

“Merthyr Express” 7 January 1933

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars was presided over by the chief Templar. The sisters provided the refreshments, and the brothers were responsible for the fruit. Sister Lewis gave the adjudication on "An Ode to Christmas." Sister Ballard was the successful competitor.

Wedding: Way-Evans A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Lilian Way and Mr. Tudor Evans. The bride was prettily attired in a blue dress with green coat and hat to match, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Noah Way. Miss Zenith Davies, aunt of the bridegroom, was bridesmaid, and was dressed in black with a fawn hat. The best man was Mr. Ben Davies, uncle of the bridegroom. Mr. Bert Evans, father of the bridegroom, was present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bridegroom, and the happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

"The Magic Key" On Thursday and Saturday, the Noddfa Augmented Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, gave excellent performances, in full character, of the cantata "The Magic Key." The characters were represented as follows: Mr. D. G. Parry; Mr. T. J. Jones; Miss Phyllis Davies; Mr. D. Emlyn Evans; Mr. Walter Parry; Miss Iris Evans; Mr. Egryn Thomas; Mrs. M. Sheen; Miss Gwyneth Parry; Mr. Oliver Dyer; Miss Gwenda Thomas; Miss Margaret Evans; Miss Gwenfil Harries; Miss Ada Gregory; Miss Marion Sullivan. Mrs. T. Evans was the producer, and Miss Annie Jones, Brynteg, was responsible for the dancing. The accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the scenic artist Mr. D. Emlyn Evans.

Funeral On Monday, the funeral of the late Mr. William Powell, aged 73 years, took place. Deceased was a native of Erwood, but had spent much of his life at Fochriw, where his two daughters reside. He passed away at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. William T. Davies, Martin-street. He was a retired pensioner of the old Cambrian Railway Company having held the post of ganger for 42 years. Before the cortege left by road for Erwood Baptist Chapel, a service was conducted at the house by the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davies (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. W. Gittoes (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Hamer (daughter and son-in-law); Mrs. Davies and son (sister-in-law); Miss Nancy Davies, Mr. W. Davies, Reggie Gittoes, Mr. W. J. Gittoes, Mrs. Enid Jones, Mr. E. W. Jones (grandchildren). At the graveside, the service was conducted by the Revs. Roderick, and J. L. White.

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Omission The following names were omitted from the report of the performance of "The Magic Key," reported last week: Master Tom Smith, Miss Mair Morgan, Mr. R. Price, and Mr. Bert Edwards.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Barlow, Guest-street, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, following an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, wish him a speedy recovery. Also, John B. Jones who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital.

Library and Institute The annual meeting took place on Tuesday and was well attended. During the year 1932, a total of 2,187 books was taken out by readers. Mr. J. Idris Williams was appointed chairman; Mr. H. Ballard was re-elected librarian; Mr. D. I. Evans secretary; Mr. Stephen Ballard treasurer. The following were appointed to the committee: Messrs. A. Jones (Post Office), Walter Parry, E. M. Davies, Attwell Wood, James Gregory, Ray Clark, William M. Davies, Robert Thomas, W. J. A. Davies, Edward Puddle, James Tewkesbury, H. Ballard, Thomas Pugh, John Lewis, William Price.

"Agnes de Vere" On Thursday and Saturday last, at the Church Hall, the members of the St. Mary's Dramatic Society gave performances to most appreciative audiences of the three act drama "Agnes de Vere" (John Baldwin Buckstone), with Mr. W. J. Payne as producer. On Thursday night, Mr. E. I. Griffiths (Royal Stores) occupied the chair, and on Saturday

evening, Councillor J. Edwards, Deri, was chairman. The following took part: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Lena Morgan, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, Miss Rose Williams, Mr. Windsor Rees, Miss Nancy White, Mr. Tom Jones, Master C. Llewellyn, Mr. George Baldwin. The masqueraders were Misses G. Davies, W. Edwards, M. White and Doris Edwards. The stage manager was Mr. Charles White, and Mr. W. J. Davies was responsible for the lighting effects. The scenic artist was Mr. L. G. Thomas, the pianist Mr. Octavius Richards, and the organist Mr. Willie White.

“Merthyr Express” 21 January 1933

I.O.G.T. The chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge. Mr. Ivor Jones, Deri, gave an excellent paper.

Funeral Another landmark has been removed from the village with the death of Mr. Richard Davies, Brynteg, who passed away after a very brief illness, at the age of 82 years. The week before his death, he took his usual walks. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and could be seen wending his way week after week to worship. He was highly respected by a large circle of friends, and his genial countenance will be sadly missed. The funeral, on Monday, was well attended. A short service was held at the house, before the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Salmon and the Rev. Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Walter Jones (son-in-law); Richard Jones, Glanville Jones (grandsons); James Davies and Edward Davies (nephews).

Funeral The funeral of Mrs. George Phillips, widow of the late Mr. G. Phillips, grocer, took place on Monday at Pentwyn. Deceased was well known in the locality, and was of a kind and generous disposition. She had been a visitor at Merthyr Infirmary for 30 years, and was an ardent member of Noddfa Chapel, of which her daughter, Miss Hilda Phillips, was the respected organist for many years. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Cardigan, Rev. J. J. Roberts, and the Rev. Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. S. Phillips (son); Rees Jones, Sylvanus Jenkins (sons-in-law); David Roberts (brother-in-law); David L. Roberts, Jack Roberts, Brython Roberts (nephews); Kenneth Phillips, Islwyn Jones (grandsons); Jenkin Pugh, Thos. Evans, Thos. Matthews, William Evans (cousins); Messrs. Hugh Smith, Ben Evans, David Rees, Will Howells, Bert Jones, and Master Jackie Williams.

Welfare Association The annual meeting took place on Friday evening at the Old Library. The chairman was Mr. Tom Jones who dealt in detail with the past year's work. He stated that £600 had been received from the Welfare Fund, and he mentioned the conditions attached to the use of the money. He was optimistic enough to believe that, in time, they would have the full amount of £3,500 to complete the scheme, and every effort would be made to spend the money amongst their own unemployed as far as was possible. He paid tribute to the excellent co-operation of last year's committee, and to Mr. Albert Thomas (miners' agent), Mr. S. O. Davies and Mr. Enoch Morrell for their splendid support. Mr. W. A. Davies, secretary, dealt with the correspondence. The financial statement was presented by Mr. James I. Williams, treasurer. The auditor's report was given by Mr. T. Howell Jones who said he had found everything in order. The following officers and committee were appointed: chairman, Mr. Tom Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; secretary, Mr. W. A. Davies, treasurer, Mr. J. I. Williams. Members of the committee were elected as follows: Powell Duffryn Co. representatives: Mr. A. T. Minhinnick, M.E., Mr. Arthur Jones (Ogilvie), Mr. Archie Bates, Mr. W. S. Rowlands (Groesfaen); G.K.N. representatives: Mr. David Lawrence, Mr. W. J. Williams (Brithdir Levels), Mr. David R. Jones, Mr. John Lewis (Nantyffin Drifts); outside representation: Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. I. Evans, P.S. Wm. Howell and P.C. Sansom; colliery workmen's representatives: Mr. Edward Lewis, Mr. Albert Mantle, Mr. E. J. Williams, Mr. C. Edwards (Ogilvie); Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. Daniel

James, Mr. James Gregory, Mr. I. Evans, Messrs. J. J. Lewis, D. J. Griffiths, E. W. Jones, J. Davies. Mr. D. I. Evans was appointed collector.

Obituary It is with great regret that the death is recorded of Mrs. Elizabeth Way, wife of Mr. Sydney Way, who passed away peacefully on Friday, after much suffering borne with Christian fortitude. She died at Mountain Ash where she had gone to live.

British Legion: Supper The Women's Section held a very successful supper at the Library on Monday evening, when a large number sat down to an excellent meal. The tray holders were members of the branch. The remainder of the evening was given over to games. The energetic secretary is Mrs. S. Jones.

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Choral Success The Fochriw Juvenile Choir, conducted by Mr. D. J. Davies, scored a triumph at the Blackwood Eisteddfod on Saturday last by winning first prize. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Silver Band Mr. William Price presided over the meeting at the Band-room on Tuesday, when important items came up for discussion. Mr. Gibbon, representatives of Beeson & Co., London, was present in connection with purchasing a set of instruments. After discussion, it was decided to purchase, and figures were agreed upon which seemed very fair. A short while ago, a canvas was made of the village, and a large percentage of the village has decided to contribute 1d. per week towards maintaining an efficient band in the locality.

Concert At Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening, Mrs. A. Jones (Post Office) presided at a concert given by the Fochriw Children's Choir, under their conductor Mr. David John Davies. The choir sang the following items: "Today and Tomorrow," "Alawon y Bryniau," "Gwsg Gwyn Faban Gwyn," "Y Lili," "Liberty," "Duw a'i Gwnaeth." They were assisted by Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn; Miss Audrey Hollifield, Deri; Miss Muriel Davies, Fochriw; Master Ewart Davies, Fochriw. The accompanist was Mrs. E. Uzzell, Deri. Mr. T. J. Jones proposed, and Mr. D. J. Davies seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped.

Obituary: Mrs. Mary Roberts It is with deep regret that the Fochriw heard of the passing of Mrs. Mary Roberts, beloved wife of Mr. Edward J. Roberts, and sister of Mr. John Bevan, M. E. For many years she had lived at Fochriw with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bevan. Mr. Bevan was manager of the Fochriw Collieries, and his son, the deceased's brother, Mr. John Bevan, followed in his father's footsteps as manager, until the collieries closed. He is still manager of the Fochriw Levels. Mrs. Roberts had been ailing for some time, but bore her suffering with great Christian fortitude, the end coming peacefully. Sympathy is extended to the family. The funeral, at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, was a very representative one.

Funeral: Mrs. Elizabeth Way The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Way, wife of Mr. Sydney Way, took place on Thursday last, amid signs of deep sorrow, at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was a devoted church-worker. She had a large circle of friends, amongst whom she was highly respected. She was only 30 years of age. To the sorrowing husband and family great sympathy is extended. They had quite recently moved to Cefnpennar, Mountain Ash. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Rage, and Mr. David Jones, after which the cortege proceeded to Fochriw, where it was met by a number of the deceased's friends. The coffin was taken into St. Andrew's Church, the service being conducted by the Vicar, and the Rev. John Francis, the vicar of Kenfig Hill. The chief mourners were: Mr. Sydney Way (husband); Mr. Herbert Jones (father); Miss Annie Downs (sister); Mrs. George Way (mother-in-law); Mrs. Edith Jones (cousin); Messrs. J. Jones, Walter Way (uncle); E. Jones, Walter Jones, Gomer Evans, David Evans, Linden Hill, Rowland Hill, David Way, Willie Way, Fred Way, Albert Yeo, W. J. Davies (cousins).

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Williams-row, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery.

Welfare Mr. Tom Jones presided over the meeting of the Committee on Friday evening at the Old Library. Important questions were dealt with in connection with the operation of a scheme which will be put in hand as soon as possible.

“Merthyr Express” 4 February 1933

Obituary It is with regret we record the passing of Mrs. Ann Lewis, 10, Aelybryn, widow of the late Mr. John Lewis.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday, Sister Mary Morgan, chief Templar, presiding. The programme was "Instrumental Music." Brother B. Rees and friends were responsible. Brother David Jones read a paragraph, and Sister Mary Morgan recited.

Laid To Rest: Mr. Henry Thomas, 5, Station-terrace, aged 39 Fochriw mourns another of her sons in the person of Mr. Henry Thomas, husband of Mrs. H. Thomas, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street. Deceased was 39 years of age. He was a sidesman at the Parish Church. He was chairman of the British Legion. The funeral was on Monday. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and a wreath of poppies. The Fochriw Silver Band played the Dead March. At St. Mary's Church, ex-servicemen, under the command of Mr. A. Bate, each wearing a Flanders Poppy, attended. The Vicar and the Rev. L. D. Jones conducted the service. At Pentwyn Churchyard members of the Legion were bearers. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Jenkin Thomas (father); David and Howell Thomas (brothers); Lewis, Richard and William Jones, David Uzzell, David Saunders, Bert Lloyd, W. J. Williams, Thomas and R. Harris (brothers-in-law); W. & Howell Thomas, Thomas Walters, R. Jones, Thomas Williams, J. M. Evans (uncles); Jenkin G. Uzzell, Islwyn Saunders, William Jones, (nephews); Howell & W. Thomas, Glyn Thomas, D. O. Davies, Robert Polley, J. J. Lewis, David J. Davies, D. J. Williams, Lewis Evans, Latimer Evans, Willie Walters, D. E. Davies, T. Williams, Stephen Jones, James Harris, John Harris, T. Williams, John Williams, D. J. Williams, J. I. Williams, William Evans and D. G. Thomas (cousins).

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Noddfa Chapel On Sunday and Monday, special services were held, the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, Cardigan, preaching powerful sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing, and Mr. D. J. Thomas was at the organ.

St. Mary's Church On Tuesday evening, the monthly devotional service of the Mothers' Union was held, conducted by the Vicar, with a very appropriate address given by the Rev. E. B. Fry, Aberbargoed.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The programme for the evening was "Question Night," and a most interesting time was spent. A vote of sympathy was passed with Sister Thomas in her recent sad bereavement.

Ambulance A team from the Fochriw Division competed in a league competition at Bedlinog on Saturday, taking second place out of five competitors. Last week, the Fochriw Division sent out an S.O.S. for financial support, and a generous response was made, for which the officers and members wish to thank all for helping the noble cause.

Burial: Mr. W. D. Powell, Cwmbargoed On Monday, the funeral of the late Mr. W. D. Powell, Cwmbargoed, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was well known in the district. The funeral was well attended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn. To the sorrowing wife and family, sympathy is extended.

British Legion Under the chairmanship of Mr. Syd Phillips, a meeting of the Fochriw branch was held on Monday. A lucid report on the district meeting was given by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mr. Evan Davies was unanimously elected a delegate to the Welsh Area Conference at Newport on February 11. Messages of condolence were sent to the family of Mr. Henry Thomas, past vice-chairman of the branch; to Mr. W. H. Way and family; and to

Mr. J. Bevan, M.E. The branch expressed its appreciation of the services of the Fochriw Silver Band at the recent funeral of Mr. H. Thomas. The secretary was authorised to endeavour to obtain a concession from the colliery companies in the price of coal to unemployed members. It was announced that County Councillor Hancock would attend the next meeting to give an account of the work schemes, etc.

Funeral: Mrs. Ann Lewis, 10, Aelybryn, aged 64 On Saturday, Mrs. Ann Lewis was laid to rest at the age of 64. She had resided practically the whole of her life in the village, and was held in high esteem. The funeral, for gentleman only, was a large one. A short service was held at the house, and the interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. All blinds en route were drawn as a silent tribute to the deceased. The services were conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. R. Lewis, Thomas I. Lewis, David Lewis (sons); W. Way, W. Angell, Percy Cumpstone (sons-in-law); Brinley Cumpstone, Graham Cumpstone (grandsons); John, Henry and David Harris (brothers); John R., Teg., David., Simon, John, Leslie, and Trevor Harris, Tudor Davies, Horace and Arthur Rowbottom, David Jones, Elfed Lewis (nephews); W. Lewis (brother-in-law); Joseph and John Jones, Daniel Davies, Isaac Edwards, James, William, and Evan Harris, Mr. Long (cousins).

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Obituary The sudden death of Mrs. Percy Pike, who was well known before her marriage as Miss Nan Prosser, is deeply regretted. She was a zealous church worker before her departure to Poole, Bournemouth. She leaves a husband and one son to mourn.

I.O.G.T. Bro. Dan James was responsible for the programme at the weekly meeting of the Lodge. He was assisted by Sisters S. Lewis, Beryl Ballard, Mary Morgan, and by Bros. S. Lewis and Griff Thomas.

British Legion The principal speaker at the branch meeting on Monday was County Councillor W. Hancock, J.P., Pontllytyn, who gave an interesting report of the work being accomplished by the various committees. Mr. T. J. Jones welcomed the speaker. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, announced that the Dowlais Collieries Ltd, Port Talbot, had sent a handsome donation for the purpose of assisting the unemployed and distressed members in the matter of obtaining coal.

Concert A concert was held at Penybank Chapel on Sunday under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. W. Price presided. Programme: Band, "Lead, Kindly Light," solo, Miss Dilys Uzzell, Deri; solo, Master Harry Oliver, Deri; Band, "Friendship; recitation, Miss Dorothy Cook; duet, Miss Uzzell and Master Oliver.

Band The annual meeting in of the Fochriw Silver Band took place on Thursday, Mr. William Price in the chair. The junior bandsmen are making good progress under the care of Mr. Albert Mantle. A set of new instruments has been purchased, and it is hoped that the general public will again respond so that the cost of the same can be defrayed. Sergeant W. Howells was appointed chairman; Mr. William Price vice-chairman; Mr. Emrys Lewis assistant conductor to Mr. Mantle. The committee were re-elected with Mr. Minhinnick as chairman. Mr. Arthur Coggan is the energetic secretary.

Ambulance A competition under the auspices of the Dowlais Corps League, Cadets' Section took place at Noddfa Vestry on Saturday. Eight teams competed. The winners were Fochriw with 82 marks, followed by Penydarren A who scored 75, and Bedlinog A third with 74. The team was as follows: Messrs. I. Morgan (capt.), R. Gittoes, Archie Adams and Tudor Rowlands.

“Merthyr Express” 25 February 1933

Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Fochriw Hotspurs Football Team, a whist drive was held at the Old Library on Tuesday. The M.C. was Mr. T. J. Jones, and the winners were Mrs. Thomas and Mr. T. Jones.

British Legion On Monday, Mr. Evan Davies, who was the delegate to the area conference at Newport on the 11th, gave an interesting account of the proceedings. The chairman, Mr. S.

Phillips, stated that he had received a letter from Colonel John Brown, National Headquarters, stressing the advantages of the Legionnaires contributing towards the Legion Journal. The secretary and treasurer, in co-operation with the Mrs. S. J. Jones, and Mr. T. J. Jones, will administer relief to the unemployed and distressed members in the course of the week, and another amount has been authorised under the B.L.R.F. The branch resolved to protest once again to the P.A.C. on the means test as affecting ex-servicemen.

I.O.G.T. At a weekly meeting of the Lodge, the adult Lodge were entertained by the Juvenile Lodge. Brother Sam Lewis was in charge of the programme, the following contributing: solos - Howel Lewis, Douglas Clarke, Ewart Davies, Jennie Davies, Millie Chapman, Rene Angell, Marion Gregory; duets, Rene Angell and Millie Chapman, Douglas Clark and Ernest Lester, Jennie Davies and Betty Edwards, Doris Briffett and Marion Gregory, Millie Chapman and Ewart Davies; recitations - Tegwen Jones, Betty Edwards, Ewart Davies, Muriel Davies, Edna Jones; pianoforte solo - Alun Davies. Sister Morgan and Brother David Jones thanked the juveniles for their entertainment. An interesting letter was read from Sister Margaret Ballard who is a nurse at Manchester.

Presentation At the Church Hall on Thursday, a happy function took place in connection with the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, when the members sat down to an excellent tea. Mrs. Lena Morgan was presented with a wristlet watch as a mark of appreciation for her services to the Society. The chairman was the Vicar, who spoke of Mrs. Morgan's work for the society. Mr. W. J. Payne (producer) made the presentation. Others who spoke were Mr. T. Baldwin, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mr. W. D. Davies, and Mrs. Annie Morgan. After the presentation, games were played. Master Cecil Llewellyn gave two recitations. The accompanists were Mr. O. Richards and Mr. Willie White.

“Merthyr Express” 4 March 1933

Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. John Evans, Guest-street. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Llewellyn Small, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Francis Williams, and Mrs. Jones, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

The Blizzard Fochriw felt the full force of the blizzard over the weekend. Road traffic was completely at a standstill. The railway company managed to run occasional trains.

I.O.G.T. The Chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge on Tuesday. Short biographies were given by Sister Mary Morgan and Bro. James. Bro. Lewis also spoke on "The Lives of Great Men."

Drama St. Mary's Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the drama "Agnes de Vere," at the Church Hall, Ystradowen, on Thursday evening. The vicar thanked the Company for bringing such a treat to the people of the Vale.

Cricket The revival of interest in the cricket of the village was amply revealed by the attendance at the last meeting, when it was decided to enter the Merthyr and District Cricket League. The past record of the club is one to be proud of. The annual meeting will be held on Friday.

Concert On Sunday evening, at Noddfa Vestry, the Fochriw Silver Band, under Mr. Albert Mantle, Bandmaster, gave a concert. Mr. W. Price presided. They were supported by Madame H. Cole Davies, whose beautiful, rich voice delighted the audience. Mr. David J. Davies proposed a vote of thanks and this was seconded by Mr. Joseph Shankland. The Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

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St. David's Day: Celebrations at the Fochriw Schools At the Fochriw Council School (Mixed Dept), a very interesting and delightful morning's programme was thoroughly enjoyed. The parents had been invited to attend. The Eisteddfod was exceptionally successful. The younger children gave various action songs in Welsh, as well as playlets. The chairman was Mr. Sam Lewis, school manager, with Mr. W. A. Jones as the adjudicator.

The winners of the various competitions were: boys' solo - William J. Jones and Gethin Jones; girls' solo - Marion Gregory and Betty Simpson; duet - Phoebe Davies and Betty Simpson; essay - Gethin Jones and Betty Hiscox; drawing competition - Emrys Evans; recitation - Betty Simpson; reading - Edna Jones; party - Phoebe Davies's party.

At the Infants' School, the usual programme was given, under the supervision of Mr. Lewis, headmistress, and her staff. The little ones assembled in the hall, and gave some fine renderings of folk-songs, dances, recitations, etc. The usual half-holiday was given in the afternoon.

At Penybank School, the first part of the morning was devoted to talks to the children by the head teacher and staff on famous Welshman and their life work. From 11.30 to the end of the morning session, musical and other items were given.

Obituary We have to record the death of a highly respected inhabitant of the district in the person of Mr. John Evans, 27, Guest-street, who passed away after a painful illness, borne with a great Christian fortitude. He was 65 years of age, and had resided in the village practically all of his life. He had been an active member of Noddfa Chapel from many years. He was the possessor of a rich tenor voice, and in his younger days was a keen eisteddfod competitor and prize winner. The funeral, on Saturday, was for gentleman only, and was well attended and very representative. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the solemn cortege proceeded by train to Pant, where the interment took place. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom Evans, Aneurin Evans, Emlyn Evans, Emrys Evans (sons); Tom Davies, Habacuc Morgan, John Francis (sons-in-law); Daniel Evans and Richard Evans (brothers); Emlyn Evans, Gwyn Evans, John Ivor Davies, Ivor Morgan, Aneurin Morgan, Jack Evans (grandsons); Walter Thomas, Daniel Jenkins, George Thomas, Aneurin Jones, Tom Jones, David John Thomas, Matt Lewis (brothers-in-law); Sydney Evans, Thomas John Evans, Uriah Evans, Robert Thomas, Caradog Thomas, John Thomas, Tom Jenkins, Daniel Jenkins, Lewis H. Jones, Aneurin Thomas, Thomas J. Jones, Evan W. Jones, Richard Jones, T. J. Jones, Aneurin Davies, Bert Gallop (nephews). Revs. R. Evans and D. R. James officiated at the graveside.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Terence Simpson who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery

Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band, a whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. William Price and P.C. Sanson

Co-operative Society A well attended meeting of the members of the Co-operative Society took place at the Old Library on Tuesday evening, to elect a member for Fochriw on the management committee. Mr. Daniel James was duly elected. The retiring member is Mr. H. C. Seaborne.

St. Mary's Church The special preacher at the Lenten service on Wednesday was the Rev. G. W. Westwood, Gellygaer.

Children's Choir The Fochriw Juvenile Choir gave an excellent account of themselves at the Blackwood Eisteddfod on Saturday, coming second out of six choirs, and losing first place by a single point. The conductor is Mr. David John Davies, and the accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Success Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, was again successful at Blackwood on Saturday, winning the first prize in the girls' solo under 14 years, and second prize in the under 16 years competition. Amongst the winners at Bargoed Secondary School on St. David's Day were Emlyn Evans, Mona Ballard, Mary Lewis, Gwen Mantle, W. D. Howell, Winifred Evans, and P. White.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was a Welsh one, to celebrate Gwyl Dewi.. Appropriate readings were given by Sisters Bessie Ballard, Mary Morgan, and

Lewis, and Brothers David Jones, Berkley Davies and Sam Lewis; penillion singing by Sister Beryl Ballard.

Cricket The annual meeting of Cricket Club was held at the Old Reading room on Friday last, Mr. Idris Williams in the chair. The auditor's report was read and accepted, and the auditors, Mr. S. Williams and Mr. Clifford Davies, were thanked for their services. The following officers were elected for the coming season: chairman - Mr. Idris Williams; treasurer - Mr. Iorwerth Evans; secretary - Mr. Clifford Davies. The following committee was elected; Mr. Con Edwards; Mr. D. Martin Thomas; Mr. Hartwell Wood; Mr. H. Ballard; Mr. Walter Jones. P.C. Sanson was elected vice-chairman.

Organist's Record: Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. The large circle of friends of Mr. Thomas Walters will be pleased to note that he has completed 30 years faithful service as organist at Carmel Congregational Chapel. He commenced on October 16th, 1902, and is still organist and choirmaster. His ability as organist and conductor is well-known throughout South Wales. His wonderful successes as the conductor of the Fochriw Mixed Choir and Male Voice Party are still fresh in the minds of music lovers throughout the Valley. Always of a kind and genial disposition, his services are given ungrudgingly for all worthy objects in connection with the welfare of the community. As an adjudicator, elocutionist, and accompanist, his services are in great demand and no appeals for charity are made in vain to Mr. Walters. It is the wish of his many friends that he be spared for many years to carry on the great work for which he is so well fitted.

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Personal At a meeting at the Old Library, Mr. Tom Jones presiding, it was decided to show appreciation of the great services rendered by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., who has taken up study at Cardiff University.

Lest We Forget On Monday next, S.O.S. envelopes will reach every house in the area. Please help again this year. The executive board is struggling with a bank overdraft of £3,000. There is no nobler work than the care of the sick and injured.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, and presided over by Sister Mary Morgan, Chief Templar. Brother David Jones organised the devotional programme. After reading a portion of Scripture and offering prayer, Bro. Jones gave a short address on "One thing have I desired of the Lord." Sister S. J. Jones rendered a solo, and Brothers Sam Lewis, Dan James and Berkley Davies commented on the address.

Ambulance The Fochriw G.W.R. Ambulance Team competed at Cardiff, against 18 other teams, for prizes offered by the G.W.R. Co. They were successful in winning the Rhymney Valley Challenge Shield, and each man was presented with a beautiful case of cutlery for individual work. It is the first time in the history of the competitions for the same team to win in succession, the second and then the first prize for beginners. By winning, they qualify to enter the semi-final at Newport on March 31st, where they will compete against the winners of other divisions. The captain is Mr. Rufus Wood, and the team is: Messrs. Samuel G. Thomas, Tom J. Jones, R. Jones and B. J. Thomas.

Welsh Dramas The children of the primary department of Carmel Congregational Church gave splendid performances of the Welsh dramas, "Mog Llwyd" and "Llew" (Margaret Prosser), and "Dic Whittington" (D. H. Thomas, Port Talbot), on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Noddfa vestry (kindly lent). The vestry was crowded each evening and the characters were splendidly portrayed by the little ones. Those who took part were: "Mog Llwyd" - Edryd Jones, John Jones, Douglas Clark, Evan Strang, Philip Mantle, Graham Cumpstone; "Llew" - Evan M. Davies, Edryd Jones, Willie Walters, Willie William; "Dic Whittington" - Jackie Davies, Eliza Evans, Howell Lewis, Rene Angell, Betty Jones, Jenny Davies, David Cole, Morgan G. Jones, Ivor Davies, Lynn Jones, Mimi Lewis, Hannah Mantle, Alun Davies, Willie Walters, Oriel Jones, Betty Evans and Muriel Davies. Miss

Bessie Ballard, Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. A. Ballard presided. Great credit is due to producers Mrs. Sam Lewis, Miss Maria Jones and Miss Sarah Jones. The stage managers were Messrs. Willie Angell, Emrys Lewis and Joshua Evans. The accompanist was his Mr. Bob Rees.

Weddings: Harris-Morris; Harris-Dainton Two weddings took place at Merthyr on Saturday when the brides were sisters - Miss Betty Harris and Miss Margaret Valentine Harris, daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Harris, 2, Aelybryn. Miss Betty Harris was married to Mr. William Morris, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, late of Ty Mawr, now of Ystrad Mynach, and Miss Margaret Harris to Mr. Leslie Charles Dainton, son of the late P.S. Charles Dainton, Abertysswg. The brides were charmingly attired in black and white satin, with hats and coats to match. The best men were Mr. Owen Morris and Mr. R. Hawkins. The bridesmaids were the Misses Ursula, Rowena and Myrtle Harris, sisters of the brides, and Miss A. M. Twinning, who were dressed in black and white satin, with the hats and coats to match. The reception was held at the home of the brides, the guests including Mrs. W. R. Thatcher and Mrs. S. Morgan (Abergavenny), Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Harris, Mrs. J. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Horrell (Ystrad Mynach), Mr. H. B. Harris, Miss R. Harris and Miss M. Harris (London). The happy couples were the recipients of many presents.

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Omission The name of Miss Betty Simpson was omitted from the account of last week's play "Dic Wittington."

Library A special meeting of the Fochriw Library and Institute was held on Wednesday, presided over by Mr. J. I. Williams. The meeting was called to deal with the plans for a new hall and institute. The committee came to the decision that owing to the financial position, the plans be left in abeyance.

Whist Drive A whist drive under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band was held at the Old Library on Tuesday. P.C. Sanson and Mr. William Price shared the duties of M.C. Prize winners: ladies: 1. Mr. Bryn Thomas, 2. Mr. W Edwards; gents: 1. Mr. Stanley Jones, 2. Mr. Jones.

Welfare A meeting in connection with the Fochriw Welfare Association was held at the Old Library on Friday, Mr. T. J. Jones presiding. A report of the deputations visit to Captain Mason was given. It is hoped that there will be an early start with the children's corner and the general levelling of the site.

Singing Festival A singing festival was held at Carmel chapel on Sunday. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the accompanist was Miss Mona Ballard. Nurse Ballard Davies presided in the morning, Mrs. Sam Lewis in the afternoon, and Mr. David Lewis in the evening.

Operetta On Thursday and Saturday, the Juvenile Choir of St. Mary's Church, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards as the accompanist, gave performances in full character of the pretty operetta, "Bold Robin and the Babes." Mr. W. J. Payne presided on Thursday, and of the Rev. J. L. White, vicar, on Saturday. The following took part: Master W. J. Jones, Miss Nelly White, Master W. J. Llewelyn, Miss Betty Edwards and Masters Jack Davies, Miss Gwen Davies, Mr. Rod Jones and Mrs. Percy Edwards, as well as The Fairies and Robin Hood's Merry Men. Mr. Crad Ballard and Mr. Charles White were the stage managers, Miss Nellie White the dance instructor, Mr. L. G. Thomas the scenic artist, and Mr. W. Davies the electrician.

“Merthyr Express” 1 April 1933

Personal The large circle of friends of P. S. Howells will regret to know that he is still very ill, and is at present in a nursing home in Cardiff. We wish him a speedy return to health.

Ladies' Choir The recently-formed Ladies Choir, under the conductorship of Madam H. C. Davies, is making splendid progress, and will compete at Mountain Ash on Easter Monday. The accompanist is Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M.

Ambulance Under the auspices of the Dowlais Corps, Cadet Section, a competition took place at Bedlinog on Saturday, when Fochriw were the winners. The following comprised the team: Messrs. Ivor Morgan (captain), Reggie Gittoes, Archie Adams, Tudor Rowlands. The team is trained by Supt. John Morgan.

Death We regret to record the death of Mr. David Terence Simpson, at the early age of 19 years. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson, 21, Martin Street, and had only been removed to Glan Ely Hospital, a week before his death. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

British Legion A meeting of the local branch was held on Monday, and was well attended. Arrangements were made to make a suitable presentation to Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Steps are being taken to ensure that the children of members have a trip to the seaside.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening, Sister Mary Morgan, chief Templar, presiding. There was a miscellaneous programme, the Sisters Ballard being responsible.

S.O.S. Appeal The following the ladies deserve thanks for their efforts in distributing and collecting envelopes on behalf of the Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Howell Davies, Mrs. Bob Rees, Mrs. Sydney Davies, Mrs. S. Davies, Miss E. M. Wilton, Mrs. Arthur Ballard, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Iris Edwards, Miss Rachel Harris, Mrs. David Evans, Miss M. Cook, Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. W. Edwards, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Mitchell. A total of £7 9s 2d has been raised with a few envelopes still to be returned.

Welfare A meeting of the Welfare Association was held at the Old Library on Friday, Mr. Tom Jones presiding. It was decided to sign names of unemployed, pensioners, and boys desirous of commencing work, which it is hoped to start next week. The scheme, when completed, will be a great asset to the village. It is hoped to complete "The Children's Corner" in a few months, and the general levelling of the football ground and others sites, as soon as possible.

Patronal Festival Special services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday and Monday. The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. W. Williams, New Tredegar. On Monday, the Mothers' Union held special services. In the evening, the special preacher was the Rev. W. Hopkins, Bargoed.

"Merthyr Express" 8 April 1933

Welfare Work commenced on Monday in laying out the children's corner.

Personal Mr. Lewis H. Angell, B.A., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Angell, has been appointed president and organiser of the Urddd Gobaith Cymru, Rhyl Section.

Meeting of Unemployed A well-attended meeting of the unemployed of the village was held at the Old Library on Saturday evening. The chief speakers were two of the ward members, Councillor John Edwards and Councillor W. H. Johns, Deri. Several important subjects were dealt with bearing on the welfare of the unemployed, of whom there are about 150 in the village.

Welfare A public meeting in connection with the Fochriw Welfare Association was held at the Old Library on Tuesday evening. The chairman reported that 13 unemployed of the village were working on the children's corner, and these would be changed weekly. He explained the proposal for levelling the whole site, which would be done in about six to eight weeks, employing local unemployed men.

Band Mr. William Price presided over a meeting in connection with the Fochriw Silver Band on Monday evening. A report of the monthly collections was given, which showed a welcome increase in view of the need to pay for the new instruments. The good wishes of the band were sent to P.S. Wm. Howell, chairman of the Band, who is very ill at a Cardiff nursing home.

I.O.G.T. Sister Mary Morgan presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. Sister S. Lewis was responsible for the programme, consisting of unpunctuated reading and a spelling test. Sister S. J. Jones was the successful competitor in the former, and Sister B. Ballard in the latter. Bro. D. James proposed and Sis. C. Jones seconded a vote of thanks to Sister Lewis for a most enjoyable programme.

Ambulance Under the auspices of the Dowlais Corps League (adult section), a competition took place at Noddfa Vestry (kindly lent), on Saturday last. The adjudicators were: practical - Mr. A. Williams, Deri; theory - Mr. Taylor, Dowlais; timekeepers - Mr. Rufus Wood and Corps Inspector of Stores W. J. Ballard. The winners were: 1. Dowlais Police; 2. Bedlinog A; 3. Fochriw A. Votes of thanks concluded the proceedings.

Laid To Rest: David Terence Simpson, 21, Martin-street, aged 19 On Thursday last, amid manifestations of deep sorrow, the funeral took place of David Terence Simpson. Deceased, who was 19 years of age, was of a bright and genial disposition, and loved by all with whom he came in contact. He had been in ailing for some time. A short service was held at the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the cortege preceded to Pentwyn Churchyard. All blinds were drawn as a tribute. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Henry Simpson (father); John Protheroe, David Edwards, A. H. Crook (cousins); Elias Davies, John Davies, George Shankland, Aneurin Shankland, (uncles); Thomas Shankland, Caradog Shankland, Meirion Shankland, Tom Shankland, Wm. Shankland, John Davies, Burkley Davies, Willie Angell Davies, Kenneth Owen, Willie Lewis, Elwyn Lewis, Clifford Lewis, Jas. Jones, Jas. Davies, Willie Angell, Mr. Edwards, John Smith, A. Protheroe.

Football Fochriw Hotspurs entertained Hengoed Athletic in a Rhymney Valley League match on Monday. Fochriw won by four goals to nil.

St. Mary's Church On Wednesday, the Rev. Trevor Vodden, Pontlottyn, occupied the pulpit and preached an appropriate Lenten sermon.

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I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme comprised competitive items by the juveniles. The solo, under 10 years, was won by Betty Edwards; solo over 10 years, Ewart Davies; recitation, under 10 years, Eliza Evans; recitation over 10 years, divided between Betty Simpson and Edna Jones. The adjudicators were Sister S. Jones, Bros. B. Davies and Bob Rees. The prizes were given by Miss M. J. Williams, Bedlinog.

Band The Fochriw Silver Band, under Bandmaster Albert Mantle, played a programme of music at the rugby match between Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Police in aid of the Rhymney Hospital.

Palm Sunday Hundreds wended their way to the church on the hill (St. Andrews) on Sunday, to keep remembrance with the beloved dead. Beautiful flowers were laid upon the graves. In the afternoon, Rev. J. L. White conducted an impressive service in the Old Church which was well attended.

St. Mary's The special Lenten preacher on Wednesday evening was the Rev. E. B. Fry, Bedwellty.

“Merthyr Express” 22 April 1933

Football Fochriw were at home on Monday to Llanbradach in a league match, and lost 3 goals to 1.

Obituary The funeral of Roy Jones, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, Brook House, took place on Wednesday. The Vicar officiated.

Personal The large circle of friends of P. S. W. Howell will be pleased to know that he has returned home from the Lord Ninian Nursing Home, Cardiff, and is making steady progress towards recovery.

St. Mary's The special Lenten preacher on Wednesday evening was the Rev. J. Jeffrey Jones, Merthyr.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, a paper was read by County Councillor W. Hancock entitled "Modern Discipleship in the Life of Service." Brothers Sam Lewis and David Jones commented on the paper. Sister Ballard and Brother B. Davies proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Councillor Hancock.

Services Recognised At the Old Library on Monday, a social gathering, under the auspices of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, took place. The occasion was the presentation of a silver-mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed, to Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., in appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered the Legion as accompanist. The chairman was Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster, and the presentation was made by the chairman of the branch, Mr. S. Phillips. The following took part in the musical programme: Madam H. C. Davies, Mr. J. J. Lewis, Nurse Ballard Davies, Mrs. Jones, Miss Mary Lewis, Master W. J. Jones, Tom Smith and Cyril Lewis.

Eighty Not Out On Thursday evening an enjoyable time was spent at Pennant, Fochriw, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. David Davies (Caerefryn), who is well-known and highly respected in the locality. Relatives and friends sat down to an enjoyable supper, after which Mr. Davies was presented with a Berkley chair as a mark of appreciation and esteem by Mrs. Roderick and Miss Katie Davies. Mr. Davies, in acknowledging the gift, gave a vivid description of his childhood and early manhood days.

"Merthyr Express" 29 April 1933

Fochriw Vestry: A Year of Progress The annual Easter vestry for the Parish Church of St. Mary's was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday. The Vicar, the Rev. J. L. White, presided over a very representative gathering, and was supported by the Rev. L. D. Jones, curate, Messrs. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, and Tom Jones, parochial secretary. The vicar thanked all the individuals and organisations that had helped in any way during the past year, and said that despite the unemployment, they had succeeded in balancing the budget. Mr. W. J. Payne presented the financial statement. This had been audited by Miss Rosie Davies and was accepted. The following were elected members to the Parochial Council: Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Llewellyn (The Farm), Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. Tom Jones, Jack Lawrence, A. Palmer, T. Baldwin, C. White, F. Way, W. D. Davies, O. Richards, C. Ballard. The following sides-men were appointed: Messrs. W. D. Davies, T. Baldwin, J. Lawrence, C. White, D. Jones, C. Ballard, A. Palmer, F. Way; auditor, Miss R. Davies. Mr. W. J. Payne was unanimously re-elected People's Warden, and Councillor John Edwards, Deri, as Vicar's Warden. Mr. Tom Jones was re-elected Parochial Secretary. Rev. L. D. Jones thanked all for the kind way that he had been received.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. T. J. Evans, Guest-street. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved family

British Legion On Tuesday, a large number of the women's section attended at Aberdare on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duchess of York.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday evening. Sister Mary Morgan, Chief Templar, presided. Members sat down and partook of a fine tea, which had been specially prepared by the members, after which games, etc. were played.

Concerts: Juvenile Choir A concert was given at the hall of the Fochriw School on Wednesday and Thursday last by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, conductor Mr. D. J. Davies, accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. A rich treat was given the large and appreciative audiences. The chairman on Wednesday was Councillor Minhinnick, M.E., and on Thursday, Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster. The programme was as follows: selections by the choir - "Night Bells," and "Alawon y Bryniau;" recitation, Margaret Dyer; solo and story of "Dafydd y Garreg Wen" - Mary Lewis and Phoebe Davies; choir boys - "Flat Huw Puw;" "Mab annwyl dy Fam" - Winnie Evans, Thelma Thomas and Evan M. Lewis; group of English and Welsh folk songs; "Mari Lwyd" - story told by Jessie Jones, singing by Mary Lewis, Phyllis Martin and the choir boys; recitation - Eliza Evans; solo, Wm. John Jones; solo, Mary Lewis;

selections by the choir - "To-day and To-morrow," and "I Sing because I Love to Sing." This was followed by a one-act play, "Toriad y Dydd," the cast of which was: Mr. D. J. Davies, Miss R. Angell, Jackie Davies, Edna Jones, Winnie Evans, Minnie Lewis. Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. Berkley Davies proposed and seconded votes of thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 6 May 1933

Sale Messrs. F. A. Phillips & Son have received instructions to offer for sale by public auction on May 30th, 1933, the following Lots: Lot 5: 11, Glenview, Pentwyn, Fochriw; Lot 6: Mortgage for £250 secured on two dwelling houses at Fochriw. Further particulars: J. LL. Atkins Esq., Solicitors, Dowlais.

Obituary Eric, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole, Brynteg, passed away on Sunday.

Full Gospel Hall A special meeting was held at the Gospel Hall on Sunday, when the speakers were Messrs. J. Harries (Ystylafera) and H. Childs (Dowlais).

Personal Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., was the organist at Pontmorlais Chapel, Merthyr, in connection with the Gymanfa Ganu on Monday

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Tom Angell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burkley Angell, will regret to know he is in hospital in London, where he has undergone an operation.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, presided over by Sister Mary Morgan, chief Templar. The programme for the evening consisted of a "Mock Trial," Bro. Lewis being responsible. Sister B. Ballard proposed, and Brother B. Rees seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Brother Lewis. The officers for the coming quarter are: Chief Templar - Bro. Thomas Walters; Vice-Templar - Bro. Griffith Thomas; guard - Bro. D. Jones; Past Chief Templar - Sis. Mary Morgan; secretary - Sis. Bessie Ballard; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; marshal - Bro. Burkley Davies; deputy marshal - Bro. Tom Davies; chaplain - Sis. Catherine Jones.

Obituary: Mrs. T. J. Evans, 33, Guest-street The funeral of Mrs. T. J. Evans took place last week. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. All blinds were drawn en route as a silent tribute to deceased. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas John Evans (husband); Masters Mervyn and Roy Evans (sons); Messrs. Charles Grimmett (father); G. Grimmett (brother); L. Small (brother-in-law); Douglas Small (nephew); Charles Edwards, David Evans, Dan and Richard Evans (uncles); Mr. Davies, Messrs. Glyndwr Edwards, Tom & Aneurin Evans, Crad & Robert Thomas, Emrys Evans, H. Morgan, T. J. Jones, Evan W. Jones (cousins).

“Merthyr Express” 13 May 1933

Concert On Saturday evening, at Siloh Baptist Chapel, Penybank, a concert was given by Bedw Glee Party, Bedlinog, under the conductorship of Mr. T. S. Rees. The concert was in aid of Siloh Chapel Sunday School funds. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Evans and the Party was assisted by Mr. Haydn Thomas, Miss Mary Lewis, Mr. Reggie Watkins, and Mr. Frank Cooper.

Obituary: Eric Cole, Brynteg The funeral of Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cole, took place on Saturday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The mourners were: Mr. James Cole (father); Master David Cole (brother); Messrs. D. J. Evans (grandfather); David Cole, D. Parry, E. Davies, John Davies, Simon Cole, William Cole (uncles); Thomas Jones, T. J. Davies, Berkley Davies, James Jones, J. Davies, George Cole.

Concert Fochriw music lovers were given a rich musical treat at Nazareth Chapel on Thursday evening last, when the Pontlottyn Ladies' Glee Society, under the conductorship on Miss Kate Beddoe, gave a concert in aid of Nazareth Chapel. The artistes were: Miss Megan Davies (soprano), Miss Mafanwy Richards (contralto), Mr. Arthur Rees (tenor), Mr.

Windsor Davies (baritone). They delighted the audience and were in brilliant form. The chairman was Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster of Pontlottyn School.

Laid To Rest: Mrs. Hannah Evans, 27, Guest-street, aged 65 It is a sad duty this week to record the death of a well-known citizen in the person of Mrs. Hannah Evans, 27, Guest-street, aged 65 years, who passed away last week, after much suffering borne with Christian fortitude. She was the widow of Mr. John Evans, who was buried only nine weeks ago. Quite a gloom was cast over the village, and sincere sympathy is extended to the family in losing father and mother in a few weeks. The funeral took place on Monday, and was well attended. After a short service in the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the solemn cortege proceeded to Fochriw station, and thence to Pant Cemetery for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom, Aneurin, Emlyn, and Emrys Evans (sons); Tom Davies, H. Morgan, Jack Francis (sons-in-law); Emlyn, John Ivor, Ivor, Aneurin, Gwyn, Jack (grandsons); Aneurin Jones, Tom Jones (brothers); Daniel Jenkins, George Thomas, David J. Thomas, Matt. Lewis, J. Davies, Dan Evans, Richard Evans, Walter Thomas (brothers-in-law); T. J. Evans, T. J. Jones, Tom Jenkins, Dan Jenkins, L. H. Jones, Aneurin Thomas, Aneurin Davies, Caradog Thomas, Robert Thomas, Evan Wm. Jones, E. Trollope (nephews); John James & others.

Welfare Ground Good progress is being made with the Welfare Ground. The Children's Corner will soon be an accomplished fact. Steady progress is also being made in the levelling of the whole site. The committee and officials deserve praise for the way in which they are tackling a difficult job.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the new officers were installed. The programme was one of "Questions and Answers," and proved very interesting and educative. Brother Davies and Sister Jones were responsible for the programme.

Church Army Van Special services were conducted in the parish by Captain L. Rodbourne and Cadet J. H. Laughton of the Church Army. On Sunday, at the Parish Church, the services were well attended and Captain Rodbourne delivered a sermon. Cadet Lawton addressed the children in the afternoon. Captain Rodbourne again preached in the evening.

Pontlottyn Police David G. Thomas of Fochriw, and Thomas G. Griffiths of Dowlais, were summoned for stealing mandril shafts, value 3s 4d. the property off the Dowlais Collieries Ltd. They pleaded guilty. Thomas was fined 20 shillings, and Griffiths, who is only 17 years of age, was bound over.

“Merthyr Express” 20 May 1933

Sale of Valuable Dwelling Houses Messrs. F. A. Phillips & Son have received instructions to offer for sale by public auction on Tuesday, May 30th, 1933, at the Clarence Hotel, Dowlais, at 7.30pm, the following properties: Lot 5: All that leasehold dwelling-house known as 11, Glenview, Pentwyn, Fochriw, let at the annual rental of £23 8s 6d.. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from 24th June, 1910, at the apportioned annual ground rent of £1 11s. 2d; Lot 6: All that sum of £125 with interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum secured by mortgage on a leasehold dwelling-house situate at 4, Glenview, Pentwyn, Fochriw, held for a term of 99 years from 24th June, 1910, at a ground rent of £1 3s. 7d; Lot 7: All that sum of £125 with interest at the rate of 4 1/2 per cent per annum secured by mortgage on a leasehold dwelling-house situate at 5, Glenview, Pentwyn, Fochriw, held for a term of 99 years from 24th June, 1910, at a ground rent of £1 5s. 0d. per annum; Further particulars: J. Ll. Atkins Esq., Solicitors, Dowlais.

St. Mary's The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. J. R. Dewi Williams, Rhymney.

Hospital The many friends of Lilian Cole, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Cole, Brynteg, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, wish her a speedy recovery.

Lecture At the Church Hall on Thursday and Friday, lantern lectures were given in connection with the visit of the Church Army van by Capt. Rodbourne and Cadet Lawton.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was "Humorous Evening," all brothers and sisters contributing.

Welfare Mr. T. J. Jones presided at the welfare meeting. Items in connection with the laying out of the welfare ground were dealt with. The question of boys for St. Athn's camp was considered. It is intended that some boys shall participate in the splendid facilities afforded at St. Athan's.

British Legion The recent whist drive held in aid of the Children's Fresh Air Fund passed off successfully. The prize winners were Mr. W. A. Thomas, Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. R. Morgan and Mr. H. Ballard. The M.Cs were Mrs. Stanley Jones and Mr. S. Phillips. Mr. W. T. Pegg carried out the secretarial duties. Thanks were accorded to the library committee that the use of the tables, and to Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, grocer, who denominated a surprise packet. On Wednesday, the women's section social was held. Mrs. Stanley Jones is to be congratulated upon her untiring energy. Mr. E. J. Williams presided at a meeting on Monday, when arrangements were made to parade the village on Sunday, 21st May, in conjunction with the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. E. Puddle was appointed delegate to attend the next meeting of the Rhymney Valley drumhead service committee.

"Merthyr Express" 27 May 1933

I.O.G.T. During the evening, the Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, delivered an address on "What is Man?" Brother Sam Lewis, Sister Jones, and Mr. Jenkin Pugh commented on the paper. Sister Lewis and Brother D. Jones proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Evans.

Parade On Sunday, a parade was organised, and the weather being fine, large numbers attended. The procession was formed at the Square, and headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, under Mr. Albert Mantle, paraded the principal streets of the district. After the parade, members returned to St. Mary's Church where the Rev. J. L. White conducted an impressive service. Suitable hymns were sung under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ.

"Merthyr Express" 3 June 1933

Children's Choir A well-attended meeting in connection with the Choir was held last week at the Old Library, Mr. T. J. Jones presiding.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Evan Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery.

Nazareth Chapel The half yearly services were held on Sunday, and were well attended. The special preacher was the Rev. C. Davies, Gorseinon. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and the organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Wm. Davies.

I.O.G.T. The weekly session of the Lodge was held on Thursday presided over by Brother G. Thomas. The following contributed: solo, Brother B. Davies; recitations, Brother Sam Lewis and Sister M. A. Lewis; readings, Sister Beryl Ballard, Brother Dan James, Brother G. Evans and Bro. G. Thomas.

Ambulance A team consisting of the following members of the Fochriw section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, namely, Mr. Griff Thomas (captain), Messrs. Dan James, Thomas Thomas, Harold Barlow and Willie Howells, secured third prize at the competition under the auspices of the Dowlais Corps League on Saturday last. The team gave an excellent account of themselves, and praise is due to the splendid work of Superintendent John Morgan.

Parade In the recent parade held at Fochriw, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, the following organisations took part: the British Legion (with standard bearer); the Women's Section of the British Legion (with standard bearer); the St. John Ambulance Brigade; the Cadets' Section; Fochriw and Pontlottyn Fire Brigades.

Welfare Splendid progress is being made with the Welfare Ground. On Monday, a visit was paid by Captain Mason, the chief organiser of the Welfare Association. He was met by welfare chairman Mr. Tom Jones and a number of the committee. He was very pleased with

the work already done. Some of the equipment, such as swings, etc., for the children's playground has already arrived; also fencing for closing of the same. It is anticipated that in the very near future some parts of the scheme will be completed.

Death Miss Annie Jones, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones, 5, Railway Cottages, Cwmbargoed, passed away in hospital last week, after a painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude. The family buried another daughter, Mrs. Sydney Way, only a few months ago. Sincere sympathy is extended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. A service was conducted at St. Andrew's Church. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones (parents); Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bowen (brothers and sisters-in-law); Mr. Sydney Way (brother-in-law); Mr. Vaughan, Miss Edith Jones (cousins); Mr. J. Downes (uncle); as well as many friends.

Services Recognised On Tuesday evening at Nazareth Chapel, a representative gathering assembled to pay tribute told Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Pleasant View, who was the recipient of a public presentation in the form of a wallet of notes, subscribed by his host of friends as a mark of appreciation for his great services to the community as the accompanist to the Male Voice Party, the Children's Choir, Ladies' Choir, and Mixed Choir. He is also organist of Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Church, and had the honour of being organist at the last Cymanfa Ganu held at Pontmorlais, Merthyr Tydfil. Mr. Lawrence has now taken up his studies at Cardiff University. The chairman for the evening was Mr. W. J. Payne, who, in his opening address, paid high tribute to Mr. Lawrence. Others who spoke were Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster, and Mr. Jenkin Pugh, who spoke in Welsh. The presentation was made by Mrs. Sam Lewis who delivered a very striking speech. Mr. Lawrence was visibly affected, and thanked the public for their gift and kindness. The following contributed to a fine musical programme: Miss Mary Lewis, Miss Eliza Evans; overture on the piano by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence; Miss Margaret Dyer, Masters Ewart Davies; duet, Miss Lewis and Master Davies. Mr. Lawrence was the accompanist. At the close, a vote of thanks were proposed by Mrs. H. C. Davies, seconded by Mr. T. Pugh.

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Pontlloftyn Police Court Hartwell Wood, aged 31, of Fochriw, was summoned for committing a breach of the Coal Mines Act by riding on a journey of trams. Police Sergeant W. Saunders, Deri, said that in consequence of complaints received from the colliery manager, he kept the incline under observation and saw the defendant riding on the journey. When he spoke to him, he expressed regret and said it would not happen again. Defendant was fined 10 shillings.

Band Fochriw Silver Band, under Mr. Albert Mantle, headed the large procession of Sunday School treats at Pontlloftyn on Monday.

Outing On Tuesday, the annual outing of the churches in the village took place to Barry Island. Mr. W. Davies, stationmaster, made the train arrangements.

Male Voice Party Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the Old Library, which was called to consider the future of the party. The auditor's report was given by Mr. J. Idris Williams on behalf of himself and co-auditor, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. It was decided to discontinue practices during the summer period. The secretary is Mr. D. J. Davies and the treasurer Mr. John Phillips.

Wedding: Rees-Owen A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary Church on Saturday between Mr. James Bryngwyn Rees, Martin-street, and Miss Eva May Owen, High Street, Pontlloftyn. The bride was charmingly attired in white satin, with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of lilies. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. B. Cumpstone, who wore a pink silk dress with hat and shoes to match; and by Mrs. L. Morgan, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a blue dress with hat and shoes to match. Each carried a bouquet of lemon irises.

The flower girls were Miss Mavis Jones, who wore a blue frock with a wreath of flowers; Miss Marion Evans and Miss Evelyn Cumpstone, who wore lemon frocks with a wreath of flowers and bunches of lemon lupins; and Miss Jean Morgan, who wore a lemon dress with coat and hat to match. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. Windsor Rees, brother of the bridegroom. The groomsmen were Mr. B. Cumpstone, brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. Garfield Hancock and Mr. H. Wells-Hancock (uncle of the bride). At the Church, the Rev. J. L. White officiated, and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

Presentations Noddfa Vestry was the scene at a happy function on Thursday evening, the occasion being the presentation of awards to the members of the G.W.R. Fochriw and Rhymney Ambulance Class. A programme of music was given by the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, conducted by Madam H. C. Davies; duet, Mesdames Davies and S. Millward; recitations, Miss Eliza Evans and Miss Margaret Dyer; trios, Mesdames Lawrence, Morgan, Gregory, Davies, James and Davies. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The chairman was Mr. Tom Jones, headmaster, who gave an interesting address on ambulance work. Mr. B. Board (Divisional Superintendent's Office, Cardiff) presented the awards to the class members. Mrs. Board, on behalf of the Fochriw Class, presented Mr. R. G. Wood with a half-tea set in recognition of his work as instructor. The team that recently won the first prize were congratulated by Mr. W. Davies, station master. The team was as follows: Messrs. R. G. Wood, T. J. Jones, S. G. Thomas, R. Jones, B. J. Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 17 June 1933

Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Megan Morris, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, wish her a speedy recovery.

Eisteddfod Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, added another success to her long list, by winning first prize in the competition for girls under 16, at the semi-national at Abergavenny.

Mothers' Union Members of the Fochriw branch journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday, and took part in the festival.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was presided over by Bro. Griff Thomas. Brother Islwyn Davies, who is home from London, was present, and was responsible for the evening's programme, which consisted of light classical vocal selections.

Flag Day The Railway Benevolent Institution Flag Day was observed by the railway people of Fochriw on Friday. The organisers acknowledge the support given, the collectors having been sold out. The collectors were Mrs. M. Lewis and Miss R. Lewis.

Band A meeting of the Committee of the Fochriw Silver Band has held at the Band-room on Tuesday presided over by a Mr. J. Williams. The secretary, Mr. A. Coggan, dealt with some important correspondence in connection with the welfare of the band. The band will play for the community singing on 25th June at 8:00p.m. in aid of the hospital.

Merthyr Hospital A public meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was held at the Old Library on Friday evening, and a very representative gathering assembled. The chairman was Mr. W. Price. A detailed report on the work done and the financial statement was given by Mr. W. J. Payne, a member of the Executive Board. He explained that the need of the Hospital was even greater at present, owing to the present state of unemployment. The hospital was one of the finest institutions in the country with its magnificent block of buildings known as the Lord Buckland Memorial Block, added in honour of the great benefactor whose love for the institution knew no bounds. A discussion followed, after which it was decided to hold community singing on 25th June at 8p.m., at which the Fochriw Silver Band would give their services. The conductor of the singing would be Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne. A strong body of stewards and collectors has been appointed, with P.C. Sanson as chief steward. An earnest

appeal is made to all in the district to be present, to join the festival of praise and to help financially the Merthyr General Hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 24 June 1933

Obituary Mr. David Evans, 18, Aelybryn, passed away on Saturday after a long illness at the age of 73. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Henry Archer and Mr. Lewis Small, who are patients at Merthyr Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel took place on Sunday and Monday. The special preacher was the Rev. J. Luther Thomas, Cwmavon. Miss Mona Ballard was the organist.

I.O.G.T. Brother James presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. An address was given by Mr. Emlyn Evans on "Various Conceptions of the Other World." Mrs. Farley of Bargoed, Sister B. Ballard and Brother Sam Lewis commented on the very fine address.

British Legion Mr. S. Phillips presided over the local branch meeting on Monday. The assembly listened to reports from the annual conference, the North East Glamorgan District Committee, and the drum-head Service Committee, which were given by the respective delegates, Messrs. Puddle, Symen and Jones. In conjunction with the Women's Section, funds are being steadily raised for the Children's Welfare Fund, and an outing will soon be arranged. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. Stephen Ballard, a past chairman of the branch, who has suffered bereavement. The secretary is in possession of another grant from the B.L.R.F. (Poppy Fund) and this will soon be distributed to the needy.

Concert A concert was given at Siloh Chapel, Penybank, on Sunday, under the auspices of the Women's Section of the British Legion in aid of the Children's Welfare Fund. The chairman was Councillor Minhinnick. The programme was opened with an overture on the piano by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, followed by solos - Miss Mary Lewis; duets, Mesdames H. C. Davies and Sarah Millward; solos - Master W. J. Jones; violin selection - Master David Small; choruses by the Children's Choir, conductor Mr. D. J. Davies. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Mrs. Lloyd Jones and Mr. Sydney Phillips proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to all for their support. The concert was organised by the energetic secretary, Mrs. S. Jones.

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Nursing Congratulations to Nurse Phoebe Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Plantation-street, a nurse at Merthyr General Hospital, on passing the preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Also, Nurse Ceinwen Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, which is a nurse at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. She has also passed the same examination.

I.O.G.T. Sister Mary Morgan presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. After the business was dealt with, Sister Beryl Ballard took charge of the programme - translations from Welsh to English and vice-versa. The programme was very interesting and educational. Sister Ballard was thanked for the able manner in which the proceedings were carried out. The members passed a vote of condolence which Mr. G. Evans in the loss of his father. Hopes of a speedy recovery were extended to Brothers T. Walters and G. Thomas, who were reported ill, trusting they would soon recover.

Welfare A meeting of the Fochriw Welfare Association and was held at the Old Library on Friday evening, presided over by Mr. Tom Jones. Reports on the interview with Mr. Smith, contractor, and Mr. Ball, surveyor, were given by Mr. W. J. Payne, Councillor Minhinnick, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. Sam Lewis and Mr. D. I. Evans, which were accepted with thanks. It was agreed to go on completing the levelling of the whole site, which is proceeding apace. The following were appointed to interview Captain Mason: Mr. Tom Jones (chairman), Mr. W. J. Payne (vice-chairman), Councillor Minhinnick, Mr. W. A. Davies (secretary) and Mr. Ball (surveyor). The scheme, when completed, will be an asset to the village.

Laid To Rest: Mr. David Evans, Aelybryn, aged 73 The funeral of the late Mr. David Evans took place last week. Deceased, who was 73 years of age, had resided in the village practically the whole of his life, and was held in high esteem. He will be missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, after which the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Evans and Mr. Gorman Evans (sons); Mr. Edmund Davies (grandson); Mr. W. H. Davies, Mr. Stephen Ballard (sons-in-law); Evan Jones, Bert Hill, Will Small (brothers-in-law); W. J. Harris, Rowland Hill, Lyndon Hill, Tom Smith, Tom Harris, S. Way, Llewellyn Small, Henry Small, Lemuel Small, W. Oliver (nephews).

Social Centre For The Unemployed Opened The Fochriw Unemployed Social Centre was opened on Wednesday last, when Mr. Bryn Roberts, miners' agent, Miss Richards, headmistress, Hengoed County School, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas from the Bargoed Settlement, addressed the meeting. Miss Richards paid tribute to the unemployed for the work that had been done in repairing the building and making such a splendid room. Mr. Thomas gave a very interesting address on the work that had been done in the centres in other parts of the coalfield. He was looking forward to a successful club at Fochriw. Boot-repair and carpentry will be done at the centre. Games of all kinds will be played in the club, and Mr. Jenkins, of the National Council of Music for Wales, will be taking a singing class once a week. Several members of the club are taking a week's holiday at Wick Camp next Friday, under the Centre's Holiday scheme. On Thursday last, a concert was held at the centre, Mr. James Williams presiding, when in enjoyable evening was spent. The following artistes took part: Messrs. D. M. Thomas, C. Shankland, D. J. Davies, F. Way D. D. Thomas, H. Davies, D. Clark, E. Lewis, F. Potter and J. Davies. The pianist was Mr. G. Harris. The following officers and committee have been appointed: chairman - Mr. James Williams; vice-chairman - Mr. E. Puddle; treasurer - Mr. D. D. Thomas; secretary - Mr. R. Clark; committee - Messrs. S. Williams, Fred Way, J. Morgan, N. Cumpstone, J. Lester, G. Evans, G. Williams, J. Thomas, E. M. Davies, D. Williams.

Ambulance The members of the Fochriw section of the St. John Ambulance attended at Treharris on Saturday last for the annual inspection and parade.

Hospital The many friends of Master Godfrey Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Wood, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, wish him a speedy recovery.

Community Singing Owing to the inclement weather on Sunday last, the community singing in aid of Merthyr General Hospital had to be postponed until Sunday next at 8p.m. A rehearsal was held at Carmel chapel conducted by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence with Mr. D. J. Thomas as organist.

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Nursing Congratulations to Nurse Annie Ballard, daughter of Mr. Thomas Ballard, Moore's-row, who has passed her C.M.B. examination. She is at present nursing at Crumpsall Hospital, Manchester.

Whist A pleasant whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday evening under the auspices of the Women's Section of the British Legion, in aid of the Children's Welfare Fund. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. E. Puddle. Prize winners: ladies - Mrs. Harding; gents - Mr. Harding.

Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by Mr. David Overton, Ynyshir, who preached powerful sermons. The organist was Miss Mona Ballard. The Rev. Overton is well-known to older members of the village, which is his birthplace, and where he resided for many years.

Schoolboy Athlete Master W. John Jones of the Council Schools, who has the promise of a first-class cricketer, received a splendid prize last week for an excellent supporting effort in the match against Tirphil, when he scored 54 not out. Not long ago, he was presented with another cricket bat for his fine play.

Educational Trip On Friday last, a large number from the Council Schools, with Mr. Tom Jones and other members of staff, left for an educational trip to London. On arrival at Paddington, conveyances were waiting to take the party for a trip through the city. Afterwards, the Zoo was visited, where a delightful time was spent. The happy party arrived home about 12:30a.m. after a perfect day. Penybank Council School, with Mr. Arthur Ballard and staff, were also in London with a number of scholars.

I.O.G.T. The chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. The programme for the evening was a devotional one and consisted of hymn-singing by the members. Bro. Berkeley Davies read a portion of the Scriptures; Bro. David Jones offered a prayer; Sisters Ballard and Jones gave a sacred solo each; Sister Lewis gave a paper entitled "The Importance of the Insignificant." Bro. James and Sister Jones, proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Sister Lewis who was responsible for the programme.

Concert A grand concert was given at the Unemployed Social Centre by the Fochriw Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, assisted by some first class artistes. The chairman was Mr. James Williams. The band played a varied programme of music that delighted the audience. The following artistes were in fine form: Mr. James Lewis, Miss Mary Lewis, Master Ewart Davies. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the piano. An excellent address was given by Mr. Thomas of the Bargoed Settlement. Mr. D. D. Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to the band, artistes, speakers, and Mr. Jones of the Rising Sun, for the loan of the piano. Mr. James Tewkesbury seconded.

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Social Centre In connection with the Unemployment Social Centre a male voice party has been formed with Mr. James John Lewis as conductor.

Welfare Mr. Tom Jones presided over the welfare meeting at the Old Library on Wednesday. A report of the interview with Captain Mason in Cardiff was given by Mr. Jones and Mr. W. A. Davies.

Concert A first class concert was given at Pantywaun under the auspices of the Fochriw Children's Choir, assisted by well-known artistes. Mr. Thomas Jones was chairman. The choir was under of the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Davies.

Final Certificate Friends of Mr. H. B. Harris, a native of Fochriw, will be pleased to know that at a recent examination he was successful in obtaining the final certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

Scholastic Miss Phyllis Evans, grand-daughter of Mrs. Ann Parry, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, a student at Cardiff University, has qualified for her B.A. in Welsh, History and English. She was a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School.

Institute Meeting The monthly committee meeting of the Institute of was held on Thursday, Mr. J. I. Williams presiding. The auditor's report for the half-year was given by Mr. Vernon Davies and Mr. Emlyn Davies. The report showed a balance on the right side.

Musical Congratulations to the following who passed the examination for the London College of Music at Cardiff in July: 1st class pianoforte - Miss Ceridwen James and Miss Nellie Goddard; pass in pianoforte - Miss Betty Baker and Master Gwynfryn A. Davies; pass in organ - Miss Edna M. Handley. They were pupils of Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M.

Eisteddfod Successes The Fochriw Children's Choir, conducted by Mr. D. J. Davies, scored a great success at Nelson on Saturday by winning second prize in the children's choir contest for the challenge shield, losing by just one point to Mid-Rhondda. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. At the Tredegar Eisteddfod on Saturday, the well-known tenor, Mr. James John Lewis, divided the prizes in the solo competition.

Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the district on Tuesday when it became known that Mr. Johnny Cogan, Aelybryn, had passed away with dramatic suddenness. He was taken ill on Sunday evening. On Monday night he was removed to Merthyr General Hospital

suffering from an internal complaint, and on Tuesday passed away. He was 21 years of age. Sympathy is extended to the family.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening and was presided over by the Chief Templar. The brothers were responsible for the programme, and the following took part: Brother David Jones gave a splendid reading, which was followed by an account of the foundation of the Order of St. John by Brother D. James; humorous readings and poem - Brother Sam Lewis; Brother Tom Walters gave readings from Carlisle's works. The brothers were thanked by Sisters Ballard and C. Walters.

British Legion The meeting of the Fochriw branch was held on Monday, when Mr. Sydney Phillips presided. The report of the district committee meeting held on the 5th at Trelewis was given by Mr. E. Puddle, the secretary, Mr. J. L. Jones, adding comments. Grants were made from the B.L.R.F. to the unemployed. Whilst these were being distributed, Messrs. Williams and Pegg were kept busy recording contributions.

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Pontllynn Police Court: Affiliation Benjamin Lewis of Rhymney, aged 28, was summoned by Mary Angell of Fochriw. Miss Angell said she first met the defendant in July 1931, and they kept company until last December when she told him she was in trouble. Lewis admitted laibility. An order was made for 6 shillings a week and costs.

Congratulations Cricket enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that Mr. Iorwerth Evans has been elected captain of the team chosen by the Rhymney Valley Cricket League to meet the Bargoed League at Aberbargoed on July 22nd. The Fochriw Club appreciates the honour conferred upon one of its members.

Obituary We regret to record the death of Mr. Evan Jones, 14, Glen View, Pentwyn. Deceased was well known in the district and to the sorrowing widow and family much sympathy is extended.

Footwear Committee At a meeting of the committee, presided over by Mr. Ninhinnick, on Monday at the Fochriw Mixed School, the work of the year was reviewed. Since the formation of the committee in July 1932 the sum of £42 6s. 4d. has been raised, and 150 pairs of boots have been supplied to the children of Fochriw, Deri, Penybank, and Pantywaun. This reflects credit on the active members of the committee, who take this opportunity of thanking the public for their generous support.

Wedding: Watkins-Ellis A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday. The contracting parties were Miss Gertrude May Watkins, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Watkins, Penybank, and Mr. Leonard James Ellis, London. The bride was attired in an ivory silk dress, with shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. She was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy Watkins, who wore a blue floral georgette dress with grey hat and shoes to match. The best man was Mr. Reg Watkins, brother of the bride. The Vicar officiated.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. Sister Jones was responsible for the programme, and was assisted by friends. The programme consisted of mouth organ solos by Mr. Hopkins, solos by Sister Jones, recitations by Master Hopkins, and a short biography of Sarah Martin, the prison reformer, by Sister Jones. Brother Lewis, Sister Lewis and Sister Beryl Ballard commented on the programme. Brother B. Rees proposed, and Brother D. James seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who contributed. On Saturday last, the adult and juvenile lodges held their annual outing to Porthcawl, and a very enjoyable day was spent, the weather being ideal.

Wedding: Lewis-Quick A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Gwladys' Church, Bargoed by the Rev. W. Hopkins, the contracting parties being Miss Aurna Lewis, youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn, and Mr. Calvin James Quick, Bargoed. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Rees Lewis, was

attired in a white clytic gown, with bridal veil and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of blood-red carnations. She was attended by Miss Phyllis Quick, sister of the bridegroom, Miss Rachel Harris, cousin of the bride, and Miss Iris Edwards, friend of the bride. They were attired in powder-blue georgette dresses, with picture hats and blue satin shoes to tone. They carried bouquets of mixed sweet peas. The reception was held at the home of the bride, and later in the day, the happy couple left for Blackpool, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a mauve crepe-de-chine dress, grey coat, with hat to tone. The couple were the recipients of numerous presents and congratulations, and will make their future home at Bargoed.

Laid To Rest: Mr. Ivor Carlton Coggan, Aelybryn, aged 21 Amid manifestations of deep sorrow, the funeral took place on Saturday last of Mr. Ivor Carlton Coggan. Deceased was of a bright and lovable disposition, and was highly respected, as was testified by the large number who assembled to pay their last tribute. A short service was held at the house, after which the cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Church, of which deceased was a member, all blinds en route being drawn in silent tribute. Members of the Parochial Church Council acted as bearers. The Vicar conducted the service and officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur Coggan (father); Vernon Coggan (brother); Masters Ralph, John, Lindsey Coggan (brothers); Messrs. J. Wellings (grandfather); Levi Pritchard, W. Wellings, F. Attwell, Will Jones (uncles); Desmond Pritchard, R. G. Attwell, Idris Wellings, G. Watkins (cousins).

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Hospital The many friends of Mr. Percy Mantle, Pentwyn, who is a patient at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, join in wishing him a speedy recovery

Scholarship Results Congratulations to the following who were successful in the recent entrance examinations: Gethin Jones, Edna Evans Jones, Aneurin Morgan, Thomas J. Kinsey, and Jack Davies.

Gospel Hall On Sunday last, special services were held when the preacher was the Rev. Johnson Edwards of India, who delivered very inspiring addresses which were much appreciated

Institute Mr. J. I. Williams presided over a general meeting of members on Tuesday evening, when the committee submitted a proposal to construct a hall out of the three rooms at the Co-operative Buildings, to seat about 350. The proposal was adopted.

Obituary It is our sad duty this week to record the death of Mr. Edwin R. Llewellyn, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Llewellyn, grocers, Fochriw. Deceased was residing in London and was very highly respected. Sympathy goes out to the family.

Personal The many friends of Mr. George White, son of the Rev. J. L. and Mrs. White, the Vicarage, who is a student at King's College, London, where he is studying for holy orders, will be pleased to know he was successful at his recent examination.

Accident Whilst Master Jackie Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Palmer, Council Houses, was playing on Friday afternoon, he fell and seriously injured his shoulder. He was treated at Merthyr General Hospital.

Welfare Mr. T. J. Jones presided over the meeting of the Welfare Committee at the Old Library on Friday evening. The Secretary dealt with some important correspondence and the treasurer gave the financial report. It was decided to open the Children's Corner for the month of August.

Obituary The funeral of a very old inhabitant of Fochriw, Mr. William G. Evans, took place last week. Before moving to Dowlais to take charge of the Farmers' Arms, and later the Lord Nelson, Merthyr, he was a winding engineman at the Fochriw No. 2 Colliery, where he was held in high esteem. Sincere sympathy goes out to the family.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by

the Chief Templar. The programme for the evening was a spelling competition, Sister Beryl Ballard being responsible. Sister Lewis was the successful competitor.

Social Centre A concert was given at the Fochriw Unemployed Social Centre on Monday evening by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir conducted by Mr. David John Davies. The choir sang a number of choruses in fine style. They were assisted by the following artistes: violinist - Miss Nancy Cleaves; elocutionist - Miss Margaret Dyer; boy soprano - Master William J. Jones; girl soloist - Miss Muriel Davies; accompanists - Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Miss Edna Cleaves. Mr. James Williams was the chairman. A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Choir and artistes on the motion of Mr. D. T. Thomas, seconded by Mr. D. D. Thomas. The secretarial duties were in the capable hands of Mr. R. Clark.

Funeral The funeral of Mr. Evan Jones, 14, Glen-view, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday. Deceased was 64 years of age and well-known and highly respected, having resided of the village for many years, where he will be sadly missed. A short service was held in the house conducted by the Vicar, who also officiated at St. Andrew's Church and at the graveside. To the widow and family sympathy is extended. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Jones (brother); William Mantle, Thomas Mantle (brothers-in-law); William Jones, Thomas Jones, D. Jones, Clifford H. Mantle, Emlyn Mantle, Onfel Mantle (nephews); George Mantle, Albert Mantle, Thomas Jones, Thomas Mantle, David Davies, Price Davies, Thomas Mantle (cousins); Jones Jones, Iorwerth Jones (nephews). The bearers were Messrs. David Lloyd, John Lloyd, William Davies.

Tea Party A very pleasant time was spent at the Church hall on Thursday afternoon, when a tea party in connection with St. Mary Church took place, and a large number sat down to an excellent tea. The tray holders were Mrs. Henry Thomas and Mrs. W. D. Davies, Mrs. Charles White and Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Rosy Williams, Miss E. Lewis, Mrs. O. Richards and Miss Palmer, Mr. V. Palmer Misses Mills, Miss Sally Jones, Miss C. Evans; cutters - Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Llewellyn, Miss Davies. Valuable services were rendered by Rev. White, Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. D. Davies, Tom Baldwin, George Evans, Arthur Palmer, Crad Ballard, Jack Lawrence and O. Richards. After tea, a happy time was spent on the mountain. The Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of the Mr. Albert Mantle, played an appropriate selection of music, and there was dancing on the green. A programme of sport was also provided for the children, the following being in charge: Messrs. W. J. Payne, T. J. Jones, C. Ballard, D. J. Davies, C. Thomas, and T. J. Jones.

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Omission The following names were omitted from the account last week of the funeral of the late Mr. Evan Jones: Mr. Gwilym Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm (bearer), and Mr. E. J. Mantle (cousin).

Social Centre Mr. Thomas, of the Settlement, Bargoed, paid a visit to the Fochriw Unemployed Social Centre on Friday to discuss the question of allotments for the members. Several sites were inspected, and it is hoped that a start will be made in the course of the next few weeks.

Victor Ludorum Congratulations told Mr. Vernon Davies who won the Victor Ludorum Shield at the recent Bargoed Secondary School Sports.

Wedding: Evans-Cook A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Merthyr on Saturday between Mr. William Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, Dynevor-street, and Miss Mildred Cook, Bedlinog. The bride looked charming in a slate grey costume and was attended by Mrs. E. A. Evans, who was dressed in beige satin. She was given away by her brother, Mr. David Cook. Mr. Thomas Evans, the father of the bridegroom, was also present. The reception was held at the bride's home. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents and good wishes.

Whist Drive A whist drive under the auspices of the women's section of the Children's Welfare Fund, took place at the Old Library last week. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. Sullivan and Mrs. S. Jones. The prize winners were: Ladies - Mrs. Sullivan; gents - Mr. W. T. Morgan; knock-out prizes - Mrs. Sullivan and Mr. T. I. Evans. Refreshments were provided by the members. The secretary was Mrs. S. Jones.

Concert A go-as-you-please concert was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday evening. The chairman was Mr. R. Clark who conducted the competitions. The following took part: Messrs. D. Lewis Evans, D. Martin Thomas, J. Mostyn Evans, James Gregory and Jack Morgan. The adjudicator was Mr. L. Pritchard. The first prize was awarded to Mr. James Gregory who gave a fine rendering of "The Desert Song."

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was a miscellaneous one, and was contributed to by Sisters Beryl Ballard, M. Morgan, C. Jones, and Brothers Berkley Davies and David Jones. A Short history of Fochriw about 60 years ago was read by Sister Lewis; "Advice on Gossip" by Brother S. Lewis; and a short biography of Wilberforce was given by Brother D. Jones. An interesting and edifying evening was spent.

Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The annual supper of the Lodge was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday, when a large number sat down to an excellent meal prepared by the genial host, Mr. L. D. Jones. An interesting programme followed, Mr. B. A. Thomas, Ogilvie, presiding.

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Gospel Hall Very enthusiastic meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, the special preacher being Pastor Lewis, Pencoed.

Scholastic Congratulations to Mr. Pat Keane, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, a student at Cardiff University, who has passed his recent examination.

Cricket Fochriw entertained Bargoed in the league match on Saturday. Bargoed scored the 101. Fochriw were dismissed for 37.

Death It is with feelings of deep regret that the news of the death of Police Sergeant William Howells was heard on Saturday morning. Deceased, who was 50 years old, was a most popular officer. He leaves a widow and four sons, two of whom are pupils at Bargoed Secondary School. A report will appear next week.

Sudden Death It is with deep regret we have to record the sudden-death of an old inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. Fred J. Wootten, who passed away with dramatic suddenness on Saturday. Before moving to Glyn Neath he was on the teaching staff of Fochriw schools. To the sorrowing widow and son our sympathy goes out in their sad bereavement.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge and was held at Carmel vestry. Sister C. Jones was responsible for the programme, which was as follows: folk songs - Sisters Beryl and Bessie Ballard; solo - Brother D. Jones; readings - Sister Jones; recitations - Sister Mary Morgan and Brother Sam Lewis; short biography of Ella Wheeler Wilcox and a few of her poems - Sister S. Lewis; ode by members of the lodge.

Welfare Mr. T. J. Jones presided over a meeting of the Welfare Committee on Thursday evening, when arrangements were made for the opening of Children's Corner on Bank Holiday. The Corner will remain open for the month of August, during the school holidays, after which it will be closed to carry out further improvements, including the seeding of the ground and the planting of trees, shrubs etc. The Corner includes the swings, shute, ocean wave etc., and is open from 12 to 8:00pm each day. There is an attendant in charge daily.

Wedding: Baldwin-Faulkner A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday, the bride being Miss Violet Baldwin, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mr. William Thomas Allen Faulkner, Lincolnshire. The Vicar officiated at the ceremony that was fully choral. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. The

bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of blue floral georgette with hat and blue satin shoes, and carried a bouquet of carnations and gip. The bridesmaid was Miss Winifred Baldwin, sister of the bride, who was attired in a beige dress, white hat and white satin shoes, and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and gip. There were a large number of handsome presents. Later in the day, the couple left for their new home in Lincolnshire, the bride travelling in a pin stripe costume, white hat and black patent shoes.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, the chief Templar presiding. Brothers Berkley Davies and G. Thomas were responsible for the programme, which was a gramophone recital.

Juvenile Choir The Fochriw Juvenile Choir gave a concert at Trelewis on Sunday, under their conductor Mr. D. J. Davies, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist. They were assisted by Miss Mary Lewis, soprano, Fochriw; Mr. E. H. Richards, tenor, Rhymney; Master Harry Oliver, boy soprano, Deri.

Tea and Concert On Friday, the members of St. Mary's Operatic Society sat down to an excellent tea at the Church Hall. The tray holders were Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Angell, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Wynda Edwards, Mrs. Doris Edwards, assisted by the Vicar, Messrs. W. J. Payne, George Evans, T. Baldwin, Rod Jones. After tea there were games. A singing competition was held. The first prize was won by Master William John Jones and second prize by Miss Nana Ballard. A cake given by Messrs. William Harris, Merthyr, was won by Miss Margaret Jones, Pentwyn

Laid to Rest The funeral of Police Sergeant Howells took place on Wednesday. He was a native of Chepstow prior to joining the Glamorgan Police Force. He had been a member of the force for 26 years, and before coming to Fochriw, 12 years ago, he had been stationed at Penarth, Barry and Caerphilly. He had associated himself with every movement for the good of the village. He was the chairman of the Fochriw Silver Band, and a member of the Fochriw Welfare Committee. He was a keen rugby player in past days, being a formidable forward playing for Penarth Rugby Football Club. The funeral was a very representative one. The police were under the command of Inspector W. H. Williams, Pontlottyn; members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade were under Corps Officer W. J. Ballard, and there were a large number of the general public. The Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Bandmaster Albert Mantle, played the "Dead March" in "Saul." Sincere sympathy is extended to the widow and four sons. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Howells (widow); Messrs. William, Walter J., David C., and Patrick D. Howells (sons); Mr. and Mrs. S. Phillips, Caerphilly; Mr. and Mrs. C. Lewis, Cardiff (sisters and brothers-in-law); Mrs. E. Howells, Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, Barry; Mr. and Mrs. O'Callaghan, Barry; Mr. D. O'Leary, Barry (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law); Mr. Steve Thomas, Mardy (nephews).

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Football Mr. William Roberts has been given a month's trial with Bristol City. Roberts, during his army career, proved a brilliant footballer, and gained an international cap for Wales. His host of friends wish him good luck.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday. The members welcomed one of their old members in the person of Mrs. Nesta Slimmons, London, who is on holiday.

Off To Camp A number of Fochriw children proceeded to camp at Wenvoe last week under the auspices of the British Legion (Women's Section) Children's Country Holiday Scheme. They will be away for two weeks. They were taken to Cardiff by Mrs. S. Jones, secretary.

Band Mr. William Price presided over a meeting of the Fochriw Silver Band Committee on Tuesday at the Rising Sun Inn. Amongst other items under discussion was the resignation of Mr. Arthur Coggan, secretary. The resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Coggan has

been secretary for a number of years and was thanked for his excellent services. Mr. Emrys Lewis is the new secretary.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, when Brother Thomas Walters presided. The programme was ode practice, Brother Walters conducting. Solos were given by Sister C. Jones and Master Hugh Ballard Thomas.

Concert At Noddfa Vestry on Sunday, the Fochriw Silver Band gave a concert for the benefit of the Fochriw Ambulance Division. The Band was assisted by Miss Mary Lewis, soprano, and Mrs. Dilys Uzzell, soprano. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist, and the chairman was Divisional Sergeant Howell Thomas.

Funeral We regret to announce the death of Mrs. E. Richards, 7, Plantation-terrace, at the age of 80 years. The death took place on 20th August, with three of her daughters at her bedside, two of whom had come from Clevedon, Somerset - Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Saunders. She has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Ballard, since she came from Somerset 12 years ago. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, Rev. Evans officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. J. Richards, W. Richards (sons); William Barnard (son-in-law); Penry Ballard (grandson); C. Harris (nephew); C. Grimmet, W. Davey, F. Davey; Mrs. Davey and Mrs. Green (daughters); Miss M. E. Richards (grand daughter); Mrs. Davies, Cymmer (niece).

Personal Fochriw felt proud of the honour conferred upon two well-known and highly respected citizens in the persons of Mr. Gerald W. McArthur and Mrs. Ellen McArthur, his wife, who spent the early part of their lives in Fochriw. Mrs. McArthur is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Lewis. Mr. Gerald McArthur, the Newport district manager of the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society for 21 years, was honoured by his colleagues at the Queen's Hotel, Newport, on Thursday, when he and his wife were presented with a silver tea service, suitably inscribed. Mr. A. J. Adams, assistant manager, Pontypool, made the presentation. Mr. McArthur retired on attaining the age limit. Before he went to Newport, he was at Brynmawr, Llanelly, Dowlais and Bargoed, and was with the society for 35 years. Outside his work, Mr. McArthur is also well known, and is a past president of the Caledonian Society. He was a deacon at Mount Zion Chapel, Newport, and is now a prominent member of Mill-street Congregational Church.

Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Jones, 28, Martin-street, will regret to know that she met with an accident in her garden on Sunday, receiving injuries which necessitated her removal to Merthyr hospital.

Institute Mr. R. Clark presided over a committee meeting on Friday to consider the tenders received for converting the three rooms at the Co-operative Buildings into a hall. The tender of Mr. David Davies, Aelybryn, Fochriw, was accepted at £114.

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British Legion The weekly meeting of the local branch was held on Monday, Mr. S. Phillips presiding. A surprise packet given by Comrade T. Idris Evans was won by Mr. W. J. Davies. Messrs. T. H. and W. A. Jones were appointed to audit the branch accounts. It is of interest to note that the branch is in negotiations with the Imperial War Graves Commission on the matter of erecting the regulation type of headstone on the graves of ex-servicemen who lie buried at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the branch chaplain, Rev J. L. White, is closely identified with this work. A meeting of the local Benevolent Committee was held at the library on Monday. Mrs. Stan Jones presided. Several children have benefited under the educational scheme of the U.S.F., and it was also reported that a former member of the W.A.A.C.'s has been assisted. A grant under the B.L.R.F. was disposed of, and about 50 unemployed ex-servicemen were the beneficiaries. The committee confirmed the resolution that in future a separate Benevolent Committee should be set up at Deri. The secretary's report on work done during the year is eagerly looked forward to.

Community Singing In connection with the effort now being made for the Institute of the Blind at Merthyr, a community song service was held on the Fochriw mountainside on Sunday. Mrs. S. J. Jones, Anwylfan, and a strong committee were responsible for the arrangements. The Fochriw Silver Band played excellently. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence conducted the singing. The speakers included Mr. Hobby, general secretary, Merthyr Institute for the Blind, and Mr. J. Bennett. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones presided. A sum of £2 10s 1d was collected. The following assisted in collecting: Mesdames S. J. and A. Jones, D. Davies, E. P. Lewis, S. Davies, and Mr. Joshua Evans; stewards - Messrs. Berkley Davies, Tom Lewis, T. J. Jones, J. Williams, D. Griffiths, J. Phillips, S. Lewis, and P.C. Samsome.

Wedding: Evans-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, when the Rev. Brython Davies, Wrexham, officiated. The contracting parties were Mr. Iorwerth Thomas Evans, Brook Cottage, son of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Evans and Mr. David Evans, Abertyswg, and the adopted son of Mrs. Davies, The Nant; and Miss Mary Jones, Picton House, the younger daughter of Mr. G. Jones, and the late Mrs. Jones. The bride, who was given away by her eldest brother, Mr. Dan Jones, was dressed in a beige georgette dress with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. She was attended by Miss Pearl Davies, cousin of the bridegroom, who was prettily dressed in blue, and carried a sheaf of white carnations, and Miss Mildred Jones, niece of the bride, who was attired in white, and carried a sheaf of pink carnations. A reception was held at the Peter Pan, Merthyr, after which Mr. and Mrs. Evans left for Weymouth. The bride's going-away outfit was a pale blue dress, navy coat and hat to match.

British Legion The second annual outing of the children of the members of the Fochriw British Legion took place on Thursday at Barry Island. The following acted as stewards: Mr. G. F. Cooksey Mr. W. D. Davies, Mr. A. H. Plaine, and Mesdames E. Thomas, T. Jones and Lewis. Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones (president of the Fochriw British Legion, Women's Section), Mrs. S. J. Jones (chairman of the Women's Section), Mrs. R. Wood (vice chairman), and Mrs. Stan Jones, secretary, was also present. Confections had been kindly given by Messrs. William Harris (Merthyr) Ltd, Mr. Bray (Merthyr) and Mr. Stephen Evans (Pontlottyn). The Children's Welfare Fund Committee desire to thank the following for cash gifts: Messrs. Dowlais Collieries Ltd, £5; Messrs. Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co. Ltd, £2 2s; Messrs. Prudential Assurance Co, £1 1s; Mr. G. W. Davies, Bargoed Emporium, 10s 6d; Mr. F. C. Childs, Pontlottyn, 10s 6d; Dr. W. Monnelly, £1 1s; Mrs. S. A. Phillips (Barry Island), 10s; Mr. J. Bevan, M.E., 5s; Mr. B. Freedman, Dowlais, 5s; Mr. G. A. Swallow, Merthyr, 2s 6d; Mr. R. Jones, Deri, 2s 6d; Mr. W. J. Giles, J.P., Deri, 2s 6d; Anonymous, 1s; Mr. Edward Branch, 3s; donations per Fochriw Branch B.L., £5 11s 8d; donations from the Women's Section, £4 0s 6d. The committee and coach drivers are grateful to P.C. Sansome for his services. The committee works under the supervision of the following officers: chairman, Mrs. S. J. Jones; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

Central Welsh Board Congratulations to the following who were successful at the recent examination: Tudor Davies, Stanley Jones, Vernon Davies, Douglas J. Small, Mona Ballard, Eironwen Richards, and Annie E. Kinsey.

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Scholastic Congratulations to Mr. Gurwen Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Brynteg, a student at Cardiff Technical College, who has passed his Oxford arts course.

Hospital The many friends of the Mrs. R. Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, will regret to hear she has been admitted to Merthyr hospital.

Fatal Accident It is with regret that we have to record the death, in tragic circumstances, of Mr. Frank Potter, Brynteg-terrace, who met with a fatal accident when motor cycling near Abergavenny last weekend.

Obituary We regret to record the death of a well-known inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. Thomas Davies, Pit-row, who passed away on Friday in his 40th year.

Ambulance Congratulations to the Fochriw Ambulance Team who competed at Pontlottyn Eisteddfod on Saturday and secured first prize in the Ambulance competitions, winning a cup and medals. The team gave an excellent display, securing 153 points. The team members were: Messrs. Griff. Thomas (captain), Dan James, Tom Thomas, Harold Barlow, and Stanley James.

MPs Visit Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., visited Fochriw on Tuesday evening and addressed a large audience at the Old Library. He dealt in a very able manner with the question of unemployment, the Indian question, and international affairs. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. Tom Jones, the organiser, also spoke.

Concert At the Unemployed Social Centre on Monday evening, a competitive concert for children was held, and a large number of entries were received. The chairman was Mr. D. M. Thomas, and the adjudicators were: singing - Mr. J. J. Lewis; recitations - Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn; accompanist - Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M. The winners were: singing - 1. Master W. J. Jones, 2. Miss Rena Angell; recitation - 1. Miss Eliza Evans, 2. Miss Letty Evans. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Gregory and seconded by Mr. D. D. Thomas. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. R. Clark.

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 were very pleased to see Sisters Annie and Margaret Ballard present with them once again. Sister Beryl Ballard was responsible for the programme, which centred on the harvest, and consisted of the following items: harvest odes sung by members of the lodge; reading, "The story of a loaf of bread," given by Sister Ballard; songs and recitations by Huw B. Thomas. Brothers David Jones and Bob Rees also spoke. Sister Jones proposed, and Bro. Gomer Evans seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Sister Ballard for an excellent programme. The lodge was brought to a close in the usual manner.

British Legion At the meeting of the branch on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mr. Sydney Phillips, sympathetic references were made concerning the deaths of Mr. T. Martin Davies and Mr. Frank Potter. The former had served in the Welsh Guards during the war, whilst the latter was the son of a deceased comrade killed in action. The report on the monthly meeting of the Aberdare, Merthyr Borough and North East Glamorgan District Committee was given by Mr. E. Puddle, and the work of this committee was favourably commented upon by the chairman. The secretary gave an encouraging report of several outstanding cases in connection with the benevolent committee.

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Outing Over 50 persons journeyed from the village on Friday night to Blackpool. They were conveyed by buses to Dowlais, and then by train to Blackpool, where a happy time was spent.

Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev J. J. Lewis, Hebron, Dowlais, preached very edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist and the singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans.

Eisteddfod At the Eisteddfod held at the Drill Hall, Merthyr, on Saturday last, the Fochriw Glee Party, under the conductorship of Mrs. Hannah Cole Davies, shared the first prize with the Dowlais Glee Party. Also, the Fochriw Children's Choir, under Mr. David J. Davies, shared second prize with New Tredegar. Miss Mary Lewis gained first prize in the competition for girls under 16 years of age.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was a miscellaneous one: readings - Brothers David Jones and D. James, Sisters Jones and Ballard; solo, Sister Beryl Ballard; odes sung a by members of the lodge. Bro. Berkley Davies proposed and Bro. Gomer Evans seconded a vote of thanks to all who contributed.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the branch meeting on Monday, supported by Mr. W. T. Pegg (assistant secretary), Mr. E. J. Williams (treasurer), and Mr. J. A. Lewis (vice-chairman). The B.L. and U.S.F. Benevolent Committee met on Monday under the chairmanship of Mrs. Stanley Jones. Deri was represented by Mr. Rees Jenkins and Mrs. Orum. A review of the committee's files took place, and the secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, had much to report. The next meeting will be held at Deri on Monday, 9th October. It is anticipated that the Benevolent Committee for Deri will be an accomplished fact by then.

Funeral The funeral of Mr. Thomas M. Davies, Pit-row, took place on Wednesday last. Deceased, who was well-known in the village, was 40 years of age. He served throughout the Great War with the Welsh Guards. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard, and was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and many beautiful floral tributes. At St. Andrew's Church the service was conducted by the Vicar, who also officiated at the graveside. Bugler Bob Rees sounded the "Last Post." The mourners were: Master John Davies (son); Messrs. Edward Davies, Anthony Davies, William M. Davies (brothers); William Pope, William Parry, Walter Poole, William Poole, George Sullivan (brothers-in-law); Evan M. Davies, George Davies, Morgan Davies, Bryn Davies, Tudor Davies, Teddy Davies, Emlyn Davies, H. Morgan, William Lewis, Ben Evans, Gilbert Harris, William T. Morgan, Edward Evans, Charles Thomas, Jack Thomas, Jack Howells, Thomas Howells (cousins).

Wedding: Evans-Thomas A pretty wedding took place at Pontlottyn Church on Saturday last. The contracting parties were Miss Eluned Evans, Pontlottyn, and Mr. Bryn Thomas, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row. The bride was given away by her brother, and wore a gown of grey crepe-de-chine with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaid was Miss Gwenyth Havard, the bride's cousin, who was attired in grey, with hat and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. David Joshua Thomas, the bridegroom's brother. Mr. Tom Thomas, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr. Cyril Cook were groomsmen. The Rev W. Brazell, vicar, and the Rev. F. Leonard, curate, officiated. After the ceremony, the reception was held at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of many gifts, and later in the day, they left for their honeymoon at Paignton.

Obituary On Wednesday, the funeral of Mr. T. F. Potter, Brynteg-terrace, took place. Deceased met with an accident whilst motorcycling near Abergavenny last Thursday. His sudden death, at the age of 21, cast quite a gloom over the village, where he was held in great respect. After a short service at the house, conducted by County Councillor William Hancock, Pontlottyn, the cortege proceeded to Rhymney for interment, all blinds en route being drawn in a silent tribute to the deceased. A large number attended the funeral. Mr. Hancock again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Thomas (father); Sam Potter, Horace Potter, Harold Potter, George Thomas, Islwyn Thomas (brothers); Fred Carter (brother-in-law); W. Kelly (friend); T. Potter, J. Potter, William Potter, Arthur Potter, J. Williams, C. Martin (uncles); Arthur Martin, Wyndham Martin, Thomas Potter, D. Thomas, T. Watkins, and J. E. Williams, Ronnie Watkins, T. Sullivan, G. Sullivan, Jn. Buckley, Tim Buckley, Tom Powell, Jn. Martin, David Jenkins (cousins).

Anniversary Supper Under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion (Women's Section), a splendid supper was held on Saturday at the headquarters of the branch. The guest of the evening was Mrs. Essie Harris, OBE, JP, Swansea, the national vice chairman, British Legion Women's Section. The chairman of the branch, Mrs. S. J. Jones, welcomed Mrs. Harris and the other guests, and stated that whilst they were celebrating the first birthday of the branch, they hoped, at the same time, that the supper would be a financial success. She was pleased at the response of the other branches, and noted that there were representatives from Dowalis, Rhymney, Pontlottyn, Abertysswg, Deri, and Ystrad Mynach. Mrs. Harris gave a synopsis of the work and policy of the women's section. An eloquent

appeal impressed the audience on the significance of Poppy Day, and touching references were made to the plight of badly disabled ex-soldiers in the various institutions in the country. The President of the branch, Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, then spoke, and in praising the officers and members for their enthusiasm, congratulated them on the object they had in view. The musical arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., who together with the artistes, Mr. Jenkins (Deri), and Miss Mary Lewis, gave of their best.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, Bro. T. Walters, Chief Templar, presiding. Bro. D. James was responsible for the evening's programme, which commenced with members singing an ode. This was followed by readings by Bro. James entitled to "Man's Great Debt to the Wheel" and "The Robin." Sister Ballard proposed and Bro. Lewis seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. James.

Noddfa Young People's Guild The opening meeting of the winter session was held on Tuesday evening at the vestry. The chairman was Bro. Joshua Evans, president of the Guild. Bros T. J. Jones & Tom Thomas led in prayer. Rev. J. C Evans, Pontlottyn, gave a very inspiring address entitled "Spiritual Mathematics." Sister Annie Evans & Bro. Thomas Jones proposed and seconded a vote of thanks.

Dramatics On Thursday and Friday, the Noddfa Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of three one-act plays entitled "Temptassiwn," "Uncle Ben," and "Pretty Piece of Business." The company is to be congratulated on their excellent display. A word of praise is due to the young dramatist, Mr. David Emlyn Evans, Moore's-row, a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School, who was the writer and producer of the Welsh play "Temptassiwn," which won the prize for a one-act play at his school annual Eisteddfod. The following were the characters: "Temptassiwn," - Messrs. Thomas J. Jones, Emlyn Evans, D. J. Thomas, Miss Phyllis Williams; "Uncle Ben" - Messrs. Bert Edwards, David George Parry, Misses Phyllis Davies, Gwyneth Parry, Iris Evans, and Egryn Thomas; "Pretty Piece of Business" - Messrs. David George Parry, David Joshua Thomas, Misses Phyllis Williams, Phyllis Davies, Gwyneth Parry. The producers were Mr. David George Parry and Mr. Emlyn Evans. The chairman was Mr. Joshua Evans and the scenic artists were Messrs. Jenkin Thomas and Tom Thomas. The furniture was kindly lent by read Mr. Freedman, Dowlais.

Carmel A tea party was held at Carmel Vestry on Monday. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames Arthur Ballard, Tom Walters, Dan Jones, Iorwerth Evans, T. I. Evans, Bronwen Jones, Miss Catherine Jones, Miss Eirlys Jenkins, Miss Margaretta Evans. The ticket sellers who worked assiduously towards its success were: Mesdames Mary Walters, Ellen Jenkins, Mary A. Lewis, Hannah Cole Davies, Blodwen Evans, Mary Strang, Aneurin Jones, Nurse Ballard Davies, Sam Lewis, Misses Catherine Jones, Elspeth Lewis, E. Martin. An entertainment followed the tea, when the following contributed: solos - Madame H. C. Davies, Messrs. Thomas Walters, M. Shankland, Leyshon Rowlands; duet - Messrs. Thomas Walters and Meirion Shankland; recitations - Miss Mary Morgan, Nurse Ballard Davies; selections - Mrs. H. C. Davies and friends. A sketch entitled "First of April" was acted by Misses Iris Edwards, Mary Lewis Thomas, Mary Morgan, Beryl Ballard, and caused roars of laughter. Messrs. John Henry Evans, Gomer Evans, M. Shankland, G. Davies, Leyshon Rowlands, John Davies, D. Rowlands, T. Ballard, D. James, J. Griffiths, Oliver Davies, Mrs. Ann Jones, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Mary Walters, Mrs. Ellen Jenkins, and Mrs. David Evans rendered valuable assistance. The catering was carried out by Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mrs. Sam Lewis. Mr. Sam Lewis presided.

Welfare A meeting of the Welfare Committee was held at the Old Library on Monday evening, presided Mr. Tom Jones. Captain Mason had visited the Children's corner on Friday and expressed himself very pleased with the work carried out.

Obituary The death has taken place of a well-known and highly respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. Walter Thomas, 6, Dynevor-street, who passed away, aged 62, on Saturday morning.

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Eisteddfod Success Congratulations to the Fochriw Ladies Glee Party, conductress Mrs. H. C. Davies, who carried off the first prize at the Abertysswg Eisteddfod on Saturday. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday. Sister Lewis was responsible for the programme

Social Centre Mr. Ray Clark presided over a large crowd that attended at the Unemployed Social Centre, when Miss Mellonds, Manchester, gave a very interesting lecture on "Human Progress." Questions followed the talk. Mr. A. Way and Mr. J. Morgan proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to the speaker.

St. Mary's Church The Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and were well attended. The Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The special preachers on Sunday were the Rev W. Brazell, vicar of Pontlottyn, (morning); Mr. G. L. White, King's College London, (afternoon); and the Rev. W. S. Pontin, vicar of St. Luke's, Cardiff, (evening). The special preacher on Monday was the Rev. E. R. Lewis, Pontypridd, and on Tuesday Canon J. Richards Pugh, Merthyr.

British Legion The local Branch concluded the eighth year of its activities on Monday. Mr. Sid Phillips presided, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Comrade D. H. Williams, who has been seriously ill, was congratulated on his recovery, and he now awaits admission to a convalescent home under the U.S. Fund. Mr. T. Puddle was elected delegate to the District Committee annual meeting at Trelewis on the 14th. The chairman expressed pleasure at the number of members who paraded on Sunday, when the Pontlottyn War Memorial was unveiled. Ex-Sergeant Lewis Jones, M.M., acted as marshall. The annual meeting will be held on Monday 9th October. All members are requested to attend.

Funeral The funeral of Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor-street, took place last week. Deceased, who was 63 years old, was well known in the village, where she had spent practically the whole of her life, and was held in high esteem. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The Rev. Evans again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Walter Thomas (husband); Crad, Robert, John, and Egryn Thomas (sons); Dan Evans, Richard Evans (brothers); David Thomas (brother-in-law); Tom Evans, Thomas J. Evans, Thomas J. Jones, Evan W. Jones, Uriah Evans, Richard Evans, David E. Evans, Emrys Evans, Tom Davies, H. Ballard, Jim Jones, Cyril Morgan, Emlyn Evans, John I. Davies (nephews); Tom Lewis, Bryn Lewis, Evan Evans, Edward Thomas, John Williams, William J. Griffiths, Thomas J. Jenkins, Thomas H. Morgan (cousins).

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Harvest Festival Services were held at Siloh Chapel, Penybank, on Sunday last. The preacher was Mrs. Vaughan, Tredegar. Mr. E. Cumpstone was the organist.

Scholastic Congratulations to Miss Addie Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Pleasant-view, who is a student at Cardiff Domestic College. At the recent examination she was successful in all subjects.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Simon Cole and Mr. George, Aelybryn, will regret to know they are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Also, Miss Irene Barlow, Guest-street, is at Denbigh. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery

The New Hall It is very pleasing to know that the new hall is nearing completion. A few years ago, the Committee of the library purchased the freehold portion of the buildings from

of the Co-operative Society, and have now converted three of the rooms into a hall. The work has been carried out by Mr. David Davies, Aelybryn.

I.O.G.T. Brother Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of songs, recitations and readings, and all the members contributed. Sister Annie Ballard thanked all for the splendid entertainment, and said how pleased she was to be present after a long stay at Manchester. A most enjoyable evening closed in the usual manner.

Women's Missionary Meeting A very interesting missionary meeting was held at Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Chapel, when the devotional part was taken by Mrs. J. Harris Jones, Deri. A solo, "He was despised," was rendered by Mrs. M. Lewis. The president, Mrs. M. J. Roderick, Tredegar, gave an address. The Rev. Owen Evans, Cardiff, gave a very able address on missionary work. Other speakers were Miss Margaret Evans, and Miss Edwards, Aberfan. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. A tea was provided in the afternoon.

Advertisement : Bile Beans Your Neighbours Know The Value Of Bile Beans: Cardiff Evidence of Stomach, Kidney, and Bowel Troubles Ended and Robust Health Restored. Mr. S. F. Stevens of Park Crescent, Whitchurch, Cardiff, states: "I feel as though I have been given a new lease of life since I began to take bile beans. For two years my stomach, bowels and kidneys were out of order. Food upset me and brought on severe pain and palpitations. Often during the day I had nasty giddy turns and felt like collapsing. Constipation bothered me a great deal, and pains in the small of the back and limbs showed my kidneys were affected. Since I have been taking bile beans, I'm eating and sleeping well and feel a different man to what I did a few weeks ago." The ten vegetable extracts so ingeniously combined in bile beans ensure absolutely natural and gentle action on each of the organs as required. Bile Beans are unequalled for constipation, biliousness, headache, indigestion, anaemia, debility, acid stomach, liver chill, backache, etc. Bile Beans. Sold everywhere.

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Hospital The many friends of Mrs. S. Millward, Aelybryn, will regret to hear that she is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Harvest Carmel and Nazareth chapels held their Harvest Thanksgiving services on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the services being very devotional and well attended.

Musical Success Congratulations to Miss M. Lewis, Pentwyn, who won first prize and a silver cup in the juvenile championship competition at Bargoed Eisteddfod on Saturday last.

Noddfa Young People's Guild A meeting of the guild was held on Tuesday evening, Brother Egrin Thomas presiding. An interesting and edifying paper was read by Brother Thomas J. Jones entitled "The Fall of Man." The meeting was closed in prayer by Brother B. J. Thomas.

I.O.G.T. The chief Templar presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday evening. The programme for the evening was "A Night with Nature Poems."

Social Centre A public meeting in connection with the Unemployed Social Centre was held on Thursday evening last and was well attended. Mr. R. Clark was in the chair. The speakers were County Councillor Matthews and Mr. Evans, Rhymney.

Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. The preacher on Sunday was the vicar, and on Sunday evening, Mr. Jones, Rhymney. On Monday evening, the Rev. W. E. Williams, New Tredegar, was the preacher. The organist was Mr. D. Kings.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at a branch meeting held on Monday. Mr. Puddle gave a report on the activities of the district committee. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, was congratulated on being elected again to office on the District Committee. The branch decided to augment the fund now being raised by the women's section to procure standards for both units. The "Merthyr Express" was thanked for the publicity given to the work of the Legion, also the local correspondent for his interest in the work of ex-servicemen.

Legion Affairs The annual meeting of the Fochriw branch of the women's section of the British Legion was held on Wednesday. The election of officers for the coming year was as follows: president, Mrs. Lloyd Jones; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. J. Payne and Nurse Ballard Davies; chairman, Mrs. S. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mrs. G. Woods; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Jones; secretary, Mrs. S. Jones; delegates on the Benevolent Committee, Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. G. Woods. The auditor's report was given by Mrs. H. Jones. The President spoke very highly of the work that has been accomplished during the year. Mrs. S. J. Jones said that the financial position of the branch was excellent, considering the hard times members were experiencing, and encouraged them to go on with the good work.

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Irish Sweep Luck Amongst the lucky ones to draw a horse in the Irish Sweep was Mr. William P. Gwynne, 9, Glen-view, Pentwyn, who has drawn "Bow and Arrow."

Welfare Mr. T. J. Jones presided at a meeting of the Welfare Committee at the Old Library on Friday evening. Important items were discussed for the further development of the scheme. Another grant has been applied for so that other parts of the scheme may be carried out.

I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Chief Templar, Brother Sam Lewis was responsible for the evening's programme, which consisted of a topical talk entitled "The Art of Noble Living." This was followed by a spelling contest.

Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth Church on Tuesday evening presided over by the vicar, the Rev. J. L. White, who gave a very appropriate opening address, after which the Rev. Richard Evans read a portion of scripture and offered prayer. The total of last year's contributions was announced by Mr. William Morris, secretary and Mr. Jenkin Pugh, treasurer. All subscribers were thanked, and an appeal for renewed efforts for such a noble cause was made. Afterwards the Rev. Illtyd Jones, Rector of Dowlais, gave an address.

British Legion The members of the Fochriw branch were agreeably surprised to receive a visit from Mr. Ivor Lewis, the district representative on the North East Glamorgan War Pensions Committee, and also secretary of the North East Glamorgan District Committee of the British Legion. Mr. Lewis gave an interesting discourse on the work of the British Legion since 1922, dealing minutely with pensions, employment and general organisation work. Again, he impressed on members the necessity of ensuring 100% support for the petition asking for the extension of the Prolongation Act under the National Health Insurance Act, 1933. It was of vital importance that the unemployed ex-servicemen should not lose his eligibility to the benefits of National Health Insurance. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones seconded by Mr. J. Lewis. The report of the special meeting of the District Committee held at Treharris on the 18th was accepted. Seven members have been enrolled since October 1st. A further sum has been authorised under the British Legion Relief Fund and the distribution will take place next week.

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Hospital The many friends of Mr. George Way, Aelybryn, will regret to hear that he is a patient at Cardiff hospital.

Noddfa Vestry A meeting of the Young People's Guild was held on Wednesday. Miss Iris Evans presided. Mr. D. Joshua Thomas gave a paper on "Hanes Jacob."

Eisteddfod Success Congratulations to the Fochriw Glee Party, under the conductorship of Madame H. C. Davies, who carried off the first prize at the Pentrebach Eisteddfod on Saturday last. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Social Centre An interesting debate took place at the Centre on Thursday evening last. Mr. J. Matthews, Rhymney, presided. Mr. T. D. Evans, secretary of the Rhymney Trades and Labour Council, put the case on behalf of the Labour Party, and Mr. R. Clark, Fochriw, the case for the Communist Party. On Tuesday, an alternative address was given by Mr. Thorne, Aberdare.

Confirmation The Lord Bishop of Llandaff held a confirmation service at the Parish Church on Sunday morning last.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, Brother Thomas Walters presiding. A former member of the lodge, Mr. T. Lawrence, gave an address. Brother Sam Lewis and Sister Beryl Ballard proposed and seconded a vote of thanks.

Pentwyn A.F.C. After 12 years, Pentwyn has once again got a team, and praise is due to the following for forming a club: Messrs. T. Jones (chairman), P. Keen (secretary), L. D. Jones, A. Mantle, D. Evans, S. Lewis, D. Davies, W. S. Llewellyn and W. Watkins (captain), committee men. The team opened their season at Deri in a friendly game, and were winners by eight goals to three. In the return match on Saturday, the Deri boys turned the tables on the home side and were winners by four goals to three. On Monday the team visited Bedlinog, the home team winning 6-1.

British Legion Mr. S. Phillips presided at the meeting held on Monday, and expressed delight at the progress of the petition which is being drawn up as a protest against the pending legislation concerning the operation of the National Health Insurance Act, 1933, which will affect all unemployed. Arrangements were completed for the parade and service on Remembrance Day, and it is hoped that there will be a record muster of ex-servicemen. Comrade E. Puddle was again elected delegate to attend the district meeting on 1st November. A meeting of the Benevolent Committee was held at Deri Institute on Monday, when Mr. A. Bate presided. The agenda included the disposal of a sum authorised under the relief fund. 50 applications were considered and dealt with. Since 19th September 1932, over £100 has been distributed by the committee to needy ex-servicemen from the poppy fund. Five men have been afforded assistance towards dentures, and this involved a sum of £23. Applications submitted to regimental funds had brought in £12 17s. To help ex-servicemen and their families in distress due to sickness, the United Services Fund had contributed £98 15s 6d. Under the educational scheme of the U.S.F., a number of children attending the secondary schools had been assisted by grants of clothing and mid-day meals, while two post-secondary grants had been obtained. Five persons had been sent for convalescent treatment – one to Bournemouth and four to Porthcawl. Patients at Merthyr and Gellygaer hospitals had been issued with suitable hospital clothing. The committee are indebted to the Welsh National War Memorial Fund, Cardiff, in assisting several war orphans. Negotiations had been conducted on behalf of men with their Approval Societies, and success had been met with in cases connected with the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association. This committee will operate until approval has been given for a separate Benevolent Committee to function at Deri.

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Musical The many friends of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Pleasant View, will be pleased to know that he has been successful in passing his matriculation and intermediate music examinations. He is now pursuing his studies at Cardiff University.

Personal The many friends of Private Kenneth Phillips, now stationed at Catterick, Yorkshire, and attached to the Signalling Corps, will be pleased to know that he has succeeded in passing his first class examination and has gained distinctions in all subjects. Private Phillips is the son of Mr. S. Phillips, and the late Mrs. Phillips, Pentwyn. He enlisted last February. All join in wishing him future progress.

Meeting A public meeting was held at the Social Centre on Wednesday evening last, when the speaker was County Councillor W. J. Kedward, Bargoed, who gave a review of his work as a county councillor. He dealt at length with the means test, unemployment, and other interesting matters.

I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday evening. The programme consisted of short biographies - that of the novelist Florence Barclay by Sister Lewis; of the poetess Elizabeth Barrett Browning by Sister Beryl Ballard; and those of three living musicians - Dr. Sidney Northcote, Sir Walford Davies, and Sir Thomas Beecham - by Brother Walters. Brother James and Sister Morgan proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the speakers.

Football The Pentwyn Stars played at home to Bedlinog on Saturday and lost by five goals to four. An enjoyable evening was spent at a concert given by the club at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday evening. The chairman was Mr. Albert Mantle.

Library and Institute Hall The new Hall was opened on Thursday when a concert was held. The programme was provided by the following artistes: Miss Mary Lewis, soprano, Pentwyn; Mr. James J. Lewis, tenor. Choruses were rendered by the Fochriw Ladies Glee Party (conductor Mrs. H. C. Davies), and the Fochriw Juvenile Choir (conductor Mr. D. J. Davies). The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. I. Williams, Pontlottyn, chairman of the Institute. Mr. R. Clark and Mr. W. M. Davies proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to all for their services.

British Legion The meeting on Monday was well attended, and a hearty welcome was accorded Comrade W. Sullivan, who has been in ill-health for a long period. The parade and service at the Parish Church on Sunday passed off very successfully, and the Rev. E. B. Fry, Bedwellty, who officiated, gave an inspiring and instructive address. Ex-Sergeant Lewis Jones, M.M., marshalled the contingents. Thanks are extended to the following organisations for co-operating: Fochriw Silver Band, the Fochriw and Pontlottyn sections of the Gellygaer Urban District Council Fire Brigade, the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, members of the British Legion Women's Section. A detailed report of the district committee was given by the Mr. E. Puddle, and arising from this report, it was decided to invite the employment officer of the Wales area to address the branch at an early date. Contributions and donations to the branch standard fund were recorded. A surprise packet given by Mr. Evan Davies was won by Mr. A. Plaine. The following have been appointed officers of the Benevolent Committee: chairman, Mrs. Stanley Jones; treasurer, Mr. S. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mrs. R. G. Wood; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Other members of the committee are: Mr. E. Davies, Mr. R. G. Wood, Mr. W. Sullivan, Mr. S. Ballard, Mr. E. J. Williams, the Rev. J. L. White, Mr. T. I. Evans, Mr. W. H. Way. Confirmation of the appointments is awaited from the British Legion and United Services Fund Benevolent Department, London, when the committee will be empowered to takeover the administration of Fochriw, Penybank, Pentwyn and Pantywaun. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones has again been nominated as the local representative on the United Services Fund. Relief cases from Deri will be dealt with by Mr. Jones until the Deri Benevolent Committee has been approved.

Noddfa Guild A meeting of the Guild was held at the vestry on Wednesday evening. Mr. Bert Edwards presided. Miss Phyllis Davies gave the paper entitled "Hanes Ruth."

Eisteddfod Success Congratulations to the Fochriw Glee Party who divided the first prize at the Ebbw Vale Eisteddfod on Saturday out of nine choirs. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was accompanist, and Mrs. H. C. Davies the conductress.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, presided over by Chief Templar.

Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Williams, Aelybryn, will regret to learn that she is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Lest We Forget Armistice Day was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday morning last when the service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, and the two minute silence was observed with due solemnity.

Football On Saturday, Pentwyn Stars visited Rhymney, and surprised the home team by forcing a draw.

British Legion Women To commence the winter session, a supper was taken by the members. Praise is due to Mrs. Lloyd Jones (president), for her kindness to the branch. Mrs. C. Jones, Mrs. L. Jones and Mrs. L. Thomas were the helpers.

Noddfa Guild Mr. J. Evans presided at the weekly meeting of the Guild held on Wednesday evening. Rev. E. R. Richards, Gellygaer, gave a very interesting address on "Nero, the last of the Caesars." Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. David G. Parry proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to the speaker.

Poppy Day Local ladies were busy disposing of poppies during the weekend, and a goodly sum was realised. The organiser was Mrs. S. J. Jones, whose untiring efforts were well rewarded with the aid of the following: Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. L. Thomas, Mrs. R. Wood, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. C. Ballard, Mrs. W. Thomas, Mrs. Stanley Jones, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Pullen, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. Lee, and Miss Dwynwen Ballard.

British Legion The usual meeting of the branch was held on Monday, Mr. S. Phillips presiding. It was announced that a donation towards the branch standards had been received from the Hon. Walter Lindsay, Holland Park, London. The sum was due to the interest shown by Mrs. R. G. Wood, who communicated on the matter. Again, it was pleasing to note that Comrade G. F. Cooksey had been successful in gaining admission to Papworth Village Settlement, Cambridge. A surprise packet given by Mr. Harry Jones was won by ex-Sergeant L. Jones. An invitation is to be extended to the ward councillors to address the branch on local topics.

Male Voice Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the Old Library, with the object of re-organising the male voice party. The party has been a power in the musical world, winning several eisteddfod prizes. It was unanimously decided to form a Male Voice Party. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; conductor, Mr. James J. Lewis; assistant conductor, Mr. Griff Jones; secretary, Mr. Hartwell Wood; treasurer, Mr. John Phillips; accompanists, Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence, Thomas Walters, and David Joshua Thomas. The following committee were appointed: Messrs. Bert Cumpstone, Thomas J. Evans, Dan James, Tom Walters, David G. Parry, David J. Thomas, David J. Davies.

Bedlinog Collision: Fochriw Man to Pay £15 in Damages At Merthyr Country Court on Wednesday, Alfred Jones of Fochriw, was the defendant in an action brought by the Gellygaer Urban District Council, for damage caused to an electric light standard at Bedlinog, through a collision which the plaintiffs alleged was due to negligence on his part. The case had been adjourned to enable Jones to produce expert mechanical evidence that the collision between the car and the standard was no fault of his, but due to a defect in the steering which was unknown to him until after the accident. Jones told the court that the mechanic who repaired the car was unable to attend. His Honour awarded the plaintiff's £15 damages.

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Correction Mr. Alfred Ernest Jones, Brook House, Brook-row, Fochriw, was not the defendant at the hearing of a claim for damages at the Merthyr Crown Court. He was a witness for the Gellygaer Urban District Council.

Personal Hearty congratulations to Mr. Griff Thomas of the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade who won the Canton Cup in the individual ambulance competition at Dowlais. A large number competed.

Eisteddfod Congratulations to the Fochriw Ladies' Glee Party, under their conductor and Mrs. H. C. Davies, who carried off the prize at the Deri Eisteddfod on Saturday. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

Noddfa Guild At the weekly meeting of the Guild held on Wednesday evening last, an instructive paper was read by Mr. T. Thomas, who took as his subject, "Lessons from the Lillies." Mr. B.J. Thomas presided. The devotional part was taken by his Messrs. D. G. Parry and D. J. Thomas.

Ambulance An ambulance class, under the instruction of Mr. Rufus Wood, sat for their re-examination at Bargoed station on Monday. The successful students were Messrs. R. G. Wood, Tom Jones, Bryn Thomas, Leslie Bell, and W. Beer. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. Arthur Minett, secretary.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar, Brother Griff Thomas, presiding. The programme for the evening consisted of a paper in Welsh "Tom Ellis," given by Mr. T. James, Rhymney. Several members spoke in appreciation of the address, and all were pleased to have a few words from an old Good Templar in the person of Mr. John Morgan.

Social A most enjoyable evening was spent at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, when a social was held. The M.C. for whist was Mr. T. J. Jones. The winners were: ladies - 1. Mr. Emyln Evans, 2. Mr. Egryn Thomas; gentleman - 1. Mr. Thomas Shankland, 2. Mr. William Shankland. After whist, the evening was spent in entertainment to music supplied by Mr. Sydney Briffett from his radiogram. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Messrs. S. Williams and T. H. Jones. Secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Hartwell Wood..

The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The Brodoriaeth Lodge is still carrying on, though not so strong in membership as years ago. On Wednesday evening last, a right royal night was spent at the Lodge Room of the Mount Pleasant Inn. The occasion was a regalia visit of the Sir William Lewis Lodge, No. 327, of the Merthyr District Province. It was a grand muster, under the control of Bro. J. Jones, W.P., K.O.M. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a link of forty-one brothers, and concluded with a rendering of the National Anthem. It is hoped that the occasion will be the means of many brothers returning to the fold. The secretary is Brother C. R. Mills.

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Nursing Nurse Megan V. Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, who is a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, passed the preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Whist A whist drive was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Institute Entertainments Committee. The duties of M.G. were carried out by Messrs. E. Puddle and H. Wood. The winners were: ladies - 1. Mr. T. J. Evans, 2. Mrs. S. Jones; gents - 1. Mr. W. Edwards, 2. Mr. J. Harding.

Correction Mr. Alfred Ernest Jones, Brook House, Fochriw, was the witness for the prosecution in the recent hearing of the case for damages at the Merthyr County Court, when an action was brought against Bryn Rees by the Gellygaer Urban District Council. He was not the defendant as stated in the report.

Noddfa Guild Special preaching services in connection with the Guild were held on Tuesday, when the Rev. J. William Hughes, Cardiff, preached inspiring sermons. In the afternoon, the introductory part was taken by the Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, and in the

evening by the Rev. T. M. Jones, Deri. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. D. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the chief Templar presiding. Competitions were held, and the winners were Brother Berkley Davies and Sister Mary Morgan. The adjudicators were Mr. J. Morgan and Sisters C. Oliver, who were thanked by Brother Sam Lewis and Sisters C. Walters for their services.

Accidents A very severe accident befell Mr. Stephen Jones, Council Houses, whilst following his employment at Groesfaen Colliery on Thursday week. He was removed to Merthyr General Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery. Master Gordon Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, is also a patient at the hospital - the result of an accident.

Obituary The sudden death of Evelyn Cumpstone, Brynteg-terrace, took place on Wednesday week after only a day's illness. Great sympathy is extended to the family. The funeral took place on Monday and was well attended. After a short service in the house conducted by the Revs. Seeley, and Salmon, Pontlottyn, the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Bert Cumpstone (father); T. Owen and E. Cumpstone (grandfathers); Arthur Cumpstone, Idris Cumpstone, Nicholas Cumpstone, Cadvan Cumpstone, T. Jones, Bryn Rees, E. Evans, Stephen Ballard, Thomas Ballard, Arthur Ballard, Crad Ballard, P. Cumpstone, W. Duggan, T. Taylor, H. Wells, R. Davies (uncles).

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Obituary We regret to record the death of a well-known and highly respected inhabitant in the person of Mr. William John Ballard, Guest-street. Deceased was one of the pioneers of ambulance work in the district, and held the rank of Corps Inspector of the Stores.

I. O. G. T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The vice-templar, Brother D. Jones presided. Sister Mary Morgan and Brother Evans were responsible for the programme, and were heartily thanked by Brother James and Sister Jones.

Social A pleasant evening was spent at the New Hall on Tuesday, when a whist drive and social was held. The winners at whist were: ladies - Mr. Idris Jones, Mr. H. Barnard; gents - Mr. John Thomas, Mr. V. C. Wood. The Fochriw Silver Band supplied music for dancing. The duties of M.C. were shared by Messrs. S. Williams and E. Puddle.

Fire Brigade Congratulations to the Fochriw Fire Brigade on winning the following prizes in the competition held by the Gellygaer Fire Brigade: first prize and Cup for motor-pump drill; first prize, Cup and medals as winners of the highest number of points. Three second prizes were also won. The winning team was made up of District Officer B. Evans, Station Officer W. Thomas, P. Edwards, T. Jones, S. Briffett and W. Edwards.

Ambulance The annual distribution of prizes and awards in connection with the Fochriw Ambulance Division was held at the New Hall on Thursday. The chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster of Fochriw Councils Schools. He was supported by Mr. John Morgan (Merthyr), Mr. W. J. Canton (Dowlais), Mr. A. Lucas (Merthyr), Councillor A. T. Minhinnick, Mr. Albert Williams, Mr. John Morgan, Mrs. S. Lewis (Fochriw) and Mr. D. W. Jones (Dowlais). The Fochriw Ladies' Choir, conductor Mrs. H. C. Davies, accompanist Mr. W. Lawrence, rendered a selection of choruses. Mr. D. W. Jones presented the Cadets with the Samuel Cup and a wrist-watch to each member of the team as winners off the Dowlais Corps League. The team were Messrs. Ivor Morgan (captain), R. Gittoes, A. Adams, and T. Rowlands. Mr. W. J. Canton then addressed the assembly and afterwards handed the Canton Cup to Mr. Griff Thomas, Fochriw, for the best individual display. After a contribution from the Ladies' Choir, the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar, then presented first year certificates to Messrs. E. Jones, B. Cumpstone, G. Grimmett, Ivor Morgan, Reg Gittens, Elwyn Davies, W. Howells, Windsor Rees. This was followed by a recitation by Miss Megan James, Pontlottyn. Staff Officer A. Lucas then presented the Adult team with the Dr. J. Jones' Cup

and medals. The winning team were Messrs. Griff Thomas (captain), Dan James, T. Thomas, H. Barlow and S. James. Miss Mary Evans gave an excellent rendering of "Nightingales in June." Mrs. Sam Lewis then presented the adult team with the third prize won in the Dowlais Corps League. A recitation by Miss Megan James and a selection by the choir then followed. Superintendent John Morgan gave a report of the work done by the division during the past year, and extended an invitation to ladies interested in first aid to form a class. An enjoyable evening closed with the usual votes of thanks.

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Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Thomas John Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn.

Noddfa Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday presided over by Mr. Joshua Evans. An excellent address was given by the Rev. T. M. Jones, Deri, entitled "The Tramp Parson." The following commented on the address: Mrs. S. Lewis, Mr. T. Thomas, Mr. J. Evans.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday presided over by Brother Griff Thomas. Brother Berkley Davies gave a paper on "Peter, the Apostle." Sister Lewis and Brother James proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Brother Davies.

Welfare Mr. T. J. Jones presided over a Welfare Committee meeting at the Old Library on Thursday. The financial report was given by Mr. James I. Williams, treasurer, and a splendid year's work was revealed. Police Constable Sansom gave a report of the visit of the representatives of the Cardiff firm with regard to the planting of trees and shrubs. A report was also given by Mr. Job Thomas.

Funeral: Mr. William John Ballard, Guest-street, aged 61 years The funeral of Mr. William John Ballard took place on Thursday. He was one of the pioneers of ambulance work in the district. He held the rank of corps inspector of stores. The funeral was attended by a large number of ambulance men in uniform from Dowlais, Penydarren, Fochriw, Bedlinog, Pontlottyn, and Deri; also, Centre Sec. Mr. Arthur Lucus (Merthyr), and Sergeant-Major Goodlin (Dowlais). After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard. The following acted as bearers: Superintendent John Morgan, Fochriw; Corps Officer T. J. Hughes, Bedlinog; Sergeant Howell Thomas, Corporal Edward Lewis, and Corporal Tom Evans (Fochriw). Corps Sec. A. Chance (Dowlais) was in charge at the graveside. The Rev. Richard Evans made touching references to the deceased's useful life, after which Bugler Bob Rees sounded the "Last Post." The chief mourners were: Willie, Caradog, Ednyfed, Eifionydd, Stephen and John Ballard (sons); Master Penry Ballard (grandson); Messrs. Thomas, Stephen, Caradog, and Arthur Ballard (brothers); Ernest Cumpstone, Job Thomas and D. J. Jacob (brothers-in-law); Idris Cumpstone, Nicolas Cumpstone, Bert Cumpstone, Arthur Cumpstone, Cadvan Cumpstone, Gwilym Davies, Gareth Thomas, and D. Janes (nephews); Messrs. David I. Evans, Tom I. Evans, David Lewis and Elwyn Edwards (cousins).

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Noddfa Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, Mr. Joshua Evans presiding. An excellent paper was given Mr. Emllyn Evans entitled "The Law of Averages." The following commented on the same: Thomas J. Jones, David G. Parry and Joshua Evans.

Hospital As a result of the labours of a splendid band of workers in disposing of Christmas prize draw tickets in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the sum of £7 19s was realised. Splendid services were rendered by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Howell Thomas, Mrs. W. J. Payne, and Mrs. Howell Thomas.

Pontlottyn Police: In Fochriw Plantation Archibald Williams, Brinley Cumpstone, and Garfield Davies, all of Fochriw, were summoned for stealing growing trees, value three shillings, the property of the Mountjoy Estate. Police Sergeant Jones said he saw the defendants in the plantation. They were carrying trees towards their homes. They had a hatchet in their possession. Defendants said they found the trees on the ground. Mr. Jenkins

Edwards, agent to the estate, said the trees - oak, larch and birch - were newly cut. The defendants were fined 10 shillings each, and told not to do it again.

Noddfa: Gymanfa Ganu The gymanfa in connection with Noddfa and Nazareth churches took place on Christmas Day. The singing was under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, with Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and David Joshua Thomas as accompanists. The morning session was presided over by Miss Katie Jones Davies, who also took the devotional part. The afternoon session was opened by Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. John Jones presided. The evening meeting was opened by the Rev. Richard Evans, and was presided over by Mr. David Davies, Pentrebach.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, Brother Griff Thomas, chief Templar, presiding. The programme for the evening was "Thoughts for Christmas and the New Year." The members contributed readings and solos, an interesting item being the singing of the "Three Ships" by Master Hugh B. Thomas. Brothers David Jones, Berkley Davies and Griff Thomas gave short addresses.

In Aid of the Hospital Thanks to the efforts of Mr. T. J. Jones, head teacher, and his boys, and the co-operation of Mr. R. Williams, head teacher of Tirphil School, and his boys, a football match was played at Fochriw on Boxing Day morning, between Fochriw and Tirphil, in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The visitors were winners by two goals to nil. After the game, the teams sat down to one excellent tea. Mr. Jones handed Mr. W. J. Payne (a member of the Executive Board) £2 0s 6d - the proceeds of the match.

Gymanfa Ganu Large congregations attended Carmel Vestry on Christmas Day when the annual singing festival was held. The conductor was Mr. Abel Jones, Rhymney, with Mr. Thomas Walters and Miss Mona Ballard the accompanists. The morning meeting was presided over by Mrs. David Lewis. The following took part: readings and prayer, Miss Betty Jones; recitations, Misses Jennie Davies and Eliza Evans; solos, Master Evan Morgan Lewis and Master Fred Williams. In the afternoon, the president was Mrs. B. Davies. A reading of scripture was given by Mr. John Gwyn Lewis; prayer, Mr. Angell; recitation, Miss Mary Morgan. Evening president, Mrs. Sam Lewis; reading of scripture, Mr. V. Davies; prayer, Mr. D. Rowlands; solo, Mrs. H.C. Davies; recitation, Nurse Ballard Davies. Mr. Evans, Cardiff, spoke, pointing out the influence of the gymanfa ganu on the Welsh national character. He urged its continuance for the sake of the future of the Welsh nation.

Funeral: Mr. Evan Jones, 24, Guest St., aged 72 years Mr. Evan Jones passed away with dramatic suddenness on Friday morning. He was 72 years of age and had resided in the village for the greater part of his life. He was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, and senior deacon for many years. The funeral took place on Tuesday. After a short service at the house, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. At the graveside the Revs. Richard Evans and D. Harris Jones gave testimony to the deceased's useful life. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Evan John Jones, Willie Adams Jones, Griffith Jones and John Adams Jones (sons); Thomas Jones (brother); Tom Hughes (nephew); John Lewis (son-in-law); Thomas Pugh, Richard Pugh, George Watkins, David Davies (brothers in-law); Dan Jones, Griffith Pugh, Evan Watkins, John Williams, Jenkin Williams (nephews).

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Obituary Mr. John Jones, Pit-row, passed away on Christmas Day after the long illness.

Band The Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, played a fine programme of Christmas music throughout the village on Christmas Day, which added to the festive spirit.

Noddfa Vestry On Friday evening, the juvenile section of the Noddfa Sunday School were entertained in the vestry. Each child was handed a present from the tree which had been beautifully decorated. Miss Magdalene Pugh, Messrs. David J. Thomas and Thomas J. Jones carried out the arrangements.

Carmel Chapel A Christmas service was held at Carmel Vestry on Friday evening last. The tree had been decorated with toys. After carol singing, each child received a present from the tree. The role of Father Christmas was played by Mr. Sam Lewis. The teachers of the primary department assisted, and Messrs. Dan James, Thomas Ballard and Jenkin Pugh also took part.

St. Mary's On Friday evening, a tea and Christmas tree was held at the Church Hall. The tree was laden with gifts and each Sunday school scholar received a gift from Santa Claus who was represented by Miss Olive May Payne. Splendid work was done by the Vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Richards, Misses Richards and Jones, Messrs. G. White, G. Evans, W. White and O. Richards.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The chief Templar presided. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible for the programme - a spelling test of musical terms and names. The winner was Sister Beryl Ballard. Brother B. Rees and Sister M. Morgan thanked Brother Walters for the excellent programme.

Concert A supper and concert took place at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday evening. Mr. Stephen Lewis, Pentwyn, presided. The following rendered items: overture, Mr. Gilbert Harris; solos, Messrs. Charles Tyler, Tom Jones, Pentwyn; Gron Tyler, David Owen Thomas, Bedlinog; Eddie Thomas, Penybank; David Tyler, Pentwyn; F. Dummett, Fochriw; W. Thomas Williams, Penybank; C. R. Mills, Pentwyn; Tom Jones, Bedlinog; George Williams, Pentwyn, and D. Daniel Thomas, Fochriw. The Fochriw Silver Band gave quartettes, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. Mr. A. Grist gave a fine display on the bones, and Iorwerth Williams gave some whistling solos. Mr. Tim Jones, chairman of the Football Club, gave an excellent address, and also proposed a vote of thanks, which are seconded by Mr. C. R. Mills, thanking all the artistes and the host for their kind services.

Obituary: Mr. Thomas John Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 55 years The funeral of Mr. Thomas John Morgan took place on Wednesday. A short service was conducted by the vicar at the house. Afterwards, the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Edward J. Morgan and Alfred M. Morgan (sons); John Jones and William J. Jones (sons-in-law); Jackie Jones, Malcolm Jones, David Jones (grandsons); Habacuc Morgan (brother); Benjamin Evans, James Williams, Caradoc Ballard (brothers in-law); Evan Morgan Davies, Edward Lewis (uncles); Thomas Jones, Rod Jones, William T. Morgan, Edward M. Evans, Iorwerth Williams, Ivor Morgan (nephews); George Mantle, Percy Mantle, Albert Mantle, William M. Davies, George Davies, John Mantle, Thomas M. Mantle, Evans J. Mantle, Haydn Mantle, William Lewis, William Parry, Thomas Jones, W. Pope, Stephen Lewis (cousins).

"The Picnic Party" Very enjoyable evenings were spent at the New Hall on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, when the Carmel Children's Choir, conducted by Madam Hannah Cole Davies and Mr. Meirion Shankland, gave excellent performances of the operetta, "The Picnic Party." The children had been well trained, and the dresses and effects were all that could be wished for. The chairman on Wednesday was Mrs. David Lewis; Thursday, Nurse Ballard Davies; Saturday, Mr. Aneurin Jones. The characters were ably portrayed by the following: Mrs. D. James; Jenny Davies; Elize Evans; Phyllis Martin; Mimi Lewis; Betty Jones; Frances Strang; Hannah Mantle; Muriel Davies; Rene Angell; Evan M. Lewis; Willie Walters; Douglas Clark; Jimmy Lester; Tudor Rowlands; Kathleen Williams; Rita Cole; Phoebe M. Davies; Margaret Rowlands; Betty Simpson; David Cole, Howell Lewis, Stewart Davies, Philip Mantle, Evan Strang, Graham Cumpstone, Idris Shankland. The accompanist was Miss Mona Ballard. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Miss Mary Lewis Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Tom Lewis. Votes of thanks to all who contributed were proposed and seconded by Messrs. Daniel Rowlands and James John Lewis.