also decided to hold a number of special efforts for raising funds. The first of these will be a series of four weekly

dancing classes to commence next week. The public are invited to any of the Boys' Club meetings to see the way in which the boys spend their evenings, as much money has now been spent in providing the boys with indoor games and handicraft tools. A visit by the parents will convince them that the boys are being instructed in a manner that was denied to the elder people. The music group and P.T. classes are still popular, and it is expected that the woodwork class will also be a popular feature.

“Merthyr Express” 18 February 1939

Obituaries We record this week the deaths of two well-known inhabitants in the persons of Mr. Henry Evans, Martin-street, and Mr. James Davies, Guest-street. Sympathy is extended to the families.

Church Fire In the report of the fire at Fochriw Church, the estimated damage should have been £200 and not £20 as reported. The vicar and Churchwardens thank the fire brigade for their promptness in coming from Bargoed, and also the police and general public for their splendid help.

Pensioners' Outing Fund Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. The resignation of the treasurer, Mr. J. H. Evans, was accepted with much regret. It was decided to retain his services on the committee. Several schemes for raising funds for the annual outing were discussed, and it was eventually decided to ask Mr. T. J. Jones to organise a one-act drama in aid of funds.

Drama Few local amateur dramatic societies score a greater success than the Carmel Dramatic Society. Every year, they strike a high note with a Welsh drama, and on Thursday, the New Hall was packed with an audience that showed their appreciation of "Ar y Groesffordd." The producer, Mr. David Lewis, is to be complemented on the success of the drama. This scenery and lighting effects contributed to the success of the play. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Ballard, and the secretary Mrs. Oliver. The cast was: Miss Maria Jones; Miss Beryl Ballard; Mr. W. A. Davies; Mr. D. Lewis; Mr. Samuel Lewis; Mr. Thomas Walters; Mr. Bob Rees; Mr. Griff Thomas; Mr. Daniel James; Mr. Edryd Jones; Mr. W. Walters.

Women's Section: British Legion The annual dinner was held on Wednesday evening at the White Horse Inn, and was a singularly happy function. Mrs. S. Phillips (chairman) presided, and was supported by Mesdames W. Price, J. Davies, W. Davies (vice-presidents), L. Thomas (vice-chairman), S. Jones (secretary), and J. Davies (treasurer). The President, Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones, was not present owing to ill-health. A telegram of good wishes was received from the British Legion Men's Section. Many happy speeches were made during the evening. The "King and Queen" was given by Mrs. W. Price, who emphasised the interest taken in the work of the Section by the Queen, who was the President of the Women's Section. Mrs. Farley responded to the toast. The "Women's Section" was given by Mrs. W. Davies, and Mrs. J. Davies responded. Thanks was accorded the hostess, Mrs. M. Davies, by Mrs. S. Phillips, and Mrs. S. Jones with musical honours. During the evening, a musical programme was given. The pianists were S. Phillips and L. Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 25 February 1939

Death: Mr. Richard Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn Mr. Richard Morgan has died after the short illness. He was a member of the Fochriw Silver Band.

Football The Fochriw Boys' Club entertained Bedlinog in a home match on Saturday, in a Cup game in the Rhymney Valley League. The visitors won 3-1.

Dance Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, when over 100 dancers were present. Music was supplied by the Melody-Makers' Band, Bargoed. The M.Cs. were Mr. Windsor Rees and Mr. Gomer Davies.

Hospital Mr. Tom Lewis, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone an operation, is progressing favourably. Mrs. Walters, Penybank, is also improving. Mr. Tom Jones returned home on Saturday after a long stay in hospital.

Welfare Organiser Mr. Daniel, the welfare organiser, visited Fochriw on Wednesday afternoon, and was met by Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman of the Library and Institute committee; Councillor Sam Lewis, vice-chairman, and Mr. D. I. Evans, secretary. A general discussion took place, and Mr. Daniel said every effort would be made to get the new building erected by September.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, Mr. Albert Mantle presiding. Mr. Raymond Clark reported on the work carried out on the children's playground and also the new playing field. It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Tuesday, February 28.

Darts Match Bargoed Works and the Rising Sun, Fochriw, met under the auspices of the Bargoed and District League, when Fochriw won by two legs to one. The Fochriw team was: G. R. Dorsan, H. Rogers, R. Beigatt, D. Williams, H. G. Barber, T. Mantle (capt), T. Braddon and D. Gay.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the Old Library on Friday evening, when Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman, presided. A letter was read from Mr. J. P. Llewellyn, secretary of the Pentwyn Club, who propose to erect a building at Pentwyn. The committee offered no objection to the scheme. The caretaker submitted his report. The librarian said that 308 books had been taken out in January. The financial report was accepted. Attention was drawn to the amount of arrears owing by some of the organisations that use the Institute for their weekly meetings. It was decided that the secretary take up the matter with the parties concerned.

Inter-Club Concert The New Hall was packed on Thursday last at a concert given by the boys of the following boys' clubs: Fochriw, Abertysswg, Deri, and Pantywaun, under the conductorship of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The concert was a preliminary to that to be held at the Central Hall, Bargoed, on 18th March, and which is to be broadcast. The chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster. Mr. Roger Jones, the area organiser of boys' clubs (music section), Nelson, was also present. The following contributed to the programme: Miss Doris Roberts, Deri, accordionist; Mr. R. J. Price, baritone; Mr. Dennis Harding, impersonator; Mr. Gordon Price, tenor; Mr. Alun Davies, syncopation; Mr. Elvet Thomas, violinist, New Tredegar; Mr. Ben Date, baritone, Nelson; Mr. T. J. Davies, Pant, accompanist. The Women's Section of the Fochriw Social Club arranged the tables. Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. T. J. Jones, Pantywaun, and Mr. Lawrence, Fochriw.

Funeral: Mr. Harry Evans, 2, Martin-street, aged 75 Another link with the past was broken on Saturday, when the funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Harry Evans. He had resided in the village practically the whole of his life. His wife died five years ago, and he lost his eldest son in France during the war. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Evans (son); Messrs. T. & B. Evans (brothers); Thomas Edwards and John Davies (brothers-in-law); David L. Evans, H. Evans, William Evans, Emlyn Davis, David W. Thomas, Thomas B. Evans, William H. Edwards, Thomas B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, William T. Morgan, Edward Evans, Roderick Williams, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, J. Mantle, Tom Mantle, Windsor Williams, Thomas Sullivan, Terence Kelly, Bedford Edwards, William Hewins, Wyndham Morgan, William Bennett, William Smith, Meth Evans, James Morgan and A Pritchard (nephews). At the house: Mrs. T. Evans (sister-in-law); Mesdames P. Edwards, A. Mantle, T. Sullivan, Hewins, T. B. & W. H. Edwards, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. D. L. Evans, W. Morgan, M. Evans, Miss Kathleen Williams (nieces).

Funeral: Mr. James Davies, 6, Guest-street, aged 50 The funeral of Mr. James Davies took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He had lived in the village all his life. He died at Merthyr General Hospital. He was of a genial disposition and will be missed by a large circle of friends. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Tom and Alfred Davies (sons); Alfred Angell (father-in-law); John, David and Richard Davies (brothers);

John James, G. Lewis, W. J. Angel (brothers-in-law); Elias Davies, John Davies, Burkley Angell, William Thomas, James Davies (uncles); Burkley Davies, W. A. Davies, Willie Angell, Burkley Angell, W. A. Thomas (cousins); D. T. Davies, Ronald Greening, William Gardner, J. J. Lewis, Oliver Davies, Percy Golden, David Morris, Hy. Price, Harry Simpson, David Edwards, Mr. Jones (Rhondda), Messrs. Claude Smith, Ewart Davies, D. John Davies. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Blodwen Davies (wife); Mary Lewis (sister); May James, Sarah Ann Davies, Elizabeth Angell (sisters-in-law); Jessie Thomas, Maud Davies, Emeline Davies, Elizabeth Davies, Laurie Smith Rennie Gardener, Mary Jane Edwards (cousins); Mary Evans, Mrs. T. Pugh, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Gittins, Mrs. Fox.

Silver Band The annual meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, supported by Mr. Hartwell Wood (vice-chairman), Mr. Emrys Lewis (treasurer), and Mr. J. J. Lewis (secretary). The chairman complemented the band-master and band members on another year of progress. He was pleased to record that the bandmaster had been busy training some young men, and they were now ready to take their places in the ring with the older members. All that was required now was regular attendance at practice. The Secretary read the minutes, which were adopted. The auditors' report was given Messrs. T. Mantle and B. Rees. The Bandmaster gave his report, which was very encouraging. The officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Mr. W. Knibbs, M.E.; vice-presidents, Messrs. E. Morgan, M.E., T. J. Jones, Josiah Evans, Edgar Pritchard; chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Wood; treasurer, Mr. E. Evans; secretary, Mr. J. J. Lewis; contributions secretary, Mr. John Phillips; committee, Messrs. D. Rees Jones, David Griffiths, Dan James, Bert Evans, William Price, Windsor Rees, R. Morgan, Bryn Rees, Iorwerth Williams, D. J. Davies, Elwyn Lewis.

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Band Officials At the annual meeting, Mr. Albert Mantle was re-elected bandmaster, and Mr. Emrys Lewis, deputy-bandmaster.

Comedy Produced The Fochriw Dramatic Society (Mr. T. J. Jones, producer) scored another success at the New Hall on Thursday, when they performed a comedy in the aid of the funds of the N.S.P.C.C. Those taking part were Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, Miss Eunice Morgan, Mrs. Rosie Wellings, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss D. Evans (Bargoed), Miss Sal Jones, Mr. Burke Davies.

Pensioners' Meeting At a meeting of the Association on Wednesday, a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of Mr. Hy. Evans, Martin-street. A report on the recent Bargoed meeting and of the progress made in the Caerphilly Division was given by Mr. E. Lewis, the Fochriw delegate. The branch nominated the following as officers of the Caerphilly Division: chairman, Mr. J. Rees, Bargoed; vice-chairman, Mr. Rees, Caerphilly; secretary, Mr. E. H. Jenkins, Bargoed; treasurer, Mr. T. Ballard, Fochriw. It was decided to hold a meeting at Pantywaun in order to receive the report of the meeting at Ystrad Mynach.

Boys' Club A took place at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. Raymond Clark presided. Also present were Mr. G. B. Bradney, Cardiff, and Mr. E. Roberts, of the Bargoed Boys' Club. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Bradney, Mr. Roberts, members of the Boys' Club committee, and Mr. Daniel (Welfare organiser), should meet the Library Committee, and the Welfare Committee, to discuss the question of facilities in the new building for the boys' club.

Funeral: Mr. Richard Morgan, Hill-road, Pentwyn, aged 57 The funeral of Mr. Richard Morgan took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. Mr. Morgan had been a member of the Fochriw Silver Band for 37 years. The band led the cortege from the house, playing of the "Dead March" in "Saul." Mr. Morgan's uniform, cap and belt were placed on the coffin. Six members of the band were bearers. The mourners were: Messrs. John Morgan (son); Edgar Evans, Thomas Sullivan (sons-in-law); Frank Attwell, Arthur Coggan (brothers-in-law); R. G. Attwell (nephews); John Williams, Jenkin

Williams, Stanley Williams, David Morgan (cousins); G. Evans and F. Hall. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Morgan (widow); Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Sullivan (daughters); Mrs. Attwell (sister); Mrs. J. Morgan (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Jay (Tonypandy); Mrs. Jenkin Williams, Mrs. R. G. Attwell, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Morgan, (Tredegar).

Football Chief interest in the Rhymney Valley League matches at the weekend was centred on cup ties. Newport County Colts - the heavier side - defeated Fochriw Boys' Club in a cup game by five goals to two.

St. David's Day At The Schools Miss Lewis and the staff of Fochriw Infants' School produced an entirely Welsh programme in which the children took part. Individual items were given by: Margaret Davies, James Davies, Dora Cumpstone, David Adams Jones, and Lorna Rees.

Under the direction of Mr. T. J. Jones and staff, the annual Eisteddfod was held at Fochriw Mixed School. The high standard of past years was maintained, and the number of competitors was the highest for many years. A large number of parents attended. The winners were: boys' solo, Glanmor Kent and Glyn Edwards; girls' solo, Megan Davies; Welsh recitation, Betty Evans and Violet Abbey; duet, Vincent Hollister and Megan Davies; Welsh composition, Charles Hollister; pastel drawing, Glanmor Kent; Welsh reading, Huw Ballard Thomas; champion solo, Marie Davies; pencil drawing, Glanmor Kent; melody, Glanmor Dummett; harmonising, Dwynwen Williams; Welsh play, 1. Huw B. Thomas, 2. Betty Evans; Chief choral, James Price's party; junior recitation, Sarah Puddle; girls' (junior) solo, Eileen Simpson, Bronwen Hollister; boys' (junior) solo, Gwyn Davies, Len Davies. The adjudicators were Messrs. T. J. Jones and W. Adams Jones, and the accompanist was Huw Ballard Thomas. The activities of the juniors, which included plays, songs and recitations, were supervised and directed by Miss H. E. Jones and Miss M. Jones. During the proceedings an address was given by Mrs. S Lewis.

At Penybank School, Mr. Arthur Ballard and staff arranged a delightful programme. The following took part: Barbara Williams, Margaret Tyler, Phyllis Neade, Leslie Wheeler, Edith Rowlands, Edna Thomas, David Parry, Marlene Gwynne, Irene Gwynne, Wynne Davies, Maggie Evans, Eileen Golding, Vera Powse, Ruby Bowen, Mafanwy Parry, Eunice Thomas, Gordon Llewellyn, Thomas Wheeler, Fred Evans, Annie Thomas, Jimmie Jones, Gwennie Williams, Margaret Thomas, Elsa Evans, Muriel Wheeler, P. Mantle, E. Strang, L. Thomas. In the play "The First Prince of Wales," the characters were taken by T Wheeler, V. Wheeler, F. Evans, G. Llewellyn, D. Evans, J. Jones, E. Davis, N. Jones, A. Thomas, M. Wheeler and Jean Gillard. Welsh folk songs were sung during the concert.

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Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. Music was supplied by the Melody-Makers Band. The M.Cs. were Mr. G. Davies and Mr. W. Rees.

Welfare Association The annual meeting took place at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mr. Albert Mantle presided. Mr. Ray Clark, secretary, presented the minutes, which were accepted. Officers elected were: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Adams Jones; treasurer, Mr. P. Jones; secretary, Mr. Raymond Clark; committee, Messrs. A. Mantle, W. Watkins, D. H. Lewis, T. J. Jones (Groesfaen), H. Thomas, D. James, C. Shankland, H. Edwards (Levels), Rod Jones, T. J. Lewis (Boys' Club), Bryn Davies, G. Jones (public), T. J. Jones, G. Walters, S. Lewis, E. Evans, J. Fisher, N. Cumpstone.

Carmel St. David's Day at Carmel took the form of recitations, songs and plays Mr. Thomas Ballard presided, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M.. Those who took part were: Misses Eliza Evans, Betty Evans, Betty Jones, Bronwen Hollister, Alex Burrows, Enid Cumpstone, Eileen Simpson, Len Davies, Elinor Davies, D. J. Evans, Marie Davies, Meggan Davies, Huw B. Thomas, Mr. M. Shankland. A party, under the conductorship of Mr. Meirion Shankland sang a number of folk songs. Mr. Willie Walters gave a violin solo,

and a party of schoolchildren, conducted by Miss Maria Jones, also sang. Others who took part were: Mesdames W. A. Davies, O. Davies, T. J. Evans, C. Oliver, John Davies, Messrs. David Lewis, W. A. Davies, T. Walters, S. Lewis and T. Ballard.

Funeral: Mr. Thomas Prosser, Aelybryn, aged 80 The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas Prosser. He had lived at Fochriw for almost all of his life, and was employed as a fitter at the Fochriw Collieries. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, and the interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. W. J., Edward, Ivor, Ernest, hour, Fred and Albert Prosser (sons); J. Bowen, E. Puddle, J. Cleavey, T. Beale, T. Bailey (sons-in-law); T. J. Meredith George Puddle, Glyn Prosser, Douglas Beale (grand-children); A. Webber (Chepstow); Mr. Acreman (Pontlottyn); T. Watkins (brothers-in-law); P. Lewis, E. Lewis, J. Morgan, T. Morgan, A. Morgan, R. Gittens, J. Jones (Gilfach), G. Carter (Deri), C. Davies (Brynmaur), G. Lloyd, J. Lloyd (Pontlottyn), J. Thomas and A. Thomas (nephews). At the house: Mrs. S. A. Prosser (wife), M. Morgan (sister); J. Bowen, B. M. Puddle, L. Cleavey, M. Beale, O. Bailey (daughters); L. Thomas, E. Prosser, M. Prosser, I. Prosser (daughters-in-law); Mrs. E. Webber, Mrs. A. Watkins, (sisters-in-law); Mrs. O. M. Humphreys, M. Gittens, Mrs. T. Bailey, Mrs. M. Tuck, M. Carter (nieces); R. Prosser, S. Prosser, M. Puddle, E. Morgan (grand-children).

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Window Display There was a fine window display at Messrs. William Harris, Fochriw, in the Australian window display competition. The local manager is Mr. Windsor Rees, a Fochriw boy, who was highly commended.

Caretaker's Death Mr. Evan Jones, Martin-street, died suddenly on Monday. He had been caretaker of the library and Institute for many years. He was attending to his usual duties on Friday last.

Scholastic The following Fochriw students have been accepted for College this year: Mr. Gethin Jones and Mr. Tudor Rowlands for Carmarthen College - both are good all-round sportsman, and excellent rugby players; Miss Edna Evans Jones for Barry Training College. All are pupils of Bargoed Secondary School.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, when Mr. Willie Adams Jones presided. The resignation of Mr. Peter Jones, treasurer, was accepted, and thanks accorded him for his work in the past. Mr. Albert Mantle was appointed treasurer. An application for nets for the goals from the Boys' Club was agreed to, and permission was given for tennis on the hard court on the children's playground.

Library and Institute Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting on Thursday. A reports on the visit of Mr. Daniel, the welfare organiser, was given by the chairman and secretary. The question of the amalgamation of the Welfare and Institute committees into one body was discussed. It was decided to recommend to the annual meeting on March 23rd that this course be adopted. Mr. R. Jones, librarian, gave the book report, and said that 313 books had been taken out during February. The financial and caretaker's reports were accepted.

Silver Band A meeting was held at New Hall on Friday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. The secretary dealt with the correspondence, which included applications to join the band, and it was decided to grant permission. The bandmaster reported that several new pieces of music had arrived, and the young players were making progress. It was hoped to turn out for a parade shortly. A letter was received from the widow of Mr. Richard Morgan thanking the band for its sympathy and for attending the funeral.

Operetta At the New Hall last Wednesday and Thursday, the Nazareth Chapel Band of Hope performed the operetta "Marjorie," (Maurice Johnson). The conductor was Mr. David J. Davies, and the performances reached a high standard. The choir was well balanced and responded to the conductor's request. They were assisted by the following artistes: Miss Dilys Haines, Deri; Miss Addie Lawrence; Miss Eunice Morgan; Mr. Gordon Lawrence; Mr. Thomas Walters; Mr. Edmund Davies; Mr. Berkley Davies; and the chorus of Archers,

Gypsies, School-girls etc. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Miss Katie Davies and Mr. W. A. Davies. Splendid assistance had been given in the training of the children by Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The chairmen were Mrs. Evans, Deri, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones, who thanked all who had taken part, particularly the artistes who had assisted from other churches.

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Death: Mr. T. I. Evans, Martin-street The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. Tom Idris Evans. He leaves a wife and family.

Club Dance A dance in aid of the Boys' Club was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The music was supplied by the Melody Makers Band. The M.Cs. were Mr. Windsor Rees, Gomer Davies and Gordon Lawrence.

Singing Festival A singing festival was held at Carmel on Sunday, when a programme of hymns and anthems was sung by the choir. Mrs. S. Lewis presided in the morning, and the conductor was Mr. Meirion Shankland. The conductor in the afternoon and evening was Mr. Emlyn Evans. The presidents were Miss E. Ballard and Mr. W. A. Davies, and the organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Women's Social Club Mrs. S. Phillips presided at the meeting on Monday at the New Hall, when a lecture and demonstration was given by Mrs. Sessions, Cardiff, on "Winter Salads." The members are rehearsing for the singing festival at Bargoed. They are being trained by Mr. Bryn Mordecai and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The secretary is Mrs. L. Thomas, with Mrs. M. Shankland as treasurer.

Funeral: Mr. Evan Jones, aged 63 The funeral of Mr. Evan Jones took place on Saturday Pentwyn Churchyard. He was a member of Carmel, and for the last 14 years was caretaker of the library and Institute. He leaves a wife and family to mourn their loss. One boy, getting, has been accepted in to Carmarthen College recently. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Gethin, Edryd and Lewis Garnant Jones, John Elwyn Edwards (sons); Islwyn Jones (son-in-law); Walter Jones (Ogmore Vale), W. Jones (brothers); T. Evans, W. J. Angel (Cardiff), David Isaac Evans (brothers-in-law); Lewis Evans, John Roderick, Glanville I. and T Jones, Enoch Lewis, D. L. H. and W. Evans, Lester Jones, D. Alwan Evans, John Evans, Terence Kelly, W. Hewins (nephews); W. Jones, Tom Davies, B. Wathan, E. Morgan, David J. Jacob, John Davies, W. Ballard (cousins). At the house: Mrs. Esther Jones (widow); Betty and Iris Jones (daughters); Mary Evans (sister); Annie J. Jones, Elizabeth Lewis, Nellie Evans (sisters-in-law); Maggie Davies, Margaret J. Jones, Elizabeth A. Hewins, Eliza Evans, Nellie Angell (nieces); Maggie Davies, Sarah A. Jones, Rosina Davies, R. M. Cumpstone.

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Splendid Record: 65 Years' Service Mr. J. Lewis, Aelybryn, retires from the services of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Baldwin today after 65 years unbroken service as a winding engine man and forman of the mechanical department. He is 76, still active, and walks every day to his duties at Nantyffin drift. He retires with a pension, and in a letter from the company, which he has served so faithfully, they pay him excellent tribute.

Girls' Club At a meeting of the Girls' Club on Thursday evening, a very pleasant time was spent, Mrs. S. Phillips presiding. Miss Floyd Morgan, Tredegar, entertained the club with a musical programme. A vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Evans and family in their recent bereavement. On Sunday, the members accompanied by Mrs. Phillips (leader) and Mrs. K. Williams (treasurer), journeyed to Bargoed to compete at the annual eisteddfod.

Library and Institute The annual meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, and was well attended. Mr. W J. Payne presided. The chairman made reference to the death of their caretaker, Mr. Evan Jones, who had held the post for the past 14 years. Another faithful committee-man for many years had died - Mr. Tom Idris Evans - and he would be sadly missed. The members stood in silence as a mark of respect. The chairman reviewed the past year and said it had been successful. The balance sheet revealed a balance on the right side.

Splendid progress had been made with the negotiations for the new institute. A grant had been secured and plans prepared, but the authorities desired that the both welfare bodies, the outdoor and indoor schemes, be amalgamated, and this has caused some delay. The meeting confirmed the adoption of this course. Four of the applicants for the position of a caretaker were chosen. The auditor's report was given in detail by Mr. H. Wood and Mr. Dan . The chairman referred to the Boys' Club the, and stated that when the new building was erected, ample facilities could be provided for the boys' recreation.

Funeral: Mr. Tom Idris Evans, 22, Martin-street, aged 42 Mr. Tom Idris Evans died at Merthyr General Hospital following a few weeks of illness. Mr. Evans was a keen sportsman, and had played football for the local team. During the Great War, he joined the Welsh Guards, with which Regiment he saw active service. Among the large number of wreaths at the funeral was one from his old comrades of the Welsh Guards. He was a member of Carmel Chapel, where his father had been a deacon for many years before his death. He leaves a wife and family to mourn, to whom sympathy is extended. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was a very representative one, including officials and workmen from Ogilvie Colliery, where he worked. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated, assisted by and Mr. J. J. Davies, headmaster of Bargoed Secondary School. The chief mourners were: Masters David J. Evans, John Evans (sons); Messrs. D Isaac Evans (brother); David Lewis, T. Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Syl Jenkins, David Davies, Ray Cook, John Fisher (brothers-in-law); J. Shankland, D. J. James (uncles); John C., W. H., Bert & David Jenkins (nephews); Thomas Jenkins, David Jenkins, Thomas Shankland, Crad Shankland, Thos. J. James, Sid Way, J. Phillips, Wm. Angell, Burkley Angell. Also present were: Messrs. W. H. Knibbs, M.E.; Dd. Price (Bargoed Sec. School); S. Clavin, T. Jones and E. J. Jones. Mourners at the house: of year Mrs. Elinor Jenkins (wife); Mrs. Eliza Evans (daughter); Mrs. David Lewis, Mrs. E. Jones (sisters); Iris Jones, Betty Jones (nieces); Elspeth Lewis (cousin); Mesdames David Davies, R. Cook, J. Fisher, R. Jenkins, S. Jenkins (sisters-in-law); E. J. Thomas, R. Thomas, C. Shankland, T. J. James (cousins); W. Cook (friend).

Hospital Mr. Frank Strang, Hill-row, and Mr. Ted Price, Martin-street, are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, where they are progressing favourably.

St. Mary's Church The Patronal Festival took place on Sunday when the special preacher was Rev. E. Adams-Evans. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

Fireman's Success Mr. William J. Llewellyn, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Llewellyn, has been successful at the first attempt in passing his qualification of firemen, examiner or deputy under section 15 (1) (TD). He is employed at Ogilvie Colliery (Powell Duffryn Co.) previous to which he was a student at Bargoed.

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Local Election Result: Fochriw Ward William John Payne (Ind) 621 - elected; John Evans (Lab) 536 - not elected.

Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. The music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed. The M.Cs. were Messrs. G. Davies, W. Rees, and C. Cumpstone.

Death The death has taken place of Mr. Franks Strang, Pentwyn, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital, where he had undergone an operation. Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Library and Institute Mr. W. J. Payne presided at the New Hall, supported by Coun. Sam Lewis & Mr. D. I. Evans, secretary. The committee considered the appointment of a caretaker. It was decided to carry out a ballot of members. Applications in sealed envelopes must reach the secretary by Friday.

Funeral: Mr. David Thomas, aged 77 years The death has occurred of Mr. David Thomas (Cymro). He was a native of Dowlais, but had lived practically the whole of his life at Fochriw. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist Church, and a member of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. The service at the graveside was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev J. C. Payne and the Rev. R. M. Lloyd (Rhymney). The burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, and was well attended. These chief mourners were: Mr. Joshua Evans (son-in-law); Messrs. D. J. Williams (grandson); Daniel Evans (brother-in-law); Richard Evans, Crad Thomas, Robert Thomas, E. Thomas, John Thomas, Eddie Williams, W. Pearce (nephews); Evan Jones, Tom Thomas, D. Thomas, D. Caston. Mourners at the house: Mrs. J. Evans (daughter); Mrs. D. Evans (sister); Mrs. E. Harris (niece).

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Social On Monday Hall, the social was organised by the Girls Club. Mrs. L. Phillips, organiser, was assisted by Misses Williams and L. Thomas, Mesdames H. Archer, B. Angell, D. Harris, A. Cumpstone, W. Pope, Harding, J. Lawrence, W. Morgan, E. L. Thomas. Members of the Boys' and Women's Clubs were present. Games and a miscellaneous concert were held. The pianist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Wedding: Davies-Sharpe The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Monday of Miss Annie Jane Davies, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davies, Martin's-street, and Mr. Arthur J. Sharpe, Sheerness. The service was fully choral, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar. A reception was held at the New Hall. Mr. Sydney Phillips composed some verses for the occasion. The couple will live at Sheerness.

United Cymanfa The annual Methodist United Easter Cymanfa of Dowlais, Fochriw, Bedlinog and Deri, was held at Noddfa Chapel on Monday. The conductor was Mr. W. R. Morris, Bedlinog, and the organist Mr. Ewart James, Dowlais. At the afternoon session, Mr. Cyril G. Morgan, presided, and Mr. James Brown, Deri, catechised the children on "Rhodd Mam" (Pennod 5). Mr. Tom Harris, Calvaria, Dowlais, presided in the evening. Tea was provided by the members of Nazareth Church.

Wedding: Rice-Williams The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church of Miss Lily May Rice, Maesteg, and Mr. Idris Williams, Pentwyn. The bride wore a white satin gown with a bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Megan and Betty Rice and Miss Doris Tyler, who wore mauve taffeta dresses with muffs to match. The Vicar officiated. A reception was held at the home of the bride's mother.

Funeral: Mr. Frank Strang, Hill-row, aged 60 The funeral of Mr. Frank Strang took place on Thursday. He leaves a wife and family. One son, Mr. David Strang, is serving with the Welsh Guards. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. D. W. and Evan Strang (sons); E. Strang (brother); Alf Gwynne (son-in-law); Rees Jenkins, John Evans (brothers-in-law); E. Sibley, F. Wilton (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Strang (widow); Mrs. J. Westmaroth Mrs. A. Gwynne, Mrs. F. Strang (daughters); Mrs. Sibley (sister); Mesdames E. Strang, R. Jenkins, J. Evans (sisters-in-law); F. Wilton, E. Sibley (nieces); A. Mantle, L. Lewis, T. Mantle, Miss H. Mantle.

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Pensioners' Outing Fund A meeting took place at the New Hall on Thursday, Councillor W. J. Payne presiding. It was decided to hold a concert on May 11th in aid of funds. It was decided to ask the Old Age Pensioners' organisation to appoint two of their members to represent them on the Outing Committee.

S.O.S. Fund The members of the Executive Board of the Merthyr General Hospital thank those who distributed and collected envelopes. The collection was organised by Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. W. J. Payne, and Mrs. W. A. Jones. The total collected was £7 2s 7d. The collectors were: Mesdames T. Pugh, W. A. Jones, W. J. Payne, T. Rowlands, C. Shankland,

H. Thomas, Jones, W. D. Davies, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, E. Davies, W. Morgan, Davies, Palmer, Mr. Archer, & Miss Kinsey.

St. David's Church The Easter vestry to place on Tuesday, the vicar presiding, supported by Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. A. E. Kings, secretary. The Vicar said that the Old Church, now demolished, had served Pantywaun as Church and school for over 70 years, and tribute was paid to the late Canon Harris, Rector of Gellygaer, who had worked to erect the buildings throughout the parish. Mr. A. E. Kings presented the accounts, which were adopted. Officers elected were: secretary, Mr. A. E. Kings; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Williams; Church council: Mesdames Kings, Davies, Ralph, Messrs. A. & D. J. Davies, J. Ralph, A. E. Kings and W. H. Williams; organist Mr. A. E. Kings; choirmaster, Mr. W. H. Williams.

St. Mary's Church The Easter Vestry was held on Monday, presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. W. J. Payne (people's warden), Mr. T. Gambling (vicar's warden), and Mr. T. Baldwin (parochial secretary), and the Rev E. Adams Evans, Deri. The Vicar congratulated Mr. Payne on being elected a member of the Gellygaer Council. He was a man of character and a worker for the Church. The vicar announced that this would be his last vestry as Vicar of Fochriw, as he had decided to accept the living of Cwmparc. He had been vicar for nearly eight years, and would always value the great experience he had had at the parish. He wished to thank the Church-wardens and the people who been so loyal to him. During the past year, they had started an envelope system that had been successful. They had recently bought a vicarage which would be a blessing to the new incumbent. He thanked the Mothers' Union, organist, Sunday school teachers, the auditor, churchwardens, sidesman, and all who had helped to carry on the great work. The financial statement was presented by Mr. Payne, was also reviewed the past year's work. The Church had made progress, and all accounts showed a balance. Reference to the purchase of a vicarage had been made. He wished to thank Mr. W. J. Canton, LL.B., for assistance in carrying out the work into the purchase. He was very pleased to have with them that evening the Rev E. Adams Evans, Priest-in-charge of Deri, who had come to the parish since the last vestry. Officers elected were: Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. T. Gambling, people's and vicar's wardens; parochial secretary, Mr. T. Baldwin; auditor, Miss R. Davis; parochial Council: Mesdames White, Payne, Lawrence, H. Jones, M. H. Jones, Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, T. Baldwin, W. D. Davies, A. Palmer, T. Jones and G. Baldwin; sidesman: Messrs. W. D. and T. E. Davies, G. Evans, J. Lawrence, T. Jones, V. Powell, A. Palmer, Gordon Lawrence, Edgar Pritchard.

Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers Band, with Mr. G. Davies and Mr. C. Cumpstone as M.Cs

New Caretaker The ballot for the appointment of a caretaker for the Fochriw Library and Institute took place on Tuesday, and the results were as follows: Mr. D. I. Evans - 166 votes; Mr. Wyndham Morgan - 106; Mr. A. Way - 32; Mr. B. Davies - 29.

Hospital The following who are patients in hospital are progressing favourably: Mr. W. H. Way, Aelybryn; Mr. T. Price, Martin's-street; Mr. D. G. Parr, Aelybryn (Merthyr General Hospital); Miss Mair Cumpstone, Council Houses (Gellygaer Hospital); Mr. Oliver Griffiths and Mr. Ronald Walters (Merthyr Hospital).

“Merthyr Express” 29 April 1939

Lecture A very fine lecture was given at Nazareth chapel on Saturday evening, when the Rev. Robert Ellis, Tregroes, Ammanford, lectured on "Cewri'r pulpit." He dealt with the subject in a masterly manner and delighted the large audience. Mr. W. Adams Jones presided.

Nazareth Special services were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. Robert Ellis, Ammanford. The organist was Miss Katie Davies and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

Competition Success Miss Jean Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Idris Williams, Emlyn House, has won a special prize in the "Golden Rules" handwriting competition. She is a pupil at the Council School.

Library and the Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided, and Mr. D. I. Evans, secretary, reported that Mr. Daniel (Welfare organiser), and Mr. Bradley (Boys' Club organiser) would be visiting Fochriw on May 8th, when a joint meeting of the Library Welfare Association and Boys' Club Committees would take place. The ballot for caretaker of the library resulted in the appointment of Mr. D. I. Evans. It was decided that he commence his duties on Monday, 24th April. The question of secretary was deferred to the next meeting.

Outing Fund A dance in the aid of the Outing Fund was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The Melody Makers' Dance Band, Bargoed, supplied the music. The M.Cs. were Messrs. W. Rees, G. Davies and C. Cumpstone. The spot prizes were won by Mrs. Mantle, Deri, and Mr. A. Jenkins, Pontllytyn. The crooning competition was won by Miss Gwyneth Haines, Deri. The refreshments were served by Mesdames Harry Jones, W. Morgan, J. M. Lawrence, Harris, and Miss Rosie Davies. The event was organised by the Fochriw Boys' Club.

“Merthyr Express” 6 May 1939

St. Mary's At the services on Sunday, the vicar made touching references to the death of the Bishop of Llandaff, the Rt. Rev. Timothy Rees.

Dance Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed, and the M.Cs. was Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone.

Football The following Fochriw boys have been selected to play in the Rhymney Valley group against the Pontypridd group of Boys' Clubs semi-finals for the Chris Page Cup: Edryd Jones, Gethin Jones, Evan M. Lewis (captain), Alun Davies and Jack Davies.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children A meeting was held at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. T. Matthews (president) presided. An address on the work of the society was given by Mr. Philip Davies of staff headquarters. A musical programme was given by Madam H. C. Davies, contralto: Nurse Ballard Davies, elocutionist: and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. piano.

Presentation A presentation has been made to mark the retirement of Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn, after over 60 years with Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, at Dowlais Collieries as a winding engineman, and an official for the past 12 years, as foreman at the Nantyllyn Drift. The gift was made on Saturday at the Royal Court Hotel, when Mr. Lewis was presented with a clock as a token of the esteem in which he is held by officials and workmen. Mr. Rees Morgan presented the gift, and Mr. Lewis responded. Others expressed their good wishes and a programme of music was given by several artistes.

Welfare Work A joint meeting of the Library and Institute and Welfare Committees was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, presided over by Mr. Albert Mantle. Agreement has been reached on the amalgamation of the two bodies, but separate committees will be responsible for the Library and Institute, and for the Outdoor Welfare work. It was decided that the same chairman and vice-chairman be appointed for both committees. Councillor W. J. Payne was elected chairman, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones vice-chairman. Correspondence was read from the welfare organiser, Mr. Daniel, and a joint meeting will be held on Wednesday next of the committees of the Library and Institute, Welfare Committee, and Boys' Club. Mr. Daniel and Mr. Bradney will be present. The plans for the new building were passed at the Council meeting on Tuesday, subject to certain amendments. Sympathy was expressed with Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster, in his illness. Mr. Jones is a member of the committee and a trustee.

Pontllytyn Police Court P.C. Roy Taylor saw Hewitt Davies and David John Evans of Fochriw riding their bicycles at a fast speed down Groesfaen, Deri, and take the bend on the

wrong side of the road. There were several children nearby, and they were nearly run over. When he called on the defendants to stop, they had difficulty in pulling up. They were charged with riding their bicycles furiously. Evans pleaded guilty, but Davies did not appear. The case was dismissed on the payment of four shillings each costs.

“Merthyr Express” 13 May 1939

Boys' Club Mr. Ray Clarke presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Monday. The secretary reported on the progress of the club. The Gym team was active, and the football team had won the cup for the Boys' Club League. Singing was another part of the programme, and was conducted by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Cup Winners Fochriw Boys' Club entertained Aberbargoed on Saturday in the final of the Boys' Club League. Fochriw were on top form and won 5-0. They were represented by: H. J. Watkins, D. R. and Edryd Jones, Ewart Davis, Gethin Jones, E. M. Lewis, Cadvan Cumpstone, Ivor Davies, W. Williams, Alun and Jack Davies. The referee was Mr. Ben Davies.

Welfare Scheme A meeting of the Welfare Association was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. Mr. Ray Clark, secretary, reported that grants had been received in connection with the new playing field from the Special Areas Commissioner. A report on the work was given by the foreman, Mr. David Harris. It was decided to place the order for clothes and boots with the trades-people in the village.

Pensioners' Outing Fund Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall. Mr. Price welcomed the representatives from the pensioners' organisation - Messrs. Job Thomas and David Griffiths. Mr. D. J. Davies reported on the progress of the concert to be given by the pupils of Bargoed Secondary School in aid of the fund. The following names were added to the list of presidents: Messrs. Edgar Richard, J. Evans and W. Wadley. It is proposed to hold community singing at Pantywaun on Whit Sunday, and it was decided to ask the Fochriw Silver Band to attend.

Drama Bethlehem Church Dramatic Society produced "Till Further Orders" (Wilfred Massey) at the New Hall on Thursday. The production was by Mr. J. L. Lloyd James and revealed fine dramatic talent. The performance was in the aid of the funds of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion. Councillor W. J. Payne presided and thanked the society for giving their services. Mr. Idris Cumpstone (chairman of the local branch), supported by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mr. W. Pegg paid tribute to the company and all who supported the production.

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Pensioners Outing Fund: Student's Concert at Fochriw A concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday by the pupils of Bargoed Secondary School. At the close of the programme thanks were accorded the chairman, staff and pupils by Counsellors W. J. Payne and Samuel Lewis, and Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary.

Gas Mask Distribution During the end of last week, gas masks were distributed at Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybank by P.C. Wadley, by special constables, air-raid precautions wardens, and members of the school staff, assisted by local residents.

Boys' Club Plans A meeting of the Library and Institute and Outdoor Welfare Committees, and the Boys' Club Committee was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Among those present were Mr. R. Whitfield Parker (Central Miners' Welfare Committee, London), Mr. F. Daniel (Welfare organiser), Mr. E. Bradney (Boys' Club organiser), and Mr. Roberts (local boys' club organiser). Councillor W. J. Payne welcomed the guests. Mr. Daniel, who presided, said the purpose of the meeting was to examine the position of the various organisations, and attempt to agree a co-operative scheme that would be of benefit to them all. The difficulty at present was the small amount of room available for the boys to carry out their many activities. He appreciated the difficulties, and felt, under the circumstances, that the institute committee had done their best. They would soon be commencing a new building, which

should make a great difference. Mr. Bradney, Mr. Parker and Mr. Roberts also spoke. It was agreed that when the new building was completed, the present billiard hall should be handed over to the boys' club.

“Merthyr Express” 27 May 1939

Mothers' Union The St. Mary's branch met at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The annual outing will take place on Saturday to Swansea.

Silver Band A meeting was held on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The chairman remarked that it was very pleasing to see the band on Friday evening, when they paraded the village. Mr. J. J. Lewis, secretary, also commented on the parade and the smart deportment of the men. The band will play for the tea at St. Tyfaelog's, Pontlottyn on Whit Monday. Other coming engagements were discussed.

Dance Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a dance took place at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Melody Makers, Bargoed, with Mr. G. Rees and Mr. C. Cumpstone as M.Cs.

On Saturday, five of the local boys' club members played for the Rhymney Valley Boys' Clubs against the Brynmawr area Boys' Clubs at Pontypridd in the final of the Chris Page Cup. Exhilarating football was witnessed, Brynmawr winning after extra-time by three goals to two.

Pensioners' Outing Fund A meeting was held at New Hall on Monday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. The secretary presented the financial statement and gave a report of the concert by the Bargoed pupils. Discussion followed on the venue for this year's outing, and it was agreed that they would travel to Barry Island on Tuesday, July 4th. Dinner and tea will be provided.

“Merthyr Express” 3 June 1938

Sheepdog Trials Mr. J. Lloyd, Aelybryn, was successful with his dog "Lad" in winning the second prize at the sheepdog trials at Cwmdru, near Crickhowell.

For The Hospital On Friday and Saturday, roses were sold in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The organisers were Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. Howell Thomas, with the following as sellers: Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. T. Jones, Misses Nana Ballard, Gwenfil Harris, O. M. Payne, Gwen Llewellyn, Margaret Jones, Betty Edwards and Sybil Jones.

Annual Outings On Monday, the members of Noddfa Baptist Chapel Sunday school journeyed to Barry Island, and on Tuesday, Carmel and Nazareth Sunday schools also visited Barry. On Saturday, the members of St. Mary Church Mothers' Union spent a happy day at Swansea and Mumbles, while on Monday, a party of Sunday school children and their teachers, attached to Carmel Sunday School, visited Aberystwyth.

Community Singing Community hymn singing was held at Pantywaun on Sunday evening, when a collection in aid of the old age pensioners' outing fund was made. Councillor W. J. Payne presided, and Mr. T. F. Jones conducted the singing, accompanied by the Fochriw Silver Band, under Mr. Albert Mantle. A high standard of singing was attained. Mr. Rogers, Dowlais, thanked the chairman, band, conductor and the public for their efforts.

“Merthyr Express” 10 June 1939

Silver Band A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. The Secretary dealt with the correspondence, and it was decided to accept an engagement to play at the Corpus Christi to be held at Cardiff on Sunday. The bandmaster gave the monthly report.

Obituary: Mrs. Mary Thomas, Martin-street, aged 65 The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Thomas, wife of Mr. Job Thomas, 12, Martin-street. Mrs. Thomas was a native of Carmarthen, but had lived at Fochriw for the last 56 years. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, and the Rev. Richard Evans officiated.

“Merthyr Express” 17 June 1939

Carmel Chapel The annual services were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Silver Band Under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, the Band played a fine selection of music in the Corpus Christi procession at Cardiff on Sunday last.

Examination Successes The following were successful in the technical examination: Willie Abbey, Tom Idris Shankland (Fochriw Council School); Philip Mantle (Penybank Council School).

British Legion The branch general committee meeting was held on Tuesday when Mr. E. I. Cumpstone presided. Financial items were discussed, and Mr. Lloyd Jones touched on matters raised at the recent annual conference. It was noted that a resolution on old age pensions had been carried. Mr. Puddle is to attend the North East Glamorgan committee on the occasion of the visit of N.E.C. members. The chairman thanked all who had assisted in the comedy "Till Further Orders," and he thanked Noddfa chapel for the lawn of the lighting effects. Mr. W. H. Bradley, Pantywaun, was elected a member of the local benevolent committee.

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Doctor at Twenty-Four Mr. William Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Williams, late Brynteg-terrace, and now of Gilfach Goch, has passed his B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch. He has been a student at Cardiff School of Medicine for the last six years, and is now 24 years of age. Mr. Williams is a product of the Fochriw Boys' School.

Scholarship Success Huw Ballard Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. Griff Thomas, Aelybryn, headed the list of successful candidates for the Gellygaer area in the entrance scholarship examinations to the secondary schools. He is a pupil at of Fochriw Council School. He obtained 273 marks out of a possible 300. He is 11.

By-Election Meeting Mr. Ness Edwards, the Labour candidate for the parliamentary by-election in the Caerphilly Division, addressed a meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, when he was supported by Mr. Arthur Pearson, M.P., Councillor Charles Davies and others. Mr. Edwards has visited Fochriw on other occasions, in connection with the Welfare Hall, etc.

Sports Successes Evan M. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, Brynteg, carried off the honours at the Lewis' School sports last week. Gethin Jones, son of Mrs. E. Jones and the late Mr. Evan Jones, won Victor Ludorum honours at Bargoed Secondary school sports. Both are good athletes. Gethin Jones will soon be leaving to take up his studies at Carmarthen College, together with Tudor Rowlands, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rowlands, Glyn-terrace.

Welsh Language Petition A meeting of representatives of all the churches in Fochriw was held at Nazareth chapel on Monday. Councillor Sam Lewis presided, and explained that the object of the meeting was to appoint persons to canvas the district in connection with the Welsh language petition. They will leave a form to be signed, and the petitions will be submitted to the House of Commons, appealing that the necessary steps be taken with all convenient speed to secure the passing of an Act of Parliament placing the Welsh language on a footing of equality with English in all proceedings connected with the administration of justice and of public services in Wales.

Silver Band Councillor W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. He referred to the death of Mrs. M. A. Mantle, widow of Mr. William Mantle, who had been a solo cornet player and conductor of the Fochriw band in its old days. Mrs. Mantle was also sister-in-law to the present bandmaster. The Secretary dealt with correspondence that included discussion of several engagements. The secretary reported that they would be playing for the parade at the celebration of Corpus Christi at St. Peter's Church, Bargoed, on Sunday.

“Merthyr Express” 1 July 1939

Nursing Success Miss Mildred Chapman, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, 25, Martin-street, has passed her state nursing preliminary examination. Nurse Chapman received her training at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital.

N.S.P.C.C. Outing On Saturday, the officers, committee and friends of the Fochriw branch, journeyed to Worcester for their annual outing. Excellent arrangements had been made for the trip. The President is Mrs. T. Matthews; the secretary, Mrs. D. Jenkins; and the treasurer, Mrs. J. Lawrence. Mrs. Tom Evans was treasurer for the outing.

Library and the Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. He stated that plans for the new building had been received by the Secretary. These were now on view to builders who intended tendering for work. Tenders would close on June 26th. Mr. D. I. Evans dealt with the correspondence and gave the financial report and caretaker's report. Mr. Richard Jones reported on the work of the lending library. As the present Secretary had been appointed caretaker, it was decided to invite applications for the posts of secretary and treasurer.

By-Election Meetings A meeting in support of Mr. Ness Edwards, the Labour candidate, was held at the New Hall on Thursday, presided over by Mr. D. J. Davies. The speakers were Mrs. Andrews, Miss Hettie Jones, and Mr. W. J. Kedward. On Monday, Mr. Ronald Bell, the Conservative candidate, held a meeting at Fochriw. Mr. B. Thomas, M.E., presided.

Fochriw Girl's Child: Wedding Was Planned Herbert Charles Dobson, a railway fireman, of Swindon, was summoned at Pontllytyn Police Court on Friday, by Rachel Jane Bassett, a single woman, of Fochriw, on respect of a child. It was stated that they were to have been married on December 28th last at Merthyr Register Office, but Dobson failed to appear on the day. Before December 28th he had signed a note saying "I promise to give Ray Bassett's child a name by marriage." The magistrates made an order that Dobson should pay 10s. per week, and £5 3s costs.

Dog Show A dog show was held at the New Hall on Monday, when the judge was Miss Jones, Trodyrhiw, and the secretary was Mr. J. J. Morgan, Dowlais Top. The best exhibits in the show were: smooth fox terrier "Gudman's Fine Art" (owner, Mr. Windsor Rees); best opposite sex, wire fox terrier (Mr. Bryn Davies); best puppy, wire fox terrier "Pentwyn Lass" (Mr. Vernon Llewellyn); runner-up, "Nell Gwyn," puppy (Mr. W. Rees).

“Merthyr Express” 8 July 1939

Urdd Sports At the Urdd Sports at Neath, Evan M. Lewis won the 100 yards race and the hop, step and jump.

Welfare Association Mr. Willie Adams Jones presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. The secretary reported on the progress made with the new playing field.

Pensioners Outing On Tuesday, the annual outing took place, and over 120 pensioners and friends visited Barry Island. The party was accompanied by Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Davies, W. J. Watkins, Edgar Pritchard, C. Edwards, R. Evans, T. J. Powell, D. Griffiths and J. Thomas (members of the outing committee). Before leaving for Barry, the members visited the polling booth to record their voters at the by-election.

Funeral: Mrs. M. A. Barlow, 42, Aelybryn, aged 56 The death has occurred of Mrs. M. A. Barlow, wife of Mr. Herbert Barlow. She was a member of the Gospel Hall. Mrs. Barlow was a native of Dowlais, but had lived at Fochriw for many years. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery. The Revs. David Thomas (Gellygaer), Elwyn Jones (Dowlais) and W. Jones (Dowlais Top) officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. Barlow (husband); Messrs. John and Harold Barlow (sons); John Daniel, Evan, Tom Price, Ivor, Willie (brothers); Price John and David Smith (uncles); James Jones, Dannie Evans (brothers-in-law); Tom Davies, Trevor Barlow, Ben Jones (Abercanaid), Gwilym Evans (Dowlais), Gus Griffiths, S. Rattle (New Tredegar), John Williams, E. J. Jones, Arthur Edwards, Ieuan Cartwright, W. Gwyn, Dan Evans, Alfred Williams. Mourners at the house: Irene, Iris and

Phyllis Barlow (daughters); Mrs. Barlow (Birmingham) daughter-in-law; Mrs. Mitchell (Birmingham), Mrs. Barlow (Abercanaid), Mrs. T. Barlow (Merthyr), Mrs. Morgan (New Tredegar), Mrs. Phillips (Abercarn), Mrs. Milton (Abertillery), Mrs. Jones (Dowlais). The bearers were: Messrs. Evan H. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, D Saunders, John Lloyd, W. Edwards, Wyndham Hughes, N. Thomas, P. Thomas, J. H. Evans and T. Pugh.

“Merthyr Express” 15 July 1939

Nazareth Evangelical campaign services are being held throughout the Rhymney Valley, and on Monday and Tuesday evening, Rhymney) gave inspiring addresses. Mr. David J. Davies was the organist.

Library and Institute A public meeting was held at the New Hall last Thursday. Councillor W. J. Payne, who presided, explained that the object was to appoint a secretary and treasurer of the library and Institute. He also stated that the contract had been given for the building of the new hall and billiards room. The result of the ballot for the post of secretary resulted in the appointment of Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, and for the post of treasurer, Mr. Robert Rees.

Child's Funeral: Elizabeth Ellen Rowlands, 8, Davies-row, Pentwyn The funeral of Elizabeth Ellen Rowlands, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Rowlands, took place on Thursday last, the vicar officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Cyril Rowlands (father); Mr. William Thomas (grandfather); Messrs. E. J. Thomas, Daniel Thomas (uncles); H. Baker, T. E. Davies, W. Williams, S. Saunders, G. Baker, T. Jenkins and Elvet Davies. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Rowlands (mother); Mrs. M. Thomas (grandmother); Mrs. Rosie Davies, Mrs. Nellie Williams, Mrs. S. Saunders (aunts); Mrs. Edith lewellyn, Mrs. Polly Williams, Mrs. Lewis.

Boys' Club A tea, concert and presentation of the Football Cup took place at the New Hall on Thursday last to mark the winning of the Rhymney Valley Boys' Club League cup by the Fochriw Boys' Club. The side is captained by Willie Williams. Mr. W. M. Davies presided and gave an address. The cup was presented to the captain by Mr. G. Roberts, Bargoed, organiser. Mr. Roberts spoke highly of the achievement, and the captain responded on behalf of the team. Musical items were rendered by Madam H. C. Davies, James J. Lewis, Miss Dilys Haines (Deri), Eddie Thomas, Gordon Price, Dennis Harding, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the piano. Items were also given by the Melody Makers' Band, Bargoed.

Funeral: Mr. David Lewis, 11, Hill-row, aged 80 The death has occurred of Pentwyn's oldest inhabitant, Mr. David Lewis. He was a native of the village, and had been married for 60 years. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, the vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Henry J. Archer (son-in-law); Mr. David R. Jones (grandson); Messrs. B. & J. Garbett, T. Thomas, E. J. Lloyd, Wyndham Watkins (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis (widow); Mesdames H. J. Archer (daughter); Myra Archer (grand-daughter); S. A. Thomas, J. Cochrane, R. Garbett, J. Hunt, M. Evans (nieces); Cumpstone, S. Potter, N. Marlows, E. Evans, Tom Jones, S. Cumpstone.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July 1939

Girls' Club A number of members of the Club journeyed to Boverton on Friday to enjoy a week's holiday.

Musical Success At the recent London College of Music examination held at Cardiff, Brynmor Jones, Upper-road, Pantywaun, gained a first class certificate in pianoforte playing in the higher junior stage.

British Legion The Women's Section journey to Birmingham on Saturday for their annual outing, and spent a happy day they were accompanied by Mrs. S Jones, secretary; Mrs. Phillips, chairman and Mrs. Morgan, treasurer.

Hospital Mr. Richard Jones, Martin-street, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital, where he was moved as a result of an accident at the Bargoed Collieries on Friday last. He is making good progress. Other Fochriw patients in hospital at Merthyr are: Mr. William Way,

Aelybryn; Dennis Harding, Plantation-street; Edward Price, Martin-street; Mr. Jones, Pantywaun. Mr. John White, son of the vicar, is a patient at Cardiff.

Library and Institute Councillor W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday, and welcomed the new secretary and treasurer to their first meeting. The new caretaker, Mr. D. I. Evans, gave his report, and said that everything was proceeding satisfactorily. Arrangements were discussed for providing accommodation for the various organisations that use the buildings during the building of the new premises. A letter was considered from the secretary of the old age pensioners' outing fund, and a concession was granted. Mr. Evans gave the financial position, which was satisfactory. Mr. Jones, librarian, reported on the number of books taken out by readers during the past month. It was decided to carry out some repairs at the Old Reading room.

25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Esaiiah Williams Special meetings were held at Noddfa Baptist chapel on Wednesday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev Esaiiah Williams (now of Cardigan), as minister of Noddfa. In the afternoon, the meeting took the form of a Church re-union. All old members and friends were invited, and a tea was provided. The Rev. S. R. M. Lloyd, Rhymney, presided. Mr. Joshua Evans, secretary, spoke a few words of welcome and congratulation on behalf of the Church, followed by Mrs. T. J. Mathews for the Sisters, and Mr. T. J. Jones on behalf of the Church as it is today, while the Rev. Esaiiah Williams responded in his inimitable and touching manner. At the tables were: Mesdames T. Evans, J. Mathews, A. Walters, A. Jones, J. Thomas, J. Evans, I. Harries, Elizabeth Harris, P. Williams, S. G. Williams, M. Sheen, R. Parry, I. Williams, M. Davies, R. Thomas, T. Thomas, B. Edwards, the Misses Lloyd, J. Evans, P. Davies, and Mr. Tom Thomas. Mr. Williams was accompanied by Mrs. Williams and their son Jack. At the evening service, presided over by the Rev. H Morgan, Hengoed, in the absence of Mr. T. Evans, senior deacon, the Rev. J. A. Thomas, Llantwit Major, took the introductory part, and the Rev Esaiiah Williams preached an able sermon to one of the largest congregations seen in Noddfa for many years. Mr. D. J. Thomas presided at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 29 July 1939

Hospital Mr. W. H. Williams, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident sustained at Ogilvie colliery, is making good progress.

Welfare Association Mr. W. A. Jones presided over the meeting on Monday evening. The new playing field, which is progressing favourably, was visited. Mr. David Harris, foreman, gave his report on progress.

School Outing The scholars of Fochriw and Penybank Council Schools, accompanied by their headmasters and teachers, took part in an outing to Portsmouth on Friday. They left of Fochriw at 7am and reached Portsmouth about 12:45pm. They visited Nelson's flagship "The Victory" and the museum. Afterwards, they were conveyed by bus to Southsea for tea.

Ambulance News The result of the annual re-examination of the members of the Fochriw ambulance Division is now to hand, and it is pleasing to note that every member satisfied the examiner, thus making every member efficient for the year. The examiner was Dr. W. Monnelly, who has consented to give a course of lectures in first aid in the near future. An invitation is extended to all interested to attend. Ambulance Officer T. Evans has been officially appointed as Division Superintendent to the division in place of Superintendent H. Thomas, who resigned at the end of 1938. Honorary Sergeant and Divisional Secretary T. Thomas has been awarded the long Service Medal for 15 years efficient service in the Brigade.

Bargoed Attractions Claudette Colbert leads in "Midnight," which will be on at the New Hall for the first three days of next week.

“Merthyr Express” 5 August 1939

Colliery Death: Evan John Thomas, Hill-row, aged 19 While following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery, Evan John Thomas was killed. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. William Thomas.

Welfare Association Mr. W. J. Payne presided at the meeting on Monday. The chairman reported on the illness of Mr. David Lawrence, one of their trustees. The Commissioners will visit the playing field on Wednesday. Certain improvements are required on the children's playing area.

“Merthyr Express” 12 August 1939

Women's Social Centre A number of women members camped at Rhose last week.

Sunday School Outing The annual outing of the Parish Church took place on Tuesday, when members visited Barry Island.

Pensioners' Meeting Councillor W. J. Payne presided at the meeting of the Outing Fund on Thursday. He paid tribute to all who had supported the fund-raising efforts. The auditor's report was given by Mr. T. Ballard and Mr. Bob Rees.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. W. J. Payne was chairman. The newly appointed officials took up their duties for the first time - Mr. D. J. Thomas as secretary, and Mr. Bob Rees as treasurer. The auditors, Mr. Dan James and Mr. W. Angell reported, as did the librarian Mr. R. Jones. The secretary gave the financial report, and the caretaker's report was accepted. A discussion took place concerning the very small number of the general public other than workmen contributing to the Institute. It was decided that the secretary and treasurer take up this matter in order to increase membership. Tenders were received for work on the old library, and the tender of Mr. S. V. Powell was accepted.

Pit Victim's Funeral One of largest funerals in the district took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, when Mr. Evan John Thomas, who was killed by a fall of roof at Ogilvie Colliery, was buried. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Mr. William Thomas (father); Messrs. Cyril Rowlands, Daniel Thomas (brothers); Stan Saunders (brother-in-law); Edmund Griffiths (uncle); David Evans, Leyshon Rowlands, Thomas Rowlands, John Rowlands, Lewis Evans, William Davies, Tudor Rowlands, David Griffiths, William Mills, Percy Mills (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Mary E. Thomas (mother); Mesdames Kate Phillips, J. Saunders, Margaret Thomas (sisters); A. Rowlands, N. Rowlands, Margaret Griffiths, Ann Williams (aunts); E. Evans, E. Morgan, M. Mills (cousins); Lewis, Richards, Davies. The bearers were members of the Pentwyn Sports Club: Messrs. W. Sullivan, W. J. Llewellyn, W. Lewis, W. Pullen, E. Mantle & E. Williams.

Pontlottyn Police Court: Straying Mare and Foal For allowing a mare and foal to stray in Broad Street, Pontlottyn, John Hughes of Fochriw was fined five shillings. Hughes, who did not appear in court, is very deaf, and did not appear to be able to understand English. Superintendent Howell Rees spoke to him in Welsh about his animals.

“Merthyr Express” 19 August 1939

Hospital Mr. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, who has been a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, has returned home.

Gospel Hall Special services were held during the week in connection with the 8th annual convention, and were well attended. The special preachers were Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Pontardulais, whose discourses were well received.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Wednesday. Mr. J. J. Lewis dealt with the correspondence. Mr. H. Wood and Mr. T. Mantle, auditors, gave their report. Mr. Emrys Lewis, treasurer, gave the financial report. The bandmaster reported on the progress of the band. It was decided to discontinue practice during the building of the new hall.

Pantywaun Tea The annual tea in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, took place on Thursday last. The event had been organised by the Secretary and treasurer, together with the Church members. A number attended from the Parish Church, Fochriw,

and from Rhymney Bridge. After tea, games etc. were played. The following assisted as tray holders and helpers: Mesdames M. Kings, J. Bradley, A. Davies, W. J. Ralph, C. Thomas, D. J. Davies, D. Galliers, R. T. Mitchell, Nancy Mitchell, Florence Bradley, Lena Thomas, E. Moore, B. Williams, D. J. Davies, D. Lewis, Arthur Davies, P. A. Davies, Brynmor Jones, A. E. Atkins (secretary), W. H. Williams (treasurer).

“Merthyr Express” 26 August 1939

Sheep-Dog Trials Mr. John Lloyd was successful with his dog "Lad" in dividing the first and second places at the Rhymney sheep dog trials on Saturday.

Inquest An inquest was held at Fochriw on Friday, on Evan John Thomas, aged 19 years, a repairer's assistant, of Pentwyn, who was killed by a fall of stone weighing three tons at Ogilvie Colliery on August 1st. Mr. R. J. Rhys was the coroner, and a verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned.

Wedding: Miss Ethel Lillian Lewis and Mr. Myrddin Evans The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Myrddin Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Evans, Aelybryn, and Miss Ethel Lillian Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in an ice blue satin gown and bridal veil, held in place with a coronet of blue flowers and silver leaves. The bridesmaids were Misses Lilian, Betty, Gwen and Audrey Williams and Elsa Evans. They wore pink net gowns with halos of pink flowers on blue net, with silver shoes. The best man was Mr. W. Evans. The groomsmen were Walter Williams and William Powell.

“Merthyr Express” 2 September 1939

Sheep-Dog Trials Mr. John Lloyd was successful with his collie "Lad" at the sheep-dog trials at Nelson on Saturday. Mr. Lloyd is a miner, and is a good judge of a dog. His training of dogs has been very successful.

Examination Success Mr. Tudor Rowlands has been successful in passing his Higher Certificate of the Central Welsh Board. He is a pupil of Bargoed Secondary School. He will enter Carmarthen College in September.

R.A.O.B. The children of members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodorieath Lodge were entertained to a treat on Saturday when they were conveyed by charabanc to Porthcawl. Dinner and tea were served and a happy time was spent.

“Merthyr Express” 9 September 1939

Welfare Association Mr. Howel Thomas presided at a meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Forrest, and Mr. T. Jones, from the Commissioner's Office, Cardiff, visited the new playing-field and were pleased with the progress made.

Evacuation Meetings Meetings have been held at the New Hall on Thursday and Monday in connection with the receiving of the refugee school children under the Government's evacuation scheme. The meetings have been presided over by Counsellor Sam Lewis, and Sanitary Inspector E. Griffiths, Pontlottyn, has explained the working of the scheme. The meetings have been attended by enthusiastic workers. Billeting officers and reception committees have been appointed, and the village canvassed for the reception, and a splendid response received. The secretary is Mr. N. Thomas, Aelybryn.

Wedding: Lewis-Shankland The wedding took place on Saturday of Mr. T. James Shankland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shankland, Aelybryn, and Miss Elspeth Lewis, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn. The ceremony took place at Tabernacle English Baptist Church, the Rev. J. Williams officiating. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. D. Lewis, Bryn Corwen, who was attired in a blue marocain dress and navy hat. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Arthur Cumpstone. The reception was held at the bride's home, where a large number of guests attended. The happy couple later left for Barry, where the honeymoon is being spent. They will make their future home at Aelybryn.

Wedding: Ballard-Davies The wedding took place at Carmel Congregational Chapel on Saturday of P.C. Islwyn Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, and Miss Beryl Ballard, daughter of Mr. T. Ballard and the late Mrs. S. Barnard, Morris-row. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ivory satin frock, with tulle veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations and blue scabious. The bridesmaids were Miss Mona Ballard, sister of the bride, and Miss Megan Davies, sister of the bridegroom. They wore pink and blue figured lace frocks with velvet pixie caps and muffs to tone. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Garfield Davies, brother of the bridegroom. The bride, prior to her marriage, was on the teaching staff of Tiryberth Infants' School, and the bridegroom is in the Metropolitan Police. The reception was held at Carmel Vestry, where 48 guests were present. The couple will make their home at Alperton, Middlesex.

Noddfa The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. The Rev. Rowland Jones delivered inspiring sermons. Mr. David J 8, as was the organist, and Mr. Tim Evans conducted singing.

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Football At the Welfare ground on Saturday, Fochriw Boys' Club, last season's league champions, played Pontlottyn, the Rhymney Valley League champions. The match ended in a draw, 1-1.

Playing Field Captain Forrest and Mr. T Jones, surveyor from the Cardiff offices of the Distressed Commissioner's Area, visited the new playing field now under construction by voluntary labour. They were met by Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. W. Adams Jones and members of the committee. Captain Forrest said he was very pleased with the way the work was being carried out, and complimented the workmen and foreman on their efforts.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, Councillor W. J. Payne presiding. The chairman said that everything was in order for the work to commence on the new building. The contract had been signed by the contractor and the trustees. He thought the crisis had something to do with the delay, but they could rest assured that they were doing all in their power to get the work started. The secretary then dealt with the correspondence. He reported that the repairs at the Old Library were being carried out. The caretaker, in his report, said that the billiards played during the month of August was slightly above the average. It was decided to grant the caretaker one week's holiday. The librarian reported that quite a number of books had been taken out during the month, particularly under the county scheme. Mr. Rees gave the financial report which proved satisfactory.

London News Warning was given on Monday by Sir Gervais Rentoul, the West London magistrate, that in future, persons who obstructed the police, or defied the lighting regulations, would be sent to prison.

“Merthyr Express” 23 September 1939

Ewe Sale The 13th annual draft ewe sale of Welsh mountain sheep was held at Pentwyn on Wednesday, when a large number of ewes, fat lambs and rams were sold. The auctioneer was Mr. John Herbert.

Off to College The following have left Fochriw to pursue College training: Messrs. Tudor Rowlands and Gethin Jones to Carmarthen Training College; Miss Edna Jones to Barry Training College.

Silver Band The Silver Band attended the funeral of an old bandsman, Mr. Walters, Rhymney. They played the "Dead March" as the cortege proceeded to the Rhymney Cemetery. Mr. Walters had given his services to help the band on many occasions.

Football In the Rhymney Valley Boys' Club League, Fochriw opened the season with a match against Ystrad Mynach. The game was keenly contested, but Fochriw ran out winners by five goals to one. The referee was Mr. Porter, an ex-Southampton and Portsmouth

footballer, and Hampshire cricketer, who is now resident in the village. Mr. Porter has undertaken to coach the Boys' Club team - which could take them far this season.

Pontlottyn Police Court Joseph Pullen of Fochriw, pleaded guilty to using his motorcycle without a road fund licence. He was ordered to pay 4 shillings costs.

“Merthyr Express” 30 September 1939

Football Fochriw Boys' Club played Ystrad Mynach away on Saturday, and won 3-2.

Harvest Festival Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at Penybank Mission Church on Sunday. The preacher was Mr. Jones, Pant. The organist was Mr. E. Cumpstone.

Accident Mr. James Harding, Plantation-street, slipped and fractured his leg as he walked home last week. St. John Ambulance Brigade rendered firstaid, after which he was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital.

Harvest Festival Harvest services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were: Revs. E. Adams Evans, J. R. D. Williams, and J. L. White. Mr. A. E. Kings was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 7 October 1939

Library and Institute Councillor W. J. Payne presided over the meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday. A report was given of the visit of Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser, and Mr. Taylor, in connection with the commencing of the building of the new hall. The chairman said they all regretted that the outbreak war would prevent them starting the new building. As all the formalities had been completed, they had the assurance that the work would begin as soon as possible. It was decided to grant the use of the hall to the Girls' Club on Monday evening, and also additional nights to the Boys' Club. The committee received Mr. Bryn Davies, secretary of the Boys' Club, who submitted some very interesting schemes so that the members could have closer co-operation in games etc. The suggestions included one to form a billiards team from the Institute to play a team of members from the Boys' Club. This was agreed to. A discussion followed on the librarian's report, and it was decided to grant a sum of money for the purchase of new books. The caretaker's report, and the financial report, showed a satisfactory state of affairs. The following were appointed as a billiards committee: Messrs. W. J. Payne, John Lewis, Clifford Davies, Richard Jones, D. J. Thomas and D. I. Evans.

Harvest Festival Harvest services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Tuesday, the church being decorated for the occasion. The preachers on Sunday were the Rev W. Brazell, vicar of Pontlottyn, and the Rev. Clifford Bowen, New Tredegar. The lessons were read by Mr. Payne and the organist was Mr. W. Lawrence. Mr. B. Angell conducted singing. On Tuesday, the preacher was the Rev. Canon J. Richards Pugh, rector of Merthyr. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans.

Billiards The first of a series of billiards matches was played at the Institute on Monday evening between the teams of the Institute and the Fochriw Boys' Club, and after a keen game the honours went to the Institute team. The following represented the Institute: Richard Jones, Gomer Davies, E. W. Jones, J. E. Edwards, B. Rees, Terence Kelly, Reg Gittoes, Willie Williams. The Boys' Club representatives were: Jack Fisher, Bryn Davies, Les Harris, Jackie Davies, E. M. Davies, Willie Williams, Willie Walters, George Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 14 October 1939

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held during the week at Carmel Chapel. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, who was also the organist.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, when Mr. Willie Adams Jones presided. It was decided to send representatives to the Bargoed Education Settlement in connection with the setting up of a Citizens Advice Bureau. Mr. Robert Rees and Mr. D. J. Thomas were appointed. Mr. E. Puddle was appointed to deputise the caretaker during his holiday.

Children's Service The service on Sunday evening at Carmel Congregational Church was taken by the children. The devotions were led by Enid and Marie Davies. A demonstration play entitled "The Aeroplane" was presented, when those taking part were: Linda Thomas, Violet Abbey, Elaine Edwards, Eira Davies, Elinor Davies, Bronwen Hollister, Nan Jones, Enid Cumpstone, Megan Thomas, Len Davies, Maynard Ballard, Haydn Watkins, Leslie Hollister, Carwyr and D. J. Evans, Penry Ballard, Terence Williams and J. Evans; leaders, Eliza & Betty Evans; soloists, Gwladys Harris, Enid, Megan and Marie Davies, Huw B. Thomas; recitation, Miss Betty Jones. Miss Maria Jones conducted the singing, and Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist.

Schoolboy's Death William Hughes, aged 13 years, son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hughes, 16, Chapel-street, Pantywaun, a pupil of Bargoed Technical School, was returning home from school last week by train, between Bargoed and Deri, when he was fatally injured by striking his head. The funeral took place at Pant, and among those present were Mr. Jarman, headmaster, Mr. John Edwards, headmaster of Pantywaun School, members of his class at Bargoed, his schoolmates from Pantywaun, and members of the Boys' Club, accompanied by Mr. T. F. Jones (Pantywaun), and Mr. Rogers (Dowlais). The Rev. Evan Elias officiated, assisted by Mr. Wm. Griffiths. The mourners were: Mr. Hughes (father); Mr. Dd. Thomas (grandfather); Maldwyn Hughes (brother); Messrs. John Hughes, W. G., D. J., Edward, Ivor and Arthur Thomas (uncles); H. & W. Davies, Idris, Tom and Ivor Jenkins, G. & Hy. Griffiths, Frank Hughes (Dowlais Top). At the house were the mother and family.

Funeral: Mr. Wyndham Morgan, 7, Station-terrace, aged 33 The death has occurred of Mr. Wyndham Morgan. He was a leading member and officer of the Fochriw Boys' Club, and also of the Boys' Club Football team. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard and there was a representative attendance, including members of the Boys' Club. The vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Mr. Idris Morgan (brother); Mr. Mordecai Williams (father-in-law); Mr. Windsor Williams (brother-in-law); Messrs. John Thompson (cousin); T. Edwards, Thomas and Ben Evans, G. Sibley, Mr. Lodwick (uncles); D. R. Jones, James Gregory, Roy and Douglas Clark, W. J. Payne, P. Edwards, Tom Jones, J. Williams (uncles); Bedford Edwards, Clifford Davies, W. Whitby, T. B. Edwards, David L., W., & H. Evans, W. T. Morgan, Stan Harris, Tom Sullivan, Dan Jones, A. Mantle, W. Bennett, W. Hewins, T. Kelly (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. H. Morgan (widow); Elsa and Gwyn (children); Mrs. J. Morgan (mother); Mrs. M. Williams (mother-in-law); Mrs. Thompson (aunt); Mrs. J. Morgan, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. W. Morgan, Miss Kathleen Williams (sisters-in-law); Mesdames S. A. Payne, M. A. Edwards, M. H. Jones, M. Jones, M. Davies (aunts); S. Pugh, J. Jones, W. Harris, M. Hopkins, E. Sullivan and Lily (cousins); Mrs. H. Davies, C. Williams (friends).

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Boys' Club Football Fochriw played Gilfach Y.M.C.A. on Saturday last at Gilfach, and won 4-3.

Billiards Another billiards match was played at the Institute on Monday between the Institute and the Boys' Club, which was won by the Institute. On the previous Thursday, the Boys' Club were the winners.

For The Blind A house-to-house collection has been made in Fochriw for the Blind. The organisers were Mrs. Sam Lewis and Mrs. W. J. Payne, assisted by Misses Rosie Davies and E. Morgan, Mrs. Pope, Mrs. Doris Morgan, Mrs. W. Adams Jones, Mrs. T. Walters, Mrs. T. Rowlands, Mrs. C. Shankland, Mrs. R. Price, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. I. Cumpstone, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Lloyd, Mr. Griffith Jones. The sum of £4 18s. was realised. The organisers have received a letter from Mr. Bert Fisher, Merthyr, thanking the public for the support.

Funeral: Mrs. H. Goddard, Nantyffin The funeral of Mrs. H. Goddard, wife of Mr. Harry Goddard, took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Goddard had been ill for a long period. She was a member of St. Mary's Church, and also of the Mothers' Union. A

service was conducted at St. Andrew's Church by the Vicar. The mourners were: Mr. H. Goddard (husband); Mrs. W. Webb, Miss N. & Ethel Goddard (daughters); Mr. Henry Goddard (son); Mrs. S. Embling (sister); Mrs. T. Fuller (sister-in-law); Mrs. T. Jones.

Funeral: Miss Phyllis Barlow, 42, Aelybryn, aged 19 years The death occurred on Saturday last of Miss Phyllis Barlow, youngest daughter of Mr. H. Barlow and the late Mrs. Barlow. Miss Barlow was only 19 years of age, and was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday, and there was a representative attendance. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated, assisted by the Rev. Elwyn Jones. Gwernllwyn, and Mr. William Jones, Dowlais. The principal mourners were: Messrs. H. Barlow (father); John Thomas and Harold Barlow (brothers); J. Smith, J. D. Jones, Evan Jones, T. Davies, T. P. Griffiths, I. G. Griffiths, James Jones, D. Evans, Gwilym Evans (uncles); Trevor Barlow, D. Evans, Frank Jones, J. Morgans, S. Rattle, Gus Griffiths (cousins); I. T. Jones, Haydn Jones, Gwynfryn Evans, J. Evans, I. Cartwright (cousins); John Morgan, P.C. Martin, Harold Evans, Ben Thomas, John Lloyd, Tom Pugh, Burkley Davies, J. Watkins, W. Curtis (New Tredegar). The bearers were: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, Wyndham Hughes, W. Jones, John Lewis and Thomas Evans. Mourners at the house: Misses Irene and Iris Barlow (sisters); Mesdames Jones, Evans, A. Jones, S. O. Griffiths (aunts); E. Adams (Rhondda), Mary Jane and Annie (cousins); Morgans, Lewis, Edwards, Pritchard, Lloyd, Martin.

“Merthyr Express” 28 October 1939

Football Fochriw Boys' Club played Bargoed Y.M.C.A. at Fochriw on Saturday, and won by 2 goals to nil. Mr. Bryn Davies was the referee.

Bible Society Under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society, a meeting was held at Nazareth chapel on Tuesday, when the vicar presided. An address was given on the work of the society by the Rev. H. Withers, rector of Llanfabon, and others who took part were the Rev. S. R. Evans, Deri, and Pastor David Thomas. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies, and the organist was Mr. D. J. Davies.

Welfare Association Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the Association. It was reported that willful damage had been done to some of the equipment in the children's playground. The culprits, who are known, are youths. It was decided to take action against the offenders. A report of the work on the new playing field was given. It was decided to invite tenders for new boots for the workmen. Mr. W. A. Jones reported on the meeting of the joint Committee that was held recently.

“Merthyr Express” 4 November 1939

Deaths The deaths have occurred this week of Mrs. E. Shankland, 22, Aelybryn, and Mr. Oliver Griffiths, 33, Aelybryn.

Billiards A billiards' match was played at the Institute on Tuesday by teams representing the the Fochriw Institute and the Fochriw Shopkeepers. The shopkeepers one by 1,078 points to 912.

Presentation On Tuesday, the Star of Fochriw Lodge presented Mrs. I. Davies, formerly Miss Beryl Ballard, with a cut glass biscuit barrel and eggs spoons on her marriage. The presentation was made by Mrs. Sam Lewis who paid high tribute to Mrs. Davies. Messrs. Walters, Lewis, James, and Mrs. T. Walters and Mrs. S. Phillips also spoke. At the time of her marriage, Mrs. Davies was chief Templar. She suitably responded. P.C. Islwyn Davies also spoke and thanked the members for their kindness and good wishes.

Vicar's Son Weds The wedding took place at St. Martin's Church, Cardiff, on Saturday, of Mr. W. R. White, youngest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, vicar of Fochriw and Deri, and Miss Doreen Thomas, Canada Road, Cardiff. The bridegroom's father officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. James Thomas, wore a period gown of gold taffeta, with head-dress of gold organdie, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemum. The Rev. George L. White, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the Sandringham Hotel, Cardiff. Mr. and Mrs. White will live at Cardiff.

British Legion The annual meeting of the branch was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Officers for the coming year was elected as follows: President, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-presidents, Mr. W. Sullivan, Miss M. E. Thomas; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White, Rev Richard Evans; chairman, Mr. E. I. Cumpstone; vice-chairman, Mr. Tom Jones (Pentwyn); treasurer, Mr. W. T. Pegg; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. Edward Puddle; standard-bearer, Mr. J. Symons; delegates: county committee - Messrs. Cumpstone and Puddle; area conference - Mr. Puddle; National Conference - Mr. J. L. Jones. The branch membership has been maintained with an increase from last year. Mrs. S. Phillips, the Poppy Day organiser, reported satisfactory arrangements with reference to sales. It was agreed to attend and dedication service at St. Mary's on Sunday, November 12th, when all the organisations in the village will be asked to co-operate. Councillor W. J. Payne (chairman of the Benevolent Committee) appealed for 100 per cent membership, stating how encouraging it would be for the officers and Committee who were always steadfast in their work. The financial statement showed a credit balance and was formally accepted.

“Merthyr Express” 11 November 1939

Old Age Pensioners A meeting was held at the New Hall, Mr. Edward Lewis presiding. Mr. Thomas Ballard dealt with the correspondence. A report on the conference at Ystrad Mynach was given by Mr. Lewis.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Mr. W. A. Jones presiding. The secretary presented his report, and it was decided to repair some of the billiard tables. The treasurer and librarian also reported.

Funeral: Mr. Oliver Griffiths, 61, Aelybryn The funeral of Mr. Oliver Griffiths took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Griffiths was a native of Manchester, but had lived in Fochriw for many years. He was a member of St. Mary's Church. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Lewis Griffiths (son); William Games (son-in-law); David Davies (brother-in-law); Oliver Davies, Willie Davies, David Davies (nephews); Alfred Games, John Cheape, Len cheap. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Edith Games (daughter); Dennis Games (grandson); Mrs. L. Angell, Mrs. Annie Davies (nieces); Mrs. T. M. Games (Pontlottyn), Mrs. Ellen Davies, Mrs. Edna Neil (London), Mrs. R. Cumpstone.

Funeral: Elizabeth Shankland, 22, Aelybryn, aged 73 years The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Shankland, wife of Mr. Joseph Shankland, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was one of the first members of the Gospel Hall. Pastor David Thomas officiated, assisted by Pastor William Jones. The mourners were: Messrs. Joseph Shankland (husband); Benjamin, Thomas James, David John, Caradog Shankland (sons); Thomas Idris Shankland (grandson); Messrs. David J. James (brother) Aneurin Shankland (brother-in-law); George Shankland, Penydarren (cousin); Tudor Adams, Alvin Adams, Thomas Rees, Sylvanus Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Thomas J. James, Daniel James, Elwyn Lewis, Clifford Lewis, Meirion Shankland, William Shankland, Ray Cook, Jack Fisher, M Hughes, Kenneth Owen, John C. Jenkins, Harry Jenkins, Bertie Jenkins (nephews); Mr. Webber, Pant (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mesdames E. Jenkins (sister); M. A. James (sister-in-law); Elspeth Shankland, Emily Shankland (daughters-in-law); Gwladys Shankland (granddaughter); L. Davies (Cowbridge), Nellie Thomas, Jessie Davis (Treharris), A. Davies, E. Fisher, M. J. Edwards (Ebbw Vale), M. J. Owen, L. James, A. M. Jenkins, J. James (nieces); B. Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 18 November 1939

British Legion At the annual meeting of the Fochriw Branch, the chaplains appointed were the Rev. J.L. White, L.D., The Vicarage, Fochriw, and Rev. R. Evans, Deri.

Late Mrs. E. Shankland Among the mourners at the funeral last week were Mrs. Kate Shankland (sister-in-law) and Mr. Wm. Lewis (nephew).

In Hospital Mr. Bert Evans, who met with an accident at Nantyffin Drift, is now in Merthyr General Hospital, and is progressing. Mr. John Lewis and Mr. David Evans have undergone operations at the hospital and are making progress.

Poppy Day A number of sellers were busy on Friday disposing of poppies. The organiser was Mrs. S. Phillips, chairman of the women's section of the British Legion. A good sum was realised, and the organiser wishes to thank all who assisted and the buyers for their support.

Sewing Class Social The sewing class, under the instruction of Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, held a tea at the Council School on Monday, when the trayholders were Mrs. F. Evans, Mrs. C. Williams, B. Harris, R. Parry, P. Edwards, L. James, M. Evans, E. Rees, S. G. Williams, M.A. Edwards, M.H. Morgan, R.M. Cumpstone, E. Jones, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Archer, Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Morgan, The secretary was Mrs. M.H. Jones, and the treasurer, Miss Rosie Davies.

Citizens' Advice Bureaux A meeting was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, when members of the British Legion, the Social Centre, etc., were addressed by Mr. W. Arnold, Warden of the Bargoed and Rhymney Valley Educational Settlement. The title of the address was "Voluntary Organisations and the Motive of the Citizens' Advice Bureaux." Mr. E.I. Cumpstone presided. Questions were put to the speaker, and prior to the vote of thanks, a motion that it was desirable to set up a Citizens' Advice Bureau at Fochriw was carried. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mr. R. Rees were asked to convene a further meeting in inviting representatives from the religious denominations and social organisations. Messrs. S. Phillips, E. Puddle, Edward Lewis and D. Jenkins were among those who received replies to questions.

Memorial Service On Sunday afternoon, officers and members of the British Legion Branch, together with the women's section of the Legion, members of the A.F.S., and representatives of other local bodies, attended a service of remembrance at St. Mary's Parish Church. The service was conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. J.L. White, who preached an appropriate sermon. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. The standard bearers were Mrs. Lewis and Mr. J. Symons. Wreaths were placed at the foot of the memorial window by Mr. Idris Cumpstone, chairman of the British Legion; Mrs. L. Thomas, on behalf of the women's section, British Legion; and by Mrs. J.L. White, on behalf of St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union. Other wreaths were also placed in memory of those who were killed in the Great War. Mr. L. Lloyd Jones, secretary of the local Legion branch, also took part in the service, and the "Last Post" and the "Reveille" were sounded by Bugler Glyn Burrows.

"Merthyr Express" 25 November 1939

Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday by the Boys' Club. Music was supplied by the Mills Brothers, Bargoed, and the M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies.

Football The Boys' Club played on Saturday against Tiryberth, and a good game resulted in a draw, 2-2. Jackie Davies scored the goals. The referee was Mr. Rod Jones.

Special Services The yearly meetings of Nazareth Church were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. G. Edwards, Aberfan. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies. Mr. D. J. Davies was the organist.

Poppy Day The following ladies with their organiser, Mrs. M. E. Phillips, were responsible for the sale of poppies on Friday and Saturday: Mesdames E. Thomas, D. Wheeler, C. Parker, D. Owen, S. Phillips, S. Jones, Misses E. Thomas, H. Bassett, E. Thomas, M. Morgan. The results were: poppy sales - £6 3s; sale of wreaths - £1 13s; St. Mary's donation - 10s 6d; total - £8 7s 4d.

Library and Institute Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall. Mr. D. J. Thomas read the correspondence, and several tenders were received for repairs, and for recovering the billiards tables. A representative of one of the firms was interviewed, and it

was decided to give the work to Messrs. Orme and Sons. The Christmas Handicap is now progressing. Arrangements were made to provide a table for games for aged members. It was also agreed to allow the use of a room at the Hall for a knitting class for comforts for the troops.

British Legion Supper The Women's Section held a supper at the New Hall on Thursday. Included in the company were Councillor W. J. Payne and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, who with the organiser of the Poppy Day appeal, Mrs. M. E. Phillips, opened the boxes for Poppy Day collections. The following were the tray holders and helpers: Mesdames Phillips, L. Thomas, Pope Pullen, W. Edwards, Sullivan and Jones.

Funeral: Mr. Rees Rees, Guest-street, aged 81 The death has occurred of Mr. Rees Rees. He was a native of Aberdare, but had spent the greater part of his life at Fochriw, with the exception of 17 years spent in Australia, where he has two sons, and the one in America. He was a member of Carmel Congregational Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the Rev. Richard Evans officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William, Thomas, Isaac and Bob Rees (sons); Ben Williams, Barry Jones (sons-in-law); D., M., and E. Powell, H. Davies, Rees & J. E. Williams, Bryn & Windsor Rees, Lyn Jones 9grandsons); Jenkins, G. & B. Davies, W. Lewis, Morgan Williams, J. Davies, J. Griffiths (cousins). At the house: Mesdames M. Powell, M. Williams, L. G. Jones (daughters); B. Rees (daughter-in-law); L. Morgan, E. Rees (grand-daughters); W. Lewis, Davies, Thomas, Davies (cousins); Jones, Cumpstone, Harris and Miss J. Mills.

“Merthyr Express” 2 December 1939

Death: Mr. Wm. Llewellyn, Hill-terrace, aged 54 Mr. William Llewellyn died underground at Ogilvie Colliery on Thursday morning. He was engaged as a repairer, and had finished his work and was on his way out, when he collapsed and died.

“Merthyr Express” 9 December 1939

Boys' Clubs Concert A concert was held under the auspices of the Boys' Club at the New Hall on Thursday, when boys from the Fochriw, Deri and Abertysswg Clubs took part under the conductorship of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The choir and artistes were in excellent form. The chairman was Councillor W. J. Payne, who spoke of the advantages of the Boys' Club, and the growth of the movement. He paid tribute to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies. Mr. Bryn Roberts, organiser for the Rhymney Valley, also addressed the meeting. Mr. Roger Jones, Nelson, was also present. Refreshments were provided for the boys, the ladies of the Social Centre, and girls from the Girls Club, being in attendance. Miss D. Roberts played a selection of classical tunes and poplar songs on the piano accordion.

“Merthyr Express” 16 December 1939

Dance The Boys' Club held a dance at the New Hall on Tuesday and the music was supplied by the Hotshots' Band. The MC. was Mr. G Davies.

Hospital Appeal The inhabitants of Fochriw and the district will have an opportunity this week to show their appreciation of the great work the Merthyr General Hospital is doing by giving to the Christmas Appeal.

Accident While travelling to work on his motorcycle, Mr. David Thomas, a signalman, of Aelybryn, met with an accident. He was discovered by Mr. B. Lewis, another signalman, and taken to Merthyr General Hospital.

Boys' Club The club was visited on Wednesday by the Dorian Trio. The chairman was Mr. Arnold, The Settlement, Bargoed. On Thursday, a lecture was given by Mr. Roger Jones, Mus. Bac., Nelson. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M..

British Legion Mrs. S. Phillips presided at the annual meeting of the Women's Section on Wednesday. The annual report and balance sheet were presented by the Secretary in the absence of the auditor. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Lloyd Jones; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. Price, Mrs. M. Davies, Mrs. T. Jones; chairman, Mrs. S. Phillips; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. J. Morgan; secretary, Mrs. S. Jones.

Library and Institute Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. The secretary reported that the Christmas billiards handicap was proceeding well. It was decided that the first prize be a turkey, and the second prize a goose. It was decided to purchase a further consignment of books. The treasurer and caretaker gave their reports.

Funeral: Mrs. M. A. Morgan, 8, Railway-terrace, aged 83 The death has occurred of Mrs. M. A. Morgan. She was a native of Aberystwyth, but had lived in the village for 44 years. She was a member of Carmel Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn churchyard on Tuesday, the Rev. J. R. Salmon officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Habacuc Morgan (husband); Mr. Henry Beynon (Ferndale), Mr. Edward Lewis, Mr. David Griffiths (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Henry Harris (Bedwas), Mr. Anthony Harding (Troedyrhiw), Mr. Emrys Lewis, Mr. Idris Walters (Tredegar), Mr. H. Morgan, Mr. Ivor Morgan, Mr. Owen Jones (Pontlottyn). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Beynon (Ferndale), Mrs. James (Machynlleth) sisters; Mrs. E. Lewis, Mrs. D. Griffiths (sisters-in-law); Mrs. M. A. Walters (Tredegar), Mrs. Doris Pugh (Gilfach), Mrs. Gladys Jones (Pontlottyn), Mrs. Doreen Pollock, Mrs. S. A. Harding, Mrs. Cumpstone.

“Merthyr Express” 23 December 1939

Musical Success Brynmor Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones, Pantywaun, has been successful in passing first-class primary in pianoforte playing.

Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies.

Billiards The final of the Christmas Handicap was held at the Fochriw Library and Institute, and was played between Mr. J. E. Edwards and Mr. Windsor Rees. Mr. Edwards was the winner scoring 150 to 112.

Carmel The annual meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. Godfrey E. Davies, Trelech, Pembrokeshire, was the preacher, with Mr. Thomas Walters as conductor and organist.

Mock Air Raid A mock air raid was carried out by the Gellygaer Urban District Council on Sunday. One of the events took place at Aelybryn, when a gas bomb was supposed to have been dropped. The local air-raid wardens gave a splendid account of themselves in dealing with the "bomb."

British Legion Councillor W. J. Payne presided over the meeting of the benevolent committee on Tuesday. The Secretary dealt with the correspondence. Several cases were considered and grants made.

Personal Dennis Harding, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harding, Plantation-street, who, with a number of members of the boys' clubs in South Wales, went to Maesyrhaf, Trealaw, for an audition to select the party known as the Travelling Theatre to tour the British Isles, has been informed that he has been chosen as one of the boys for the tour. The adjudicators were Mr. Gregory Evans, Pontypridd; Mr. Roger Jones, Nelson; Mr. Anthony Thomas, Surrey.

“Merthyr Express” 30 December 1939

St. Mary's Church Christmas services were held on Christmas Day at 8am and 11am. The preacher and celebrant was the Rev J. .L White, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

Nazareth Chapel The United gymanfa ganu of the Nazareth and Noddfa chapels took place at Nazareth on Christmas Day and was well attended. The singing reached a high standard, under the conductorship of Mr. David J. Thomas. The morning session was presided over by Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and in the afternoon by Mr. Thomas J. Jones and Miss Edna Jones, who read a portion of scripture. The evening service was presided over by the Rev. Richard Evans. The accompanists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Davies

Hospital Mr. George Walters, Moore's-row, is progressing favourably after an operation at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Crad Ballard and Mr. Islwyn Jones returned home from hospital during the weekend.

Carmel Vestry On Thursday, the children of Carmel had their Christmas tree. The vestry was decorated. Each child received a gift. Carols were sung, led by Miss Maria Jones. The accompanist was Mrs. E. Rees. Father Christmas was played by Mr. W. A. Davie, and he was assisted by Mrs. D. O. Davies and Mrs. Sam Lewis.

Fochriw Boy's Success Mr. Granville Ingram Jones, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, formerly of Brynteg, now of Ogmere Vale, has secured the sanitary inspectors' certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Joint Board.

Carmel Chapel On Christmas Day, the gymanfa ganu was held at Carmel vestry. The children's service was held in the morning, and the devotional part was taken by Megan Davies and Violet Abbey. Solos were sung by Huw B. Thomas; a duet by Enid Davies and Marie Davies; recitations by Nan Jones and Elinor Davies. Mr. Evan Lewis introduced the afternoon service. The presidents were Mr. David Lewis, Mrs. Sam Lewis and Mr. Thomas Ballard. The conductor was Mr. J. B. James, Trecynon. The singing reached a high standard. The accompanists were Mrs. Annie Davies and Mr. Thomas Walters. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Emlyn Evans. The rehearsals were conducted by Messrs. M. Shankland and T. Walters.