

“Merthyr Express” 2 January 1926

Band The Fochriw Brass Band under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, played a very pleasant programme of Xmas music throughout the village on Xmas Day, which was much appreciated.

Obituary The death occurred last Thursday morning of the young child of Mr. and Mrs. John Elias Davies, Martin-street, and the funeral took place on Saturday. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

St. Mary's Christmas Day was observed at St. Mary's with services of Holy Communion at midnight, 8am and 11am. - the later being choral. The celebrant was of the vicar. At 6.30p.m. there was evensong and carol service, the conductor being Mr. Berkley Angell and the organist Mr. Octavius Richards.

Singing Festival On Christmas Day, the annual singing festival was held, and was well attended. The singing reached a very high standard. The conductor was Mr. Septimus Ashton, Aberfan. The chairmen were: morning – Mr. William Griffiths; afternoon – Mr. George Sibley; evening – Mr. Evan M. Davies. The organists were Messrs. Thomas Walters and Willie Angell.

Noddfa Chapel On Christmas Day, the united choirs of Noddfa and Nazareth held a singing festival, and a very fine programme of music given. The conductor was Mr. William Morris, and the accompanists Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas. The chairman for the morning was Miss Katie Davies. In the afternoon the Rev. Ieuan Evans presided, and in the evening, Mr. David Davies and the Rev. R. Evans, Deri.

Pulpit News The preacher at Nazareth Church on Sunday was Mr. J. Alun Jones, a student at Cardiff University College. This young man is the son of Mr. David Jones, schoolmaster, Ystrad Mynach, who is a native of our village, and a grandson of Mr. John Jones, who for a long period was secretary and precentor of Nazareth Church.

Obituary The funeral of Mrs. Maggie Pugh, wife of Mr. Jenkin Pugh, Aelybryn, took place last Wednesday, amidst signs of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was of a kindly disposition, had suffered a severe illness for some time, but bore her suffering with Christian fortitude. She passed away on Sunday morning. She will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends, and sympathy goes to her husband and family. The funeral was well-attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Noddfa, of which chapel the deceased was a faithful member. Afterwards, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds were drawn en route as a tribute of respect. Rev. Evans again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Jenkin Pugh, husband; T. J. Matthews, nephew; John Rees, brother-in-law; David Rees, W. Rees, W. Robinson, David Parry, J. Williams, S. Phillips, R. Jones, nephews; Thomas Evans, brother-in-law; D. R. Williams, James Griffiths, John Griffiths, cousins.

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Our Fochriw Correspondent is Mr. W. J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace. Sales Agent: Mr. Dd. Lewis.

St. Mary's A Watch Night service was the held at St. Mary's Church on New Year's Eve, conducted by the Rev. S. Evans, who gave a very appropriate address. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presided at the organ.

Social A very pleasant social evening was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, and was very well attended. The duties of M.C. were very ably carried out by Mr. T. B. Edwards, while a fine programme of music was given, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano.

In Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Alfred White, Williams'-row, will regret to know he is in Merthyr General Hospital. Also in hospital are Master Idris Walters, Railway-terrace, and Mrs. William Thomas, Station-terrace, and the young child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams, Ivor House. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Concert A first class concert was held at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday last, when a fine programme of music was given by local artistes, who rose to the occasion and delighted the large audience with their renderings of classical solos. The artistes were: Madame H. C. Davies, contralto; Miss Marjorie Lewis, soprano; Mr. W. Angel Davies, tenor; Mr. John Williams, bass; accompanist, Miss Hilda Phillips. The duties of chairman were carried out by Mr. Morgan.

Ladies' Choir A Ladies' Choir has been formed in the village under the able conductorship of Mr. David John Thomas, whose ability as a conductor and musician is well known through past victories with children's choirs, and as an adjudicator. May they all pull together and add fame to the musical record of Fochriw.

I.O.G.T. Another very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother Evan Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Question Night." All the members present took part in this edifying and amusing programme. The meeting was closed by the singing of "Heavenly Father, Give Thy Blessing."

Long Service: Mr. John Wood On December 31st, 1925, Mr. John Wood, signalman, retired after 52 years and 54 days faithful service with the G.W.R. Company as signalman. Mr. Wood spent 50 years and 12 days at the same box at Cwmbargoed, where he had won the respect of employers and employees by his faithfulness to duty. His genial countenance will be missed by his host of friends. Mr. Wood is now - and always has been - a keen churchman, and was for many years the choirmaster of Pentwyn Church - a choir in which he took great pride, and whose singing under his baton reached a high standard of perfection. May he be spared for many years to enjoy his well earned retirement, and may the evening tide of his life be a happy one. This is the wish of his many friends.

Wedding: Cumpstone-Griffiths A very pretty wedding was solemnised last Monday at Gellygaer Church, the contracting parties being Mr. Ernest Idris Cumpstone, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn, and Miss Elizabeth Griffiths, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Rhymney. The bride looked charming in a dress of fuchsia crepe de chine, with hat to match. She was attended by Misses Maggie and Teggie Cumpstone, who were beautifully attired in dresses of brown and old gold with hats to match. The bride was given away by Mr. John Griffiths, her brother. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Ernest Cumpstone. Also present were Mr. Bertie Cumpstone, brother; Mrs. A. Broadbent, Newport, Salop, aunt of the bride; Mrs. Griffiths and Miss Frances Griffiths, Ystrad Mynach, aunt and cousin of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. J. Jones, and the Rev. S. Evans, vicar of Fochriw. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bridegroom when a large number of guests were present. The happy couple left by the 1:20p.m. train for London, where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of many presents, and the good wishes of a host of friends.

Concert On Sunday evening, at Noddfa Chapel, the Abertysswg Ladies' Choir, assisted by eminent artistes, gave a first class concert which was much appreciated by the large number present. The chairman was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, pastor.

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Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Nicholas Cumpstone, Brynteg-terrace, and Mrs. Watkins, Guest-street, who are at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

Colliery Stack Collapsed On Sunday night quite an unusual sound was heard in the village. It transpired that one of the high stacks at the Fochriw Colliery had collapsed. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Choir Supper On Wednesday, at St. Mary Hall, the choir Supper took place. Speeches were given by the Vicar and churchwarden. Votes of thanks to the vicar and Mrs. Evans for their efforts with the children, were carried with acclamation. The cloth removed, the evening was given over to games and singing. The following contributed to the programme:

Misses A. Baldwin, M. Harris, L. Rees, J. Llewellyn, U. Harris, Messrs D. J. Williams, A. Llewellyn, W. Rees, and I. B. Edwards. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bros. H. Thomas and E. Davies were the presidents. The following took part: solo, Nesta Evans; recitation, G. P. Lewis; solo, Olga Chapman; solo, Megan Morris; solo, R. Price; recitation, M. Evans; solo, E. Davies; painoforte solo and clappers, Nesta Evans and H. Thomas; recitation, Rita Cole; Jazz Band; solo, M. Jenkins; solo, M. Pritchard; recitation, M. Ballard; solo, C. Cole; recitation, B. Williams; solo, A. Dummett; solo, W. Rees; solo, T. Morgan; Jazz Band; solo, Richard Price. Bro. T. Lewis proposed, and Bro. Walters seconded a hearty vote of thanks to all who had taken part.

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Presentation to Mr. John Wood On Saturday evening, at the Rising Sun Inn, Mr. John Wood, who retired in December from the G.W.R., was presented with a valuable clock and a wallet of Treasury Notes. Inspector West presided. Mr. J. Jones, Cwmbargoed, made the presentation, and Mr. Moses, Queen's Head Hotel, Rhymney, an old railway employee, spoke. Mr. Wood feelingly responded. Messrs. J. J. Lewis, C. Jenkins, D. Jenkins, T. Rees and others gave a musical entertainment.

St. Mary's Hall An enjoyable whist drive was held last Thursday. The M.C. was the Vicar.

I.O.G.T. An excellent concert was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday by the members of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge. Bro. T. Lewis presided. The following took part: solos, Sisters C. & L. Ballard, Bros. L. Rowlands & Howell Thomas; recitations, Sister B. Davies. Following this was a drama entitled "The Toilers," written by Bro. Evan Davies, chief templar. The following took part: Bros. E. Davies, L. Rowlands, T. Lawrence, L. Evans, H. Thomas, G. Evans, E. Lewis, G. Thomas, Sisters May Cook, M. L. Thomas, M. Jones.

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Reading Room Last Thursday evening at the Reading Room, a very fine meeting was held, the speaker being Councillor W. Jones of Pengam, who gave a fine address which was thoroughly enjoyed. The chairman was Mr. Evan M. Davies.

I.O.G.T. Bro T. Walters was responsible for the programme, and read a biography of Haydn, the famous musician. The interest was strengthened by selections on the piano.

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Public Meeting At the Reading Room on Monday evening, a public meeting was held, and was addressed by Councillor Tom Jenkins and County Councillor W. Hopkins, when both speakers gave very interesting accounts of their stewardship on the various bodies on which they serve. The chairman was Mr. E. Lewis.

I.O.G.T. Another enjoyable evening was spent at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last in the form of a miniature eisteddfod. Br. Evan Davies presided, and the adjudicators were: music – Mr. D. J. Thomas; elocution - Bro. S. Lewis. Awards: soprano solo, Sister C. Ballard; recitation, Sister Helena Rees; impromptu speech, Bro. E. Davies; tenor solo, Bro. L. Rowlands; boys' solo, R. T. Price; duet, C. & B. Ballard; contralto solo, Sister C. Ballard.

Social On Friday evening, at St. Mary's Hall, a very happy children's evening was spent. There was singing and games. Tea was served by members of the Mothers' Union. The programme was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The recitation competition was won by David Lloyd Jones. The following contributed to the musical programme: Ursula Harris, Margaret Richards, Jessie Llewelyn, Sylvia Adams, D. J. Williams, D. J. Price, Danny Potter, Alvin Llewelyn, Windsor Rees, Lena Rees, Robert Llewelyn. The meeting concluded with a laughable sketch "Cupid's Frolics," the following taking part: Addie Baldwin, Lena

Rees, Olive May Payne, Margaret Richards, Sylvia Adams, Enid Gittoes and Jessie Llewelyn.

“Merthyr Express” 13 February 1926

Obituary: Mr. John Martin Jones, Hill-row We have to record the death of Mr. John Martin Jones, Hill-row, Pentwyn, who passed away at a London hospital, where he had undergone a serious operation.

Mothers' Union Supper The members and friends of the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union, held their annual supper on Tuesday evening. The tables were under the supervision of Mrs. S. Evans. The vicar thanked the members for the good work they were doing in connection with the church.

Concert On Sunday evening at Carmel Chapel, a sacred concert was held, when the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, gave an excellent rendering of "Abraham," to a very large audience. Both choir and soloists were in excellent form and created a fine impression. The choir, conductor and accompanist (Mr. W. Angell) deserve praise for their masterly performance. The chairman was Mr. Geo. Sibley.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, when Bro. E. Davies presided. The officers were elected and installed. Sister Lewis gave a reading, and Bros. T. Lewis and T. Walters commented on the subject, at the same time proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Sister Lewis.

Concert On Sunday evening last, Noddfa Chapel was packed to the utmost capacity, the occasion being the first concert of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas, A.C. The choir, which has only been formed about nine months, made a magnificent start, and a very bright future is predicted for them. They are the possessors of very fine voices. Mr. Thomas' past record as a conductor speaks for itself. Great praise is due to the talented accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the artistes who were in excellent form. They were much appreciated. Rev. Ieuan Evan, F.V.C., was in the chair.

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Benefit Concert On Thursday evening at St. Mary's Hall, the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angell, gave a concert in aid of the widow of Mr. J. M. Jones who died recently at a London Hospital. The Hall was well-filled, and the choir and artistes were in excellent form. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the pianist, and Rev. S. Evans presided.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks," entitled "Lodge Drill." Bro. Lewis thanked all who took part.

“Merthyr Express” 6 March 1926

I.O.G.T. Bro. E. Davies presided over the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was the rehearsal of the sacred cantata "Abraham," under the conductorship of Bro. Thomas Walters. The tenors were Bros. L. Evans and T. Walters; bass, Wm. Angell; soprano, Sister C. Walters; contralto, Sister C. Ballard.

Carmel Chapel St. David's Day was commemorated with a social and concert. The ladies who presided at the tables were: Mesdames A. Davies and E. A. Evans, Misses M. Cook, M. Jones, B. Rowlands, G. Evans, L. Jones and L. Lawrence. Mr. M. Williams was chairman, and Mr. T. Llewelyn of Bristol gave an address. The following contributed to the programme: organ solo, T. Walters; solo, L. Evans; violin solo, Miss M. Morgan; solo, R. Price; duet, C. Cole and T. Cumpstone; solos, L. Rowlands, Nest Evans & H. Thomas; humorous reading, T. Walters. Mr. W. Angell sang "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Mr. T. Walters accompanying.

Nazareth Chapel Quite a happy time was spent on St. David's night. The concert was presided over by Mr. William Morris. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Miss Katie Davies. The following contributed to a musical programme: songs by the children, "Bachgen Bach o Gymry," "Ar Hyd y Nos;" recitations, Esther M. Pugh, Jessie Jones and Bessie Pugh; quartette, Mr. Willie Davies and party; duet, Messrs. G. & Wm. Morris; duet, Maggie Slimmons & Jessie Jones; duet, Mr. W. A. Davies and Miss Addie Lawrence; solo, Mr. Wm. Morris, Masters Alfred Davies and Ewart Davies. Rev. R. Evans gave a very inspiring address. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

St. David's Day was celebrated by the Young People's Society of Noddfa Church by a social, when the trayholders were Mrs. M. A. Jenkins, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. M. J. Jones, Mrs. Clark, Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Phyllis Williams, Mrs. Lydia Williams, Mrs. Morris, while the helpers were Mrs. Morgan (Rising Sun), Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jones and Mr. William Davies. A competitive entertainment was enjoyed. The president was the Rev. Ieuan Evans. Following the entertainment, a drama was performed, which created roars of laughter. The characters were taken by Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Phyllis Williams, Messrs. Herbert Edwards, John R. Walters, Caradoc Thomas, Tom Thomas, Emllyn Evans, Joshua Thomas, Miss Elizabeth Ann Evans, Miss Magdelene Pugh, Miss Maggie H. Williams, Mr. David G. Parry, Miss Doris Thomas and Mrs. Tom Evans. The joint secretaries were Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. Albert Edwards and Mr. Tom Thomas. Ex-Sergeant William managed the scenery.

St. John Ambulance A Flag Day was held on Friday and Saturday in aid of the above. Guardian M. J. Bevan supervised the flags and flowers, and the following also did splendid work: Mesdames S. Evans, P. Isaac, W. J. Payne, T. Evans, I. Evans, D. Davies, S. Jones, Weeks, Clark, Misses M. Jones, D. Walters, M. Morgan, G. Lewis, M. Lewis, E. A. Jenkins, M. Davies, L. Marshallsea, Morgan, L. M. Jones, Stokes, Wills, A. Morgan, Mattie Evans, Woodley, Davies, Jenkins, Ricketts, Mona Evans, Stokes, P. P. Evans, and Jenkins. The sum of the £11 13s 8d was realised between Fochriw and Deri. Messrs. John Morgan and James Jones also disposed of flags and flowers.

Penybank Council School St. David's Day was appropriately kept at the above School. The chief item in the morning was the presentation of books and useful gifts to the regulars by Mr. Samuel Lewis, school manager. He expressed his wish that Welsh should be taught at home, which would considerably help in the work of the school. Mr. Lewis presented awards to the following children: Thomas Jones, regular attendance for four years, set of geometrical instruments; Idris Williams, three years, silver medal; Francis Williams, Vernon Coggan, Leslie Cowles, Ronald Llewelyn, Jane A. Thomas, regular attendance for two years, books; C. Tyler, Albert Williams, W. John Llewelyn, D. Strang, Annie Jones and Agnes Baker, one year, a book. An exhibition of scholars' work in the form of exercise books, drawing and painting specimens, needlework in all different stages, were on view for inspection by parents. Great credit is due to the Headteacher, Mr. Davies, and staff, for their great efforts.

St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. D. Morgan, Pontlottyn.

Gellygaer Council Meeting: Sunday Collection of Letters Mr. Thomas Jenkins asked whether it was possible for the people of Fochriw to have a Sunday collection of letters, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the postal authorities on the matter.

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Lantern Lecture Mr. R. George Reeves, Cardiff, gave a lecture on "The Truth about Russia" at the Church Hall on Friday, illustrated with lantern slides. Rev. S. Evans presided.

Labour Party Under the auspices of the Labour Party, a meeting was held at the Reading Room on Wednesday evening, the speaker being Miss Jessie Stephens of London. The chairman was Mr. Evan M. Davies.

Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at the Library Hall on Thursday last in aid of the National Institute for the Blind. The hon. organiser was Mr. E. H. Lewis, Dynevor, and the M.C. was Mr. W. Howells. A substantial sum was realised.

Obituary: Mr. Alfred E. White, 3, Williams-row, aged 28 Mr. Alfred White passed away on Friday after much suffering. He was the possessor of the rich tenor voice, and was one of the leading singers in the Male Voice Party. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, after which the cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church where a service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Samuel Evans. As the body was conveyed from the Church, the organist, Mr. Octavius Richards, played the "Nunc Dimittis." At Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar again officiated. After the committal, the Male Voice Party sang "Sleep Thy Last Sleep." Sympathy is extended to the sorrowing mother and sister, Beatrice, and family, in their bereavement. The mourners were: Messrs. B. W. Jones (Dowlais), Thomas Dix, Pengam (cousins); T. W. Jones, T. Dix (uncles); Joseph Payne, David R. Jones, W. H. Jones, W. Whitby, W. J. Payne, R. Pugh, Charles Payne, and J. Lawrence.

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Cricket Club The Cricket Club is already getting prepared for the cricket season. Excellent fixtures have been arranged. The chairman for the coming season is Mr. D. I. Evans, and he will be assisted by a strong committee.

Election The forthcoming election is causing great excitement at Fochriw. There are two candidates in the field, Mr. John Edwards, Deri, the retiring member, and Mr. George Sibley, Station Stores, who seeks honours for the first time. Mr. Sibley's educational knowledge, and the fact that he is an independent candidate, should help him considerably against his "red" opponent.

Protestant Faith Guild A meeting of the above guild took place last Monday evening at the hall. The following officers were chosen: chairman, Mr. Gwilym John Paines; vice chairman, Mr. D. R. Evans; honorary secretary, Mr. Percival Burton, Graig House; delegates to conferences, Mrs. J. R. Kendrick and Miss Lewis. The Rev. J. R. Pennant-Smith, author of "The Right Road" and "Aids to the study of Holy Scripture" give a very fine address on "Why Roman Catholicism has failed in Wales." A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Hubert Adams. All applications for admission to the above Guild should be addressed to the honorary secretary.

St. Mary's Church A well-attended Lenten service was held at St. Mary's on Wednesday evening. Rev. D. R. Morgan, Pontlottyn, gave a splendid discourse. The vicar intoned the service, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ.

Election A very interesting contest is promised in the Fochriw Ward for a seat on the Gellygaer Urban District Council. The present member is Coun. John Edwards, Deri, and he will be opposed by Mr. George Sibley, fruiterer, Fochriw. Both are well known in the ward, and a good fight is anticipated.

I.O.G.T. A very interesting paper was read by Bro. Bevan at the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Bro. E. Davies presiding. The subject of the readings was: "Modern Thought, Modern Life and Modern Religion," and it contained many facts which cannot be denied, and was the cause of an interesting discussion. There were several visitors from the Pontlottyn and Bargoed, and they joined the discussion.

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Accident The many friends of Mr. Edward Gittins, Guest-street, will regret to know that he met with an accident at Ogilvie Colliery on Friday morning. After being attended to by Dr T.

Stennar Evans, he was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital, where he is making a satisfactory recovery.

Confirmation At the Parish Church of St. Mary's, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff held a confirmation service on Monday evening, the sacred edifice being crowded. The service throughout was most impressive and there were 53 candidates confirmed from Deri, Fochriw and Pantywaun.

Election At the Reading room on Tuesday evening, a very enthusiastic meeting was held in support of Mr. John Edwards, the Labour candidate. The chair was occupied by Councillor Tom Jenkins, and the speakers were County Councillors William Hammond and William Hopkins, and Mr. Sam Jennings, Dowlais. On Friday evening, the speaker was Mr. Bryn Roberts, agent, and the candidate, Mr. John Edwards. The chairman was Mr. E. M. Davies.

Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, the members of the Carmel Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of the drama "The Human Factor" (Naunton Davies). The play had been well prepared and was much appreciated by the large audience. Those who took part were: Messrs. Thomas Walters, Evan Davies, Miss Olwen Lloyd, Mr. William Evans, Mr. Daniel James, Miss Annie Maud Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Mr. Thomas Howell Jones, Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Edmund Davies, Mr. David Griffiths, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Iorwerth Evans, and Miss Ceinwen Ballard. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. T. Jones, and the scenic artist was Mr. W. R. Lewis.

Noddfa On Tuesday evening, the inhabitants of the village were given a rich musical treat by the members of the Deri Children's Choir, under the able conductorship of Mrs. M. Evans, a Fochriw lady who has gained fame as a fine conductress of juvenile choirs. In the unavoidable absence of the pastor, the chair was occupied by ex-Sergeant Williams, who performed his duties in the very able manner. In addition to the choruses, action songs and other concert items were given by the following: Master Vernon Jenkins, Miss Mary Marsh, Master Douglas Bowen, Mrs. L. Richards, Miss Doris Knight, Miss Gwen Weekes. Miss Nesta Jenkins, Misses Olwen Uzzell and Gwen Weekes, Iris Hillifield, Mary Marsh and Mair Jenkins. The accompanists were Miss May Gambling and Mr. Bowen.

"Merthyr Express" 3 April 1926

Ladies' Choir The Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, gave some very fine renderings at the Workmen's Institute, Bargoed, on Tuesday evening. The choir is yet in its infancy, but a very fine future is predicted for it.

Election Very enthusiastic meetings were held during the week with both candidates for a seat on the Gellygaer Urban District Council. The result was declared late on Monday night as follows: Mr. John Edwards: 659; Mr. George Sibley 316.

Lecture A very interesting and instructive lecture was given by the Rev. W. Cynon Evans, Treherbert, at Nazareth Chapel last Monday, to a large number of people. The lecturer took as his subject "Athrilyth a Hwyliau Hen Bwlpud Cymru." The lecture and discussion which followed were much appreciated and enjoyed by all. Rev. Richard Evans presided.

St. Mary's Church On Tuesday evening, the inhabitants of Fochriw were entertained to a rich feast of Passion Music by the choir of St. Peter's Church, Deri, under the very able conductorship of Mr. John Owen. Rev. Redvers Evans presided at the organ. The Vicar gave a short address, which was much in keeping with the occasion.

I.O.G.T. A very enjoyable evening was spent at Carmel vestry by members of the lodge last Thursday, when the Pontllytyn Lodge entertained. Brother Woods of Pontllytyn presided.

"Merthyr Express" 10 April 1926

Ladies' Choir Congratulations to the Ladies' Choir and their conductor who scored such a striking victory on their first attempt at Mountain Ash Eisteddfod on Easter Monday.

Concert A smoking Concert took place on Saturday at the Rising Sun Inn in aid of Mr. John Griffiths, Aelybryn, who has been ill for a long time. Several well-known artistes took part and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Male Voice Party Congratulations to the Male Voice Party, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell, who created such a fine impression at the Cardiff Eisteddfod, where they came third out of nine parties. The winners, Wattstown, received 86 marks; Williamstown 85; Fochriw 84.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of the Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on the Thursday. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The programme was "Humorous Evening," Brother Samuel Lewis being responsible. Brother Lewis gave two readings entitled "The Gravedigger" and "Excursion to Wembley." Brother Samuels, Troedrhwiwfuwch, gave a few words of encouragement to the lodge.

Concert A concert was given at Carmel Chapel on Friday by the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, assisted by eminent artistes. The choir gave an excellent account of itself, and created a fine impression. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., presided. The following artistes contributed to the programme: soprano, Madame H. C. Davies, Fochriw; Master Myrddin James and Miss Dilys Willams, Senghenydd, the noted soloists and duettists; violinist, Masters E. L. Thomas, New Tredegar; elocutionist, Mr. W. Morgan, Caerleon College. The accompanists were Messrs. W. Lawrence and A. Thomas, Fochriw.

Carmel Chapel A very successful concert was given at Carmel Chapel on Sunday by the members of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. W. J. Angell conducted, and Mr. W. Edwards was the accompanist. The following selections were given by the Party: "Martyrs of the Arena," "Crossing the Plain," "Sleep Thy Last Sleep" (in memory of the faithful departed), and "Crusaders" (the test piece for Cardiff). Soprano solos were given by Madame Adams, Deri; contralto solos, Miss Evans, New Tredegar; recitations, Miss Nesta Jenkins and Master Richard Price. Hearty votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary of the choir, and seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh.

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I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was a paper entitled "My ideal life and the possibility of its attainment," by Brother Evan Davies. It was an excellent paper, well planned and well thought out. Comments were made by Bros. G. & T. Lewis, D. Jones, Walters and Payne. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Bro. Davies.

"Merthyr Express" 24 April 1926

Cricket Lovers of the popular summer game are promised another excellent seasons of cricket. Last season, a set of League medals were won, and this year it is hoped to do better.

Obituary Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. George Davies, 12, Plantation-street, in the loss of their young daughter, who passed away after a short illness.

In Hospital The many friends, Mr. Mordecai Williams, Dynevor-street, will regret to know that he is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital. We are pleased to state he is making good progress.

I.O.G.T. A very enjoyable evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last by the members and visitors of the Star of Fochriw Lodge. The chief Templar, Brother E. Davies, presided over the meeting. The programme was an "Instrumental Evening," Brother Thomas Walters being responsible. Brother Walters opened at the programme with an excellent pianoforte solo, followed by a violin solo, "The Evening Bell," by Sister Mary Morgan. Next came other excellent pianoforte solos from Brother Walters, and a further solo from Sister Morgan. A solo from Bro. Walters concluded the programme.

Off to Canada On Sunday evening, at Nazareth Chapel, a handsome hand-bag and two books were the presentation pieces to Mrs. Mary Burrows and family, who are leaving on

Wednesday for Canada. Mrs. Burrows is the daughter of the late Mr. J. Lawrence and Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence, who had been a faithful deacon at Nazareth up to the time of his death. The presentation was made by the Rev. Richard Evans, on behalf of the members and friends.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter vestry was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday evening and was well attended. The Reverend Samuel Evans, vicar, presided. He was supported by his warden, Mr. Charles Payne, and the people's warden, Mr. W. J. Payne. The vicar said that this was his seventh Easter vestry, and he was pleased to see so many present. The past year had had its difficult periods owing to industrial depression, but, nonetheless, they had been able to meet their obligations. He thanked all who had helped during the year. The churchwardens supported the vicar's remarks, giving especial thanks to the Mothers' Union for its splendid efforts. The auditors' report was given by Mrs. L. G. Jones and Mr. C. Ballard. Both wardens were re-elected. A strong body of sidesmen and Parochial Council were also elected. The vicar moved a vote of condolence with the family of the late Sir Walter Nicholas.

Perfect Attendance Awards The Fochriw Mixed and Infants' Schools maintained their high standard of good attendance during the last year, and the following pupils gained Prize awards: - one year's perfect attendance (books): Griffith Pugh, William Howells, S. Rosella Williams, Ronald Jones, Glenys Jones, Robert Gwilym Jones, Eifionydd Ballard, Stephen Ballard, Magretta May Thomas, Nehemiah Thomas, Windsor Rees, Walter John Howells, Esther Mary Pugh, Rita Cole, Walter Jones; two year's perfect attendance (books): P. M. Davies, Kenneth Phillips, Maggie C. Jones; three year's perfect attendance (medals): Nesta Jenkins, Grace Everett, John Aldwyn Edwards, Phoebe Jones, Glyn Thomas; four year's perfect attendance (case of drawing instrument): Leslie Jones; five year's (watches): Spencer Lewis, Dorothy M. Everett, Margaret E. Thomas, John C. Jones, John Gwynne Lewis; six year's (gold brooch): Cassie Shankland. Mr. S. Lewis, the local school manager, addressed the school on the benefits of education and advised the children to make even greater efforts to avail themselves of our present-day advantages. Mrs. Lewis, who has served under the Glamorgan Education Authority for many years, was also present, and was cordially welcomed by her old colleagues and pupils. Taking a watch - one of the prizes - as her theme, Mrs. Lewis built up an interesting lesson on "Character" which was enjoyed by all.

"Bat and Ball" Concert The committee of the above wish to apologise to the public of Fochriw for the postponement of the concert. The committee were unable to accept one condition for the hire of the hall. The concert will now be held next week.

Cricket Club The cricketers of Fochriw are looking forward eagerly to the season. The annual meeting took place on Monday evening when the following officers were elected: president, Mr. John Bevan; chairman, Mr. D. Isaac Evans; vice chairman, Mr. W. Adams-Jones; honorary treasurer, Mr. D. T. Evans; Captain, Mr. T. I. Morgan Evans; vice-captain, Mr. C. Thomas, captain seconds, Mr. Iorwerth Evans; vice captain, Mr. H. Bernard Harris; selection committee: Messrs. D. I. Evans, I. Evans, D. Davies, J. Williams, and the honorary secretary. Several attractive friendly matches have been arranged. The honorary secretary is Mr. H. David Evans, Ivy Cottage, to whom all applications for fixtures should be addressed.

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Lambing Amongst the record number of the lambs this season with Mr. Robert Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, are 12 pairs of twins.

Musical In connection with the London College of Music examination (pianoforte playing), Miss Nesta Evans, Aelybryn, passed with honours, and Reggie Lewis, in the first class.

Whist Drive Held on Monday evening at the Church Hall. The Vicar was the M.C.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday last. Brother E. Davies presided. The programme for the evening was a lecture by Sister Thomas, Penywern, on "Temperance Talks." Sister Thomas also addressed the juveniles.

Wedding: Prosser-Bailey A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Olive May Prosser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Prosser, Aelybryn, and Mr. Thomas C. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bailey, Nantyglo. The bride wore a fawn costume with the rust colour hat, and was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Maggie Prosser, her sister, who was attired in a nigger brown dress with lavender hat. The flower girls were Miss Phyllis Bailey and Miss Eirwen Bowen. The best man was Mr. E. Puddle. The Rev. S. Evans, the vicar, officiated. Mr. Thomas Beale and Mr. Garfield Davies were also present at ceremony. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents, where a large number of relatives and friends attended. The happy couple were the recipients of the large number of useful presents. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ, and rendered appropriate music including "The Wedding March."

Male Voice Party On Sunday evening at the Imperial Cinema, Rhymney, the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under the able conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell, assisted by eminent artistes, gave the very fine concert. Both choir and artistes were in excellent form, and delighted the audience. The chairman was as Mr. W. J. Payne, and the programme was as follows: "The Crusaders," - the party; solo, "Goodbye," Madame Coles Davies" solo, "My Dreams," Mr. W. Jones; solo, "Into Thine Hands," Master Richard George Price; solo, "The Wreck of the Hesperus," Mr. C. Davies; "Tempest and Calm," the party; solo, "Serenade," Mr. Willie Jones; "Martyrs of the Arena," the party; solo, "Daddy," Master Price; solo, "Marchog," Mr. Davies; "Crossing the Plain," the party. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The programme was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Mr. J. J. Lewis taking the solo.

"Merthyr Express" 8 May 1926

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Brother E. Davies presided. The programme for the evening was a paper "My idea life and the possibility of its attainment," by Sister Bessie Ballard.

First Prize Congratulations to Miss Nesta Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Councillor Tom Jenkins, who added another success to her list of victories as an elocutionist, by winning first prize at the Ystrad Mynach Eisteddfod on Saturday.

The Churches The following officiated at the various churches on Sunday: St Mary's, morning, Rev. S. Evans; evening, Rev. R. Evans; Nazareth, Mr. Edwards, Trevecca College, Brecon; Noddfa, Rev. Ieuan Evans; Carmel, Mr. Jones, Cardiff College.

Whist Drive A very pleasant whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Monday evening, the duties of M.C. being ably carried out by Mr. T. B. Edwards, whilst the refreshments were attended to by the members of the Mothers' Union.

Concert A Bat and Ball concert took place at Noddfa vestry on Thursday and Friday last, and was attended by very large and appreciative audiences. The event had been organised under the auspices of the cricket club, and an excellent programme was produced. Both musical artistes and the actors in the sketches acquitted themselves well. Among the artistes were Mr. Claerwyn Davies; Mr. J. Cymro Thomas; Miss Flossie Jones, elocutionist, New Tredegar; Mr. Snellwood, Bedlinog; Mr. Harold Harris, Fochriw; Mr. Evans, Dowlais. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. Two very laughable sketches were played each evening entitled "Military Mad" and "The Vicar's Daughter," the following taking the parts very effectively: Messrs. Harold Harris, John Lloyd Jones, Thomas John Morgan, William

Morgan, Horace Evans, Claerwyn Davies, Jack Davies, Iorwerth Evans. The chairman on Thursday evening was Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins.

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Whist Drive A very pleasant whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Monday evening, the duties of M.C. being ably carried out by Mr. T. B. Edwards, whilst the refreshments were attended to by the members of the Mothers' Union.

Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held up on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. The Rev. J. Davies, Aberfan, preached edifying sermons to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, whilst Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Willie Davies presided at the organ.

Obituary: Mr. George Thomas, Guest-street, aged 79 years The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants in the person of Mr. George Thomas. He passed away on Friday last, after a long illness patiently borne. Deceased had been secretary at Carmel Chapel for 36 years, and he was also secretary of the "Blodeuyn y Mynydd Club" for 40 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery, the Rev. Rhys Jenkins officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. T. Thomas, David Jones Davies (sons); S. Davies, David Davies, R. M. Davies (brothers); T. Lewis (brother in law); Samuel, David Rees Evans (nephews); Messrs G. Morgans, William Rees Morgans, John Thomas, John Skym (cousins); Messrs. T. Evans, Thomas Williams, Stephen Jones, David Evans, William Hughes (nephews). Members of Blodeuyn y Mynydd Club were also present.

“Merthyr Express” 22 May 1926

The Strike Perfect peace prevails in the village. The Strike Committee are working hard to organise different events to bring in funds to help relieve the distress prevailing in the village.

Mass Meeting

Mr. S. O. Davies, B.A., miners' agent, addressed a crowded meeting in the village on Monday evening. He dealt in detail with the coal crisis, and in his address, he gave a survey of the whole position.

In Hospital The many friends of Mr. D. J. Thomas, conductor of the Ladies' Choir, will regret to know that he is at Merthyr General Hospital, and is very ill. Nurse Lawrence is also a patient at the hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Star of Fochriw The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday last. Brother E. Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Humorous Evening," the following taking part: Brothers E. Davies, S. Lewis, Windsor Rees, T. Walters, Sisters Bessie Ballard, and C. and B. Ballard.

Whist Drive A very pleasant whist drive was held at the Library Hall on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Strike Committee. The M.C. was Mr. William Evans. A vote of thanks to all who helped was moved by Mr. W. J. Payne, seconded by Mr. W. Jones.

Feeding the Children The feeding of the schoolchildren commenced at Fochriw and Penybank on Tuesday morning. Headmasters, and the various staff, and a willing band of workers, are giving of their services. Three meals a day are provided; and the food supplied is of first class quality. Willing helpers are on duty from early morning until late in the evening. The Vicar has placed St. Mary's Hall at the disposal of the authorities for the feeding of the Fochriw children, and the Baptists have done likewise at Penybank.

“Merthyr Express” 29 May 1926

Cricket: St. Gwladys, Bargoed v Fochriw II Played at Fochriw on Saturday, the umpires being Messrs. Emrys Davies and J. Davies. Scores: Fochriw 21; St Gwladys 23. For Fochriw, I. Evans took 7 wickets for 9 runs.

Bedlinog II v Fochriw II Played on Wednesday last. Scores: Bedlinog 69; Fochriw 39.

Carmel Chapel On Friday evening last, Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P. for the Caerphilly division, gave an excellent address dealing with the crisis that the country is passing through at the present time. Councillor T. Jenkins presided.

St. Mary's Church The Whitsun festival was observed at the above Church with the following services: 8a.m. and 11a.m., Holy Communion; 2:30p.m., children's service; 6:00p.m., evensong. The celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the vicar. Mr. Richards presided at the organ and Mr. Angell conducted the singing.

Star of Fochriw Lodge Great was the discussion that followed the reading of the paper by Brother Higgs, Deri, on "My ideal life and the possibilities of its attainment," which took place at the Lodge room. Although this was the third paper on the subject to be read at the meetings, the subject was far from exhausted, and the members showed their appreciation.

Carnival and Sports On Monday, the village was en fete, the occasion being a successful carnival and sports organised by the local strike committee. The weather was all that could be desired, and a large number turned out in picturesque costumes, some of the characters causing roars of laughter. Races and football matches were played. The winner of the marathon race was Mr. David Thomas, Aelybryn, and in the football tournament Mr. Thomas Morgan's team was successful. The presentation of the prizes was made by Sergeant Howells.

Wedding: Angell-Lewis A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Tuesday morning last. The bridegroom was Mr. Willie Angell, eldest son of Mr. W. J. Angell and the late Mrs. Angell, Glyn-terrace, and the bride Miss Nellie Lewis, fourth daughter of Mrs. Lewis, and the late Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Lewis, was attired in a navy costume, with hat to match. She was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Edna M. Angell and Miss Maggie Evans. Mr. W. J. Angell and Mr. John Lewis were also present. The officiating minister was Mr. Rhys Jenkins, Goshen, Rhymney. After the ceremony, a large number of relatives and friends sat down to breakfast at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of gifts.

Concert A concert in aid of the Distress Fund was held at St. Mary's Hall, and presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The artistes were in excellent form and were well received. The following contributed to a musical programme: tenor solos, Mr. Willie Angell Davies; soprano solos, Miss Marjorie Lewis; baritone solos, Mr. Claerwyn Davies; tenor solos, Mr. Willie Jones; recitations, Miss Nesta Jenkins; duet, Messrs. Davies and Jones; tenor solo, Mr. Leyshon Rowlands. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presided at the organ. Mr. Edward Lewis proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Councillor D. Jenkins and Mr. George Sibley.

Whist Drives A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday evening last in the aid of the Distress Fund, and was well attended. Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins was of the M.C. Another well attended whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. C. Ballard. The refreshments were attended to by the members of the Mothers' Union.

"Merthyr Express" 5 June 1926

Cricket: Nelson Welfare v Fochriw The match was played at Llancaiach Fields on Saturday in fine weather. Scores: Nelson, 29; Fochriw, 112. D. Jenkins scored 42 for Fochriw.

Fochriw Cricket Notes: Brecon Sports Club v Fochriw Fochriw First Eleven opening their season by journeying to Brecon to play the notable Sports' Club. This was the first meeting of the two clubs. Fochriw batted first, and Dan Jones scored 45, and T. Howell Jones, the ninth man, scored 25. Fochriw were bowled out for 111. After tea, Fochriw had just one hour and twenty minutes to skittle the Sports Club, before 7pm, the arranged time to draw stumps. Very little resistance was provided, and the home side was dismissed for 36 runs. W. Rosser took 5 wickets for 9 runs, S. Jenkins 3-24, and T. J. Jones 2-3.

Strike Amusements The Local Strike Committee continues to do excellent work in providing a variety of entertainments, sports and games for the strikers. A first-class football match between teams from Fochriw and Pontlottyn was played, during which selections of music were provided by the Fochriw Brass Band under the able conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle.

Concert A first class concert was held at Noddfa vestry on the Thursday evening last in the aid of the Distress Fund. Ex-sergeant Williams was the chairman. The accompanists were Messrs T. Walters, and David J. Davies. The following contributed to the musical programme: solos, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Messrs. J. J. Lewis, John Evans, Master R. J. Price; instrumental duet, Messrs C. Everett and Millar. A vote of thanks was proposed to by Mr. Walters Jones, seconded by Mr. Howell Thomas.

Train Service Some very drastic cuts have been made in our train services and in keeping with other stations cheap booking is suspended. The first down train leaves Fochriw at 1:27p.m., consequently all our school children have to cross the mountain to Pontlottyn to get to their schools at Pengam, Hengoed and Bargoed. Teachers at Deri have to walk or provide their own transport, and we feel that G.W.R. should make an effort to restore the first down train in the morning for the sake of school children and season ticket holders.

Whist Drives A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening, and was well attended. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. C. Ballard. A very interesting whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday last in the aid of the local Distress Fund, and was well attended. Mr. William Price was the M.C.

Sports Successful sports were held at Pentwyn on Saturday last under the auspices of the Outdoor Amusement Committee in aid of the Fochriw and District Distress Fund. The procession started from the Old Reading Room headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the able conductorship of the Mr. A. Mantle. There were races for children and adults.

Translation Congratulations to Mrs. Sam Lewis who has been successful in winning a prize of £2 for the best translation of an English hymn into Welsh. There were over 20 competitors.

I.O.G.T. The proceedings took the form of a "Question Night." The questions varied a great deal - from biblical questions to humorous conundrums.

“Merthyr Express” 12 June 1926

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Monday last in the aid of the local Distress Fund, and was well attended. Mr. C. Ballard was the M.C. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Ladies' Choir The Ladies Choir are busy preparing for the National Eisteddfod at Swansea, where they intend competing, and judging from their singing, they will be a power to be reckoned with. Unfortunately, their able conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas is still confined to hospital, where, we are pleased to state, he is making satisfactory progress, and hopes soon to wield the baton again. It is pleasing to know that a capable substitute is filling the breach in the person of Mr. Willie Angell Davies, who is keeping the choir in form until the return of their conductor. May success crown their efforts!

I.O.G.T. The members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge were entertained by the members of the Bedlinog Lodge on Thursday at Carmel vestry. Brother Lewis proposed, and Sister Ballard seconded, a vote of thanks to the members of the Bedlinog Lodge for an excellent entertainment.

Congratulations Fochriw is proud of her sons. This week it is a pleasure to record the brilliant success of Mr. Howell Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, on his success in Bar Final Examinations. He will be called to Bar in the near future. He is a member of the Inner Temple. During of the Great War, he saw active service, and obtained

the rank of lieutenant. He saw much fighting, and was wounded and invalided home. All feel proud of him and his family.

With the Strikers Although the industrial trouble is still unsettled, the inhabitants of the village are making the best of it under the trying circumstances. The various Strike Committees are doing all in their power to cheer the people. Sports, football matches, concerts, whist drives, etc., are daily organised. Numbers of men are busy scouring the tips in search of coal to keep the home fires burning. One tip in particular that has been lying dormant for over 50 years, is being explored daily by large numbers, and large quantities of coal of excellent quality unearthed.

Concert A concert was given at Noddfa vestry on Thursday evening last under the auspices of the Distress Committee. Mr. Thomas Evans presided over a large gathering, and long before the programme commenced, the vestry was packed. The following contributed to a musical programme: soprano solos, "How lovely are thy dwellings," and "Good-bye," - Miss Thomas (Bedlinog); contralto solos, "Friend o' mine" and "The Enchantress," - Mrs. Lewis; duet, "Life's dream is O'er" - Miss Addie Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Davies; duet, "Watchman," Messrs. Davies and Jenkins; bass solos, "The Spoilers" and "Arm, arm, ye brave," - Mr. E. J. Jenkins, Pontlloyn. A very laughable sketch was played, entitled "Military Man, by the Jones and Harris company which was much enjoyed. Mr. George Sibley proposed a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh. A pleasant evening was brought to a close with the singing of "Hen Wlas fy Nhadau," Miss Thomas taking the solo. The accompanist for the programme was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Adults Canteen The canteen has been opened at Carmel vestry and willing helpers are busy every day preparing an excellent midday meal of which a large number take advantage.

I.O.G.T. At the annual conference at Abercynon, Brother Charles Payne, Fochriw, was appointed Chief Sentinel of the Order. Mr. Payne has rendered excellent service to the I.O.G.T. in South Wales, and was for many years Chief Templar for the Rhymney Valley, a post he still holds in an honorary capacity.

Feeding the Children No word of praise is too great for the willing band of workers who are giving their services to feeding the school children at St. Mary's Hall. The children are fed three times daily under of supervision of Mr. J. P. Isaac (headmaster) and Miss Davies (headmistress of the Infants). At Penybanc, the same course is adopted, where the children are fed under the supervision of Mr. W. Davies (headmaster) and a willing band of workers.

“Merthyr Express” 19 June 1926

Cricket: Fochriw v Abertysswg The First Eleven journeyed to Abertysswg on Saturday. On a very difficult wicket, which was drying after the morning rain, Fochriw opened the batting. Scoring was difficult, but a total of 44 was achieved. The homesters were soon skittled for a total of 18, seven of their players failing to score. Silvanus Jenkions took 3 wickets for 8 runs, and Caradog Thomas 7 wickets for 9 runs.

Bargoed Albion v Fochriw The result of the Rhymney Valley League (Division 2) game was as follows: Fochriw 23; Bargoed 29 for 8 wickets.

Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday. Rev. J. Phillips, Mountain Ash, preached very edifying sermons. Mr. T. Walters was at the organ, with Mr. David Davies conducting the singing.

Whist Drive A successful whist drive for was held at the Old Library under the auspices of the local Distress Fund. Mr. David J. Davies was at the M.C.

Miners' Meeting At the Co-operative Rooms on Monday, Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, addressed the meeting with some very interesting points and a discussion of the coal situation in general.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel on Thursday last, when Brother William Jones, Deri, presided. A paper was read by Brother Howell Thomas entitled "Joseph sold into Egypt."

Billiards A billiards match was played at the library hut on Monday, the visitors being Pontlottyn. The Pontlottyn total was 1,493 points, and the Fochriw total 1375 points.

Correction It was reported last week that in the concert at Noddfa vestry, the Jones and Harris Company played the laughable sketch. The sketch was, in fact, played by the Bat and Ball Concert Party, and not the Jones and Harris Company, which does not operate in the village. The cast members were: Messrs. J. Lloyd Jones, H. Bernard Harris, Iorwerth Evans, W. Morgan, Berkley Angell, Tom Angell, Thomas J. Morgan, Jack Davies, H. D. Evans, H. D. Smith. Mr. H. David Evans is the hon. secretary of the Concert Party.

"Merthyr Express" 26 June 1926

Whist A whist drive was held at the Reading Room in aid of the Distress Fund. Mr. Wm. Thomas was M.C.

Obituary An old and highly respected inhabitant of the village has passed away in the person of Mr. John Jones, late grocer, and for many years the Fochriw representative on the Gellygaer Council.

Success Mr. John O. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, who is a pupil at Lewis' School, Pengam, won first prize in the 100 yards, long jump, throwing the cricket ball competitions, second prize in the high jump, and was a member of the winning team in the relay race. He was Victor Ludorum.

Adult Canteen About 200 people daily take advantage of an excellent midday meal provided at the Carmel Vestry. The food is of the best quality, and plenty of willing helpers are available. The energetic secretary is Mr. J. Walters, the chairman, Mr. E. Lewis, and the treasurer, Mr. D. H. Thomas.

Homing Pigeons The many friends of Mr. J. M. Davies, Martin's-street, will be pleased to know that he has had a very successful season in pigeon flying. He is a member of the Fochriw and Pontlottyn Homing Society, and has won the Cup for the old bird average for this season. Amongst his many wins are: first, second, third and fourth, Tynemouth; first and second, Ludlow; second and third, North Berwick, besides winners from Shrewsbury, Stockport, Ripon, etc.

Penybank Sports Interesting sports were held on the Penybank grounds on Monday. The Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, played selections of music.

Mothers' Union A large number of the St. Mary's branch journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral on Thursday last to join in the jubilee services at the cathedral. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. S. Evans, The Vicarage. On Sunday, at St. Mary's, the jubilee year was observed. A large number attended the early celebration. The Vicar read the faculty for the stained window which it is proposed to unveil in July. On a brass tablet will be engraved, "To the glory of God and in sweet memory of the sons of our mothers. This window was erected by the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union." The services were continued on Tuesday, the special preacher being the Vicar of Pontlottyn, Rev. A. Lloyd Jones. Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

Tournament and Sports This took place on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Outdoor Amusement Committee, in aid of the Fochriw and District Distress Fund. The first event was the football tournament, the successful team being that of Mr. Thomas John Jones. There were races for the children. The Brass Band was in attendance.

"Merthyr Express" 3 July 1926

I.O.G.T. Bro. E. Davies presided. The following took part: Bros. S. Lewis, G. Thomas, T. Walters, Sister B. Ballard.

Whist A whist drive was held in the Old Reading Room on Friday in aid of the Distress Fund. The M.C. was Mr. I. J. Jones.

Concert A concert was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday in aid of the Distress Fund, when the Pontllytyn Glee Club, under their conductor Mr. Victor Lewis, gave an excellent programme. Mr. George Sibley presided.

“Merthyr Express” 10 July 1926

I.O.G.T. Bro. Davies presided over a programme conducted by Bro. Jones, Deri.

In Hospital Mr. David Parry (Dynevour-street), Mr. D. J. Thomas (Pleasant View), Mr. John Evans (Martin's-street), Master Idris Walters (Railway-terrace), and Miss Janet Davies (Pentwyn), who are at present patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are doing well.

Whist A whist drive was held in the Old Reading Room on Monday in aid of the Distress Fund. The M.C. was Mr. Dan James.

“Merthyr Express” 17 July 1926

Sports Sports were held on the mountain on Monday for the school children, under the auspices of the Outdoor Amusement Committee. A collection was made in aid of the Fochriw and District Distress Fund.

Eisteddfod at Carmel What was acclaimed to be the most successful eisteddfod ever held in the village took place on Saturday at Carmel Chapel. The singing, in the words of the well-known conductor, Mr. Abel Jones, Rhymney, reached a very high standard. Although the competitions were very keen, a happy spirit prevailed. The conductor was the Rev. Ieuan Evans. The proceeds were in aid of the distress funds, and a goodly sum was realised. The winners were: boys 'solo - R. J. Price; girls solo - Olwen Chapman; pianoforte solo, Nesta Evans; recitation - Nesta Evans; champion solo - R. J. Price; soprano solo - divided between Madame H. C. Davies and Miss M. Jones; contralto solo - divided between Mrs. H. Evans and Mrs. M. J. Lewis; tenor solo - Mr. Willie Jones; baritone solo - Mr. C. Davies; love letter - divided between Messrs. W. A. Jones and T. Jenkins; prize bags - Mrs. W. H. Jones; hymn tune (over 50 years) - Mr. A. Walters; female choir - "Gentle Saviour, King of Love" - three parties competed, prize won by "Marionettes," conductress, Madame H. C. Davies; mixed choir - prize won by North Staffordshire, conductor Mr. J. J. Lewis; male voice - "Crusaders" - prize won by Plant y Mynydd, conducted Mr. Griffith Jones. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. Abel Jones, Rhymney; literature - Mr. Samuel Lewis, Fochriw; prize bags - Mrs. S. Evans, The Vicarage. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Thomas Walters. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by a Mr. James Gregory.

Concerts At Carmel Chapel on Thursday, a concert was given by the Deri Glee Party under their conductor Mr. John Owen. The accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Thos. Evans, seconded by Mr. Wm. Morris. A concert was also held at Carmel on Wednesday, given by the Rhymney Glee Singers under their conductor Mr. James Evans. Councillor Thomas Jenkins was the chairman. Nurse Ballard-Davies proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Ed. Lewis.

I.O.G.T. A short address was given by Bro. Payne; readings from Ruskin and Carlyle by Sister B. Ballard; a recitation "Thou Knowest" by Sister N. Jenkins; a reading "Playing Second Fiddle" by Bro. D. Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1926

Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at the Old Library in aid of the local distress fund, and was well attended.

Pulpits The pulpit at St. Mary's was occupied on Sunday last by Mr. W. J. Payne (morning), and the Rev. R. C. Evans, Deri, (evening). Carmel Chapel: Miss Thomas, Carmarthen. Noddfa: Rev. Ieuan Evans. Nazareth: Mr. Pugh, Llandebie.

Scholarships At the recent examination for secondary education at Pengam, Hengoed or Bargoed schools, the following pupils of Fochriw and Penybank Mixed School gained free

scholarships: Philip Seaborne, Hannah Lewis, John Gwynne Lewis, Kenneth Phillips, Gurwen Thomas, David Emllyn Evans, Margaret Ellen Thomas. The following also qualified to sit the oral examination: John Adams Jones, John Iorwerth Morgan, Brinley Davies, Tudor Davies, Enid Gittoes, Iris Evans, Leslie Mantle. Scholarships were gained by Megan Davies and Clarice Pritchard.

Eisteddfod A glowing tribute was paid our young bass baritone singer Mr. Claerwyn Davies, winner of "Y Marchog," by Abel Davies, Rhymney, the adjudicator, at Saturday's eisteddfod. He said "This singer possesses a beautiful voice, rich and refined in colour, with an easy range from G to E, meeting the demands of this song in a masterly way, reminding one of the beginning of some of our most famous singers of today. The patriotic spirit was caught and a very decided rendering ensued. More should be heard of this vocalist." Another open-air Eisteddfod is to be held on Saturday next in aid of the distress Fund.

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Pontlottyn and Fochriw Homing Society The results of a society sweeps and races for 1926 are as follows: The first sweep of all birds was flown from Ludlow on Easter Monday, the prize winners being: 1st & 2nd and pools, Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw, velocity 844 and 842; 3rd, Mr. T. Sullivan, Pontlottyn (828). On 24th April, the club sweep was held, also from Ludlow: 1st and pools, Mr. C. White, Fochriw (1068); 2nd & 3rd, Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw, (1062 & 1051). The first club race was held from Shrewsbury on 1st May, which resulted as follows: 1st (and 3d and 6d pools) Mrs. T. Perry and Son, Pontlottyn (1472); second (and 1/-pool) Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw (1471). On 29th May, the Ripon Race took place and Messrs. T. Perry and Anon took the first three places. This performance was repeated by Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw, in the Tynemouth race on June 5th. In the North Berwick race on the 19th June, Mr. T. Sullivan, Pontlottyn, came first with the velocity of 873.9, and Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw, second with 863 and also third with a 862. Mr. J. Davies also had the honour of having the best Old Bird with 19 points. A vase was to have been presented for the best Old Bird, but owing to the expense incurred by the society in paying for the transport of members birds during the crisis, the vase was not purchased. With the young birds, racing started on a July 17th, the race being from Ludlow, and the prize winners being: 1st, Mr J. Davies (1041); second and third, Mr C. White (1038 and 1038); 4th, Mr J. Davies (1037). On July 24th, the race from Shrewsbury was held, Mr. J. Davies again taking first place. This completes the races to date. Since the strike commenced, all expenses incurred, such as carriage of birds, etc., have been borne by the society, which has had the very successful season.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge took place on Thursday, when Brother E. Davies presided. Brothers T. Walters and L. Rowlands, and Sisters Nesta Evans and Ceinwen Cole took part.

Obituary: Mr. Thomas Rees, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 70 We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. Thomas Rees, who passed away at the age of 70 years. He had resided in the village since childhood. The funeral took place on Tuesday. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, after which the cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for the interment. The chief mourners were: Masters Thomas E. Davies, Emllyn Davies Thomas & David H. Lewis (grandsons); Messrs. Stephen Lewis and Evan H. Davies (sons-in-law); William and Anthony Davies (brothers); Edward Davies, Anthony Davies, T. Davies, Albion Davies, Edward Davies (nephews); Ald. Andrew Wilson (Treharris), Messrs. John Edwards, David Meredith (nephews); Edward Morgan, John Jones, Evan M. Davies (cousins). Great sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Chair Eisteddfod A successful Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Saturday. The adjudicators were: music – Mr. John Thomas, Penywern; literature – Mr. William Jones,

Dowlais. The conductor of the Eisteddfod was Mr. W. J. Payne. The energetic secretary was Mr. James Gregory; chairman, Mr. William Price; accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The awards were as follows: solo, boys under 10 - Vernon Davies; ditto girls - Phyllis Davies; recitation under 10 - Miriam Davies; boys solo under 14 - Vernon Davies; girls solo under 14 - Nesta Jenkins; recitation - Psalm 23 - Morfydd Jones; pianoforte solo - Nesta Evans; Children's Choir "Sweet and Low" - three choirs competing - Pontmorlais (conductress Miss Adelaide Lawrence), Young Musicians (Mr. D. J. Davies), Strike Songsters (Miss Annie Jones)- winners Strike Songsters; soprano solo – Mrs. Margery Lewis; contralto solo – Mrs. H. Evans; baritone solo – Mr. J. Williams; prize bags – Mrs. Doris Thomas; novelty bad prizes - Miss A. G. Thomas and Miss Elsie Griffiths; love letter - Miss Stella Cole. The winner of the chair for the best verses on the Eisteddfod proved to be Mr. Evan M. Davies, who was chaired with the usual ceremonies. Adult recitation – Mr. James Williams; duet - Miss Addie Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Davies; hymn tune – Mr. Joseph Shankland; female choirs - 3 competed - Cor Gwalia (Miss S. Jones), Craig y Nos (Mrs. J. Lawrence), Miss Ceinwen Ballard's Choir - winner, Cor Gwalia; mixed choirs - "O Dduw, rho im' Dy Hedd" - 2 competed - Manchester United (Mr. J. Evans), North Staffordshire (Mr. J. J. Lewis), the latter winning; male voice party - "Tempest and Calm" - 3 competed - Plant y Mynydd (Mr. Griff Jones), Music Lovers (Mr. Willie Roberts), Philharmonic (Mr. Joshua Thomas) - winners, Philharmonic. The proceeds were in aid of the Distress Fund.

Appointment Congratulations to Mr. Walter Jones, Pentwyn, who has been appointed to the post of School Attendance Officer for the Gellygaer area out of 175 applicants.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Reading room on Tuesday evening in aid of the Distress Fund. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. William Price.

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Churches: Pulpit St Mary's: Rev. R. C. Evans; Noddfa: Rev. Ieuan Evans; Nazareth: Rev. Rd. Evans; Carmel: Rev. Harris, Merthyr.

Tournament The tip-cat tournament was held under the auspices of the Outdoor Amusement Committee, and a large number of entries were received. Some very exciting play was witnessed. There were four prizes and the winners were 1. Mr. D. H. Thomas, 2. Mr. Tom Davies, 3. Mr. Lewis Richards, 4. Mr. David Way.

Eisteddfod Honours At the Deri Eisteddfod on Saturday last, chief honours were carried off by the Fochriw Mixed Choir under the conductorship of Mr. James John Lewis; the Fochriw Male Voice Party under the conductorship of Mr. Griff Jones; and the Fochriw Children's Choir under the conductorship of Mr. David J. Davies.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel. The programme for the evening was a paper by Sister S. Lewis on “My ideal life, and the possibilities of attaining it.” It was the fourth paper on the subject in the last six months, but nevertheless, it was quite different from the preceding three. It showed the different aims of different people in life. Mrs. Lewis was heartily thanked for her excellent paper by Bro. J. Williams, seconded by Bro. T. Lewis.

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Whist Drive A well-attended whist drive was held at the Old Reading Room on Friday evening in connection with the Distress Fund. The M.C. was Mr. John Walters.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks," and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Short addresses were given by Brothers Payne and Lewis. The meeting closed with prayer.

Miners Meetings Mass meetings were held in the open air on Wednesday and Thursday last in connection with the coal crisis. The speakers were Mr. Bryn Roberts and Mr. S. O.

Davies, miners' agents, who dealt with the Bishops formula. Questions were asked and answered at the close.

“Merthyr Express” 21 August 1926

Whist Drive A well-attended whist drive was held at the Old Reading Room on Tuesday evening in connection with the Distress Fund. The M.C. was Mr. W. Price.

Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P. A crowded meeting was held at the Reading Room on Friday evening to hear Mr. Morgan Jones M.P. Mr. E. M. Davies presided. Mr. Jones dealt with the coal crisis up to the present time, his address being attentively listened to and well received. Questions were asked and answered.

Eisteddfod A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday and was well attended. The competitions were very keen, and the singing reached a high standard. The conductor for the day was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, who did his work splendidly. The adjudicators were: music – Mr. David Jones, Bargoed; literature – Mr. Isaac Evans, Deri; prize bags – Mrs. Evans and Mrs. J. Llewellyn; preliminary adjudicators – Messrs. W. J. Angell and T. Walters; accompanists – Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Willie Angell. The secretaries were Messrs. J. Gregory and John Walters. The proceeds were in aid of the Distress Fund. The choral competition results were as follows: Children's Choir - Fochriw Music Lovers (Miss Annie Jones); Mixed Choir - North Staffordshire (Mr. J. J. Lewis); Male Voice Party - Penywern (Mr. D. J. Davies).

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Communal Kitchens An excellent mid-day meal is being provided at Carmel vestry. The number of the young men being fed daily has increased. The fare served is of excellent quality. The energetic secretary is Mr. John Walters.

Welfare Scheme A well-attended and representative meeting was held at the Old Reading Room on Tuesday evening to receive the report of the committee appointed to submit schemes to a public meeting. The chairman was the Rev. I. Evans. A general discussion took place, after which it was decided to proceed with the question of the hall and playing grounds. The secretary is Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

Concert A well-attended concert was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday evening. Mr. Thomas Evans presided. All the artistes gave a programme of music which was much appreciated, the following taking part: Madame H. C. Davies, Mr. J. J. Lewis, Miss Phyllis Davies, Mr. Leyshon Rowlands, Mr. J. M. Williams, Mr. Rees Thomas. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The proceeds were in aid of the Distress Fund.

School Feeding The feeding of the school children continues at St. Mary's Hall, where three meals of first-class quality are served up each day. A fine body of workers are on duty each day giving of their best to make the little ones happy. The same applies to Penybank School. Headmasters, Mr. J. P. Isaac, Mr. W. Davies, and Miss Davies, headmistress, and their respective staffs, are untiring in their efforts, and greatly appreciate the splendid help given by the villagers.

Concert On Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Children's Choir, conductor Mr. David John Davies, a very fine concert was given in aid of the Distress Fund. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne, who gave a very appropriate address, after which the curtain was raised, the children looking very striking in their pretty dresses. They sang the following choruses in fine style, and received a great ovation: "Sweet and Low," "Peace Be Still," and "Through the Valley of the Shadow." They were assisted by a wonderful boy soprano, Master W. Davies, Deri, who pleased the crowd immensely. Other artistes who gave beautiful renderings were Miss Richards, Rhymney, soprano; Mr. D. Rich, Rhymney, bass; and Mr. Emrys Jones, Rhymney, baritone, all being encored. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mrs. Uzzell and Miss Rich. Nurse Ballard-Davies proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Mrs. Jones.

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Lecture At the Old Reading room on Sunday evening, a large gathering was present, when Mr. A. J. Parker, Dowlais, delivered a very able lecture entitled "Deliverance Year."

Former Pastor Visit At Carmel chapel on Sunday, there was a large attendance, the occasion being the visit of the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, Llanelly, who preached powerful sermons which were much appreciated. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ. The Rev. Jones was for some years the respected pastor of Carmel Chapel.

I.O.G.T. The members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge met again at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last, when Brothers E. Davies presided. Brother Samuels, district chief Templar, was also present. A hearty reception was given to Mrs. Pike, an old member, now living in England, on her visit to the old Lodge. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks on Flowers."

Concert A first class competitive concert was held at Carmel Chapel on Friday evening last in the aid of the distress Fund. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. Tom Gabriel, Bargoed and Mr. David Jones, Bargoed; literature, Rev. I. Evans, Fochriw; accompanists, Mr. T Walters and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

“Merthyr Express” 11 September 1926

I.O.G.T. The members of the Lodge spent another enjoyable evening at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, when Bro. Evan Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Surprise Night," Sister L. Ballard being responsible.

Successes We wish to congratulate the following on their success in the recent Central Welsh Board Examination: Matriculation - Willie Morgan; Senior – Johnny Roberts ((both are pupils at Pengam County School); Senior – Bryn Davies, Windsor Rees, Mary L. Thomas, Eluned Lawrence (pupils of Bargoed Secondary School); Senior – Miriam Thomas (pupil at Hengoed County School).

“Merthyr Express” 18 September 1926

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Chapel on the Thursday last. Brother Evans Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Bible Stories," and these were given by Sisters M. Morgan, Nest Evans and Ceinwen Cole.

Musical Successes At the Rhymney Eisteddfod on Monday, the musical talent of Fochriw was prominent. The Male Voice Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Griffith Jones, carried off premier honours, and the Children's Choir, under the conductorship of Mrs. Annie Jones, won the first prize. Other Fochriw winners were Mrs. Margery Lewis, Mrs. H. Cole Davies, Mr. J. J. Lewis, and Miss Nesta Jenkins.

Wedding: Watkins-Smith A very pretty wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Gwladys Mary Watkins, the youngest daughter of Mrs. Watkins, and the late Mr. Thomas Watkins, Guest-street, and Mr. William J. Smith, Lock House, Abercynon. The bride was attired in a mauve costume with hat to match, and was given away by Mr. Alfred Watkins, her brother. The bridesmaid was Miss Betty Smith, sister of the bridegroom, who was attired in a mauve dress. The flower girls were the Misses Bertha Jones and Rosie Watkins (nieces or of the bride), and Lorraine Smith (sister of the bridegroom) - who looked very pretty in cream crepe de chine dresses trimmed with silver and mauve. The best man and was Mr. H. Watkins, brother of the bride. Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Smith (mothers) were also present. Rev. S. Evans, vicar, officiated. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's mother. The happy couple, the recipients of a large number of presents, left by car for their new home at Abercynon amidst the good wishes of their many friends.

Eisteddfod The local entertainment committee is to be complemented on the high standard of the Eisteddfod held in aid of the local distress fund. The adjudicators were: music, Mr.

William Jenkins, Pant; literature, Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydarren; conductor, Councillor Tom Jenkins; chairman, Mr. William Price; secretary, Mr. James Gregory. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Awards: solo under 10: 1. Marion Gregory (Fochriw), 2. Eunice Morris (Fochriw); solos under 16: 1. Eirlys Bedw (Bedlinog), 2. Phyllis Davies (Fochriw); recitation, girls under 10: 1. Mattie Jenkins, 2. Eunice Morris (both of the Fochriw); recitation under 16: Nesta Jenkins (Fochriw), Irene Tozzelli (Bedlinog); novice solo: divided between Addie Lawrence and Griff Morris; soprano solo: Miss Margery Lewis (Fochriw); contralto solo: Madame H. Cole Davies (Fochriw); tenor solo: Mr. J. J. Lewis (Fochriw); bass solo: Mr. James Jones (Fochriw); hymn tune: Mr. J. J. Lewis; open recitation: Mr. Stephen Lewis; mixed choirs - 3 competed - Deri, Bedlinog, and Fochriw - winner, Fochriw, conductor Mr. J. J. Lewis; male voice - four choirs entered - the Fochriw Young Music Lovers, the Fochriw Canteen, Bedlinog Male Voice and Deri Youngsters - winners Bedlinog, conductor Mr. T. J. Rees; children's choir: Fochriw Juvenile Choir (Miss Annie Jones).

Obituary The death of Mrs. Brangwynne, wife of P.C. Brangwynne, Aelybryn, took place on Sunday after a painful illness. To husband, children and family we extend sincere sympathy.

“Merthyr Express” 25 September 1926

I.O.G.T. On Thursday last, Brother Evan Davies presided over the meeting of the Lodge. The programme was "Miscellaneous," Brother George, Abercanaid, being responsible.

Siloh On Wednesday, services were held at the chapel to commemorate the reopening after renovations. The preachers were the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Noddfa, Fochriw, who preached a very edifying English sermon, and the Rev. Gibbon, Gelligaer, whose Welsh sermon was much appreciated. The Fochriw Ladies Choir, under the conductorship of the Mr. Willie Davies, rendered special choruses. The accompanists were Messrs. Joshua Thomas and Wyndham Lawrence, and the conductor of the singing was Mr. Thomas Evans.

Obituary: Mrs. Elizabeth Brangwynne, Aelybryn, aged 35 The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Brangwynne took place on Thursday. Deceased was 35 years of age, and leaves a husband and two young children. At the house, the Rev. I. Evans conducted a short service, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church, where the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. Evans. The interment took place at Glyntaff Cemetery, Treforest, the vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: P.C. Brangwynne, husband; Kenneth Brangwynne, son; Hilda Brangwynne daughter; Messrs. William Damsell, father; William Damsell, brother; Mr. and Mrs. W. Brangwynne, father and mother-in-law; Messrs. Percy and Arthur Brangwynne, brothers-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brangwynne, brother and sister-in-law.

“Merthyr Express” 2 October 1926

Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Octavius Richards will regret to know that he is in Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone an operation. He is making satisfactory progress.

Dramatics The St. Mary's Dramatic Society are still doing great work in aid of distress. Their services are in great demand, and they are receiving good receptions in every place they visit. Last week, they gave performances at Hengoed, Rhymney and Tredegar.

I.O.G.T. The meeting of the Star of the Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel last Thursday, Brother William Jones presiding. A lecture was given by the Rev. Ieuan Evans.

Obituary: Mr. Thomas James Rowlands, Dynevor-street, aged 45 The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas James Rowlands, Dynevor-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. Deceased was 45 years of age. The Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated, and the Rev. S. Evans was also present. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Phillip Rowlands, brother; John Baldwin, brother-in-law; Arthur Coggan, Charles White, Albert Spencer, nephews; Daniel

and Evan Rowlands, David Anthony, Edmund Griffiths, Tom Stephens, Percy Edwards, Tom Davies, Tom Rowlands, Davie and John Rowlands, David Evans, David Griffiths, D. Griffiths, Lewis Evans, cousins.

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Mass Meeting On Monday, an open-air meeting was addressed by Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, in the Co-op Yard. He dealt at length with the coal crisis. Mr. Prosser presided.

I.O.G.T. At the Star of Fochriw meeting last Thursday, Brother Evan Davies presided. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solos, Brother Thomas Walters; solo, Sister N. Evans; solo, Brother L. Rowlands; solo, Brother Sam Lewis; solo, Brother L. Evans; solo, Sister Walters; solo, Sister C. Ballard; pianoforte solo, Sister N. Evans

Eisteddfod In aid of the local Canteen Funds, a successful Eisteddfod was held on Saturday at Carmel Chapel. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. John Price, Rhymney; literature, Mr. John Griffiths, Rhymney. The conductor was "Alastor." The chairman was Mr. William Price, the accompanist Mr. Thomas Walters, and the secretary, Mr. James Gregory. Awards: solo under 10 - Olga Chapman; recitation under 10 - Hilda Watkins; solo under 16- Nesta Jenkins; duet under 16 - Auroa Lewis and Ceinwen Cole; novice solo - Agnes Cook; soprano solo - Miss Margery Lewis; contralto solo - Miss Ceinwen Ballard; tenor solo - Mr. Griffith Morris; bass solo - Mr. Claerwyn Davies; champion solo - Mr. Claerwyn Davies; recitation - Miss Nesta Evans; juvenile choir - Fochriw (Miss Annie Jones); male voice - Fochriw (Mr. W. J. Angell); mixed choir - Fochriw (Mr. Griffith Jones).

“Merthyr Express” 16 October 1926

I.O.G.T. Quite a gloom was cast over the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday last, owing to the sudden death of Brother Thomas Lewis, a pioneer of the temperance cause at Fochriw. Brother Payne, a co-worker of Brother Lewis, expressed his grief at the sad event. Brother Lewis had been a member of the order for 22 years, and he will be greatly missed. A vote of sympathy was passed with the bereaved family.

Funeral: Mr. Evan Watkins, Penybank On Monday afternoon, the funeral of the late Mr. Evan Watkins, School House, Penybank, took place amid manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had been ill for a long time, but bore his sufferings patiently. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. R. Evans. Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Wm. T. Watkins, son; W. J. Matthews and D. J. Owen, sons-in-law; David J. and David D. Jones, brothers-in-law; Robert Jones, W. Roberts, Tom Roberts, Wm. Parry, cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the widow, children and family in their bereavement.

Obituary: Mr. Thomas Lewis, Station-terrace The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Lewis, Station-terrace, took place on Saturday last amidst signs of sincere sorrow. He was held in the highest esteem by a host of friends, as he was a person of outstanding character. The very essence of kindness, his genial countenance will be missed, and will live long in memory of all who knew him. For over 20 years he was an ardent temperance worker, and one of the pioneers of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the Independent Order of Grand Templars. The funeral was well attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for interment. Every blind en route had been lowered as a tribute of respect to the deceased. At the graveside, glowing tributes were paid to the deceased by the Rev Jenkins and Mr. Charles Payne, who said their departed friend was loved by all. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Lewis, Samuel Lewis, brothers; G. MacArthur, H. Thomas, brothers-in-law; Enoch MacArthur, Enoch Lewes, John Gwyn Lewis, Freddie Pask, Idris Jones, nephews; John Evans, H. MacArthur, S. Philpot, David Evans, David T. Phillips, Owen

Owens, Isaac Edwards. Beautiful floral tributes were sent by the members of the Lodge, and the Railwaymen.

“Merthyr Express” 23 October 1926

I.O.G.T. Bro. Wm. Jones, Deri, presided. Bro. Dd. Jones gave a short reading. The meeting closed in prayer.

Carmel Young People's Guild The first meeting of the above Guild took place on Wednesday, when the programme for the evening was a miscellaneous concert. The following took part: pianoforte solo - Miss Nesta Evans; solos - Miss Ceinwen Ballard, Messrs. Latimer Evans and Claerwyn Davies; recitations – Mr. T. Walters. A sketch entitled "The Doctor's Holiday," proved very comical, and was much enjoyed. Hymns were sung at the commencement and conclusion of the meeting. Mr. S. Jenkins proved a capable chairman, and he outlined the aims and objects of the Guild. Short addresses were given by Messrs. T. Howell Jones, Jenkin Pugh, Daniel Rowlands, and Evan Morgan Davies, who urged all to join and make the Guild a social asset to the village.

“Merthyr Express” 30 October 1926

Appointment Congratulations to Mr. E. Lewis, stationmaster, who has been appointed to the position of stationmaster at Llanbradach. He has laboured very faithfully at Fochriw for many years, and will be missed by his large circle of friends. We wish him and his family well in their new sphere of labour.

I.O.G.T. Another meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel on Thursday last, when Bro. T. Walters presided. The whole of the evening was taken up with discussion of business matters. Bros. D. Jones and Wm. Jones addressed the meeting briefly.

Harvest Festival The harvest services took place at St. Mary's on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and there were large congregations. The church had been beautifully decorated with different fruits and a profusion of flowers, and presented a pleasing spectacle. The services throughout were very inspiring. The Vicar was the preacher and celebrant on the Sunday. Monday: Rev. J. C. Payne, Vicar of Cymmer, Port Talbot; Tuesday: Rev. V. B. Jones, Merthyr; Wednesday: Rev. A. Jones, Vicar of Pontlottyn. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne, and the organist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

“Merthyr Express” 6 November 1926

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, Bro. Thomas Walters presiding. The members of the Juvenile Lodge entertained with solos, recitations, etc.

Carmel Y.P.G. The weekly meeting took place on Wednesday. The programme was a debate on “Who should be treasurer in the household?” Papers were read by Miss A.M. Jones and Mr. T.H. Jones. The majority were in favour of the wife being the treasurer.

Billiards A match was played at the Library Hut in connection with the Rhymney Valley League on Thursday, between Fochriw and Bargoed, the latter winning by 77. The highest break, 41, was made by T.I. Evans of Fochriw. Fochriw scorers were: W.A. Jones (capt) 177; T.I. Evans 181; S. Jenkins, 143; J. Jones 200; T. Jones 200; L. Angell 200; total 1,413.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. John Watkins, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of sorrow. Deceased was 51 years of age and will be sadly missed by his sorrowing widow and children, to whom great sympathy is extended. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. S. Evans, vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Watkins (widow); Mr. Willie Watkins (son); Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Atwell (son-in-law & daughter); Mr. & Mrs. Powell, Abergavenny (son-in-law & daughter); Mrs. Mills, Abergavenny (sister); Mr. Geo. Watkins, Crumlin (brother); M. & Mrs. Jas. Watkins, Tredegar, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Watkins, Merthyr (brothers & sisters-in-law); Mr. Tom Watkins (nephew); Miss Bessie Watkins and Annie; Mr. & Mrs. John Davies, Mr. E. Davies, Mr. &

Mrs. Rosser, Mrs. Davies, Garndiffaith, etc. Floral tributes were laid on the coffin by the family and relatives.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. Hannah Sophia Whitby, 10, Guest-street, took place on Tuesday. Deceased, who had been ailing for a long time, had resided in the village all her life, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was well attended. A service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, after which the cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for interment. The Rev. I. Evans again officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Willie J. Whitby (son); David Rees Jones, Edward Jones, Wm. Henry Jones (brothers); Trevor Rees Jones, David Lloyd Jones (nephews); Richard Pugh, H. Jones (brothers-in-law); M. Williams, P. Edwards, Thos. Jones, D.H. Jones, Joseph Payne, D.W. Edwards, Rhymney (cousins); M. Morgans, Seaborne Williams, Thomas Edwards, Henry Evans, Thos. Pugh, John Evans. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

Eisteddfod A very successful eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday in aid of the distress fund. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. D.A. Parry, New Tredegar; literature, Mr. Johns, Deri; accompanists, Messrs. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., and Wyndham Lawrence; conductor, Rev. I. Evans; chairman, Mr. Wm. Price; secretary, Mr. J.G. Gregory. The awards were as follows: solo, boy or girl under 10, 1. Mary Lewis, 2. Marion Gregory, consolation, Jessie Jones; solo, boy or girl under 16, 1. Nesta Jenkins, 2. Phyllis Davies; recitation under 10, 1. Mattie Jenkins, 2. Irene Tossell, Bedlinog; duet, under 16, Ceinwen Cole and Arona Lewis; novice solo, Mr. Berkley Davies; tenor solo, divided between Messrs. W. & Griff Morris; bass solo, Mr. G. Davies; open recitation, Miss Ria Haig, Markham; hymn tune, Mr. John Evans; soprano solo, 1. Miss Margery Lewis. 2. Miss Agnes Cook; contralto solo, Madam H.C. Davies; champion solo, Mr. Claerwyn Davies. Fochriw Juvenile Choir (conductress, Miss Annie Jones); Mixed Choir, Fochriw Harmonic (conductor Mr. J.J.Lewis); Fochriw Male Voice Choir (conductor, Mr. W.J. Angell).

“Merthyr Express” 13 November 1926

Eisteddfod The winner of the champion solo at the Fochriw Eisteddfod last week was Miss Margery Lewis, Fochriw.

St. Mary's The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by Rev. L. Evans, Vicar of St. James, Tredegar. The services were in keeping with Remembrance Sunday.

Meeting On Tuesday at Carmel, a well-attended meeting was addressed by Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., who dealt at length with the coal crisis and other important matters. Coun. Tom Jenkins presided.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Question Night," and all members took part. Bro. T. Walters presided.

“Merthyr Express” 20 November 1926

Fochriw Memorial: Unveiling of Stained Glass Window: Impressive Ceremony Services of an impressive character were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday last (Armistice Day). The Church was filled to capacity with people who had assembled to do honour to those brave sons who had died leaving behind precious and fragrant memories. The window had been erected by members of the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union, of which Mrs. S. Evans is the enrolling member. The window is a magnificent work of art, erected in the west end near the font, and was the admiration of all. It is a striking figure of the Blessed Virgin and Infant Child, surrounded by the Angels, with a brass tablet underneath with the following inscription: "To the Glory of God and in sweet memory of the sons of our mothers. This window was erected by the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union." The service commenced with the singing of the hymn, "Gracious Saviour, Who didst honour." The vicar, the Rev. Samuel Evans, then took the service, after which Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, read a portion of Scripture from Ecclesiastes. Then the procession to the west end of the Church took place for the unveiling. The ceremony was performed by Mrs.

J. Jones, Merthyr Tydfil, in the following words: "To the glory of God and to the memory of the sons of our mothers, we unveil this window in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." The Rev. R. L. Rhys, Llanishen, Rural Dean, delivered a stirring sermon, taking his text from Deuteronomy, "Thou shalt remember." Amongst the representative gathering was a large number of the Pontlottyn Branch of the Mothers' Union; the Deri Branch of the British Legion, and several from the outlying districts. After the service, tea was provided in the Church Hall.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library Hall last Friday, a very large number being present. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Bryn Price.

Mass Meetings Meetings were held on Tuesday morning, when the coal crisis was dealt with by Mr. Albert Thomas, miners' agent, Bargoed, and Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, Dowlais. Both meetings were largely attended and able addresses were given by the speakers

I.O.G.T. Another of very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last, when Sister Ceinwen Ballard presided. The programme for the evening was "Poetry and Recitations," the following taking part: readings - Brothers Thomas Walters and G. Lewis; recitations - Brothers Gomer Evans, Howell Thomas, Leyshon Rowlands, Windsor Rees, Sisters Maggie Thomas, B. Ballard, and Nesta Evans.

Eisteddfod A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday last with the members of the chapel, when some splendid singing and keen competitions were the order of the evening. The officers were chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; adjudicators - music, Mr. G. Thomas; literature, the Rev. I. Evans; accompanist, Miss H. M. Phillips. The winners were as follows: girls solo under six: Edna Jones; girls solo under 10: Eunice Morris; girls solo under 14; Iris Evans; boys solo under 10: Tom Jenkins; boys solo under 14: Richard Price; duet: Bethune Gregory and friend; soprano solo: Miss Margery Lewis; contralto solo: Miss Elvis Phillips; tenor solo: Mr. T. J. Jones; bass solo: divided between Messrs. E. Evans and J. R. Walters; Champions solo: Miss Marjorie Lewis and Mr. Tom Wales; impromptu speech: Mr. Crad Thomas; open recitation: Mr. T. J. Jones; duet: Mavis and friend; hymn tune over 50 years: "Siencyn"; male voice: Mr. J. R. Walters' party; ladies Choir: Miss Elvis Phillips' party.

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Obituary Mr. Henry Francis, Pentwyn, passed away on Tuesday after a painful illness.

Communal Kitchen At Carmel Vestry, one meal a day is provided. At St. Mary's Hall, the school children still enjoy three meals a day.

Coal Crisis At Carmel Chapel on Monday evening, Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, addressed a crowded meeting. He gave a report on the proceedings in connection with of the coal crisis to date.

Nazareth Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. T. E. Jones, Merthyr, preached inspiring sermons. Mr. Willie Davies presided at the organ, and Mr. William Morris conducted the singing

Carmel Young People's Guild On Wednesday, Miss A. M. Jones presided. Readings were given by Messrs. C. Cook, D. James, H. Harris, E. M. Davies, W. Griffiths, and J. Davies. A successful unpunctuated reading competition was arranged by Miss Jones, and a humorous singing competition by Mr. Thomas Walters.

I.O.G.T. Another meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday, Sister Ceinwen Ballard in the chair. Brother Howell Thomas read a paper on "The Truth as it should be."

Drama At Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening, the St. Mary's Dramatic Society gave a performance of "Simon Lee." This company, under the management of Mr. W. J. Payne, has

been in great demand during the strike. Mr. William Price was the chairman, and the principal characters were: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Harry Hughes, T. B. Edwards, Harold B. Harris, Caradoc Ballard, Jack Lawrence, Gilbert Harris, D. Tyler, H. Ballard, W. Thomas, Mrs. H. Hughes, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. Candrick, Mrs. T. B. Edwards, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss C. Candrick, Miss E. Edwards, Mrs. Gwyne, Mrs Jones, and Mrs. Tyler. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and stage-managers Mr. Charles Hollister and Mr. Charles Morgan. The scenic artist was Mr. William Curtis.

Concert At Noddfa Vestry on Friday a concert was held, the chair being taken by the pastor, the Rev. Ieuan Evans. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Miss Margery Lewis; duet, Emlyn and Jack; recitation, Miss Ray Parry; solo, Mr. Bert Edwards; recitation, Miss Elsa Matthews; solo, Mr. D. G. Parry; recitation, Mr. Gomer Williams; duet, Miss Elvis Phillips and Miss Margery Lewis; sketch, "The Will"; sketch, "Dr Killumkwick"; sketch, "The Singing School." This was the American Trio's first appearance in Wales – Messrs. D. E. Evans, B. Edwards and J. R. Walters. Miss Marjorie Lewis sang "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau." The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips.

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Drama On Wednesday evening, the Dramatic Society gave a repeat performance of the drama, "Driven from Home," at Carmel Chapel, and received a great ovation. On Sunday evening, they gave a performance at St. David's Hall, Rhymney.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last, Sister Ceinwen Ballard taking the chair. Troedrihwfuch friends entertained the gathering.

Concert A first class concert was given on Thursday evening at Carmel Chapel in the aid of the welcome home funds by the Pontllytyn Glee Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Victor Lewis. The chair was taken by Councillor Tom Jenkins, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Presentation Carmel Chapel was crowded on Tuesday evening, the occasion being the presentation of handsome gold pendants, suitably inscribed, to Mrs. Sarah Davies and Mrs. Amy Lewis on their return from Cardiff. The chairman was County Councillor Marriott, Dowlais; Councillor Jenkins, Fochriw; Councillor Edwards, Deri; Mr. D. W. Prosser and Mr. D. J. Evans, Dowlais. The presentation was made by Mrs Jones in her customary graceful manner. At the close, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, speakers, chapel authorities, and all who contributed to such an excellent evening.

Obituary: Mr. Henry Francis, Pentwyn Another well known and highly respected inhabitant of the village was laid to rest on Saturday last in the person of Mr. Henry Francis, Pentwyn, who, at the time of his death, was residing with his son, Mr. John Francis, Council Houses. He was an old inhabitant of the village and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral was well attended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rhymney, after which the cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery, where Rev. Jenkins again officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Francis, son; David R. Jones, son-in-law; Thomas Francis, brother; Daniel Rowlands, Charles Hollister, brothers-in-law; William Jones, Richard Evans, L. Rowlands, D. Rowlands, T. Rowlands, J. Rowlands, Wilfred Hollister, H. Watkins, L. Jones, Tom Jones, Lewis Jones, S. Jones, John Rees, Philip Rees, nephews. Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved son, daughter and relatives.

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Drama The Dramatic Society gave a performance of the drama "Driven from Home" at the Bargoed Institute on Monday evening, before a very appreciative audience.

Ladies' Choir The Ladies' Choir under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, competed at the Pontypridd Eisteddfod last week, and although not successful, were paid an excellent tribute by the adjudicator.

Scholastic Appointment Congratulations to Miss Katie Davies, Guest-street, who has been appointed to the headship of Coatbridge Infants' School. Miss Davies has laboured very faithfully for some years on the staff of Deri Infants' School, where she will be greatly missed.

I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Star of the Fochriw Lodge at Carmel Chapel last Thursday. Brother Latimer Evans presided. The programme for the evening was "Piano Recital," Brother Thomas Walters being responsible.

Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last and were well attended. The preacher throughout the services was the Rev. T. George, Tredegar, who preached stirring sermons, which were much appreciated. On Sunday afternoon, the Rev. George preached in English. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

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Carmel Young People's Guild On Wednesday, the weekly meeting was held, presided over by Mr. T. H. Jones. A paper was read by Mr. D. M. Davies on "The history of the Fochriw."

Congratulations Congratulations to our brilliant young pianist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Station Road, who was successful in obtaining his A.L.C.M. last week with very high percentage marks. He is the accompanist of the Male Voice Party, Ladies' Choir, and the United Choir.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Humorous Contributions," the following taking part: Sisters Nesta Evans, Beryl Ballard, Bessie Ballard, and Brother Payne.

“Merthyr Express” 25 December 1926

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library last Friday, and was well attended. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by the Mr. T. Evans.

Musical Congratulations to Master Philip Davies Isaac, son of Mr. Philip Isaac, Headmaster of the Mixed School, who was successful in pianoforte playing in the primary section of the London College of Music, gaining 98 marks out of 100.

I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry last Thursday by members of the Lodge, Sister Ceinwen Ballard presiding. The programme for the evening was a gramophone entertainment, Sister Mary Jones being responsible.

Carmel Young People's Guild On Wednesday, the weekly meeting was held, presided over by Mr. T. Walters. Miss Gwyneth Havard, a member of the Nazareth Guild, Pontlottyn, read a paper on "Time." There were a good number present, and nearly all responded and commented on the paper.

Obituary The body of Mrs. Davies, wife of Mr. Lodwick Davies, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard. She had lived in Fochriw all her life, where she was highly respected, and her genial countenance will be sadly missed. Quite recently, they moved to Ogilvie Houses, Deri, where Mr. Davies holds an official position under the Powell Duffryn Company. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to husband, children, and family.