

“Merthyr Express” 4 January 1919

Watchnight A watchnight service was held at St. Mary’s Church on New Year’s Eve. A very impressive address was given by the Vicar.

Lecture A lantern lecture was given at St. Mary’s Hall on Monday by the Vicar, Rev. J. Francis, entitled “War on Sea.” A musical programme was also enjoyed, and the whole concluded with a laughable sketch, in which Messrs. W.J. Payne, W.J. Curtis, Harold Harris and Alfred Gwynne took part.

Christmas Day Services of Holy Communion were celebrated at 7a.m. and 8a.m., the Vicar officiating. A carol service was held at 6p.m., when the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. B. Angell, sang several carols. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist.

Carmel At Carmel, a Gymanfa Ganu was held on Christmas Day. The following presided: Messrs. David Jones, Evan M. Davies and David Griffiths. Well known hymns were sung under the conductorship of Mr. Abel Jones, A.C., Rhymney. Messrs. Thos. Walters, David Thomas, Willie Angell and Aneurin Thomas accompanied, assisted by the string band.

St. Mary’s On Tuesday, the Sunday School children of St. Mary’s sat down to tea, to mark their faithful attendance in Sunday School for the year. After tea, games were played. Musical items were given, also a sketch by the following: Rev. J. Francis, Messrs. W.J. Payne, W.J. Curtis, Owen Morris, Alfred Gwynne and Harold Harris.

Concert A concert was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on New Year’s Day. The artistes were: Soprano, Miss Maggie Davies, Ynyshir; contralto, Miss E.M. Lewis, Tonypandy; tenor, Mr. Lewys Jones, Bargoed; bass, Mr. W.D. Bowen, Bargoed; accompanist, Miss Hilda Phillips, Fochriw. Selections were rendered by the Fochriw Orchestra, under their conductor Mr. D.J. Thomas, A.C. The proceeds were in aid of St. Dunstan’s Blind Institute.

Noddfa A very successful eisteddfod was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day, under the auspices of the Baptist and Methodist Churches. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans (jun.), and the organists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Edith Parry and Master Wyndham Lawrence. Solos were rendered by Misses Hilda Davies, Mattie Jones and Enid Evans. Portions of Scripture were repeated at the opening of each service by Misses Gwenda Thomas, Nellie Morris and Master Windsor Rees.

Our Great Winter Sale commences on Friday next, January 10th. - E.T. Jones & Co., Market Square, Merthyr.

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I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. The programme for the evening was “Thoughts on Christmas.” The majority took part. Brother Simmonds presided.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary’s Hall on Tuesday evening, when the Vicar presided. Several contributed to a musical programme. A singing competition was held, the prize being divided between Thomas E. Davis, Glynwen Edwards, and Olive May Payne. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, O. Morris, A. Gwynne, and W. Jones.

Shaft Accident A shocking accident occurred at No. 1 Pit, Fochriw, on Sunday evening last. It appears that Thomas Harris and Wyndham Edwards, pitmen, were engaged in carrying out their duties in the shaft, when by some means, they were knocked off. Thomas Harris was precipitated several hundreds of feet down the shaft, death being instantaneous. Edwards had a miraculous escape by clinging to one of the guide ropes. The dead man was married with a large family. He was very popular in the district. He was a discharged soldier, having joined the Colours at the commencement of the war, and afterwards obtaining the position of sergeant. He was discharged from Salonika the early part of last year owing to ill-health. The funeral, a military one, will take place on Saturday next at Pentwyn Churchyard.

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Fochriw Pit Tragedy: Fall Down Shaft The sensational experience of a man in difficulties 420 feet from the pit bottom was revealed in an inquest held at Fochriw by the district coroner, on the body of

Thomas Harris, aged 43, pitman, married, with nine children. Principal witness in the story was Wyndam Edwards, who appeared in the Court bearing evidence of the ordeal which he had undergone. The Coroner congratulated him upon his marvellous escape, and said that during the whole of his experience as a coroner, he had not met with a similar incident, and that he was fortunate not to be holding an inquest on two men. The story revealed, showed that Edwards, with the deceased, was engaged on Sunday as a pitman in examining No. 1 Pit of the Fochriw collieries. They had a special wire in the shaft for signalling for pitmen only. When about 140 yards from the bottom, they had occasion to signal to the winder to pull the cage up a little. Immediately this was done, the signal wire broke and came crashing down upon them. They sought protection under the birdles of the cage. Suddenly, Edwards found himself hauled down the pit. He grasped the guide rope, and felt himself slipping towards the bottom of the shaft. Harris, who was at the top of the cage, shouted to him and he responded. A second later, he saw the body of Harris pass him towards the bottom of the pit. He continued to slide down the guide rope to which he was clinging and at the bottom of the shaft found the body of his comrade on the slump planks. How Harris got knocked off the top of the cage he did not know, but surmised that the recoil of the broken signal rope, or something else, caught and knocked him off the landing point. He did not know how he himself got knocked off. The coroner returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

The Funeral The funeral, which was a military one, was one of the largest and most representative that has ever left the village. Deceased was a discharged soldier. His eldest son, Gilbert, is in the Army, and was at Brussels at the time of his father's death. A telegram was dispatched to him, but unfortunately he arrived home a day late for the funeral. The deceased was a member of the local fire brigade, to which duties he was devoted, holding the rank of sergeant. He was also a member of the R.A.O.B. After a short service at a house, conducted by the Vicar, the cortege, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, Police Sergeant Williams, Discharged Soldiers and Sailors (under the command of Sergeant W. J. Jones), the Fochriw Fire Brigade (under Lieut. W. J. Payne), the Pontlottyn Fire Brigade (Lieut. E. Robson), the Tirphil Fire Brigade (Lieut. Turk), members of the R.A.O.B., and the general public, proceeded to St. Mary's Church where the service was conducted by the Vicar, and Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn. They also officiated at the graveside. After the service the organist played the "Dead March." Rev. Gilbert Williams conducted the R.A.O.B. service. The chief mourners were: Master Harold Harris, son; Messrs. William Thatcher, son-in-law, J. E. Jones, brother-in-law, J. H. Harris, Victor Davies, Charles Wall, Morgan Morgans, Thomas Webb, Frank Jones, Rees Lewis, William Bevan, Fred Wootten, cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the widow and nine children in their sad bereavement, and to other members of the family.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. The programme was "Resolutions for over New Year." The majority took part. Brother Simmonds presided.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, the Vicar presided. There were many musical contributions to the programme.

"Merthyr Express" 25 January 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. Brother Simmonds presided. During the evening, the Juveniles entertained, the following contributing to a musical programme: solos, Miss M E Davis, Miss Mary J Cole, Mrs C Walters; pianoforte solos, Master W. Lawrence, Mr. Thomas Walters; pianoforte duet, Mr. Thomas Walters and Master W Lawrence; vocal duet, Mary J. Cole and M.E. Davies. Brother Payne proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Brother Lewis.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: Adelaide Baldwin, Sylvia Adams, Olive May Payne, Phoebe Cole, Nellie Morris, Elsie Lewis, Gwenda Thomas, Grace Slimmons, Agnes Williams, Sara Gwen Price, Eirlys Jenkins, Minnie Price, Latimer Evans, Peter Jenkins, George Jones, D. J. Williams, Willie Roberts, Percy Gwynne, Elvet Davies, Lorne

Slimmons, David Morgan. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled to "A Day at the Fair."

Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at St. Mary's Church Hall on Thursday, 16th December, when the district representative, Rev. D. Crwys Williams, Swansea, addressed a sparsely attended meeting. All Bible lovers should take far more interest in this world-known society. The lecturer pointed out the immense value it had been to our Soldiers and Sailors in that every one of them had a New Testament for his perusal. After the report was read by the Secretary, Mr. Thomas Lewis, it was seen that only £4-16-6 was collected last year, which is far too little towards the society. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams assured the lecturer that Fochriw could do much better in the future, and urged those present to do so. Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. David Griffiths. The Reverend John Francis read the opening prayers and assisted at the organ.

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Strike Both collieries were idle on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as a result of the strike in the district.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening last, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Several contributed to a musical programme, and the evening concluded with the sketch entitled "Home, Sweet Home," in which the following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, H. Harris, O. Richards, A. Gwynne, and S. May.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel vestry. A paper was read by Brother Sam Lewis entitled "What is it that makes a man?" Several members commented on the paper, which was much appreciated by all present. Several members from New Tredegar were present. Brother Simmonds presided.

Obituary: Mr. Isaac Thomas, Guest-street, aged 68 The death of Mr. Isaac Thomas took place on Monday week at Guest-street, Fochriw. The deceased was 68 years of age. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, took place on Thursday last, and was well attended. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Isaac Roderick, and the Rev. Rhys Jenkins. The place of internment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Davies and John Thomas, brothers; William Hughes, W. Bevan, John M. Jones, and Peter Jones.

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St. Mary's Hall: Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, the Reverend John Francis presiding. The following contributed to a musical programme: Ivor Phillips, Clifford Philpott, D. Elvet Lewis, Brinley Davies, Eddie Jones, Elvet Davies, Willie Roberts, D. J. Williams, Adelaide Baldwin, Sylvia Adams, for Olive May Payne, Carada Adams, Annie D. Griffiths, Elsa Mathews, Sybil Gwynne, Nellie Morris, Cissie Evans, Edna Edwards, Nancy Davies. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Curtis, W. N. Hughes, H. Harris.

Carmel Chapel A grand dramatic recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening last by Miss M. J. Francis (Llaethferch). The building was crowded, and nothing but praise could be heard for the wonderful performance and wonderful abilities of Miss Francis. Undoubtedly, it was the treat of the season, encores being the order of the evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. Moses Williams, who made an ideal chairman. Miss Doris Davies, Fochriw, also contributed some fine solos to the programme. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the piano. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solos; "The Fireman's Wedding"; musical monologue, "His First Long Trousers"; "Quarrel between Sir Peter and Lady Trazle"; solo, Miss Doris Davies; "Y Dall yn Cael ei Olwg"; "The Ballheaded Man"; "Gweddi Gymreig"; solo, Miss Doris Davies; "The Pride of Battery L"; "Dai"; "Dai yn y Rhyfel"; "Cadair Tregaron." The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought a most interesting evening to a close.

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I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday evening week at Carmel

vestry. The programme for the evening was "Variety." Most of the members present took part with speeches, solos, recitations and pianoforte playing. Brother Simmonds presided

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to a musical programme: Edna Edwards, Jennie M. Davies, Elsa Mathews, Dilys Evans, Maggie Davis, May Angell, Myrtle Gwynne Gwenda Thomas, Nellie Morris, Rowena Harris, Muriel Baldwin, Willie Jones, Percy Gwynne, Ursula Harris, Sylvia Adams, Sara J. Williams, Cissie Evans. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, Owen Morris, W. Morris, H. Harris, A. Gwynne, S. Way.

Funeral: Mr. William Walters, Brynteg, aged 57 The funeral of the late Mr. William Walters, Brynteg, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was a well-known and popular figure, had taken a keen interest in the musical welfare of the village, in which sphere he will be greatly missed. He was 57 years of age, and had suffered greatly, but had borne his sufferings patiently. Great sympathy is extended to the widow and children in their sad bereavement. Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and Rev. Williams, Rhymney, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas and John Rees Walters, sons; Evan Williams, son-in-law; Messrs. Walter Walters, Albert Walters, Walters, brothers; Councillor J. Jones, Evan Rees Jones, brothers-in-law.

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Entertainment A children's entertainment was held at St Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar. During the evening, a large number contributed to a musical programme. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch the following taking part: Rev. John Francis, Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, S Way, E.Dummett, H Harris, and Sylvia Adams.

Obituary: Mr. Sam Evans, Aelybryn, aged 44 The funeral of the late to Mr. Sam Evans, Aelybryn, took place on Tuesday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who had been ill for long time, bore his sufferings patiently. He will be greatly missed, especially amongst the musical circle, of which he had taken great interest until his health failed. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was largely attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The following officiated: Rev. Esaiah Williams, Rev. John Francis, Rev. R. D Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Master Johnny Evans, son; Messrs. Thomas, David, John, and William Evans, brothers; D. Morris, Henry Thomas, W. Jones, brothers in law; Thomas and William Evans, uncles, as well as many friends. Deceased, was only 44 years of age, and leaves a widow and son to mourn his loss.

"Merthyr Express" 1 March 1919

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Reverend John Francis. Several contributed to a musical programme, and the evening concluded with a laughable sketch the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, W. Hughes, W. Morris, O. Morris, H Harris, S. Way and A. Gwynne.

Welcome Home Concert A welcome home concert was held at Nazareth Chapel on Wednesday evening last to welcome home several of our boys, under the auspices of the other Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund. The following soldiers were present: Private Theophilus Shankland, Private Willie Slimmons, and Private William Davies. They were presented with the usual cheque. The chair was occupied by the Reverend John Francis. The following contributed to a musical programme: Messrs. James J Lewis, Theophilus Shankland, Masters Stanley Lewis, Mervyn Francis, and Latimer Evans, Misses Lizzie Mary Davies, and Mary J. Cole.

Social A social in connection with St. Mary's Church was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday last, when a large number sat down to tea. The following ladies, assisted by others, presided at the tables: Mrs. S. Way, Mrs. R. Evans Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Kyte, Mrs. White, Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. Price, Miss Watkins, Miss M. A. Dummett, Mrs. E. Way, Miss P. Jones. After the tables had been cleared, games etc. were indulged in. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The following assisted in cutting: Rev. John Francis, Mrs. J. Francis, Mrs. Angell, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. S. Way, Mrs. G. Way, Mrs Prosser, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Jones, Miss E. A. Williams, Miss L. Grimmett, assisted by a number of gentlemen at the doors.

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Cantata An excellent performance of the cantata "The Giant's Castle" was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday to a crowded audience by the St Peter's Church children, Deri, and friends, under their conductor Mr. John Owen. The chairman for the evening was the Reverend John Francis.

Strike Owing to the strike, both the Fochriw pits are idle, all the horses having been brought to the surface.

Noddfa Chapel Social A social evening was held at the chapel on St. David's night, when a large number gathered to join in the celebration of the Patron Saint.

Nazareth Bachelor's Tea A bachelor's tea and concert was held at Nazareth Chapel on St. David's night. The tables were presided over by the young men of the chapel.

Carmel Chapel Gwyl Dewi was kept by the above Chapel on Thursday evening. The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. M. Davies. An address by the chairman on St. David led the way to a very interesting evening. The following took part: pianoforte march, Mr. David Thomas; selection of folklore, Mr. Aneurin Thomas; recitations, Master Latimer Evans, Miss Edna Burrows; englynion and verses by Mr. James Williams; solos by Miss Lydia Ballard; violin solo, Miss Miriam Thomas; violin duet, Mr. D. J. Thomas and Miss Miriam Thomas. A group of boys sang penillion, the words and music by Messrs. E. M. Davies and William J. Angell respectively. Mr. Lewis Angell was accompanist, assisted by the Master Willie Angell.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Wednesday at Carmel vestry. A letter was read from Brother Councillor Charles, Bedlinog, who is a patient at Talgarth Sanatorium. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of reply. The programme for the evening was "St. David's Night," to which the following contributed: solos, Brothers T. J. James, Tom Lawrence, Uriah Evans Crad Thomas, Sam Lewis, Sister C. Thomas; readings, Brother Latimer Evans, Sister C. Jones, Sister M. A. Lewis; pianoforte solos, Brother David Thomas.

Bankruptcy At Merthyr Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday, Thomas Thomas, colliery night lander and newsagent, came up for examination. His liabilities were £115-15-4, and deficiency £113-15-4. The causes of his failure were an inability to follow his occupation readily owing to his hands and feet being crippled. The receiving order, on debtor's petition, was made on the 17th February, and he was adjudged bankrupt on that date. An execution was levied against him on the 14th February, but the bailiff withdrew as there were no effects. The debtor, aged 40, said that his earnings were small owing to his being crippled, and to supplement his earnings, he commenced, in November 1917, a small news vending business at his private address. He discontinued the business until October 1918, being unable, on account of illness, to meet the claims for the newspapers supplied to him. No books of account of any kind were kept by him. The liabilities comprise four creditors for papers etc. supplied to the business, £49-5-5; one for the hire of a sewing machine, £9-7-6; and eleven for goods and clothing, £55-2-5. The examination was closed.

St. David's Day at the Schools

At the Fochriw Mixed Council School St. David's Day celebrations were carried out during the morning session of Friday. An excellent programme had been arranged by the headmaster and his staff, and the scholars showed in the performance of the work the care with which the dramas, songs, and recitations had been prepared. The whole programme was in Welsh, and one of the most interesting items was a little play on Welsh sentiments and ideals, composed by Miss M. A. Lewis, certificated assistant mistress on the staff of the school. The Revs. Williams, John Francis, R. D. Jenkins, Councillor John Jones, and Mr. Charles Payne delivered short addresses, and encouraged the children to do all in their power to keep up the Welsh language and Welsh traditions. They also welcomed back Mr. J D Jones, the headmaster, after his to one-and-a-half years service with the Colours, first in the ranks, and afterwards as a commissioned officer. An interesting meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

Fochriw Infant's School St. David's Day was celebrated with the customary enthusiasm. The school was suitably decorated with daffodils, leeks, and banners bearing the "Red Dragon." The place was crowded with parents and friends, among them being Councillor John Jones, the Rev. Esaiiah

Williams, Rev. John Francis, and Rev Rhys Jenkins. The programme consisted of the Welsh folk songs, historical plays, Welsh nursery rhyme games, recitations, dances to the rhymes, and patriotic airs.

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Strike The strike still continues. On Saturday last, a huge procession from Dowlais and Bedlinog, headed by a brass band, marched into Fochriw, where an open-air meeting was held. Speeches were delivered by Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, Mr. D. B. Jones, Enginemen and Stokers' agent, and others.

Labour Lodge A public meeting was held at Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening, and was well attended, the chair being occupied by Mr. A. Jones. Mr. D. B. Jones, the agent of the Enginemen, Stokers, and Craftsmen's Association, delivered a very fine and instructive address on the labour problems of the present day, dealing with his subject in a very masterly way. Mr. James Williams proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. W. J. Payne.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. A letter was read from Brother Charles, Bedlinog, a patient at Talgarth Sanatorium. A letter was also read from Brother Harry Powell, Merthyr. The programme for the evening was a reading by Brother Thomas Lewis, who read from a book entitled "On the Heights" by the Christian D. Lasson. Brothers Harry Thomas, Simmonds and Payne commented on the reading and Sister M. A. Lewis proposed, and Sisters C. Jones seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Brother Lewis. The meeting was closed with prayer.

“Merthyr Express” 22 March 1919

Lantern Lecture An interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening by the Vicar. Before the lecture, a solo was given by Master Stanley Lewis - "Dyma Feibl Anwyl Iesu," - after which the slides were shown. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Noddfa Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last, when Reverend Evans, Caerphilly, preached very edifying sermons to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, whilst Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

I. O. G. T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday March 13th at Carmel Vestry, presided over by Bro. Harry Powell, Hope of Merthyr Lodge. Eight members accompanied Bro. Powell from the Merthyr Lodge, and one member from the Star of Tabernacle Lodge was also present. The programme was a miscellaneous one, the following taking part: address, Bro. Powell; speech, Bro. D. J. Davies; recitation, Sister Betty Morgan; solo, Sister Lennett; address, Bro. Rees; singing, Ode 66; vocal and pianoforte solos, Brothers Uriah Rees and David Thomas. Bro. Payne thanked all the contributors, seconded by Bro. Sam Lewis.

SPRING FASHIONS Huge display of new goods in all departments, commencing Friday, 28th March. All marked at keenest prices. R. T. Jones and Co., Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 29 March 1919

Gellygaer Urban District Council Election 1919: To the Electors of the Fochriw Ward Ladies and Gentlemen, Allow me to tender sincerest thanks for my unopposed return as a member for the Fochriw Ward on the above Council. I shall always endeavour to do all in my power to promote the interests and welfare of the Ward, and also the district in general. My services will be entirely at your disposal. Although this is my first entry into public life, I hope by strict attention to duties, to merit your further confidence and support. Thanking you, I remain, Yours faithfully, Morgan Morgan. Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, 25th March, 1919.

Obituary Mr. David Cole, Brynteg, passed away after a short illness, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. E. Cole.

Funeral: Mrs. Coombes, Penybank The remains of the late Mrs. Coombes, Penybank, were laid to rest on Tuesday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn, officiated.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme was provided by the Juvenile Temple.

“Merthyr Express” 5 April 1919

Lantern Lecture An interesting lantern lecture was given at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday by the Vicar, on the subject "The Life of Our Lord."

Funeral: Mr. David Cole, Brynteg The funeral of the late Mr. David Cole, Brynteg, took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, was well-known in the district, and had only been ailing for a short time. The funeral was well attended, and the principal mourners were: John and James Cole, sons; Simon and William Cole, brothers; Thomas Jones, Elias Davies, John Davies, brothers-in-law; Messrs. James Jones, David Cole Jones, George Cole, John R. Walters, Tom Davies, John Davies, Willie A. Davies, Berkley Davies, Willie J. Angell, J. E. Davies, nephews; Messrs. Simon, Oliver, James, Thomas, and John Williams, Noah Jones, cousins. The officiating minister was the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, assisted by the Revs. R. E. Peregrine & D. Overton, Rhymney, J. R. Salmon & J. M. Jones, Pontlottyn, D. G. Jones, Cardiff, T. Sinclair, Merthyr, Esaiiah Williams & John Francis, Fochriw.

"Moabites" Two grand performances of the operetta were performed by the Fochriw Operatic Society, under their conductor Mr. Thomas Walters, on Friday and Saturday last at Carmel Church. Councillor John Jones presided on Friday and the Reverend John Francis on Saturday. The accompanists were Miss Hannah Evans and Mr. David Thomas. The performances were given in full character. The building was overcrowded on each evening, and the singing, which was all that could be desired, reflected great credit on the conductor. The different characters were efficiently taken as follows: Naomi, Mrs. H. C. Jones; Ruth, Mrs. C. T. Walters; Boaz, Mr. James Jones; First Reaper, Miss Hilda Davies; Israelite woman and Jewish maiden, Miss Mattie Jones; Assistant Reapers, Mr. Howell Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Howell Thomas. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

“Merthyr Express” 12 April 1919

Obituary: Mr. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 76 We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, who passed away on Sunday afternoon, after a painful illness.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Opinions on Temperance." A most edifying evening was brought to a close with a prayer.

“Merthyr Express” 19 April 1919

Palm Sunday This traditional event was observed on Sunday last, when hundreds flocked to the old churchyard at Pentwyn. At three o'clock, a service was held at the Church of St Andrews, when the Reverend John Francis, vicar, conducted a very impressive service. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ, whilst Mr. B. Angell conducted singing.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Adult Lodge to entertain the Juvenile Temple." The following took part: readings, Brothers Payne, David Thomas, Sister A. G. Thomas, Bro. T. J. James; mandoline solo, Brother Henry Thomas; solo, Sister Ceridwen Thomas; solo, Bro. Sam Lewis; solo, Bro. Simmonds; address, Bro. Thomas Lewis. The session closed with prayers.

Funeral The funeral of Mr. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday last. He was 76 years of age, and leaves a widow and grown-up children, to whom great sympathy is extended. The Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas John, William, George, Percy, and Albert Mantle, sons; Septimus Mantle, brother; Messrs. William Cook, John Jones, sons-in-law; Edgar Cook, Willie Cook, Cyril Cook, Lieut. Tom Williams, Isaac Williams, John W. Mantle, Tom Mantle, Percy Mantle, Leslie Mantle, J. E. Mantle, Tom M. Mantle, grandsons; Henry James John, Willie J. Mantle, Tom Mantle, Clifford Mantle.

“Merthyr Express” 26 April 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The Merthyr Lodge entertained during the evening.

Easter Festival The Easter festival was observed at St. Mary's Church with early celebration of

Holy Communion at 7a.m. and 11a.m., children's service at 3:00p.m. and Evensong at 6p.m. The Rev. John Francis was the celebrant, and Mr. D. H. Davies, Bargoed, preached in the evening. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 10 May 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Simmonds presided. A miscellaneous programme was given by the following: Brothers Sam Lewis, David Thomas, Henry Thomas, Charles Payne and Sister Thomas.

Football Fochriw played their last match of the season on Saturday, the visitors being. Brithdir, who arrived short, and were assisted by some of the home players. Play was not up to the usual standard, and Brithdir were the winners by one goal to nil.

St Mary the Virgin: Easter Vestry Meeting: Departure of Rev. John Francis to Kenfig Hill The Rev. John Francis, vicar, presided over the vestry meeting. Mr. W J Payne, churchwarden, presented the accounts, which showed that the financial position had been well supported during the last year, which was really a record. He referred with deep regret to the impending departure of the vicar for Kenfig Hill. During the vicars two-and-a-half years stay in their midst, he had won the esteem, not only of the Church people, but also the members of all the other denominations. The financial statement showed a credit balance of £134 -17-3. The Vicar feelingly acknowledged the tribute which had been paid to him. He congratulated the Church on its excellent work, and particularly testified to the conscientious and efficient manner in which Mr. Payne had acquitted himself as churchwarden. It had been a source of great pain to him to decide to leave, as he and his family had never been happier than at Fochriw, where the voice of kindness and a helping hand, had always marked the conduct of the people towards him and his family. He wished to tender his deepest gratitude to all the officers and members of the Church. Addresses, eulogistic of the Vicar's splendid ministry, were delivered by several members. Mr. W J. Payne was unanimously re-elected People's Warden, and Councillor John Edwards was re-appointed Warden for St Peter's, Deri. The other officers were also re-elected, and the following persons were appointed as sidesman: Messrs. Arthur Evans; C. Payne; W. Walton; G. Way; W. Curtis; W. Hughes; W. Morris; F. Way; G. Baldwin; R. Hughes; J. M. Davies; H. Edgar; C. Ballard; E. Lewis; J. Morris; C. Hollister; W. Thomas; S. Perrott; W Sibley; T Jones. A cheque for £50 was handed to the vicar as an Easter offering.

“Merthyr Express” 17 May 1919

Music Success The friends of Wyndham Price Lawrence (Fochriw) will be pleased to learn that he has had a first-class in the Intermediate Section of the London College of Music.

“Merthyr Express” 24 May 1919

Peace Celebrations in Gellygaer: Committees in Conference Fochriw: A representative from Fochriw stated that the committee there had chosen collectors to go from house to house, but no work in that way had yet been commenced. Deri reported that they had raised £30 from their house to house collection.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry presided over by Bro. Simmonds C.T. Brother Harry West, Brithdir, delivered a most stirring address on "My 18 months' experience in German prison camps." The vestry was packed, and Bro. West held the audience spellbound. Although only a private, Bro. West acted as chaplain to British prisoners at the camp. Bros. Thomas Lewis, Charles Payne and Simmons commented on the address, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. T.J. James, seconded by Bro. Harry Thomas.

Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the Rev. W. M. Davies, Abercanaid, preached effective sermons to large congregations. Mr. W. Davies presided at the organ, and Mr. W. Morris conducted singing.

“Merthyr Express” 31 May 1919

Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund: "The Moabites" As a result of the performances of the cantata by the Fochriw Operatic Society, the Welcome Home Fund will benefit to the extent of £21-14-6, for which the committee wish to thank all concerned for their kind efforts .

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The

programme for the evening was "Bible Class."

“Merthyr Express” 7 June 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry, when it was "Quarter Night." A vote of condolence was passed with Mrs. Davies in the death of her son. Brother David Thomas presided, and a capital time was spent.

Obituary: Mr. David Lloyd Davies, Martin-street, aged 21 We have to record the death of Mr. David Lloyd Davies, sons of the late Mr. James Davies and Mrs. Davies, Martin-street, who passed away on Wednesday at Merthyr General Hospital, where he had been taken the previous day suffering from an injury to a hand sustained at the Fochriw Colliery. The funeral took place on Monday, and was very well attended - a fact which testified to the great esteem in which the deceased, who was only 21 years of age, was held by all classes of the community. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, of which Mr. Davies was a devoted member, the vicar officiating both there and at the graveside. Rev. Esaiiah Williams assisted. The chief mourners were: Messrs. James and Willie Davies, brothers; James B. Rees, Windsor Rees, and Elwyn Edwards, nephews; Messrs. Thomas Rees, William H. Jones, brothers-in-law; Evan Price, J. T. Jones, John Davies, uncles; David J. Price, Joseph Price, Anthony Price, Frederick Price, Thomas Davies, Willie Davies, Rees Davies, Isaac Davies, Ben Thomas, cousins. The following acted as bearers: Messrs. Owen Evans, Thomas J. Wright, Tom I. Evans, Thomas B. Edwards, Gomer Williams, William John Payne. Among the floral tributes were ones from St. Mary's Church, Fochriw Footballers, Penybank Teachers, and Big Coal Drift friends.

“Merthyr Express” 14 June 1919

Midnight Scene At Fochriw: Sequel At Merthyr Police Court At Merthyr Police Court on Friday, before the Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr. R. A. Griffiths, Mr John Evans, Mr. Thomas Morgan, and Mr. Thomas John Jenkins, of Fochriw, were summoned for being drunk and disorderly in Milton-street at 11p.m. on Saturday May 24th. Mr. J. A. Daniel appeared for Morgan, and Mr. Edward Roberts for Jenkins. Evans did not appear, and his case was adjourned.

Police Sergeant Williams said he heard defendants quarrelling. They were drunk. There was a crowd of a hundred people around them, and they were opposite Morgan's house. He prevailed upon Morgan to go into the house, but it took him half an hour to get Jenkins away. He had had constant trouble with the defendants. Jenkins was Morgan's brother-in-law, and he thought Jenkins "got up to" Morgan. There had been trouble between Morgan and his wife, and complaints had been made to him following police court proceedings. Mr. Daniel: I put it to you all that Morgan was not "particularly drunk." Witness: He was not " particularly drunk." He agreed that Jenkins went to Morgan's house and caused disturbances. He believed Jenkins was the cause of the trouble. Morgan was the finest workmen at the colliery and never lost a turn. Morgan was fined 10 shillings.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Friends from the Hope of Merthyr Lodge entertained, and provided an excellent programme.

Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel where held on Sunday and Monday last. The ministers were Rev. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney, and Rev. J. B. Matthews, Penydarren, who preached powerful sermons. The choir was conducted by Mr. David Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 21 June 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. After the ordinary business, the following gave their army experiences: Bros. T. J. James, T. H. Jones, and H. Thomas. Brother Thomas also read verses he had written in memory of the late Brother D. Lloyd Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 28 June 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The speakers were Brother Rev. T. Powell, and Brother Richard Evans, Cwmdare, both dealing lucidly with the temperance question.

“Merthyr Express” 5 July 1919

Sunday School Treat On Tuesday last, the Sunday school scholars and friends of St. Mary's Church

held their Sunday school treat at Talybont-on-Usk. Tea was served at the Usk Hotel. Afterwards, the children played games. The party returned home at 7p.m.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Four members of the Pride of Tredegar Lodge were present.

Scripture Examinations A list of the Sunday school candidates and the individual marks in connection with the scripture examinations (written for aged 10 and over, oral for under 10) which were open to the Baptist churches of the Rhymney District, are as follows : Fochriw - Islwyn Jones, Mary D. Evans, Hettie Williams, Elsie Matthews, Sarah M. Pugh, Minnie Price - 100 each ; Willie H. Parry - 95; Ceinwen Thomas - 75.

“Merthyr Express” 12 July 1919

Church Outings On Tuesday last, Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth held their Sunday school treats at Barry Island. The weather was ideal, and a glorious day was spent.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas H. Jones presided. A paper entitled "Faith, Hope, and Charity" was read by Brother Thomas Lewis, and a second paper on "Drink" was read by Brother Latimer Evans. Brothers T. H. Jones, Sister M. A. Lewis, Brother T. James, and Brother Payne commented on the papers.

Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes On Saturday afternoon the members of the Fochriw Lodge held their annual Church parade. Headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, a procession was formed and marched through the streets, marshalled by Knights of the Order Ben Evans and H. C. Seaborne. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, the Reverend John Francis officiating. Mr. Berkley Angell was the precentor, whilst Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 19 July 1919

The Reverend Samuel Evans The Rev. Samuel Evans, formerly Curate of Penarth, entered on his duties on Sunday as the vicar of Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun.

Peace Celebrations A monster programme has been prepared for Saturday next. The Brass Band will head the parade and will comprise the school children, discharged soldiers and sailors, ambulance men etc. The children will be entertained to tea at St. Mary's Hall and sports will follow. The secretary is Mr. William Evans, Aelybryn.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Various solos were given and papers read.

“Merthyr Express” 26 July 1919

Scholastic The numerous friends of Master Clifford Davies, son of Mr. David Davies, (Pencerdd Morganwg), will be glad to know that he has been successful in obtaining a scholarship to Lewis' County School, Pengam, and has passed the Pupil Teachership Examination.

Peace Celebrations Peace was celebrated in grand style at Fochriw. The chief item was a procession through the village, and it was reputed to be by far the largest and most representative ever witnessed at Fochriw. The streets had been beautifully decorated. The children, and those who took part in the carnival, formed up by the school, and, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell, paraded in the following order: Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, Ambulance Brigade, Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, public bodies, school children and the general public. Afterwards the children were entertained to tea at St. Mary's Hall, where an excellent treat was served. Sports were held on the mountain side, the Band playing appropriate music throughout the evening. At night, there was a fine display of fireworks to delight the large crowds, and the memorable day was brought to a close by the lighting of a monster bonfire by Mrs. John Bevan. A great attraction was the "Baby Show" held at the Ambulance Hall. The adjudicators were Dr. J. Stenner Evans and Nurse Thomas. The sports continued on Monday evening. A list of the winners at the carnival and sports will appear shortly. The highest praise is due to the committee and all concerned for the excellent arrangements, everything passing off without a hitch.

“Merthyr Express” 2 August 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was "Temperance Readings." The

following took part: Brothers Latimer Evans, J. James, Jack Lawrence, Charles Payne, Charles J. Lawrence, Wyndham Lawrence, Howell Thomas, Sisters C. Jones, Ruth Griffiths.

Ambulance Inspection The annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade (Dowlais Corps) was held at Fochriw on Saturday, when the Chief Commissioner of the Grand Priory of Wales attended to inspect the different divisions, namely, Fochriw, Bedlinog, and Dowlais. The Chief Commissioner, Mr. Herbert Lewis, expressed his satisfaction at the manner in which the men performed the drills, and added that there had been a decided improvement since his last inspection. He was also particularly grateful for the good work which had been done in the caring for the injured that came up for treatment. He then presented long service medals to Mr. A. Lucas, the Corps superintendent, and to Mr. Parker, the Dowlais Division Superintendent. Colonel Jones, deputy commissioner for the county of the Glamorgan, spoke, and urged every member to continue first-aid work. Mr. Tudor Davies, M. E., spoke in glowing terms of the work which was carried on day-by-day with these men, with whose splendid efforts he came into daily contact. Mr. Davies advised the men to learn how to render first aid in their leisure hours. Three cheers were given to the Chief Commissioner and his deputies on their departure, and the divisions marched to the station, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, who gave their services for the occasion.

Gellygaer Evening Classes The Gellygaer Evening Classes Committee invite applications from those prepared to teach at the under-mentioned classes, which, subject to the approval of the County Education Committee, will be conducted during the forthcoming session: Fochriw: Junior Technical Course 1 & 2, comprising Elementary Mathematics, English, Mining, Science, Drawing, Practical Mathematics 1, Art 1.

Fochriw Peace Day Celebrations: Carnival The results of the Peace Carnival was as follows: Charlie Chaplin: 1. Dan Davies; 2. Christmas Thomas; Allied Nations: 1. Mrs W J. Payne; Costume on Horseback: Idris Llewellyn; Male or Female: Wyndham Hughes; Welsh Costume (children): Glenys Jones; Collier (boys under 14): 1. Robert E. Jones; 2. William L. Jones; Comic: Tom Jenkins and party; Comic Band: Richard Evans and party, David Thomas and party; Soldier (children): Gerwin Thomas; Soldier (adult): Mrs. Chaffey and Miss M. Lawrence; Aged Couple: E. Williams and T. Davies; Red Cross nurse (children): 1. Lynda Roberts; 2. Phyllis P. Evans; Red Cross nurse (outdoor): Maggie Ballard and Phyllis Evans; Red Cross nurse (adults): Mrs. M. Matthews; Policeman: Sydney Way; Gipsy: Madge Lewis, M. C. Jones; Daily Paper: Elvis Phillips; Little Red Indian: Hetty Williams; Spanish peasants: Irene Phillips, Mary Rees; Red Riding Hood: Dilys Evans; Italian peasants (children): 1. F. Cole; 2. Doris Thomas; 3. M. Ballard; Italian peasants (adults): Miss E. Davis, and Miss E. A. Williams; Japanese: L. M. Davies, Cresley Davies; Scouts: Gwynfor Davies, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, Bryn Jones, Enock Lewis, Elwyn Lewis; Fisher Lad and Maiden: Miss M. Jones, Miss H. Evans; Flower Girl: Mrs; Wootten; Any Trade: Mrs. M. Thomas; Smartest Man: Mrs. White.

Sports Results Open cycle handicap: 1. E. Puddle; 2. S. Llewellyn; 3. Emrys Lewis; 100 yards open handicap: 1. C. Edwards; 2. E. J. Williams; Marathon: Tom I. Evans; Tug-of-War (open): Miss M. Cole & Co.; Mrs. W. J. Payne & Co.; Mrs. Jones & Co.; Mrs. Cole & Co.; 50 yards race (girls under six): 1. Glenys Edwards; 2. M.C. Jones; 3. Winnie Baldwin; 80 yards race (boys under 10): 1. D. E. Lewis; 2. R. Jones; 3. W. Evans; 50 yards race (boys under six): 1. John Mantle; 2. Gomer Davies; 3. Edward G. Price; 80 yards race (girls under 15): 1. M. H. Cook; 2. Ivy Curtiss; 3. Milly Hughes; 80 yards race (boys under 15): 1. David Thomas; 2. W. Hughes; 3. T. C. Davies & P. Griffiths.

Tug-of-War: H. Evans & Co.; 50 yards race (girls 10 and under): 1. Edna Edwards; 2. A. Lawrence; 3. Lena Way; Boys long jump: Wyndham Lawrence; Mens long jump: Bert Thomas.

The following are Monday's results: 80 yards handicap (discharged Soldiers): 1. W. A. Jones; 2. John Lewis; 3. Gilbert Harris; High jump: 1. Arthur Way; 2. E. Prosser; Waltzing competition: 1. Johnny Lewis & Co.; Girls race, age 6 to 8: 1. Doreen Griffiths; 2. Olive May Payne; 3. May Morgan; Boys race age 6 to 8: 1. Horace Phillips; 2. J. Mantle; 3. C. Hughes; Girls race 10 to 12: 1. Elsie Edgar; 2. Miriam Thomas; Boys race 10 to 12: 1. Iorwerth Evans; 2. Willie Roberts; Skipping race: Mary Jones, L. Jenkins, L. R. Davies, E. Lewis; Three-legged race: 1. T. Roberts & B. Davies;

2. I. Evans & D. Thomas; 3. W. Hughes & W. Lawrence; Barrow race (discharged soldiers): K. Llewellyn; Sack race: Emrys Evans; Egg and Spoon race: 1. Mrs. R. Thomas; 2. Mrs. M. Williams; Football kicking: Morgan Davies; Tug-of-War men: D. Harris and Co.; Tug-of-War, discharged soldiers: D. Lewis and Co.. Great praise is due to all, and especially to the energetic secretary, Mr. W. Evans, Aelybryn.

“Merthyr Express” 9 August 1919

Social A very pleasant social afternoon was held at St. Mary's Hall and Thursday, the occasion being to welcome the Reverend and Mrs. Samuel Evans and family to their new sphere of labour - the charge of Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun. There were representatives from each Church present, and a right royal welcome was extended. The happy gathering included the late vicar, the Rev. John Francis and Mrs. Francis. The tables were gaily decorated by the good ladies of St. Mary's, and were laden with good things. The new vicar came from Mamhilad, near Pontypool, where he had been since being discharged from the Army, in which he had served from the early part of the war until he was severely gassed in the Battle of the Somme. After being in hospital for 17 weeks, he was discharged. He has already created a very favourable impression among the people. His numerous friends wish him well in his new sphere of labour.

Presentation In the evening, a presentation meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. Samuel Evans, when the late vicar and Mrs. Frances were presented with a beautiful Jacobean writing desk, and the children with lovely prayer books, as a mark of esteem from the Church people and friends of Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun. Rev. E. Fowler, Deri, spoke, followed by Mr. Charles Payne, and then the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, pastor of Noddfa Chapel. The presentation was made by the churchwarden of St. Mary's, Mr. W. J. Payne. Rev. Francis said that throughout his stay at Fochriw, he, and his family, had received nothing but kindness. He had made friends, not only in the church, but also on the allotments, and on the football field. Rev. Fowler then presented the books to Mrs. Francis and the children - Masters Mervyn and John, and Miss Lizzie. The Rev. R. D. Jenkins then spoke in glowing terms of Rev. Francis work, wishing him well in his new place. "It was only a change of place: the work is the same," he said. A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Nurse Thomas, and seconded by Mrs. Harris.

“Merthyr Express” 16 August 1919

Wedding: Williams-Ellison A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, on Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Edith A. Williams, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel, and Mr. Arthur Ellison, Coventry. Mr. Fred J. Williams, brother of the bride, Wolverhampton, was best man, whilst the bridesmaids were Miss Evelyn Davies and Miss Doreen Price. The bride looked charming, carrying a beautiful bouquet sent by Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Davies of Pembroke. The service was fully choral, the choir being conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards presiding at the organ. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Reverend Samuel Evans, vicar, and the Reverend John Francis, late vicar, now of Kenfig Hill. Miss Williams has been a faithful communicant at St. Mary's, where she will be sadly missed. Speeches were made at the breakfast table by the Rev. John Francis, Rev. S. Evans, and Rev. Esaiiah Williams. Amongst the numerous guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Williams; Mrs. Ellison; Mrs. H. Bate, Wolverhampton; Mrs. M. S. Young, (sister) USA; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Williams; Mr. and Mrs. E. Price, Aberaman; Nurse Thomas; Rev. and Mrs. John Francis; Rev. and Mrs. Evans; Miss Lydia Evans; Miss Gwen Rees; Miss Mary Davies. The happy couple left by the 12 noon train for Aberystwyth, where the honeymoon is being spent.

London College of Music At an examination held at Cardiff on 18th July, Miss Phoebe Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, passed first class, primary section, in pianoforte playing. She is a pupil of Mr. D J Thomas.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Brother David Thomas took the chair. A letter of thanks was read from Brother Hockings, Maesteg, thanking the brethren for sympathy in his bereavement. Brother Charles Payne was appointed representative to the Grand Lodge to be held at North Wales. The meeting was brought to a close

with prayer.

“Merthyr Express” 23 August 1919

London College of Music At the recent examination held at Cardiff, Master David Thomas, Aelybryn, obtained first class primary section pianoforte. Master John Lawrence, Glyn-terrace, gained a pass. Both are pupils of Mr. Thomas Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 30 August 1919

I.O.G.T. On Thursday last, instead of the ordinary lodge section, the Star of Fochriw Lodge went for a ramble, and met the Pride of Tredegar Lodge on Cefn Goleu Mountain. A prize for a pronunciation competition was divided between Brothers Bryn Jones and Harry Lewis. Addresses were given by Brothers David Thomas, Thomas Lewis and Moon. Brother David Thomas was chairman.

Wedding: Curtis-Watkins A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Mr. W. J. C. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtis, Pit-row, and Miss Elizabeth Mary Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watkins, Guest Street. The bride, who carried a beautiful bouquet of flowers, was attended by her sister, Miss Gwladys Watkins, and the bridegroom's sister, Miss Ivy Curtis. The best man was Mr. Evan Watkins, brother of the bride. Mr. John Curtis and Mr. Thomas Watkins, fathers, were also at the ceremony, which was performed by the Reverend Samuel Evans, Vicar. The "Wedding March" was played by the organist, Mr. O. Richards. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride, a large number sitting down. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

“Merthyr Express” 6 September 1919

Great War Commemoration All of the children in the village were presented this weekend with a mug in commemoration of the Great War.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. This week, the lodge was entertained by the Pride of the Tredegar Lodge. During the evening, Mrs. Saunders, formerly Miss Ceridwen Thomas, was presented with a cruet set on the occasion of her marriage. Brother Payne made the presentation.

“Merthyr Express” 13 September 1919

Vegetable and Flower Show The Annual of Vegetables and Flower Show in connection with Fochriw and Pentwyn, was held at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday last, and was well attended. For an allotment exhibition, the display was a very good one, the produce in all the classes being of excellent quality. The judge was Mr. C. Blake, Tredegar. The officers of the Association are: President - Dr. J. S. Evans; chairman - Mr. Albert Mantle; vice chairman - Mr. W. Griffiths; treasurer - Mr. R. Jones; joint secretaries - Mr John Walters and Mr. J. Baldwin.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The subject for the night was "Prohibition."

“Merthyr Express” 20 September 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening included three Bible stories by Sisters Catherine Jones, A. J. Jones, and Bronwen Davies. Brothers Tom Jones, Loughor, and J. Jenkins, Merthyr, commented thereon. Brother Payne proposed a vote of thanks to the Sisters, and also to the large number of Merthyr members who were present. Sister M. A. Lewis seconded. A most edifying evening was brought to a close by Brother David Thomas, chief templar.

Wedding: Griffiths-Morris A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Gellygaer Church on Saturday. The contracting parties were Mr. Thomas L. Griffiths, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, and Miss Annie Maud Morris, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Morris, Bailey-street, Deri. The bride, who wore a tweed costume with mole colour hat, was given away by her father. The bridesmaids were Miss Mary L. Griffiths, Miss Lizzie M. Morris, and Miss Olwen Davies. Megan Morris and Mary L. Morgan acted as flower girls. The best man was Mr. Willie Cook. Mr. William Griffiths, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The ceremony was conducted by Canon Jesse Jones. The wedding breakfast was taken at the bride's home, after which

the happy couple left for Weston for the honeymoon.

“Merthyr Express” 27 September 1919

Noddfa Chapel The annual meetings in connection with Noddfa Baptist chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and there was a large attendance. The Reverend J. Lee Davies, Brynaman, preached very appropriate sermons. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted singing, while Miss Hilda Phillips presided at the organ.

Sports A grand programme of sports, under the auspices of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, was held at the Primrose Field, Fochriw, kindly lent for the occasion by Brother Slimmons. The winners of the chief events were as follows: Boys' race: 1. Williams, Pontlottyn; 2. W. J. Griffiths; 80 yards open handicap: 1. David T. Davies; 2. Archie Howells, Bedlinog; 3. W. A. Jones; 220 yards open handicap: 1. W. A. Jones; 2. Ernest Prosser; 3. Archie Howells; tug-of-war open: 1. Bargoed; 2. Quarry Team, Fochriw; tug-of-war (R.A.O.B. lodges only): Quarry Team, Fochriw. The officials were: handicappers – Messrs. Watkin Williams and S. E. Phillips; starter - Mr. H. C. Seaborne; treasurer - S. E. Phillips; sports secretary – Mr. C. R. Mills, Pentwyn; assistant secretary, Mr. H. C. Seaborne, Pentwyn; chairman, Mr. W. Price; and vice-chairman, Mr. D. Jenkins. Judges were: Messrs. W. Price, S. E. Phillips, T. Sims, Sergeant Williams, Sergeant Clinch, and Sergeant D Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 11 October 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, September 25th, at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a miscellaneous one, being contributed by the following: pianoforte solos, Brother W. Lawrence; readings, Brother Jack Lawrence, Brother Latimer Evans, Sister Maggie S. Evans, Sister Maggie S. Griffiths, Brother David Thomas; recitation, Sister Davies.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, 2nd October, at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening included a paper by Brother Thomas Lewis on "The History of the Lodge from Opening to Present State." Brother Henry Thomas proposed a hearty vote of thanks and Sister M. A. Lewis seconded.

Presentation A very interesting presentation meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening last, when Mr. Willie Adams Jones was made the recipient of a hymn book, dressing case, and cheque case by members of the Nazareth Sunday school, on the occasion of his leaving the Church for Bristol College. Mr. John Jones very feelingly made the presentation. Others who spoke were Mrs. Captain Jones, Messrs. James Lawrence, John M. Jones, and William Morris.

Harvest Festivals The Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary the Virgin on Sunday, the preacher being the Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, and on Monday at St Andrews, Pentwyn, the preacher being the Rev. Edward Fowler, Deri. On Tuesday evening at St. Mary's, the preacher was the Rev. Davies, rector of Caerphilly, and on Wednesday evening, the Reverend J. R. Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney. Large congregations assembled at each service. The choir was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and the organ played by Mr. Octavius Richards. Both churches were tastefully decorated by members with fruit, flowers and vegetables, and the effect was very pleasing.

Obituary: Miss Lily J. Evans, Brynteg, aged 20 The funeral of the late Miss Lily J. Evans, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Evans, Brynteg, took place on Monday week, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was only 20 years of age, had been ill for a long time. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was very well attended. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams, assisted by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Daniel Evans, father; Uriah and Richard Evans, brothers; Messrs. Walters Thomas, David Thomas, John Evans, Richard Evans, D. Lloyd Evans, John Thomas, Joshua Evans, Tom Llewelyn, Evan Jones, uncles; Caradog Thomas, Robert Thomas, Tom Evans, Aneurin Evans, David Emlyn Evans, Thomas J. Evans, Sydney Evans, David James Thomas, and Lewis Thomas, cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry.

“Merthyr Express” 18 October 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. A musical evening was enjoyed by all.

“Merthyr Express” 25 October 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. A paper was read by Sister M. A. Lewis on the "History of Miss Frances, Ridley Havergal," which everyone enjoyed.

Noddfa Chapel: Dramatic Recital A grand dramatic recital was given at the chapel on Thursday last by Madam Francis-Evans, the popular and successful Welsh elocutionist. There was a large crowd present and all enjoyed the recital immensely.

“Merthyr Express” 1 November 1919

St. Mary's Church On Monday last, Deaconess Alice, Penarth, addressed the members of the Mothers' Union at the Church. Her address was much appreciated by the large number present.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening last, promoted by the Girls' Guild. The master of ceremonies was Mr. George Thomas. The prize winners were: Miss Gwen Rees and Miss Sarah Jones, Messrs. W. M. Davies and John Jones.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme was as follows: solos, Brothers T. J. James and Tom Lawrence; recitations, Brothers J. R. Walters and R. G. Jones, Sisters O. M. Payne, M. H. Thomas, Jesse Thomas, M. Jones, Mary L. Thomas; pianoforte solo, Brother D. Thomas; reading, Brother Sam Lewis; address, Brother Jenkins, Merthyr.

Entertainment An entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening last, the following contributing to a musical programme: Horace Phillips, T. E. Davies, Lorne Slimmons, Willie Jones, Adelaide Baldwin, Olive May Payne, Enid Gittoes, Leonora Jenkins, R. Baldwin, W. Harris, Morfydd Williams, Sybil Gwynne, Glynwen Edwards; duets, Miss Evans and friend; recitations, Mrs. Gwynne, Rona Lewis, B. Baldwin. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch.

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Obituary: Mrs. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn We have to record the death on Monday morning of Mrs. Thomas Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was as follows: piano forte solo, Brother W Lawrence; recitations, Brother Sam Lewis, Sister Catherine Jones, Sister Bronwen Davies; solo, Brother Thomas Lewis; readings, Brother D. Thomas.

Entertainment The usual entertainment took place on Monday evening at St. Mary's Hall. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sylvia Adams, Rona Lewis, Glynwen Edwards, Elsie Matthews, May Angell, Dilys Evans, Eluned Lawrence, Nesta Evans, Adelaide Baldwin, Lucy Thomas, Violet Baldwin, N. S. Jones, Olive May Payne, Rowena Harris, Minnie Price, Phyllis Evans, Edna Edwards, Ivor Phillips, Islwyn Davies; singing competition, the first prize divided between Adelaide Baldwin and Rowena Harris; second prize divided between Ben Davies and Willie Roberts. The adjudicator was Mr. Berkley Angell. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, W. Morris, Harold Harris, Alfred Gwynne, and Sydney Way.

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I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Readings were given by Brother Sam Lewis, Sister M. A. Lewis, Brother Charles Payne, and Sister Annie Evans. Brother W Jones, Deri, addressed the lodge.

Housing A meeting was held at St. Mary's Church Hall on Monday, to receive nominations for the co-optation of persons on the Council's Housing Committee and the Statutory Committee under the Maternity and Child Welfare Act. Nurse Thomas was unanimously appointed as representative on both committees.

Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday last and was presided over by the Rev. Samuel Evans. The following contributed to musical programme: Adelaide Baldwin, Edna Edwards, Vera Wilton, Horace Phillips, Jennie M. Davies, Elsa Mathews, Olive Prosser, Eluned Lawrence, Windsor Reece, Olive May Payne, Glynwen Edwards, Rona Lewis, Morfydd Williams, Lily May Sanders, E. J. Price, W. H. Williams, Sylvia Adams; singing competition, prize divided between Adelaide Baldwin and Edna Edwards. The adjudicator was Mr. John Woods. The prize for the recitation was divided between Bedford Edwards, Olive May Payne, Elsa Mathews and Gladys Edwards. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, those taking part being Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, W. Morris, Harold Harris, Sydney Way, Percy Gwynne and Alf Gwynne.

“Merthyr Express” 22 November 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme was as follows: readings, Brothers Sam Lewis, Brother Charles Payne; recitations, Sister Sara Evans, Sister Bronwen Davies. The lodge was closed by singing.

Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. The Rev. W. Jones preached very instructive sermons. Mr. William Morris conducted the singing.

Deaths We have to record the sad death of Thomas John Lewis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, at the age of 26; also of Miss Elizabeth Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Owen James, Martin-street, after a painful illness. Great sympathy is extended to both families in their sad bereavement.

Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary on Monday last. The following contributed to a musical programme: Edna Edwards Addie Lawrence Dilys Evans Stella Cole, Muriel Pritchard, Glynwen Edwards, Myrtle Gwynne, Clifford Hughes, R. Harris, Elsa Mathews, Doreen Weeks, Glwnys Edwards, Linda Roberts. In the competition "The Lord's Prayer," the prize was won by Ivor Phillips, the adjudicator being Mr. W. J. Payne. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, Harold Harris, Sydney Way, Ralph Gwynne and Percy Gwynne.

“Merthyr Express” 29 November 1919

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening consisted of an address by Brother Harry West, a solo by Brother Roland West, recitations by Sister Maude Davies and Mrs. West, a solo by Brother Graham Price, and speeches by Brothers Thomas Lewis and Charles Payne.

Social A very successful social evening was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening under the auspices of the members of the Mothers' Union. Games and dancing were freely indulged in during the evening. The duties of a master of ceremonies were ably carried out by Mr. Ted Puddle, whilst Mr. Octavius Richards was the pianist. Nurse Thomas, secretary, and Mrs. R. Hughes, worked hard to make the evening a success. Reverend Samuel Evans and Mrs. Evans took charge of the games.

Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening, Rev. Samuel Evans presiding. The following contributed to the musical programme: Sylvia Adams, Betty Llewellyn, Olive May Payne, May Angell, Edna Edwards, Vera Wilton, Glynwen Edwards, Addie Baldwin, Doreen Weeks, Lena Rees, Edith Gittoes, Stanley Lewis, Windsor Rees, Rowena Harris; dialogue - Willie Williams, Willie Evans, Alfred Dummett, John Rowlands, Bryn Davies and Ivor Phillips. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr Thomas J. Lewis, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen in the district. Deceased, who had suffered for a long time, bore his illness patiently; he was a young man, and will be sadly missed amongst his large host of friends. The Reverend Isaiah Williams officiated, the place of internment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Lewis, father; Trevor and Emrys Lewis, brothers; Mr. John Walters, brother-in-law; Idwal Walters, nephew; Messrs. Edward Morgan, Habacuc Morgan, John

Lewis, William. Lewis, David Jones, William Griffiths, John Morgan, John Evans, David Griffiths, uncles; Thomas Jane Morgan, Habacuc Morgan, Thomas Lewis Griffiths, Evan Thomas Lewis, Arthur Jones, David Lewis, Johnny Lewis, Daniel Lewis, Thomas J. Morgan, Ambrose Jones, Willie J. Jones, cousins. Among the floral tributes were ones from The Footballers, the Touring Club, the Mechanical Department and Enginemen, and the Pontlottyn Church Lads' Brigade.

Christmas Bazaar and Toy Fair - Special display of novelties in all departments. R. T. Jones & Co., Merthyr.

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Special Sale of Furs at exceptionally low prices, for one week only, commencing Monday, 8th December. R. T. Jones and Co. Merthyr.

St. Mary Church On Sunday last, Missionary Sunday was observed at the above Church. During the day, the Rev. Thomas H. Pountney, Gilfach, was the preacher. The services were well attended. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted singing, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

Entertainment The usual entertainment took place on Monday last at St. Mary's Hall and was presided over by Mr. Berkley Angell. The following contributed to the programme: Lena Reece, Betty Llewellyn, Edna Edwards, Phyllis Evans, Dilys Evans, Sylvia Adams, Enid Gittoes, Lily M. Saunders, Irllys Jenkins, Bella Jones, Addie Baldwin, Olive May Payne, Rowena Harris, Addie Lawrence, Windsor Reece, Bryn Davies, Lorn Slimmons. The prize for best recitation of Psalm 46 was won by Elsa Matthews, the adjudicator being the vicar. The proceedings concluded with a laughable sketch.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Sister M. A. Lewis presided. The Juvenile Lodge provided the programme, the following taking part: pianoforte solo, Brother W. Lawrence; recitations, Sisters Beryl Ballard, Olive May Payne, Muriel James, M. Morris, M. L. Thomas, Iris Evans, N. Jenkins, L. Jenkins, Stella Cole, Annie Ballard, Maggie Ballard, Jesse Thomas, Elsa Mathews, L. Cole, Brothers J. G. Lewis, Gordon Lawrence, R. G. Jones, Tom Lewis; pianoforte solo, Sister L. Cole and P. Cole; violin solo, Sister M. Thomas; solos, Sisters M. Morris, L. A. Jenkins, A. Lawrence, Muriel Jones; duets, Bros. L. Angell, A. Ballard, Miss Lewis and party; dialogues, Bro. Jack Lawrence and friends; Bro. Rd. Evans and friends. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by a Bro. Thomas Lewis, seconded by Bro. Charles Payne.

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Lecture A lecture took place at the Church Hall on Saturday last under the auspices of the Pentwyn Allotment Society, when an excellent and instructive address was given by the Mr. R. H. Bailey, F.R.H.S., Peterston-super-Ely. Mr. T. Baldwin presided.

Half-yearly Meetings The half-yearly meetings in connection with Carmel Chapel, where held on Sunday and Monday last at Noddfa Chapel. Professor T. Lewis, Memorial College, Brecon, preached very edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ, whilst Mr. David Davies conducted singing.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a miscellaneous one, the following contributing: Sisters Lynda Roberts, Olive May Payne, Bronwen Davies, Brothers D. Thomas, Tom Lewis.

Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Lily M. Saunders, Sylvia Adams, Sarah M. Pugh, Cryslye Davies, Dilys Evans, Elsa Mathews, Sarah Gwen Price, Elinud Lawrence, Myrtle Gwynne, Lettice Davies, Irllys Jenkins, Winnie Price, Doreen Weeks, Addie Baldwin, Clarice Pritchard, Olive May Payne, Cissie Evans, Edna Edwards, Ethel Baldwin, Adelaide Lawrence, Windsor Rees, Ivor Phillips, Cliff Hughes. The winner of the singing competition was Sybil Gwynne, the adjudicator being Mr. Berkley Angell. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. N. Hughes, William Thomas, W. Morris, H. Harris, A. Gwynne, S. Way and P. Gwynne.

“Merthyr Express” 20 December 1919

Labour A public meeting was held in the old Council School on Monday evening last, when Councillor Morgan Jones, Bargoed, gave a very able address on "Truth About Labour," which was well received. The chairman was Mr. Tom Walters.

Football Fochriw Schoolboys maintained their invincible record against very stiff opposition on Saturday last. The visitors were Bargoed Higher Elementary School. Although they tried hard to take the local boys' record, Fochriw ran out victorious by two goals to nil. The scorers were Noah Way and Willie Roberts. All the players gave an excellent account of themselves. A word of praise is due to Mr. Tom Jones for his untiring efforts.

Show As a result of the Fochriw and Pentwyn Vegetables Show, which was such a success, a balance in the hand of £7-0-9 is shown. The committee wish to thank all those who in any way helped to make the show a success, especially those who so kindly subscribed to the fund.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening included a short drama in which the following appeared: Brothers Sam Lewis, D. Thomas, R. Evans and Sisters M. A. Lewis and G. Jones. A pianoforte solo was given by Brother Wyndham Lawrence, and solos by Brothers Leyshon Rowlands and Uriah Evans. Brother W Jones, Deri, spoke. Brother Thomas Lewis proposed, and Brother Charles Payne seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who contributed to the programme.

Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to the programme: Doreen Weeks, Dilys Evans, May Angell, Sylvia Adams, Enid Gittoes, Annie May Morgan, Bessie Davies, Edna Edwards, Olive May Payne, Linda Roberts, Jennie May Davis, Maggie James, Jane Jones, Robert G. Jones, C. Adams, Lily M. Saunders, G. Thomas, Sarah G. Price, Violet Baldwin and friends. Singing competition: adjudicator the Vicar: winner, Myrtle Harris. The concert concluded with a laughable sketch.

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Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. John Wood. The following contributed to a musical programme: Edna Edwards, Olive May Payne, Doreen Weeks, Ivor Phillips, Horace Phillips, Sylvia Adams, Sybil Gwynne, Maggie Davies, Eiluned Lawrence, Vera Wilton, Glenys Edwards, Glynwen Edwards, Myrtle Harris; carol singing competition: the prize was won by Sybil Gwynne, the adjudicator being Mr. Berkley Angell.

St. Mary Hall A social and dance were held at the above Hall on Thursday last, under the auspices of the Girls' Guild. The Vicar and Mrs. Evans were responsible for the games. The master of ceremonies for the dancing was as Mr. T. Puddle, with Mr. O. Richards at the piano.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, December 18th, at Carmel Vestry. Three short biographies were read by Brother D. Thomas, Sister C. Jones, and Sister M. A. Lewis. A short speech was given by Brother Thomas Lewis. Sister E. M. Thomas proposed a vote of thanks and Sister Harriet Jones seconded.