

### **“Merthyr Express” 2 January 1937**

Obituary The death took place on Sunday at Merthyr General Hospital of Mrs. A. Burrows, wife of Mr. Ernest Burrows, Guest-street.

Parish Church Services were held on Christmas Day, the celebrant being the Vicar, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ. The evening service was taken by the Rev. F. W. Phillips.

Social Centre On Monday at the Old Library, the children whose parents are connected with the Women's Social Centre, were given at tea and 3d. each. This was made possible by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, the Settlement, Bargoed. The Secretary was Mrs. E. Thomas and the treasurer Mrs. M. Shankland. At the tables were Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. Puddle, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. M. H. Morgan, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. C. Williams, Mrs. F. Way.

Carmel Vestry The scholars of the primary department of Carmel Church were entertained at tea during Christmas week, provided by the lady members of the church. The vestry was decorated by Mrs. Sam Lewis, Misses Maria Jones, Doris Lewis, Iris Edwards, C. Jones and Mrs. Bob Rees. They also presided at the tables. Each child received a present from the tree. The role of Father Christmas was played by Mr. William Griffiths. Mr. John Davies and Mrs. W. A. Davies assisted.

Carol Service On Sunday at the New Hall, a concert was given by the school children of the Mixed School in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. Praise is due to Mr. T. J. Jones and his staff. The singing of the carols reached a high standard. The chairman was Mr. Arthur Ballard who spoke of the great need for support for the hospital. The choir was conducted by Mr. Willie Adams Jones, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist. Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Howell Thomas thanked all who took part.

Carmel Chapel The annual cymanfa ganu was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day, the conductor being Mr. Evan Thomas (Alaw Morlais). The morning service was presided over by Mr. W. A. Davies, and the following children took part: Huw Ballard Thomas, Enid Davies, Megan Davies, Violet Abbey and Linda Thomas. In the afternoon Councillor Sam Lewis presided. The party, under the conductorship of Mr. Tom Walters, rendered "The Lord is my Shepherd." At the evening service, presided over by Mr. Arthur Ballard, a recitation was given by Miss Mary Morgan, and Mr. J. Lloyd Evans and Mr. W. J. Angel, both of Cardiff, addressed the congregation. The accompanists were Miss Beryl Ballard and Mr. Tom Walters.

Noddfa Chapel On Christmas Day, the annual cymanfa ganu of Noddfa and Nazareth chapels was held at Noddfa. The President in the morning was Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The devotional part was taken by Miss Gwenfil Harris. Mrs. M. Matthews presided over the afternoon session, and Miss Winnie Evans read Scripture. In the evening, Mrs. Richard Evans presided, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones took the devotional part. An address was given by Mr. David Davies, Abercanaid, and recitations by Misses Marion Sullivan and Moira Ballard. The conductor was Mr. D. J. Thomas, and the accompanists Miss C. S. Davies and Mr. W. Lawrence.

Wedding: Burrows-Swaine The wedding took place at St. Mary's on Saturday of Mr. James Swaine, Birmingham, and Miss Edna Burrows, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Burrows, Guest-street. The bride was attired in an oyster satin dress with panne velvet hat with veil and shoes, and carried a silver Prayer book over 100 years old. She was driven away by her father and was attended by Miss Stella Morgan (cousin), who wore green georgette with an over-dress of lace, and carried a bouquet of purple chrysanthemums. The flower girls were Marion Lester and Margaret Davies, nieces of the bride. They wore blue crepe-de-chine dresses, silver shoes and silver head-dresses, and carried muffs. Master Len Burrows, nephew of the bride, acted as page, and wore blue velvet trousers with white crepe-de-chine blouse. The best man was Mr. Jack Swaine. Messrs. Glyn Burrows and Alquin Burrows were groomsmen. The service was choral, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ. The Vicar

officiated. The reception was held at the bride's home. They were the recipients of numerous presents and will make their home at Birmingham.

**“Merthyr Express” 9 January 1937**

Good Templars Bro. D. Jones presided at the lodge meeting on Wednesday. The programme was "Thoughts for the New Year." Sis. B. Ballard rendered solos and Huw B. Thomas read an appropriate story.

Comedy The Fochriw Dramatic Society presented the comedy "The Optimist" (Vincent Douglas), at the New Hall on Thursday, in aid of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The producer was Mr. George Walters. The cast was as follows: Mr. David John Thomas, Miss Sal Jones, Miss Kate Davies, Mr. Bryn Davies, Miss T. Cumpstone, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Burkley Davies, Mr. Gwyn Evans. Mr. Emlyn Evans was the stage manager.

Funeral: Mrs. Ernest Burrows, Guest-street, aged 59 The funeral of Mrs. Ernest Burrows took place on Wednesday, and was well attended. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. She leaves a grown-up family to mourn. Three of her sons are members of the Fochriw Silver Band. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated, the interment being at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Ernest Burrows (husband); Messrs. Glyn, Alcwin, George and Meurig Burrows (sons); Joseph Lester and James Swaine (sons-in-law); Mr. Henry Harris, Bedwas (brother-in-law); P.C. D. Harris, Cardiff, and Cliff Evans, Bedwas (nephews); Mr. H. Morgan, Mr. Edward Lewis (uncles); Mr. H. Morgan, Mr. Ivor Morgan (cousins); Mr. Swaine, Abergavenny; Messrs. T. Thomas, Rhymney; Jack Walters and Idris Walters (nephews). At the house: Mrs. J. Lester and Mrs. J. Swaine (daughters); Mrs. Margaret Burrows (daughter-in-law); Mrs. E. Lewis and Mrs. S. A. Griffiths (aunts); Doreen Pollack, Gladys Jones, Mair Walters, Eirwen Walters, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. T. Pugh, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Evans (sisters); Mrs. S. Davies.

**“Merthyr Express” 16 January 1937**

Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mr. John Evans, Railway-terrace; Mr. R. J. Price, Martin's-street; Mr. Claude Smith, Guest-street; Mr. D. J. Lewis, Aelybryn; Mr. T. Williams, Pantywaun.

Billiards and Snooker The handicaps under the auspices of the Library and Institute produced some very exciting finishes. The winners were: billiards: 1. Mr. Bryn Reece, 2. Mr. J. R. Thomas; Snooker: 1. Mr. Tom Powell, 2. Mr. W. Walters.

I.O.G.T. A meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The programme was a surprise entertainment for which Brother D. Jones, Chief Templar, was responsible. At the close, each member received a novelty gift.

Tea and Concert The annual tea and social evening in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, took place on Saturday in the Social Centre Hall. Members of the Sunday school and friends were entertained to tea given by the members of the Church. Tray holders and other helpers were: Messrs. J. Bradley, A. Davies, J. Ralph, F. Williams, A. Plane, C. Thomas, W. Bradley, Eunice and Florence Bradley, Betty Owen, Mr. W. J. Bradley, and Mr. A. E. Kings (supervisor). Later, an entertainment took place, when the following artistes took part: duet, Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. W. Bradley; Quartette, Messrs. J. Ralph, A. Plane, F. Williams and D. J. Davies. Mr. Kings was of the accompanist.

For The Hospital As a result of Christmas Appeal for the Merthyr General Hospital the sum of £4 12s 1d was realised as follows: Brynteg £1 3s 11d; Pentwyn 14s 3d; Martin-street and Guest-street 16s 1d; Dynevor-street 12s 19d; Aelybryn and Morris-row 11s 9d; Brook-row and Council Houses 6s 4d; Pantywaun 4s 3d; Penybank 2s 8d. Thanks are due to the following ladies for counting, distributing and collecting the envelopes: Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mrs. W. Adams Jones, Misses Monica Williams, W. Edwards, A. Baldwin, Mesdames S. Phillips, W. Davies, Adams, Richards, Palmer, Davies, Misses Joan Mills, A. and L. M. Mills, T. and A. Evans. The organising secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne, with Mrs. Howell Thomas as treasurer.

Funeral: Mr. Rees Jones, 18, Dynevor-street, aged 71 The death occurred on Friday of Mr. Rees Jones. He was a native of Brecon, but moved to Fochriw over 40 years ago, and followed his trade as a shoemaker. After a few years at Fochriw, he entered the service of the Brecon and Merthyr Railway. He was a signalman at the Fochriw Junction and the Fochriw Station Signal Boxes, where he was employed for 35 years. During that time he was never absent from work for a day. He retired a few years ago. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and there was a representative attendance. Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, officiated, the burial taking place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Thomas, Deri (brother); Mr. D. H. Thomas (brother-in-law); Vivian Powell, John David, Tom and Norman Thomas, Bob Morgan, J. Slimmon, Ted Puddle (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. T. Thomas, Miss C. Thomas, Mrs. J. Slimmon, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lawrence.

**“Merthyr Express” 23 January 1937**

Hospital Mrs. Sarah Evans, Brook-row, is a patient in Merthyr Hospital, where she has undergone an operation.

Library and Institute Councillor Sam Lewis presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday.

Pensioners' Outing Fund A meeting was held at the Old Library on Friday, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Schemes were submitted for raising funds for the next outing, and it was decided to hold a flitch trial, and an appeal will be made to the Bargoed Party to stage the event.

Social A social in connection with the Dressmaking and Needlework classes for which Mrs. F. Evans is the instructress was held at the Council Schools on Thursday. The committee was: E. Cumpstone, R. M. Cumpstone, M. A. Edwards & E. A. Evans. The drawing competition was won by Miss T. Cumpstone.

**“Merthyr Express” 30 January 1937**

Nazareth The preacher on Sunday evening was Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. R. Davies, and the organist was Mr. W. Lawrence.

Silver Band: Debt to be Reduced At the library on Friday, a meeting in connection with the band took place, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The treasurer, Mr. W. Price, gave the financial report. It was decided to pay another instalment of £10 off the uniform debt. The annual meeting will be held on February 5th.

I.O.G.T. Brother D. James presided over the lodge meeting on Wednesday. Sister E. Ballard was responsible for the programme which consisted of a number of questions in general knowledge. Sister Oliver received the prize.

N.S.P.C.C. Service A united service in connection with Children's Sunday was held at Noddfa Baptist Church on Sunday. Mrs. M. A. Lewis presided, and recitations were given by Miss Eliza Evans and Miss Betty Evans. Solos were rendered by Misses Betty Jones, Annie Wright, Muriel Davies, Jenny Davies. The School Choir, conducted by Mr. Willie Adams Jones, sang hymns and carols. An address was given by Mrs. G. M. Evans, Deri. The organist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. A collection in aid of society funds was taken by Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. A. Evans, Mrs. M. Davies and Miss Ballard, and a sum of 13s 3d. was realised. During the week, a number of ladies will be busy distributing envelopes, when it is hoped that all will help such a deserving cause. The secretary is Mrs. M. Jenkins, Pleasant-view.

Library and Institute The annual meeting took place at the New Hall on Thursday, when Councillor Sam Lewis presided, supported by Mr. Ray Clark, vice-chairman, and Mr. D. I. Evans, secretary. The chairman said they could look back with satisfaction on the year's work. The financial position was very satisfactory. Things were also very satisfactory with regard to the proposed alteration of the building to comprise a new hall and institute. The committee had discussed the alterations and plans had been considered. Further

consideration would be given by the new committee. Mr. J. H. Evans and Mr. Bob Rees gave the auditor's report. They had also audited the book department, which showed excellent progress. Mr. Ray Clark then took over chairmanship for the coming year. The election of officers was as follows: vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; secretary (for 3 years) Mr. D. I. Evans; librarian, Mr. Ray Clark; committee: Councillor Sam Lewis, Messrs. T. J. Jones, A. Mantle, B. Rees, H. Wood, E. J. Jones, D. D. & R.. Thomas, Clifford Davies, J. Lewis, G. Evans, D. & R. Jones, E. J. Williams

**“Merthyr Express” 6 February 1937**

Hospital Mrs. Lloyd Jones, president of the women's section of the British Legion, is progressing favourably after a long illness. Progress is also being made by Mrs. Sarah Evans, Brook House, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Coronation Committee A dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday, when there was a representative attendance. A little inconvenience was caused by the failure of the electric light, but other means were quickly resorted to. The music was supplied by the Regal Band, Tredegar. The M.Cs. were Messrs. I. and A. Cumpstone. The secretary was of Mr. Willie Adams Jones.

Mothers' Union A special service was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, when members of the Deri branch also attended. Mrs. Willis, Llanbradach, president of the Caerphilly Deanery of the Mother's Union addressed the gathering.

**“Merthyr Express” 13 February 1937**

School Camp A number of boys and girls from the Fochriw and Penybank Council Schools left for Pembrey and Rhoose on Tuesday where they will spend three weeks holiday.

British Legion The following represented the Fochriw sections at the special conference at Cardiff on Saturday: Mrs. S. J. Jones (chairman, Benevolent Committee), Mr. J. Lloyd Jones (secretary of the same), Mr. Edward Puddle (secretary, men's section).

Patients Entertainment Fochriw Dramatic Party, with Mr. George Walters as producer, delighted the patients at the Miners' Convalescent Home at Talygarn on the Thursday, when they presented the comedy "The Optimists."

R.A.O.B Children's Treat On Saturday, the children of members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge were taken on a visit to Cardiff to see the pantomime. Each child received a gift from the lodge, and also from Mr. E Pritchard of the Rising Sun Inn. The children were in the charge of Messrs. Wm. Whitby, Gomer Williams and W. Watkins.

N.S.P.C.C. A house-to-house collection was made last week in aid of funds. This collection was the best yet made in the village. The officers and members of the local committee wish to thank those who were contributed. The total collected was £4 14s 11d. The collectors were: Mrs. J. Lawrence and Mrs. Pugh; Mrs. S. J. Jones and Mrs. S. Lewis; Mrs. M. Davies and Mrs. C. Way; Mrs. I. Cumpstone and Miss Matthews; Miss W. Adams-Jones and Miss M. Jones; Miss Rosie Davies.

Library and Institute Mr. Ray Clark presided over the meeting on Thursday. The chairman extended a welcome to the new committee members. He reported on the visit of Mr. Roberts of the Social Services League, with regard to the proposed alteration of the building. The secretary reported on the financial position and dealt with the caretaker's report. A letter was read from P.C. Islwyn Davis, now a member of the Metropolitan Police, an old Fochriw boy, who has been instrumental in purchasing a fine selection of cues for the billiard tables. A letter of the thanks will be sent to P.C. Davies and to the Superintendent of Police. It was reported by the librarian that another consignment of books had arrived from the Glamorgan County Library. Readers were taking advantage of the fine selection, for during the past year 3,778 books were taken out on loan. It was decided to engage Miss Ruth Harrison, the Billiards and Snooker Champion of Great Britain, to give an exhibition at the Institute in the near future.

Silver Band The annual meeting was held on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding, supported by Mr. David Griffiths, vice-chairman, Mr. William Price, treasurer, and Mr. J. J. Lewis, secretary. Mr. Payne said that the work of the past year had been very successful. He complemented the bandmaster and members for their loyalty. The debt on the uniforms had been reduced. The auditor's report was given by Mr. Emlyn Evans. Officers elected were: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. Dan James; secretary, Mr. Mervyn Evans; treasurer, Mr. William Price; contribution secretary, Mr. John Phillips; President, Mr. W. H. Knibbs; vice-president, Messrs. T. J. Jones, Robert Slimmons, Josiah Evans, and Edgar Pritchard; Committee: Messrs. D. R. Jones, David Griffiths, J. J. Lewis, R. Slimmons, J. Saunders, T. J. Jones, Bert and Emlyn Evans, E. Pritchard, R. Thomas, T. Walters, C. Edwards, J. H. Evans, D. James, B. Rees, T. Evans, A. Gwynne; bandmaster, Mr. Albert Mantle; deputy, Mr. Bob Rees, trustees, Mr. P. Mantle, Mr. B. Evans and Mr. S. Williams.

Annual Supper The members of the Women's Section of the British Legion held their annual supper at the New Hall on Thursday, when over 100 guests attended, which included representatives from all over Wales. Addresses were given by the Councillor Lewis, Mr. Edward Puddle, Mr. J. L. Jones, Mr. S. Phillips and Mrs. S. J. Jones. A concert followed when the artistes who took part were: Mrs. I. Thomas, Mrs. Sheen, Mrs. T. I. Evans, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. S. Phillips. Choruses were sung by the Women's Legion Choir, conducted by the Mrs. M. H. Jones, and accompanied by Mrs. Phillips. The sealed packet given by Mr. J. L. Jones was won by Mr. R. Kinsey.

Welfare Association The annual meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, Mr. T. J. Jones presiding. He said that the Children's corner was now one of the finest in the valley. It comprised eight play-things; a fine tarmac playground for netball or other games; a fine shelter and seats. All that was required now were some shrubs and flowers. He said that arrangements were now completed to start laying out the new football ground near the bridge. Work would start in a week or two. He thanked his co-officers and committee for their splendid work. Mr. Ray Clark, secretary, read the minutes, which were adopted, and Mr. G. Walters gave the auditor's report, which showed that there had been a satisfactory year's working. After the report was accepted, comments were made on the small number of outside contributors. The number had fallen away considerably and it was hoped for a better response in the coming year. The new collector appointed was Mr. D. I. Evans. The following officers and committee were appointed: chairman, Mr. Albert Mantle; vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. Ray Clark; auditors, Mr. G. Walters and Mr. S. Phillips; committee: representatives of the P.D. officials, Ogilvie Colliery: Mr. W. H. Knibbs and Mr. Arthur Jones; Groesfaen Colliery: Mr. D. Uzzell and Mr. D. Thomas; Guest Keen Colliery Co.: Messrs. D. Lawrence, D. R. Jones, John Lewis and W. J. Williams; Ogilvie workmen: Messrs. A. Mantle, E. J. Jones, C. Edwards and D. J. Davies; Groesfaen workmen: Messrs. Howell Thomas, D. H. Lewis, Dan James, Peter Jones; Brithdir Levels: Mr. Robert Parry; general public: Mr. T. J. Jones, W. J. Payne, W. A. Jones, A. Ballard, G. Walters. There are a few more committee-men to be appointed from the various organisations. After the annual meeting, the new committee met under the chairmanship of Mr. Albert Mantle and discussed the future programme.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 20 February 1937**

Hospital Mr. W. Fox, Aelybryn, and Mr. Daniel Jones, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are making good progress.

Children's Treat: Correction It was the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. and not the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth that took members children to the Cardiff pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk."

I.O.G.T. Brother Oliver presided at the meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. The programme consisted of humorous readings, all present taking part.

Air-Raid Precautions At Fochriw school library on the Thursday, the first of a series of six lectures on air-raid precautions was given to the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade by Ambulance Officer Edgar Davies, Bedlinog. Mr. Davies is the qualified lecturer for the division.

Unemployed Meeting A meeting of the Fochriw unemployed organisation was held at the Old Library on Monday. Mr. Ted Puddle presided. The meeting was addressed by Councillor D. J. Matthews, Rhymney. A deputation of unemployed members attended from Deri with the object of discussing the nomination of the candidates for the District Council elections.

Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth chapel on Monday, presided over by the Rev J. L. White, Vicar. The special preacher was the Rev. E. Iltyd Jones, Rector of Dowlais, who gave an address on the work of the society. Mr. Willie Adams Jones, the local secretary, gave a report of subscriptions received. Mr. W. A. Davies was the organist.

Billiards Miss Ruth Harrison, the women's Billiards and Snooker Champion of Great Britain, delighted a large audience on Tuesday by giving an exhibition. She played billiards against Mr. Bryn Rees and the scores were Miss Harrison 427, Mr. Rees 217. In her games of snooker, she was beaten by Mr. Tom Idris Evans by 93 - 46, but defeated Mr. Cliff Davies 75 - 5.

Old Age Pensioners A meeting of the outing committee was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Friday presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The secretary, Mr. D. J. Davies, read correspondence relating to a fitch trial to be held in aid of the outing. The trial will be held at the New Hall on February 25th at 6:30pm, and will be staged by P.C. Knight, Bargoed, and his company. It was decided to include Pantywaun as part of the area governing the fund.

British Legion A meeting of the branch was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. A report of the district meeting was given by Mr. Edward Puddle. Councillor Sam Lewis gave an address. Mr. Puddle, secretary of the men's branch, and Mrs. A. Jones, secretary of the women's branch, will represent Fochriw at the conference at Llandudno on Saturday. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones will be the representative of the North East Glamorgan District. Among the tray holders at the annual supper held recently were Mrs. D. Williams and Mrs. G. Edwards.

### **“Merthyr Express” 27 February 1937**

Pensioner's Fund Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the Old Library on Monday. Final arrangements were made for the fitch trial and the list of jurymen was completed.

Bereavements The death has taken place of Mr. John M. Evans, 2, Railway-terrace, in his 71st years. Mr. Evans had resided in the district for the greater part of his life. The death has also occurred of Mr. Hubert Wilton at the age of 27 years. Mr. Wilton left recently for Deri, where he died.

Hospital Mr. W. J. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, 4, Glyn-terrace, is recovering in Kidderminster Hospital, where he has been seriously ill with pneumonia. Mr. C. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, Penybank, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably after an operation.

I.O.G.T. At the meeting of the lodge held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday, all members took part in the programme. A vote of condolence was passed with Sister G. Jones in her recent bereavement, and also with Brother D. James, Chief Templar, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Noddfa Chapel On Sunday at Noddfa, a singing festival was held of the united choirs of Noddfa and Nazareth. The singing was conducted by Mr. David J. Thomas and the accompanists were Miss K. Jones-Davies and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. T. J. Jones, who also took the devotional part. Mrs. G. Evans, Deri, presided over the meeting in the evening. Moira Ballard and Marion Sullivan recited portions of Scripture.

Pontlottyn Police Court Charles Parker of Fochriw pleaded guilty to stealing coal, value 1s 6d, the property of the Dowlais Colliery Company, and was ordered to pay 10 shillings.

**“Merthyr Express” 6 March 1937**

Personal Mr. Wyndham Lawrence again this year adjudicated at the schools' St. David's Day Eisteddfod at Rhose.

Funeral: Mr. John Mostyn Evans, 2, Railway-terace, aged 70 The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. John Mostyn Evans. Mr. Evans was born Abernant, but had lived at Fochriw for 66 years. Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. L. Evans, O. Evans, John Henry Evans, Latimer Evans (sons); David Evans (brother); Jenkin Thomas, Walter Jones, Evan Jones, Thomas Evans (brothers-in-law), David Thomas, J. Hughes, W. Jones (cousins); T. Thomas, R. H. Davies, D. Thomas, E. Thomas, D. Uzzell, D. Saunders, B. Lloyd, D. L. Evans, T. J. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, W. Angell, W. J. Jones, T. Kelly, W. Hewins, T. Jones, I. G. Uzzell, I. Saunders, D. Thomas, R. Jones, D. E. Davies, I. Price, L. Jones (nephews). Mourners at the house were: Miss M. Evans (daughter); Mesdames B. Evans, Eva Evans and Morfydd Evans (daughters-in-law); Eiros, Carwin and Betty (grandchildren); Miss A. G. Davies, Mrs. M. A. Evans, Mrs. M. Thomas, Mrs. M. Evans (sisters-in-law); Mrs. E. Hughes (cousin); Margaret, Ceridwen, Annie Gwen, Rose Elizabeth Ann, Nellie, and Margaret Mary (nieces).

Flitch Trial At the New Hall on Thursday, a flitch trial was presented in aid of the pensioners' outing fund. An excellent cast appeared with Mr. J. J. Davies, headmaster of Bargoed Secondary School, as a judge. He was well supported by counsel, including P.C. W. Knight, Bargoed. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. Prior to the opening of the trial, a selection was played by members of the Fochriw Silver Band. Three applicants appeared for the flitch, the winners being: 1. Morgan and Morgan, Cefn Forest; 2. Powell and Powell, Deri. The other applicants were Mr. & Mrs. Hutchings, Bargoed. Before coming to a decision, the jury retired to a private room. Great excitement prevailed on their return. The foreman announced that their finding was to divide the flitch - two thirds to Morgan and Morgan, and one-third to Powell and Powell. The jurymen were: Messrs. T. I. Evans, E. J. Jones, B. Thomas, C. Edwards, W. Price, F. Amos, C. Tyler, A. Gwynne, W. Watkins, J. Lewis, W. Angell, C. R. Owen. Mr. Edward Lewis moved a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr. W. Griffiths. The secretary was Mr. David John Davies, and Mr. J. H. Evans was treasurer.

**“Merthyr Express” 13 March 1937**

New Hall Concert St. David's Day was commemorated by members of Carmel Congregational Church on Monday with a concert at the New Hall. The soloist was Mr. M. Shankland, and Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist. Miss Betty Jones and Nurse Ballard-Davies were the elocutionists. Two short dramas were performed, the players being: Mesdames Annie Davies, M. Rowlands, Davies, S. Millward, Messrs. T. Walters, B. Rees, and Gomer Evans; Mesdames May Davies, Nellie Evans, Misses Mary L. Thomas, Beryl Ballard, Iris Edwards, Messrs. Bryn Davies, W. Angell, Edryd Jones,. The producer was Mrs. Sam Lewis. Mr. Thomas Barnard presided, and Messrs. Howell Thomas and David Lewis acted as stewards.

British Legion Mr. Edward Puddle, delegate to the Wales area conference at Llandudno, gave a report to the branch meeting on Tuesday. The resolutions Fochriw supported had all met with the approval of the conference. It was reported that a headstone is to be erected on the grave of the late Tom Harris, Aelybryn. Tribute must be paid to Mr. J. Lloyd Jones who approached the Imperial War Graves Commissioners.

Funeral: Mr. David R. Thomas, Junction House, aged 36 Mr. David R. Thomas has died suddenly. He was an ex-serviceman, serving with the Royal Artillery. He is survived by his widow and three children. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday, the vicar officiating. The bearers were members of the British Legion, of which Mr. Thomas was a member. The mourners were: Messrs. W. J. Thomas (brother); Arthur Thomas, Rhydney

(nephew); E. Williams, Glyn Neath; W. C. Vowles, Rhymney; T. Evans, Bargoed; T. Francis, J. Francis, Deri (brothers-in-law); David Price, D. W. Price, James Raymond, Pontlottyn (cousins) T. Williams, Onllwyn (uncle). At the house: Mrs. Thomas and children; Mr. W. J. Francis (father-in-law); Mrs. E. Williams, Mrs. C. Vowles, Mrs. T. Evans (sisters) Mrs. W. J. Thomas, Mrs. T. Francis (sisters-in-law) Mrs. Williams (aunt); Misses N. Jones and T. Williams, Seven Sisters (cousins); Mrs. Lester (friend).

British Legion: Former Secretary Honoured Mr. John Lloyd Jones, former secretary of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, was honoured at a meeting at the headquarters on Tuesday. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided. Others present were: Rev J. L. White, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mrs. Richard Evans (deputising for her husband). The women's section was strongly represented in the persons of Mrs. S. J. Jones (vice-president), Mrs. M. Phillips (chairman) Mrs. S. Jones (secretary). Deri branch was represented by Mr. Rees Jenkins. During the luncheon, Mr. James Symons, Deri, an Old Contemptible, and staunch member of the Fochriw branch, made the presentation to Mr. Jones of a life member's certificate, subscribed for by members of the branch. Mr. Jones expressed delight with the honour conferred upon him. He trusted he would fulfil all the obligations attached to a life member, and stressed the important work the Legion carried out. He referred to the sudden death of two of their comrades: David Richard Thomas and Alfred McCarthy. Mr. Jones also paid tribute to the toleration he had received and which enabled him to devote such a lot of time on behalf of his fellow ex servicemen. Tributes were paid by the Rev. J. L. White, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. S. J. Jones, Mrs. M. Phillips, Mr. E. Puddle. Later the chairman recited impromptu verse. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Mr. J. J. Lewis (district secretary), Councillor Lewis, Mr. W. J. Payne, and Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones (women section president).

The Late Mrs. J. Lewis One of Fochriw's oldest residents, Mrs. Jane Lewis, widow of Mr. William Lewis, Station-terrace, has died. Mrs. Lewis was aged 70.

Carmel Lecture "The old Characters of the Vale" was the subject of a lecture given by the Rev. Daniel Evans, Treorchy, on Saturday. Mr. Thomas Ballard presided.

Social Centre A lecture on "Pioneer Women" was given on Monday at the Old Library by Mrs. Ruby Davies, Cardiff. Mrs. S. J. Jones presided.

Noddfa Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday. Professor E. Roberts, Cardiff, preached throughout the day to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. David J. Thomas as the organist.

Secretary Welcomed A meeting of the Fochriw Silver Band was held at the library on Friday, when Mr. W. J. Payne, who presided, welcomed the new secretary, Mr. Mervyn Evans. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. J. H. Evans, committee-man, on the death of his father, Mr. John Mostyn Evans. Good wishes were extended to Mr. Dan James (vice-chairman), who is recovering from an accident received at his work.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided at a meeting at the library on Monday. The secretary and treasurer gave their reports. It is proposed to commence work on the levelling of the new ground for football, cricket, etc at an early date. Messrs. A. Mantle, W. J. Payne, T. J. Jones, W. A. Jones, with the secretary, will form a sub-committee to deal with the matter.

Library and Institute Mr. Ray Clark presided over a meeting on Thursday. It was decided to try and arrange for lectures in connection with the Y. M. C. A. The caretakers report was accepted. A book committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. Oliver, Miss Mary Morgan, Mr. Clifford Davies and Mr. Richard Jones.

Legion Women At a meeting of the women's section on Wednesday, Mrs. A. Jones gave a report of the Wales Area Conference at Llandudno, for which she was heartily thanked. Satisfaction was expressed that as a result of one of the resolutions dealing with the



restrictions imposed by headquarters in assisting unemployed ex-serviceman being adopted, headquarters were now considering modification of the rules

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St. David's Day Celebrations: Fochriw Mixed School An Eisteddfod took place on Monday under the supervision of Mr. T. J. Jones and staff. The awards were: Solos: girls under 10, Megan Davies; over 10, Gwladys Harris; boys under 10, David Evans and Glanmor Dummett; over 10, H. Lewis; duet, Jenny Davies and Howell Lewis; parties, Jenny Davies and party; instrumental, Lorna Jenkins, Mair Cumpstone, and Gwladys Harris. Recitations: girls under 10, Enid Davies; over 10, Eliza Evans and Betty Evans; boys under 10, James Price; written Welsh story, Marion Sullivan; reading Welsh, Hywel Lewis; melody, Howell Lewis and Leighton Millward; harmonising, Dennis Saunders; pastel drawing, Percy Ballard, Glanmor Dummett, James Price; pencil drawing, Howell Kinsey; dramas, Standards 1, 2, 3 and 4; Needlework, Std. 1, Eirwen Lugg; Std. 2, Elaine Thomas; Std. 3, Mary Davies; Std. 4, Evelyn Angell; Std. 5, 6, 7, Marion Lester and Betty Evans.

Penybank Council School children were given a accounts of incidents in Welsh history and famous Welshman by the headteacher Mr. A. Ballard and staff. A concert followed when those who took part were: Gordon Llewellyn, Jimmy Jones, Elsa Evans, Gwen Williams, Annie Wheeler, Margaret Thomas, Iris Morgan, Doreen Pollen, Freda Way, Leonard Thomas, Evan Strang and Philip Mantle.

Fochriw Infants School celebrated St. David's Day with action songs, dances and games under the supervision of Miss Lewis and staff. The scholars were granted a half-holiday in the afternoon.

Lenten Service A service held at the Parish Church on Wednesday, conducted by the Vicar. On Sunday evening, the preacher was the Rev F. W. Phillips, Deri.

Hospital Mr. Albert Kings, Pantywaun, who is a patient at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, as the result of a road accident, is making progress towards recovery.

Library and Institute Mr. R. Clark presided at a meeting of the Book Committee on Tuesday to select new books as a result of a grant of £20 from the District Commissioner through the Social Services League.

British Legion A meeting was held at the library on Tuesday. Mr. Edward Puddle dealt with correspondence. Discussion took place regarding employment in the area, and it was decided to take the matter up with Mr. Melville Davies, employment officer.

Wedding: Kendrick-Cleavey The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Elizabeth Mary Kendrick, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Prosser, Aelybryn, and Mr. John E. Cleavey, Deri. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Albert Prosser. The Vicar officiated. They will make their future home at Penybank.

Funeral: Mrs. Jane Williams, Station-terrace, aged 70 The funeral of Mrs. Jane Lewis took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday. She had resided in Fochriw for over 50 years, and was a member of Carmel Chapel. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. James P. Lewis (son); G. Jones (brother-in-law) Daniel Jones, Howell Jones, Evan and John Jenkins, Iorwerth Evans, Enoch Lewis, F. Pask (nephews); Gerald MacArthur, Howell Thomas, David and Sam Lewis (brothers-in-law). Mourners at the house: Miss Maria Jones, Mrs. Mary Evans, Mrs. Rhoda Williams, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. T. J. Jones, Misses M. MacArthur, A. Pask, M. L. Thomas (nieces); Mesdames MacArthur, H. Thomas, D. and S. Lewis (sisters-in-law); M. Walters.

**“Merthyr Express” 27 March 1937**

Nursing Success Miss Olga Chapman, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Williams-row, has obtained the state preliminary certificate in nursing. She is at present at the Chelmsford Hospital, Essex.

I.O.G.T. Brother Dan James presided at the meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. He was welcomed back after his illness. The programme took the form of favourite hymns. Each

member read out a favourite hymn, which was subsequently sung. Sister E. Ballard took charge of the programme.

R.A.O.B. Concert A concert was held by the Brynderwen Lodge at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, when the visitors were the Pencoedcae Lodge, Rhymney. Mr. H. Wood presided and the following took part: Messrs. T. Jones, D. Tyler, D. Watkins, J. J. Lewis, S. Williams, H. Thomas, J. Bevan, David Davies, W. Powell, E. Thomas, J. Price, T. J. Harris, F. Dummett, G. Harris. The accompanist was Mr. W. J. Davies, and the secretary Mr. S. Williams.

Pensioners' Fund A meeting was held at the library on Monday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary, presented a statement of accounts for the recent Flitch Trial, which had been an outstanding success. The statement was accepted, and all who had taken part were thanked. A discussion followed and schemes were considered to further augment the fund.

Presentation At the Old Library on Friday, Mr. John Phillips, contribution secretary of the Fochriw Silver Band, was presented with a silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, given by the members in appreciation of his services. Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman, said that Mr. Phillips had recently retired from the services of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, after having worked under them for 60 years. During this time he had not lost a day's work. The bandsmen were honouring one who had served them faithfully. Mr. Payne wished him a long and happy retirement from the collieries, but hoped to have his company in the band room for many years. Mr. D. R. Jones then spoke in Welsh, followed by the late secretary, Mr. J. J. Lewis, and Messrs. H. Wood, W. Price, C. Edwards and E. Lewis. The bandmaster, Mr. Albert Mantle, made the presentation.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 3 April 1937**

Child's Death The death has occurred of Nova Watkins, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Watkins, Aelybryn. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. G. R. Watkins (father); Levi Pritchard, William Watkins (grand fathers); Jos Wellings (great grandfather); William Watkins, Wilfred Watkins, William Wellings, William Roberts (uncles). Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Drama On Thursday evening, the New Hall was packed for the presentation of "Hawk Island" (Howard Irving Young) by the Fochriw Dramatic Society. Mr. George Walters was the producer. From such a well-established society, good acting is always looked for, and expectations were fully justified. The setting was exceptionally good. The chairman was Mr. Willie Adams Jones; and the stage managers Mr. Trevor Lawrence and Mr. E. Evans; the secretary was Mr. Bryn Davies. The cast: Mr. Bryn Davies, Miss Sarah Jones, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Tegwedd Cumpstone, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. Vernon Davies, Miss Eiluned Lawrence, Mr. Emrys Davies, Mr. Gwyn Evans, Mr. Burkley Davies.

Golden Wedding: Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes, Martin-street Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes celebrated their golden wedding on Easter Monday. They were married at Merthyr Tydfil. They resided at Tunnel Pit for 10 years, and have lived at Fochriw for over 37 years. Mr. Hughes, who is now 73 years of age, is a native of Dowlais, and worked as a pitman under Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at the Fochriw and Tunnel Pits until the closing down of the collieries. Mrs. Hughes, who is also 73 and a native of Dowlais, has been a member of Carmel Congregational Church for over 37 years. The following were present at the celebration: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. Wyndham Hughes (sons and daughters-in-law); Mr. Richard Jones (son-in-law); Mrs. D. J. Price, Mrs. Harry John, Miss May Hughes (daughters); Masters John and Norman Hughes, Douglas Hughes, Lyn Price; Lynn John Selwyn Hughes, Misses E. Price, Myra Jones (grand children); Mr. and Mrs. David J. Price, Miss Eileen Price, Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hughes,

Mrs. Williams, Miss Gretta Evans, Miss Betty Morgan, Mrs. Lucy Lewis. Suitable verses for the occasion were read by Mr. David J. Price.

Wedding: Cumpstone-Slade The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Eric Slade, Ickford, Oxford, and Miss Tegwedd Cumpstone, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cumpstone, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a charming gown of ivory chiffon velvet, with coronet of orange blossoms and a veil of net embroidered with applique work. She carried a bouquet of deep cream roses and white heather. The bridesmaids were Miss Myfanawy Davies, cousin of the mine; Miss Margaret Jones, sister of the bride; Miss Irene Markham, cousin of the bridegroom; and Miss Margaret Ballard, cousin of the bride. They wore gowns of purple chiffon velvet and carried white velvet muffs. Their head-dresses were caps of diamante net in juliet style, with a plait of white velvet. Miss Enid Cumpstone, niece of the bride, was the flower girl, and she wore a frock of white velvet and a hair band of deep purple violets. Master Billie Cumpstone, nephew of the bride, was the page. He wore a suit of purple velvet with crepe-de-chine blouse. Mr. Bert Cumpstone, brother of the bride, was the best man. Rev. J. L. White officiated. The honeymoon is being spent in Oxfordshire. The bride travelled in a green tweed tailor-made ensemble with green hat to match. Fifty guests were present at the reception at the Church Hall.

Hospital Miss Betty Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. N. Cumpstone, Council Houses, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, is making progress.

Band Presentation The name of Mr. Bob Rees, who paid a splendid tribute to Mr. John Phillips, was omitted from last week's report.

Cymanfa Ganu Held at Carmel on Sunday. The conductor was Mr. M. Shankland, and the accompanists were Miss B. Ballard and Mr. T. Walters. The following took part: Enid Davies, Megan Davies, Violet Abbey and Betty Evans.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 10 April 1937**

The Late Mrs. M. Williams The death has occurred of Mrs. Williams, Talgarth, the wife of Mr. Moses Williams, who was a deacon at Carmel Congregational Church.

Carmel Presentation On Sunday last at Carmel Vestry, the teachers of the primary department presented Stanley Watkins with a hymn-book for two and a half years regular attendance at Sunday school. Mr. David Lewis made the presentation.

Dramatic Society Social A social evening was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday by the committee and players of the Chapel Dramatic Society (producer Mrs. M. A. Lewis). The arrangements for the tea were made by Mrs. M. Davies and Mrs. A. Davies. Games were held, and solos, choruses and impromptu items were rendered by members. It was decided to proceed with preparations for next season's programme. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the accompanist Miss Beryl Ballard.

Eastern Vestry The Rev. J. L. White, vicar, presided over the Easter vestry meetings of the parish of Fochriw and Deri at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The financial statement was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, and each account showed a balance in hand. The accounts were audited by the Miss Rosie Davies. The election of officers resulted as follows: People's Warden, Mr. W. J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. T. Gambling; parochial church council: Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Annie Morgan, Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. Thomas Jones, T. Baldwin, Jack Lawrence, W. D. Davies, Arthur Palmer, George Evans; sidesmen: Messrs. W. D. Davies, Vivian Powell, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, Thomas Jones, Gordon Lawrence, A. Palmer, G. Evans. The vicar thanked all Church officers and members for their work during the past year. He said that if every member contributed regularly, the financial worries of the parish would be relieved. He was pleased to welcome to the parish his colleague, the Rev. F. C. Phillips, B.A., who, he was pleased to say, was doing excellent work at Deri. Next week, the Deri children were to give a performance of the operetta, "Barbette" at Fochriw, in aid of church funds.

### **“Merthyr Express” 17 April 1937**

Dramatic Society Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday by the Fochriw Dramatic Society. The music was supplied by the Serenaders Band, Merthyr, and the M.Cs. were Messrs. Idris and Arthur Cumpstone. Refreshments were served by women members of the society. The secretary is Mr. Bryn Davies.

Pensioners' Fund A meeting of the Outing Fund was held at the Old Library on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Arthur Horner, president of the Miners' Federation, to give a lecture in aid of the fund. It was decided to arrange for the annual outing to take place on the first Monday in July. Mr. J. H. Evans gave the financial statement, which was accepted.

Library and Institute Mr. Ray Clark presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. Arrangements were made for the forthcoming concert in aid of funds. It was decided to increase the accommodation for books by taking over one of the rooms at the Old Library, and adding a number of shelves. Reports from the librarian and caretaker were accepted.

Welfare Association Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting on Monday. Mr. R. Clark, secretary, stated that they were awaiting the visit of the surveyor to complete the survey before starting the new ground. Arrangements were made for sending boys to St. Athan Camp. It was decided to make a grant to the chapel funds at St. Athan Camp and also for periodicals. Complaints were received about damage at the children's playground. A number of boards had been taken from the shelter recently erected. It was decided to take proceedings in the matter.

### **“Merthyr Express” 24 April 1937**

Colliery Accident Mr. William Evans, Brynteg-street, fractured his leg whilst working at Ogilvie Colliery. He was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital.

Band Meeting A meeting was held at the Old Library on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. It was decided to accept a Pontlottyn engagement on Whit Monday, and also the Fochriw Coronation engagements.

Sewing Class To wind up the session, the Fochriw Ladies Sewing Class held a tea and entertainment at the Council School on Thursday, Councillor Sam Lewis addressing the gathering. The tray holders and helpers were Mesdames Sheen, S. G. Williams, G. Williams, L. James, M. A. Edwards D. Evans, E. Jones, R. Parry, D. Williams, G. Burrows, B. Evans, B. Edwards, W. Edwards. Mrs. M. H. Jones presided at the entertainment. The prize-winners were Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ivy Jones. The secretary was Mrs. R. Thomas with Mrs. E. Cumpstone as treasurer. Mrs. F. Evans, who was in charge of the class, responded to the vote of thanks. Thanks of were accorded Mrs. L. Smith for preparing the room.

Hospital S.O.S. The following ladies assisted in the distribution and collection of S.O.S envelopes in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital: Mesdames S. Lewis, W. A. Jones, Pugh, Morris, J. Williams, Harris, Pope, Strang, B. Evans, T. Jones, S. Jones, L. Evans, Morgan, Davies, E. Davies, Misses Jennie Jones and Winnie Evans. The secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne, and the treasurer Mrs. Howell Thomas. The sums realised in the districts were: Brynteg £1 3s 2d; Aelybryn £1 1s; Pentwyn 16s 4d; Guest-street & Dynevor-street 16s 2d; Martin-street 10s 9d; Cwmbargoed 6s 9d; Brook-row 6s 8d; Penybank 4s 2d. The total collected was £5 5s.

Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Evans, Brook House, aged 72 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Mrs. Sarah Evans. She was the wife of Mr. Henry Evans, who was an official in the mechanical department the Fochriw collieries of Messrs. G.K.N Ltd. Mrs. Evans had resided in the village for the whole of her life and was a member of Carmel Chapel. The vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Mr. A. Williams, Mr. H. Williams, Mr. W. Edwards, Trevor Edwards, John Elwyn Edwards, Mr. Percy Edwards, Bedford Edwards, Alvin Edwards, Bert Evans, J. R. Howells, Harry Evans.

At the house: Mrs. Neale, Miss Iris Edwards, Mair Evans, Mrs. Saunders, Miss Saunders, Miss Roberts, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. G. Jones, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Way.

Church Operetta A performance of the operetta "Barbette" was given by the members of St. Peter's Church Sunday school in aid of Parish Church funds at the Church hall on Thursday last. The Vicar presided. The performance was a triumph for the musical director, Mr. John Owen. The Rev. F. C. Phillips was the producer, and Miss Ceinwen Owen the accompanist. Miss L. Hootton was the dance instructress.

**"Merthyr Express" 1 May 1937**

Road Accident Mr. Idris Williams, Pentwyn, who was riding pillion with his brother-in-law, Mr. T. Powell, met with an accident on Sunday. It appears that his heel caught in the wheel and was badly cut. Mr. Powell, who is an ambulance man, rendered first aid, and Mr. Williams was taken home in a passing car. The Gellygaer Council accident car was called from one of the new call boxes, and arrived in about eight minutes. Williams was then conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital.

Variety Concert Penrhiwceiber Juvenile Operatic Society gave a variety performance at the New Hall on Thursday. The entertainment had been organised by the Coronation Committee. The Vicar presided. The performance was given entirely by children, and included sketches, songs and choruses, stick dance duet, toe tapping dance, a stepping medley, tambourine dance, Dutch stepping, etc. The society will give a performance in aid of Merthyr General Hospital in October.

Sudden Death: Mr. William Edward Jones, 12, Guest-street, aged 52 The death has occurred of Mr. William Edward Jones. He died on Saturday after being out as usual the previous day. In his younger days, Mr. Jones was an all-round sportsman and a fine rugby player. He leaves a widow and son. The funeral took place at Pentwyn churchyard on Tuesday. The Rev. R. Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. David Cecil Jones (son); Messrs. James Davies, Edward Davies, William Llewellyn (brothers-in-law); James A. Davies, William J. Llewellyn, Claude Smith, Vernon Llewellyn, Eddie Llewellyn, David Morris, Enoch Rees, Harry Price, Frank Way, Fred Way (nephews). At the house: Mrs. E. Jones (widow); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Davies (sisters-in-law); Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Way, Mrs. J. A. Davies (nieces).

Sale of Work A successful sale of work in connection with Carmel Church was held at the New Hall on Monday. Miss M. Walters, a native of Fochriw, and at present a sister of the Merthyr Infirmary, performed the opening ceremony. She was presented with the bouquet of roses by Mrs. M. Walters, chairman of the sewing class. There was a variety of work displayed and the sale was well patronised. The stall holders were: Food Stall: Mesdames Mary Walters, Martha Griffiths Elizabeth Lewis, M. A. Ballard and Ceridwen Walters; Underwear: Mesdames Sarah A. Cole, M. Davies and E. A. Evans; Fancy Stall: Mesdames M. A. Lewis, C. Oliver, M. M. Davies; Frocks and Tunics: Mrs. Nellie Evans, Miss Mary Morgan, Miss Iris Edwards; Woollen Stall: Mesdames M. Strang, H. Pope, Bronwen Jones; Jumble Stall: Mesdames L. A. Smith, L. Thomas and Miss Eirwen Thomas. Others who assisted were: Mesdames M. A. James, Elsie Rees, Blodwen Evans, R. M. Cumpstone, Misses Bessie Ballard, Beryl Ballard, Lisa Evans, Joan Way, Betty Jones. The secretaries were Mrs. E. May Davies and Miss Eirlys Jenkins, and the treasurers Mrs. Annie Davies and Miss Jessie Thomas.

Coronation Plans Arrangements are well in hand for a first class programme of events for the celebration of the Coronation at Fochriw. Officers of the committee are: president, the Rev. J. L. White; secretaries, Mr. Wadley and Mr. W. A. Jones; treasurer, Mr. A. Cumpstone. The functions promoted to raise funds have all been successful and will enable the Committee to plan festivities for Coronation Day more elaborately than once anticipated. On Coronation Day, it is up proposed to give each child a souvenir, and each old age pensioner and widow not catered for otherwise, with the supplementary sum of 2s 6d. The full

programme includes: floodlighting of the school by courtesy of Gellygaer Urban District Council; school children's tea with mug as souvenir (county gifts); carnival, to be held in the afternoon of May 12th, when prizes will be presented for the best dressed cycle and car, grouped and individual characters, also, mounted and walking characters; prizes for best house front; juvenile and senior sports; bonfire (by courtesy of Messrs. Guest Keen and Powell Duffryn Collieries); fireworks display.

Hospital S.O.S. As the result of a further donation to the Appeal, the Fochriw total is £5 10s 2d. Thanks to all contributors and helpers.

Personal Mr. George Dummett, 1, Martin-street, was taken seriously ill whilst working at the Brithdir Level on Sunday night. He was taken home by colliery ambulance, and is slowly improving.

Legion Supper A supper was held at the Library on Wednesday evening by the Women's Section.

### **“Merthyr Express” 8 May 1937**

British Legion Members of the men's and women's sections, with their standards, attended at Deri on Monday, and took part in the parade and dedication of standards of the Deri branch at St. Peter's Church.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided over a meeting at the library on Monday. Mr. R Clark, secretary, reported that the new playground had been surveyed, and work would soon commence. It was decided to make applications for further children's playing equipment for the children's corner, and also for additional seats.

Institute Concert A concert was held at the New Hall on the Thursday. It was given by the Merthyr Arcadian Concert Party and was in aid of funds. Councillor Sam Lewis presided, and the artistes were: Miss Maud Aris, piano accordion; Mr. Owen Powney, comedian; Mr. D. J. Harris, baritone; Mr. Billie Lewis, tenor. The large audience was delighted by the performances.

I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Lodge was held on Wednesday, Sister C. Jones presiding. Brother Oliver was elected Chief Templar for the coming quarter. Bros. G. Evans and S. Lewis gave the results of the previous week's scripture test. Sisters C. Jones was awarded the prize. Sister E. Ballard gave some readings.

Wedding: Jones-Roberts The wedding took place at Merthyr on Saturday of Nurse Phoebe Jones, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Plantation-terrace, and Mr. Bryn Roberts, Merthyr. The bride, who wore a blue gown, with hat and shoes to tone, was given away by her grand-father, Mr. Elias Davies. Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Davies, uncle and aunt of the bride were also present. The wedding breakfast was held at home of the bride. The couple will make their future home at Merthyr.

### **“Merthyr Express” 15 May 1937**

Coronation Donation Mr. W. J. Payne has received a donation of £2 2s for the children's Coronation tea from Mr. John Havard Davies, an old Fochriw boy, who is a member of the Vic Wells Opera Company, London. The donation is from the Opera Company. Mr. Davies is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Nant Cottage.

Coronation Emblems Emblem Day in aid of the British Legion and the Merthyr General Hospital took place on Friday and Saturday. The organisers were Mrs. S Phillips and Mrs. W. J. Payne. The sellers were: Mesdames S. & T. Jones, Richards, Smith, Phillips, Davies, Morgan, G Williams, Taylor, Miss Maureen Lewis, Kathleen Williams, Hannah Mantle, Doris Morgan, Mrs. L. Thomas and Mrs. Adams.

R.A. O. B. Supper The annual supper of the Brynderwen Lodge was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday. This supper was prepared by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pritchard. The tables were presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Prynne, Mrs. Trevor Davies, Mrs. Harriet Lewis. The musical entertainment which followed was presided over by Mr. T. Jones. The following artistes took part: solos: Messrs. C. Davies

(Rhymney), Tom Powell, Alfred Jenkins (Pontlottyn), J. J. Lewis, H. Turner (Rhymney), F Dummett, A. Jenkins (Pontlottyn), Tom Lewis and W. Crump (Rhymney). The accompanists were Messrs. D. J and T. Davies.

Library and Institute Mr. Ray Clark presided at the meeting on Thursday. The tender of Mr. Powell for completing the book room to receive the additional books was accepted. The librarian reported another consignment of books, which gave them one of the finest selections in the valley. Arrangements were now completed for the removal of all organisations down to one centre. The reports from the entertainments committee, the caretaker, and the financial statement were accepted.

Pensioners' Fund Meeting A meeting was held on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The secretary dealt with the correspondence including negotiations for the annual trip. It was decided to take the pensioners to Porthcawl. Arrangements were made for the forthcoming concert by the Melody Makers, Pontlottyn, and for the lecture by Mr. Arthur Horner in aid of the fund. Thanks were accorded Mr. Martin Thomas for his services in aid of the fund.

Coronation Celebrations The streets and houses were decorated with flags, streamers and bunting. The school was floodlit. The school children of Fochriw and Penybank held their teas on Tuesday at the Hall and School respectively. Other attractions were the carnival and parade, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band; sports, and presentation of mugs and other gifts. The old-aged pensioners and widows received 2s 6d each, and the Bonfire was lit. Each street held separate teas during the weekend. A coronation service was held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, conducted by the vicar. A supper, under the auspices of the British Legion Women's Section, was held at the Old Library on Monday. The following were the tray holders and helpers: Mesdames L. Thomas, Morgan, Sullivan, W. Davies, Adams, C. Way, Wright, T. I. Evans, W. Davies and Pegg. Mr. Sydney Phillips, chairman of the Men's Section was also present.

### **“Merthyr Express” 22 May 1937**

British Legion Mr. J. Lloyd Jones represented the branch at the London conference during the week.

Hospital Messrs. Goronwy Tyler, Aelybryn; Idris Williams, Pentwyn; and E. Sibley, Guest-street, patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are making progress towards recovery.

Sunday School Outing Members of Carmel and Nazareth chapels held their annual outing to Barry Island on Tuesday. The members of Noddfa Sunday school journeyed by charabanc to Porthcawl on Tuesday.

London Trip About 50 residents visited London on Saturday to view the Coronation decorations. The trip was organised by members of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir.

Noddfa At a meeting of the Sunday School, the officers and teachers appointed were: Mr. T. Thomas, school superintendent; Miss Winnie Evans, secretary; Mr. Jenkin Thomas, treasurer; teachers, Mrs. M. Pugh, Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. T. Davies, Mr. T. Evans, Mr. Rees Thomas, Mr. J. Evans, Mrs. Edna Evans-Jones, Mr. Jenkin Thomas.

Coronation Event Awards At the sport's and carnival under the auspices of the Coronation Committee, held at the football ground, the winners were: boys 8-10, 1. Leonard Thomas, 2. James Price; girls 8-10, 1. Margaret Davies, 2. Marie Davies; boys 10-12, 1. W. Wadley, 2. L. Millward; girls 10-12, 1. Marion Lester, 2. Dwywen Williams; boys 12-14, 1. Tom Morris, 2. Ed. Llewellyn; girls 12-14, 1. Jenny Davies, 2. Gertie Adams; Penybank, boys, 1. E. Strang, 2. Victor Davies; girls, 1. W. Evans, 2. Phyllis Prowse; Fochriw, boys, 1. W. Wadley, 2. L. Millward; girls, 1. E. Evans, 2. Gertie Adams; Potato race, boys, 1. M. Davies, 2. E. Jenkins; girls, 1. Thelma Morris, 2. Gwladys Harris; Relay race, boys, 1. Fochriw, 2. Penybank; girls, 1. Fochriw, 2. Fochriw; Cycle race (slow), C. Llewellyn; Secondary schoolboys, 1. E. Lewis, 2. R. Williams; girls, 1. A. Kinsey, 2. A. Thomas; Men's race, 1. D. Price, 2. J. Lewis; Marathon, 1. r. Williams, 2. T. Smith, 3. D. H. Thomas; Bicycle race (slow), 1. H. Evans, 2. D. Clarke; Bandsman's race, 1. Tudor Evans, 2. A. G. Burrows;

Women's race, 1. C. Williams, 2. L. Smith; Cycle race, 1. C. Lewis, 2. B. Davies. Carnival Awards: best dressed cycle, T. Way and C. Llewellyn; best dressed car, Mr. I. Cumpstone; best mounted character, Howell Kinsey; best dressed group, divided between "Indians" and "Britannia;" jazz bands, 1. Pentwyn Seniors, 2. Pentwyn Juniors; individual characters (female), 1. Mrs. E. M. Thomas ("Gipsy"); 2. Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Taylor ("Married Couple"); individual male, Couolors "Policeman;" Advertisement, "Cow and Gate" - Mrs. M. H. Morgan; best dressed character (girl), 1. A. Thomas ("Flowe Girl"), 2. Thelma Morris ("Sailor Boy"), 3. Dwynwen Williams ("Quads"); (boy), 1. Ellis Davies ("Collier Boy"), 2. W. Morgan ("Tommy Farr") 3. Graham Cumpstone ("Chinaman"); best dressed house, "Eirianfa" Aelybryn, Mrs. Davies; best streamer, No 4, Aelybryn, Mrs. Lewis.

**“Merthyr Express” 29 May 1937**

Hospital Mrs. Watkins, Stoney Houses, a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably.

Pensioners' Outing Fund A meeting was held on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The pensioners will be provided with a dinner and tea during the trip on 6th July. Representatives from Pantywaun attended a meeting on Monday, and it was decided to hold a community singing service in aid of funds at Pantywaun. The financial statement was satisfactory.

Children's Welfare Concert A concert was held the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the fund under the auspices of the women's section of the British Legion. The Aged Comrades Party, Dowlais, gave the concert. Mr. Thomas Ballard presided.

**“Merthyr Express” 5 June 1937**

Hospital Mr. J. Aldwyn Edwards, Brook-row, who was taken seriously ill, and removed to Merthyr General Hospital on Sunday, is still in a critical condition.

I.O.G.T. Brother Gomer Evans presided over the meeting. The programme was "Spelling Test." Sister Oliver was awarded the prize.

Outing Fund Mr. Albert Mantle presided over a meeting on Thursday at the Old Library. Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary, gave the arrangements for catering at Porthcawl on the 6th July. The community singing at Pantywaun on Sunday, June 13th, in aid of the fund, will be led by the Fochriw Silver Band. The singing will be conducted by Mr. Thomas Jones. Mr. John Henry Evans gave the financial statement.

**“Merthyr Express” 12 June 1937**

Welfare Playing Ground A visit was paid during the week to the Welfare ground by the Mr. Forester and Mr. Jones, Cardiff. They were met by Mr. Clark and Mr. Payne, and inspected the proposed new playing ground, and also spoke to a number of unemployed men. Later, they visited the children's playing field, and expressed themselves delighted with such a fine ground.

British Legion Mr. Ivor Lewis, general secretary, North East Glamorgan District Committee, was the speaker at the Fochriw branch meeting on Tuesday. He dealt with all aspects of British Legion work, including pension matters. The branch vice-President, Mr. J. Ll. Davies also gave an address.

Library Activities A meeting was held at the hall on Thursday evening last, Mr. Raymond Clark presiding. It was decided to centralise the activities at the new quarters this week. The librarian reported that a further number of books had been received, and arrangements were made for additional shelves to be fixed in the book room for the large number of books now available.

**“Merthyr Express” 19 June 1937**

Cricket Fochriw cricket club met Pontlottyn Juniors at Fochriw on Saturday. Scores: Fochriw, 66; Pontlottyn 50.

Carmel The annual meetings took place on Sunday. The special preacher was the Rev. D. J. Jones, Gorseinon. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.



Variety Concert A concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday by the Melody Makers from Pontlottyn. The concert was in aid of the Women's Social Welfare Centre. The chairman was Councillor Sam Lewis.

Personal Mr. Graham Jones, elder son of Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster of Fochriw Council School, has been awarded first prize by the Board of Education in Australia for an illuminated address design. Mr. Jones is now teaching at Glynell.

Band Meeting Mr. W J Payne presided over the meeting at the library on Thursday. It was decided that the band should play at the community singing at Pantywaun. A discussion took place with the object of finding ways and means of wiping off the debt on their uniforms.

Community Singing The community hymn singing was held in aid of the Pensioners' Outing Fund at Pantywaun on Sunday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided and read a portion of scripture. Mr. T. F. Jones conducted this singing and the Fochriw Silver Band accompanied. The band gave their services free. The Rev D. J. James, Gorseinon, addressed the meeting. Mr. Evan Jones, Pantywaun, also spoke.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided over the meeting at the New Hall on Monday. A report of the visit of Mr. Forest and Mr. Jones from the Commissioner's Office, Cardiff, was given by Mr. Payne and Mr. Clark. Complaints were again received about damage done at the children's playground by some of the older boys. It was decided to carry out further improvements, and a deputation was selected to wait on Captain Mason at Cardiff.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 26 June 1937**

I.O.G.T. Brother W. Oliver presided over the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. P.C. I. Davies (London) read a paper and was thanked by Bros. Lewis and Walters.

Funeral: Raymond Lewis, Mount Pleasant, Pentwyn The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday last of Raymond Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R Lewis. The Rev. D. O. Jones officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas R. Lewis (father); David Lewis (grand father); Elfed Lewis, William Lewis (uncles); Tom Lewis, William May, Bryn Jones (cousins); Mrs. Lewis, Miss L. Jones, Mrs. W. Lewis (aunts); Mrs. W. Way (cousin).

Funeral: Mr. Glyndwr Small, Ty Mawr, aged 16 The funeral took place of Mr. Glyndwr Small on Thursday last. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Llewellyn and Lemuel Small (brothers); Stephen Ballard, David Hemmings (brothers-in-law); James Richards, Llewellyn Richards, William Richards, Daniel Lewis, Tom Jones (uncles); Gomer Evans, David Evans, Edmund Davies, Cyril Sussex (cousins). At the house: Mrs. Small (mother); Mesdames Hemmings, S. Ballard (sisters); Mrs. L. Small (sister-in-law); Mrs. T. Jones (aunt); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. D. Evans (cousins); Rosie and May Hemmings, Elvira Small (nieces); Elwyn Hemmings, Ivor and Delwyn Small (nephews); Mrs. Morgan (friend).

Wedding: Morgan-Pope The wedding took place on Sunday at Bethania Chapel, Dowlais, of Miss Mary L. Morgan, only daughter of Mr. John Morgan and the late Mrs. Morgan, Plantation-terrace, and Mr. Thomas E. Pope, Dowlais. Rev. D. O. Jones, Penywern, officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a pink satin ensemble with fawn picture hat, and shoes to tone, and carried pink and white carnations. The bridesmaid was Miss May Pope who wore a floral dress, brown swagger coat, hat and shoes to tone and carried pink and white carnations. The reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, uncle and aunt of the bride. The honeymoon is being spent at Aberystwyth, the bride travelling in a tweed costumes with hat and shoes to match.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 3 July 1937**

I.O.G.T. Bro. G. Evans presided over the meeting of the Lodge. Bro. Thomas Walters was in charge of the programme, all members taking part.

Nursing Success Miss Olwen M. Chapman, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, 1, Williams-row, has passed her S.R.N. final state Nursing examination. Miss Chapman was trained at Chelmsford and Essex hospital where she is at present.

Pensioners' Outing The final arrangements for the trip to Porthcawl were made on Tuesday at a meeting at the New Hall. About 100 old age pensioners will travel. They will leave Fochriw at 9:30am.

Musician's Honours The name of Mr. Wyndham Price Lawrence, Mus. Bac., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Pleasant View, appears in the honours list of Cardiff University of Wales degree examination, Faculty of Music.

Funeral: Mrs. Abigail Clark, Rhaslas, Fochriw, aged 63 The funeral of Mrs. Abigail Clark, wife of Mr. George Clark, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Clark was a native of Rhymney, before moving to Pantywaun at a very early age, and from there to Rhaslas. The Rev. Evan Elias, Dowlais, officiated, and the chief mourners were: Messrs. George Clark (husband); John Clark (son); John Richards (son-in-law); Elved and Glyndwr Williams (grandsons); Messrs. Evan Jones and Ben Williams (brothers-in-law); Bryn Jones, Tom Jones, David Morris, Eben Morris, Tom Morris, Tom Dyer, Harold Dyer, John Dyer, Oliver Dyer, Essex Morris (cousins). At the house: Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. Williams, Miss G. Clark (daughters); Mrs. John Clark (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Morris (sister); Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Rees, Mrs. Evan Jones, Mrs. Sarah Barrett (sisters-in-law); Mrs. B. Williams, Mrs. A. Morris, Mrs. S. Morris, Mrs. E. Dare, Miss May Evans, Mrs. Nan Morris (nieces).

Sale of Work A sale of work in connection with the Parish Church was held up the Church Hall on Monday. The women of the sewing class had been busy for months, and the results of their labours were seen on the stalls. The opening ceremony was performed by the Mrs. A. Musgrove, Dowlais, who was supported on the platform by the vicar, Rev. J. L. White, the Rev. F. W. Phillips, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. White, Mrs. E. Iltyd Jones, and Miss Nora Musgrove. Little Shirley Lawrence presented a bouquet to Mrs. Musgrove. The stall holders were: Mothers' Union Sewing Stall, Mrs. J. L. White and Miss White; Pentwyn Stall, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. H. Archer, Mrs. Lewis; Pound Stall, Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Mrs. S. A. Jones, Mrs. Jack Lawrence, Miss Rosie Davies; Jumble Stall, Mrs. Bevan, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Gwladys Mills; Refreshment Stall, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. W. Davies, Mrs. G. Mantle; Bran-tub, Misses Annie Mills and Lilian M. Mills; Guessing Cake, Mrs. J. Lawrence and Miss W. Edwards; Fortune Telling, Mrs. Morgan.

N.S.P.C.C. The officers and committee and others visited Cheddar and Wells last week. The arrangements were made by Mrs. M. Jenkins, secretary.

Sheep Shearing Mr. John Lloyd, Aelybryn, won the first prize in the novice championship at the annual sheep-shearing contest at Bedlinog on Saturday.

British Legion The Fochriw branch was represented at the Royal Review on Sunday last by Mr. John Lloyd Jones, secretary for the Benevolent Committee, who carried the standard of the branch.

Pontlottyn Police Court Thomas Jenkins of Fochriw were summoned for stealing timber, value one shilling, the property of the Powell Duffryn Colliery Company. The case was dismissed with a caution.

### **"Merthyr Express" 10 July 1937**

Needlework Class On Saturday, members and friends of the Fochriw Needlework Class journey through the Vale of Glamorgan. They were accompanied by their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri.

I.O.G.T. Brother Oliver, Chief Templar, presided at the meeting at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. He read a humorous paper on "Superstitions," and was thanked by Brothers Jones and Walters.

Funeral: Mr. W. Francis, Guest St., aged 62 The burial of Mr. W. Francis took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Francis was a native of Bedlinog, but had lived at Deri for many years, and later at Fochriw. The Rev. Latimer Williams, Deri, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom and John Francis, Deri (sons); Tom and Jerry Francis, Bedlinog (brothers); Tom Williams and John Pugh, Onllwyn (brothers-in-law); Rees Thomas, Aberbargoed (nephew); P. Jones (friend). Mourners at the house: Mrs. C. Thomas (daughter); Mrs. G. Francis and Mrs. O. Francis (daughters-in-law); Mrs. T. Williams (sister-in-law); Misses R. A. Williams, M. Jones, B. Protheroe, L. Minton (nieces); Miss B Jones.

Pensioners' Outing The annual outing took place on Tuesday, when 171 pensioners and friends visited Porthcawl. They were a company devised by Messrs. W. J. Payne (chairman, outing committee), J. H. Evans (treasurer), D. J. Davies (secretary), and the following vice-presidents: Messrs. Edgar Pritchard, Emrys Lewis, Wm. Price, W. Watkins, R. Evans, Evan Jones and Sergt. Mourton. At the luncheon, Mr. Rees Thomas thanked the committee on behalf of the pensioners, and Mr. Joseph Shankland seconded. On the return journey each pensioner was given a little gift.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 17 July 1937**

Mothers' Union A large number of members took part in the festival at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly, on Thursday.

Hospital Mr. Simon Mills, Dynevor-street, was taken ill and conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital on Wednesday. He is progressing favourably after an operation.

School Outing The children of Fochriw and Penybank Council Schools, under the supervision of their headmasters and staff, visited London on Friday last, and saw various places of interest, including the Tower of London.

British Legion Mr. John Lloyd Jones represented the branch at Newcastle-Emlyn on Sunday last at the dedication of the memorial to the late Colonel Fitzwilliam by the Bishop of St. David's.

Nursing Appointments Nurse Ballard-Davies, Aelybryn-street, has been appointed for the new services provided under the new Mid-wives Act to take charge of the Fochriw area, and Nurse Rose Thomas, Martin-street, to take charge of Gellygaer. Both are fully qualified nurses, having carried on the work of midwifery for many years.

I.O.G.T. Brother Gomer Evans presided at a meeting of the Lodge. During the evening, music composed by Bro. Walters was sung.

Royal Visit Both of the Women's and Men's Section of the British Legion were represented at Cardiff on Wednesday during the royal visit. The standard-bearer of the women's section was Mrs. Lewis, and of the men's section, Mr. Symons. The Cadet Section of the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade, under the command of Cadet Officer Mr. Tom Powell, was also present.

Sewing Class Social A successful social in connection with the Carmel Sewing Class was held on Tuesday at the vestry. The tray holders and helpers were: Mesdames B. Jones, A. Davies, R. James, Strang, Pope, D. Evans, L. Evans, M. Walters, M. Griffiths, N. Evans, M. A. Ballard, C. Walters, M. A. James, M. Davies, E. Rees, H. Davies, W. A. Davies, Miss Jessie Thomas and Mr. John Davies. The musical part of the programme was presided over by Mrs. B. Rees, and the following took part: Mrs. T. I. Evans and party; duets, Mrs. A. Ballard and Mrs. T. Davies; Mrs. N. Evans and Mrs. Davies. The secretary is Mrs. W. A. Davies, and the treasurer, Mrs. A. Davies.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1937**

Hospital Mr. Tom Morgan, signalman at the cutting near Pantywaun, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably.

Cooking Demonstration Under the auspices of the Gellygaer Urban District Council, an electric cooking demonstration was given at the New Hall on Thursday. Winners of the lucky numbers were presented with a joint and cake.

R.A.O.B. A "Go-as-you-please" competition and concert took place at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, under the auspices of the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. Mr. D. J. Davies presided and Mr. Gilbert Harris was the pianist. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. Seaborne Williams, lodge secretary.

Grant For Welfare A meeting of the Welfare Association took place on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Albert Mantle. It was reported that a grant had been approved by the Special Areas Commissioners to commence the new football ground, and it is hoped to put the scheme into operation in a week or two. Attention was drawn to the lack of attendance of some of the representatives of the various organisations, and the secretary was instructed to write to the various bodies. It was decided to send two boys to St. Athan camp next term. The secretary reported on the work done in the children's corner, where light work is given every week to old age pensioners in keeping their place tidy. A deputation comprising the chairman and secretary was appointed to wait upon the Commissioners. A sub-committee comprising Messrs. A. Mantle, W. J. Payne, R. Clark, W. J. Williams, T. J. Jones, A. Ballard, and E. J. Jones was appointed to make arrangements for putting the scheme into operation at the new ground. An appeal was made to outside subscribers to contribute to the Welfare Scheme.

### **“Merthyr Express” 31 July 1937**

Distinction For Fochriw Boy: Brilliant Career at Nautical College Mr. Thomas J. Smith, son of Mrs. Laurie A. Smith, 17, Guest-street, has just completed a three years' course at Smith's Nautical School, Cardiff. He was educated at the Council School, under Mr. T. J. Jones, from where he obtained a scholarship to the Nautical College. During his studies at Cardiff, he had the distinction of being top of his form for each term each year, and finally became top boy for the three years. This was the first occasion on which a scholar at the college has obtained this distinction. In his final certificate, he obtained first position in every subject, including six distinctions, and was awarded the Master Mariner's Silver Medal for efficiency. He also distinguished himself in swimming, having obtained the silver and bronze medals, together with the badge and certificates of the Royal Life-Saving Society. Mr. Smith has now secured a post as midshipman on the merchant vessel, MacGregor Laird, one of the ships of the Elder Dempster Line, and will be leaving in a few days to take up duties. He is the first body in the village to take up a navigational career, and all wish him every success.

Examination Success Mr. James P. Lewis has passed the first part of the City and Guilds examination.

Hospital Miss Kathleen Williams, 7, Dynevor-street, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably after an operation.

I.O.G.T. Bro. Gomer Evans presided over the lodge meeting on Wednesday. The devotional part was taken by Sister M. A. Lewis.

Scholarship Success Muriel Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Davies, Plantation-street, a pupil at the Council School, has been added to the list of those awarded a scholarship at Bargoed Secondary School.

Chairman of Governors Mrs. S. J. Jones, Brynteg-terrace, has been appointed chairman of the Gellygaer County School governors. Mrs. Jones has been a governor for many years and is connected with various other organisations at Fochriw.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Monday. Reports were given by Mr. Ray Clark and Mr. Mantle of the interview at Cardiff with Captain Geoffrey Crawshay, District Commissioner for Special Areas. It was decided to call a meeting of the unemployed, and place the matter before them.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Wednesday. Mr. Mervyn Evans, secretary, reported that several applications had been received for engagements. The band will compete at the contest at Rhymney on Saturday in aid of the Rhymney Hospital, and will fulfil an engagement at Pant on Bank Holiday Monday.

Pensioners' Fund The annual meeting took place at New Hall on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. He thanked the officers, Committee and general public for their untiring efforts and support during the past year. The auditors, Messrs. W. A. Davis and Emlyn Evans, presented the statement of accounts. The balance sheet will be distributed among the public. The following officers were elected: presidents, Mr. John Bevan and Dr. Monnelly; vice-presidents, Coun. Sam Lewis, Sergt. Mourton and Mr. E. T. Pritchard; chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. A. Mantle; treasurer, Mr. John Henry Evans; secretary, Mr. David Davies; committee, Messrs. R. Evans, S. Phillips, C. Edwards, T. Jones, E. Lewis, W. J. Watkins, E. J. Jones, T. I. Evans, Evan Jones, W. A. Davies, Emlyn Evans and T. J. Jones.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 7 August 1937**

Gospel Hall The 7<sup>th</sup> annual convention took place during the week at the Gospel Hall. There were large attendances. Addresses were given by Pastor Evan Jones, Royston.

Annual Outings The annual outing of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. took place on Monday to Swansea by charabanc, when 55 adults and 27 children enjoyed the day at the seaside. Dinner and tea was served. The secretary was Mr. C. R. Mills. The members of St. Mary's Church Sunday school had a trip to Barry Island on Tuesday. Carmel chapel Sunday school had a trip on Tuesday evening around the Gower Coast with their superintendent Mr. David Lewis. The secretary and treasurer are Messrs. Wm. Griffiths and John Davies.

R.A.O.B. Supper The annual supper of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge took place at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday, when 61 members attended. Supper was prepared by the hosts, Messrs. Ll. D. and L. M. Jones. A concert followed, presided over by Mr. Percy Mantle, with Mr. Edward Puddle as vice chairman. The following rendered items: Brothers D. D. Thomas (pianist), J. Harrington, F. Dummett, J. J. Lewis, D. D. Thomas, Morgan, G. Mantle, C. Tyler, D. Tyler, E. Thomas, T. R. Lewis, Idris Williams.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 August 1937**

Congratulations At a recent meeting of the British Legion and U.S.F. Benevolent Committee, the chairman, Mrs. S. J. Jones, was congratulated on her recent appointment as chairman of the Gellygaer County School Governors. She has been on the board since 1925.

League of Nations "Daffodil Day" in connection with the League of Nations Union was organised by Mrs. S. J. Jones. Assistance was rendered by Misses Thelma Thomas, Edna Jones, Winnie Evans, Jessie Jones, Catherine Williams, Mills, Ethel Rowlands and Mrs. L. A. Smith. The amount collected was £1 7s 6d.

Funeral: Mrs. Jane Jones, Dynevor-street, the aged 62 The death has occurred of Mrs. Jane Jones, wife of Mr. Abraham Jones. Mrs. Jones had lived at Fochriw all her life. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last, when the Rev R. C. Pugh, Bedlinog, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Abraham Jones (husband); William and Bryn Jones (sons); Stephen and David Lewis (brothers), Tom Filstead (brother-in-law); T. Lewis, David Lewis, Gwyn Filstead, Tudor Davies, Johnny Jones, Lewis Thomas (nephews); David, Elfed and Wm. Lewis (cousins). At the house: Mrs. H. Oddin, London (daughter); Victor (grandson); Mrs. C. Filstead (sister); Mrs. W. Jones, Mrs. B. Jones (daughters-in-law); Mrs. S. Lewis (sister-in-law); Miss Ceinwen Lewis (niece); Mrs. David Lewis and children, Pontllytyn; Mrs. Thomas, Ynyshir (niece); Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Gittens and Mrs. Lawrence, Talybont.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 August 1937**

I.O.G.T. Bro. W. Oliver presided at a meeting of the lodge on Wednesday evening. The programme, "Topical Talks," was arranged by Brothers G. Evans. Nurses A. Ballard and Hulme of Manchester were given a welcome as visitors to the lodge.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided at a meeting on Monday at the New Hall. A report of the deputation connected to with the new play ground was given by Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. W. A. Jones.

Library and Institute Mr. Ray Clark presided over a meeting the New Hall on Thursday evening last. He reported that 2,768 books had been taken out this year. Also, the new book room have been completed.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 28 August 1937**

MPs Visit Mr. Morgan Jones, MP, addressed a meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday. Councillor Sam Lewis presided, and Mr. Jones explained the immediate programme of the Labour Party.

I.O.G.T. Sisters C. Jones was responsible for the programme. She gave a reading and was thanked by Brothers James and Walters.

Success Miss Megan V. Davies, SRN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, has passed a recent examination held by the Central Midwives Board. She was educated at the Girls County School, Hengoed, and was trained at the Royal Infirmary and Maternity Dept., Cardiff.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 4 September 1937**

Hospital Mr. Joe Pullen, Pentwyn, Mr. T. Morgan, Pantywaun, and Mr. Aldwyn Edwards, Brook-row, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are progressing favourably.

Social Service Camp A number of members of the Women's Social Centre are spending a holiday at Dimlands, Llantwit Major, under the Social Service Settlement scheme. Mrs. E. Thomas is the Fochriw secretary.

I.O.G.T. Brother W. Oliver presided at the lodge meeting on Wednesday. The programme for the evening was "Ode singing and Chants," Brother Walters being the organiser.

Welfare Association Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the New Hall one Monday. Mr. Clark reported that the tarmac had been laid at the Children's corner. It was decided to call a meeting of the unemployed to discuss the proposed new playing field.

Children's Outing The children of members of the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. were conveyed by charabanc on Tuesday to Gilwern. They were accompanied by Messrs. D. J. Davies and E. Puddle, as well as a number of parents. The children were provided with dinner, tea and one shilling each. The secretary is Mr. Seaborne Williams.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 11 September 1937**

Library and Institute Mr. Clark presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. The secretary dealt with correspondence and the financial position was given. The librarian reported that a further consignment of books had arrived. The auditor's report was given by Mr. H. Wood and Mr. R. Rees. The report showed splendid progress and was accepted.

Hospital Meeting A meeting in connection with Merthyr General Hospital was held at the New Hall on Monday, and there was a representative attendance. Mr. W. J. Payne said the meeting was to arrange for the concert by the Penrhiwceiber School Children. The vicar was appointed chairman, and Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Howell Thomas, auditors. The concert will be held on October 14th. Mr. T. J. Jones, on behalf of the staffs of Fochriw and Penybank schools, said they would carry out the arrangements in connection with the concert, and this was accepted.

Welfare Association A meeting in connection with the proposed football field etc., under the Distressed Areas Commissioner's Scheme, was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, Mr. Albert Mantle presiding. The meeting was called to place before the unemployed proposals for starting work on the scheme. This was explained by Mr. Mantle, Mr. Payne, Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. W. A. Jones on behalf of the local committee. It was decided to accept the

scheme and commence work as soon as possible. The scheme is a voluntary one with working hours from 9am to 2pm, with a mid-day meal, from Monday Friday, with no Saturday work. Other facilities would be granted the workers, such as a suit of clothes, pair of boots, etc.. It is felt that with this spirit of co-operation, Fochriw will soon possess a fine playing field.

Wedding: Jones-Richards The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Brinley Richards, Rhymney, and Miss Ann Jones, daughter of Mrs. S. J. Jones and the late Mr. David Jones, "Anwylfan," Fochriw. The service was conducted by the vicar, and Mr. Abel Jones, uncle of the bridegroom, was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. T. Hywel Jones, Caerphilly, wore a gown of blue pink charmeuse, and a Grecian coronet of orange blossoms from which fell her long veil of bluish pink tulle. She carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and her long train was carried by Master David Adams Jones, who was dressed in an oyster satin suit. The two flower girls, Miss Mildred Jones, Bargoed, and Mrs. Gillian Walters, Port Talbot (cousins of the bride), were dressed in forget-me-not blue Victorian frocks trimmed with silver lace. They wore wreaths of silver leaves and carried posies of pink rose buds and beaded vanity bags, the gifts of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids, Miss Frances M. Jones (sister of the bride), and Miss Eluned Lawrence, were attired in lavender slipper satin Victorian gowns, trimmed with ecru lace, and wore coronets of silver leaves. They wore amethyst and silver brooches, gifts of the bridegroom, and carried bouquets of pink carnations. The bride's mother wore a Buckingham lilac cloque ensemble, and the bridegroom's mother a blue crepe ensemble. A reception was held at the New Hall, and later the couple left for Brighton, the bride wearing a burgundy three-piece with hat and shoes to match, and a silver fox fur. Before leaving, the bride laid flowers on her father's grave. The bride was on the staff of Fochriw Infants' School. Their future home will be at Hilcot, Harley Crescent, Harrow.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 18 September 1937**

Annual Outings The members of the Women's Section of the British Legion held their outing at Swansea on Saturday. A class of Sunday School scholars from St. Mary's also visited Swansea on the same day.

The Late Mr. R. Slimmon The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. Robert Slimmon, Llwyniogo Farm. He was 73, and had kept Llwyniogo for 32 years. His wife died three years ago.

Old Resident's Death The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday of Mrs. Davies, widow of the late Mr. Thomas Davies, who was resident at Fochriw before moving to Pengam some years ago. Mrs. Davies was 84.

Silver Band A meeting was held last Thursday at the New Hall, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. A report of the progress of the band was given by the bandmaster.

I.O.G.T. Bro. Oliver presided over the meeting at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday. The programme for the evening was a spelling test, Sister Jones being responsible. All members took part.

Students' Campaign On Thursday evening at Nazareth Chapel, students of the Presbyterian Colleges conducted a revival campaign. The services were conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, and the opening prayer was offered by Mrs. Evans, Deri, after which the students gave addresses. The organist was Mr. W. Lawrence and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. Davies.

British Legion Under the auspices of the women's section, a farewell supper was held at the New Hall on Wednesday for two faithful members, Mrs. Frank Way and Mrs. F. Adams, who are leaving the district. The tray holders and helpers were: Mesdames W. D. Davies, Lewis, L. Thomas, Phillips, G. Williams, C. Shankland, Morgan, T. Jones, S. Jones, Wright, Mills, W. D. Davies. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mr. S. Phillips spoke. The secretary was Mrs. S. Jones, with Mrs. T. Jones as treasurer.

### **“Merthyr Express” 25 September 1937**

Personal Mr. T. J. Powell, Pentwyn, who is prominently identified with the Fochriw detachment of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, has received the Dr. De Laver's Diploma for Manipulative Surgery.

I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Wednesday. Brother G. Evans was in charge of the programme that was of a devotional nature. Sister Lewis and Brother Evans took part.

Library and the Institute Mr. Ray Clark presided at a meeting at the New Hall. A discussion took place with regard to extending the present buildings to centralise the activities of the Institute. Mr. Ness Edwards, miners' agent, was present, and gave some valuable advice to the members.

The Late Mr. D. Jenkins Mr. D. Jenkins, a resident of Fochriw, has died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Jones, Bargoed. Mr. Davies was one of the pioneers of the St. John Ambulance movement in the district and was invested with the title of Honorary Serving Brother of the Order. Before his retirement some years ago, he was corps treasurer, and had also held the position of secretary. In his younger days, he was a keen musician and singer, and won prizes at many eisteddfodau. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel.

Funeral: Mr. Robert Slimmon, Llwyniago Farm, aged 73 The burial took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday of Mr. Robert Slimmons. He had associated himself with numerous movements for the benefit of Fochriw. He attended St. Mary's Church, and was a committee man of the Fochriw Silver Band. The Vicar and the Rev. Richard Evans officiated, and a representative attendance included several farmers from the district. The mourners were: Messrs. William, John, Matthew, Alfred and Lornie Slimmon (sons); John Lloyd, Willie and Edwards, William Beer (sons-in-law); G. Llewellyn, Bob, Eddie and Willie Slimmon, Alfred Wood, Lewis Watkins, Geoffrey Burke, Robert and Alvin Llewellyn (nephews). Mourners at the house: Maggie, Sophie, Grace, Addie and Margaret (daughters); Mesdames S., J., and M. Slimmon (daughters-in-law); Mrs. J. Pellard (sister); Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mrs. M. J. Watkins, Mrs. Doris Wood, Miss Katie J. Davies (nieces); Mrs. Wood, Merthyr; Mrs. Jones, New Tredegar; Mrs. Cook, Bedwas.

Pontlottyn Police Court Stephen Jones of Fochriw, was summoned for riding a motorcycle without signing the licence as required by Act of Parliament. He was required to pay the costs of the summons.

### **“Merthyr Express” 2 October 1937**

Ladies' Choir The choir, under the conductorship of Madame H. C. Davies, competed at the Abergavenny Eisteddfod on Saturday. Although not successful, they gave a splendid rendering.

Deaths Two well-known residents died last week. They were Mr. James Budd, who died at the home of his son in London on Sunday, aged 78 years, and Mrs. Mary Griffiths, wife of Mr. O. Griffiths, Aelybryn-street, whose death occurred on Saturday, aged 63 years.

Harvest Festival Services are held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday, conducted by the vicar and the Rev. F. R. Phillips. The special preachers were: Sunday, the Rev. T. H. Lewis, Rhymney, and Rev. H. Penhalliwick, Bargoed; Monday, Rev. G. J. Pritchard. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell with Mr. O. Richards at the organ.

### **“Merthyr Express” 9 October 1937**

St. Mary's Church The pulpit was occupied on Sunday morning by the Rev F. R. Phillips, and in the evening by the Rev J. R. Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney.

I.O.G.T. A Thanksgiving service was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday by the Star of Fochriw Lodge and was presided over by Brother Oliver. Sisters Oliver and E. Ballard introduced the service with a reading from scripture and prayers. Duets were rendered by Sisters B. Ballard and Oliver.



Library and Institute Mr. Ray Clark presided at a meeting at and New Hall on Thursday, to consider the erection of a New Hall and alteration to the existing building for centralising the activities of the Institute. Three plans were under consideration, and it is hoped, in the near future, to proceed with the scheme that will be of most benefit to the village.

Funeral: Mr. James Budd, late Glyn-terace, aged 78 The funeral of Mr. James Budd took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. C. Budd (son and daughter in law); Messrs. Burkley Angell, Willie Angell, B. Angell, Thomas J. Jenkins, Tom Jenkins, David Jenkins, William Jenkins, Isaac Williams (cousins); Mr. Skinner, Barking.

Funeral: Mrs. Mary Griffiths, 33, Aelybryn The funeral of Mrs. Mary Griffiths, wife of Mr. Oliver Griffiths, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. The Vicar officiated. Mrs. Griffiths was 63 years of age, and had resided in the village for the greater part of her life. The mourners were: Mr. Oliver Griffiths (husband); Mr. Lewis Griffiths (son); Mr. W. Games (son-in-law); Messrs. D. Davies, Ed. Davies (brothers-in-law); David Davies, Willie Davies, W. Angell, Evan Davies, Teddy Davies, Oliver Davies (nephews); Alfred Games, J. and L. Cheape, Bryn Jones and M. Jones. At the house: Mrs. Edith Games (daughter); Mrs. M. Davies (sister); L. Angell, M. and A. Davies (nieces); Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Games, Mrs. E. Jones, Miss R. Bounds.

**“Merthyr Express” 16 October 1937**

Blackpool Outing The Pals' Outing Club, numbering 26, journeyed to Blackpool on Friday, returning on Sunday night. The arrangements were carried out by the organiser, Mr. D. John Davies.

I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Wednesday, Bro. Gomer Evans presiding. Bro. D. James gave an address on "First Aid."

Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, were held at the Social Centre building on Sunday and Monday. The vicar and the Rev. F. R. Phillips preached, as did Rev. J. H. Mason, Pontlottyn. The church is closed at present for repairs.

Death: Mr. George Dummett, Martin-street, aged 56 Mr. George Dummett died on Monday. He was taken ill at his work a short time ago, but was recovering. He was a keen gardener, and was inspecting his allotment when he had a seizure. He was carried home, and died some hours later. His wife, eight sons and three daughters, were present when he died.

Legion Presentation On her departure to join her husband, Mr. Frank Way, who is employed at Sealand, the women's section of the British Legion presented Miss Irene Way with a handbag at a concert at the New Hall. The presentation was made by Mrs. Tom Jones, Pentwyn. The chairman was Mrs. S Phillips.

Funeral: Mrs. Ann Jones, aged 86 The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Ann Jones. Mrs. Jones was a native of Dowlais, but had resided at Fochriw about 30 years. She was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Jones (son); Joshua Rees (brother); John Morris (son-in-law); W. J. Jones, D. Jones, G. Jones, E. Jones, J. Harding, E. Rees (grandchildren); W. James, Thomas Jones, D. Thomas Jones, Joshua Jones, J. Goodwill, Thomas Jones, J. Thomas, M. Jones (brothers-in-law); S. Jones, B. Rees, J. Rees (nephews); John Lewis, Edward Lewis, William Griffiths, John Morgan (cousins); William T. Lewis, Emrys Lewis, Bob Rees, D. Baines. At the house: Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. Morris, Miss Sarah Jones (daughters); Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Rees, Mrs. V. Jones (grand-daughters); Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Jenkins, Miss M. Jones, Miss S. Davies, Mrs. Mary Jones, Mrs. B. Thomas (sisters-in-law); Mrs. M. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. M. Jenkins, Mrs. T. Jenkins, Mrs. M. A. Bevan (cousins); Mrs. P. Hollister.

**“Merthyr Express” 23 October 1937**

Sale of Properties Lot 5: All that leasehold dwelling house known as No. 22 Brynteg, now let at £20 16s per annum, and held for a term of 99 years from March 25th, 1912, at an annual ground rent of £1 12s..

Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are making progress: Mrs. Mary Walters, Moore's-row; Mrs. Sarah Evans, Pentwyn; Mrs. A. Morgan, Penybank; Mr. W. H. Jones, Martin-street; Miss Mair Gittens, Guest-street; Mr. David Evans, Penybank; Mrs. C. Edwards, Plantation-street; Mr. Aldwyn Edwards, Brook-row.

I.O.G.T. Bro. Oliver presided over the lodge meeting. Sister Beryl Ballard gave a short biography of Wagner and afterwards the "origin," and a description of his opera, "Tannhauser." She was thanked by Brothers Walters and Davies.

Hospital Concert On Thursday last, a variety concert was given at the New Hall by the Penrhiwceiber Juvenile School Party. The concert was in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The greater part of the arrangements were carried out by the teaching staff of the Fochriw and Penybank schools, with their head teachers, Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. Arthur Ballard, and Mr. Willie Adams Jones as secretary. In the absence of the chairman, Rev. J. L. White, Mr. T. J. Jones presided. In introducing the party, Mr. Jones said they had raised nearly £2,000 for charity. He thanked them for coming to Fochriw for a second time. Also present were Councillor Lewis Jones, secretary of the hospital, and Mr. W. J. Payne, board member. Councillor Jones said that Merthyr General Hospital was the only voluntary hospital in Wales, and there was "an ever open door" for anyone, if there was a bed available. The cost of maintenance was increasing as extra facilities were installed, and this meant greater efforts if the hospital was going to maintain its voluntary basis.

Funeral: Mr. George Dummett, 1, Martin-street, aged 66 The funeral of Mr. George Dummett took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. He was a native of Somerton, Somersetshire, but came to Fochriw 50 years ago. He is survived by his widow and a grown-up family. The Vicar officiated, and the mourners were: Messrs. Edwin, Fred, Charles, George, Alfred, Percy, Albert and Rufus Dummett (sons); Ed. G. Dummett, Ronald Price, H. J. Watkins, Thos. Watkins, Glanmor Dummett, Haydn Watkins, Baden Dummett (grandsons); Edward Price, Evan Watkins (sons-in-law); David Cheeke, W. Cheeke, A. Morgan, D. Parry, D. J. Harris, D. Davies (brothers-in-law); E. J and D. J. Parry, W. Parry, T. Yeoman, Cyril Williams, Leslie Williams, David Hopkins, R. Harris, S. Newman (nephews); Thos. Jones (uncle); D. H. Thomas, I. Evans, G. Davies, D. James, S. Jones. At the house: Mrs. C. Dummett (widow); Mrs. Price, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. N. M. Dummett (daughters); Mrs. Newman, R. Price, B. Price (grand-daughters); Mesdames A., C. M., N., M., G. and P. Dummett (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. H. Morgan, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. D. and W. Cheeke (sisters-in-law); Mrs. A. Jones (aunt). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S. V. Powell, Dynevor-street.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 30 October 1937**

Nazareth On Sunday last, an address was given by Miss Beryl E. de Vine, of Tasmania, Australia (founder and crusading evangelist). The Rev. & Mrs. R. Evans conducted the services, and Miss Katie Davies was the organist.

Organist's Departure Mr. Octavius Richards, who has been organist at the Parish Church for the last thirty years, played for the last time on Sunday, before leaving the district to reside at Pengam. At the evening service, best wishes were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Richards. A presentation to mark his services will follow later. He will be succeeded as organist by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac.

"Harvest Home" Tea The annual harvest home tea in connection with the Parish Church took place on Thursday last at the Church Hall. The tray holders and helpers were: Mesdame White, E. J. Lawrence, W. J. Payne, W. H. Jones, W. D. Davies, May Lawrence, Tom Jones, M. A. Edwards, O. Richards, S. Phillips, archer. J. R. Walters, Misses Rosie Davies, Wynda

Edwards, Gwladys Mills, Annie Mills, the Vicar, Messrs. W. J. Payne, Jack Lawrence, W. D. Davies, W. Pegg and Henry Archer.

Funeral: Mrs. Mary Walters, 4, Moore's-row, aged 70 The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Walters. Mrs. Walters died at Merthyr General Hospital. She came to Fochriw 68 years ago with her parents from Penywern, Dowlais. Her husband, Mr. Walter Walters died five years ago. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Tom, John and George Walters (sons); George Jones (brother); Robert Thomas (son-in-law); Idwal Walters, Idris Walters (grandsons); Ivor Morgan (grandson-in-law); Dan Jones, Thomas Hywel Jones, Hywell Jones, John Rees Walters, Thomas George Davies, Iorwerth Evans, Tom Walters, Arthur Ballard, William Davey, Emrys Davies, Isaac and Gwilym Davey (nephews); John Jones, Richard Lewis, William Jones, William G. Davies (cousins). At the house: Mrs. Edith Thomas (daughter); Mrs. Tom Walters, Mrs. John Walters (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Megan Morgan and Miss Eirwen Walters (grand daughters); Mrs. Idwal Walters (grand-daughter-in-law); Mrs. Elizabeth Walters (sister-in-law); Miss Maria Jones, Mrs. Mary Evans, Miss Frances M. Jones, Mrs. M. A. Ballard, Mrs. Rachel Parry, Mrs. M. A. Harris, Mrs. T. G. Davies (nieces); Mrs. Simons, Mrs. R. Lewis, Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. W. Jones (cousins); Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. A. Evans, Mrs. E. Harris.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 6 November 1937**

Hospital Mr. Goronwy Tyler, Aelybryn, who is the patient at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, is making satisfactory progress.

Welfare Progress Mr. Albert Mantle presided at the New Hall on Thursday, when Mr. Ray Clark, Secretary, reported on the work carried out at the children's playground. The financial position was given by the treasurer, Mr. W. J. Williams.

Welfare Organiser Captain Mason, Cardiff, organiser of the Welfare Association, and Mr. Taylor, one of the secretaries, visited Fochriw on Friday, and were met by Mr. Albert Mantle, chairman of the Fochriw Association, Mr. Raymond Clark, chairman of the Fochriw Library and the Institute, Mr. D. I. Evans, secretary, and members of both committees. They paid a visit to the children's playground and afterwards visited the library and Institute.

British Legion Women The annual meeting of the Women's Section took place at the New Hall last week, and was presided over by the chairman Mrs. S. Phillips. The auditors, Mrs. S. Lewis and Miss Rosie Davies, presented a report which revealed a very satisfactory years working. Mrs. S. Jones, secretary, gave a report of the Wales Area Conference at Cardiff, and the other delegates who attended were Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. T. Jones. The reports were accepted. The officers elected for the coming year were: President, Mrs. Lloyd Jones; vice-president, Mesdames S. J. Jones, Bevan, Mourton; chairman, Mrs. Phillips; vice chairman, Mrs. L. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Jones; secretary, Mrs. A. Jones; standard bearer, Mrs. Lewis; auditors, Mrs. Lewis and Miss Rosie Davies.

British Legion The annual meeting of the branch took place on Tuesday when the following were appointed officers for the coming year: President, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-presidents, Mr. I. E. Cumpstone, and Mr. J. L. Jones; chairman, Mr. Sydney Phillips; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Symons; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Pegg; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. Edward Puddle; standard bearer, Mr. James Symons; chaplains, Rev J. L. White and the Rev R. Evans; Committee, Messrs. W. D. Davies, T. Jones, J. W. Davies, R. T. Kinsey, W. H. Conway, D. Thomas, J. Sullivan and W. A. Thomas. Mr. Sydney Phillips announced that the arrangements for the Remembrance Day service were now complete. Members are asked to attend at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 7th November, at 3pm. Invitations were being sent to other organisations to co-operate in the service. The following were elected to the B.L. and U.S.F. Benevolent Committee: Messrs. I. E. Cumpstone, T. J. Jones, T. Jones, S. Jones, W. H. Way, T. I. Evans, W. A. Thomas.

Pontlloftyn Police Court A fine of £1 for each offence was imposed on Walter Jones of Fochriw who pleaded guilty to driving a motorcycle without a licence or a policy of insurance. Leslie Jones of Fochriw, the owner of the machine, was fined £1 on each charge for aiding and abetting Walter Jones.

**“Merthyr Express” 13 November 1937**

Nazareth The yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. T. M. Lloyd, Treorchy, was the preacher. Mr. W. A. Davis conducted singing and Miss K. Jones Davies was the organist.

Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last and were well attended. The preacher throughout the services was the Rev. M. S. Young of Cardiff. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. D. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at a meeting on Tuesday. The offer of Mr. A. Morris to give a concert in aid of the Children's Welfare Fund was accepted, and arrangements were made to hold the event on Thursday, 2nd December. A report on the recent meeting of the North East Glamorgan District Committee was given by the Mr. Puddle. The chairman thanked members for their attendance at the service at St. Mary's on Sunday.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided at the meeting at the New Hall on Wednesday. The secretary, Mr. Mervyn Evans, reported that several instruments had been sent away for repairs. Applications had been received for engagements during November. These had been refused until the instruments are returned. It was decided to invite applications for a few new playing members for the band. An entertainments committee appointed to arrange a concert in aid of funds comprised the following: Messrs. Bob Rees, H. Wood, John Mantle, Glyn Burrows, Elwyn Lewis and J. Saunders. The band-master gave his report.

Library and Institute Mr. Ray Clarke presided at the New Hall on Thursday last. The secretary dealt with the correspondence and gave the financial report. The usual billiards tournament was agreed upon, and several entries were received. A deputation from the British Legion, consisting of Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mr. Edward Puddle, attended and placed an appeal on behalf of the Legion, which was satisfactorily received. A report on the visit of Captain Mason and Mr. Taylor was given by the Mr. Evans and Mr. Clark. The librarian stated that 3,860 books had been taken out this year. The caretaker's report was accepted.

**“Merthyr Express” 20 November 1937**

For The Hospital The concert given by the Penrhiwceiber School Children raised £13 for the Merthyr General Hospital.

Appointment Mr. William Adams Jones has been appointed headmaster of the boys' winter camp at Pembrey.

I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Wednesday, Bro. Walters was in charge of the programme.

Ambulance Worker Corps Treasurer John Morgan of the Dowlais Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade has been nominated for the post of Corps Superintendent. He has served for 36 years in the movement.

Dramatic Society The New Hall was crowded on the Thursday last, when the Fochriw Dramatic Society, with Miss Sal. Jones as producer, staged the comedy "Nothing but the Truth" (Lesley Howard). The performance was in aid of the funds of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Mr. Sam Lewis presided. The play was well produced and the players showed a fine team spirit. The players were: Messrs. David J. Thomas, Egryn Thomas, Thomas J. Jones, Burkley Davies, Miss Eluned Lawrence, Elsa Mathews, Katie J. Davies, and Nan Clee. Mr. John Morgan tendered thanks to the company.

Poppy Day Poppy day at Fochriw has organised by the Mrs. S. J. Jones and the sellers were: Brynteg, Misses Eirwen Thomas and Beryl Morris; Upper Fochriw, Mrs. L. Thomas and Mrs. E. Sullivan; Aelybryn, Mrs. Catherine Way and Mrs. Crad Shankland; Brook-row

and Council Houses, Mrs. Blodwen Evans and Mrs. Gomer Williams; Penybank and Pentwyn, Mrs. S. Phillips and Mrs. D. Lewis. The amount realised was £4 17s 10d. The sale of wreaths and a collection on Remembrance Sunday totalled £1 18s 11d.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 27 November 1937**

Personal Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, president of the Women's Section of the British Legion, who has been ill for a long time, and has been recuperating at her daughter's home at Bargoed, has now returned home much improved in health.

Organist's Appointment Miss Katie Jones Davies, Pennant, Fochriw, has been appointed organist of Nazareth Chapel. Miss Davies is headmistress of Bargoed South Infants' School. Mr. D. J. Davies, Aelybryn, was appointed deputy organist.

Deacon's Death Two well known residents died this week - Mr. John Jones, Aelybryn, at the age of 74, who was senior Deacon at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, and Mrs. Sarah Evans, Davies-row, Pentwyn, at the age of 57.

Hospital Concert The Executive Board wish to thank all for their services at the recent concert.

Drama Performance The Fochriw Dramatic Society entertained at the patients at the Miners' Convalescent Home at Talygarn on Saturday evening.

Public Meeting On Monday evening at the New Hall, a public meeting was addressed by County Councillor W. J. Kedward, Bargoed, who gave a review of his stewardship as a member of the Glamorgan County Council. Councillor Sam Lewis, who presided, gave a review of his work as a member of the Gellygaer Urban District Council. He dealt with the many improvements in the village, such as of the new time tarmacadam roads, and the further road improvements to take place. Seats had also arrived to be placed on the road-side, also the playthings for the Children's corner at Pentwyn. Improvements would also take place at Pantywaun.

New Recreation Ground A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday in connection with the Recreation ground under the Distressed Area Commissioner's Scheme. Mr. Albert Mantle presided. Several committee members were present, also a large number of unemployed. The chairman outlined the object of the meeting, and introduced Mr. W. M. Forrest and Mr. T Jones, from of the District Commissioner's office at Cardiff. Mr. Forrest said the scheme had been approved and the amount of the grant settled on, so that work could now proceed at any time. However, he thought it would be wise, owing to the weather conditions at this time of year, to delay the start of operations until the spring. But that was for the meeting to decide. Mr. Jones also spoke. Following the discussion, a resolution was carried unanimously to commence operations in the spring.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 4 December 1937**

Nazareth On Monday, the Rev. R. T. Gregory, Taffs Well, gave a lecture on "The British and Foreign Bible Society." The chairman was the Rev. Richard Evans, and Miss Katie Davies was the organist. Mr. Thomas Ballard proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was seconded by Mr. Burkley Davies.

R.A.O.B. Competition A "Go-as-you-please" competition under the auspices of the Brynderwen Lodge in aid of the Widows and Orphans Fund, took place at the lodge-room of the Rising Sun Inn on Monday. The chairman was Mr. David J. Davies, and the adjudicator was Mr. James J. Lewis. Mr. Gilbert Harris was the accompanist. The winners were: 1. Mr. W. J. Davies, Bedlinog; 2. Mr. Eddie Thomas and Mr. R. J. Price (equal); 3. Mr. Goronwy Tyler.

Benevolent Committee At a meeting on Tuesday, the following were appointed officers for the year: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; treasurer Mrs. M. H. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mr. Lloyd Jones, as local United Services Fund representative, thanked the retiring committee for their loyal co-operation. Mr. Payne thanked the members for their confidence. Mrs. S. J. Jones, the retiring chairman also spoke.

The committee comprises Messrs. T. J. Jones, W. A. Thomas, T. Jones, W. H. Way, S. Jones, T. L. M. Evans, I. E. Cumpstone, representing Fochriw B. L. Branch; Mesdames A. Jones and M. H. Jones representing the Women's Section; Mrs. S. J. Jones, Poppy Day workers; Rev. J. L. White, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Several sick cases were assisted and provision made for many unemployed ex-Servicemen.

Funeral: Mr. John Jones, 6, Aelybryn, aged 75 The death has occurred of Mr. John Jones. Although a native of Penydarren, he had spent the greater part of his life in Fochriw. He had been an official under Messrs. G.K.N. Ltd. for many years until his retirement. Mr. Jones was a deacon of the Noddfa chapel for the last 50 years. The burial took place on Saturday at Pant Cemetery, and there was a representative attendance. The Rev. Ieuan Evans, former pastor of Noddfa, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Walters (son in-law); Ronald B., Thomas J., and Leighton B. Walters (grandsons); Gwilym and Benjamin Thomas, William Jones (brothers-in-law); David T. Thomas, Thomas J. Richards, Evan W. Jones, Nehemiah Thomas (nephews); John Bevan (cousin). At the house: Mrs. C. M. Jones (widow); Mrs. T. Walters (daughter); Mrs. Jones (sister); Mrs. Ada Jones, Mrs. G. Thomas (sister-in-law); Mesdames Bevan, Williams, Rogers, M. J. Jones (nieces).

Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Evans, 3, Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 57 Mrs. Sarah Evans, wife of Mr. Benjamin Evans, was buried on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Evans had returned from the Merthyr General Hospital and died later that day. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Benjamin Evans (husband); William Thomas and Edward (sons); Derek (grandson); Mr. Hab Morgan (brother); Messrs. C. Ballard, H. & T. Evans, T. Edwards (brother-in-law); Ed. Lewis, Hab Morgan (uncles); Edward J. and Rod Jones, W. M. and George Davies, Gomer Davies, W. Lewis, Gilbert Harris, Ivor Morgan, Glyn Meredith, W. Davies, Edward and Tom Davies, W. Pope, T. B. Edwards, W. H. Davies, C. Edwards, Albert, Tom, George, and Leslie Mantle, Emrys Lewis, David L. Thomas, J. and Willie Evans, Alf Morgan, W. J. Payne, Windsor Lewis, Terence Kelly, W. Hewins, Tom Sullivan, W. Bennett, Meth Evans, J. Morgan, W. Gibbon, Dd. Evans, Iorwerth Williams. At the house: Misses Sal and Mary J. Evans (daughters); Mrs. E. Evans (daughter-in-law); Jennie and Mattie (grand-daughters); Mrs. H. Jones (sister); Mrs. F. Morgan, Mrs. H. Morgan (sisters-in-law); Mrs. E. M. Davies (aunt); Mrs. M. Evans (sister-in-law); Mary A. Lewis, C. Harris, Doris and Edna Morgan, Esther Sullivan, Myfanwy Jones, Mrs. Gibbon, Eliz. A. Hewins, Hannah Meredith (nieces).

Success Nurse Megan Morris, daughter of Mrs. Millward, Aelybryn, and the late Mr. Edgar Morris, has passed her final state examination in Nursing. She was trained at the Municipal Hospital, Hastings, where she is still nursing.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "General Knowledge Questions." Also, Sisters Lewis and Ballard gave readings.

Pontlottyn Police Court An order of 7s 6d per week for the maintenance of a child was made against Stanley Russell of Fochriw who did not appear. The application was made by Dulcie Ann Carter of Deri who alleged Russell was the father of her child. Russell had now married another girl.

Attwell Woods of Fochriw was fined £2 after pleading guilty to behaving in a violent manner in the yard of Ogilvie Colliery. Woods expressed regret for his behaviour, saying that he only became violent under provocation. Woods, who is employed as a platelayer at Ogilvie, approached another workman, William Davies, and asked him what he had been saying about him. The man replied 'Nothing,' and then Woods struck him several blows. Davies lost one and a half shifts as a result.

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Hospital Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and has undergone an operation.

Carmel The annual services were held on Sunday. The preacher was Rev. J. J. Roberts, Clydach. The organist and choirmaster was Mr. T. Walters.

British Legion Mr. S. Phillips presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mr. J. L. Jones reported on the work of the Benevolent Committee. The chairman welcomed Mr. W. J. Payne, the new chairman of the Benevolent Committee.

Welfare Fund Concert A concert was held at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the British Legion Childrens Welfare Fund. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The concert was given by the Pontllynn Melody Makers. Mr. S. Phillips, chairman of the Fochriw British Legion, thanked the company.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 18 December 1937**

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Monday. It was reported that the instruments and drum had been returned after repair, and were inspected by Mr. Mantle. Mr. Mantle reported progress with the band.

For The Hospital A treat can be looked forward to at the New Hall on Sunday, December 26th at 8p.m., when the school children, under the conductorship of Mr. Jones, With Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as pianist, will give a performance of carol music in aid of the Hospital.

British Legion A meeting of the Benevolent Committee was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. A number of cases were considered, and several grants were made to needy cases.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mr. Clark stated that the equipment at the children's playground had been painted, and the ground well looked after.

Ambulance Work The presentation of awards to the Fochriw Ambulance Division was held on Thursday. Mr. David Williams presided. Mr. T. Walters presented the Dowlais Cup to the winning team: T. J. Lewis (capt), I. Saunders, Ivor Davies and L. Cumpstone. The Individual Cup was won by Cadet T. J. Lewis, with Tudor Rowlands second. The presentations were made by Mr. Emlyn Evans. Dr. S. B. Turner presented A.R.P. certificates. A concert was held in connection with the certificates.

Library and Institute Mr. Ray Clark presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. Reports from the secretary, librarian and caretaker were accepted. It is hoped to commence erection of a new hall under the Welfare Scheme in the near future.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 25 December 1937**

Hospital Mrs. Mattie Lewis, wife of Mr. John Lewis, Guest-street, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is making satisfactory progress.

New Hall Concert A concert and demonstration were given at the New Hall on Monday by professional artistes. Interesting competitions and useful prizes were distributed.

British Legion The children's welfare fund committee met on Wednesday. The chairman is Mrs. L. Thomas. Arrangements were made for the kiddies treat at the pantomime in Cardiff in January. The officers of the fund are: Mrs. L. Thomas, chairman; Mr. W. T. Pegg, treasurer; Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary; and the members are Messrs. T. Jones, S. Phillips, E. I. Cumpstone, Sam Lewis, Mesdames A. Jones, M. E. Phillips, M. H. Jones.

Gymanfa Rehearsals In preparation for the annual gymanfa ganu in connection with Carmel Church on Christmas Day, a rehearsal was held on Sunday. The presidents were: morning, Mrs. M. A. Lewis; afternoon, Mrs. W. A. Davies; evening, Councillor Sam Lewis. The conductor was Mr. Evans, Treharris, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M. At Noddfa Chapel, a rehearsal of the United Festival of Noddfa and Nazareth was also held on Sunday. The conductor was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the accompanists were Miss Katie J. Davies and Mr. David Joshua Thomas.