

“Merthyr Express” 3 January 1931

Our Fochriw Correspondent is Mr. W. J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace. Sales agent, Mr. D. Lewis.

International Order of Grand Templars (I.O.G.T.) The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry last week, when the chief Templar presided. The programme was a social evening. The following took part: Brothers T. Walters, B. Rees, B. Davies, S. Lewis, and Sister C. Ballard. The lodge closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

St. Mary's Church On Christmas Day at the Parish Church, services were held 8a.m. and 11a.m., with a carol service at 6p.m. All the services were well attended. The preacher and celebrant throughout the day was the vicar. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ, and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing.

Singing Festival The United choirs of Noddfa and Nazareth chapels joined together as usual on Christmas Day at Noddfa, and rendered an excellent programme of hymns and anthems, under the able conductorship of Mr. T. Evans. The singers responded well to the conductor, and the singing attained a high standard. Miss Katie Davies presided over the morning session, and in the afternoon, the Rev Richard Evans presided. Mrs. T. Matthews presided in the evening. The organists were Mr. W. Lawrence, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas. The conductors were Mr. T. Evans and Mr. Wm. Morris. Mr. Berkley Davies was the secretary.

Concert At the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, a children's concert was held presided over by the Vicar. During the evening, great excitement prevailed amongst the little ones when Santa Claus arrived laden with toys from Snowland. Miss Olive M. Payne made an excellent Santa, her disguise being perfect. The following contributed to the programme: Gwennie Archer, Megan Pope, Miriam Davies, Eirwen Williams, Joan Mills, Mildred Chapman, Mimmie Lewis, Rennie Angell, C. J. Williams, Bobby Watkins, Howell T. Lewis, Jackie Hiscox, Willie Walters, Ieuan Davies, David Rees Jones, Tom Smith, Jack Davies, David Cole, Ernest Lester, Harry Evans, D. J. Williams, G. Tyler, L. Harris, B. Davies. A laughable sketch entitled "Temptation," was played by Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Edwards, and Master Bobby Watkins and Miss Alice Watkins.

Cymanfa Ganu At Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, the usual singing festival took place, and, as in previous years, the singing reached a very high standard. Large congregations assembled at each service. The conductor for the day was Mr. D. T. Davies, L.R.A.M, A.R.C.O., Dowlais. Mrs. Sam Lewis was president of the morning session. A portion of scripture was read by Miss Hannah Mantle; a solo was given by Miss Jenny Davies; and recitations were given by Howell T. Lewis and Jenny Davies. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. David Lewis. There was a reading by Miss Beryl Ballard, a solo by Mr. Meirion Shankland, and a recitation by Mr. Griff Thomas. The choir sang hymns and anthems. The evening session was presided over by Mr. Thomas Ballard. The reading was by Mrs. May Davies. Recitations were given by Nurse Ballard Davies and Mr. Thomas Walters. The organists were Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Mona Ballard, and Mr. Thomas Walters. The conductors, who had worked so hard with the choirs and children, were Mr. James J. Jones and Miss Maria Jones. The secretary was Mr. J. I. Williams, the treasurer Mr. D. James, with Mr. David Lewis as chairman.

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Recital On Sunday evening, the service at Carmel Chapel was conducted by Nurse Ballard Davies.

Obituary We have to record this week the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Ballard, wife of Mr. Stephen Ballard, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital on Sunday, where she was conveyed a week ago. She was 47 years of age. Great sympathy is extended to the family.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday. The Sisters Ballard were responsible for the programme.

Mass Meeting On Friday, the Old Library was crowded to overflowing to hear an address on the coal crisis by Mr. S. O. Davies, B.A., miners' agent. Mr. Davies gave a very minute review of the negotiations to date. Mr. Graham Roberts, miners' agent, addressed a meeting on Sunday.

Watch-Night Service St. Mary's Church was well filled on New Year's Eve to take part in the service of watching the old year out and the new year in. The Vicar conducted the service which included a celebration of Holy Communion.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. William Way will regret to know that he is in Merthyr General Hospital. His friends join in wishing him a speedy recovery. Also, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis, Pentwyn, Miss Mwynwen Jones, and Mr. T. O. Jones are still patients there.

Concert On Friday, a concert was held at the Church Hall, the vicar presiding. Several competitions were enjoyed by the children and the following contributed to the programme: Doris Edwards, Norman Thomas, Ceiriog Powell, David Howell, Gordon Price, David Cole, Ernest Lester, Lilian Cole, David Rees Jones, Berkley Hiscox, Graham Cumpstone, Marion Gregory, Cuthbert Llewellyn, D. Harding. The entertainment was brought to a close with a laughable sketch entitled "The Wrong House," played by W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, D. J. and George Williams, Vernon Payne, Alfred Wood.

Operetta: "The Musical Village" Noddfa Vestry was well filled during last week when the children, under the capable conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, produced the operetta "The Musical Village." The singing of the chorus and artistes reflected great credit on the conductor. The dances and marches were excellent, and great praise is due to Mrs. Annie Evans. The characters were performed by: Miss Phyllis Davies, Mr. Walter Parry, Mr. John Williams, Mr. David G. Parry, Miss Lydia Williams, Dilys Evans, Gwenda Thomas, Iris Evans, Bethune Gregory, Ceinwen Thomas, Beryl Gittens, Katie Thomas and Messrs. Thomas John Jones, Crad Thomas, and Emlyn Evans. Numerous children played lesser parts, including Margaret Evans, Marion Sullivan, Richard Jones, Richard James Price, John and Egrin Thomas, Edward George Price, John Iorwerth Morgan, Gordon Price, Leighton Walters, David J. Lewis, Jackie Evans, Cyril Lewis, J. I. Morgan, John Thomas, R. Jas. Price, Richard Jones, Edward G. Price, W. Howell, Gwen Evans, Berkley Davies, Francis Thomas, David Jones, Ronald Price. The accompanist was Mr. David Joshua Thomas, and the scenic artist Mr. Jenkin Thomas.

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Concert On Friday, a children's entertainment was held at the Church Hall, presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to a musical programme: Mary Lewis, Megan Pope, Marion Gregory, Maud Jones, Beryl Morris, Doris Tyler, H. Watkins, Doris Edwards, D. J. Williams, G. Tyler, W. J. Payne, Tudor Rowlands, Jack Davies, Dennis Harding, Willie Walters, Stewart Davies, Howell T. Lewis, Bobby Watkins, Cuthbert Llewellyn, Ceiriog Powell, E. Lester, D. Cole, B. Payne. The following played a laughable sketch entitled "Chinese Laundry:" Mrs. H. Pope, Mrs. J. Harding, and Mrs. W. H. Edwards.

Library The annual meeting in connection with Fochriw Library and Institute took place on Thursday, Mr. Samuel Lewis presiding. Mr. David I. Evans, who had recently been appointed secretary by a ballot of members, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The chairman then outlined the year's working, which he said had been a year of progress. Negotiations had been entered into with the Co-operative Society for the purchase of a part of their freehold property, buildings and land. The Society met them in a good spirit, with the result that a successful deal had been accomplished, and it was hoped in the near future to commence the erection of a permanent Institute. The auditor's report was given by Mr. Dan James and Mr. John Henry Evans and there was a nice balance on the right side. With regard to the auditor's report on the books, it was said that they should feel proud to possess such a fine library of books for their readers. The following officers and committee were elected for the coming year: Mr. Sam Lewis, chairman; Mr. Stephen Ballard, treasurer; Mr. David I. Evans, secretary; committee:

Messrs. W. J. Payne, William Griffiths, Job Thomas, Rev. J. C. Payne, J. H. Evans, William Lewis, Jenkin Williams, C. Edwards, Tom Baldwin, Percy Gwynne, George Price, Tom Shankland, Wally Adams Davies, and Howell Thomas.

Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Ballard, wife of Mr. Stephen Ballard, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Evans, had passed away. Deceased was 47 years of age, and was born in the village, where she had lived all her life. She had been ill for some weeks, but bore her sufferings with the great Christian fortitude. She died at Merthyr General Hospital where she had been taken a week before her death. She was well known in the district, and was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral was one of the largest seen in the district for some time. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege left for Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute to the deceased. The officiating ministers were the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, and the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar. The chief mourners were: Mr. Stephen Ballard (husband); David and Gomer Evans (brothers); William H. Davies (brother-in-law); Edmund Davies (nephew); W. J., Thomas, Crad and Arthur Ballard, E. E. Cumpstone (brothers-in-law); Bert Hill, Evan Jones (uncles); W. J. Harris, George Gittings, Rowland and Lyndon Hill, Tom Smith, W. Small, L. Small, H. Small, Lewis Small, Sydney Way, George Price (cousins); Trevor Pugh, T. & E. Pugh, Idris Cumpstone, Nicholas, Bert, Arthur, Cadvan Cumpstone, Gwilym Davies, Griffith Thomas, Willie Ballard, Crad Ballard (nephews). Owing to illness, Mr. David Evans, father of the deceased, was unable to attend the funeral.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, presided over by Sister C. Jones. The following took part: readings and prayers, Sisters S. Lewis, C. Jones, S. J. Jones, Brother David Jones; solos, Sister S. J. Jones. Brothers S. Lewis, B. Davies and T. Walters were the speakers.

Pulpit St. Mary's: the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Payne; Nazareth: Mr. Jones, Dowlais; Carmel: Mr. Stanley Jones, Carmarthen College; Noddfa: Mr. Emlyn Davies, B.A..

Mass Meeting At the Library on Saturday, a crowded meeting was held. The speaker was Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, who was in good form. He dealt in detail with the negotiations in London and explained the terms which were to be submitted to the delegate conference that evening at Cardiff. It was agreed to vote for the acceptance of the terms.

County Council Affairs On Thursday evening, the Library was crowded to hear an address by County Councillor W. H. Hopkins, who gave an account of his stewardship since his last visit to Fochriw, and dealt with the relief scale and other measures. He said he welcomed fair and open criticism and was always prepared to defend his actions. He would leave his record speak for itself. Questions were invited and replied to. A hearty vote of confidence in Coun. Hopkins was carried unanimously.

Male Voice Party The Party are again very active under the conductorship of Mr. Tom Walters. They are rehearsing a new programme of selected music for their forthcoming series of concerts in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the Merthyr General Hospital. They will be assisted by some eminent artistes and the public can look forward to a feast of music. The accompanist is Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, with Mr. James Gregory the energetic secretary, and Mr. John Phillips treasurer.

Concert A children's concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, presided over by the Vicar, and a very good time was spent. The following contributed to the programme: Maud Jones, Gwen Llewelyn, Doris Edwards, Bronwen Martin, Graham Cumpstone, Ronald Payne, David Howell, Stewart Davies, Gordon Price, Francis Thomas, Douglas Clark, Jackie Davies, Ceiriog Tyler, Willie Jones, Mimmie Lewis, Cuthbert Llewellyn, Howell Thomas Lewis, Goronwy Tyler. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Naughty Girl," played by Goronwy Tyler, Doris Edwards, Winnie Evans, Gwennie Puddle, Maggie Slimmonds, Betty Hiscox and Minnie Lewis.

Economics Debate A well-attended debate took place at the Library on Tuesday last under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association Economics Class. The subject of the debate, "Remedies for Unemployment," proved of great interest, each of the political parties being represented by a leading speaker. The Liberal Party case was taken by Mr. Tom Jones, the class secretary; the Communist by Mr. Ray Clarke; the Labour by Mr. Reg Stokes, Deri; and in the absence of Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, the Conservative case was put by Mr. Evan Davies, Fochriw, the class tutor. A great number of questions were submitted to the speakers by an audience that took a lively interest in the proceedings. The class was very fortunate to secure the services of Rev. J. C. Payne, who acted as president in a fine debate. The W.E.A. has held their classes in economics at the Library throughout the winter, the interest in the subject being well maintained. Fochriw feels proud of the tutor, Mr. Evan Davies, B.A., who is a young man who started his career in the village school. After studying at Bargoed Secondary School he proceeded to Aberystwyth University where he took his degree. He was recently been appointed to the staff of Fochriw Mixed School.

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Hospital The many friends of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Railway-terrace, and Miss Lilian Way, Glyn-terrace, who are patients at Merthyr Hospital, will join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Accident The many friends of Mrs. Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, will regret to learn that she met with an unfortunate accident last Friday whilst following her home duties. She slipped and fractured her leg, and was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital. Her host of friends wish her a speedy recovery.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The evening was set apart for recitations. The following took part: Sisters S. J. Jones, C. Jones, Beryl Ballard, M. A. Lewis, Bros. Sam Lewis and Tom Walters.

Gymanfa Ganu The United choirs of Noddfa and Nazareth chapels held their singing festival at Noddfa on Sunday evening, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, and rendered a delightful programme hymns and anthems. The standard of singing was very high and reflected great credit on the conductors, Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. William Morris. The organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. David J. Thomas.

St. Mary's Hall A children's concert was held on Friday evening, the vicar presiding. The following took part: Beryl Morris, Marion Gregory, Hannah Mantle, Mary Lewis, Cuthbert Llewellyn, Ronald Payne, Ewart Davies, David Howell, W. J. Jones, Dennis Harding, Graham Cumpstone, Stuart Davies, David Mantle, John Davies, Ernest Lester, Jackie Davies. A short play entitled "The Duchess and her Cat," was performed by Doris Edwards, Kathleen Williams, Minnie Lewis, Maggie Slimmonds, Myfanwy Davies, Gwennie Puddle, Winnie Evans, Betty Hiscox, Gwenny Lewis. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The New Invention," played by W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, Goronwy Tyler, Ernest Lester, and Mrs. A. Tyler.

Interment: Mr. Idris Parry, Dynevor-street, aged 23 The funeral of the late Mr. Idris Parry, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parry, Dynevor-street, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was 23 years of age, and a bright, intelligent young man. For the past two years, he had suffered much pain, but bore it very cheerfully. The funeral was very well attended, and there was manifest evidence of sympathy and sorrow. After a short service at the house, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute. At the Church of St. Andrews the service was conducted by the Vicar and the Rev. Richard Evans. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. Great sympathy goes out to the bereaved family. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Parry (father); David G. Parry, Evan J. Parry, Walter Parry, Willie Parry (brothers); David Cheek, Willie Cheek, Ephraim Morgan, David J. Harris, David Davies, John Thomas, Thomas Jones, David Evans (uncles); David G. Morgan, Edwin, Fred, Charlie, and Percy Dummett, E. G. Price, David G. Harris, Morgan Evans, David Jones, Sam Jones, William Baker, David H. Thomas, David Jones, Iorwerth Evans, Elwyn Jenkins, Evan Watkins (cousins).

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Hospital The many friends of Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish her a speedy recovery.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Sisters Ceinwen Ballard, S. Lewis, B. Ballard, & Mary Morgan, Brothers Charles Payne, B. Rees, Thomas Walters, D. Jones, & Sam Lewis.

St. Mary's During the evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday, a solo entitled "Come, O come, to Me," was rendered in brilliant style by Mary Lewis, Pentwyn. The vicar afterwards gave a stirring address on the words of the solo. Mr. O. Richards was the organist and the singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell.

Library and Institute A well-attended committee meeting of the above was held on Monday, presided over by Mr. Sam Lewis. A snooker handicap was decided on. Also, it was decided to re-cover a few tables.

Concert A well-attended children's concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday, the vicar presiding. A fine programme of music was contributed to by the following: Stuart Davies, Douglas Evans, Graham Cumpstone, W. J. Jones, J. Lester, David Cole, David Howell, Rennie Angell, Marion Gregory. The winner of the competition was David Cecil Jones. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Haunted Castle," played by W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, D. J. Williams, David Howell, David Cole, David Cecil Jones and Harry Evans.

British Legion The usual meeting of the Fochriw Branch was held on Monday, when Mr. Stephen Ballard presided. Matters dealing with the forthcoming area conference at Rhyl were discussed, and Mr. James Lloyd Jones was elected to represent the branch. Before hearing the report of the delegate to the district meeting, the members were informed that the suggested Benevolent Committee for Fochriw and Deri had now been authorised to function, and that a substantial grant had been made from the Poppy Fund to start off with. This grant is to be distributed to the unemployed ex-servicemen in the ward. The past president of the branch, Rev. Samuel Evans, and the past chairman, Mr. Ted Puddle, will soon be the recipients of official certificates, as a tribute to their great service to the cause.

Bible Society A meeting of the above was held at Nazareth Chapel on Tuesday, presided over by the Rev. Richard Evans. Rev. J. C. Payne offered prayer. An inspiring address was given by the Rev. O. Jones, Bwlch, who dealt with the subject in a masterly style. He dealt with the work of the society and the great increase in the sale of Bibles, and the translation and of the Bible into other languages. He was thanked for his address on the motion of Mr. Jenkin Pugh, seconded by Mr. Willie Adams Jones, and supported by Mr. Sam Lewis. Well known hymns were sung under the conductorship of Mr. William Morris with Mr. Willie Angell Davies at the organ. Mr. Morris, the local secretary of the society, gave a report of the collections for the past year.

Benevolent Committee Under the authority of the British Legion and United Services Fund- Benevolent Department (Wales area), a committee has been set up to administer to the needs of ex-servicemen and their dependants in the Fochriw and Deri district. Members of the committee comprise: Messrs. D. J. Shankland, George Price, E. Watkins, W. A. Thomas, E. Puddle, S. Ballard, & J. Lloyd Jones - representing the British Legion; the Rev. J. C. Payne, Mrs. S. J. Jones, Miss Rose Davies, Messrs. A. Evans (Deri) and Mr. W. H. Stevens (Deri) - representing the general public. The officers appointed are: Mrs. S. J. Jones, 3, Brynteg-terrace, Fochriw, chairman; Mr. Edward Puddle, 7, Railway-terrace, Fochriw, vice-chairman; Mr. Stephen Ballard, 18, Aelybryn, Fochriw, treasurer; Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, Supply Stores, Fochriw, secretary. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones is also the local representative of the United Services Fund.

Welfare A very enthusiastic committee meeting of the Fochriw Welfare was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, presided over by ex-Sergeant Henry Williams. It is hoped to commence the scheme in the near autumn. Plans and specifications are already drawn up and are under discussion. The secretary, Mr. Willie Angell Davies, dealt with the

correspondence. The proposed scheme will cost about £3,500. The following were appointed as a deputation to wait upon Mr. Mason, the organiser: Rev J. C. Payne, (vicar), Mr. Tom Jones (headmaster), and the secretary. The following committee men were present at the meeting: Messrs. Henry Williams, W. J. Payne, Tom Jones, Rev. J. C. Payne, Messrs. David Lawrence, David I. Evans, Stephen Ballard, Ray Clarke, James J. Lewis, and Tom Davies. Regret was expressed by Mr. Evan M. Davies, chairman, who is confined to bed.

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I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, a rehearsal was held in preparation for St. David's Night.

Nazareth Chapel A special service was held on Wednesday evening when a very able address was given by the Rev. W. R. Bell, Abercynon. Mr. W. A. Davies presided at the organ and Mr. W. Morris conducted the singing.

St. Mary's Hall The last of the series of children's entertainments was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to a miscellaneous concert: Norman Thomas, David Howell, Jackie Davies, Graham Cumpstone, Berkley Hiscox, William J. Jones, Stuart Davies, Ronald Payne, James Lester, Francis Thomas, Sydney Briffett, Doris Edwards, Douglas Clark. The competition winners were David Howell, Jackie Davies, Doris Edwards, Berkley Angell, & David C. Jones.

Confirmation Service At the Parish Church of St. Mary on Tuesday evening the Right Reverend, Lord Bishop of Llandaff administered the rite of confirmation to about 50 persons from the parish of Fochriw and Deri. The Bishop was attended by the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Payne, and the Rev. D. J. Griffiths, curate. Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. J. Skyrme (licensed lay readers), Charles Payne, Councillor John Edwards (churchwardens) also took part. The choirs of Fochriw and Deri were under the able direction of Messrs. Berkley Angell and S. Watkins. The Bishop gave a striking address on "Influence," coupled with sound advice to the people about to be confirmed. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell.

Jumble Sale On Monday evening at the Church Hall, a very successful sale of work was held and was well attended. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the vicar and Mrs. Payne, together with a noble band of workers, who had received splendid responses from all over the country to their appeals, the stalls were laden with the most serviceable articles, at very cheap rates, and ready buyers were the order of the day. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. J. Bevan, Hill House, Fochriw. Master Mervyn Payne presented Mrs. Bevan with a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers, after which Miss Mary Lewis gave a beautiful rendering of "The Little Church on the Hill," accompanied by Miss Gwen Davies. Nine lady workers were in charge of the Jumble Stall; four the Sweet Stall; four the Pound Stall; five the Pentwyn and Penybank Stall; five the Refreshments Stall; and eleven the Fancy Stall. Many men workers also rendered excellent service. The Vicar thanked all for their great efforts.

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Bachelors' Social To commemorate Gwyl Dewi, a very enjoyable bachelors' social was held at Carmel Vestry on Saturday. The male members entertained the ladies and friends to a sumptuous repast. The tray holders were: Idris Williams, I. J. Morgan, D. M. James, Willie Angell Davies, Bob Rees, Thomas Walters, Robert Parry, Bryn Davies. The assistants were: Messrs. Thomas Ballard, Willie Angell, Emrys Lewis, and Leyshon Rowlands. A prize was given for the best laid table, and this was won by Messrs. Dan M. James and Willie Angell Davies. At the concert, Mr. Jenkin Pugh presided, and the following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solos, Mr. Thomas Walters; solos, Messrs. Willie Angell, Leyshon Rowlands, Meirion Shankland, Thomas Walters; recitation, Mr. Dan M. James.

Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mr. Simon Lewis, Guest-street, had passed away. Deceased, who was 38 years of age, was born in the village, and will be sadly missed. He was the chairman of the local branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He leaves a widow, who

is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slimmon, Fochriw Farm, and a widowed mother to mourn. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege and a large group of people, proceeded to the Old Church at Pentwyn. The Revs. J. C. Payne and Richard Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Rees Lewis, David Lewis, Johnny Lewis, Tom Lewis (brothers); Robert Slimmon (father-in-law); Percy Cumpstone, James Thomas, Willie Angell, Willie Slimmons, Will Edwards, Johnny Slimmons, Alfie Slimmon, L. Slimmon (brothers-in-law); Bryn Cumpstone (nephew); John, Henry, and David Harris, David, Willie & Daniel Lewis, Morgan Morgan, David Davies (uncles); David J. Harris, John R. Harris, T. Harris, Simon Harris, William Harris, Evan Harris, John Morgan, Leslie Harris, Thomas R. Lewis, Elfed Lewis, Tudor Davies, Jack Jones, David Jones, David Williams, Arthur Rowbottom, Bob Slimmon, Willie Slimmon, Eddie Slimmon, Lewis Watkins, Gwilym Llewellyn, John Llewellyn, Alvin Llewellyn (cousins). Great sympathy is extended to the young widow and family.

St. David's Day The real spirit of Gwyl Dewi was well maintained at the local schools on Friday, when the scholars showed they had been carefully trained. Great credit is due to Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster, and staff Fochriw Council School, Mr. Arthur Ballard and staff of Penybank Council School, and Miss Lewis and staff of Fochriw Infants' School.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The members of the Juvenile Lodge entertained, and the following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: solos, Mimi Lewis, Jackie Davies; recitations, Willie Walters, James Lester, Ieuan and Alfred Davis, Jimmy Lewis, Jackie Davies, Monica Williams; trio, Jackie Davies, Willie Walters and Ewart Davies.

Obituary The funeral of Mair Mills, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Mills, Davies-row, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday. The deceased passed away at Gellygaer Hospital. She was a bright, intelligent child and a faithful member of St. Mary's Church Sunday school. The funeral was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated. Great sympathy goes out to the family. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Mills (father); Sam Mills (grandfather); J. Williams, E. Rees, A. Rees, G. Rees (cousins); William and David Griffiths, J. Jones, William Roberts, J. Thomas, ---- Griffiths (uncles).

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Stop Trucks Owing to a shortage of wagons the Fochriw Drifts and Nantyyffin Drifts were idle on Tuesday.

Hospital The many friends of Nancy Morgan and Lilian May Mills, who are patients at Gellygaer Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery

Obituary We regret to report the death of the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis, Brook-row, who passed away at Merthyr Hospital after a long and painful illness. To the bereaved family sympathy is extended.

St. Mary's A special Lenten service was held on Wednesday. The special preacher was the Rev. E. J. Owen, Pontlottyn, who gave a very inspiring address.

St. David's The Church roof which was in a dilapidated state has been renewed. Pantywaun Church, which has a staunch body of workers, conducts very devotional services each week. The vicar feels proud of his faithful workers, and hopes to rebuild the Church so that that it will be a comfort to worship in.

District Council In a few weeks, the town will be in the throes of an election for a seat on the Gellygaer Urban District Council. The present member is Councillor A. T. Minnick, M.E., who has been very interested in the welfare of the ward. Several prominent names are mentioned to contest the seat in opposition to the present member, who will be seeking re-election.

Election On Thursday, at the Old Library, an enthusiastic meeting was held when the victor of the recent County Council election, Councillor W. H. Hopkins, returned thanks for the loyal support given him to obtain such a magnificent victory. The speaker said he

would do in the future as he had done in the past - his duty to all. The chair was occupied by Mr. Sam Lewis.

Welfare Ex- Sergeant Henry Williams presided over the committee meeting of the Fochriw Welfare Association at the Old Library on Thursday. A report was given by the Rev. J. C. Payne, Mr. Tom Jones, and Mr. W. Davies, who had been appointed to wait upon Mr. Mason, the organiser, at Cardiff, with regard to a grant, and carrying out of the scheme. It is thought to proceed with the work in the near future.

I.O.G.T. At Noddfa Vestry Hall on Tuesday, the members of the Lodge had an entirely Welsh programme to celebrate "Gwyl Dewi Sant." Mr. Sam Lewis presided. Brother Thomas Walters and Miss Bessie Ballard were in charge of the programme, and the following contributed: solos, Brothers Willie Angell Davies, Berkley Davies, Thomas Walters, Sisters Mrs. Walters and Miss Ceinwen Ballard. A country dance was given by the Misses Bessie and Beryl Ballard; recitations by Sisters Mary Morgan and Beryl Ballard. The choir then sang "Y Gelynen," "Dafydd y Garreg Wen," "Codiad yr Ehedydd," and "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau." Another striking item was a short Welsh drama played by Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mr. Sam Lewis, Miss Bessie Ballard and Mr. Tom Walters. The accompanists for the programme were Mr. Tom Walters, Mrs. Walters, and Miss Mona Ballard. Brother Charles Payne moved a vote of thanks to the officers of Noddfa Chapel for their kindness in lending the vestry, and to the artistes for their excellent programme. This was seconded by Sister Lewis. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," with Mrs. Walters taking the solo, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Nazareth Chapel On Monday, the members held a tea and social evening in celebration of Gwyl Dewi. The following ladies presided at the tables: J. Jones, D. Davies, T. Pugh, W. A. Jones, David Lewis, James Lawrence, W. Morris, Mrs. M. Davies, Miss A. Davies, Jennie M. Davies. After a splendid repast, Mr. Willie Adams Jones presided over the concert. The following contributed: solo, Mr. Willie Angell Davies, Mr. W. Morris and Miss E. Lewis. There were also games and impromptu speeches. The Rev. Richard Evans was present. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," by Mr. Willie Angell Davies. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

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Obituary The funeral of Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, took place on Thursday. Deceased, was eight years of age, and had suffered much. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, after which the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Lewis (father); Spencer Lewis, Cyril Lewis (brothers); Messrs. Charles Lewis, Tom Peters, William Davies (uncles); Sam Lewis (cousin).

Obituary We regret this week to record the death of one of the most highly respected inhabitants in the person of Mrs. Ann Rees, wife of Mr. Rees Rees, Guest-street, at the age of 71 years. Mrs. Rees was born at Pantywaun, and had spent the greater part of her life at Fochriw, with the exception of some years spent in Australia. She was held in very high esteem. She had suffered much of late, but bore her sufferings very patiently. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, where her genial countenance will be sadly missed. She leaves a husband and a large grown-up family. Two of her sons are in Australia, and one in America. To the sorrowing husband and family sincere sympathy is extended. A short service was held in the house, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute to the deceased. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Richard Evans and J. C. Payne. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Rees Rees (husband); William Rees, Thomas Rees, Isaac Rees, Bob Rees (sons); Ben Williams, Harry Jones (sons-in-law); Haydn Davies, Bryngwyn Rees, Windsor Rees, Willie R. Powell, Elvis Powell, Mervyn Powell, Rees Williams, David Williams, D. Lyn Jones, William Morgan (grandsons); William Davies and George Davies (nephews).

Drama: "Eilunod" The amateur dramatic society in connection with Carmel Welsh Congregational Chapel performed the Welsh drama "Eilunod" (J. Eddie Parry), at

Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Friday to most appreciative audiences. The cast was an excellent one. Each character was well portrayed, reflecting great credit on the producer, Mrs. Sam Lewis. The following were the performers: Mrs. Martha James, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Willie Angell, Miss Beryl Ballard, Mrs. Sal Jones, Mr. Arthur Ballard, Mrs. Mary Alice Lewis, Miss Mary Morgan. The president on Thursday was Mr. Daniel Rowlands, and on Saturday, Mr. Thomas Walters. The stage manager was Mr. Willie Angell Davies, and the scenic artist was Mr. Tom Lewis. The performance ended on Saturday night with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," by Mr. James John Lewis.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Lynch, wife of Mr. Tim Lynch, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn, late of Dowlais, who passed away after a short illness. To the husband and family sympathy is extended.

St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. J. L. White, Gilfach, who gave a very inspiring address.

Meeting At the Old Library on Sunday morning, Mr. Bryn Roberts, miners' agent, addressed a mass meeting of workmen on the new award in the coalfield. The agent dealt in detail with the award that had been received with so much dissatisfaction. Several questions were asked and answered.

Trespass For trespassing on the GWR between Fochriw and Deri, Albert Owen, aged 25, engineman, of Fochriw, was fined five shillings.

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Carmel Chapel On Sunday, a singing festival was held, when hymns and anthems were sung under the conductorship of Mr. James John Lewis. The singing reached a high standard and was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

Noddfa Chapel On Tuesday evening at the Vestry, a very pleasant time was spent, when the postponed social from St. David's Day took place. The tea tables were presided over by the lady members of the chapel, and a number sat down to an excellent meal. Afterwards games were played.

Personal It is very pleasing to know that Mr. Islwyn Davies has been highly successful in passing with honours, his final tests and probation period in the Metropolitan Police Force.

St. Mary's Church The special Lenten preacher on Wednesday was the Rev. W. S. Pontin, the vicar of Pontlottyn, who delivered a very fine Lenten sermon.

Male Voice Party The Party are again busy rehearsing for the forthcoming concert on Good Friday evening at Carmel Chapel in aid of the funds of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the Merthyr General Hospital.

Missioner's Visit The Rev. R. W. Jones, chief diocesan missioner for the diocese of Llandaff, paid a visit to the parish Church on Tuesday evening, and addressed a meeting of women. The missioner took as his subject "Pilate's Wife" and gave a stirring address which created a profound impression on the congregation.

Election At the Old Library on Monday evening, a well-attended meeting was held in support of the Labour candidate, Mr. Raymond Clark, who is seeking a seat on the Gellygaer Urban District Council. The chair was occupied by Mrs. Kneebone, Deri, who gave an excellent address in support of the candidate. County Councillor W. H. Hopkins also gave an address of support, and the candidate also addressed the meeting.

Whist Drive At the Old Library on Thursday, a very pleasant whist drive was held under the auspices of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Crad Ballard and the prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Miss Dilys Evans, 2. Mrs. Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Puddle, 2. Mr. E. Thomas. The energetic secretary is Miss Bessie Ballard.

Congratulations The many friends of Mr. Claerwyn Davies will be pleased to hear of his brilliant success in the musical world. He has been awarded the Rosing Progress Medal, and has the unique distinction of being the first student to receive this award after one year's study. This award covers singing, languages, etc. His friends join in wishing him further success.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The following contributed: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; solos, Sisters S. J. Jones, L. Thomas, Beryl Ballard,; duet, Sisters Ballard and L. Thomas; readings, Sisters Bessie Ballard and Brother David Jones.

Election Meeting A large number attended at the Church Hall on Tuesday to hear an address by Councillor A. H. Minhinnick, M.E., who is seeking re-election to the Gellygaer Urban District Council. The chair was taken by Mr. John Lloyd Jones, and he gave an account of the work accomplished by Mr. Minhinnick. The candidate then addressed the meeting and gave a detailed report of his stewardship. Mr. W. J. Giles, J.P., also spoke in support of the candidate. A vote of confidence in Mr. Minhinnick was proposed by Mr. John Bevan, M.E., and seconded by Mr. Charles Mills, and carried unanimously.

“Merthyr Express” 4 April 1931

Hospital Friends of Mr. George Price and Master Claude Smith, regret to hear that they are in hospital, and join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Palm Sunday Hundreds journeyed to the Old Church on the hill, St. Andrews, to place flowers on the graves. The Vicar conducted a service. The lesson was read by Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ.

Carmel Chapel On Sunday last, Nurse Ballard Davies gave an inspiring address, and also, readings and recitations. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ, and Mr. J. J. Lewis conducted the singing.

St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. J. R. D. Williams, vicar of Rhymney.

Personal The many friends of Mr. Willie Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, Plantation-terrace, who is a student at Exeter Training College, will be pleased to know that he has been appointed captain of the College Rugby XV.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was "Short Biographies," Sister Ceinwen Ballard and Brother David Jones being responsible. Brother David Jones took for his biography a Jewish painter named Marca Nemes, and Sister Ballard took as her subject the poet Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. The readers were thanked on the motion of Sister C. Walters, seconded by Sister M. A. Lewis.

Obituary Mr. Thomas Everett, who was in his 91st year, and was well known in the village where he had resided for many years before moving to Deri with his daughter, Mrs. S. Way, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. He was formerly employed as a roadman under the Gellygaer Council. He was a worshipper at St. Mary's Church. On Sunday evening, the organist, Mr. O. Richards, played the Dead March in his memory. The funeral was a very large and representative one. The Vicar officiated at the graveside. To the bereaved family, sincere sympathy is extended in their loss.

“Merthyr Express” 11 April 1931

Noddfa Chapel The pulpit on Sunday was occupied by the Rev Ieuan Evans, Pontardulais, who was for many years the pastor of Noddfa. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans with Mr. D. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

Nazareth Chapel An interesting service was conducted at the chapel on Sunday, when the appointment of four deacons took place - Messrs. John Lawrence, Richard Pugh, Willie Adams Jones and Berkley Davies.

New Doctor A cordial welcome is extended to Dr. D. C. Williams, who has taken on the practice of Dr. T. Stenner Evans, J.P. All join in wishing him and Mrs. Williams a pleasant time in the locality.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Gwynfor Davies, Dynevor-street, will regret to know that he is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, as a result of an accident sustained at Groesfaen Colliery, where he is employed. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

St. Mary's On Easter Day, large congregations attended throughout the day. The preacher and celebrant was the vicar. The choir, under Mr. B. Angell, sang in fine style, the anthem "To Him all Power." Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village on Good Friday evening when it became known that ex-Sergeant Henry Williams, treasurer of the East Glamorgan Baptist Association, had passed away with dramatic suddenness at the age of 72 years. He was one of the most popular citizens in the district. His wife died ten months ago. To the bereaved family sincere sympathy goes out in their sad hour of trial.

Wedding: Ballard-Oliver A pretty wedding took place on Saturday at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, the Rev. J. T. Rogers officiating. The contracting parties were Miss Ceinwen Ballard, daughter of Mr. Thomas Ballard and the late Mrs. Ballard, Moore's-row, and Mr. William Henry Oliver. The bride, who is on the staff of Ystrad Mynach School, was given away by her father. She was attired in a dress off Lido blue with primrose hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Bessie Ballard, who wore a Lido blue dress with beige hat. Mr. Thomas G. Thomas acted as best man. They were the recipients of many presents and good wishes from a host of friends.

Doctor's Appointment The very large circle of friends of Dr. T. Stenner Evans, J.P., were delighted to hear of his important appointment to the post of deputy regional medical officer to the Ministry of Health. A more capable man for the post it would be difficult to find. Coming to Fochriw in November 1918, after serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he soon endeared himself to the people in the scattered area, by his devotion to duty. He was appointed a member of the honorary medical staff of the Merthyr General Hospital in 1923. He was the organiser and first medical officer of the Fochriw Maternity and Child Welfare Centre under Gellygaer Council. He was lecturer and surgeon to the Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance Association, and was made an honorary life member of the Priory for Wales in 1925. He was also President of the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion, and is a member of the Ministry of Pensions Medical Board. He is a Justice of the Peace for the County of Glamorgan, and is Worshipful Master of the North Glamorgan Lodge of Freemasons. All join in wishing him well in his new sphere.

Concert At Carmel Chapel on Good Friday evening, one of the finest concerts ever held in the district took place under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. Tom Walters, A.L.C.M., with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., at the piano. The proceeds were in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Merthyr General Hospital. The chairman was Dr. D. C. Williams, and he was accorded a hearty reception when introduced by Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman of the Party. Both the artistes and choir were in excellent form, encores being frequent. The concert opened with an overture by Mr. Lawrence, which put the audience into an excellent spirit. The party then rendered "Llan Baglan," followed by Mr. T. Cymro Thomas, Rhymney, with a tenor solo, "Sound an Alarm," and as an encore, he sang "Gwlad y Delyn." The concert continued as follows: recitation by Madame Thomas, Abertysswg, "Simon o Cyrene yn cario'r Groes," encore, "The Policeman's Story;" baritone solo, Mr. Haydn Thomas, Bedlinog, "The Desert," encore, "O! Illusion," soprano solo, "Lo, hear the gentle lark," encore "One fine Day;" the Party, "Hallelujah Chorus;" baritone solo, Mr. Thomas, "The Blind Ploughman;" recitation, Madame Thomas, "The Leper;" tenor solo, Mr. T. C. Thomas, "Lend me your aid;" soprano solo, Madame Evans, "Llam y Cariadau," encore, "The Wandering One;" Party, "Y Delyn Aur." At the close, Mr. W. J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, artistes, the officers of the chapel, to Mr. Tom Jones for the lone of the piano, to the ticket sellers, the party, conductor, accompanist, and all who had helped in any way. Mr. W. J. Ballard seconded. The whole concluded with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

"Merthyr Express" 18 April 1931

Obituary The death of Len, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, took place on Monday at Merthyr Hospital after an operation.

Hospital The many friends of Master Cuthbert Llewelyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gwilym Llewelyn, Pentwyn Farm, will regret to know that he is in hospital at Merthyr, and join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. A short drama's entitled "Dau yn Gwmni," was performed by Brothers Sam Lewis, Tom Walters, Sisters S. Lewis and Bessie Ballard. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brothers Berkley Davies, G. Morris, T. Walters; recitations, Brother D. Jones and Sister Mary Morgan. The choir sang "Y Gelynen," "Dafydd y Garreg Wen," "Codiad ye Ehedydd," and "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

Personal The wide circle of friends of Bombardier William Roberts, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, will be delighted to hear of his rise to fame in the football world. He is a regular player in the Army Soccer Team and as a full-back his displays week after week have won much praise from the football fans. He has signed amateur forms for the Arsenal.

Funeral The death of Margaret, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Edwards, Brook-row, took place at the age of ten years. The deceased was a bright and intelligent child, and a member of St. Mary's Church Sunday school. Sympathy goes out to the family. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Wyndham Edwards (father); Masters Aldwyn and Trevor Edwards (brothers); Messrs. Reg Griffiths (brother-in-law); Percy Edwards and William Mantle (uncles); Tom Mantle, Elwyn Edwards, Bedford Edwards, Harry Evans, Archie Evans, Loyal Evans, Tudor and Willie Evans (cousins); George Evans, Glyndwr Evans and Harry Oakley.

Obituary: Mr. Henry Williams, aged 72 One of the largest funerals seen in Fochriw was that of ex-Sergeant Henry Williams, who was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard. He had been a member of the police force for 40 years, holding the rank of sergeant on his retirement. On taking up duties at Fochriw nearly 40 years ago, he found the Baptist cause at Penybank, an adjacent village, closed, and with debts of £800. Sergeant Williams set to work to remove this burden, and through his zeal and energy, the debt was wiped out and the cause revived. For 20 years, with the assistance of his wife and son, he kept a Sunday School for some 40 or 50 children at Penybank. His activities, however, have not been confined to Penybank. For over 30 years, he has been a deacon at Noddfa Chapel, and the total sums collected by him towards the two causes amounted to about £3,000. In presenting him with an illuminated address as a little acknowledgement of these services, the East Glamorgan Baptist Association, with its membership of over 80,000, conferred honour on itself. He was treasurer of the East Glamorgan Baptist Association, and every good cause in the village had his support. At the house, a service was conducted by the Rev. J. Bassett (Blaenrhondda) and the Rev. D. Davies (Llantwit Fardre). Afterwards, the coffin was borne to the hearse by members of the police force under the command of Inspectors H. Evans (Bargoed) and W. H. Williams (Pontlottyn). As the solemn cortege wended its way, the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under Mr. Thomas Walters, sang with deep feeling "Mae'n nghyfeillion adre'r myned." Deceased was vice-chairman of the Party, and at the graveside, the party sang most impressively "Sleep thy last sleep." The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev J. Roberts, Abertysswg, the Rev. R. G. Hughes, Pontypridd, Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Cardigan, (a former minister of Noddfa), and the Rev. Ieuan Evans (Pontardulais), another recent minister of Noddfa. Other ministers present were Revs. J. C. Evans, W. C. Morse, S. T. Jones, G. O. Roberts, W. A. Williams, R. S. Hughes, J. Griffiths, D. L. Morris, S. Evans, T. Bassett. Members of the Glamorgan Constabulary acted as bearers. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Willie J. Williams, Seaborne Williams and Gomer Williams (sons); W. H. Williams (grandson); John Parry (brother-in-law); John and Idris Parry, Ossie Treharne, William Price (nephews); David J. Havard, Myrddin Havard, Aldwyn Havard, and Mr. Richards, Cardiff, (cousins).

"Merthyr Express" 25 April 1931

Stop Trucks Both the Brithdir and Tyla-du Levels were on stop on Tuesday owing to the trade depression.

Lest We Forget On Friday and Saturday next, readers will have an opportunity to show their appreciation for that noble institution, the Merthyr General Hospital, by buying a flower from the sellers.

Welfare Ground The committee of the Welfare Association met at the Old Library on Tuesday evening, when touching reference was made to the loss sustained in the movement by the death of ex-Sergeant Henry Williams, who was vice-chairman of the committee, and who had filled the position of chairman for some time. Owing to the illness of the chairman, Mr. E. M. Davies. Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster of the Council Schools, was appointed vice-chairman in place of Mr. Williams. The report on the progress of enclosing the land, and the interviews with Captain Mason, was given by the secretary, Mr. W. A. Davies, the vicar, and Mr. Tom Jones. A deputation was appointed to further interview Captain Mason in regard to a grant from Welfare Fund. The following were appointed: Mr. Tom Jones, Councillor Minhinnick, and Rev. J. C. Payne.

Obituary Another old inhabitant has passed away, after a very painful illness, at the age at 71, in the person of Mr. Edward Williams, Plantation-street, who had resided for the greater part of his life in the village. Quiet and unassuming, he will be sadly missed. He had been ailing for some time, and had become blind and confined to his bed for the last twelve months. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was well attended. The Rev. Richard Evans conducted the service at the house and graveside. To the sorrowing widow, children and family, great sympathy is extended. The chief mourners were: Mr. Jenkin Williams, Mr. Stanley Williams (sons); Messrs. David Williams, William Evans (brothers); William Davies (brother-in-law); Evan Jones, Thomas & Richard Pugh (cousins); David Williams, Ivor Williams, F. R. Attwell, R. G. Attwell, Richard Morgan, B. J. Morgan, E. G. Evans, David Morgan, David J. Morgan, W. Adams Jones, G. Jones (nephews); D. Davies (cousin).

Fochriw Vestry: A Year of Progress in Face of Difficulties The Rev. J. C. Payne, Vicar, presided over the Easter Vestry at the Church Hall on Wednesday. The statement of accounts was submitted by the People's Warden, Mr. W. J. Payne. He stated that they had been able to meet their obligations, including the quota, and all accounts showed a balance on the right side. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected parish Warden, and the Vicar re-elected Mr. Charles Payne as his warden, and Councillor John Edwards as his warden for St. Peter's, Deri. The following were elected sidesmen: Messrs. Frank Way, W. D. Davies, Morgan Parry, Crad Ballard, Tom Jones, Ernest Jones, Henry Thomas, Tom Jones, R. Jones, George Evans, Charles Hollister, D. J. Williams, Mr. Griffiths. Miss R. Davies was re-elected as auditor. The following comprise the parochial Council: the wardens, Messrs. T. Baldwin, B. Angell, W. D. Davis, Dr. D. C. Williams, Ernest Jones, Jack Lawrence, Thomas Jones, Henry Thomas, Willie Davies, Tom Jones, Frank Way, O. Richards. Mr. B. Angell and Mr. O. Richards were re-elected choirmaster and organist. In his remarks, the vicar stated that he was delighted with spirit of harmony that prevailed. Although the industrial depression was still with them, they had much to be thankful for. Much had been improved during the past year. He wished to thank his colleague, the Rev. D. J. Griffiths, the licensed lay readers, the Churchwardens, choirmasters, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, Mothers' Union, parochial collectors, sidesmen, caretaker, the parochial secretary, and all who had helped in any way. He was most proud of the splendid harmony that existed.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Dan Jones, the Villas, will regret to know that he is at a nursing home in Cardiff, and has undergone an operation from which he is making satisfactory progress. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery. Mr. Jones is on the teaching staff at Pontlottyn.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice." Sister Bessie Ballard was responsible for the evening, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Concert At the Church Hall on Friday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a very happy children's entertainment. The following contributed to a programme of solos and recitation: Edna Jones, Marion Gregory, Mair Gittins, Jennie Davies, Betty Edwards, Ada Gregory, Doris Edwards, David Cole, Ernest Lester, David Howell, Tudor

Rowlands, Graham Cumpstone, S. Davies, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. G. Tyler, Dennis Harding, Douglas Clarke, Howell T. Lewis. The following were the winners in the various competitions: Jennie Davies, Edna Jones, Betty Edwards, and David Cole.

Obituary The funeral of Master Len Edwards, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Edwards, Brook-rowl, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The service at the house and graveside was conducted by the Vicar. Sympathy is extended to the family in their sorrow. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Percy Edwards (father); Bedford Edwards (brother); Elwyn Edwards, Archie Evans, Wyndham Edwards, W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, T. Jones, D. H. Jones, T. Edwards, T. Evans, B. Evans, H. Evans (uncles); Windsor Williams, A. Edwards, Trevor Edwards, W. J. Jones, D. R. Jones, W. H. Jones, T. Davies, H. Jones, C. Edwards, A. Mantle, D. L. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, H. Evans, T. J. Evans, T. Sullivan, W. Whitby, T. Kelly, W. Parry, E. Jones.

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Concert A children's entertainment was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, presided over by the vicar. A splendid programme was contributed by Master John Davies, Ewart Davies, David Rees Jones, David Howells, Graham Cumpstone, Ada Gregory, Hannah Mantle, Edna Jones, Winnie Evans, Maud Jones, M. H. Ballard, Jennie Davies, Betty Edwards. The winner of the competition was Miss Mary H. Ballard. The evening programme was brought to a close by the playing of a sketch "Eliza Couldn't Stay," by W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, Goronwy Tyler, D. J. Williams, A. Wood, V. Payne and Bertie Stephens.

Ambulance Competition At the Library on Wednesday last, a competition was held under the auspices of the Dowlais Corps League Cadets. A good number of spectators witnessed an excellent competition. The judge was Mr. D. Morgan, Penydarren. Fochriw won by a good margin of points. The successful team was Windsor Rees (captain), Ivor Morgan, Willie Howells, and Elwyn Davies. The successful team are under the careful training and supervision of Divisional Superintendent John Morgan. Last year they were the winners of the trophy and bid fair to winning it again this year.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday. An interesting address was given by County Councillor W. H. Hancock entitled "Temperance and its influence." The following took part in the discussion: Sisters S. Lewis, Bessie Ballard, and the chief Templar.

Flower Day On Friday, a number of ladies were busy disposing of forget-me-nots in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. Thanks are due to Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. Howell Thomas for organising the sellers, and also to the ladies for selling. The sum of £4 3s 10d was realised. The sellers were Misses Wynda Edwards and Cissie Edwards, Misses Mary Morgan and Nellie Morris, Misses Olive Payne and Phoebe Jones, Misses Rosie Davies, Maggie Thomas and G. Turner, Misses May Cook and Annie Mills, Misses Rosie Williams and Eironwen Richards, Misses Gwyneth Parry and Ceinwen Thomas, Misses M. E. Thomas and Addie Slimmons, Misses Nesta Evans and Ceinwen Cole.

“Merthyr Express” 9 May 1931

Ambulance Competition An ambulance competition under the auspices of Dowlais Corps League was held at Noddfa Vestry on Saturday last. Four teams entered and the results were as follows: Fochriw - theory 31, practical 54; Penydarren 92 - 83; Dowlais Police 85 - 88; Bedlinog 99 - 101. Sergt. H. Thomas proposed, and Div. Supt. H. Williams seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the judges, officers and members of Noddfa Chapel for the use of the Vestry. The chairman for the evening was Div. Supt. J. Morgan.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was a social evening, and the following contributed: pianoforte solos, Sister M. Ballard; solos, Sister L. Thomas, Brother W. Davies; quartet, Brothers B. Davies, B. Rees, D. James and W. Davies; recitations, Brothers T. Walters and D. James; readings, Brother S. Lewis. A presentation was then made to Sister Ceinwen Ballard, on the occasion of her marriage, by Brother Sam Lewis.

Sister Ballard has been one of the most faithful members of the Order. Games were then played. The accompanists were Sister M. Ballard and Brother Thomas Walters

Dramatic Recital On Wednesday evening, Nazareth Chapel was full to overflowing to hear a dramatic musical recital by Miss Ruth Parry, Cardiff. Mr. J. P. Isaac was the chairman. Miss Parry was given a splendid reception. Her scenes from "Macbeth," and "Romeo and Juliet," were given in masterly style. Some of her monologues and songs at the piano will linger long in the minds of the audience. The vicar proposed, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Parry. Mr. John Lawrence was secretary, and Mr. William Morris was treasurer.

Vestry Meeting The Vicar presided over a well-attended meeting at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Saturday. The accounts showed a balance on the right side. Thanks to the untiring efforts of the Vicar, with his willing band of workers, a new roof has replaced the old one, and other portions of the Church re-built. The vicar thanked all for their splendid co-operation. Mr. Mitchell was appointed secretary, and Mr. J. T. Kings treasurer. The following were appointed Church councillors and sidesman: Messrs. Jas. Davies, John Bradley, D. J. Kings, W. H. Bradley, Wm. J. Bradley, W. H. Williams, M. Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph, Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. J. T. Keynes, Mrs. Kings, Mrs. R. Bradley, Mrs. Owen and Mrs. J. D. Kings.

New Deacons The following have been elected deacons of Carmel Chapel: J. Idris Williams, Thomas Walters, Willie Angell Davies, Mrs. Aneurin Jones, Nurse Ballard Davies.

May Day At the library on Monday afternoon, the usual May Day meetings in connection with the South Wales Miners' Federation were held, the chair being occupied by Mr. William J. Edwards. Addresses were given by Mr. J. Watkins and others.

Junior Cricket Deri Juniors met Fochriw Juniors on Thursday in a friendly match. Scores: Deri 28 for 8 wks: Fochriw 22.

"Merthyr Express" 23 May 1931

Death of Mr. Henry Charles Payne We regret to record the death last Saturday of Mr. H. C. Payne, 2, Glyn-terrace, at the age of 80 years. By his death, the village and district loses one of its most interesting personalities, and another link with the past has been broken.

Mr. Payne was born at Newport, but had lived at Fochriw for the last 60 years. He worked as a fitter for the old Dowlais Iron Company at their Fochriw Collieries, and was afterwards appointed road foreman under the Gellygaer Council, a position he held with distinction until his retirement two years ago. His wife died about two years ago.

He was wonderfully active, and socially he was alert and always ready to do all in his power for the betterment of the village in which he lived. He was vicar's warden at St. Mary's Church. The family holds an unique position in the Church. His elder son, the Rev. J. C. Payne, is Vicar of the parish, and his younger son, Mr. W. J. Payne has been people's warden since the parish was formed. Mr. Payne was a staunch total abstainer, and a stalwart of the I.O.G.T. He was one of the founders and a charter member of the Star of Fochriw Lodge, and was appointed to be its first chief Templar, holding office in the lodge ever since. His efforts for the cause of temperance, and on behalf of the Order, were not limited to the Fochriw Lodge, for his work has been manifested in the Rhymney, Merthyr and Tredegar districts. He has filled the presidential chair and has also been district chief Templar. He also held offices in the English Grand Lodge of Wales. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters for over 60 years, and held the post of chief ranger of the Court Anthony Hill, Merthyr, where he was held in high respect, and his ripe experience and advice was eagerly sought. His persistent efforts on behalf of all that was a polite, loveable and uplifting will live long in the memory of all who knew him. As well as his sons, he leaves to mourn a sorrowing daughter, Mrs. E. Lawrence, who nursed him with great care and devotion. The funeral, which took place on Tuesday, and was one of the largest seen for a long time, included representatives of the I.O.G.T., Ancient Order of Foresters, Male Voice Party, and other societies. Amongst the general public were: Mr. John Bevan, M.E, Councillor John Edwards, County

Councillor W. H. Hancock, Inspector Richards, Mr. D. D. James (editor of the "Templar Record"), Mr. Sam Lewis (school manager), Mr. D. Ivor Jones (churchwarden, Pontlottyn), Police Sergeant W. Howells, Police Constable Sanson, Mr. Evans (manager of Lloyds Bank, Rhymney), the Rev. S. Evans (St. George's-super-Ely), the Rev. W. S. Pontin (vicar of Pontlottyn), Mr. A. J. Templeman, Mr. Harry Davies (Merthyr), Mr. William Evans (Pontlottyn), Mr. Tim Gambling, Mr. W. Skyrme, Mr. R. Williams (Merthyr), R. Williams (Dowlais), Rev. D. J. Griffiths, the Rev J. L. White, the Rev Richard Evans, and also representatives of his late workmen and other societies. The bearers were officers of St. Mary's Church, and were: Messrs. E. Idris Griffiths, T. Baldwin, W. D. Davies, F. Way, Geo. Evans, Crad Ballard, W. Palmer, B. Angell, O. Richards and C. Hollister. Prior to the removal of the body, a short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Samuel Evans, late vicar of the parish, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church amidst signs of deep sorrow. At the Church, the service was most impressive. The sacred building was filled, and the service fully choral. The 90th Psalm was chanted, and deceased's favourite hymn "My God, my Father, while I stray," was sung. The service was conducted by the Revs. W. S. Pontin, D. J. Griffiths and Samuel Evans. The organist, Mr. Octavius Richards, played the "Dead March," and as the body was carried out of the Church, the choir chanted the "Nunc Dimittis." Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing. The solemn procession then reformed, and headed by the clergy and P.S. Howells and P.C Sanson, wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. At the graveside, striking tributes were paid to the deceased's character, his unflinching adherence to principle, and his constant defence of truth. The hymn, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah." was sung with deep feeling. The chief mourners were: Rev. J. C. Payne, Mr. William John Payne (sons); Messrs. John Lawrence (son-in-law); Jack Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, Vernon Payne, Mervyn Payne (grandsons); W. Payne (Dowlais), Joseph Payne (Fochriw), John Payne (Newport) (brothers); Fred Boyns, Jack Boyns (Newport), Trevor Boyns (Hirwaun) (nephews); Edward Roberts (Port Talbot), Tom Harris (Dowlais) (nephews); David Lawrence, James Stevens (Barry), D. D. James (Cardiff).

St. Mary's Well-attended services were held at the Parish Church on Ascension Thursday, conducted by the Vicar. The Rev D. J. Griffiths, curate, made touching references to the death of their respected churchwarden, Mr. Henry Charles Payne, a man who was held in the highest esteem, and was a devoted churchman. He offered sincere sympathy to the family in their sorrow.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The Juveniles were entertained to a tea and entertainment by the adult Lodge. The following contributed to the programme: pianoforte selections, Brother Thomas Walters; solo, Sister Nesta Evans; recitation, Sister Lewis; solo, Bros. B. Davies, D. James; recitation, Sister Bessie Ballard; pianoforte selections, Sister Mona Ballard; recitation, Sister Walters; solos, Sisters D. Jones & Thomas; readings, Sister Mary Morgan; solos, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brother Bob Rees; story, Sister Bessie Ballard.

Tea and Baby Show At the Church Hall on Wednesday, a very happy time was spent. The judge for the show was Dr. D. C. Williams, who said that his task was a very difficult one, as the babies present were all well developed and cared for, and a credit to their parents. He awarded the first prize to Glyndwr Parry, and the second to Gwenllian Williams. Mrs. Williams presented the prizes. After the baby show, tea was taken, followed by an entertainment. Mr. Octavius Richards was the accompanist, and the following artistes took part: Mrs. Jones (elocutionist); Mr. D. J. Williams and Mr. G. Tyler. The M.Cs. were Mr. Tom Jones and Mr. Crad Ballard.

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Outings All the churches in village had their annual outing to Barry Island on Tuesday when close on 900 were conveyed by special trains. The weather was ideal.

Accident The numerous friends of Mr. George Davies, Brynteg-street, will regret to know that he received injuries whilst following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery,

which necessitated his removal to Merthyr General Hospital. His friends join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Obituary We regret to record the sad death of the early age of 16 years, of Master John Iorwerth Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Habacuk Morgan. He was a bright, intelligent youth, and a pupil of Lewis' School, Pengam, where he had attended up to a week before his sudden illness and death. To the sorrowing family sincere sympathy is extended.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by Brother Samuel Lewis. Touching references were made to the death of Brother Charles Payne, who had been a faithful member of the lodge for over 28 years. The evening was set apart for "Devotion," the following taking part: reading from scripture, Sister Bessie Ballard; prayer, Sister Lewis; solos, Sisters Beryl Ballard and L. Thomas; address, Bro. James (Cardiff); psalm, Sister Mary Morgan.

Wedding: Lewis-Humphreys A very pretty wedding took place at Gellygaer Church on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Marjorie Lewis, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn, and Mr. William Humphreys, son of Mrs. Humphreys, Pontlottyn. The bride looked charming in a pastel shade of primrose dress of suede georgette, with Reslau straw hat, with black suede shoes. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride, where a large number sat down, after which the happy couple left for Aberystwyth. The bride's going away attire was a black silk morocain coat, with powder blue georgette dress, and hat to match. They were the recipients of numerous presents and a host of good wishes.

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M.Ps. Visit Mr. Morgan Jones, M P, (Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Education), visited the village and gave an address to a large audience on Tuesday evening last at the library.

Nazareth Chapel The half-yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday last and were largely attended. The special preacher was the Rev W. Talfan Davies, Gorseinon, who delivered very powerful sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris and the organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Willie Angell Davies.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, Brother Sam Lewis presiding. Brother Islwyn Davies was responsible for the programme, and gave some excellent selections.

Obituary: Master John Iorwerth Morgan, aged 16 The funeral of the late Master John Iorwerth Morgan, took place on Saturday. There was a very large attendance. Deceased was 16 years of age and was loved by all his schoolmates and masters, as was manifested in the funeral which so many attended. He was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Church, where his loss will be keenly felt. Great sympathy is extended to the parents, grandparents and family. He would have tried his senior examination this year. A short service was conducted at the house, conducted by the Rev J. Roberts, Abertysswg, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a silent tribute. The chief mourners were: Mr. Habacuk Morgan (father); Masters Ivor Morgan, and Aneurin Morgan (brothers); Messrs. T. J. Morgan, Thomas Evans, Aneurin Evans, Emrys Evans, Richard Evans, Walter Thomas, B. Evans, James Williams, Crad Ballard, Aneurin Jones, Daniel Evans, John Francis, David J. Thomas, T. H. Jones, Mat Lewis, John Matthews, T. Davies, Daniel Jenkins (uncles); E. M. Jones, Thomas Jones, Rod Jones, W. T. Morgan, Edward Evans, H. Ballard, Dan Jenkins, Crad Thomas, John Thomas, W. Gibbons, W. M. Davies, Bryn Davies, Egrin Thomas, Emlyn Evans, J. I. Davies, D. J. Evans, Robert Thomas, T. J. Jones, E. W. Jones, T. J. Evans, W. Davies, T. Davies, G. Davies, T. Davies, T. Jenkins, L. Jones, Daniel Rowlands, Aneurin Thomas, W. Evans, B. Gallop, K. James.

"Merthyr Express" 13 June 1931

Scholastic Congratulations to the following candidates who were successful at the entrance examination: Frances Adams, Jemima Lewis, Tudor Rowlands (Fochriw Mixed); Mary Lewis (Penybank).

Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, and large congregations attended. The special preacher was the Rev Brython M. Davies, Wrexham, who delivered very powerful sermons that were greatly appreciated. The singing was conducted by Mr. James John Lewis with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ

Buses The villagers were delighted to see a bus belonging to the Gellygaer Urban District Council, making a trip through the village to test if the roads would permit the service. Surely a place like Fochriw, paying the same rates as others in the area, is entitled to some sort of service, even if a restricted one. The three councillors representing the Fochriw ward should take this matter up in earnest.

Mothers' Union On Tuesday evening at the Parish Church, a special service was held, which was taken by Mr. W. J. Payne, licensed lay reader. The address was given by Mrs. Llewellyn, Briton Ferry, President of the Mothers' Union of the Diocese of Llandaff. The speaker chose as her subject "Responsibility," with which she dealt in a masterly manner.

Male Voice Party The party of busy preparing a programme of music for their tour during Bank Holiday week.

Vicar's Preferment It was with feelings of regret that the congregation heard the Rev. J. C. Payne's statement from the pulpit of the parish Church on Sunday that he would be leaving shortly to take up another living that had been offered him by the Provincial Board of Patronage. The living was Ystradowen, in the Vale of Glamorgan, near Cowbridge, which is one of the prettiest spots in the diocese. Rev. Payne has been at the parish for less than three years, but a great deal has been accomplished. All buildings in the parish have been put in good order, and some rebuilt and re-roofed. Also, the financial position is sound. He hoped they would continue the great work for the Master, and when the new vicar came they would give him the loyal support they had given to him.

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Welfare A meeting of the Welfare Association has held on Wednesday evening, when Mr. T. Jones presided.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday evening, the Chief Templar presiding. The evening was set apart for ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible. The hymn entitled "Soldiers of Christ, Arise," composed by Brother Walters, was dedicated to the Star of Fochriw Lodge.

Obituary With feelings of deep regret, the news was received on Sunday last of the sudden death of Mrs. Harry Roberts (late Kitty Lawrence), daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. James Lawrence, at the age of 45 years. Deceased lived at Port Talbot, and was in the village just a few weeks ago at the funeral of Mr. Henry Charles Payne. At the time, she was in her usual state of health. It appears she was in the act of serving the Sunday dinner when she was taking ill, and died within two hours.

Old Church Reopened The Old Church has been reopened, with portions of it re-built and completely renovated. It was reopened on Monday evening by the Rev. Canon J. Richards-Pugh, Rector of Merthyr Tydfil, and Rural Dean. The church was packed, the congregation listening with rapt attention to the eloquent sermon preached by the Canon. The organists were Messrs. O. Richards, and David Kings, Pantywaun.

New Vicar of Fochriw and Deri The Rev. J. L. White, curate of Gilfach in the parish of Gellygaer, has been offered, and has accepted the living of Fochriw and Deri, in succession to Rev. J. C. Payne.

"Merthyr Express" 27 June 1931

Appointment Friends of Mr. L. Haydn Angell, B.A., son of Mr. W. J. Angell, will be delighted to hear that he has been appointed Welsh master at Rhyl County School.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the vice-templar presiding. Bro. and Sister Lewis were responsible for a very interesting programme.

Personal The large number of friends of Mr. Howell Jones, M.A., B.C.L., son of Mr. George Jones, Picton House, will be delighted to hear of his important appointment at

Rhodesia, S. Africa, in his capacity as Bachelor of Civil Law. He sailed from Southampton last Friday.

The Late Mrs. H. Roberts There was a large attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Harry Roberts, which took place on Thursday last at the Goitre Cemetery, Port Talbot. She was a faithful member of Duffryn C.M. Church, and was highly respected, and had a wide circle of friends. The Rev. Wm. Henry, Port Talbot, and Rev. J. C. Payne, Fochriw, officiated at the house and graveside. The principal mourners were: Mr. Harry Roberts (husband); Miss Linda Roberts (daughter); Mr. & Mrs. John Lawrence, Mr. & Mrs. David Lawrence, Mr. & Mrs. James Lawrence (brothers and sister-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Roberts, Mr. R. D. Lawrence, Miss Eleanor Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. F. Roberts, Mrs. Rhys Thomas (relatives-in-law); Mr. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Mary L. Lawrence, Mrs. Rose Williams, Mr. T. Davies, Mr. R. David Lewis, Mr. David Jones, Mrs. S. Davies, Rev. J. Payne (cousins); Messrs. Jack, Trevor, and Gordon Lawrence, Willie Roberts, and Glyn Roberts (nephews); Mrs. A. Yeo, Mrs. R. J. Jones, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Elias Davies, Mrs. W. A. Lewis, and Mrs. Edward Williams (friends from Fochriw).

Cardiff Pageant Quite a number of children journeyed to Cardiff to witness the pageant. They were in the charge of their respective teachers and returned at 9.45 after a good outing.

Fire Brigade The local Fire Brigade took part in the competitions at Pontlottyn on Saturday last, under the auspices of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade and gave a good account of themselves. They came second in the aggregate score, and won first prize in the pump drill, and second in the extinguisher drill.

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I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge held on Tuesday, the evening was set apart for folk songs. Bro. Walters was responsible for the programme.

Presentation On Monday evening, an enjoyable time was spent at the Church Hall when Mrs. Payne was the recipient of a beautiful cake stand by the members of her Sunday school class. The presentation was made Mrs. Tyler, the oldest member of the class. An excellent tea was provided, followed by a musical programme and games.

Brass Band The villagers were delighted to hear the strains once again of the Brass Band, which has been reformed, and commenced practice under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, who is well-known as a musician of repute, and as a fine solo cornet player. Several young players have been enrolled, and a hearty invitation is extended to any older players to rally to the cause, and give a helping hand.

Social The Church Hall was well filled on Thursday evening for a social and whist drive under the auspices of the Male Voice Party. The M.Cs. for whist were Messrs. Crad Ballard and J. Lloyd Thomas, and for dancing Messrs. T. Howell Jones and Stanley Williams. The music was played by Mr. Sydney Briffett. The prize winners for whist were: Ladies: 1. Miss Jessie Thomas, 2. Mrs. Wyndham Morrgan, Gents: 1. Mr. Geo. Williams, 2. Mr. W. Edwards. The secretarial duties were carried out by: Mr. D. J. Davies and Mr. J. Gregory.

Vicar's Farewell Touching scenes were witnessed at the Parish Church on Sunday last, when the vicar held a dedication service in the morning, and preached his farewell sermon in the evening, when the Church was crowded. The Vicar is leaving to take up an appointment at Ystradowen. At the morning service, several gifts were dedicated for the use of the churches in the parish. Included in these were the following: a pair of the Churchwardens' staffs in memory of Mr. Henry Charles Payne, former vicar's warden, the gifts made by his children in memory of a loving father and devoted mother; a beautiful book for the reading desk, in memory of the late Mr. John Wood, who was choirmaster at St. Andrews for many years, from his loving wife and children; a brass vase for the Mothers' Union stained window in the west end, the gift of Mrs. J. P. Isaac, Pontlottyn; a set of Bibles and prayer books, the gift of Mrs. Winifred Pares, Rhymney, and friends, for Pantywaun Church, and a number of linen cloths for the altar, the gifts of friends. At the evening service, the Vicar stated that there was something in the old tips at Fochriw that was dear to him; it was his home and the scene of his boyhood, and

would always remain dear to him. He appealed to all to take care of Pentwyn Churchyard, where so many dear ones lay sleeping, including his own parents who had died since his return to the parish. Rev. Payne has been at the parish for just two years and eight months, yet in that time much has been accomplished: St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, has been entirely re-built; St. David's, Pantywaun, has been re-roofed and re-built; the Parish Church re-roofed, and the Church Hall, Deri, renovated. The vicar stated that without loyal support, these things could not have been achieved, and he wished to thank them all. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell. Mr. O. Richards presided at the organ, and the lessons read by Mr. W. J. Payne.

“Merthyr Express” 11 July 1931

Induction About 60 parishioners made the journey from Fochriw to Ystradowen on Saturday to witness the induction of the Rev. J. C. Payne to his new benefice.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the vice-templar. The programme was a miscellaneous one.

Church Parade On Sunday afternoon last, the members of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion attended at the Parish Church for a Service of Thanksgiving for the ten years of beneficent work of the British Legion. A very fine address was given by the Rev. A. W. Smith, Maesteg. At the close of the service, Bugler Bob Rees sounded the Last Post.

Cricket The Fochriw Cricket Club visited Brecon on Saturday to fulfil their annual fixture with the Brecon Sports Club. Brecon batted first and scored 91. Fochriw then batted and scored 94 for three wickets. Fochriw will play Jubilee in the semi-final of the Rhymney Valley Cup on Friday at New Tredegar.

“Merthyr Express” 18 July 1931

Pits Idle Owing to the trade depression, the pits of Groesfaen were idle on Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday last.

Welcome Home The many friends of Mr. William Adams were delighted to see him back in the old country again from South Africa, looking in the best of health. He left Fochriw 21 years ago.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Terence Simpson, Mr. George Davies and Master Harry Evans, who are patients at Merthyr and Gellygaer Hospitals, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Mothers' Union A few members of the Fochriw branch made the journey to a Llandaff Cathedral in connection with Festival.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge took place on Saturday, the chief Templar presiding. During the evening the Fochriw Lodge was entertained by the Pride of Penyardren Lodge.

Welfare An important committee meeting in connection with the Fochriw Welfare Association was held at the Reading Room on Tuesday evening, presided over by the Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster. The audit was given by Messrs. Tom Davies and James Gregory. It was decided to call a public meeting on July 23rd to place the position before the public and recommend an immediate start with the laying out of the grounds. A report of the interview with the Captain Mason at Cardiff was given by Mr. Sam Lewis and Mr. Tom Jones. Things seem very favourable for a grant from the Welfare Fund. A collector was appointed to collect subscriptions from the public not contributing through the collieries, namely Mr. D. J. Evans. The members present were: Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. W. A. Davis, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Sam Lewis, Sergeant W. Howell, Messrs. S. Ballard, Tom Davies, Ray Clark, D. Lawrence, D. I. Evans, J. J. Lewis, and J. Gregory.

“Merthyr Express” 25 July 1931

Hospital The many friends of Mr. H. Ballard and Master John Pullen, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Ambulance The Fochriw Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under the command of Superintendent John Morgan, journeyed to Dowlais on Saturday last for the annual inspection by the Commissioner for Wales.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, Sister Bessie Ballard presiding. The programme was "A Favourite Hymn or Poem," the following contributing: Sisters Walters, Mary Morgan, Beryl and Bessie Ballard, Brothers James, B. Davies, and Sam Lewis.

New Vicar The Rev. J. L. White has been appointed vicar of Fochriw and Deri. He is a powerful preacher both in English and Welsh. The induction service will take place at the Parish Church on 1st August when the Venerable Archdeacon of Llandaff will officiate.

Flower Day In aid of the Merthyr Tydfil Institution for the Blind, a very successful flower day was organised, and a number of ladies worked very hard, so that the handsome sum of £3 15s was realised between the Fochriw District and Pantywaun. The following were the officers of the committee: chairman, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; treasurer, Dr. Williams; secretary and organiser, Mrs. S. J. Jones. The following were the sellers to whom great credit is due: Mrs. S. J. Jones, Mrs. (Dr.) Williams, Misses Rosie Davies & M. Thomas, Mrs. W. A. Thomas, Mrs. D. O. Davies, Mrs. T. Millward, Mrs. T. Rowlands, Miss Eironwen Richards.

Presentation At the Church Hall on Monday evening, a very happy time was spent, when a concert, presentation and supper was organised by the Mothers' Union to recognise the faithful services of Mrs. Payne, their enrolling member, who has now left for Ystradowen. Before sitting down to supper, a first class programme was given by members. Mrs. S. J. Jones took the chair, and spoke in glowing terms of Mrs. Payne's efforts for the Mothers' Union and parish. Mrs. George Way made the presentation - a handsome grand-daughter clock. Others who spoke were: Mrs. Isaac, Mrs. Walter Davies, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Curtiss.

"Merthyr Express" 1 August 1931

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening the vice-templar presiding. The programme was a miscellaneous one, and the following contributed: readings, Sisters M. L. Thomas, Beryl Ballard; solos, Sister Nesta Evans, Bro. W. Davies; duets, Bro. & Sis. D. Jones, Bros. B. Davies & W. Morgan.

Welfare A public meeting in connection with the Fochriw Welfare Association was held at the Library, and was well attended. The chair was occupied by Mr. Tom Jones who gave an outline of the work accomplished by the committee, and placed certain recommendations before the meeting. Mr. W. J. Payne also gave the financial statements of the Association, which was in a flourishing state. It is proposed to start the scheme at a very early date by direct labour in charge of a working foreman, the labour to be drawn from the ranks of the unemployed in the area contributed to the scheme.

Presentation to Rev. J. C. Payne On Tuesday evening, a very happy function took place at the Church Hall, when Rev. J. C. Payne was presented with a handsome grandfather Westminster chiming clock in recognition of his great services to the Church and public when vicar of Fochriw and Deri for two-and-a-half years. A fine musical programme was contributed to by the Fochriw Male Voice Party under their conductor Mr. Tom Walters, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist. The supporting artistes were Mrs. Mary Lewis and Mr. Meirion Shankland. The chairman for the evening was Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, who paid a glowing tribute to the late vicar. Councillor A. T. Minhinnick, Mr. Tom Baldwin, Mr. John Lloyd Jones, and the Rev. J. L. White also spoke. Mr. W. J. Payne proposed, and Mr. Geo. Way seconded, a vote of thanks to all who had taken part, and the evening closed with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Mr. Meirion Shankland taking the solo.

"Merthyr Express" 8 August 1931

Male Voice Party The members of the Party spent in a most enjoyable day singing at Builth on Monday.

Success The many friends of Miss Mary Lewis Thomas will be glad to hear of her recent appointment to Gellygaer Infants School. She has been a student at Bangor College for the last two years, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace.

Cricket Another honour has been conferred on the members of the Fochriw Cricket Club. Five have been chosen to represent the Rhymney District League to play the Newport District League on Bank Holiday. They are Messrs. Willie Morgan, John Roberts, Jack Davies, Iorwerth Evans, Emrys Davies

Induction On Saturday, the Rev. John Lawrence White was inducted to the benefice of Fochriw and Deri by the Archdeacon of Llandaff, Rev. J. D. James. Mr. W. J. Payne and Councillor John Edwards (churchwardens) went outside the church, where the mandate was read, and the Vicar entered and tolled the bell, after which he was conducted to the font, reading desk, lectern, pulpit and altar, after which he was conducted to his stall by the churchwardens. The Archdeacon gave a most inspiring address. Many visiting clergy were present. Afterwards, tea was provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Rev. White has held curacies at Llanwonno, Blaenau Ffestiniog, and Gellygaer. He commenced his ministry on Sunday, preaching eloquent sermons.

“Merthyr Express” 15 August 1931

Pals' Outing Club The members of the Pals' Outing Club, numbering 32, spent a most enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend at Blackpool. Mr. Tom Idris Evans is the secretary, and Mr. Willie Davies the treasurer.

Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Briffett, Brook-row, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital wish her a speedy recovery. Also, Master Willie Wilton who is a patient as a result of a colliery accident.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, the vice-templar presiding. Sister Lewis was responsible for the programme, and read an interesting paper on "Hymns."

Male Voice Party Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Male Voice Party on Tuesday evening. Mr. D. J. Davies and Mr. James Gregory reported on the day trip to Builth Wells on Bank Holiday Tuesday, which proved a great success. It was reported that the winner of the stop-watch competition was Mr. Willie Way. It was decided that the Party compete at Brithdir in September in the male voice competition, and also to augment the party with 30 ladies, to sing in the chief choral competitions at the Brithdir and Bargoed Eisteddfodau.

Fochriw Welfare Association Mr. Tom Jones presided over an important meeting of the Association. Mr. W. A. Davies, secretary, gave a detailed report on matters arising since their last meeting. It was reported that 63 unemployed in the Fochriw area have offered their services for work, and a start in a week or so is proposed. Applications were then opened for the appointment of a working foreman, and the successful applicant was Mr. David Davies, Aelybryn. Members present were: Messrs. Tom Jones, W. A. Davies, W. J. Payne, J. J. Lewis, Sam Lewis, Tom Davies, Sergeant Howells, J. Gregory, D. I. Evans, Ray Clarke, S. Ballard.

British Legion Members of the Branch assembled on Monday evening. A report of the Aberdare, Merthyr Borough and North East Glamorgan District Committee meeting was given by Mr. James Lloyd Jones. Mr. Stephen Ballard presided, and informed the meeting that Mr. D. J. Shankland had tendered his resignation as branch secretary. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones was then unanimously appointed to the position. The branch selected the new vicar as chaplain, in succession to Rev. Payne. Much satisfaction is felt now that the ex-Servicemen in Deri have reorganised, and are again established as a unit under the Legion banner.

“Merthyr Express” 22 August 1931

Sale of Houses Mr. E. Berryman will offer the following properties for sale by public auction at the Rising Sun Inn, on Thursday Sept. 3rd, 1931, at 7p.m. Lot 1: No. 7 Plantation-terrace, now let to Mr. Wm. Ballard, at an inclusive rent of £1 13s per lunar month. A six-roomed house with a garden. Lease 99 years from 25 March, 1889, at £1 9s 8d annual ground rent. Lot 2: No. 7 Glenview-terrace, Pentwyn, now let to Mr. Chas. Grimmett at an inclusive rent of £1 18s per lunar month. A six-roomed house with bath and garden: Lease 99 years from 24 June 1910, at £1 16s 10d apportioned ground rent.

Apply to Messrs. Merrills, Ede & Nicholls, Queen St., Cardiff or to Auctioneer, Merthyr, Tel. 106.

Wedding: Edwards-Uzzell A wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's, the contracting parties being Mr. Charles Edwards, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Aelybryn, and Mrs. Nellie Uzzell, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Uzzell, Deri. The Vicar officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dress of shell pink satin, with black picture hat, and carried a bouquet of carnations. Miss Evelyn Davies, a close friend of the bride, wore a dress of lavender silk and floral georgette, and carried a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas. The reception was held at the bride's home. The couple have made their new home at Bargoed House, Bailey-street, and were the recipients of many useful and varied presents.

Wedding: Davies-Way St. Mary's Church was scene of a very pretty wedding of local interest on Saturday. The bridegroom Mr. W. E. Davies, the elder son of Mr. J. Davies, and the late Mrs. B. Davies, Glynmarch, and the bride, Miss Lena Way, youngest daughter of Mrs. S. Way, and the late Mr. Sam Way, Deri Newydd. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Frank Way, was daintily attired in a dress of beige crepe de chine, with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. She was attended by Miss Irene Davies (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Edna and Miss Gwladys Yeo (nieces of the bride), and had as flower girls, Miss Margaret Stokes, Miss Etta Davies and Miss Sadie Hawkins. They were all prettily dressed in dresses of lupin blue jappe suede. Rev. D. J. Griffiths officiated, and the couple left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," stirringly played by Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. Many and varied presents were received.

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4th Annual Draft Ewe Sales: Pentwyn, Fochriw Welsh Mountain Sheep (only sheep direct from the actual mountain breeders allowed in the sales) - 2,500 excellent hardy mountain sheep as follows: 1,850 strong ewes; 600 fat and store ewes and wether lambs and wethers; 50 mountain rams. John Herbert has been favoured with instructions from the Bedlinog, Fochriw and District Sheep Breeders Association to sell the above by public auction on Thursday 17th September, 1931, at 12.30p.m. prompt. Also, 25 dozen new ash hurdles. Further particulars: Edwards, Bedlinog Farm, & Auctioneer, Crumlin, Tel. 40.

Police Raid the White Horse Inn: Heard Talking and Rattling of Glasses At Pontlottyn Police Court on Friday, considerable time was spent hearing summonses against Annie Davies (44), licensee of the White Horse Inn, Fochriw, for refusing to admit the police in the execution of their duty on August 1st., supplying intoxicating drink during non-permitted hours, and permitting drunkenness; and against Thomas Martin (38), repairer; Edward J. Morgan (27), collier; and Morgan Davies (30), for being drunk on licensed premises and of aiding and abetting; and against Arthur Adams (48), and Percy A. Barrick (Northampton), who did not appear, for aiding and abetting.

P.C. Sanson said that he and P.S. Howells visited the White Horse Inn at midnight on August 1st. We listened at the door and heard loud talking and the rattling of glasses. We tried the door and found it was locked. We knocked several times, and after the lapse of a minute, Mrs. Davies came to the door and said, "Who's there?" We replied, "The Police. Open the door, please." She did not open the door, and we heard her hurry back to the kitchen. We heard loud talking, the scuffling of feet, the rattle of glasses, and the movement of chairs. I looked at my watch and continued knocking the door for four-and-a-half minutes. Then I left the Sergeant and went to the back of the house. I climbed over a difficult fence and my progress was stopped by a dog. I beat off the animal, and eventually got to the back door. There I met Police Sergeant Howells who had been admitted at the front door. In the back yard, near the door, we saw a number of drunken men. Some of them were hiding beneath the wall. We escorted them all into the kitchen. The room was full of smoke, it was reeking with for the smell of beer, and the floor showed signs of beer having been recently spilt. We saw that Thomas Martin Davies,

Morgan Davies and Edward John Morgan were very drunk. The former was very abusive, and the latter tried to prevent us taking particulars. The Bench were thoroughly satisfied that all six men were inside the house when the police arrived. The licensee was convicted of permitting drunkenness and was fined £3 or 31 days, and for refusing to admit the police £2 or 21 days. Thomas Martin Davies, Edward John Morgan and Morgan Davies were fined 10s. for being drunk on licensed premises. The other charges were dismissed.

Obituary We regret to record the death of Mrs. Rowena Jenkins, wife of Mr. Jenkins, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Brook-row, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital after a painful illness.

The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes A most enjoyable time was spent on Saturday by the children of the members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge at Abergavenny, where they were taken by buses. The children's wants were well-attended at the Castle Grounds. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the secretary, Mr. C. R. Mills. A number of adults also took advantage of the trip.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry, the chief Templar presiding. The programme was a humorous one, and the following contributed: Brothers Walters, D. Jones, D. James, B. Davies, B. Rees, G. Evans, Sisters Bessie Ballard, M. M. Jones, Mary Morgan, Walters, H. Thomas, & C. Jones.

Football A well-attended meeting was held at the Rising Sun Inn in connection with the new football team. The chairman was Mr. R. Clarke. It was decided that application be made to join the Glamorgan League, with the prospects of a football ground under the Welfare Scheme. The following officials were appointed: chairman, Mr. R. Clark; secretary, Mr. Berkley Angell; treasurer, Mr. Jenkin Williams; committee, Messrs. W. M. Davies, D. M. Thomas, T. Davies, G. Jones, E. Hiscox, John Lewis.

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Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Old Reading Room on Thursday under the auspices of the Fochriw Hotspurs' Football Club. The M.C. was Mr. Stanley Williams. Prize winners: gentleman: Mr. H Ballard; ladies: Mr. T. H. Morgan.

Welfare A start was made on Monday morning with the levelling of the ground in connection with the Welfare Scheme. A number of the unemployed will be engaged each week, and in course of time, the village will possess a fine football ground, tennis courts, bowling green, etc.

First League Game The local football team journeyed to Senghenydd on Saturday to fulfil their first League fixture of the season. A very enjoyable game resulted in the home team being winners by five goals.

Cricket A cricket match was played between Fochriw and Jubilee on Saturday last. Fochriw batted first and were dismissed for the low score of 26, but Jubilee were dismissed for the even lower total of 19. By winning on Saturday, Fochriw stand an excellent chance of being champions of the league for this season

Mothers' Union A special service was held at St. Mary's on Tuesday evening, the preacher being the Rev. J. L. White, the vicar, who gave a most inspiring address on "The objects of the Mothers' Union."

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. A very inspiring paper, "St. Mark," was read by the Mr. Trevor Williams, Dowlais.

British Legion Mr. Stephen Ballard presided at the branch meeting on Monday night. An unemployment committee is to be set up, and it is suggested that the Deri branch should co-operate in the important work. The nomination of officers for next year took place as follows: Mr. D. Hughes, M.E., Trelewis, president; Dr. Williams, Fochriw, vice-president; Dr. S. W. McCarthy, Deri, vice-president; Mr. F. C. Miller, Dowlais, chairman; Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, Fochriw, vice-chairman; Mr. Ivor Lewis, secretary; Mr. R. Ellis, treasurer. A letter from the Pontlottyn branch dealing with the formation of a joint committee to operate for Pontlottyn, Rhymney, Fochriw and Abertyswg was discussed,

but no action was taken. The branch selected the secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, to attend the district meeting at Trelewis on the second inst..

“Merthyr Express” 12 September 1931

Central Welsh Board Examinations Congratulations to the following villagers who were successful at the recent examinations: Higher certificate - Phyllis Evans, John Gwyn Lewis, Kenneth Phillips, Ronald Jones, Glyn Thomas, Emrys Davies, Gurwen Thomas, Vernon Davies.

Football The Fochriw Hotspurs played their first home league match on Saturday last, when they entertained Senghenydd. A large crowd attended, and Fochriw one won by 5 goals to 4.

Choir's Success Fochriw Mixed Choir, under their conductor Mr. Thomas Walters, scored a triumph at Brithdir Eisteddfod on Saturday last, when they carried off the chief honours. The choir has only been formed a few weeks, and great credit must go to the conductor for bringing it up to such a fine state of perfection. On their return home, they were accorded a great reception. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

I.O.G.T. Brother Sam Lewis presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday evening. Brothers Berkley Davies and Willie Morgan were responsible for the programme.

British Legion Under the chairmanship of Mr. H. Thomas much business was discussed at the branch on Monday. The report on the district meeting was given by the secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. The members were pleased to learn that Mr. A. Bates (Deri) had been accepted as a member of the local Benevolent Committee. Members received very useful information when the circular was read from the Employment Officer (Wales area), who is doing his utmost to place unemployed Legionites in sound jobs. Sympathy was expressed with Miss Nesta Evans in her recent sad bereavement, and also the hope was expressed that her grandparent, Mr. David Evans, would soon recover from his illness.

Choral Society At a well-attended meeting at the Old Library to consider the formation of a mixed choir in the village, it was unanimously decided to form such a society. Mr. Tom Walters was appointed conductor, and he was given power to augment the party to required strength to compete at Abertysswg. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was appointed accompanist. The following officials were appointed: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice chairman, Mrs. Tom Evans; secretary, Mrs. W. A. Davies; treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence. An influential committee was also appointed.

Welfare The committee met at the Old Library on Friday under the chairmanship of Mr. Tom Jones. The secretary reported that the work of levelling the ground is now in full swing. Mr. David Davies, foreman, gave his report with regard to progress, and this was very satisfactory.

“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1931

Depression Both the Brithdir Levels and Nantyffin Drift of G.K.B. were idle again on Wednesday owing to trade depression. Frequent stoppages have occurred lately.

Football Both teams were engaged in a search for points on Saturday. The Seniors played Penallta away, and the Juniors were at home to Bargoed. Both teams played good football, but were defeated.

Noddfa Chapel Special services were held on Sunday, and were well attended. Powerful sermons were delivered by the Rev. Griffiths, Skewen. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans with Mr. D. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

I.O.G.T. Outing On Saturday the members of the Fochriw branch of the I.O.G.T. and friends, journeyed by charabanc to Hereford, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The cathedral and other places of interest were visited, and all returned in the best of spirits.

Whist Drive On Monday evening, at the Old Library, a very pleasant whist drive was held under the auspices of the Hotspurs' A.F.C.. Mr. Stanley Williams was the M.C. Prize winners: ladies: 1. Mrs. W. Thomas; 2. Mr. T. Sullivan; gents: 1. Mr. Bert Cumpstone, 2. Mr. Dan James.

Brass Band Splendid progress has been made with the brass band under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, who has, in a few months, built up a very efficient body of players. It

is proposed, in a few weeks, to parade the village playing marches and selections, and it is hoped the public will give every encouragement. The energetic secretary is Mr. Arthur Coggan.

I.O.G.T. The evening had been set apart for "Thoughts on Autumn." The following took part: Sister Beryl Ballard, Brothers Samuel Lewis, Berkley Davies, Thomas Walters and Willie Morgan

Flower Day On Friday, in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, a very successful flower day was organised by Mrs. (Dr.) Williams and Mrs. J. Bevan, when the following ladies were busy disposing of flowers resulting in the sum of £3 12s 2d being handed over to the Brigade. The collectors were: Miss Dora Lewis and Miss M. L. Morgan; Miss A. Slimmonds and Miss M. E. Thomas; Miss Olive Payne and Miss Nellie White; Miss E. Gittoes and Miss Iris Evans; Miss Phoebe Jones and Miss Lilian Way; Mrs. Williams and Miss M Thomas.

"Merthyr Express" 26 September 1931

Omission The names of Miss Jessie Thomas and Miss Gwyneth Parry were inadvertently omitted from the list of sellers in connection with the St. John Ambulance Flag Day.

Hospital The many friends of Messrs. David Davies, Habacuc Ballard and Ted Price, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Fire Brigade The large circle of friends of Firemen A. E. Jones, Fochriw, will be pleased to know that he has passed his examination of proficiency. He was presented with his certificate at the chief fire station on Saturday last.

Mixed Choir The choir are making splendid progress and intend competing at the Abertysswg Eisteddfod on Saturday.

I.O.G.T. The harvest festival of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, presided over by the vice Templar. The following took part: readings from scripture, Sisters C. Jones and Lewis; prayers, Sister S. Lewis; readings, Brothers David Jones and Sam Lewis.

British Legion Fochriw ex-servicemen are glad to learn that the Ministry of Pensions have again approved of Mrs. H. Beynon Davies, Pontlottyn as a member of the Glamorgan War Pensions Committee. Mr. Ted Puddle has returned after a stay of two weeks at the Ashcote Convalescing Homes looking much improved in health.

Wedding: Griffiths-Rees A pretty wedding was solemnised at Bethania Chapel on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Elsie Griffiths, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, and Mr. Robert Rees, youngest son of Mr. Rees Rees, Guest-street. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle length dress of shell pink suede georgette, and a black picture hat with shoes to tone. She carried a bouquet of pink roses. The best man was Mr. Harry Jones, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, and the officiating minister was the Rev. W. E. Jones. The couple were the recipients of numerous presents. The honeymoon is being spent at Weston-super-Mare.

"Merthyr Express" 3 October 1931

Ambulance Congratulations to Mr. Daniel James and Mr. James Jones, members of the Fochriw Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, who have been awarded the Service Medal of the Order for 15 years faithful service, which may be looked upon as the "blue riband" of brigade work. It is the more valuable these days because it cannot be bought, and therefore it is a visible sign that the recipients have earned it.

Choir The Fochriw Mixed Choir scored a brilliant success at Abertysswg on Saturday by winning first prize in the Chief Choral event out of eight choirs that competed. The choir was highly praised by the adjudicator.

Harvest Festival The Harvest Festival in connection with St. Mary's Church was well attended. The Church had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the services were of a hearty character. The choir sang the anthem "Great is the Lord" in fine style under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The preacher throughout the day on Sunday was the Rev. E. B. Fry. Bedwellty. On

Monday the Rev. D. J. Davies, Rhymney, was the preacher, and on Tuesday, the Rev. J. O. Williams, Rector of Gellygaer, preached.

Welfare A meeting took place at the Old Library on Friday, presided over by Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster. Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Payne, gave the financial report, and the amount expended in wages up to date. It is sincerely hoped that a grant from the Welfare Fund will be received soon, otherwise the work will be held up. Fochriw has not received a single grant from the Welfare Scheme, which all feel is very unfair. Mr. David Davies, foreman, gave his report, and said that excellent work had been accomplished by the workmen.

Clothing Club Supper At the Mount Pleasant Hotel on Saturday, a happy event was held in connection with Mr. Aeron Parry's Clothing Club. Thirty members sat down to an excellent supper prepared by the genial host, Mr. L. D. Jones. The tables were laden with good things, the following ladies being in charge: Mesdames Roberts, C. R. Mills, S. V. Jones, and Stanley Jones. Afterwards, a first class concert was given by eminent artistes. Mr. C. R. Mills presided.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Walter Jones, late of Brynteg, now of Ogmere, will regret to know that he is at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, where he has undergone an operation. All join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Accident On Saturday, an alarming accident befell the young child of Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards, Guest-street, who fell from a cart and received head injuries. After being attended by Dr. Williams, he was taken to Merthyr General Hospital where he is making good progress.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was a miscellaneous one. Several members contributed, including Sister Mary Morgan, Brothers Berkley Davies and D. Jones.

Window Smashing at Fochriw: Summons Alice James, aged 60, married, of Fochriw, was summoned for committing damage to two panes of glass at the house of Arthur Coggan, and also for damaging a pane of glass at the house of Ellen Baker. Mrs. Baker gave evidence that she saw Mrs. James throw a stone at one of Mr. Coggan's windows. Mr. Thomas Williams stated that in his opinion Mrs. James was drunk. The Stipendary was satisfied that the case had been proved and fined James 10s. in each case or 7 days imprisonment.

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Whist At the Old Library on Thursday evening, a whist drive was held under the auspices of the Hotspurs' Football Team. Mr. Stanley Williams was M.C. and the prize-winners were: ladies: Mr. Dan Jones; gents, Mr. W. T. Morgan.

Scholastic The many friends of Miss Phyllis Evans, who has taken up residence at Cardiff University, join in wishing her every success. She was presented by her friends from Nazareth, where she is a member, with a beautiful lady's companion as a token of appreciation.

Nazareth Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with Nazareth took place on Sunday, when large congregations were attracted. The special preacher was the Rev. T. M. Lloyd, Treorchy. The conductor was by Mr. William Morris and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist.

Brass Band On Friday evening, the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of the Mr. Albert Mantle, paraded the streets of the village. The Band played appropriate selections of music to the great delight of the inhabitants. It is a long time since Fochriw possessed a brass band, and listeners thoughts turned to the good old days when the band was at its pinnacle of fame.

Welfare A meeting was held at the Old Library on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. Sam Lewis. The foreman gave a report on progress. It was decided to convene a general meeting of the public on Friday evening to place the whole scheme and its progress before them.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, Brother Samuel Lewis presiding. The Gwalia Lodge, Troedrihwfwch,

entertained. Sister Ballard proposed and Bro. Walters seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the brothers and sisters for the excellent entertainment.

Wedding: Davies-Gethin On Saturday last, a very pretty wedding was solemnised at Bethania Chapel, Bargoed, the contracting parties being Miss Jennie May Davies, youngest daughter of Mr. David Davies, Aelybryn, and Mr. Samuel Gethin Thomas Pontlottyn, who is a signalman on the G.W.R. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The bride, who looked charming in an ankle-length maple blue crepe suede dress, blue hat, and shoes to match, was attended by her sister, Miss Aseneth Davies, who wore an ankle-length wine crepe suede dress, with fawn hat and shoes to match. The reception was held at the home of the bride, where a large number of relatives and friends were entertained. The happy couple were the recipients of many valuable presents. They will make their future home at Caerphilly.

Hospital The many friends of David H. Price, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

St. Mary's The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Rees Davies, Rector of Bedwellty. The Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, occupied the pulpit at Bedlinog of Sunday.

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Choral Society The Fochriw Mixed Choir maintained their high standard of singing at Bargoed Eisteddfod last Saturday, losing premier honours by one point. Nine choirs competed.

Glee Party The well-known party are again busy rehearsing a programme of music for their forthcoming engagement at Pontlottyn in a first class concert to be held in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The conductor is Mr. Thomas Walters and the accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The energetic secretaries are Mr. James Gregory and Mr. D. J. Davies.

Football In their game with Fleur-de-lis on Saturday last, the Fochriw Hotspurs' run out victors by three goals to one. The scorers were E. W. Jones, B. Edwards, and W. Evans.

Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. The Church had been nicely decorated for the occasion. On Sunday, the vicar preached, and on Monday, the Rev. G. T. Vodden, Pontlottyn. The lessons were read by Mr. R. Mitchell and the organists were Mr. D. J. Kings and Mr. A. Kings.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, and was presided over by the Chief Templar. During the evening, Brother B. Rees was the recipient of a gift on the occasion of his marriage. The following contributed to a musical programme: solos, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brothers W. Davies, Samuel Lewis, Thomas Walters, David Jones, Berkley Davies; recitation, Sister Lewis; duet, Bro. & Sister Walters.

Welfare A well-attended public meeting in connection with the Welfare Scheme was held at the Old Library on Friday presided over by Mr. Tom Jones. A detailed report of work done during the last six weeks was given. It was explained that the funds were at low and that until a grant from the Welfare Fund was obtained, work would have to cease, unless voluntary labour would come forward. Others who spoke were Councillor Minhinnick, Mr. Sam Lewis, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. J. J. Lewis, and Mr. E. M. Davies. A deputation was appointed to meet Captain Mason at Cardiff, consisting of Mr. Tom Jones, Councillor Minhinnick and Mr. Sam Lewis. It was decided to carry on by voluntary labour for the time being.

British Legion An ordinary meeting of the Fochriw branch was held on Wednesday, when Mr. Stephen Ballard presided. It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Monday next, 19th October. The Secretary announced he had received a further grant from the British Legion relief fund. The branch plans a parade on Remembrance Sunday, when the services of the Fochriw Band will be sought. Mrs. S. J. Jones has been appointed organiser of the Poppy Day work.

Opera Fochriw inhabitants were entertained to a rich musical treat on Thursday last, when St. Margaret's Church Choir, Gilfach, performed in character the opera "The Raja of Rajapore." The hall was well filled with an appreciative audience who gave the

company a fine reception. The duties of chairman were carried out by Councillor Minhinnick, who spoke in glowing terms of the excellent spirit shown by the Gilfach choir in coming up to aid the funds of the Fochriw Church.

“Merthyr Express” 24 October 1931

Election Meetings Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., addressed very enthusiastic meetings on Monday and Tuesday at the Old Library.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the vice-templar presiding.

Harvest Festival Thanksgiving services were held during the past week at the churches of Carmel, Noddfa, and Nazareth. The services were of a very inspiring nature.

Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Percy Cumpstone will regret to hear of his removal to a Cardiff hospital, where he has undergone an operation. All wish him a speedy recovery.

Welfare On Friday, Mr. Tom Jones presided over a committee meeting of the Welfare Association. A report of the interview with Captain Mason at Cardiff was given. Mr. E. M. Davies has resigned as chairman of the Association. This was accepted with regret. Mr. Tom Jones was elected chairman, and Mr. Stephen Ballard as vice chairman.

Merthyr General Hospital On Monday afternoon, a large number of ladies met at the Old Library in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital, with the object of doing something to augment the funds of that noble institution. Mr. Howell Thomas presided. It was decided to do all in their power, as a first step, to assist in the Christmas prize drawing.

“Merthyr Express” 31 October 1931

Obituary We regret to record the sad death of Mrs. Parry, wife of Mr. Walter Parry, Pleasant-view. To the bereaved, sincere sympathy is extended.

Personal Miss Mary Lewis Thomas, Station-terrace, has passed her final examinations at the Bangor Normal College.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The following contributed to a miscellaneous programme: solos, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brother D. James; recitations, Sister Mary Morgan, Brother G. Evans; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; instrumental quartette, Messrs. Albert Mantle, Emrys Lewis, Attwell Woods and Bob Rees.

Welfare A public meeting was held at the Old Library on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. Tom Jones. A report on the interview with Captain Mason at Cardiff was given by the deputation. Since the commencement of operations splendid work has been done. About one half of the football playing pitch has been levelled. A serious handicap has now developed owing to local funds being exhausted. Hopes are centred on the grant from the Welfare Fund. Several schemes are under consideration to keep the work going. It is earnestly hoped that all lovers of sport will put their shoulders to the wheel and help to complete the work.

British Legion: Annual Meeting The meeting was held at the Library on Monday, when Mr. Stephen Ballard presided over a large gathering. The usual silent tribute to the fallen was observed, and the chairman's report was read. There had been a 300 per cent increase in membership. The sum of £5 11s 8d had been paid to branch members from branch funds - £2 9s in unemployment grants, and £3 2s 8d to members proceeding to convalescent homes and to hospital. The sum of approximately £80 had been distributed to ex-Servicemen from the poppy fund. Five have proceeded to Bournemouth for periods of convalescence, and one ex-serviceman's wife was admitted to Southerndown Rest for a fortnight's change of air. Sick ex-servicemen, wives and children had secured substantial assistance from the United Services Fund, the total from this source being over £50. Also, five children attending the secondary schools had been looked after and provided with mid-day meals and clothing. Two ex-servicemen had received treatment at the Royal Mineral Water Hospital, Bath. The chairman appealed for all ex-servicemen to enrol under the Legion banner, and thanks were accorded to all for their loyalty during the year. The secretary reported a favourable balance in hand, and also dealt with the

importance of the employment bureau, which had been set up in the many areas administered by the Legion. Speeches were made by the Rev J. L. White, Mr. Tom Jones and Mr. S. J. Jones. The election of officers for the coming year was as follows: chairman, Mr. S. Ballard; vice chairman, Mr. H. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mr. J. Bevan, M.E., was added to the list of vice-presidents. The following constitute the branch executive committee: Messrs. W. A. Thomas, E. Puddle, S. Phillips, E. Davis, E. Watkins, W. D. Davies, J. Lewis, and W. J. Griffiths. Emphasis was made during the meeting, on promoting a fund under which children could be taken for a day to the seaside, and a tribute was also paid to the editor of the Merthyr Express, who very kindly published branch reports from time to time.

British Legion: Branch Meeting Mr. S. Ballard presided. Arrangements are well in hand for the Parade and Service on Remembrance Sunday. All ex-servicemen are asked to assemble at the branch headquarters at 4p.m. on that day. The band has been engaged, and the following bodies have been asked to co-operate: Fire Brigade, Ambulance, Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, Male Voice Party, Friendly Societies. The parade will be marshalled by Sergeant Howells and P.C. Sansom. The secretary reported applying on behalf of four members for temporary positions during the General Election, and he was pleased to say that three out of the four had been fixed up. The committee considering applications for assistance from the British Legion Relief Fund, had dispersed during the evening the sum of £10.

“Merthyr Express” 7 November 1931

L.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday, the vice-templar presiding. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice."

Mothers' Union At the Parish Church on Tuesday evening, the local branch received a visit from Miss Parsons, who gave an address on rescue work.

Welfare A committee meeting was held on Friday evening and Mr. Tom Jones presided. Reports were given by Mr. Jones and Councillor Minhinnick. It was decided to employ three men each week to carry on the work. An appeal is to be made for voluntary labour to carry on the work..

Choral Society The Fochriw Mixed Choir, under their conductor Mr. Thomas Walters, added yet another success in winning first prize at the Blackwood Eisteddfod on Saturday out of seven choirs that competed.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah Ann Parry, wife of Mr. Walter Parry, took place at Rhymney Cemetery on Saturday amid signs of deep sorrow. Deceased, who passed away at an early age, will be sadly missed, and great sympathy goes out to the sorrowing husband and family. Rev. T. E. Williams, Rhymney, and Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Walter Parry (husband); Messrs. W. T. and J. T. Davies (brothers); David Parry (father-in-law); E. J., D. G., and W. Parry (brothers-in-law); J. & R. Williams, T. Humphreys, G. Davies, E. Matthews, D. H. and W. Cheek, D. J. Harries, D. Davies, S. Edwards, T. H. Thomas, T. Jones (uncles).

Obituary The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's most highly respected citizens in the person of Mr. John Charles Curtis, Pit-row, at the age of 70 years. He had lived at Fochriw for a number of years, and had worked at the Fochriw Collieries as a chageman at the boilers, until the closing down of the collieries in 1924. He leaves a sorrowing wife and a grown-up family to mourn their loss. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege left for St. Andrew's Church. The service was conducted by the vicar. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. Curtis (son); G. Curtis and J. Curtis (brothers); Arthur Adams, W. Thomas, W. Hughes, T Jones (sons-in-law); G. Thomas, John Adams, Archie Adams (grandsons; A. Purnell, R. Curtis, and I. John, (nephews).

Stop Trucks The inhabitants of the village are feeling keenly the effects of the frequent stop days at Ogilvie and Groesfaen.

Personal The many friends of Mr. Gerwyn Thomas, Brynteg, will be interested to know that he has resumed his studies at Cardiff Technical College.

Death We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Lewis, son of Mrs. Ann Lewis, and the late Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn, who passed away after a long illness, patiently borne. To the sorrowing wife and family, great sympathy is extended.

Hospital The many friends of Miss Gwennie Puddle, who is a patient at Cardiff hospital, and of Mrs. Thomas, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, and Mr. Way, who is a patient at Rhymney Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

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Hospital The many friends of Mr. William Jones, Brynteg, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery.

Pits Idle Both Ogilvie and Groefaen Collieries are still on short time owing to a shortage of wagons. It is a frequent occurrence of late and is keenly felt by the people.

Football A local derby was witnessed on the home ground on Saturday last, when Bedlinog were the visitors. A record crowd assembled, each team having a large number of supporters, who made their presence felt by cheering. The final score was: Fochriw 2; Bedlinog 1.

Glee Party On Thursday last, the party gave their services in a concert at Bethlehem Chapel, Pontlottyn, in aid of the N.S.P.C.C., and delighted the large audience with their singing.

Funeral The funeral of Mr. John Lewis took place on Saturday amidst signs of deep sorrow. A large crowd of friends met the cortege at Fochriw and proceeded to Pentwyn where the interment took place.

Funeral The funeral took place on Saturday of Mrs. Thomas, Aelybryn, wife of Mr. W. Thomas. Deceased was well-known and held in high esteem. He died at Merthyr hospital. The place of internment was Penarth. Sympathy is extended to the husband and family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. A paper was read by Mr. Summers, Dowlais, entitled "Nehemiah," and was much appreciated. The officers were re-elected as follows: chief Templar, Brother David Jones; past chief Templar, Brother B. Rees; vice-templar, Brother D. James.

Drama The Carmel Dramatic Society scored a striking success on Thursday and Saturday last, when they performed three one-act sketches at Noddfa Vestry to crowded audiences. The following were the characters in the three plays: "A Bachelor Girl" - Miss Nesta Evans, Mr. W. A. Davies, Mr. W. Angell, Miss Bessie Ballard, Mr. Bryn Davies; "A Dear Departed" - Mrs. Nellie Evans, Miss Beryl Ballard, Mr. W. Angell, Mr. G. Cole, Miss Hannah Mantle, Mr. Bryn Davies; "The Bishop's Candlesticks" - Mr. J. Idris Williams, Mr. Gomer Evans, Mrs. Sarah Millward, Miss Rita Cole, Mr. D. James. The scenery and dresses were very effective.

"Lest We Forget" Impressive scenes marked the Remembrance Sunday service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar. Before the service, a parade was organised, and was headed for the Fochriw Brass Band. The parade consisted of members of the British Legion, St. John Ambulance, Fire Brigade, R.A.O.B., Male Voice Party, and the Cadets.

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Football Fochriw entertained Trelewis in a League match on Saturday. The ground was sodden making football very difficult. Trelewis were winners by the only goal scored.

Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Howell Thomas, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Gomer Williams, Pleasant-view, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Brass Band The Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, headed the Armistice Parade at Pontlottyn on Sunday, and created a favourable impression.

I.O.G.T. Bro. D. James presided over the weekly meeting. Sisters Mary L. Thomas and Beryl Ballard gave two interesting papers on their experiences during their holidays.

Welfare A committee meeting was held on Friday. Important developments are expected soon.

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Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Tom Morgan (late of Martin-street), who died at the home of his daughter at Pontlottyn. He was well known in the district, being an official at No. 2 Colliery before its closure.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, presided over by the chief templar. An instructive paper was read on "The influence of Man" by Mr. Jones, Dowlais.

British Legion Mr. E. Puddle presided over an ordinary meeting on Monday. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones was chosen to represent the branch at the district meeting of the N.E.G. Merthyr and Aberdare Council. The sum of £8 16s 4d was collected in the area on Poppy Day.

Concert Fochriw music lovers were entertained to a rich musical treat on Thursday last at Nazareth Church. An excellent programme of music was given by eminent local artistes. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. Mr. J. P. Isaac presided.

Poppy Day The committee set up in Fochriw to arrange for Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal, feel proud of the effort made. The officers were: Mrs. S. J. Jones, organiser; Mrs. J. L. White, chairman; Mrs. Gwena Jones, treasurer; Miss Rosie Davies, record secretary. The following acted as sellers: Upper Fochriw: Miss Annie Mills and Miss Esther Thomas; Brynteg: Mrs. T. Oliver Davies and Mrs. W. Angell Thomas; Lower Fochriw: Mrs. W. Adams Jones and Mrs. Evan Davies; Brook-row, etc: Miss Jessie Thomas and Miss Margaret Cumpstone; Pentwyn and Penybank: Miss M. Thomas and Miss R. Davies; Pantywaun: Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. James. The committee wish to thank the various religious causes whose total donation amounted to £2 8s 10d out of the £8 16s 4d total.

"Merthyr Express" 5 December 1931

Confirmation Several candidates from the parish of Fochriw and Derry were confirmed at Pontlottyn in on Monday evening.

Personal The many friends of Mr. Lewis Haydn Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Jones, Post Office, will be pleased to know he is making a splendid recovery from an operation at a Cardiff nursing home.

Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday evening, when the Rev T. B. Thomas, Ferndale, preached powerful sermons to large congregations. The conductor of singing and organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Brother and Sister D. Jones were responsible for the programme, which consisted of the readings and solos.

Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Sarah Evans, Pentwyn, and Mr. Wm. Parry, Cwmbargoed, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, (the latter recovering from a serious accident at Groesfaen Colliery), join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Funeral The funeral of Mr. Thomas Morgan, Martin's-street, took place on Wednesday. He was well known and highly respected, and lived practically all his life in the village. He was overman at No. 2 Colliery until the closing down of the pits. He passed away after a short illness at the home of his daughter at Pontlottyn. The funeral was a very unrepresentative one, the place of internment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. T. H. Morgan (son); John and Evan Morgan (brothers); James Gregory, R. Clark Morgan Davies (sons-in-law); Wyndham and Idris Morgan, Henry and Tom James (nephews); George and David Williams (uncles); T. H. Jenkins, W. H. Jones (brothers-in-law); David Williams (cousin).

Fochriw Boys' Appointment It is with feelings of great satisfaction that the wide circle of friends of Mr. Thomas John Jones, B.A., son of Mr. George Jones, and the late Mrs. Phoebe Jones, Picton House, learned that he was appointed last week to the post of manual instructor to the Bargoed Secondary School. He is a product of the village school, and one of a family of six, all of whom have made good in the scholastic profession.

"Merthyr Express" 12 December 1931

Omission The following names were missing from the report last week of the funeral of Mr. Thomas Morgan: Messrs. Willie Morgan (nephew); Richard Evans and D. Evans (cousins).

Brass Band Mr. William Price presided over a meeting in connection with the band on Friday evening. Mr. Arthur Coggan, secretary, gave a report of the Christmas drawing, and other work accomplished. The band under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle are busy with their Christmas programme.

Library A meeting of the Library Committee was held at the Library last week, presided over by the chairman Mr. Sam Lewis. An important discussion took place in regard to the proposed new building.

Fatal Accident Quite a gloom was cast over the village on Saturday, when the news spread that Mr. David Lewis Jones, Brook-row, had met with a fatal accident at Groesfaen Colliery. He was 61 years of age, and had resided in the same house all his life. He was of a quiet disposition and was loved by all. Heartfelt sympathy goes out to this sorrowing family.

Welfare An important welfare meeting was presided over by Mr. Tom Jones at the Old Library on Wednesday evening. The surveyors report was read on the amount of work already done. Steady progress is maintained under the direction of Mr. David Davies. A deputation was appointed to visit the solicitors at Aberdare in connection with the Welfare Grant.

British Legion An interesting meeting was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Comrade S. Phillips. The delegates who attended the district meeting and annual supper gave splendid reports. Correspondence of an important nature was dealt with. Unemployed, disabled ex-servicemen will now be given special attention under the Unemployment Insurance Transitional Payments Means Test. It was announced at the close of the meeting that the Benevolent Committee would soon meet to consider applications for relief.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, when the vice-templar presided. The programme was "Surprise Night," Sister Lewis being responsible. The first part included letters from absent members: Sister Williams, Bedlinog; Sister M. Ballard, Greenfield; Sister A. Ballard, Bolton; Sister Oliver, Caerphilly; Brother W. Morgan, Exeter; Brother Islwyn Davies, London. Enclosed in Sister Williams' letter was a prize of five shillings for competition. The first competition was carol singing for members over 40 years of age. Sisters C. Jones was the successful competitor. The second competition was addresses on given subjects, the prize being divided between Sisters Lewis and Ballard, after which the prize was handed back to the funds of the lodge.

Killed in Deri Pit: Coroner and a Colliery Rider A censure was delivered to a colliery rider at an inquest conducted by Mr. R. J. Rhys, coroner, at the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, on Tuesday afternoon. The inquiry concerned the death of David Lewis Jones, aged 61, a bachelor, labourer, of Dynevor-street, Fochriw, who was killed at Groesfaen Colliery, Deri, on Saturday last by being crushed between a post and the side of the road. Mr. Ernest Cumpstone, Fochriw, was the foreman of the jury. Also present were: Mr. H. Maddley (representing the Ministry of Mines); Mr. Dan Thomas, M.E., (the colliery company); Mr. Albert Thomas, miners' agent (representing the relatives).

Evidence of identification was given by the brother of the deceased, Mr. Evan Jones, Martin-street. Fred John Helps, in evidence, said he was the rider and was taking the journey of 11 trams into a conveyer heading, and deceased was unloading timber from one of the trams. He wanted to move the journey, and when he was ready he shouted to the deceased to stand clear, and signalled the engine driver. In answer to the Coroner, who asked if deceased replied to his shout, witness said he did not know as the machinery was working at the time. He then found deceased on the road-side. Coroner: Don't you think it would be just as well for you to go up and make sure that he was clear? Witness: I warned him before starting that I would be moving the journey. Henry Charles White, collier, said that he found deceased with a piece of timber against his chest, and he had evidently been crashed when the trams moved. The Coroner described the rider, Helps, as "a somewhat casual individual," and said he should have taken more pains to make sure that the deceased had heard him when he shouted that the trams were to be

moved. The Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death," the foreman adding that the members thought the rider should be told to be more careful in future. The Coroner recalled Helps and told him that he agreed with the jury. "Instead of shouting at the old man, you might have gone up to him and told him that the journey was going to move. If you had done so, he would be alive today. You can think that over."

"Merthyr Express" 19 December 1931

Football The local team journeyed to Pontlloftyn on Saturday and were defeated by two goals.

Obituary The funeral of Mr. David Lewis Jones took place on Wednesday. After a short service in the house, the solemn cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery for interment. The officiating minister was at the Rev. Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Walter, Evan and W. Jones (brothers); Thomas Evans, W. J. Angell (brothers-in-law); L. Evans, J. L. Jones, Roderick Jones, W. J. Jones, Richard Jones, Glanville Jones, John E. Edwards, Gethin Jones, Edryd. Jones, David L. Evans, H. Evans, T. J. Evans, Edgar Evans, Willie Evans, Ronald Jones, Leslie Jones, Wally Jones, Terence Kelly (nephews).

Hospital Thanks to the ladies of the village who undertook to dispose of tickets for the Christmas draw of the Merthyr General Hospital, a grand total of £10 3s 3d was collected. The collectors were Mesdames J. Harding and T. Baldwin; S. Davies and J. J. Lewis; Harry Jones and T. Morris; R. Slimmons and J. Lawrence; H. Thomas and W. Adams Jones; C. White and E. Jones; Tom Jones and Miss Iris Edwards; Miss G. Parry and Miss A. Mills; W. Thomas and M. Davies; A. Ballard and T. Walters; Mrs. Morgan; Miss Nellie White and Miss Lilian Way.

"Merthyr Express" 26 December 1931

Football Fochriw entertained Pontlloftyn in a League match on Saturday, and won by the only goal of the match.

Brass Band The strains of the Brass Band revived memories of the old Christmastide enjoyed by the inhabitants of long ago.

Hospital The many friends of Miss May Angell, and Master T. J. Morris, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Glee Party The party are busy rehearsing a first-class programme of music, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, for their forthcoming concert at Ystrad Mynach in aid of the War Memorial. The accompanist is Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was a "Gramophone Recital." The Sisters Ballard and C. Jones were responsible, and also gave readings.