

“Merthyr Express” 1 January 1927

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International Order of Grand Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of the Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held on Thursday, Sister Ceinwen Ballard presiding. The following took part: readings - Brother Thomas Walters and Brother Payne; recitation and reading - Sister Bessie Ballard; duet, Sisters C. and B. Ballard.

Billiards The Christmas Handicap produced some very exciting finishes at the Institute during Christmas week. The final was played between Mr. James Jones and Mr. Tudor Jones, and after a very exciting game the former won by 13.

Eisteddfodau Fochriw was well to the fore in the musical world during the Christmas eisteddfodau at Rhymney and Deri. Amongst the chief winners were Mr. James J. Lewis, Madam H. Cole Davies, Miss Margery Lewis, and Mr. Griff Morris. At Deri, Mr. Lewis divided the champion solo with Mr. D. Bowen. The Fochriw United Choir, under their conductor Mr. James J. Lewis, carried off premier honours at Deri.

Singing Festival At Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, the annual singing festival was held. The special conductor for the day was Mr. Henry, Llandebie. The morning session was presided over by Mr. Daniel Jenkins; Miss Mona Ballard read a portion of Scripture; duet, Mr. Ronald Lewis and Miss Ceinwen Cole. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. William Griffiths, when Master Tudor Davies read a portion of Scripture, and a solo was given by Mrs. T. Walters. The evening meeting was presided over by Mr. David Griffiths; Mr. Thomas Walters read a portion of Scripture; solo, Miss Agnes Cook; recitation, Nurse Ballard Davies. The choir rendered their programme. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. Willie Angell, and Miss Nesta Evans.

Noddfa Festival The Christmas singing festival of the united chapels of Nazareth and Noddfa, was held on Christmas Day at Noddfa chapel. The singers were trained by Mr. William Morris and Mr. Thomas Evans. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans. The morning was presided over by Mr. Thomas Evans, senior, and a portion of scripture was read by Mr. Thomas Walters. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. Berkley Davies, and a portion of scripture was read by Mr. William Morris. The evening meeting was presided over by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, and a portion of scripture was read by the Rev. Richard Evans. The choir gave renderings of hymns and anthems. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and Mr. Joshua Thomas.

OUR WINTER SALE begins Friday next, Jan. 7. R.T. Jones, Market Sq., Merthyr.

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Obituary A well-known and highly respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. John Meredith Jones, Guest-street, died after a painful illness.

I.O.G.T. Sister Ceinwen Ballard presided over the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday. Sister Bessie Ballard read a paper on "Progress."

St. Mary's Hall On Friday evening, a children's concert took place, the following taking part: Misses Ursula Harris, Jessie Llewellyn, Miriam Davies, Enid Edwards, Hannah Lewis, Thelma Thomas, Mair Williams, Francis Adams, Violet Grimmet, Wynda Edwards, Eirwen Williams, Phyllis Martin, Lesley Candrick, R. J. Price, William Pullen, W. J. Jones, H. Ballard and Mr. Bert Miller. The singing competitions proved very keen, the winners being Misses Hannah Lewis, Ursula Harris, and Jessie Llewellyn. Mr. C. Ballard was the adjudicator. The concert ended with a laughable sketch entitled "A Queer Lot," the following taking part: Mr. W. J. Payne, H. B. Harris, W. Thomas, D. Tyler, D. J. Williams, and B. Miller.

Welcome Tea On Saturday, at the Old Reading Room, the Fochriw Harmonic Society welcomed the return of their members of the choir and their friends from Cardiff. Supper was provided, and the tables were presided over by Mesdames D. James, W. Lewis, J. Davies, J. J. Lewis, H. C. Davies, J. Williams, D. Lewis, M. Williams, L. Evans, W. Angell and Misses L. Jones and A. Davies. Others who helped were Mesdames D. Davies, J. Williams, J. Walters, D. Evans, W. Walters and D. Jones. Later, the following took part in a humorous programme: Messrs. J. J. Lewis, T. Davies, J. Gregory, J.

Walters, D. Evans, J. Evans, D. Griffiths, R. Thomas, and Mrs. W. Lewis, and Mrs. H. C. Thomas. Mr. T. Rowlands lent his gramophone. Mr. W. Lawrence was the accompanist.

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Reading Room The annual meeting relating to the Reading Room was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. Samuel Lewis occupied the chair. Councillor Tom Jenkins, secretary, gave a report which was well received. The auditors report was given by Messrs. Willie Adams Jones and Lewis Jones, and this was very satisfactory. A report on the books was given by Mr. J. Cyril Cook. It was decided to recommend to the committee the purchase of another billiard table and also a number of new books. The following officers were re-elected unanimously: secretary, Councillor Tom Jenkins; treasurer, Mr. Stephen Ballard. A Committee of 18 members was also elected.

Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mr. John Meredith Jones, husband of Mrs. M. Jones, Guest-street, had passed away. Deceased was a very old inhabitant of the village, where he was held in high esteem. He was a deacon of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral was well attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas, Edward, Peter and Pryce Jones, brothers; Evan, John, Teddy, David James, John Meredith and Evan Jones, Morgan Lewis, Dan Lewis and Stanley Jones, nephews.

School Attendance Fochriw is very proud of the scholars of the Mixed and Infants' Schools who hold such an excellent record for perfect attendance. The following were awarded prizes: for seven years - Cassie Shankland (a handsome ladies handbag); six years - Dorothy Everett (a gold brooch), John Gwynne Lewis and Margaret Ellen Thomas (a leather attache case), Stephen Lewis (a silver watch chain); five years: Leslie Jones (a watch); four years - Grace Everett and Nesta Jenkins (work baskets), John Aldwyn Rowlands (a case of mathematical instruments); three years - Phyllis Davies (silver medal), Kenneth Phillips (fountain pen); two years - Wm. D. Howell, Walter J. Howell, Sarah Rosella Williams, Eifionydd Ballard, Rita Blanche Cole, Esther Mary Pugh, and Walter Jones (a 5 shilling book); one year - Phillip David Isaac, Irfona Thomas, Mona Ballard, Phoebe Meirwen Davies, Elizabeth Pugh, Edith M. Wilton, Esther Pugh, Millicent L. White, James P. Lewis (a book valued at 2/6).

Concert Carmel Chapel was crowded on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, when the Juvenile Choir, under the able conductorship of Miss Annie Jones, produced a programme of music, action songs and dances that will live long in the memory of all who were present. The scenery and stage effects were delightful. Miss Annie Jones (conductor), Mrs. S. J. Jones (instructress) and Mr. Brinley Richards (accompanist), the three of whom had charge of the whole enterprise, are to be congratulated on their success. The proceeds are in aid of Carmel Chapel funds. The chairmen were Councillor Tom Jenkins, Mr. William Price and Mr. Sam Lewis. The stage manager was Mr. W. R. Lewis. The following was the programme: prologue, Miss Nesta Jenkins; "Hurrah Chorus" the Choir; "Afternoon Tea" march, song and drill; "Song of the Woodland" Miss Phyllis Davies; "Beautiful Flowers," action song by the Flower Girls; floral dance; recitation, "Baby's Treasures," Miss Mattie Jenkins; "The Child and the Robin" the Choir; solo, "Love's own sweet song" Miss Addie Lawrence; Butterfly Song and Dance; violin solo "The Wanderer" Miss Mary Morgan; recitation, "Mother's Little Errand Girl" Miss Nesta Jenkins; "Rag Dolls" - action song; "The Butterfly's Ball" chorus, the Choir; duet, "Gathering Flowers" Misses Addie Lawrence and Iris Edwards; "Caller Herrin" action song; violin solo; action song; recitation; "Ffarwel i'r Gwynt a'r Eira" chorus by the Choir.

St. Mary's On Sunday, the special preacher was the Rev. E. H. Day, organising secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The Vicar intoned the service, and the lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 22 January 1927

Socialism in Practice: How it Operated at Fochriw During the Strike: Grave and Gay in its Daily Life (Specially Contributed by Pips, Squeaks and Whistles) If ever a section of

the population has been stirred by an exposure in your valuable paper, then that section has truly been Fochriw "Hec-Hec." He has even penetrated the depths of Ogilvie Colliery, and many of the village Leninites mutter in their sleep "Hec-Hec." The kiddies are also hec-hec-ing, and one can imagine the inquisitive school medical officer trying to diagnose this hec-hec-itis when next he visits. If the complaint proves contagious, then the whole "red" army will soon be hec-hec-ing its way to Utopia. Ex-Fochriwites may think it strange, but Fochriw has its "spasms" of sensations, these are for the most part short-lived and humorous.

The long strike-period saw the village slag heaps swarmed with villagers, all in search of coal. It was verily a hard task for them, but their tenacity of purpose enabled most of them to procure enough fuel to commence trading. Their only speculation was labour. They were not greedy, and as a rule the price was left to the purchaser. It is recalled that one such purchaser rewarded one seller to the extent of a "glistening bawb" for eight bags of the precious black diamonds. This particular merchant escaped from income tax, and suffered the indignity patiently. Another experience fell the village allotmenters. They discovered the way to kiln their own lime. At once it became the rage, until one family monopolised the furnace, and the patience of the rest of the villagers got worn out in waiting their turn to stoke the kiln. Fresh lime was to be obtained in Fochriw in this period at the nominal fee of four pence a bucketful, and a roaring trade was done. The financial crash of the "Lime Market" came when lime was demanded at three pence less than the price aforesaid. House decorating also became rampant during the strike, and many of the 60-year-old "company" tenements were made to outshine the beauty of the modern Council houses. Cement, lime, sizes, paint and the gay artificial silk stockings of the village lasses, brought fresh colour at the once drab streets. The assessment committee are not taking advantage of this improvement (?).

The village boasted two canteens, and both enjoyed the shelter of sacred edifices. The educational authorities had strict supervision over the children's dietary; the adult canteen enjoyed a cosmopolitan patronage, and worked under the supervision of a committee, which pleased itself as well as everybody attending it - and the programme instituted by its entertainment committee.

This latter canteen had an awful "bust up" - something over a gibbon. To settle the breach in the harmony required the services of the vice-president of the South Wales Miners' Federation. He first consulted the committee, and found they were properly in the "stew," almost afraid to "stir." They told him the men complained of the menu. A mass meeting was at once proclaimed and the Old School Yard was the scene of the conflict. The complainants were two stout hillmen, and the defendants the whole committee. The Vice-President opened the "Assizes" by declaring that Fochriw was not alone in its canteen squabbles, and he instanced neighbouring places where Cook had had his meet. After outlining how a canteen should be governed, he urged that obedience to the committee was essential - "we must have discipline to carry on the good work." The question of non-unionists being allowed in the canteen altered the phases of the proceedings a little, and the poor non-unionists in the audience quacked in their shoes. The speaker's oratory here was magnificently full of time-worn acrimonious bitterness, and at last the non-unionists were informed that they were privileged to attend the canteens, but under no consideration whatsoever were they to hold office. "The Communal Kitchens are entirely under the control of the Federation, remember that!" "Although money is being subscribed by the public at large, it is the Federation who are in control, remembah!" (The facial contortions over the word "remembah" will never be forgotten). Patience being a virtue that the two hill-men don't possess was the cause of a good many interjections being made; and the situation became as delicate as a cornflour blancmange. The worthy chairman of the canteen then explained the grievances, and being too week-kneed to withstand epithets hurled at him, the vice President of the Federation again took command of the situation. The controversy was based on a genuine grievance, and we soon learn that the only method to cool the broth was by blowing up the Fochriw populace as being the most generous flock. "We in Merthyr and

Dowlais were put to the trouble of purchasing kitchen equipment, but at Fochriw they had no difficulty in borrowing boilers, kettles, etc." Needless to say, the meeting ended in chaos. The only satisfied persons were the two dissentients who were initiated into the clique, and they all lived happily ever after. Few will forget this episode of communal kitchen boilers, and artiste as the vice-president of the Federation is, we feel sure that he wore a Broadway smile when automobiling over the Fochriw mountain that night.

One thing goes to the credit of this communal kitchen canteen. They patronised the local gardeners by purchasing home grown potatoes and vegetables. True, it is, that they bought murphies from Bargoed at so much per ton, and there were no checkweigher's ballots over this stunt. This strike has had its advantages and disadvantages, Mr. Editor, but despite the vigilance of the local Council of Action, no one can say that the good old Merthyr Express didn't turn up.

The strike gave us a carnival or two, umpteen eisteddfods, umpteen whist drives, umpteen competitive concerts, no stop trucks, ridding of packmen, soccer and general sport, cheaper billiards, a drama or two, free coal and herb tobacco, a slight knowledge of what the Miners' Federation of Great Britain never did, a workable knowledge of the greatest Government of modern times, E. P. A. and what it means to abuse it, police in galore, the art of gratitude to those who suffered for us, the jazz note, a few visits from our dear M. P., the theory of intimidation put out of practice, 8 hours - and to most of us - a pay before Christmas after all. Let what may come after may we say. Yours, etc., Pips, Squeaks and Whistles.

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at St Mary's Hall on Monday evening. The vicar was the M. C..

I.O.G.T. The programme was "Unpunctuated Readings." After a very humorous competition, the winners were: English - 1. Bro. W. Rees; 2. Sister C. Thomas; Welsh - 1. Bro. S. Lewis; 2. Sister M. Morgan and Bro. W. Rees.

Concert A Children's Concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening. The following took part: Wynda Evans, Beryl Gittings, Enid Edwards, Maggie Slimmons, Miriam Davies, Marion Gregory, Cynthia Candrick, Eirwen Williams, M. J. Jones, Alfred Dummett, Mr Bert Miller, Mair Williams and party, W. J. Davies and party, banjo selections - Mr B. Miller. Open singing competition: winner, Mary Lewis. Singing competition under 12 - 1. Mary Lewis; 2. Doris Edwards; 3. Phyllis Martin. The adjudicator was Mr C. Ballard. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Man in the Box." The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, H. B. Harris, D. Tyler, W. Thomas, H. Ballard, B. Miller, G. Baldwin.

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

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, Brother Wm. Jones presiding. The programme was a paper of the late Brother Thomas Lewis entitled "Pass it On." Brother Samuel Lewis read the paper.

Concert A Children's Concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Mr. R. J. Price, Miss H. Lewis, C. Lewis, M. Lewis, Doris Edwards, Marion Gregory, Ursula Harris, Enid Edwards, S. A. Jones, Edith Jones, W. J. Davies and party, Miriam Davies, Wynda Edwards, M. Williams. Singing competition - "Will you meet me at the Fountain?" - winner, Miss Mary Lewis. Recitation - Psalm 23 - winner, Miss Doris Edwards. A laughable sketch concluded the programme.

Presentation: Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Aelybryn A very representative gathering assembled at Noddfa vestry on Tuesday, 25th January, to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Aelybryn, who are leaving the district after a stay of about 40 years, to take up residence at Wolverhampton where most of their family now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are natives of Dowlais. Mr. Williams held a very responsible position as clerk to Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds until his retirement a short time ago, and it is no exaggeration to say that he faithfully served both master and man. His total service

under the company amounted to sixty years. They were faithful members of Noddfa Chapel. The presentation, which took the form of a gold watch, cheque and a lady's handbag, had been subscribed to by the inhabitants and friends. The meeting was presided over by Ex-Sergeant Williams. Letters of apology were read from Messrs. Howell R. Jones, Councillor Tudor Davies and Mr. John Bevan. The speakers included Rev. Ieuan Evans, the Rev. Samuel Evans, Mr. Charles Payne, Mr. John Jones, Mr. Wm. Ballard (on behalf of the workmen), Mr. Thomas Evans, and Mr. John Thomas. The presentation of the watch, suitably inscribed, was made in fluent Welsh by Mr. John Thomas, an old veteran of well over three score years and ten; the cheque by Mr. Thomas Evans, also in Welsh; and the handbag, with gold fittings, by Mrs. Ieuan Evans. Each of the presenters paid tribute to the many fine qualities of Mr. & Mrs. Williams. Mr. Williams feelingly responded on behalf of himself and his wife. The musical programme was provided by Mr. James J. Lewis, Miss Margery Lewis and Mr. C. Davies. Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence were the accompanists. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, and the treasurer was Mr. Morgan Morgans (Rising Sun). They were supported by a very strong committee. An appropriate poem was composed by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones for the occasion. [Photographs included. A similar account dated 5 February, 1927.]

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L.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Society was held for at Carmel vestry on Thursday last, Sister C. Ballard presiding. The programme for the evening was a paper on "The life of Richard Price," given by the Rev. John Harris Jones, Deri.

Whist A very pleasant whist drive was held at St Mary's Hall on Monday evening. The Vicar of was the M. C.

Concert A children's concert was held at the Church hall on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Mary Lewis, Eirwen Williams, Miriam Davies, Maggie Slimmons, Enid Edwards, Gwyneth Evans, Edith Jones, Marion Gregory, Sarah Ann Jones, Thelma Thomas, Betty Simpson, Frances Adams, Elfreda Davies, Mattie Jenkins, Nesta Jenkins, Ursula Eirwen Williams. Impromptu speech competition: winner, Miss O. M. Payne. Singing competition under 16: winner, Miss Ursula Harris. A laughable sketch concluded the programme.

Call to the Bar We have a great pleasure in recording yet another step forward in the successful career of one of our neighbours. In the list of members called to the Bar at the Inner Temple on Wednesday, 26th January, appears the name of Mr. Hywel Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Picton House. Mr. Jones studied at Pengam Grammar School, the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, and Lincoln College, Oxford.

A New Play Excellent performances of the new play entitled "The Rider of the White Horse," by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, were given at Noddfa vestry on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, by the Noddfa Dramatic Society. The appreciative audiences ranked the play and performances with the best ever seen at Fochriw. The characters were played by: Mr. Joshua Thomas, Miss Marjorie Lewis, Miss Elvis Phillips, Mr. Thomas John Jones, Mr. Emylyn Evans, Mr. John Roberts, Mr. John Rees Walters, Mr. Albert Edwards, Miss E. Walters, Mr. Tom Thomas, Mr. David George Parry, Mr. Cradoc Thomas, Mr. David G. Paris, Mr. Brin Thomas, Miss Dilys Evans. The stage assistants were: Mr. Robert Thomas, Miss Hilda Phillips, Mrs. Ieuan Evans, and Miss Irene Phillips. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Jenkyn Thomas, and the treasurer was Mr. Gwilym Thomas. The party have been the recipients of endless congratulations for stage arrangements, team work and such a splendid production. This is the second work written by the pastor to be performed at Fochriw. The first was "The Widow's Son." The reverend gentleman's energy has not only brought honours through such able and talented performances, but has also brought him Fellowship of the Victoria College, London, with honours; and given him the right to use the B.Ch. from a well known university.

Billiards: Fochriw v Blackwood Scores: Fochriw 1,561 [T. Angell 200, T. J. Evans 188, J. Jones 155, L. Angell 196, W. A. Jones 99, T. Jones 200, B. Davies 163, S. Jenkins 121]; Blackwood 1,553.

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I.O.G.T. The following took part: Sisters M. Jones and B. Ballard; Bro. S. Lewis.

Noddfa Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by the pastor. An important announcement was made at the evening service which should be interesting to all English speaking people in the locality: an English service will be held next Sunday at six o'clock, when the pastor will deliver an English sermon on the subject "The King's Glory."

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I.O.G.T. The "Star of Fochriw" was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, Sister C. Ballard presiding. The following took part: pianoforte solos, Bro. Walters; solo, C. Ballard; violin solos, Bro. Windsor Rees; pianoforte solos, Sister Beryl Ballard.

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. W. Candrick. Mrs. Howells distributed the prizes.

Co-operative Society A meeting was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, with Mr. W. Jones in the chair. An address was given by Mr. Sam Jennings, who outlined the early stages of the movement to the present day. A musical programme was also given.

Drama On Friday and Saturday, the inhabitants of the district were entertained to a performance of the drama, "The Village Outcast," performed by the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, under the direction of Mr. W. J. Payne. The Vicar presided, and gave an encouraging address each evening. The following took part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Harold B. Harris, T. B. Edwards, Percy Gwynne, W. Curtis, Jack Lawrence, H. Ballard, Crad Ballard, and Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. L. Candrick, Mrs. L. Edwards, and Misses Margaret Edwards, Addie Lawrence, Maggie Morris, Lena Rees, Margaret Harris, Rosie Davies and Sal Evans. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The scene artist was Mr. W. J. Curtis, and the stage attendants Mr. C. Hollister, Mr. C. Payne and Mrs. Gwynne.

“Merthyr Express” 26 February 1927

Musical Successes Congratulations to Miss Margery Lewis and Mr. Griff Morris who were successful at the Brithdir Eisteddfod on Saturday.

Drama The St. Mary's Dramatics Society gave a performance of "The Village Outcast" at Deri on Monday evening.

St. Mary's Hall A whist drive was held on Tuesday evening. Mr. W. Candrick presided.

I.O.G.T. Bro. Thomas Walters presided at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. Sisters B. Ballard, Maggie Thomas, L. Rowlands, L. Evans, Mrs. S. Lewis and Nesta Evans contributed to the programme.

Social The Fochriw Juvenile Choir held a social on Friday evening, organised by Miss Annie Jones, Mrs. S. J. Lewis and Mr. Brinley Richards. Dances, music and side-shows were part of the activities.

Obituary: Mr. T. H. Llewellyn, aged 47 Mr. T. H. Llewellyn, Bristol, late of Fochriw, who passed away suddenly, was well-known and highly respected. Thirteen years ago, he was appointed manager of the Mountain Ash Labour Exchange, and later was promoted to Pontypool Road, and then to Kingswood, Bristol, as finance manager. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery. At Fochriw, a large number joined the procession, and proceeded to Pant. At the graveside, the Rev. Ieuan Evans (Fochriw), the Rev. Rhys Jenkins (Rhymney), and Mr. Broome, Bristol, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mrs. T. H. Llewellyn, widow; Muriel and David, children; Mr. & Mrs. Cyril Llewellyn, son & daughter-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. Richard Evans, sister and brother-in-law; Mr. & Mrs. D. Evans and sons, Mrs. David Evans and son, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law and nephews; Mrs. Catherine Thomas and son, Mrs. Ada Jones and sons, sisters-in-law and nephews; Miss Maggie Thomas, niece; Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Jenkins, Mesdames Price, King, Rees, and Williams, aunts and cousins; Messrs. Willie A. Davies, John Francis, Aneurin Davies, T. Evans, Emlyn Evans, E. Evans, T. Davies, Hab. Morgan, B. Rees, W. Rees, James M. Davies, and W. H. Jones, cousins.

Presentation At Noddfa Vestry, on Tuesday evening, Mr. E. Lewis, late stationmaster at Fochriw, now of Llanbradach, was the recipient of a gold Albert and medal, suitably inscribed, from the G.W.R. staff and friends at Fochriw, to mark the occasion of his departure from Fochriw, after 18 years faithful service. The chairman was the Rev. S. Evans, vicar. Miss Margery Lewis sang "Cartref" in fine style, after which Madame H. C. Davies sang "Glory of the Sea," and "Dear Friends." Mr. W. R. Jones then sang "Mountain Lovers." The presentation was made by Mr. G. R. Williams, relief stationmaster. Mr. Charles Payne spoke of Mr. Lewis's work in the village. The evening was brought to a close by singing "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Miss Margery Lewis. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. S. G. Thomas.

Ambulance Awards Following the presentation to Mr. E. Lewis, the distribution of awards to the G.W.R. ambulance class were made. Compliments were paid to the teacher, Dr. T. S. Evans, and the instructor, Mr. T. Jones. Awards were presented to the following: 1st year: Messrs. S. Brissett, W. E. Davies, W. D. Jones, T. Davies; second year: Mr. D. G. King; medallions; Messrs. J. Thomas, T. J. Jones, W. A. Lewis, P. Jenkins and S. G. Thomas.

A Fochriw Bankrupt: Collier who borrowed £37 from Guardians At Merthyr Bankruptcy Court on Wednesday, Albert Wright, collier, Aelybryn, returned his liabilities at £117 10s. and his assets at £1 16s, and a deficiency of £115 14s 10d. Mr. A. V. Watkins, deputy official receiver said that Mr. Wright owed £37 10s. in groceries, £37 for out-door relief by way of a loan, £24 11s for drapery, the remainder for rent, and 12s for jewellery – a watch which was now broken. Wright stated that he first started to "go behind" during the strike. Mr. Watkins: How much did you receive from the Federation? Wright: 2/6. Wright stated that he borrowed the money from the Guardians to buy furniture, and he owed about £37 on it today.

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Social On Monday, at the Church Hall, the children were entertained to a tea and entertainment. The Vicar and Mrs. Evans, with a band of helpers, worked hard with the little ones. A musical programme was given by Kenneth Price, Amy Jones, Eddie Jones, J. Mills, R. J. Price, P. Martin, Francis Adams, J. Williams and Leonard Jones.

L.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw was held at Carmel vestry last Thursday, the Pontlottyn Lodge entertaining. Brother Lewis proposed, and Brother Payne seconded, a vote of thanks.

Carmel Young People's Guild The meeting on Wednesday was presided over by Miss Mary Griffiths. Mr. Thomas Walters read a paper entitled "With the Great Masters - Beethoven, Mozart and Handel," and illustrated his reading with works on the piano. The meeting concluded with Welsh folk songs by the Guild choirs, this being preparation for St. David's night.

Concert At the Church Hall on Friday, a Children's Concert was held, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: R. J. Price, Willie Johnson, Walter Mummery, Ursula Harris, Ceinwen Lewis, Marion Gregory, Enid Edwards, Lorna Mummery, Hilda Everett, Wyndam Edwards, Mavis Pritchard, Freda Davies, Jessie Llewellyn; duet - Mary Lewis and Goronwy Tyler; quartette - Ursula Harris, Mavis Pritchard, Ceinwen Lewis and Bethune Gregory; singing competition under 16 years - winners - Ursula Harris, Ceinwen Harris and Mavis Pritchard; singing under 10 - Mary Lewis. The adjudicator was Mr. C. Ballard, and the accompanist Mr. Octavius Richards.

St. David's Day This was celebrated at Penybank Council School with recitations, songs and dialogues from the scholars of the infant and senior departments. The school rooms were decorated with drawings of leeks, daffodils and dragons. The headmaster and staff interested the children with stories on the life of St. David and other Welsh Saints. The singing of the Welsh anthem brought a most enjoyable programme to a close. At Fochriw schools, the morning was devoted to special celebrations. The headteacher and staff

deserve praise for their conscientious work throughout the year, and the children for their splendid performances.

Penybank Council School A prize day was held on Wednesday last, when County Councillor W. H. Hopkins presented the prizes for good attendance. Five years: Thomas V. Jones (watch); four years: Idris Williams (football and a pair of shoes); three years: Francis Williams, Leslie Cowles, Ronald Llewellyn, Jane A. Thomas (silver medals); two years: Albert Williams (book); one year: Philip Seaborne, Edgar Mantle, John Pullen, Robert Llewellyn, Marion Evans, Eunice Morris (book). 1st class certificates: Thos. V. Jones, Idris Williams, Francis Williams, Leslie Cowles, Ronald Llewellyn, Jane A. Thomas, Albert Williams, David Strang, Violet Grimmett, Philip Seaborne, Edgar Mantle, John Pullen, Robert J. Llewellyn, Marion Evans, Eunice Morris, Christopher Tyler, Annie Jones; 2nd class: Leslie Mantle, Jessie Llewellyn, Hilda Watkins, Phyllis Addis, Katie Strang; 3rd class: Olwen Morgan, Thomas Davies, George Grimmett, Lemuel Small, Elwyn Davies, Agnes Baker, Ellis Williams. Mr. Samuel Lewis and Mr. Walter Jones congratulated the children and pointed out to the parents the necessity for regular attendance at school. The energetic headmaster, Mr. W Davies, and his staff, were also highly complimented.

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St Mary's Social A "Pancake Day" social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Shrove Tuesday. The event was organised by the Mothers' Union, and was well attended. A whist drive was held at which a large number took part. Afterwards, there was dancing, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence being the accompanist.

Wedding: Morgan-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised on Saturday at St. Mary's Church. The contracting parties were Miss Mary Morgan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Morgan, Pentwyn, and Mr. William J. Jones, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn. The bride, who was dressed in mauve, was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Edna Morgan, her sister, who was also attired in mauve. The best man was Mr. Lewis Jones, brother of the bridegroom. The Vicar officiated. The breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

Drama The Nazareth Dramatic Society performed the drama "The Miser's Daughter," at Nazareth Chapel on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The scenery and stage effects were very good, everything combining to make it one of the best performances this company has given. The part of the miser found a worthy character in Mr. Jack Lawrence, and the miser's daughter was finely portrayed by Miss Addie Lawrence, whose appearance for the first time as a leading actress proved a great success. Others taking part were Mr. Willie Davies, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Griffiths Jones, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mrs. David Lewis, Mr. Charles Budd, Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The stage manager was Mr. David Lewis.

St David's Day At Nazareth chapel on St. David's night, a well attended social and entertainment took place in commemoration of the Patron Saint. The chairman was Mr. Jack Lawrence. The following contributed to the programme: solos - Misses E. M. Pugh, Marion Gregory, Hilda Morris, Mr. Griff Morris; recitations - Bessie Pugh, Mrs. Edith Lewis, Esther Pugh, Griffith Morris; readings - Phyllis Evans, Jack Lawrence; duet - Maggie Slimmons and Jessie Jones; trio - Esther Pugh and friends; duet - Mr. and Mrs. D. Lewis; solos - Douglas Evans and friend, Amy Jones, Ewart Davies; Welsh jig - Adelaide and Eiluned Lawrence; quartette - Mrs. D. Lewis, Miss A. Lawrence, Messrs. W. A. Davis and D Lewis. The singing of the "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Carmel Church Celebration An enjoyable evening was spent on St. David's night when the annual social was held and a special programme arranged by the Guild. The Guild choir rendered Welsh folk songs such as "Llanberis," "Hob y Deri Dando," "Bugrillo Gwenith," and "Aderyn Du Pigflyn." Other items were: pianoforte solo - Miss Nesta Evans; solo "Welsh Melody," Mr. Thomas Walters; dialogue - Messrs. Gomer Evans and Latimer Evans; gramophone selections - Miss Mary Jones; song - Mr. C. Davies;

recitation – Mr. T. Walters; song – Mr. L. Evans; Welsh unpunctuated reading - winner, Mr. Lewis Angell; violin solo - Miss Mary Morgan; dialogue – Messrs. E. M. Davies and T. Walters; song – Mr. Leyshon Rowlands; recitations – Mrs. Ballard Davies and Miss Nesta Jenkins. Mr. S. Jenkins presided.

Memorial Service: Cwm Disaster At the Parish Church of St. Mary's on Sunday, a memorial service was held in memory of the victims of the Cwm Disaster. The Church was well filled and the service was conducted by the Vicar. Touching references were made to the sorrowing families, and also to the heroic men who would risk their lives in the endeavour to rescue their entombed brothers. At close of the service, the organist played the "Dead March" in "Saul." A collection was taken in aid of the Distress Fund I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting. The following took part: readings - Brothers S. Lewis, W. Rees, Sisters Ballard and Evans; solo - Brother Samuel.

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Carmel Young People's Guild The weekly meeting was presided over by Miss Elsie Griffiths. The programme for the evening was "Literature Night," and all members responded by reading or reciting poems from the works of favourite authors.

Pulpit Noddfa: Rev. Ieuan Evans, pastor; Carmel: Rev. J. G. Jones, Dowlais; St. Mary's: Mr. W. J. Payne (morning), Rev. S. Evans, vicar (evening); Nazareth: Mr. D. J. Jones, Trevecca College, Brecon.

St. David's Day Concert: I.O.G.T. Held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last by members and officers of the Star of Fochriw Lodge. Brother S. Lewis, chairman, opened the evening with an address in Welsh, and the whole programme which followed was also in Welsh. The following took part: Sisters Nesta Evans, C. Ballard, M. Cook, M. Jones, B. & C. Ballard, M. Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, Bro. Rees, Sister Morgan and Bro. Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 26 March 1927

Nazareth A very pleasant social took place at the chapel on Thursday evening last. The members of Nazareth Dramatic Society were entertained to supper by the members of the chapel in appreciation of their last successful performance of "The Miser's Daughter," in aid of chapel funds.

In Hospital The many friends of Mr. Edward Price, Master Kenneth Wilton, and Mr. John Bibby, will regret to know that they are in hospital as the results of accidents at the collieries. Also, Mr. Harry Hughes, who is at Rhymney hospital with a fractured thigh.

I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Star of Fochriw was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister C. Ballard presided. Brother Lewis gave two excellent readings.

Obituary It is our painful duty to record the sad death of Mr. James Small, Penybank, who passed away on Sunday evening last at Merthyr General Hospital, where he had been conveyed the same day. He had been ailing for a long time. We also regret to announce the death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas, Aelybryn.

Wedding: Williams-Jones A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's on Saturday. The contracting parties were Mr. Wm. T. Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn, and Miss Catherine Jane Jones, Bedlinog, daughter of Mrs. Jones, and the late Mr. Jones, Bedlinog. The bride was charmingly dressed, and was given away by Mr. Tom Jones, brother. The Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, officiated.

Library Hut Another billiard table has been installed this week at the above hut, making a total of four first-class tables. The committee and officers are doing all in their power to cater for the wants of their members, and it is pleasing to note that the institution is in a flourishing state. The energetic secretary is Councillor Tom Jenkins; Mr. Sam Lewis is the chairman; Mr. David I. Evans the vice-chairman; and Mr. Stephen Ballard the treasurer.

“Merthyr Express” 2 April 1927

St. Mary's On Friday special services were held at St. Mary's in connection with the Mothers' Union. The Vicar officiated. The special preacher in the evening was the Vicar of Penydarren.

Labour Party A meeting in connection with the Labour Party was held at the Library on Monday. The chair was occupied again Mr. E. M. Davies. The speakers were Councillor

W. R. Johns, who had been returned unopposed as a member of the Gellygaer Urban District Council, Mr. T C Morris, national organiser of the Labour Party, Cardiff, and Councillor Jenkins.

Obituary: Mr. James Small, Penybank, aged 29 The funeral of Mr. James Small, Penybank, took place on Saturday. Deceased was 29 years of age. A short service was held at the house, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated. Deceased was a member of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and a number of the brethren assembled to pay their last tribute of respect. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Llewellyn, Henry, Lewis, Lemuel Small (brothers); David Emmings (brother-in-law); Douglas Small (nephew); William, Henry, Philip and James Richards, David Evans (uncles).

Drama On Friday and Saturday, another performance of the drama "Our Old House at Home," by Thomas G. Blake, was given by a well selected party at Carmel Chapel, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Jones, an old veteran in the dramatic world. The performance was a decided success. The following took part: Miss Maria Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Miss Maggie Hannah Williams, Miss Arona Lewis, Misses M. Morgan and N. Evans, Mr. Thos. John Jones, Mr. James Jones, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. T. Jones, Mr. Dan James, Mr. John Morgan. The child's part was well done by Miss Jessie Jones. The stage managers were Mr. W. R. Lewis and Mr. T. Davies. The accompanist was Miss Nesta Evans, and the violinist Miss Mary Morgan. Mr. Thos. Jones must be congratulated on his indefatigable work.

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Noddfa Baptist Church Eisteddfod The Eisteddfod published for April 16th, 1927, has been postponed until May, 21st, 1927.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister C. Ballard presided. The programme was a paper read by Sister S. Lewis entitled "Launch into the Deep." It provoked much discussion.

Musical The Ladies' Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, are busy preparing for competition at Mountain Ash, and Cardiff on Easter Monday. They are a body of excellent singers, and are well trained. The same applies to the Mixed Choir under the conductorship of Mr. James John Lewis. They are competing at Mountain Ash on Monday. We wish them the best of luck.

Carmel Young People's Guild The weekly meeting took place last Wednesday, when Mr. Leyshon Rowlands presided. The programme for the evening was a paper read by Mr. A. Ballard on the subject "Humour." The reader gave a very interesting and delightful account of humour as portrayed by the Jew, Scotchman, Welshman and Irishman, and illustrated them by amusing anecdotes. The evening proved a fine wind-up to the guild sessions.

Social On Saturday last, the Guild held a social to mark the conclusion of the session. A fine programme had been prepared. The chief feature of the evening was a Welsh sketch, in which the following took part: Mr. Willie Morgan, Miss Mary Jones, Miss M. Griffiths, Miss Beryl Ballard. It was a remarkable success. Solos and instrumental selections were next rendered, followed by games, etc. A very enjoyable evening was spent. This augers well for the future of the Guild next year.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held, Sister B. Ballard presiding. The meeting was closed by singing the usual ode.

Obituary: Mr. Tom Lawrence Mr. Tom Lawrence, husband of Mrs. Winnie Lawrence, and son of the late Mr. & Mrs. James Lawrence, passed away with painful suddenness at Port Talbot Hospital, where he underwent an operation. The funeral was for gentlemen only, and there was a large attendance. A short service was held at the house conducted by Rev. Stephens, Port Talbot, and the Rev. J. C. Payne, Cymmer, officiated at the graveside at Port Talbot. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, David, and James Lawrence (brothers); Henry Roberts, Evan Price (brothers-in-law); John Lawrence (cousin); David Jones, Tom Jones, W. Payne and Ed. M. Roberts.

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Success Mr. Griffith Morris was successful at Mountain Ash Eisteddfod in dividing the prize in the tenor solo.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, Sister C. Ballard presiding. The programme was "Question Night."

Mr. Cook's Visit Mr. A. J. Cook, secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain, and Mr. S. O. Davies, vice-president of the South Wales Miners Federation, addressed a well attended meeting at Carmel Chapel on Monday.

St. Mary's Church Good Friday services were held at the Parish Church, the vicar officiating. The Church had been beautifully decorated with a profusion of spring flowers. The celebrant was the vicar. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ.

Ladies Choir Congratulations to the Ladies Choir and their talented conductor, who were successful in winning the first prize at the Cory Hall Eisteddfod, Cardiff, on Easter Monday. The adjudicator paid a glowing tribute to the brilliant accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Obituary The death of Mafanwy Thomas, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomas, Pleasant-view, Fochriw, took place on Wednesday. The funeral was on Saturday. The service was conducted at the house by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn for the internment. Rev. Jenkins again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. D. J. Thomas (father); Mr. Aneurin Thomas (brother); Messrs Job and George Thomas, Aneurin Jones, Daniel Jenkins, M. Lewis, J. Davies, T. Jones (uncles); Aneurin Evans, D. Jenkins, Emlyn, Thomas and Emrys Evans, T. Jenkins, Aneurin Davies, Thomas J. Jones, John Francis, D. Jones, Emlyn and Gwyn Evans, J. I. Morgan.

Pretty Weddings: Thomas-Walters A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Noddfa Chapel, on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. Robert Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor-street, and Miss Walters, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walters, Moore's-row, Fochriw. The ceremony was performed by the Revs. Ieuan Evans, and Esaiiah Williams, Cefn Mawr. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. George Walters. She wore a charming beige morocain dress trimmed with lace, with hat to match, and was attended by Miss Eirwen Walters, niece of the bride, and Miss Gwenda Thomas, sister of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. Caradoc Thomas, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. Joshua Thomas presided at the organ. After the ceremony, the party returned to the bride's home, where the reception was held, attended by a large number of friends and relatives. The bridal pair were the recipients of good wishes and numerous presents. The happy couple then left for Paignton, whether the honeymoon is being spent.

Wedding: Jenkins-Phillips Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, youngest son of Mrs. David Jenkins, and the late Mr. David Jenkins, Martin-street, was married to Miss E. Muriel Phillips, youngest daughter and of Mrs. G. Phillips, and the late Mr. G. Phillips, Grocery Stores, Fochriw, at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Saturday. The bride, who was given away by her sister, Miss Hilda Phillips, wore a white georgette dress, trimmed with sequins and pearls, and was attended by Miss Irene Phillips, her sister, Miss Eirlys Jenkins, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Hettie Williams, Cefnmawr. The best man was Mr. Alfred Jenkins, Taff's Well. The service was conducted by the Revs. Esaiiah Williams, Ieuan Evans and Rhys Jenkins (uncle of the bridegroom). The honeymoon is being spent on the South Coast. The happy couple were the recipients of many and costly presents.

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Protestant Faith Union Meeting The last meeting of the session was held on Thursday night last, Mr. Gwilym John Payne presiding, and he was supported on the platform by Mrs. J. R. Kendrick, Mrs & Miss Olive Way, and the secretary, Mr. Barton. The lecture was given by the Rev W. L. G. Rees, Merthyr Mawr, on "The Revised Prayer Book." The new session will be opened in September next.

Industrial Peace Union Meeting About 40 members of the Fochriw branch of the South Wales Miners' Industrial Union, journeyed to Cardiff on Saturday, and attended the meeting organised by the Industrial Peace Union which was held at the Empire Theatre. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Gooding, chairman of the South Wales Miners' Industrial Union. The principal speakers were J. Havelock Wilson, and J. A. Seddon, ex-chairman, Trades Union Congress. The audience was disappointed at the non-appearance of Mr. A. J. Cook, who had been invited to attend to answer Mr. J. Havelock Wilson's far-flung challenge on the realism of Soviet rule.

Noddfa Baptist Ministers Call The Rev. Ieuan Evans has accepted a unanimous and enthusiastic call to Calfaria, Pontardulais, near Swansea. His eloquence in both English and Welsh has made him a popular preacher throughout the Rhymney Valley. Both his dramas, "The Widow's Son" and "The Rider of the White Horse," met with huge success. During the strike Mr. Evans was in constant demand as a conductor and adjudicator at various eisteddfodau in aid of the local canteens. For two years he has taught the Welsh, Elocution and Dramatic Art classes under the Glamorgan Education Committee. He holds a degree from a prominent university, the Fellowship of the Victoria College, and also the diploma, Licentiate of the Victoria College of Music. His tune, entitled "Tabernacle," was sung at the annual singing festival, Aberystwyth, in 1923, and "Noddfa" recently appeared in "The Darian." Mr. Evans was author of the "History of Nonconformity in North Cardigan," which also appeared in one of the London and Wales papers in 1923. The reverend gentleman intends commencing in his new sphere at the beginning of June. His ministry has been much appreciated by Noddfa Church, which holds its pastor in the highest esteem. With sorrow do his flock think of his departure. All wish Mr. Evans still greater success at Pontardulais.

Departure To celebrate the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Morgan from the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, for the Cambrian Hotel, Bridgend, a social was held last Thursday evening, when ex-Sergeant Williams presided. A good company were present. The Rising Sun Inn had been occupied by the Morgan family for over 68 years, and no one could find fault with the manner in which the house had been conducted. Addresses were given by Mr. John Thomas, Brook-row (in Welsh), and by Messrs. C. Taylor, Alf Millar, Evan Jones, J. J. Lewis (Ap Morlais), Bert Lewis, R. Slimmons, Ernest Jones, David Davies, and Inspector Ted Roberts. They wished the family well in their new home.

St. Mary's Hall A whist drive was held up at the above Hall on Monday evening, the duties of M.C. being ably carried out by Mr. Bryn Price.

South Wales Miners' Industrial Union A strong branch of the above Union has been formed at Fochriw, and the number of people on the books is well over 100 already. For the convenience of miners wishing to join, contributions are taken every fortnight (Saturday night at 6:30p.m.) at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. The officials of the branch are: Mr. Mordecai Evans, chairman; Mr. Edward Thomas, treasurer; Mr. Stanley Jones, The Villas, secretary.

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Whist A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening last. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. W. Candrick.

Obituary Mr. George Janes, well-known to Fochriw, where he resided with his family some years ago, was laid to rest on Saturday last at Brithdir Cemetery. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Seth James (blacksmith), who was well-known in the district. We send our sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday, Sister C. Ballard presiding. Brothers L. & G. Evans were responsible for programme. The following took part: solos, Brother Latimer Evans; pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; solo, Brother Leyshon Rowlands; pianoforte solo, Sister Nesta Evans; recitation, Brother Gomer Evans; dialogue, Brothers L. & G. Evans.

In Hospital Quite a number of local people are at Merthyr General Hospital owing to accidents and illnesses. They include Mr. Willie Whitby, Mr. Bertie Jones, Mr. E. Lewis, Mr. T. Shankland, Mr. E. Price, Mr. J. Bibby, Mr. K. Wilton, and Miss Doris Thomas.

Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery. The inhabitants of the village will have an opportunity soon to show their appreciation of this noble institution, when they will be asked to buy a Forget-me-not. Shall the patients suffer? A thousand times No! Then let us all be up and doing, and have for Saturday, 14th May, the motto, Forget-me-not, pinned on.

Fochriw Vestry: A Splendid Year's Progress Reported On Wednesday evening, the Easter Vestry was held at St. Mary's Church, the vicar, Rev. Samuel Evans, presiding. He was supported by Mr. Charles Payne and Mr. W. J. Payne (churchwardens), and Mr. T. B. Edwards (parochial secretary). The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne, and were most satisfactory. The retiring churchwardens were re-elected, and Councillor John Edwards, Deri, was re-elected churchwarden for St Peter's, Deri. The Vicar reviewed the work of the past year, which was most satisfactory despite the effects of the strike. He mentioned particularly, the beautiful stained-glass that had been erected in the West end of the Church due to the efforts of the Mothers' Union, which was such a power for good within the parish. He thanked all those he had worked for the Church during the past year, including the Dramatic Society. Members of the Parochial Council were re-elected. The People's Warden, in moving a vote of thanks to the vicar, wished to mention in particular the magnificent work of Mrs. Evans, who spared no efforts, always giving her best to the work of the Church. A very happy meeting was closed in prayer.

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Musical Congratulations to Miss Nesta Evans, Aelybryn, who was successful at the recent London College of Music Examination, intermediate level.

St. Mary's Hall A very successful whist drive was held at the Hall on Monday last. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. T. B. Edwards.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday, Brother Samuel Lewis presiding. The programme for the evening was "Juveniles Entertaining," the following taking part: Mona Ballard, Marion Gregory, Mavis Pritchard, James Lewis, Bethune Gregory, William Walters, Rosie Williams, Phyllis Davies, Megan Morris.

Concert A first class concert was held at Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening by the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, and local artistes. Both choir and artistes were in excellent form, and a really enjoyable evening was spent. To open the programme, the Choir sang "My Love dwelt in a Northern Land." The other items were: solo, Miss Agnes Cook; recitation Miss Nesta Evans; solo, Mr. W. A. Davies; solo, Madame H. C. Davies; solo, Mr. Claerwyn Davies; Choir "Song of the Pedlar" "Snow," "Annie Laurie." The chairman was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, and the accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The concert was brought to a close with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

“Merthyr Express” 21 May 1927

Hospital Day Last Friday, a number of ladies were busy in disposing of Forget-me-nots in the aid of the Merthyr General Hospital.

The New Union On Saturday evening, a meeting of the above was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, presided over by Mr. Mordecai Evans. A very fine address was given by Mr. Drew of Glasgow, who dwelt on the aims and objects of the new union, in a very able manner.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening. There was a large attendance. The duties of M.C. were carried out in a very able manner by Mr. Crad Ballard.

I.O.G.T. A very pleasant meeting was held at Carmel vestry by members of the Star of Fochriw last Thursday. Sister C. Ballard took the chair and the following took part: solo, Brother Latimer Evans; pianoforte solo, Sisters Nesta Evans; solo, Brother Samuel Evans; reading, Sister Lewis; folk dance, Sisters Mary L. Thomas and Beryl Barnard; pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters.

Concert A first class concert was given at Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening by the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas, A.C.. They were

assisted by eminent artistes. Ex-Sergeant Williams was the chairman. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Madame H. C. Davies, Miss Dorothy Thomas, Messrs. James J. Lewis, E. J. Jenkins; elocutionist, Miss Flossie Jones. The choirs sang the following items: "My Love dwelt a Northern Land," "Song of the Pedlar," "Come, Rosy Morn," "Duncan Grey," and "Can yr Eos." The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M.. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Walter Jones, seconded by Mr. W. J. Angel, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Mother's Union Supper At St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, the annual supper in connection with the St. Mary Branch of the Mothers' Union was held. The hall had been tastefully decorated with the colours of the Mothers' Union,. The tables were laden with good friends, and about fifty sat down. In the unavoidable absence of the vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne presided. A musical evening followed, both old and young taking part. A whist competition formed part of the programme. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a happy meeting to a close.

"Merthyr Express" 28 May 1927

Obituary It is our painful duty this week to record the death of Miss Doris Thomas, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row, who passed away on Sunday last at Merthyr General Hospital after a very painful illness.

Male Voice Party Under the able conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angel, the Male Voice Party are again preparing for competition at Merthyr on Whit Tuesday, in the aid of the Hospital. All old members of the party, and others interested, are asked to attend a practice on Sunday afternoon next.

Merthyr General Hospital: Annual Meeting The annual meeting in connection with the Hospital was held at the Old Library on Wednesday evening last, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Angel. A report on the work of the hospital was given by Mr. W. J. Payne, who was elected a member of the Executive Board. Mr. Howell Thomas was elected a governor.

I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting. The programme was one of short readings given by the following: Sisters Mary Jones, Mary Thomas, and Beryl Ballard.

Keen Eisteddfod at Noddfa Baptist Chapel A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Saturday. The arrangements were well carried out, and reflected great credit on the officers and committee. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Fochriw; literature, Rev. Ieuan Evans, Fochriw; prize bags, Mrs. Evans, Bryn, and Mrs. Williams, Ivor House. The accompanists were Mr. W. Lawrence, and Mr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. John Bevan was the able conductor. The following were the prize winners: girls solo under 12: Mary Lewis, Pentwyn; boys solo under 12: Granville Bowen, Bargoed; recitation under 12: Winnie Evans and Katie Thomas; girls solo under 16: M. Probert, Bargoed; boys solo under 16: Douglas Bowen, Bargoed; recitation under 16: Myra Evans, Dowlais; pianoforte solo under 11: K. Parfitt, Aberbeeg; pianoforte solo under 13: M. Gill and R. Wheeler; pianoforte solo under 16: M. Williams, Abertillery; essay upon St Paul: Mr. W. T. Davies, Rhymney; open recitation: Stewart Prosser, Abertillery; soprano solo: Miss Margery Lewis, Fochriw; contralto solo: Madame Davies, Blackwood; tenor solo: Mr. Griff Morris, Fochriw; bass solo: Messrs. Claerwyn Davies, Fochriw and G. Isaac, Nantyglo; duet: Dilys and Douglas Bowen, Bargoed; champion solo: Mr. Claerwyn Davies, Fochriw; Children's Choir: Deri; prize bag: Miss Rosie Davies.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held last Thursday, Sister Ceinwen Ballard presiding. The programme was given by Sisters Maggie Thomas, Ceinwen Ballard and Mary Jones.

Nazareth The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. R. W. Davies, Rhymney, preached edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

Musical Both the Ladies' Choir and the Male Voice Party will be competing at the Hirwaun and Merthyr Eisteddfodau on Whit Tuesday. We wish them success.

St. Mary's Hall A whist drive was held at this Hall on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. W. J. Payne.

Funeral: Miss Doris Thomas, Brook-row, aged 18 The funeral of the late Miss Doris Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row, took place on Thursday. Deceased was only 18 years of age. She was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house before the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn. Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Jenkin Thomas, father; Messrs. Tom, D. J. and Bryn Thomas, brothers; Mr. Thomas Evans, grand father; Mr. J. Evans, uncle; Messrs. John and David Thomas, M., R., E., and J. Meyrick, John, William, James, Thomas, David and William Evans, T. J. Mathews, T. Powell, uncles; Dan Meyrick, Eddie Price, and Dan Williams, cousins.

"David, the Shepherd Boy" The inhabitants of Fochriw were entertained to a rich musical treat on Saturday evening by the Salem Choir, Bedlinog, at the Church Hall, under the able conductorship of Mr. Philip Watkins. They produced "David, the Shepherd Boy," to a most appreciative audience. The choir was in excellent form and showed careful training. In the unavoidable absence of the vicar owing to illness, Mr. Charles Payne presided.

"Merthyr Express" 11 June 1927

Outing The members and children of the three chapels - Carmel, Noddfa, and Nazareth - journeyed by special train to Barry Island on Wednesday, where a very happy time was spent.

Obituary It is our painful duty this week to record the sad death of Mr. Arthur Gough, Brook-row, who passed away after a painful illness at Merthyr General Hospital on Sunday morning. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Musical Congratulations to Madame H. C. Davies, who carried off premier honours at the Hirwaun Eisteddfod in the open contralto solo. The Ladies' Choir took second prize in a keen competition.

Concert At Carmel chapel on Sunday evening, a concert was held under the auspices of the Male Voice Party, before a very appreciative audience. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The party rendered the following choruses: "Charge of the Light Brigade," "Crossing of the Plain," "Poor Old Joe" and "The Darkies' Reverie." Solos were rendered in fine style by Mr. W. A. Davies, Mr. Claeuwyn Davies and Mr. Griff Morris. The accompanists were Mr. James Thomas and Mr. Thomas Walters. A vote of thanks to choir and artistes was proposed by Mr. Thomas Walters, seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh.

"Merthyr Express" 18 June 1927

Mothers' Union A large number of the members of St. Mary's Church Branch of the Mothers' Union, journeyed to London on Tuesday morning. They visited the Mary Sumner House, and a service at St. John's Church, Westminster. Several places of interest were also visited.

Whist Drive A very pleasant whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The duties of M.C. were well carried out by Mr. Crad Ballard.

Special Meetings The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well-attended. The services were inspiring and edifying. Sermons were preached by Professor D. Miall Edwards, Brecon. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies and Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent by the members of the Star of Fochriw at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister B. Ballard took the chair. The programme for the evening was as follows: solo, Brother Latimer Evans; topical talk, "The Oak Tree;" readings, Brothers Charles Payne and Windsor Rees.

Obituary: Mr. Arthur Gough, Brook-row The funeral of Mr. Arthur Gough took place on Friday last. Deceased was a very old and highly respected inhabitant of the village, and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Vicar, who also officiated at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief

mourners were: Mr. S. J. Gough, son; Masters C. D. Lewis and S. Lewis, grandsons; Mr. R. Young (Hereford), Mr. T. Peters (Rhymney), sons-in-law.

Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes A very interesting ceremony took place at the Lodge Room of the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday evening, when Brothers H. O. Goddard, W. J. Davies, J. Lloyd Jones and D. J. Davies were raised to the second degree. The ceremony was performed by Kt. Edwin Vaughan, the P. G. P. of the Merthyr province.

The many friends of Brother J. Evans, Guest-street, who has been sent to "Woodford," Weston-super-Mare, (the R.A.O.B. Convalescent Home), to regain his health, wish him a speedy recovery.

"Merthyr Express" 25 June 1927

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday. The M.C. was Mr. E. Jones

Off to New Zealand Mr. and Mrs. David Price and their family of seven children left for New Zealand on Thursday. Mrs. Price is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Martin-street, and Mr. Price is a native of Deri.

I.O.G.T. Sister C Ballard presided over the weekly meeting at Carmel on Thursday. Short papers were read by the following members: Sister M. Morgan, Brothers Lawrence and Henry Thomas.

Obituary Sympathy is extended to Mr. Hywel Jones, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Picton House, in his recent sad bereavement in the loss of his wife, after a painful illness, who passed away of the home of her parents in Aberystwyth.

Successes At the last County Scholarship examinations recently held, splendid results were obtained by the scholars of Fochriw and Penybank Schools. The following have qualified for free scholarships: Fochriw School: (a) Candidates who received 60% and were exempt from the oral examination - William D. Howell, 147 marks; Lilian Morris, 145; Mona Ballard, 140; Vernon Davies, 129; Elizabeth C. Pugh, 124; (b) Candidates who received 50% and who were called for oral examination - Philip D. Isaac, 227 marks; Idris E. Howells, 201; Mervyn Evans, 201. Penybank Council School - the following qualified for scholarships - George K. Morris; Hilda Watkins; Mair Williams. Gwyn Mantle was also called up for the oral examination.

"Merthyr Express" 2 July 1927

In Hospital The friends of Mrs. Edna Angell, will regret to know that she is at Merthyr General Hospital where she has undergone is very serious operation. All join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Total Eclipse Hundreds of people from around the districts assembled on the high mountain tops, which were such excellent points for witnessing the eclipse in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. In a debate on "Is dress an index of character?" Sister Lewis took the affirmative, and Brother Sam Lewis and negative. The latter was carried by 15 votes to 5. Both Brother and Sister Lewis were thanked for doing their work so well.

Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, Mr. C. Ballard being the M.C.

Merthyr Bankruptcy Court Thomas Jones, a miner, and who for some time kept the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, Fochriw, was represented by Mr. W. G. Batterbee, Bargoed.. He said his liabilities were £321 13s 1d, his assets £18 10s, and his deficiency £303 3s 3d. He owed £89 to brewers, £59 borrowed from a relative to pay rates and licence fees, £19 10s to the Guardians, and £149 for groceries. He had paid £118 in going for the public house. He had served in the Great War, had contracted malaria, and still suffered from the effects of it.

"Merthyr Express" 9 July 1927

I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting. Brother Latimer Evans read a paper on "The Influence of the Star of Fochriw." Brother Gomer Evans also gave an excellent reading on the subject "Friends."

St. Mary's Church The pulpit of the Church was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. W. Pontin, Rhymney, who delivered a very striking sermon on behalf of the church schools in the Llandaff diocese. The Vicar, who has been ill, also took part in the service.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, Mr. W. J. Payne being the M.C.

Ladies' Choir The Ladies' Choir under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas, A.C., achieved a brilliant success at the Pontypridd semi-National Eisteddfod on Thursday, carrying off premier honours out of a competition of 11 choirs drawn from all parts of Wales. The test pieces were, "My Love dwelt in a Northern Land," and "The Song of the Pedlar." The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M.

"Merthyr Express" 16 July 1927

St. Mary Church On Tuesday evening, the Mother's Union were addressed by Rev. G. Pritchard, Gilfach.

Chess There are not many chess players in Fochriw, but a Chess Club is being started due to the enterprise of Messrs. Hollister, Curtis and Powell. The headquarters will be Pen Pwlla.

I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard presided over the weekly meeting. An impromptu speech competition was held, Sister Lewis being the adjudicator. Sister C. Ballard was the winner.

Obituary The death has occurred of Master Gwyn Williams, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Dynevor-street. Deceased met with an accident some three years ago, but was very cheerful to the last.

Miners' Meeting Mr. Ben Roberts, miners' secretary, addressed a small meeting of miners on Sunday last, and dealt with the much needed re-organisation scheme of the South Wales Miners' Federation. The village, which is a stronghold of Nonconformity, always deplors these Sunday meetings, as was evidenced by the sparse attendance.

Personal Mr. Trevor Lawrence, son of Mr. John Lawrence, Glyn-terrace, has been successful in gaining admittance to the South Wales Training College, Carmarthen, where he will study with a view to obtaining the Board of Education teaching certificate. He will go into residence on October 8th.

Industrial Peace Union Through the persistent efforts of Mr. Lloyd Jones, there is every likelihood of a branch of the Union being established in the village. The objects of this Union are, in short, to promote loyalty, patriotism, fellowship, self-sacrifice and service. Further information can be obtained from Mr. Lloyd Jones.

In Hospital We regret to record that one of the social leaders of the village, in the person of Mr. W. J. Payne, has been admitted to Merthyr General Hospital suffering from a serious internal complaint. We are pleased to report that Miss Edna Angell is now on the road to a rapid recovery.

South Wales Miners' Industrial Union A well-attended meeting of the Union was held at Pentwyn on Saturday, when a resolution was passed congratulating Mr. W. Gooding, Ynysddu, on his appointment as secretary of the Union, which was formed in London on Friday. Mr. Gooding is chairman of the South Wales Miners', and those who attended that memorable rally of patriots at Cardiff on 24th April last, know what a capable speaker and sterling fighter Mr. Gooding is. Evidently, he is the "man for the job."

St. Mary's Hall A social evening and presentation took place at the Hall on Tuesday evening for Mr. W. Candrick, Mrs. Candrick and family, on the occasion of their departure for Tasmania. The Vicar made the presentation which took the form of purse of money placed in a hand-made bag which had been made and given by Miss Rosie Davies. Rev. Evans spoke very highly of Mr. and Mrs. Candrick, and he also voiced the feelings of all present, in wishing them and their family God-speed. Mrs. Candrick feelingly responded. Miss Margery Lewis gave a solo. During the evening there was a whist drive.

"Merthyr Express" 23 July 1927

I.O.G.T. Sister C. Ballard took the chair. The following took part in the programme: solo, Brother Sam Lewis; reading, Sister B. Ballard; solo, Brother Thomas Walters; reading and recitation, Sister M. Morgan.

Funeral: Master Gwyn Williams, Dynevor-street, aged 14 The funeral of Master Gwyn Williams took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased was 14 years of age. The Rev. Ieuan Evans, late Baptist minister at Fochriw, officiated. The principal mourners were: Tom Williams, father; R. Roderick, John Williams, Alan Williams, Rees Jones, D. Jones, uncles.

“Merthyr Express” 30 July 1927

Off to Tasmania Mr. & Mrs. Candrick and family left Fochirw on Friday, and sailed from Tilbury Dock on Saturday morning.

Ladies' Choir The Ladies' Choir are busy rehearsing for the Carmarthen contest on Bank Holiday Monday.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sis. C Ballard presided. The programme was a miscellaneous one, the following taking part: pianoforte solo, Bro. Thomas Walters; reading, Sis. Jones on "Character;" solo, Sis. Ceinwen Ballard; solo, Bro. W. Walters; reading, Sis. Thomas; solos, Sis. Walters and Bro. Walters.

St. Mary's Hall On Thursday last, the annual Sunday school tea took place and was very well attended. The tables were beautifully decorated with all good things, and prayers were offered by the Rev. Morgan, Pontlottyn, in the absence of the vicar who is on holiday. After tea, sweets were distributed amongst the scholars.

“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1927

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday last, and was well attended. Mr. W. Brangwynne was M.C. Winners: Ladies - 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. L. Bishop; Gents - 1. Mr. D. Way, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock-out: Miss W. Baldwin and W. Davies.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, Sister Ceinwen Ballard presiding. The election of officers took place and the following were appointed: chief Templar, Brother Thomas Walters; secretary, Brother Windsor Rees; assistant secretary, Sister Beryl Ballard. Brother Payne gave an excellent report of the district meeting. The programme for the evening was "Gleanings on the Quarter's Work." It was an excellent evening, and caused much discussion.

Wedding: Jenkins-Cook A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Leonora Jenkins, daughter of Mrs. Jenkins, and the late Mr. David Jenkins, Martin-street, and Mr. Raymond Cook, Deri. The bridesmaids were Miss Eirlys Jenkins, sister of the bride and Miss Sarah Cook, sister of the bridegroom. The bride, who looked very pretty, was given away by Mr. Tom Jenkins, her brother, and the bridegroom was attended by Mr. Harry Cook. The bride and bridesmaids looked charming in dresses of beige crepe de chine and georgette, with white crinoline hats. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's mother. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, and also the good wishes of a large number of friends.

Ladies' Choir: Major Success Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed on the return of the Ladies' Choir from Glynderwen, Carmarthen, on Monday night, where they had been successful in winning the first prize of £25 and a beautiful challenge cup out of the competition of 10 choirs. The adjudicator paid a glowing tribute to the Fochriw Choir. He said they had given a magnificent rendering, and awarded them 95 marks. A very high compliment was paid their brilliant conductor, Mr. D. J. Thomas, A.C., who had brought his choir to such a fine stage of perfection. On his return on Monday night, he was carried shoulder high amidst the cheers of his admirers. Since the formation of the choir a few years ago, they have made wonderful strides in the musical circle, having obtained several first prizes, and we predict still greater honours await them. Their singing is well worthy of National honours; we hope soon to see them - if they remain loyal to their conductor and faithful to their practices - winning still greater honours. A

word of praise is due to the energetic secretary, Mr. Gwilym Thomas, who is untiring in his work; to the brilliant accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence; to Miss Thomas, president; to Mrs. W. J. Payne, chairman; Mrs. Aneurin Jones, treasurer; and an excellent committee. Also, to Mr. W. Davies, stationmaster, who is always so ready to do all in his power in the matter of train facilities for the welfare of the place.

“Merthyr Express” 13 August 1927

Success All friends of Mr. Griff Morris wish to congratulate him on his success at the Troedyrhiw Fete and Gala in dividing the first prize in the open novice solo out of seven competitors.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on the Thursday, when the Bedlinog Lodge entertained.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones; 2. Miss E. Wood; Gents: 1. Mr. D. Jones; 2. Mr. S. Jones. Knock-out: Mr. D. Way and Mr. P. Gwynne.

“Merthyr Express” 20 August 1927

In Hospital The many friends of the following who are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital wish them a speedy recovery: Mrs. Goddard, Miss Edna M. Angell, Messrs. Morgan Parry, Emlyn Evans, and Masters Edred Jones and Douglas Pope.

St Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C Ballard was M.C. Prize winners: Mr. W. Davies, Miss R. Davies, Mr. S. Bishop and Mr. Stevenson. Knock out: Messrs. W. Davies and C. Ballard.

Sympathy General sympathy is extended to the late conductor of the Male Voice Party, Mr. W. J. Angell, who is unable to continue his duties owing to the serious illness of his daughter. The energetic secretary, Mr. James Gregory, is doing all in his power for the good of the party, as is the accompanist, Mr. James Thomas.

Wedding: Griffiths-Games On Sunday morning, at St. Mary's Church, a very pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Edith Griffiths, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Griffiths, Aelybryn, and Mr. William Games, Pontlottyn. The bride looked charming in a rose coloured dress trimmed with beige, and a cream hat to match. She was given away by her father, and Mr. D. Games, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Williams, Pontlottyn. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence played the Wedding March. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

Wedding: Rowlands-Davies Another pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Monday. The bride was Miss Edith May Rowlands, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, and the bridegroom Mr. William Angel Davies, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Guest-street. The bride was prettily attired in a beige georgette dress and hat to match. She was given away by her father, and Mr. James Davies, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The officiating minister was the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Goshen, Rhymney. Amongst the large number of presents received was one from the staff and children of the Penybank Council School, at which the bride was a teacher for seven years. Mr. Davies is on the staff of the Tirphil school. The happy couple left with the good wishes of many friends for Torquay, whether the honeymoon is being spent.

“Merthyr Express” 27 August 1927

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were carried out by a Mr. W. Brangwynne. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. T. Watkins, 2. Mrs. Raymond; Gents: 1. Mr. L. Small, 2. Mr. W. Morgan. Knock-out: Miss Lena Rees and Mr. W. Morgan.

I.O.G.T. The programme was a musical evening, Brother Latimer Evans being responsible. The following took part: address, Brother Evans; pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; solo, M. Shankland; violin solos, W. Rees; solo, Brother L. Rowlands.

Male Voice Success Congratulations to the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under the able conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, who were successful in winning the first prize at the Markham Eisteddfod on Saturday last. The test piece was "Crossing the Plain." The choir intend giving a first class complementary concert in the near future as a token of

respect to their conductor and accompanist. The officers of the party are: Mr. Thomas Evans, vice-chairman; Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman; Mr. J. Gregory, secretary; Mr. John Phillips, treasurer; Mr. Thomas Walters, conductor; Mr. James Thomas, accompanist. They are assisted by an energetic committee.

“Merthyr Express” 3 September 1927

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were carried out by a Mr. Willie Davies. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Sybil Gwynne, 2. Mrs. B. Price; Gents: 1. Mr. Webster, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock-out: Mr. & Mrs. Webster.

M.P.'s Visit Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P. for the Caerphilly division, addressed a well attended meeting at the Old Reading Room on Tuesday. The chairman was Councillor Tom Jenkins. Mr. Jones spoke for an hour and a half on current topics, and at the close, questions were asked and answered satisfactorily.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Brother Thomas Walters presiding. The programme was "Impromptu Addresses," all members taking part. It was an excellent competition, and created much amusement. Brother J. Johnson was the winner with an address on "Milk." Sister Lewis was the adjudicator.

Wedding: Edwards-Evans A wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday, the vicar officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Sophia Edwards, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Deri, and Mr. Harold Games Evans, Talgarth.

I.O.R. A tea party in connection with the Juvenile Tent of the Blodeuyn Dirwest (I.O.R.) was held at the Old Reading Room on Saturday. The tea was preceded by a procession through the village of the members of the Adult and Juvenile Tents and members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge (I.O.G.T.) who had been invited to attend. The Deri Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. William Powell, headed the procession. The following were the tray holders and helpers: Mrs. Sam Lewis, Miss Bessie Ballard, Mrs. Tom Jenkins, Mrs. R. Parry, Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. James Lawrence, Mrs. R. Pugh, Miss Muriel Jones, Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. H. Morgan, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mr. David Evans and Mr. Edward Parry.

“Merthyr Express” 10 September 1927

Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of the Miss Edna M. Angell, Glyn-terace, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital on Tuesday, after a very painful illness.

I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided. The programme was arranged by Brother Gomer Evans. The following took part: pianoforte solo, Brother T. Walters; reading, Brother I. Davies; solo, Brother L. Evans; violin solo, Sister Mary Morgan; reading, Sister B. Ballard; pianoforte solo, Sisters N. Evans.

Nursing Success Congratulations to Miss Lydia Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Cumpstone, Aelybryn, who has passed the Final State Examination in General Nursing and is now a State Registered Nurse. Nurse Cumpstone was trained at the National Hospital, London, and also at the Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Scholastic Successes Hearty congratulations to Masters Enoch Lewis, Windsor Rees, Misses Mary L. Thomas, Addie Lawrence, Eiluned Lawrence, pupils of Bargoed Secondary School, who succeeded in passing their Central Welsh Board Examination. Enoch Lewis and Windsor Rees matriculated, as did Miss Crisley Sibley, a pupil at Hengoed County School.

“Merthyr Express” 17 September 1927

I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of Lodge. The programme was a competition on the hymn by Francis Havengal, "Take my life and let it be." After a keen competition, the prize was divided between Sisters C. Thomas and Beryl Ballard.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The M.C. was Mr. Gardiner. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss Gwenda Thomas, 2. Mrs. Sullivan; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mr. W. M. Davies. Knock-out: Mrs. Stewart Jones and Mr. J. Bishop.

Funeral: Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, Martin-street, aged 70 The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Davies took place on Monday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had been ailing for a number of years, but bore her sufferings patiently. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rhymney, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was seventy years of age and she leaves a grown-up family to mourn her loss. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John E. Davis, David Davies, sons; David Edwards, Albert Cronk, Albert H. Simpson, sons-in-law; Taliesin Shankland, Aneurin Shankland, brothers; E. Davis, D. J. Davies, Owen Jenkins, Alfred Angell, brothers-in-law; Terence Simpson, Cecil Cronk, David Edwards, grandsons; T. J. Shankland, D. J. Shankland, C. Shankland, J. Cole, Willie Davies, Burkley Davies, John Davies, James Jones, D. J. Davies, M. Shankland, W. J. Lewis, E. Lewis, Clifford Lewis, nephews.

Wedding: Cook-Griffiths The marriage took place on Saturday at Bethania Chapel, Dowlais, of Mr. Willie Cook, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cook, Aelybryn, and Miss Mary Griffiths, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Griffiths, Glyn-terrace. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a gentian blue dress, trimmed with silver lace and beads, with crinoline hat and shoes to match. She was attended by Miss Elsie Griffiths, her sister, who was dressed in beige rose, with hat to match. Iris Jones, niece of the bride, acted as a flower girl, and was dressed in a blue dress trimmed with Ecru-lace, and wore a Victorian style hat to match, and carried a bunch of sweet peas and asters. The Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rhymney, officiated. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Bob Rees. Others who attended the ceremony were Mr. Willie Cook, father of the bridegroom, Mr. Wm. Mantle, Mr. Trevor Davies and Mr. Ambrose Jones. After the ceremony, the happy couple left by car, the honeymoon being spent in Somersetshire. The bride's travelling dress was a beige dress with a navy Ottoman repp coat trimmed with cow, with green shaded hat to match. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

Obituary: Miss Edna May Angell On Saturday last, the funeral of the late Miss Edna May Angell, only daughter of Mr. W. J. Angell, and the late Mrs. Gwen Angell, took place. Deceased was a faithful member of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, and the choir sang "Jesu, Gentle Saviour" before the cortege left the house. The ladies choir and the male voice party then combined under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, and sang well-known hymns on the route to Pentwyn Churchyard, where the interment took place, the Rev. R. D. Jenkins officiating. At the close of the service, the male voice party sang "Sleep thy last sleep," which was most impressive. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. J. Angell, father; Willie and Lewis Angell, brothers; Ishmael Harris, B. Angell, W. Thomas, E. Davies, J. Davies, James Davies, David L. Jones, Walter Jones, Evan Jones, Thomas Evans, W. Jones, John M. Evans, W. J. Jones, uncles; W. Angell, B. Angell, T. Angell, H. Thomas, W. Thomas, G. Thomas, B. Davies, W. A. Davies, J. Davies, D. L. Evans, H. Evans, T. J. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, L. Evans, O. Evans, L. Evans, J. H. Evans, W. Davies, W. J. Angel, D. J. Davies, H. Davies, J. L. Jones, Rod Jones, R. Parry, James Jones, James Davies, D. J. Davies, T. Wathan, B. Watahn, B. Jones, G. Smith, D. Morris, Masters R. Jones, G. Jones.

"Merthyr Express" 24 September 1927

Personal The many friends of Miss Ceinwen Thomas and Mr. Daniel Jones were glad to hear of their appointment as certified teachers to Pontlottyn Girls' and Boys' School.

In Hospital The many friends of Miss Rachel Harris, Mr. D. J. Rees, Mr. George Evans and Master Edred Jones, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. W. Brangwynne was M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Watkins, 2. Mr. W. Way; Gents: 1. Mr. Tudor Jones, 2. Mr. T. Jones. Knock-out: Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jones.

I.O.G.T. The Lodge met at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Brother Thomas Walters presiding. The following took part: solo, Bro. T. Walters; chapter, Sis. May Thomas;

pianoforte solo, Bro. Walters; recitations, Willie Walters; mandoline solo, Bro. Henry Thomas; solo, Sister Walters; reading, Bro. H. Thomas; monologue, Bro. Walters; duet, Bro. and Sis. Walters.

Institute Quite up-to-date renovations have taken place at the Hut and Institute The whole building has been repainted, and an up-to-date heating apparatus installed. Also, two ventilators have been fixed which have added greatly to the comfort of the many frequenters. It is equipped with four first-class billiards tables, and a fine assortment of books and papers are available. The caretaker, Mr. Evan Jones, is very energetic in his care of the building. The officers are: chairman, Mr. Sam Lewis; vice chairman, Mr. David I. Evans; secretary, Coun. Tom Jenkins; treasurer Mr. Stephen Ballard. There is also a very interested committee.

“Merthyr Express” 1 October 1927

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Rev. S. Evans was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. T. Jones, 2. Mr. H. Ballare; Gents: 1. Mr. G. Smith, 2. Mr. Winstone. Knock-out: Mr. E. Jones and Mr. H. Ballard.

Lecture On Tuesday, at Nazareth Chapel, an edifying and instructive lecture was given by Dr. Phillips, Tylorstown, the subject of his lecture being "America - its people and their ideals." The chapel was well filled and the lecturer was in brilliant form.

Male Voice Party The party, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., has been busy this weekend competing at the Abertysswg and Oakdale Eisteddfodau. Although not successful, they gave excellent performances, and have added greatly to their reputation. The accompanist is Mr. James Thomas.

Whist Drive A well attended whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday evening last. The M.C. was as Mr. Willie A. Jones. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Miss T. Cumpstone, 2. Mrs. Peters; Gents: 1. Mr. Stuart Jones, 2. Mr. David Lewis.

Nazareth Chapel A quarterly meeting, the first of its kind, was held at the chapel on Sunday evening last, when a large congregation listened to a programme contributed by the following members of the Sunday school: Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. Willie Adams-Jones, Miss Addie Lawrence, Mrs. T. Pugh and Miss B. Pugh, Messrs. W. Walters, W. A. Davies, J. Lawrence, B. Davies, Alfred Slimmons. The duties of chairman were ably carried out by Mr. William Morris, and those of accompanist by Messrs. W. A. and D. J. Davies.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday and was presided over by the Sister C. Jones. A Welsh night was held and the following contributed to the programme: Brothers Thomas Walters, W. Angell Davies, L. Rowlands, S. Lewis, G. Evans, Trevor Lawrence, W. Rees, Sisters M. L. Thomas, M. Jones, and B. Ballard.

Wedding: Slimmon-Edwards A very pretty wedding took place at Merthyr on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Grace Jean Slimmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slimmon, Fochriw Farm, and Mr. W. Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Edwards, Deri. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a pretty crepe rex mushroom-shade dress, with navy coat and hat to match. Mr. D. J. Edwards, father of the bridegroom, was also present. The wedding breakfast was taken of the home of the bride. They have been the recipients of a number of valuable and useful presents.

Wedding Bells: Way-Jones On Saturday, an interesting wedding took place at Merthyr Parish Church, the contracting parties being Mr. Sydney Way, Aelybryn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Way, and Miss S. E. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, Railway-terrace, Cwmbargoed. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. D. Pugh, Rector of Merthyr, and the Rev. John Francis, the vicar of Kenfig Hill, in whose employ Miss Jones has been for over ten years. Mr. Alfred Jones, brother of the bride was the best man, and Miss Edith Jones, sister of the bride, bridesmaid. Many and varied presents were given by a large circle of friends. The happy pair, accompanied by their friends, went from Merthyr to Dowlais Station by motor, from where the couple journeyed to Ludlow to spend their honeymoon in Cocerdale, Shropshire.

Obituary A well-known figure in the life of the village, in the person of Mr. John Jones, late Martin-street, has passed away suddenly at Penydarren.

“Merthyr Express” 8 October 1927

Personal The many friends of Messrs. Lewis H. Angell and Trevor Lawrence wish them the best of luck on entering college this week. Mr. Angell will study at Cardiff University, and Mr. Lawrence at Carmarthen College.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday evening. The M.C. was Mr. D. James. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Price, 2. Mrs. Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. Lewis, 2. Mr. Bishop.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Smith, 2. Mrs. B. Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mr. J. Bishop. Knock-out: Messrs. H. Ballard and W. Thomas.

In Hospital Mr. Lewis Evans was conveyed to the Merthyr General Hospital on Friday night after receiving injuries at the Ogilvie Colliery. He is suffering from fractured legs. Also at the hospital are George Evans, Mr. Grimmitt, Master Edred Jones and Miss Doris Edwards. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, Brother Thomas Walters presiding. The programme for the evening was a reading given by Sister B. Ballard entitled "Count your blessings," and also a reading by Brother Samuel Lewis entitled "Borrowing." Brother Williams, D.C.T., also gave a paper on "Faith, Hope and Charity."

Wedding: Truran-Jones At St. Mary's Church on Monday, the wedding took place of Miss Enid Catherine Truran, daughter of Mr. George Truran, Dowlais, and Mr. David Isaac Jones, the youngest son of Mr. John Jones and the late Mrs. Jones, New Inn Hotel, Ammanford. The bride was attired in a pink beige with hat to match. Her going away dress was cherry red, with black coat trimmed with opossum furs. The honeymoon is being spent in London. The bridegroom served throughout the war with the Royal Fusiliers.

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Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday evening. The M.C. was Mr. S. Jenkins. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mr. Harding; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Puddle, 2. Mrs. S. Jones.

Personal Fochriw people were delighted at the success of the Garrick Dramatic Society (Mid-Rhondda) at the Dowlais Drama Week with "Outward Bound." The producer is an old resident of Fochriw – Mrs. Matt Lewis - who also won the individual prizes for the best actress, and received a very high compliment from the adjudicator.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday last. The programme for the evening was a "Devotional Night," the following taking part: Sisters C. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Nesta Evans and Bro. Charles Payne.

Harvest The Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when large congregations assembled. The Church had been beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. On Sunday morning, the celebrant and preacher was the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar; on Sunday evening, the Rev. A. L. Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn; on Monday evening, the Rev. R. W. Roberts, vicar of St. Mary's, Cardiff; on Tuesday evening, the Rev. D. T. Griffiths, Merthyr; and on Wednesday evening, the Rev. F. Bedford, St. Mary's, Cardiff. The lessons were read Mr. W. J. Payne, the singing conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

Weevils Six thousand weevils in cold storage have been shipped to New Zealand this year to be used in preventing the spread of gorse in that country.

“Merthyr Express” 22 October 1927

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Rev. Samuel Evans was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. B. Price, 2. Miss Emily Herman; Gents: 1. Mr. C. Ballard, 2. Mr. W. R. Evans. Knock-out: Miss E. Herman and Mr. Percy Gwynne.

Nazareth The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Saturday night and Sunday last, when the Rev. Dr. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown, preached throughout the meetings. There were large attendances. The singing was under the able conductorship Mr. William Morris, whilst Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Davies presided at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening last, Sister Ballard presiding. Brothers Johnstone and Thomas were responsible for the programme. Brother Johnstone read an article entitled "Nature's tools and weapons," and Brother Thomas read a paper on "Youth."

Obituary: Mr. Richard Gwynne, Pentwyn, aged 75 We have to record the death this week of an old world and highly respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. Richard Gwynne, Glenview, Pentwyn, at the age of 75 years. Deceased was well known and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which a cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. The Vicar again officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Alfred, Thomas J., Roger and Archie Gwynne (sons); Mr. Frank Everett (son-in-law); Messrs. Alfred and Percy Gwynne, Clifford and Leslie Everett, David and Idris Gwynne (grandsons); Mr. Thomas Jones (brother-in-law).

Concert A well-attended complimentary concert was held at Carmel Chapel (kindly lent) on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party to commemorate the excellent services rendered to the party by the late conductor, Mr. W. J. Angell, and the accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M. The concert was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, who referred to the splendid services of both. The party, under Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., rendered "Wyr Philistia," "Tempest and Calm," "Crossing the Plain," and "Martyrs of the Arena." The artistes were: Miss Margery Lewis, soprano; Miss Ceinwen Ballard, contralto; elocutionist, Mrs. Ballard Davies; tenor, Mr. W. A. Davies; bass, Mr. Claerwyn Davies, all of whom did their parts in fine style. Mr. James Thomas was the accompanist. At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes, choir, conductor, accompanist, chapel authorities, and all who had helped to make the concert such a success. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" with Miss Margery Lewis taking the solo, brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

"Merthyr Express" 29 October 1927

I.O.G.T. Sister Mrs. Dd. Lewis was responsible for the programme. The following contributed during the evening: Brother Griff Morris, Sister Ceridwen Thomas.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Miss A. M. Jones was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss Gwenda Thomas, 2. Miss Rosie Davies; Gents: 1. Mr. D. Evans, 2. Mr. D. W. Morris.

Carmel Chapel On Monday, the large audience at Carmel Chapel were entertained to a first class musical and dramatic treat, when Mr. E. Rogers, Cardiff, the well-known elocutionist (eight times National winner and adjudicator) gave one of his famous recitals. The programme contained humorous, pathetic and dramatic items. Mr. Rogers was assisted by Miss Agnes Cook, soprano, and Miss Ceinwen Ballard, contralto. Mr. Thomas Walters, A.R.C.O., was the accompanist, and the entertainment was presided over by Mr. M. Williams.

"Merthyr Express" 5 November 1927

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. W. Brangwynne was M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mr. David Davies, 2. Miss Emily Hermon; Gents: 1. Mr. Tudor Jones, 2. Mr. Stewart Jones. Knock-out: Mrs. S. Jones and Mr. David Lewis.

Entertainment At the Church Hall on Friday evening, the first of a series of children's entertainments took place, and was greatly enjoyed. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. The following contributed to a musical programme: Freda Davies, Ursula Harris, Mavis Pritchard, Jessie Llewellyn, Ceinwen Lewis, Mary Lewis, Rita Cole, Jennie M. Wright, Phyllis Marks, Wynda Edwards, A. Griffiths, William J. Jones, D. J. Williams, J. Pasc Lewis, G. Tyler, D. Tyler, C. Everett. Singing competition: 1. Mary Lewis; 2. Doris

Edwards; 3. Rita Cole. Open singing competition: Ursula Harris. Accompanists: Messrs. O. Richards and C. Everett.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Chapel. The following contributed to the programme: Brothers Johnstone, Griff Thomas, W. A. Davies, H. Thomas, and Henry Thomas, Miss M. Morgan, Sister Ceinwen Ballard. A sketch entitled "Buttonhook" was very nicely performed by the young Sisters of the Order, and a sketch was also performed by the older sisters. Sisters C. Ballard and Brother W. A. Davies also sang. The Rhymney Valley Quarterly Meeting of the District was held at Carmel Vestry, and was presided over by Brother Prosser, in the absence of Brother Williams, who has joined the London Police Force.

"Merthyr Express" 12 November 1927

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening comprised short addresses. All present took part.

Obituary Mr. William Evans, Penybank Farm, died at the age of 71. To the bereaved we tender our sympathy.

The Coal Trade Fochriw, in common with other places, is keenly feeling of the depression in the coal trade. There are frequent stoppages at Ogilvie and Groesfaen collieries. The Fochriw levels of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds are working regularly.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mr. D. Morris, 2. Mrs. Hawkins; Gents: 1. Mr. Evans, 2. Mr. M. Davies. Knock-out: Mrs. G. Price and friend.

British and Foreign Bible Society At Carmel vestry on Monday evening, a meeting was held under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society, when Mr. W. Moses Williams presided. The Rev. H. Withers addressed the meeting most earnestly on behalf of the society, and a very good impression was left upon the minds of all present. The Rev. Richard Evans opened the meeting. Mr. Sam Lewis moved, and Mr. W Angell Davies seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

"Merthyr Express" 19 November 1927

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday. The M. C. was Mr. W. Price. The prize winners were: Ladies: Mr. T. J. Jones, Gents: Mr. W. M. Davies.

Poppy Day A number of ladies were busy disposing of poppies last Friday. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Guardian Mrs. Bevan, Hill House, and a goodly sum was realised.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. Wood; Gents: 1. Mr. D. Way, 2. Mr. H. Addis. Knock-out: Miss S. Gwynne and Mr. W. Davies.

I.O.G.T. At the Star of Fochriw lodge on Tuesday evening, the following contributed: Sisters G. Jones, B. Ballard, C. Ballard, Brothers David Jones, H. Thomas, Sam Lewis and W Angell Davies. Sister C Ballard presided.

Armistice Service At St. Mary Church on Friday morning, a short service and the great two minutes silence was conducted by the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar. On Friday evening, the services were continued, when representatives from various bodies were present - ex-Servicemen, the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, etc. A most inspiring service was conducted by the Vicar. The Rev. W. S. Pontin, Rhymney, preached, choosing as his text "Thou shalt remember."

Concert At Carmel Chapel on Thursday, a concert was given by the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, under their conductor Mr. David J. Thomas, A.C., assisted by well-known artistes. The chairman was the Reverend Samuel Evans, and the accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence A.L.C.M. The programme was as follows: pianoforte solos - "Polonaise in A," "Nocturne" (Chopin) - Mr. Wyndham Lawrence; choir, "Ring out, wild bells" (Percy E. Fletcher); solo, "Ah, was it he?" "Let me ever as I wander" (Verdi); choir, "The Swallow" (H. Leslie); solo, Mr. E. Jones; two part song, "Violets" (F. H. Cowan) - junior section of the choir; solo, "Walter's Prize Song" (Wagner) - Mr. T Cymro Thomas; choir, "My love dwelt in a northern land" (Elgar), "Song of the Pedlar" (C. Lee Williams);

chairman's address; pianoforte solo, "Rhapsody Hongroise" (Liszt); choir, "The Snow" (Elgar); solo "Y Gardotes Fach" (Joseph Parry) - Madame Gwladys Evans; solo, Mr. Emrys Jones; choir, "Rosebuds" (Adam Geibel); solo recitation, "O, could I place no reliance;" air, "Softly the Breeze" (Verdi) - Mr. T. C. Thomas; choir, "Annie Laurie" (Charles McPherson).

"Merthyr Express" 26 November 1927

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held last Thursday evening, and was well attended. The Sisters were responsible for programme. The following contributed: Sisters C. Ballard, B. Ballard, Evans, Brothers Charles Payne, Rees and Jones.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive and Social A benefit night was held on Tuesday in aid of Mr. David Walters, Penybank, who has been ill for a long period. The Hall had been gaily decorated for the occasion by the ladies of the Church, and a large number attended. Mr. C. Ballard was M.C. for whist. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Stanley Jones, 2. Mrs. R. Greening; Gents: 1. Mr. Gilbert Harris, 2. Mr. J. Harding. After the whist, there was dancing, and a happy time was spent. The accompanists were O. Richards and Mr. Gilbert Harris, and the M.C. for dancing was Mr. H. Ballard.

Entertainment A children's entertainment was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Mary Lewis, Ursula Harris, Mavis Pritchard, Phyllis Martin, W. Edwards, R. J. Price, M. Lewis, H. T. Lewis, Kathleen Williams, Hilda Morris and Edith Wilton. Competition - reciting the 23rd Psalm - divided between David Lloyd Jones and Willie Wilton. Open singing competition: divided between Ursula Harris and R. J. Price. The evening concluded with the laughable sketch entitled "The New Actor," the following taking part: Messrs. Harold Harris, W. J. Payne, David Tyler, T. J. Williams, G. Tyler, and Miss Ursula Harris.

Joint Libraries Committee Mr. Gomer Jones of the Rhymney Library presided over a meeting of the Rhymney Valley and District Joint Libraries Committee at Fochriw library, last Saturday evening.

Presentation to Mr. W. J. Angell and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence Carmel Chapel was well filled on Tuesday evening, the occasion being a concert and presentation to Mr. W. J. Angell, late conductor of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, late accompanist, to mark their faithful services. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The presentations took the form of a magnificent Berkeley arm chair to Mr. W. J. Angell, and a handsome writing bureau to Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. After the presentations and replies, a fine programme of music was contributed by the following: the Male Voice Party; the Juvenile section of the Ladies' Choir; Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. W. A. Davies, Mr. Leyshon Rowlands, Mr. Meirion Shankland, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. D. M. James, and Mr. Gomer Evans. Votes of thanks were moved by Mr. D. M. James, seconded by Mr. Emrys Lewis, and carried with acclamation. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Mr. Griffith Morris leading with the solo, brought a memorable evening to a close.

"Merthyr Express" 3 December 1927

Personal The numerous friends of Messrs. Rees Thomas, Jenkins Thomas, David Walters and Master Edred Jones will regret to hear them that they are at present in Merthyr General Hospital, and join in wishing them a speedy recovery to health.

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Old Library Hut on Friday, and the M.C. was Mr. D. James. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones; 2. Mrs. D. James; Gents: 1. Mr. Harding; 2. Mr. Bishop. Knock out: Mr. Howells and Miss Thomas.

St. Mary's Hall On Tuesday evening, a social was held under the auspices of the Mothers' Union. The M.C. for whist was Mr. W. Brangwynne, and for dancing Mr. T. Puddle. The winners of the whist were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. David Jones; 2. Mrs. Jane Morgan; Gents: 1. Mr. E. Jones Jones; 2. Mr. E. Puddle. The accompanist for dancing was Mr. Octavius Richards, and the violinist, Mr. T. Horton.

I.O.G.T. At the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday evening, Brother W. A. Davies was responsible for the programme. The following contributed solos: Sister Ballard, Brothers Thomas, Davies, Rowlands; readings, Brother Thomas and Sister

Ballard; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; quartettes, Brothers W. Davies, Berkley Davies, Leyshon Rowlands, Latimer Evans, Gomer Evans, and Sister Ballard.

Church Hall A children's entertainment was held on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Mary Lewis, Phyllis Davies, R. J. Price, Gwendoline Llewellyn, Kenneth Brangwynne, Olga Chapman, D Lloyd Jones, Jessie Llewelyn, Kathleen Williams, Mavis Prichard, Ursula Harris, W. Edwards. Drawing competition: M. Williams. Singing competition - 1. R. J. Price, 2.&3. W. Edwards and Jessie Llewellyn. Open recitation prize: divided between Rosie Williams and J. P. Lewis. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Rival Relatives," the following taking part: Misses Ursula Harris, Yvonne Thomas, Mavis Prichard, Rosie Williams, Phyllis Davies. Mr. Octavius Richards was the accompanist.

"Merthyr Express" 10 December 1927

Sale of Leasehold premises at the Fochriw Mr. Henry Owen will offer for sale by public auction at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, on Friday, 23rd December, 1927, at 6:00p.m., all that desirable residential house known now as No. 9, Glenview. The premises are substantially built, compact and pleasantly situated. It is held on a lease for a term of 99 years from 24th June, 1910, at the ground rent of £1 9s 2d per annum. Procession on completion. Further particulars from Frank T. James, Solicitor, 134, High Street, Merthyr Tydfil.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr .C. Ballard was M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Bryn Price, 2. Miss Gwenda Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. B. Price, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock-out: Mr. E. Thomas and Mr. T. Davies.

Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. D. H. Jones, Treharris, preached very edifying sermons to the large congregations present. Mr. T. Walters presided at the organ, and the singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last and was well attended. During the evening, the members of the Juvenile Lodge entertained, and were very much enjoyed by the members of the adult Lodge. The following won prizes during the evening: Norman Thomas, Cissie Thomas, Doris Edwards and Olga Chapman.

Billiards The Christmas Handicap at the Library Hut was brought to a close on Tuesday evening before a crowded house of enthusiastic spectators. The first prize was a turkey, and the second a duck. Eighty entries were received, and some very interesting contests were witnessed. The finalists were Messrs. Tudor Jones and Emrys Thomas. Playing in fine sporting spirit, Jones won by 29. Thomas was the back-marker in a handicap.

Children's Concert At the Church Hall on Friday evening, a very fine concert was held. The following contributed to an excellent musical programme: Kenneth Brangwynne, R. J. Price, Hilda Brangwynne, M. Lewis, Doris Edwards and Olga Chapman. Competitions were held, and the following were the winners: drawing competition - Miss M. Jones; recitation - divided between David L. Jones, W. J. Jones and Cyril Lewis. A sketch entitled "By the doctor's orders," was well played by the following: Ursula Harris, Mavis Pritchard, Arvonna Thomas, Phyllis Davies, Windsor Rees, Tom Mantle, and R. J. Price. A very happy evening was brought to a close with a laughable sketch entitled "The Great Arrival," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, David Tyler, George Williams, J. P. Llewellyn, Windsor Rees, R. J. Price and Ursula Harris.

"Merthyr Express" 17 December 1927

Old Library: Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. D. James. Prize winners: Messrs. D. Thomas, D. Lewis, H. Wilton, J. Harding. There was a very fair attendance.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Mr. C. Ballard was M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. E. Price, 2. Miss T. Cumpstone; Gents: 1. Mr Tudor Jones, 2. Mr. D. Morris. Knock-out: Miss State and Mr. Percy Gwynne.

St. Mary's Church On Wednesday evening, Canon Hicks of Lincoln Cathedral, delivered a very striking sermon on overseas missions. The Church was well filled, and the congregation listened attentively to a most instructive sermon.

Concert At the Church Hall on Friday evening, a very fine concert was held, Mr. Charles Payne presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Esther M. Pugh, Jessie Jones, Edith Jones, Jimmy Lewis, Hilda Brangwynne, Mary Lewis, Ursula Harris, S. M. Price, W. Davies, Doris Morgan, Phyllis Martin, Hilda Morris and party. Competitive singing: 1. Ursula Harris, 2. Bethune Gregory. Recitation: Doris Edwards and Eunice Morris. Competition (finding coats): R. J. Price. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Drunkard's Hoard," those taking part being Messrs. Harold Harris, W. Curtis, H. Barnard, D. Tyler, D. J. Williams, John P. Llewellyn, George Williams.

"Merthyr Express" 24 December 1927

I.O.G.T. At the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel on Thursday. A paper was read by Bro. Williams of Troedrhifwuch, on "The Shadows of Christ."

Entertainment A children's entertainment was held at the Church Hall on Friday. The following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: Gwenny Lewis, Hilda Brangwynne, Willie Davies, Freda Davies, Mimmie Lewis, Dd. Cecil Jones, Kenneth Price, Doris Edwards, Kathleen Willaims, Phyllis Davies. Competitions: recitation - Doris Edwards; singing - divided between Ursula Harris and Richard J. Price; impromptu speech - R. J. Price. The entertainment concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "A Day at School," the following taking part: Messrs. Harold Harris, W. J. Payne, W. J. Curtis, David Tyler, George Williams, J. P. Llewellyn, Windsor Rees, R. J. Price, H. Ballard, Lena Rees, Mwynwen Jones. Mr. Harold Harris was the adjudicator.

Ye Olde Christmas Fayre A Xmas Fair and Sale of Work took place at the Church Hall on Monday. The sale had been organised by Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, and the members of the Mothers' Union, who had been busy for a long time sewing and preparing for the event, and their efforts were crowned with success. The stalls were well laden with useful articles, which reflected the splendid work done. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Lloyd Jones, The Vicarage, Pontlottyn. The stall holders were: Mothers' Union stall - Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Morgan; Advertisement stall - Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. S. Lewis; Fancy stall - Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Syd Way; Sweet stall - Mrs. W. H. Jones and Mrs. W. J. Payne; Refreshment stall - Mrs. Way, Mrs. Wilton, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. Price, Mrs. D. R. Lewis; Jumble stall - Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Powell; Parochial stall, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mr. C. Payne, Mr. W. J. Payne; Bran tub - Mrs. Tyler; Hoop-la - Messrs. W. Morris, D. J. Williams, H. Ballard; Candle stall - Mr. W. Wilton. Excellent services were rendered by the Vicar, Messrs. G. Way, W. J. Davies, Frank Way, S. Jones, T. Puddle, Mrs. Pryce Jones, Mrs. Bishop. Lavender bags - Miss Winifred Evans; Chocolate attendants, Misses Lena Rees, Olive M. Payne, Ursula Harris, Margaret Harris, M. A. Bishop, M. Morris, and Dywnwen Ballard.

"Merthyr Express" 31 December 1927

The Blizzard Quite a fierce blizzard swept over the village on Christmas afternoon and night. Snowdrifts one for all to five feet deep in several places, and again affected the electric light, the village being in darkness. Places of worship had to abandon their services.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive and Social At the Church Hall on Wednesday evening if very pleasant best drive and social took place under the auspices of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion. Mr. W. J. Payne was M.C., and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence of the accompanist. Whist prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss T. Cumpstone, 2. Mr. C. Taylor; Gents: 1. Mr. A. J. Evans, 2. Mr. Percy Gwynne.

St. Mary's Church Xmas Day was observed at St Mary's Church in the usual manner. The Church had been decorated with holly and evergreens. Services were as follows: Holy Communion - 9a.m. and 11a.m. - the vicar officiating. The organist was Mr. O. Richards, with Mr. B. Angell conducting the singing. The evening services were postponed.

Gymanfa Ganu At Carmel Chapel, the annual gymanfa ganu took place on Christmas Day. The morning session was opened by Misses Maggie E. Thomas, Nesta Jenkins and Mona Ballard. During this service, the children were catechised by Mrs. Sam Lewis. The afternoon session was opened by Mr. Jenkin Pugh, and Mr. Daniel Jenkins presided. The conductor for the day was Mr. J. C. Evans, Bargoed, and the accompanists Messrs. Thomas Walters and Willie Angell. The singing during the morning and afternoon sessions reached a very high standard, but owing to light failure the evening service could not be held.

Noddfa Noddfa and Nazareth denominations held there gymanfa ganu on Christmas Day at Noddfa Chapel, where there were large congregations. The singing was of a very high standard, and the choir responded admirably to the leadership of Mr. Willie Adams Jones, who was the conductor. In the morning, which was for children, the meeting was opened by Mr. W. A. Jones, with Mr. Willie A. Davies presiding. At the afternoon service, the Rev. Richard Evans (Fochriw and Deri) opened the service. The president was ex-Sergeant Williams. As the evening session could not be held, it is the intention to have a repetition of the Gymanfa next Sunday. The accompanists were Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas.

I.O.G.T. Another splendid evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last by the members and the visitors who were present. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the meeting, and the following took part in the programme: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; solos, Brother Griffith Morris; readings, Sister B. Ballard; solos, Brothers Latimer Evans, Leyshon Rowlands. The evening closed with the singing of Christmas carols.

Winter Sale begins Friday, January 6th. R. T. Jones & Co., Market Sq., Merthyr.