

### **“Merthyr Express” 1 January 1938**

St. Mary's Church Services were held on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The preacher was the vicar. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and Mr. Berkley Angell the conductor.

Billiards Handicap The finalists in the Christmas Handicap in connection with the Library and Institute were Messrs. Tom Idris Evans and Bryn Rees. After a fine game, the winner was Mr. Evans.

Public Meeting Mr. Ray Clark presided at the New Hall on Tuesday in connection with the erection of a new hall and institute under the Miners' Welfare Scheme. Mr. Clark explained the scheme. Messrs. Albert Mantle, Robert Rees, Samuel Lewis and W. J. Payne were appointed trustees.

Carol Singing At the New Hall on Sunday night, the pupils in of the Mixed School, under the conductorship of Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster, rendered a number of carols. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist and Mr. Arthur Ballard presided. The proceeds were in aid of Merthyr General Hospital.

Carmel Vestry The children of primary Department of Carmel Chapel were given a tea on Christmas Eve, provided by the lady members of the Church. Each child received a present from the Christmas tree, Mr. S. Lewis playing the role of Santa Claus. He was assisted by Messrs. W. Griffiths and J. Davies. Mr. Tom Walters conducted the carol singing. The attendants were Mrs. S. Lewis, Miss C. Jones, Miss M. Jones, Miss E. Lewis, Mrs. C. Walters and Mrs. E. Rees.

R.A.O.B. "Go-As-You-Please" Concert Under the auspices of the Brynderwen Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, a concert was held in the Lodge room of the Rising Sun Inn on Christmas Eve. Mr. Tom Jones presided. Mr. J. J. Lewis was the adjudicator, and Mr. D. J. Davies the pianist. The following artistes took part: Messrs. Goronwy Tyler, W. J. Davies (Bedlinog), Harry Jones (Rhymney), David Tyler, Fred Way, Alfred Dummett, Eddie Thomas, Llew Small, Gordon Price, Fred Dummett, Tudor Evans. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Eddie Thomas, the second to Mr. W. J. Davies, and the third was divided between F. Dummett and David Taylor.

Musical Festival On Christmas Day, an enjoyable musical Festival was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel, given by the combined congregations of the Baptist and Methodist chapels. The programme consisted of a selection of hymns from the hymn-books of both denominations. The conductor was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the accompanists Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Thomas. A party of schoolchildren sang a number of carols in the afternoon and evening meetings, and in the evening, a duet was sung by Miss Muriel Davies and Miss Gwladys Harris. Mr. T. Evans presided in the afternoon, and Mrs. Richard Evans in the evening.

Carmel Gymanfa The annual cymanfa ganu was held on Christmas Day. The morning service was given by the children. Miss Elizabeth Ballard presided, and the following took part: Betty Evans, Muriel Davies, David Evans, Philip Mantle and Eira Davies. The President in the afternoon was Mr. W. A. Davies. Miss Catherine Jones read a portion of scripture and Mrs. Lewis offered prayer. A quartette was sung by Messrs. T. Walters, T. Lewis, M. Shankland and E. Evans. The evening service was presided over by Mr. Sam Lewis. Nurse Ballard Davies gave two recitations, and the quartette sang. The conductor was Mr. W. Evans, Treharris.

Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Ann Grimmatt, Glen-view, Pentwyn, aged 65 years The death has occurred of Mrs. Sarah Ann Grimmatt, wife of Mr. Charles Grimmatt. She was a native of Hereford, but had resided in Fochriw for 30 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, the vicar officiating. The floral tributes included a wreath from the Mothers' Union. The mourners were: Messrs. Charles Grimmatt (husband); J. Richards, Llew Small, Thomas J. Evans (sons-in-law); Douglas J.

Small (grandson); George K. Morris (nephew); Roy Evans, Merfyn Evans (grandsons). At the house: Mrs. Eileen Small, Mrs. F. J. Richards (daughters); Miss C. P. Small and Miss Winnie Evans (granddaughters).

Hospital Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and is progressing favourably.

Silver Band Under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, the Band paraded the streets of the village on Christmas Day playing a number of carols.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 8 January 1938**

Personal Mr. H. Goddard, Nantyffin Cottages, a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is making satisfactory progress.

Penybank Mission Church On New Year's Day, the Sunday school scholars were given a tea by the members of the committee. The remainder of the evening was spent in carol singing, and Santa Claus appeared and gave each child a gift of money, fruit and sweets.

British Legion Under the auspices of the Children's Welfare Fund, a party of 75 ex-servicemen's children were taken to see the pantomime "Sleeping Beauty" at the New Theatre Cardiff, on Monday. Mrs. L. Thomas, Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. and Mr. S. Phillips, together with a number of adults, accompanied the children. Each child was given 6d. to spend.

Comedy Performance The Noddfa Dramatic Society delighted the audience at the New Hall on Thursday when they performed the comedy "Cautious Campbell." Mr. T. J. Jones was the producer, and is to be complemented on the performance. The cast was: Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Miss Iris Evans, Miss Edna E. Jones, Mrs. P. Williams, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Mrs. I. Walters. Proceeds were in aid of Chapel funds.

Funeral: Mrs. Harriet Edwards, 12, Brynteg-street, aged 41 The death has occurred of Mrs. Harriet Edwards, wife of Mr. C. Edwards. She was a native of Laugharne, Carmarthenshire, but had resided at Fochriw for the last 17 years. She had been ill for a long time, and died at Merthyr hospital. The funeral took place on Saturday, the vicar officiating. The principal mourners were: Messrs. C. Edwards (husband); W. and P. Harry (brothers); Arthur Jones (brother-in-law); Thomas and Charles (uncles); W. J., Bertie, Thomas B. and Charles Edwards, J. & Tom Mantle, D. Williams, Albert Mantle, Tom Sullivan (cousins). Mourners at the house: Misses Audrey and Claire Edwards (daughters); Mrs. J. Jones (sister); Mesdames A. Jones, P. Harry, J. S. Edwards (sisters-in-law); W. S. Edwards (mother-in-law); Mrs. Captain Edwards (aunt); Mesdames A. Mantle, D. Williams, T. B. Edwards, C. Edwards, T. Sullivan (cousins).

#### **“Merthyr Express” 15 January 1938**

British Legion The benevolent committee met at the New Hall on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding.

Uniform Fund A concert was held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band uniform fund. The concert was given by the Aberdare Blind Minstrels, who delighted the large audience with their programme.

Wedding: Gittens-Davies The wedding took place at St. David's Church, Merthyr, on Tuesday, of Miss Beryl Gittens, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gittens, Guest-street, and Mr. Alun Wynn Davies, Aberystwyth. The Rector of Merthyr officiated. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Eddie Gittens. The bride wore a new clove crepe-de-chine dress, and a navy coat with silver fox fur. She carried an ivory Prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom's aunt. The bridesmaids were Miss Mair Gittens, who wore a blue dress and navy coat, with hat and shoes to tone; Mrs. Buddy Davies, in a navy costume trimmed with fawn; Miss Mabel Davies, in a nigger ensemble with hat and shoes to tone; and Miss Beryl Howells, in a brick-coloured dress, with fur ensemble. The groomsmen were Messrs. Edwin Gittens and Idris Hopkins. The reception was held at the home of the bride. Mr. and

Mrs. Davies later left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in North Wales. They will make their future home in Aberystwyth.

**“Merthyr Express” 22 January 1938**

I.O.G.T. Sister Jones was responsible for the programme, which took the form of translations of biblical passages from Welsh to English. She was thanked by Sisters Ballard and Lewis.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Reports were given by the secretary, the caretaker, the librarian, and the auditors, and were accepted.

**“Merthyr Express” 29 January 1938**

I.O.G.T. Brother Sam Lewis presided over the meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry on Thursday last. Sister Beryl Barnard was appointed chief Templar for the coming quarter, and Brother Dan James vice-templar. Brother James and Sister Lewis contributed to the programme, and were thanked by Sisters Oliver and C. Jones.

First Aid A meeting was held at and New Hall on Wednesday with the object of forming a ladies first-aid class at the Fochriw. Division Superintendent Howell Thomas presided, and explained the object of the meeting. He also welcomed Commissioner W. J. Canton, who gave a detailed account of what was required. Corps Supt. John Morgan also spoke. It was decided to form a ladies class, and several names were enrolled. The divisional secretary is of Mr. T. Thomas.

Women's Social Centre At the New Hall on Tuesday, the members of the social centre held a social evening. The following ladies assisted: Mrs. L. Thomas (secretary), Mrs. Shankland, Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. S. J. Jones, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. K. Owen, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. Sheen, Mrs. Puddle, Mrs. W. Davies and Mrs. C. Williams. Mrs. Houfsen and Mrs. Davies of Bargoed Social Centre were present.

British Legion The branch meeting was held on Tuesday. Mrs. S. J. Jones gave areport of Poppy Day activities, and a resume of benevolent work since 1928. She was thanked by Mr. Sydney Phillips and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mr. Edward Puddle gave a report on the district committee meeting. Mr. Phillips has been elected to represent the branch at the forthcoming Wales area conference Abergavenny.

Wedding: Pugh-Hopkins At Noddfa Baptist chapel on Saturday, the wedding took place of Miss S. Magdalen Pugh, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pugh, Guest-street, and Mr. L. Hopkins, Tirphil. For many years, the bride has been a Sunday School teacher and superintendent of Noddfa Chapel. She was given away by her father, and wore a pink two-piece georgette dress, with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaids were Miss Esther Pugh, sister of the bride, who wore a two-piece Marina-blue costume, with hat and shoes to match, and Miss Dorothy Morgan, who wore a petrol-blue dress, with hat and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. Bert Rogers, Aberbargoed, and the groomsmen were Messrs. G. Hopkins (brother of the bridegroom) and D. Mutlow (nephew of the bride). The ceremony, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. Ieuan, Rhymney. Mr. David Joshua Thomas was the organist. The reception was held at Noddfa Vestry. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins will make their future warm at New Tredegar.

**“Merthyr Express” 5 February 1938**

Mothers' Union A meeting was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday in connection with the annual supper.

I.O.G.T. A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Brother W. Oliver presided. All members contributed to the programme. A reading by Sister E. Ballard concluded the meeting.

Library and Institute The annual meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The auditor's report was given by Messrs. B. Rees and H. Wood, and revealed a year of satisfactory progress. The librarians report showed that about 4000 books had been taken out during the year. The chairman and secretary reported on the

progress that had taken place with regard to the proposed new building under the welfare scheme. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Councillor Sam Lewis; secretary, Mr. D. I. Evans; librarian, Mr. R. Clark; committee, Messrs. Albert Mantle, Bob Rees, Hartwell Wood, John Lewis, Richard Jones, T. J. Jones, G. Evans, R. Clark, D. D. Thomas, David Jones, E. J. Jones, Robert Thomas, Clifford Davies, Oliver Davies, T. I. Evans.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 12 February 1938**

I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided over the meeting of the lodge on Thursday. Sisters B. & M. Ballard and C. Oliver contributed to the programme.

Billiards Success Mr. Tudor Jones, in a match at the Lynton Institute, won outright the Jones Cup, a gift of the late president, Mr. Tom Jones. The cup had been up for competition for 12 years. Mr. Jones is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn. He was a member of the Fochriw billiards team before going to Lynton.

Welfare Association The annual meeting took place at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. Albert Mantle presided. He said that the past year had been very successful. He thanked all who had assisted him in carrying out the work. He regretted the poor attendance of some members representing various organisations. The auditor's report was given by Mr. Sydney Phillips and Mr. George Walters. The following officers were elected: chairman, Mr. Albert Mantle; vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. Raymond Clark; collector, Mr. D. I. Evans; auditors, Mr. George Walters and Mr. D. D. Thomas. Committee representatives: Powell Duffryn Colliery Company: W. H. Knibbs, G. Thomas, K. Jones, D. Uzzell; Guest Keen and Baldwin: W. J. Williams, John Lewis, D. R. Jones, D. Lawrence; Groesfaen workmen: Howell Thomas, Dan James, D. H. Lewis, P. Jones; unemployed organisation: E. Puddle, D. D. Thomas; outside representatives: T. J. Jones, A. Ballard, W. A. Jones, G. Walters; Ogilvie workmen's representatives: to be appointed.

Fochriw Tributes to Mr. Octavius Richards: Thirty-one Years as Organist Mr. Octavius Richards, for 31 years organist at St. Mary's Church, was presented with a hall-stand at the Church Hall on Wednesday last, on the occasion of his departure from Fochriw to Pengam. The Rev. J. L. White, vicar, presided, and congratulated Mr. Richards on his fine record as organist of the Church. He was sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Richards, but he wished them well in their new home, and hoped they would continue in their service to the Church. The presentation was made by Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, who said that Mr. and Mrs. Richards were held in great esteem by the people, both inside and outside the Church. The parish was losing two diligent workers. Whilst regretting that they will lose such a friend, Mr. Payne welcomed the new organist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Mr. Richards said he would always treasure the gift of the Church members. He had spent his life at Fochriw, and had always been very happy there. If at any time he could be of service to the Church, he would willingly come. Mrs. Richards thanked the members for their kindness during the time she had been involved. Mr. Berkley Angell, choirmaster, said that he had been associated with Mr. Richards for the greater part of the period. They had always worked in perfect harmony and he was sorry to lose a valuable colleague. Others who paid tribute were Messrs. Jack Lawrence, T. Baldwin, Sydney Phillips, W. D. Davies, Wyndham Lawrence, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence & Miss C. J. Williams. During the evening, items were given by Mr. David Jones, tenor, and Mr. W. J. Payne, elocutionist. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

Pontlottyn Police Court Albert E. Grist was summoned for not sending his children to school and was fined 10 shillings. Attendance orders were made.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 19 February 1938**

Library and Institute Councillor Sam Smith presided over a meeting on Thursday. The secretary dealt with the correspondence, and the plans of various committees for the coming years were discussed.

Mothers' Union The annual supper was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday last, when the vicar presided. In charge of the tables were Mesdames J. L. White, W. J. Payne, W. D. Davies, T. Jones, G. Llewellyn, S. Phillips and Mr. W. Pegg.

Teaching Appointment Miss Elizabeth Ballard, daughter of Mr. T. Ballard, and the late Mrs. Sarah Ballard, has been appointed headmistress of Troedrhiwfuwch School. Mr. Ballard was educated at Fochriw school and Swansea College. She has been an active worker in connection with the I.O.G.T., drama, Urdd, and in connection with Carmel Chapel. She is at present at on the staff of Deri Infants' School.

M.A. Degree Mr. Lewis Haydn Angell, son of Mr. W. J. Angel and the late Mrs. Gwen Angel, Tewlesbury Street, Cardiff, and late of Fochriw, has been awarded the degree of M.A. (Wales) for research work on "Medieval Welsh Manuscripts." He was educated at Fochriw School, Lewis's Grammar school, Pengam, and University College, Cardiff. He is now senior Welsh master at Rhyl County School.

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Welfare Association The following names have been added to the Welfare Committee: Nantyyffin Levels: Mr. James John Lewis; Brithdir Level: Mr. R. Parry.

British Legion: Annual Conference The Fochriw branch was represented by Mr. Sydney Phillips, branch chairman, at the 17th annual conference at Abergavenny on Saturday. Mrs. A. Jones attended the conference of the women's section that took place on Friday. A joint meeting of the branch and section was held on Tuesday 22nd February, when the discussion centred on membership. As a result, it is hoped that efforts were be made to recruit new members, and bring in many who have fallen into arrears. Tribute was paid to the library committee for the help it has given the branch and the section. The Welfare Fund continues its activities, and under the chairmanship of Mr. W. J. Payne, varied assistance is given to all necessitous cases. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones attended the conference of the North East Glamorgan District Committee.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 5 March 1938**

Home From India Private Joshua Jones, son of Mrs. Margaret Jones, Pit-row, an the late Mr. Richard Jones, arrived home from India last week looking in the pink of condition after having served seven years in India with the Welch Regiment.

Midshipman's Success It is with great pleasure that we mention yet another success of Midshipman T. J. Smith, son of Mrs. L. A. Smith, and the late Mr. George Smith, 17 Guest-street. Since September 1937, he has made two voyages on board MV "MacGregor Laird" to West Africa. During these voyages he excelled in his seafaring, with the result that he has completed his first year's apprenticeship within seven months. On Saturday last, he set sail on board MV "Dagomba" to Africa and India.

Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the Ogilvie Lodge of the South Wales Miners' Federation was held at the New Hall on Monday evening. Mr. D. J. Davies presided, supported by Mr. F. Brook, secretary, and Mr. Albert Thomas, miners' agent, who addressed the meeting. He said that their aim was 100 percent organisation, and he wanted their co-operation to bring the same about. He said that in future, monthly meetings would be held throughout the district to give various reports. The paying shed had been erected. All the officers were re-elected, including Mr. J. Robbins, part time examiner. Messrs. W. Watkins and A. Mantle were appointed on the Pit Committee, and the following elected as Ogilvie working representative on the Welfare Committee: Messrs. A. Mantle, C. Ballard, G. Williams and M. Evans.

"Cobbler's Wax" The large audience at the New Hall on Thursday were thrilled with the brilliant performance by the Fochriw Dramatic Society, with Miss Katie Davies as producer,

of Mr. E. E. Eynon Evans comedy "Cobblers Wax." The performance was in the aid of the N.S.P.C.C., and the party excelled themselves. The chairman for the evening was Councillor Sam Lewis, who praised the work of the society. Also present were the author and his wife, and Mr. Evans paid a very high compliment to the company's fine performance. The Inspector of the society was also present and he proposed a vote of thanks to the company and all those interested in the work of the society. This was seconded by Mrs. Mattie Jenkins, the local secretary. The characters were taken by: Miss Sal Jones, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss Nan Clee, Mr. Bryn Davies, Miss Eiluned Lawrence, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. Emrys Davies, Mr. Burke Davies, Miss Marie Davis and Miss Adelaide Lawrence.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 12 March 1938**

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall last week, Mr. Albert Mantle presiding. The secretary reported on several matters from the correspondence, including the new playing field, work on which will commence in a few weeks. The financial position, given by the treasurer, was very satisfactory.

Social Evening A social was held at Noddfa Vestry last Tuesday in connection with the Sunday school. The tray holders were Mrs. T. Thomas, Misses Dilys and Iris Lewis, Miss Phyllis Davies, assisted by Mesdames J. Matthews, E. Walters, A. Thomas and Miss Lloyd. An eisteddfod was held after tea, the adjudicators being: music, Mr. Berkley Davies; elocution, Mr. T. J. Jones. The accompanist was Mr. D. J. Morgan; the secretary, Miss Edna E. Jones; and the organist Mr. Thomas Thomas.

Footballer's Progress Mr. W. J. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, 4, Glyn-terrace, who is now employed at Kidderminster, and is only 17 years the age, attracted the attention of football fans on Saturday. It is understood that Aston Villa scouts were represented at the match between Tomkinson's and a Minor League Eleven at Oaklands. A trial was offered to Jones, a well-built half-back from Cookley St. Peter's. Jones is understood to have signed forms for Harriers this week. Before leaving, Jones played for Fochriw Schoolboys.

British Legion The Benevolent sub-Committee met on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Mr. W. J. Payne, and supported but Mr. T. J. Jones and Mrs. M. H. Jones. A sum authorised by the Central Relief Committee, London, was disposed of, and applications from sick and unemployed ex-servicemen were considered. The secretary replied to many questions. A joint Committee consisting of representatives of the Women's Section and the Fochriw branch was presided over by Mrs. L. Thomas. A surplus remained in the Children's Welfare Fund, and this was disposed of, assistance being given to children who were unable to attend the pantomime at Cardiff.

Carmel Concert St. David's Festival was celebrated with in miscellaneous concept. Folks songs were sung by the juveniles conducted by Miss Maria Jones, and the adult choir conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters. Recitations were given by Eileen Simpson, Eira Davis, Betty and Eliza Evans, Betty Jones, Bronwen Hollister, Leighton Millward, Mr. Dan James, Linda Thomas, Violet Abbey, Megan Davies; solos, Huw B. Thomas, Gwladys Harris, Messrs. Emlyn Evans, Meirion Shankland, Tom Lewis and Tom Walters. A play entitled "Fy Noll," produced by Mrs. Bob Rees, was performed. The accompanists were Miss Beryl Ballard and Mrs. Rees. Mr. T. Walters presided.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 19 March 1938**

Funeral: Mr. David B. Thomas, Upland Stores The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. David Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Thomas. The Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. W. A. Thomas (father); Wm. Thomas (grandfather); Glyn Thomas, Oliver Davies, Robert Parry, James J. Lewis, Sam Price, Elias Davies, John Davies (uncles). The bearers were Messrs. P. G. Hann, David Lewis, Bedford Edwards, Bertie Cumpstone.

Old Age Pensioners Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting on Tuesday. A vote of sympathy was passed with the vice-chairman, Mr. Albert Mantle, whose sister, Mrs. Gertrude Cook died that morning, and with Mr. C. Edwards, whose wife died since they last met. The meeting was convened to organise some events to take the pensioners for their annual outing. The secretary, Mr. D. J. Davies, dealt with correspondence and this included offers of various forms of entertainment. It was decided to arrange a concert with the Dowlais Male Voice Party, and also ask Mr. A. Cumpstone to organise a dance for the fund.

Silver Band The annual meeting was held at the New Hall, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. He said that the band had passed through another successful year, and that the uniform debt had been greatly reduced. He complimented the conductor, Mr. Albert Mantle, who had made every effort during the year to maintain the standards of the band. He had been well supported by the Deputy Bandmaster Mr. Bob Rees. The auditor's report was given by Mr. Emrys Lewis, and was accepted. It was decided to tender for the Merthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala on Whit Tuesday. The following officers were elected: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; treasurer, Mr. Emrys Lewis; secretary, Mr. James J. Lewis; conductor, Mr. Albert Mantle; deputy conductor, Mr. E. Lewis; contribution secretary, Mr. John Phillips.

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Hospital S.O.S. The S.O.S. in aid of Merthyr General Hospital was organised by Mrs. Howell Thomas and Mrs. W. J. Payne. The sum realised was £6 11s.

Funeral: Mrs. Gertrude Cook, Aelybryn, aged 64 Mrs. Gertrude Cook, wife of Mr. William Cook, was apparently well when her husband when to work in the morning, but on his return home she was dead. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. There was a representative attendance at the funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. There were numerous floral tributes.

Pontlottyn Police Court On the evidence of P.C. Davies, David Daniel Thomas of Fochriw was fined 10 shillings for using indecent language in the Square, Bedlinog.

A plea for leniency because he was going to be married next month, was contained in a letter from David John Williams of Fochriw, who was summoned with Frederick H. Amos and George K. Morris, both of Fochriw, for trespassing on the GWR line. P.S. Brangwynne said that when he spoke to the men, they said they used the line as a short cut because they had lost the bus. The men were fined five shillings each.

### **“Merthyr Express” 2 April 1938**

I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided over a meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry. The members gave short addresses, Brothers T. Walters, S. Lewis and Sister E. Ballard contributing.

St. Mary's Church The Patronal Festival Services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday last, when the preacher was the Rev. J. C. Payne, the vicar of Penydarren. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne, the singing conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

Carmel Chapel A repetition of the Christmas gymanfa was given at Carmel on Sunday. The morning services was for children. Betty Evans recited a Psalm, and Muriel Davies lead in prayer. Recitations were given by David Evans and Eira Davies, and solos by Philip Mantle, Gwladys Harris and Muriel Davies. The conductors were Messrs. Emlyn Evans and Thomas Walters, and the organist was Miss Beryl Ballard. The devotions in the afternoon and evening were carried out by Messrs. W. A. Davies, W. Walters and D. Davies. The presidents for the day were Miss E. Ballard, Messrs. W. A. Davies and T. Ballard. A chant was sung in memory of Mrs. G. Cook, a member of the choir, and for others who had passed away during the year.

Funeral: Mr. Thomas Evans, Aelybryn, aged 75 The death took place suddenly on Monday of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Thomas Evans. Mr. Thomas was born at Penybank Farm, which is still kept by the family. Before the closing of the Fochriw

Collieries, he was a winding engineman for many hours, and was held in high esteem by his employers and fellow workmen. The funeral, which was private, took place on Thursday last at Gellygaer Churchyard, the Revs. O. M. Lewis (Ystrad Rhondda) and Lleididi Williams (Cwmparc) officiating at the house, and the Revs. J. L. White (Fochriw) and J. O. Williams (Gellygaer) at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William R., and George Evans (sons); George Evans, M.E. (brother); the Rev. T. Alban Davies and Mr. W. Angell (sons-in-law); Messrs. Lewis Pritchard, Thomas Jones, Lewis Jones, Stewert Jones, William J. Jones, Glynne Jones, Aneurin Jones (nephews); Thomas Lewis (cousin); T. A. Thomas. Mourners at the house: Mrs. T. A. Davies, Mrs. W. angel (daughters); Mrs. G. Evans (daughter-in-law); Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. O. Evans, Mrs. E. Walters, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Ballard. The bearers were: Messrs. T. Francis, G. Jones, A. Jones, G. Llewellyn, E. Lewis, J. Slimmon, J. R. Walters, W. R. Davies, B. Cumpstone, O Parry, William Powell and S. Lewis.

**“Merthyr Express” 9 April 1938**

St. Mary's Church Special Lenten Services were held on Wednesday, when the preacher was the vicar. On Sunday, the preacher was Rev. F. R. Phillips.

Dramatic Recital On the Thursday last at Noddfa Chapel, a dramatic and humorous recital was given by Mr. C. Jones, Wales' premier elocutionist, in aid of chapel funds. Mr. Jones was assisted by Mr. Haydn Thomas of Bedlinog with Mr. W. Lawrence as pianist. The recital was presided over by Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster.

Nursing Association Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. D. Davies, and Mrs. O. Evans, Fochriw, were chosen by the Pontlottyn and District Nursing Association to attend a reception at Cardiff Castle in honour of Queen Mary's visit to Cardiff. Mrs. Lawrence has also been chosen to represent the district in the guard of honour on the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to the Capitol Theatre on Wednesday.

**“Merthyr Express” 16 April 1938**

Palm Sunday Hundreds wended their way to the old churchyard on top of the hill at Pentwyn on Sunday, and laid their flowers on the graves of loved ones. At the Parish Church, a service was conducted by the Vicar with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided over a meeting on Tuesday. Two representatives were appointed to attend the meeting at Cardiff in connection with the National Keep Fit Campaign.

Fire On Sunday evening, at about 10.30, a fire broke out at the home of Mr. Hewins, 11, Brynteg-street. It appears the mantelpiece and some clothes caught fire in the back kitchen. The alarm was given, and the local fireman, Mr. Percy Edwards, was quickly on the scene. The Bargoed Fire Brigade, under the command of Chief Officer P. J. Moody were deep, was on the scene in 14 minutes from the time the call was given, a fine performance and a tribute to the efficiency of the Brigade.

Sewing Club Supper To close a very successful season in connection with the Sewing Club of which Mrs. Florrie Evans, Deri, is the instructor, the members sat down to a well-prepared supper at the Council Schools on Thursday evening. The company included Mrs. S. J. Jones, and one of the school governors. The tray holders and helpers were: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. James, Mrs. E. Cumpstone, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, and Mrs. D. Evans. After supper, games were indulged in, and a happy time was spent.. This secretary is Mrs. Tom Jones, and the treasurer Mrs. R. Parry.

Old Age Pensioners A meeting in connection with the above was held at the New Hall on Friday, presided over by Mr. W J. Payne. Important arrangements were made for the annual outing. It was decided to hold a concert at the New Hall on the 7th May. This will be given by the Dowlais Male Glee Party. It was also arranged for Mr. W. Watkins to run a football tournament in aid of funds.



Drama: "The Factory Strike" The St. Mary's Dramatic Society have given some excellent dramatic performances during the past years, and the company's productions are eagerly looked forward to year after year, and their portrayal on Wednesday and Thursday at the Church Hall to full houses of the great domestic drama "The Factory Strike" (G. T. Taylor) will rank as one of their best performances, and was a fine tribute to the producer, Mr. W. J. Payne, and his talented company. The characters were played by: Messrs. W. J. Llewellyn, David Jones, W. J. Payne, Rod Jones, Henry Archer, Gordon Lawrence, Stan Harris, Gwyn Mantle, George Williams, T. E. Davies, George Baldwin, W. Pegg, Mrs. Lena Morgan, Miss Olive M. Payne, Mr. Cecil Llewellyn. Mr. T. Elvet Davies carried out the lighting arrangements; Mr. Chas. Hollister was the stage manager; and the vicar presided. Councillor Sam Lewis and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence thanked the company for their fine performance. Splendid assistance was given by Messrs. Jack Lawrence, W. D. Davies, Vivian Powell, P. Keane, George Evans, W. J. Davies, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Tom Jones, Mrs. Percy Edwards, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. W. D. Davies, Mrs. Watkins, R. Davies, A. Mills, T. E. Davies.

Fire at Fochriw Bargoed Section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade, under Chief Officer P. J. Mooldy and Second Officer E. Owen, was called to a fire at Brynteg-terrace, Fochriw, a dwelling house occupied by Mr. William Hewins, late on Sunday night. On arrival, the chief officer found the kitchen had been ablaze, and was being extinguished by district firemen attached to Fochriw - Fireman P. Edwards and honorary fireman William Thomas, who were assisted by neighbours. The damage was comparatively small. The cause of the outbreak was, no doubt, a spark from the fire. This ignited clothing that was airing.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 23 April 1938**

Football Fochriw Boys were entertained by Pontlottyn Thursdays on Thursday. Pontlottyn scored two goals, before Fochriw replied. Fochriw scored the winner with the last kick of the match.

British Legion The local branch held a bachelors' Supper at the New Hall on Tuesday. Supper was served by Messrs. Syd Phillips, Tom Jones, Idris Cumpstone and D. Wheeler, assisted by Messrs. Gomer Williams, W. J. Davies, J. W. Davies, and W. D. Davies. The chairman welcomed Messrs. W. Sullivan, W. Jones and T. Sullivan, and paid tribute to the women's section for their support.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. In the caretaker's report, complaints were made that a number of papers had been taken from the Institute. Measures were decided upon to deal with the complaint. The librarian stated that a large number of books had been taken out, and it was decided to obtain a further consignment of books for readers. The financial report was given by the Secretary.

Wedding: Morgan and Mr. Arthur Alec Charles Willmott The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Monday of Miss Edna May Morgan, third daughter of Mrs. Morgan and the late Mr. T. G. Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn, and Mr. Arthur Alec Charles Willmott, Long Sutton, Somerset. The service which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The bride wore a gown of white satin beaute, with floral veil, coronet of orange blossom, and white satin shoes. She carried a bouquet of arum lilies, white tulips and maidenhair fern, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Alfred Morgan. The best man was Mr. Jackie Jones, nephew of the bride. The bridesmaids were Miss Doris Morgan (sister), Miss Almira Jones and Miss Iris Morgan (nieces of the bride). They wore mauve and peach crepe-de-chine dresses, and carried bouquets of mauve tulips and maidenhead fern. The flower girls were Pamela James and Margaret Morgan, nieces of the bride. They were dressed in floral daffodil crepe-de-chine and carried baskets of primroses. The page-boy, Master Gwynfor Jones, nephew of the bride, wore a blue velvet trousers and a white satin blouse. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The couple will live at Long Sutton.

### **“Merthyr Express” 30 April 1938**

St. Mary's Church: Easter Vestry Held at the Church Hall on Monday, the vicar presiding. The financial statement was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne who said that despite the prevailing industrial depression each account showed a slight balance on the right side. The vicar thanked the officers and members for their loyalty. The Vicar mentioned the departure of Mr. Octavius Richards after 31 years service, and welcomed the new organist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. He thanked the members of the Mothers' Union for their efforts in connection with the sale of work, and the Dramatic Society for their efforts. Referring to St. David's Pantywaun, which he said had to be closed owing to subsidence, a sum of money in compensation had been received and steps were being taken to erect another building. He wished to thank the Sunday school teachers, parochial collectors organist, choirmaster - all who helped carry in the work of the Church.

### **“Merthyr Express” 7 May 1938**

Football Tournament In aid of the old age pensioners outing fund, a football tournament was held on the Welfare ground on Monday, and attracted 14 teams. Keen games were witnessed, and clever football was shown by a number of the teams. The finalists were Fochriw Boys' Club and Dowlais Boys' Club. The final will be played on Saturday 7th May. On Saturday next at the New Hall a concert will be held in aid of the fund by the Dowlais Male Voice Party.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. He appealed to some of the members to be more faithful in their attendance at the practices, and to encourage the bandmaster to maintain the high standards of the band. Reference was made to the death of Mr. J. Tewkesbury, Maesteg, who had been a real friend to the band during his many years at Fochriw, and the members stood in silence as a tribute. Mr. James J. Lewis, secretary, dealt with the coming engagements of the band, and it was decided to accept the Merthyr hospital engagement on Whit Monday. Four new young members were accepted as members of the band, and Mr. Mantle said he would endeavour to do his best to train them. The secretary made an appeal to make 1938 a record one and this was endorsed by the treasurer Mr. Emrys Lewis.

### **“Merthyr Express” 14 May 1938**

Library and Institute Councillor Sam Lewis presided over a meeting on Thursday at the New Hall. Discussion took place with regard to the proposed new building. It was reported that the new fence around the yard was completed and was a great improvement. The financial report, caretaker's report and librarian's report were read and accepted.

Pensioners Outing Fund A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding, and supported by Mr. Albert Mantle, Mr. D. J. Davies, and Mr. J. H. Evans. Mr. W. Watkins gave a report on the progress of the football tournament that had proved a success. The members connected with the tournament were thanked for their efforts. Mr. D. J. Davies reported on the concert in aid funds, and Mr. J. H. Evans gave the financial state of the fund.

Concert On Saturday at the New Hall, the Dowlais Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. Evan Thomas (Alaw Morlais), gave a concert assisted by the following artistes: Miss Gwladys Lewis (elocutionist); Mr. Stephen Davies (tenor); Mr. T. Stuart Evans (baritone); Miss Ceridwen Thomas (pianist). The choir thrilled the audience with their selections and choruses. The artistes were in excellent voice, and the young pianist, who is the daughter of the conductor, displayed fine capabilities. The chairman, Mr. Payne, thanked the conductor, choir, artistes and pianist. The secretary was Mr. D. J. Davies, and the treasurer Mr. J. H. Evans.

### **“Merthyr Express” 21 May 1938**

Hospital The following patients at the Merthyr General Hospital are progressing favourably: Mr. James Davies, Guest-street; Mr. Tydwen Morgan, Guest-street; Miss Joan

Evans, Brook-row. Nurse Rosella Williams returned home on Monday after an operation, and is making good progress.

Miners' Meeting Under the auspices of the South Wales Miners' Federation (Area No. 6), a public meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday presided over by Mr. A. Mantle. The meeting was addressed by Mr. W. H. Crews, executive council member and Mr. Glyn Jones of Ystrad Mynach. They dealt with the organisation, holidays with pay, compensation, etc..

Silver Band A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. Mr. Bob Rees presented a statement of accounts for a concert in aid of the band, and this was accepted with thanks, and all workers were thanked. Mr. H. Wood was appointed vice-chairman.

Daffodil Day Under the auspices of the League of Nations Union, sellers were busy on Saturday disposing of daffodils. The organiser was Mrs. S. J. Jones. The sellers were: Pentwyn and Penybank, Miss Mary Jennet Evans and Miss Patricia Small; Upper Fochriw, Mr. Lily Thomas and Miss Esther M. Pugh; Aelybryn district, Miss Maureen Lewis and Miss Eileen Simpson; Brynteg district, Miss Winnie Evans and Miss Jenny Morgan. The amount realised was £1 12s 7d.

Ambulance Lecture On Thursday at the New Hall, Lady County Officer, Miss Marion Richards, matron of Merthyr General Hospital, gave a lecture to the women's section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. She was accompanied by Mrs. Williams of the Merthyr Centre. Corps Superintendent John Morgan and Divisional Superintendent Howell Thomas welcomed, introduced, and thanked them. Miss Richard spoke on "Qualifications Necessary to be a Good Nurse." The class is busy preparing for the examination.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 28 May 1938**

Hospital The following who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital are progressing favourably: Terence Williams, Martin-street; Agnes Rowlands, Penybank; and Mr. David Williams, Pleasant view, who is at Pontsarn Hospital

Nursing Success Miss Olwen M. Chapman, S.R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Williams-row, has been successful in the recent examination of the Central Midwives Board. She received her training at the Chelmsford and Essex hospital, and her midwifery training at the North Middlesex County Hospital.

Outing Fund A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. Reports of the football tournament and the concert were given. The Financial statement revealed a satisfactory balance. The Pantywaun representative, Mr. Evan Jones, reported that they were arranging an event at Pantywaun that would benefit the funds. It was decided to arrange the trip to Porthcawl on Tuesday, July 12th, by charabanc. Dinner and tea will be provided.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 4 June 1938**

I.O.G.T. A meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday, Sister Beryl Ballard presiding. Solos and duets were rendered by Bro. Thomas Walters, Sisters Oliver and B Ballard, and readings were given by Brother Sam Lewis, Sisters Jones and E. Ballard.

British Legion A meeting was held on Tuesday at the New Hall, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. The branch elected Mr. J. Lloyd Jones to represent them at the annual conference to be held at Newcastle upon Tyne on July 5, 6 and 7. Matters relating to benevolent work were disclosed, and the Secretary stated that several cases had been successfully pressed.

Boy' Club A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday evening with the object of starting a Boys' Club at Fochriw. Mr. Ray Clark presided. Mr. Roberts, Bargoed, the organiser, gave an address, and it was unanimously decided to form a club. About 40 boys are already enrolled. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Mr. Ray Clark; treasurer, Mr. Rod Jones; secretary, Mr. B Davies.

Piles? Gravel? George's Brand, Piles and Gravel Pills. 1/3 and 3/- a box. To relieve rheumatism, stiff joints, sore muscles, etc. etc. use Georges Brand, American Marvel Linament, in Bottles, 1/3 and 3/-. J. O. George, Hirwaun, Glamorgan.

**“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1938**

British Legion Mr. J Lloyd Jones represented the branch at the annual conference at Newcastle upon Tyne.

Silver Band The band gave a bright programme of music at the special variety attractions near the Lake at the Merthyr General Hospital Fete on Monday.

Drama St. Mary's Dramatic Society performed the drama "The Factory Strike," at the Church Hall, at Penydarren on Thursday.

Old Age Pensioners A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday.

Benevolent Committee Mrs. A. Jones presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. A number of cases were dealt with and grants were made.

I.O.G.T. Sister Ballard presided at a meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The programme for the evening was "Unpunctuated Reading," Sister C. Jones being responsible. P.C. Islwyn Davies, who is home from London on holiday, was given a hearty welcome to the meeting. He spoke some very encouraging words, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

Rose Day Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. Howell Thomas organised a successful sale of roses in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala. The following ladies were busy throughout the day disposing of roses: Misses Betty Edwards, Sybil Jones, Mair Evans, Kathleen Williams, Cassie Shankland, Esther Pugh, Moreen Lewis, Betty Simpson, Lilian Mills, Myra Archer. The organisers wish to thank the public and sellers for their splendid support.

Library and Institute Councillor Sam Lewis presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. The proposed new building was discussed. The librarian's report, the financial report and caretaker's report were received and adopted. A visit was paid to Fochriw on Tuesday by Mr. W. Daniel, welfare organiser, who has taken the place of Captain Mason. He was met by Mr. W. J. Payne (chairman), Councillor Sam Lewis (vice-chairman), Mr. Ray Clark, Mr. R. Jones and Mr. D. I. Evans. Several points were discussed in connection with the new building.

**“Merthyr Express” 18 June 1938**

Nazareth The yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when of the Rev. E. J. Evans, Llanarthrey, preached. The services were well attended. The organist was Miss Katie Davies, and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided over the meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday. Matters regarding the Children's corner were discussed.

Boys' Club Mr. Ray Clarke presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Monday and a good attendance of boys was present. Several important matters were discussed, among them a question of equipment. Mr. Rod Jones and Mr. Bryn Davies will attend the group meeting at Bargoed.

Wedding: Miss Marjorie Pryke and Mr. William Davies The wedding has taken place at St. Michael's Church, Wallington, Surrey, of Mr. William Davies, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davies, Martin-street, and Miss Marjorie Pryke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pryke, Warrington. The bride was attired in blue, white hat and shoes and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and blue irises. The couple will make their home at Wallington.

Wedding: Lewis-Pugh The wedding was solemnised at Trinity Chapel on Monday, the Rev. E. J. Baker officiating, of Miss Doris Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, and Mr. Charles Pugh, Gilfach. The bride, who wore a blue ensemble, halo hat and shoes to tone, and carried it bouquet of lilies, was given away by her father. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Owen Jones, who wore a floral dress, blue coat, halo hat and

shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. Emrys Lewis, brother of the bride, and the groomsman was Mr. Pugh, brother of the groom. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The honeymoon is being spent at Blackpool. The bride's going away dress was of London tan with hat and shoes to match. They will make their future home at Gilfach, Bargoed.

**“Merthyr Express” 25 June 1938**

I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided over a meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. The programme was entitled "Sewing Competition and Scripture Test." Sister Lewis and Brother Lewis were responsible.

Concert A variety concert was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, Mr. D. J. Davies presided. The following artistes took part: John Cox, comedian; the Portlock twins, steppers and dancers; Jack Dorrien, whistling entertainer; Rhythm Trio with Master Glyn Richards; Larry Bryant, Cavalier of Songs; Battleship, the Wonder Horse; with the Deri Harmonica Band. The compere was Mr. Vincent.

Carmel On Sunday afternoon, the Reverend J. C. Williams, Abertysswg, presented the following with prize books for collecting towards the London Missionary Society: Huw B. Thomas, John Evans, Willie Abbey, Caerwyn Evans, Desmond Kelly, Maynard Ballard, Tom Watkin, Eira and Eliza Davies, Bronwen Hollister. Rev Williams gave an address.

Boys' Club A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday when Mr. T. J. Jones presided. He gave an address: "The aims and objects of a Boys' Club." Mr. Roberts, chief organiser of Boys' Clubs, dealt with the arrangements for a week's camping holiday for the boys of Fochriw at St. Athan Camp. At the close, a large number of boys accepted the invitation for a camping holiday, which will take place during the week on which the pits in the district take their annual holiday.

**“Merthyr Express” 2 July, 1938**

Hospital Mr. Wyndham Morgan, Station Terrace, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably.

School Outing The school children of Fochriw journeyed by train to Windsor on Monday, and returned home about midnight.

Carmel Special services were held on Sunday when the Rev. R. T. Gregory, Gwaelodygarth, Cardiff, preached to large congregations. The organist and choirmaster was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Pensioners' Outing Arrangements are now complete for the pensioners' trip to Port call on 12th July.

Silver Band Mr. W J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. Correspondence was discussed and the bandmaster gave his report.

Ambulance Man Honoured Corps Superintendent John Morgan has been made a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John. Mr. Morgan has devoted his life to ambulance work. He holds the 15 years long service medal, and three bars. He has been a member of the Priory of St. John for 30 years, but has been associated with ambulance long before. In 1902, he joined the Fochriw Ambulance Class with Dr. Eleazer Davies as lecturer, under the auspices of the County Council. In 1906, he joined for St. John Ambulance Brigade, which then included three divisions - Dowlais, Bedlinog and Fochriw. Mr. Morgan was at that period enrolled as corporal; he was promoted to Sergeant, Divisional Superintendent, and then Corps Treasurer. He is now Corps Superintendent. He also holds the A.R.P Certificate from 1902 to 1938, and has passed every re- examination. He has been honoured on several occasions as a judge in ambulance competition, also as a lecturer at classes. He was active in helping to form the Cadet Division who have won a great number of prizes in competition. He has coached senior teams very successfully.

**“Merthyr Express” 9 July 1938**

Ambulance The members of the Fochriw Brigade of the St. John Ambulance attended on Saturday for the annual inspection by the Honourable John Bruce, and also, a demonstration of air-raid precautions.

I.O.G.T. Sister B. Ballard, Chief Templar, presided at the meeting on Wednesday. Games were indulged in.

Outing To wind up the sewing class, the members, with their instructress Mrs. Florrie Evans, Deri, made a tour of the Vale of Glamorgan on Saturday.

Obituary Two older inhabitants have passed away this week in Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Glyn-terrace, aged 69 years, and Mrs. Janet Davies, aged 72, widow of Mr. Thomas Davies, Dynevor-street.

Funeral: Mr. John Rees, Aelybryn, aged 72 The death has occurred of Mr. John Rees. Deceased was a native of Merthyr, but had resided in Fochriw for 37 years. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist chapel, and at the funeral, which took place on Monday, the deacons of the church acted as bearers. The Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David & Windsor Rees (sons); C. W. Froud, London; H. Robinson, Abertyswg (sons-in-law); Evan Rees, Jacob Rees and Harry Rees (brothers); David Jones, Port Talbot (brother-in-law); T. J. Mathews, E. Rees, Dan Parry, J. Williams (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mesdames E. Rees (widow); M. Robinson, B. Froud, Margaret Robinson, Lily Bellingham (daughters); M. A. Evans (sister); Jane Mathews, Evan Rees (sisters-in-law); T. J. Mathews (niece).

Funeral: Mrs. Margaret Wellings, 1, Plantation-terrace, aged 68 The death has taken place of Mrs. Margaret Wellings, wife of Mr. Joseph Wellings. Until the closing down of the Fochriw Collieries, Mr. Wellings was an official for many years. Mrs. Wellings was a native of Brecon, but had lived in Fochriw for the last 50 years, and celebrated her golden wedding last February. She was a member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating. The bearers were Messrs. John Lawrence, W. J. Payne, W. M. Davies, & Burkley Davies. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Joseph Wellings (husband); Bert Wellings (son); Messrs. Levi Pritchard (son-in-law); Desmond Pritchard (grandson); George Watkins, W. R. Roberts (grandsons-in-law); William Wellings, Pontlotty; James Higgins, Hirwaun (brothers-in-law). Mourners at the house: Mrs. L. Pritchard, Miss Rosie Wellings, Mrs. Eileen Harris, Brecon (daughters); Mrs. Alexander (sister); Mrs. M. H. Wellings (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Roberts (granddaughters); Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Wellings (sisters-in-law); Mrs. Jones, Pontlotty (niece).

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 July 1938**

Death The death occurred after a short illness of Mr. Griffiths, 5, Glyn-terrace, at the age of 68 years. He was a member of Carmel Congregational Church.

Degree Success Mr. Emlyn Evans, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans, 3, Moore's-row, has gained second class honours in geography in the list of honours in the recent examination at the University College, Aberystwyth

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided over the meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday. An appeal was received from Pentwyn Young Men's Club for assistance for cricket equipment. This was favourably received, and representatives of the Welfare Committee were appointed to attend their next meeting.

I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided at the meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. Sisters Oliver and B. Ballard were responsible for the programme, which has a musical one. During the evening, Mr. W. Jones, Deri, an old member of the lodge, visited the lodge and congratulated the members on their perseverance.

Wedding: Jenkins-Fisher The wedding took place on Saturday at Cardiff of Mr. Jack Fisher, Bargoed, and Miss Eirlys Jenkins, youngest daughter of Mrs. Jenkins and the late Mr. David Jenkins, Martin-street. The bride wore a fawn and brown mixture costume with pink

hat, and shoes to tone. The reception was held at the home of the bride's mother. The couple will live at 16, Martin-street.

Education Diploma Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac., has recently passed the examination for the Diploma in Education at the University of Wales.

Pensioners' Outing The third annual outing took place on Tuesday when about 130 old age pensioners and friends visited Porthcawl. The party was accompanied by Mr. D. J. Davies (secretary), Mr. J. H. Evans, (treasurer), and the following stewards: Sergeant Mourton, Messrs. F. T. Pritchard, W. Watkins and C. Edwards. The party included pensioners from Pantywaun, Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybank.

Funeral: Mrs. Janet Davies, 12, Dynevor-street, aged 72 Mrs. Janet Davies, widow of Mr. T. Davies, was buried at Pant Cemetery on Wednesday. She was born at Penywern, but moved to Fochriw 69 years ago. She was a member of Carmel Chapel, of which her husband had been deacon for many years. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. T. G. Davies (son); Emrys Davies, D. M. Davies (grandsons); G. Jones (brother); Tom Walters, Daniel, T. H., and Howell Jones, George Walters, T. Thomas, I. L. Evans, Idwal Walters, A. Thomas (nephews); David D. Morgan, R. Lewis, J. Evans (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. T. G. Davies (daughter-in-law); Mrs. E. Jones, S. J. Jones, Mrs. M. Davies (sisters-in-law); Misses M. & F. and Jones, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. Edith Thomas, Mrs. T. Walters (nieces); Mrs. M. Thomas, Mrs. A. Simons, Mrs. Janet Morgan Mrs. Mary Morgan, Mrs. M. Jones (cousins).

Funeral: Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, 8, Glyn-terrace, aged 69 The funeral of Mr. E. M. Davies took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. He came to Fochriw from Rhymney, Mon., with his parents, when he was a few months old. He was a member of Carmel Chapel, and had been a deacon for 30 years. He was senior deacon. Before the closing down of the collieries, he was a checkweigher for over 30 years. He was secretary of "Cwch Gwenyn" United Fund from 1902-20, and secretary off "Blodeuyn y Mynydd" from 1918-1936, and had been actively associated with the Welfare and other movements. The Rev. R. Evans and the Rev. L. Williams officiated at the burial. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George, William, Morgan, Bryn, Gomer, Gomer Tudor, (sons); Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis (daughter and son-in-law); Mrs. M. Davies, Aberdare (sister); Messrs. J. & A. Davies, E. M. Lewis, I., G., and L Davies, T. M. Williams (grandsons); W. Lewis, G. Harris (sons-in-law); R. Rees, M, W, and I. Williams, D. J. Meredith, G. Mantle, B. Evans, E. and W. Davies, R. Jones, T. Mantle, E. Evans, W. Williams, H., Lyn, & J. M. Jones, R. Rees, R., R. & J. Williams, T. Rees, (nephews). At the house: Mrs. J. Davies (widow); C. Harris (daughter); J. and M. Davies, G. Harris, E. Davies (grand-daughters); R. and M. A. Williams, H. Meredith, M. Williams, M. H. mantle, N. Williams, H. Jones, F. Mantle, M. Powell, L. Davies, B. Jones (nieces); E. J. Lawrence and S. A. Payne.

Wedding: Edwards-Harris At the Parish Church on Saturday, the wedding took place of Mr. Stanley Harris, Nelson, and Miss Wynda C. Edwards, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Glyn-terrace. The service was fully choral with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The bride was a member of the Church, and was a Sunday school teacher. The Rev J. L. White, Vicar, and the Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a gown of white satin, cut on princess lines, with a veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom bud in pearl, with silver shoes, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Olive M. Payne, cousin of the bride, and Miss Emma Harris, the bridegroom's sister, who wore apple green floral dresses with picture hats and shoes to tone, and carried bouquets of sweet peas. The train-bearer was Master Melville Edwards, and the flower girls were Nancy Jones and Shirley Lawrence, who wore pink Victorian dresses, and carried baskets of flowers. The best man was Mr. W. Jones, Kidderminster, brother of the bride, and the groomsmen Messrs. John Harris, D. R. Jones and Bedford Edwards. The reception was held at Church Hall, when 100 guests were present. Later, the couple left for

Weston-super-Mare, the bride travelling in a grey costume with navy halo hat. They will make their future home at Nelson.

### **“Merthyr Express” 23 July 1938**

Library and Institute Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. A report on the visit of Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser, and the architect from Central Office in connection with the new building was given by Mr. Payne and Mr. Lewis. Arising out of the caretakers report, complaints were again received about certain parts of papers being taken away. The committee again appealed for this mean practice to stop. Anyone requiring the paper the next day can make arrangements with the caretaker.

R.A.O.B. Supper The annual supper of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge (No. 1754) took place last Saturday at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn. The host, Knight Ll. D. Jones, Primo Lewis M. Jones, and Mrs. Roberts, carried out the arrangements. Mrs. C. R. Mills, Mrs. S. V. Jones, Miss M. J. Evans, and Miss M. Jones waited at the tables. After supper, a musical programme took place presided over by Primo E. Puddle, with Mr. Ray Clark as vice-chairman. The accompanists were Primo D. Thomas and Mr. D. Jenkins. The following artistes assisted: Messrs. D. Jenkins, R. Tenby, Ed. Thomas, C. & D. Tyler, Stan Jenkins, W. Lynch, and A. Dummett.

Hospital Meeting A public meeting in connection with Merthyr General Hospital was held at the New Hall on Thursday. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne, who outlined the object of the meeting, which was to organise functions to benefit the hospital financially. Fochriw had done well in the past, but funds were still urgently needed. This was the Jubilee year of the hospital, which was opened on 22nd October, 1888, by the Marquess of Bute, with 24 beds. Now there are 123 beds. The annual expenditure in 1888 was £1,141 6s 2d., but now it exceeds £10,700, owing to the largely increased services rendered. The hospital was better equipped and staffed than ever in its history. Still, to maintain its existence as a voluntary hospital, the sympathetic help of a generous public was continually needed. Several schemes were discussed, and it was decided to hold a concert with Mr. T. J. Jones as secretary, and Mr. W. A. Jones as treasurer; a dance with Messrs. Idris and Arthur Cumpstone as organisers; and a carnival, with P.C. Wadley as secretary, assisted by Messrs. T. J. Jones, W. A. Jones and Idris Cumpstone. Sub-committees were appointed to carry out arrangements for the events. Messrs. Howell Thomas and W. A. Jones (governors) were also present, and made appeals on behalf of the hospital.

Funeral: Mr. William Griffiths, Maes-y-Coed, aged 68 The funeral of Mr. William Griffiths took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday. He was a native of Dowlais, but had lived at Fochriw for 48 years. He was a member of Carmel Congregational Church, having been secretary and deacon for many years. Before coming to have Fochriw, he was a member of Bethania Church, Dowlais, where his father was a deacon. He possessed a fine tenor voice, and had been a member of the late Mr. Harry Evans' and Mr. William Griffiths' Dowlais choirs, and also a member of the male voice and mixed choirs of Fochriw. He had been a member of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of Good Templars. The funeral was a representative one, and the officiating ministers were the Rev J. R. Salmon, and the Rev. Richard Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Ambrose Jones, Deri, William Cook, Bedwas, and Robert Rees (sons-in-law); Willie A. Jones and D. Jones, Deri (grandsons); T. Griffiths, I. Griffiths, Daniel Griffiths, J. Jones, E. Jacob, Mr. Thomas, Rhys John, G. Morris (nephews); John Lewis, Edward Lewis, W. Lewis, John Morgan, Jack Evans (brothers-in-law); Williams T. Lewis, D. Lewis, E. Lewis, C. Pugh, B. Jones, A. Jones, T. Rees, T. J. Morgan, W. Morgan, T. Pope, W. Humphreys (nephews); William Jones, Edward Jones, William James, R. Jones, W. Evans, W. I. Hopkins, E. Bowen, J. Peters (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Griffiths (widow); Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Rees (daughters); Miss Iris Jones (granddaughter); Mrs. Jacob, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. John, Mrs. Morris (nieces); Mrs. G. Evans, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. Edward Lewis, Mrs. J. Evans (sisters-in-law); Mrs.



Whitcombe, Mrs. T. Pope, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. T. Rees, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. F. Lewis (cousins); Mrs. Mear, Mrs. Sam Lewis.

Hospital Miss Betty Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simpson, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. She has undergone an operation and is progressing favourably.

Boys' Club At the boys' club sports at Ystrad Mynach on Saturday, Evan M. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, Brynteg, won three events, securing two cups and a chemistry set. He won the 100 yards, 220 yards and the long jump. He is a pupil of Lewis' School, Pengam.

### **“Merthyr Express” 30 July 1938**

British Legion A meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, supported by Mr. T. J. Jones (vice-chairman) and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones (secretary). A number of cases were dealt with and grants made.

I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard, Chief Templar, presided over the lodge meeting on Wednesday. Sister C. Jones was responsible for the programme. A duet was sung by Sisters Oliver and Ballard and Bro. T. Walters accompanied.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday at the New Hall. A vote of sympathy with the family of Mr. William Griffiths, Maesycod, was recorded. The Bandmaster reported on the progress of the band.

Black Areas Grants Sir George Gillett, the Commissioner for the Special Areas in England and Wales, had, at the end of June, entered into commitments totalling more than £16,000,000. Up to the end of that month, offers of contributions towards rents, rates and income tax had been made to 59 industrial undertakings to induce them to set up factories in the Special Areas.

### **“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1938**

Wedding: Williams-Davies The marriage of Mr. Jack Davies, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, and Miss Marion F. Williams, Princetown, was solemnised at St. David's Church, Rhymney, on Saturday, the Rev. Dewi Williams officiating. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white satin charmeuse gown, with the coronet of orange blossoms set in crystals with a silk embroidered veil. She carried a shower bouquet of crimson roses and maidenhair fern and white heather. Attending the bride were Miss Pearl Davies and Miss Nellie Harris, who wore frocks of misty blue ninon over blue satin and shell pink ninon over pink satin with juliet caps, gloves and shoes to match, and carrying bouquets of sweet peas. The flower girls were Joan Rowe and Edith Williams, who were dressed in Empire frocks in shell pink and blue ninon, with rosebuds and forget-me-nots in their hair, and carried Victorian posies. The best man was P.C. Islwyn Davies, London. The ushers were Messrs. Dick, Archie and Ted Williams, and Garry and Stuart Davies. The honeymoon is being spent at Aberporth, Cardiganshire.

Wedding: Evans-Edwards At Noddfa Chapel on Saturday, Mr. Albert Edwards, son of Mrs. Edwards and the late Captain Edwards, "Anchorage," was married to Miss Mary Dilys Evans, daughter of Mr. Tom Evans and the late Mrs. Evans, Aelybryn. The Rev Ieuan Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece suit of pinky beige with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaids were Miss Edna Evans Jones, niece of the bride, and Miss Phyllis Davies, cousin of the bridegroom. They were attired in green and tan respectively. Mr. Glyndwr Edwards, cousin of the bridegroom, was best man, and Mr. Ieuan Griffiths, London, cousin of the bride, was the groomsmen. Mr. D. J. Thomas, cousin of the bride, was at the organ. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by her niece, Miss Betty Fox. A reception was held at Noddfa vestry. The honeymoon is being spent at Swansea, the bride travelling in a tan costume with hat and shoes to tone.

Wedding: Watkins-Davies The wedding of Miss Doris Watkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Watkins, Stoney Houses, Penybank, and Mr. William John Davies, son of Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, took place at the Parish Church on Monday. The Vicar officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in old gold charmeuse and carried a bouquet of yellow carnations. The best man was Mr. P. T. Keane. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn. The honeymoon is being spent the Porthcawl.

Wedding: Edwards-Jury The wedding took place at Bayswater, London, on Saturday, of Mr. Allen Jury, Abertysswg, and Miss Doris E. Edwards, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Edwards, Brook-row. The bride wore a navy edge-to-edge coat over a floral dress, with hat and shoes to tone, and carried red carnations. She was attended by Miss Glenys Edwards, her sister. The couple will make their future home at Sudbury, Middlesex

Gospel Hall Meetings The 7<sup>th</sup> annual convention was held from Saturday to Wednesday. The preacher was Pastor H. Brown, High Wycombe. Several open-air meetings were held.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. A report of the work done at the Children's corner was given by the Secretary. It was agreed to employ the two men to complete the weeding and cleaning of the corner. A deputation was appointed to interview a Commissioner with regard to starting the new playing ground. The financial position was given by the Secretary.

Organ Recital An organ recital was given at the Parish Church on Thursday evening by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, the Church organist. He assisted by Madam H. C. Davies, contralto, and Mr. Haydn Adams, tenor. The chairman was the Rev. J. L. White, who said: "This kind of entertainment was uplifting and transcends the soul and spirit of man." It was the first organ recital for Mr. Lawrence. The Rev. F. W. Phillips said they had heard music that would linger long in the memory of all.

### **"Merthyr Express" 13 August 1938**

Boys' Club About 20 boys, members of the Fochriw Boys' Club, returned from St. Athan's Camp last week after a week's stay.

Library and Institute A visit was paid to Fochriw on Wednesday by Miss Mary Mackenzie, Welfare Association Central Office, London, in connection with the erection of the new building. She was met by Mr. W. J. Payne and Councillor Sam Jones, and was conducted around the present buildings. She took several particulars in connection with the new plan of the building.

British Legion A meeting of the branch was held on Tuesday, Mr. Phillips presiding. A report of the district committee meeting was submitted by Mr. Edward Puddle. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, stated he had successfully pressed some very difficult cases. The position of the Children's Welfare Fund had been strengthened by members' donations, and it was anticipated a trip will be arranged to the seaside. Regret was expressed at the death of Capt. E. H. Musgrove, Dowlais, who was so interested in Legion activity. The branch committee appealed to past members to rejoin, and in cases of hardship, offered to consider foregoing any arrears.

Funeral: Mr. Edward Gittens, Guests-street, aged 78 The burial took place on Monday at Pentwyn churchyard of Mr. Edward Gittens, husband of Mrs. Martha Gittens. He was a native of Clun, Shropshire, but had resided at Fochriw for over 46 years. Pastor David Thomas officiated, and the following members of the Gospel Hall acted as bearers: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, Horace Jones, David Saunders. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George, Eddie, Edwin, John Gwyn, Elwyn, Stanley and Myrddin Gittens (sons); Tom Oates, Merthyr, and Alun Davies, Aberystwyth (sons-in-law); William H. Davies, Edwin Davies, John Davies, David W. Morris, Albert Price (brothers-in-law); George Gittens, Tom Jones, Bryn Jones, John Jones, Iorwerth Jones, Myrddin Jones, Glyn Evans, Gwilym Evans, Brynley Davies, Vivian Davies (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Gittens (who widow); Mrs. Oates, Mrs. Davies, Aberystwyth; Mair Gittens, Hetty Gittens

(daughters); Maggie and Gladys (daughters-in-law); Lizzie., Esther, Catherine Ann, Edith Ann (sisters-in-law); Alice, Harriet, Lizzie, Megan (nieces); Mrs. Pugh.

Fochriw Man's Road Offence: Sequel to Collision with Wall The son of the Vicar of Fochriw, John R. White, was at Chippenham Police Court on Thursday of last week, and was fined £2, and was ordered to pay £1 13s 3d costs, the magistrates reducing the summons of driving to the danger of the public, to one of driving without due care and attention. White's licence was endorsed. Inspector Sloper said that the case arose from an incident on the Malmesbury to Chippenham road on July 3rd, at 10am, when White rounded a corner at speed, and was confronted with a stationary coal lorry and an approaching car. He skidded and collided with a wall. Defendant said that he carried on business as a ladies' hairdresser in Bargoed, and had a clean record for eight years' driving. He drove 15,000 miles a year. He said that he was on his way to Portsmouth to meet relatives, and was not in a hurry. The brakes caused his vehicle to swerve violently. Jack Turberville, a passenger in the car, corroborated White's version of the incident. He stated that in his opinion the coal lorry was dangerously parked near a bend in the road. White asked not to suspend his licence because of his business, and because he conveyed his father around the parish on Sundays.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 20 August 1938**

British Legion A meeting him was held at the New Hall under the auspices of the Women's Section. The secretary, Mrs. S. Jones, explained that the object of the meeting was to choose three boys for a fortnight's holiday under the Holiday scheme at Brixham, Devon.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday evening. The chairman made reference to the death of Mr. Edward Gittens, the father of two of the bandsmen. It was decided to accept an engagement at Bedwas on Saturday next.

Funeral: Mr. John Henry Scandrett, Dynevor-street, aged 52 The death occurred on Thursday of Mr. John Henry Scandratt. He was a native of Dowlais, and had resided with his sister for over 13 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery. The vicar, assisted by the Rev. Iltyd Jones, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. R. Price (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. J. Clay (brother-in-law); Mr. William Scandrett (brother); Messrs. Jeremiah Clary and William Clary (nephews); Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gwilym, Mrs. May Gwilym, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Thomas, Mr. Jack Thomas (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. S. G. Williams, Mrs. Sheen, Mrs. David Davies, Mrs. Owen. The following acted as bearers: Messrs. David Rees Jones, William Powell, Abraham Jones, Thomas Evans, Terence Kelly, Harry Jones, Bob Rees.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 27 August 1938**

Hospital Mr. Charles Mills, Glen view, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is progressing favourably.

Urdd Camp The following girls journeyed to Llangranog to spend 10 days in camp in connection with Urdd Gobaith Cymru: Eliza Evans, Annie Thomas and Muriel Davies.

Band at Flower Show The Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, played a programme of music at the first annual flower and vegetables show at Bedwas on Saturday.

Fractured Leg While Mrs. Lewis, the wife of Mr. Freddy Lewis, Hill-row, was returning home from a walk, she accidentally fell and fractured her leg. After receiving first-aid from Messrs. Glyn and David Meredith, and George Baldwin, members of St. John Ambulance Brigade, she was conveyed to Merthyr Infirmary.

Vocalist's Death The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas John Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, at the age of 34 years. Mr. Evans, who was a single man, residing with his parents, was a member of Carmel Congregational Church. He possessed a fine voice, and had been a prominent member of the Male Voice Party.

British Legion Under the auspices of the children's holiday scheme, four children left for a fortnight's holiday in Devonshire. The joint consultative committee of the branch met on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Mrs. L. Thomas, and progress was made in regard to the

Children's Welfare Fund. An outing to Porthcawl on September 3rd is planned. The invitation from Bargoed to send representatives to the official opening of their new headquarters was accepted, and the following represented the branch and section: Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, and Mr. James Symon and Mrs. Lewis, standard bearers.

Funeral: Mr. J. H. Scandrett, Dynevor-street, aged 52 The death occurred on Friday of Mr. J. H. Scandrett. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery. The Rev J. L. White, assisted by the Rev I. Jones, officiated. Mourners: Mr. and Mrs. J. Price (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. W. T. Scandrett (brother); Mr. James Cleary (brother-in-law); Messrs. J. and W. Cleary (nephews); Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gwilym, Mrs. May Gwilym (cousins); Mr. and Mrs. Kent, Mrs. A. Price, Mrs. Williams, Mr. D. Williams, Mr. J. Sheen, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Beaufort), Mr. Jack Thomas, Mr. R. J. Price, Mr. Windsor Rees (nephews and nieces). Mourners at the house: Mesdames Owen, Davies, F. G. Williams, M. Sheen. The bearers were Messrs. D. R. Jones, W. Powell, Thomas Evans, Abraham Jones, Terence Kelly, H. Jones and Robert Rees.

### **“Merthyr Express” 3 September 1938**

R.A.O.B. Children's Trip On Saturday last, the children of the members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes were taken by motor coach to the Brecon show.

Brithdir Levels: Closing Down Saturday saw the closing down of the Brithdir Levels - a sad blow to the once thriving coal mining village of Fochriw. The closing down of the Fochriw collieries in 1924, and now the closing down of the levels, have been a severe blow to what was once known as a prosperous village.

Funeral: Mr. Thomas John Evans, Dynevor-street, aged 34 The funeral of Mr. Thomas John Evans took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Evans was single and resided with his parents. He was a member of Carmel Chapel, and was keenly interested in music, possessing a fine tenor voice. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated at the funeral. The chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Evans (father); Messrs. David Lewis Evans, Hy. Evans, Edgar Evans, William Evans (brothers); Terence Kelly, William Hewins (brothers-in-law); Desmond Kelly (nephew); Walter Jones, Evan Jones, Henry Evans, Thomas Edwards, Walter Jones, B. Evans, W. J. Angell (uncles); Leslie Jones, W. H. Edwards, T. B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, Thomas Sullivan, Albert Mantle, David Evans, J. E. Edwards, W. Angell, Lewis Evans, Roderick Jones, W. J. Jones, Trevor Davies, Thomas Davies, Benjamin Jones, T. B. Evans, Edward Evans, W. M. Evans, Edred Jones, Garnant Jones, Gethin Jones, Windsor Williams, Wyndham Morgan, Tom Mantle, John Mantle, Roderick Williams, Bedford Edwards, Wm. Bennett, Harold Pritchard, James Davies and Thomas Jones. At the house: Mrs. Mary Evans (mother); Mrs. E. A. Hewins (sister); Mrs. W. Jones, Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. T. Jones (aunts); Mrs. B. Evans, Mrs. M. Evans and Mrs. Mildred Evans (sisters-in-law); Mesdames E. A. Jones, Maggie Davies, Betty Jones, M. A. Davies, M. S. Mantle, L. Edwards, N. Edwards, M. H. Morgan, B. Evans, Nellie Angell, Maggie Davies, and E. Sullivan (cousins); Mrs. Jane Evans and Mrs. A. J. Cook.

Vicar's Son Weds: Father Officiates at Ceremony The Rev. George Lawrence White, son of the Rev. J. L. White (vicar of Fochriw) and Mrs. White, was married at St. Peter's Church, Littleover, on Wednesday, to Miss Jean Marion Brownsey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lionel R. Brownsey, Abbeville, Derby. Rev. White was curate of St. Giles, Normanton, and will soon take up duties as curate at St. Mary's, Ilkeston. The father of the bridegroom officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. H. Evans, rector of South Normanton, late of Ynysybwl. The bride wore a chiffon dress of delphiniums blue with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaid was Miss Nellie White, who wore a dress of pink silk with hat and shoes to match. The best man was the Rev J. Whitlock of Ludlow. The bride and bridesmaid carried bouquets of pink roses. A reception was held at the Jacobean Cafe, Derby, and later the couple left by motor-car for the East coast.

### **“Merthyr Express” 10 September 1938**

Carnival Winner Mrs. M. H. Morgan, Station-terrace, secured second prize in the advertising class at the Porthcawl carnival on Saturday. She was also successful at the Bargoed carnival.

Noddfa Special services were held on Sunday and Monday, when the preacher was the Rev. Glasnant Young, Llandoverly. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. D. J. Thomas at the organ.

Summer School Success Among those who were successful in the Glamorgan summer school at Barry was Miss Olive Payne, who was awarded the prize for the "Best Group of work during the summer school of August 1938." Miss Payne, who is on the staff of the new Senior School, Bargoed, was trained at Barry.

Ambulance Brigade The result of the anti-air raid precaution and first-aid examination is as follows: First year re-exam in A. R. P. and F. A.: Supt. H. Thomas, Corps Supt. J. Morgan, Amb. Officer T. Evans, Div. Treasurer D. James, Hon. Sergt. & Div. Sec. T. Thomas, Div. Inspector of Stores B. Cumpstone, Pte. G. Baldwin. Cadet Supt. T. J. Powell has received his grade two certificate in A. R. P. and F. A. and is now a qualified instructor. Cadet Supt. T. J. Powell is also an instructor of the cadet division.

Library and Institute Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. The chairman reported on the visit of Miss M. Mackenzie, London, in connection with the proposed new building. The secretary dealt with the correspondence and financial statement. The auditor's report was given by Messrs. D. James and H. Wood and was accepted. The librarian's report was given by Mr. Richard Jones. He said that over 400 books had been taken out during August. The caretaker's report was accepted.

New Playing Ground A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, Mr. Albert Mantle presiding, in connection with the Commissioner's voluntary scheme. Captain Crawshay was represented by Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Jones (surveyor) from the Commissioner's office, Cardiff. A number of unemployed were present. Mr. Lloyd explained the voluntary scheme. Clothes, boots and a mid-day meal would be provided. It was decided to start work on Monday next. The plot of ground by the river bridge has been pegged out.

Children's Welfare Fund Under the auspices of the British Legion, a party of 200 travelled to Porthcawl on Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. L. Thomas (chairman), and Mr. W. T. Pegg (treasurer). The branch was represented by Mr. Sydney Phillips (chairman), and the section representatives were Mrs. M. E. Phillips (chairman), Mrs. Avonwy Jones (secretary) and Mrs. M. H. Jones (treasurer). On arrival at Porthcawl, the children were given coppers to spend. The secretary of the fund wishes to record thanks to the following for their donations: Powell Duffryn Associated Collieries Ltd.; the Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd.; Mr. H. Smith, Newport; Mr. T. J. Jones (branch president); the Rev J. L. White (vicar); Mr. W. J. Payne; the Fochriw British Legion and Women's Section.

### **“Merthyr Express” 17 September 1938**

Cycling Feat Two Fochriw boys, D. Lyn Jones and W. Walters have cycled from Fochriw to Glasgow, where they visited the Exhibition. The two left Fochriw on Sunday, August 7th, and, on the Rhymney road, met a Cyfarthfa schoolboy, Rees Williams, and another lad named Donald Bencough, who attends Lewis' School Pengam. The four reached Glasgow on Friday, August 12th, and the return journey commenced on Sunday, 14th August.

R.A.O.B. Meeting Members of the Brynderwen Lodge met on Tuesday evening at the Rising Sun Inn, when the officers and brothers of the Wimborne Lodge, Dowlais, paid a regalia visit. The following artistes assisted in the harmony: Brothers James Evans, T. J. Lewis, J. O. Donald, W. Watkins, Howell Thomas, George Davies, Evan Evans, W. J. Howells, Benjamin Williams. The accompanists were Brothers Gilbert Harris and Richard Lewis, Dowlais.

The Late Mr. J. Scandrett: Children Entertained To fulfil the wishes expressed by the late Mr. John Scandrett, Dynevor-street, Mr. and Mrs. R. Jones Price entertained the children of Fochriw to tea at the New Hall on Thursday last, when over 200 children assembled. Besides the host and hostess, the following attended: Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. S. C. Farley, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. H. Ballard, Mrs. C. Williams, Mr. W. T. Pegg and Mr. J. Phillips. The tray holders were: Mrs. E. Kent, Mrs. K. Owen, Mrs. A. Davies, Mrs. D. Griffiths, Mrs. M. A. Williams, Mrs. J. J. Lewis, Mrs. Sheila Wright, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. K. Price, Miss A. Price. A musical programme, with Mrs. Williams, Deri, at the piano, ended the event.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 24 September 1938**

For The Hospital A community singing festival in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital will be held at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday next at 7:30pm, when the will be Mr. Willie Adams Jones. This will take the place of the open-air community singing which is held every year. It is hoped that all will make an effort to attend.

Personal Mr. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, returned home this week from hospital where he had been a patient as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery. Mr. Reggie Gittoes, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, also as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery. He is progressing favourably.

Ambulance Cup Winners Fochriw Adult Ambulance team won the Guest Keen Cup at the competition at Dowlais Corps Competition on Saturday, when five teams competed. The team was trained by Corps Supt. John Morgan, and was composed of Messrs. I. Morgan (captain), T. J. Powell, Idris Williams, Islwyn Saunders, Tudor Rowlands and Dan James. Two teams of cadet are preparing for competition under the supervision of Corps Supt. John Morgan and Cadet Supt. T. J. Powell.

Library and Institute Mr. W. J. Payne presided over the meeting at the New Hall on Thursday, when the plan of a new building were submitted for consideration. The plan provides for a new hall and billiards room, etc. After considering the plan, a building committee was appointed to further consider the plan and report to the General Committee. The committee members are: Mr. W. J. Payne, Councillor Sam Lewis, Messrs. A. Mantle, T. J. Jones, H. Wood, B. Rees, and D. I. Evans.

British Legion Visitors to the Fochriw branch on Tuesday were Mr. T. I. Lloyd, Cardiff, vice-chairman of the Wales Area Council, British Legion, and Mr. Ivor Lewis, Trelewis, district secretary. Both speakers dealt with administrative work and expressed appreciation of the work done locally. The secretary reminded the branch of the dedication ceremony to be held at Merthyr on October 2nd, and it was decided to send a standard party. Mr. Sydney Phillips thanked Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Lewis.

Welfare Meeting Mr. Albert Mantle presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. T. J. Jones, acting secretary, reported that the work on the new playing field had commenced and about 30 unemployed men were working under the Distressed Areas Commissioner's Voluntary Scheme. Arrangements were made for tenders for boots and clothing, and the midday meal is to be taken at the Old Library until the erection of the pavilion. A deputation from the Boys' Club attended, headed by Mr. Bryn Davies, secretary, and Mr. Rod Jones, treasurer, appealing for a grant for football equipment. After hearing their case, the committee agreed to the request. The resignation of Mr. Edward Puddle as a committee member was accepted.

Old-Age Pensioners A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday. Mr. W. J. Payne, who presided, thanked all who had helped in any way to provide such an excellent day at the seaside for the aged folk. The auditor's report was given by the Messrs. Emrys Evans and Bob Rees. After meeting all expenses, a surplus was left with which to open a fund for next year. The chairman said they were losing a very faithful supporter of the outing fund at the end of the month as Sergeant Mourton was retiring. He was thanked for his support. The

secretary reported that arrangements had been made for a dance in aid of the pensioners' fund. Mr. Aneurin Thomas, Caerphilly, an old Fochriw boy, had offered to bring his popular Collegian Dance Band, and his offer was accepted with thanks. The following were added to the organising committee for the event: Messrs. E. Lewis, A. Cumpstone and J. Mantle.

I.O.G.T. At the lodge meeting, the programme took the form of "Holiday Reminiscences." Sister C. Jones thanked all who took part.

Pit Accident Mr. John Bevan, M.E., manager of the Guest, Keen & Co. Fochriw levels, met with an accident on Tuesday, when he slipped and fractured his arm. He was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital, where he is now a patient, and is progressing favourably.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 1 October 1938**

I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard, Chief Templar, presided over the meeting of the lodge at Carmel vestry. The programme was arranged by Sister C James and consisted of a scripture test.

Community Singing At Noddfa Baptist chapel on Sunday, a community singing concert was held in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Willie Adams Jones was the conductor, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist. The chairman was Mrs. M. A. Lewis. The collection realised £2 3s.

Ambulance Success Two teams of cadets from Fochriw won the first and second prizes at the Dowlais Corps Cadet Competition on Saturday. The first prize-winners were Messrs. T. J. Lewis (captain), W. Walters, Ivor Davies and Cuthbert Llewellyn. They scored 134 marks. This is the third year in succession of they have won the first prize. The second prize-winners were Messrs. A. Morgan (captain), Glanmor Williams, V. Llewellyn and Ronald Lewis with 124 marks. The teams were trained by Cadet Officer T. J. Powell.

Wedding: Evans-Davey The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday of Mr. Warwick Davey, Deri, and Miss Mary Jennet Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. Benjamin Evans and the late Mrs. Sarah Evans, Pentwyn. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a brown two-piece costume, with hat and shoes. She was attending by Miss Ceinwen Davey who wore a petrol blue gown. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The couple will live at Pentwyn.

St. David's Church, Pantywaun The inaugural services at the re-built St. David's Church, took place on Wednesday and Sunday. The Old Church was demolished owing to subsidence, and a new church has been erected in its place. The service on Wednesday was conducted by the Archdeacon of Llandaff. He also dedicated an altar cloth and frontal, the gifts of Mrs. T. Chamberlain, New Tredegar. On Sunday afternoon, a harvest service was conducted by the Reverend J. L. White, Vicar, and in the evening, the Rev. J. C. Payne, the vicar of Penydarren, officiated. Others who took part were the Rev. F. Phillips, Deri, and Mr. Percy Gambling. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. H. Williams and the organist was Mr. A. E. Kings. The sidesmen were Messrs. A. Davies and D. J. Davies.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 8 October 1938**

Air Raid Precaution Lecture An address on A.R.P. work was given at the Council School on Friday by Coun. Sam Lewis. Mr. John Morgan presided. As a result of the talk, several offers of assistance were received.

I.O.G.T. Sister Beryl Ballard presided over a meeting of the Lodge at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday. A hymn singing competition was held, Sister E. Ballard and Sister T. Walters adjudicating. Sisters C. Jones, B. Ballard and C. Walters were declared the winners.

Mothers' Union Outing On Saturday, members visited the Wye Valley. Breakfast was taken at Abergavenny, lunch at Monmouth, and tea at Cardiff.

Death The death has occurred of Mr. Charles R. Mills, Glen-view, Pentwyn. Mr. Mills had been secretary of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. for many years. He was admitted to the Merthyr General Hospital some weeks ago, and died on Saturday.

Baptist Meetings The quarterly meetings of the Rhymney Baptist Churches were held Noddfa Chapel on Tuesday. The conference in the afternoon was presided over by Mr. T. R. Savage, Rhymney. A public meeting in the evening was conducted by the Rev. E.D.T. Phillips of Aberbargoed and the Rev. G.R.M. Lloyd, B.A. of Rhymney. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. D Joshua Thomas was the organist.

R.A.O.B. Raising The Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. held a raising ceremony at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, when Bros. W. J. Watkins and Wyndham Morgan were raised to the second degree. Bro. W. E. Earle, R.O.H., P.G.P., Tredegar, presided, supported by Bros. J. S. Jones, Merthyr, Ben Smith, Merthyr Vale, D. Evans, Ystrad Mynach, J. Jones, Tredegar, J. Sullivan, Merthyr, and H. C. Seaborne. The sponsors were Bros. J. J. Lewis and Seaborne Williams.

Thanksgiving Services Harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday and Monday at St. Mary stretch. The Church had been decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. The services on Sunday were conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. White, and the Revs. J. Mason, Pontlottyn, the Rev. J. Vernon Payne, Cardiff University, and the Rev. T. W. Davies, Caerphilly. On Monday, the Rev. J. A. Jeffreys-Jones, vicar of Cymmer and Porth, conducted the services. Mr. B. Angell conducted singing and Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist.

For The Blind A house-to-house collection in aid of the Merthyr and Mid-Wales Institution for the Blind has been carried out due in the last two weeks. The organiser was Mrs. Sam Lewis, who wishes to thank the public for their support. The following were responsible for distributing and collecting envelopes: Mesdames E. Rowlands, C. Shankland, C. Oliver, L. Evans, W Hollister, Misses C. Jones, R. Davies, A. Mills, L. Mills, B. Simpson, Sybil Jones and Mr. T. Rowlands. The collections were: Brynteg: £1 1s; Guest-street and Martin-street: 17s 1d; Pentwyn and Pit-row: 11s 4d; Pleasant-view, Morris-row and Villas: 9s 3d; Penybank: 9s 1d; Aelybryn: 7s 5d; Dynevor-street: 6s; Brook-row and Council Houses: 2s 1d. Total £4 3s 3d.

### **“Merthyr Express” 15 October 1938**

Pit Accident As a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, Mr. George Williams, Pentwyn, was removed to Merthyr General Hospital, where he is making satisfactory progress.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Monday. Messrs. R. Clark and T. J. Jones (secretaries) reported on the work now proceeding at the new football ground, and the Commissioner's scheme was highly complimented.

I.O.G.T. Sister B. Ballard presided at a meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Wednesday. The programme was "Harvest Gleanings." The following took part: Sisters E. Ballard, S. Jones, Oliver, Ballard, and Brother Thomas Walters.

Library and Institute Mr. W J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. The Secretary dealt with the correspondence relating to the new building. It was decided to invite Mr. Daniel, the Welfare organiser, to visit Fochriw again. The secretary presented the financial report and caretaker's report, which were accepted. Mr. R. Jones gave the librarian's report. It was decided to proceed with the Christmas Billiards Handicap, and a committee was appointed to carry out the organisation. An appeal was received from the newly-formed Old Age Pensioners Organisation for the use of a room, which was granted.

Funeral: Mr. C. R. Mills, Glen-view, aged 60 The funeral of Mr. C. R. Mills took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He was a native of Hereford, but had resided in the village for the last 27 years. He was associated with the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and was secretary of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge. The funeral was a very representative one, including many members of the R.A.O.B. The Vicar, and the Rev. J. C. Payne (Chaplain of the R.A.O.B.) officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Harvey and Norman Mills (sons); Jack Barrington, A. & C. Price (brothers-in-law). Mourners at the



house: Mrs. C. R. Mills (widow); Mr. Joan Mills (daughter); Mrs. B. Mills (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Ashford and Miss Bella Ashford.

Wedding: Evans-Williams At Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Saturday, the marriage took place of Mr. D. J. Williams, Pontlottyn, and Miss Iris Evans, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans, Brynteg-street. The Rev T. E. Williams officiated, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a pink brocaded silk dress with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Winnie Evans and Miss M. J. Williams, and the flower girl was Margaret Williams. The bridesmaids wore net coats over satin with flower overhead bands. The reception was held at the bride's home, and there were a large number of guests. The couple will make their future home at Pontlottyn.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 22 October 1938**

Nazareth The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday, and were well attended. The Rev. Professor T. O. Davies, Trevecca, preached edifying sermons. The organist was Miss Katie Davies and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

Hospital The following are patients in hospital and are progressing satisfactorily: Miss Elspeth Lewis at Merthyr General Hospital; Messrs. Oliver Griffiths and George Evans at Merthyr Infirmary; Master Graham Cumpstone at Gellygaer. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. Mr. Albert Mantle reported on the progress of the band. The secretary, Mr. James J. Lewis, dealt with the correspondence, and engagements for the Armistice parade were considered.

Football Fochriw Boys' Club defeated Deri at Deri on Saturday by three goals to two. In a fortnight's time, the Fochriw team commence League fixtures. The Fochriw team was: T. Davies, A. & E. Jones, S. Jones, D. R. Jones, C. Cumpstone, D. C. Jones, Alan Davies, G. Jones, A. Davies, C. Llewelyn.

Welfare Captain Crawshay visited the new playing field on Monday, accompanied by Mr. Forrest, and Mr. Jones, surveyor from the Cardiff Office. They were met on the ground by the officials. They afterwards visited the dining quarters at the Old Library, where the men were partaking of their mid-day meal. Captain Crawshay expressed his delight with the way the dinner was served, and also with the way the workmen were carrying out their work on the ground, where about 330 men give their services to provide a playing field for the village.

For the Hospital On Thursday, under the auspices of the Fochriw Ward effort, the New Hall was packed, when the Radioites from Cwmaman, Aberdare, presented a revue, "Sunshine Cruise," with Mr. W. R. Jones as manager and producer. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The company gave three hours of entertainment, and were received with rounds of applause. Mr. W. Adams thanked all who had contributed to the evening, including Noddfa Chapel for footlights, and Gellygaer U.D.C. for lighting arrangements. The secretaries were Mr. Willie Adams Jones and Mr. T. J. Jones, with the following willing workers: Mesdames W. Adams Jones, W. J. Payne, H. Thomas, A. Ballard, J. Lawrence, M. Davies, T. Jones, S. Jones, Miss M. Jones, Messrs. H. Thomas, W. J. Payne, D. James, J. Lewis, T. J. Jones, W. A. Jones. The company gave their services for expenses only.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 29 October 1938**

Hospital Messrs. Daniel Wheeler and D. C. Bowen, both of Pentwyn, are patients at Merthyr Infirmary, where they are progressing favourably.

I.O.G.T. A meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday, Sister Beryl Ballard presiding. The programme was a miscellaneous one, all members contributing.

British Legion A meeting of the benevolent committee was held at the New Hall on Monday, when Mr. W. J. Payne presided. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones reported on a number of cases, and said that he had been successful in most cases in obtaining substantial benefits. Good

wishes were passed to two members, Mr. D. Wheeler and Mr. D. C Bowen, who are in hospital.

Old Age Pensioners A branch of the Old Age Pensioners' Association was formed at a meeting held in the Institute on Thursday. Officers elected were: chairman, Mr. Edward Lewis; treasurer, Mr. John Davies; secretary, Mr. Thomas Ballard, 1, Moore's-row; committee members: Mr. Job Thomas, Mr. Evan Jones (to represent Pantywaun), Mr. D. Rees Jones and Mr. D. J. Griffiths. The collector who had visited the pensioners in their homes gave a report. It was announced by the secretary that 98 had enrolled as members of the newly-formed branch. The movement is endeavouring to improve the position of aged people.

Annual Meeting The annual meeting of the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The following were elected officers called President, Mr. T. J. Jones (Pontlottyn); vice-president, Mr. D. Sullivan (Pontlottyn); chairman, Mr. J. E. Cumpstone; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Jones; secretary, Mr. W. T. Pegg; assistant secretary, Mr. E. Puddle; standard bearer, Mr. J. Symons; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White and Rev. R. Evans; Branch Committee: Messrs. D. D. Davies, W. D. Thomas, J. W. Davies, W. J. Davies, E. Thomas, W. A. Thomas, W. Way and S. Phillips. delegates: District Committee - Messrs. Phillips and Puddle; Area Conference - Mr. E. Puddle; National Conference - Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; representatives on the local Benevolent Committee - Messrs. T. & S. Jones, W. A. Thomas, W. Sullivan, J. E. Cumpstone, T. J. Jones, W. H. Way. Thanks were accorded the outgoing officers, and tributes were paid Mr. S. S. Phillips, the retiring chairman, for his many years of service as chairman. The auditors' Messrs. E. Pritchard and Emlyn Jones were duly thanked. Again appreciation was accorded the Merthyr Express for publicity given to the activities of the branch. It was agreed to commence a membership campaign when the services of the area organiser will be obtained, and ex-servicemen urged to join the Legion. It was announced that a donation of £5 has been received from Messrs. Dowlais Collieries Ltd, towards the Children's Welfare Fund, and a supply of clothing had also been sent by an anonymous donor. A letter from Mrs. S. J. Jones (Poppy Day organiser) intimated that as she left the district to reside at Harrow, it would be advisable to appoint a successor, and Mrs. M. E. Phillips was elected.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 5 November 1938**

For The Hospital As a result of the concert given by the Cwmaman Radioites, the sum of £11 14s has been forwarded to the Hospital.

Dramatic Recital On Tuesday, Miss Inman, elocutionist, Cardiff, and Mrs. Marunson, pianist, gave a dramatic recital at the New Hall. Thanks were accorded by Miss Woosnam and Miss Page Wood. An address was given on cookery, and it was arranged to hold a demonstration at a later date.

British Legion The committee met on Tuesday, Mr. E. Cumpstone presiding. Arrangements were made to commence a membership campaign, and a meeting of ex-servicemen is to be held on Tuesday, November 29th at the New Hall, when Mr. Kennedy Hunt, the area organising secretary, will speak. A Remembrance Day service will be held on November at St. Mary's. A report from the Poppy Day organiser was given by Mr. Sydney Phillips.

Welfare Association Mr. A. Mantle presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday. Amongst the correspondence was an appeal from the Boys' Club in connection with the playing field. Mr. Payne reported on the visit of Capt. Crawshay and others from the Commissioner's Office to the new playing field. It was decided that the foreman of the scheme, Mr. David Harris, attend each meeting.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 12 November 1938**

R.A.O.B. Pantywaun Lodge held a church parade to St. David's Church on Sunday. The sermon was given by Rev. J. C. Payne, chaplain of the Order. Mr. Williams conducted the singing, with Mr. Kings as organist.

Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mrs. T. Powell, Glenview Cottage; Miss Doreen Thomas, Penybank; Mrs. G. Tyler, Aelybryn; Mr. T. Jones, Hill-road, Pentwyn. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Library and Institute Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday. A letter was read from the Boys' Club asking for two members to be appointed on the committee, and Mr. H. Wood and Mr. Clifford Davies was appointed. The billiards committee reported that the Christmas Handicap was in progress. Mr. R. Jones, librarian, reported that readers had taken 258 books during October.

British Legion The general meeting of the branch was held on Tuesday, Mr. Cumpstone presiding. The report on the district committee meeting was given by Mr. Edward Puddle. Thanks were expressed to Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, the branch chaplains, and of the Ambulance Corps, for their assistance on Remembrance Sunday. A goodwill message was sent to Mr. T. Jones, vice-chairman, who is a patient at Merthyr hospital.

Remembrance Service A remembrance service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, attended by the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion, members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Cadets, and other bodies. The service was conducted by the Vicar with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. Wreaths in memory of the fallen were laid at the foot of the memorial window.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 19 November 1938**

Boys' Club The Boys' Club has 60 members with Mr. Bryn Davies as secretary, and Mr. Rod Jones as treasurer. Mr. Roberts, Bargoed, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, are P.T. and musical training instructors. Two football teams play in the boys' league. A joint meeting of the representatives of the Library and Institute, Welfare Association, and Boys' Club were held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Councillor Sam Lewis presided. The meeting was convened to discuss the question of a building for the Boys' Club. It was decided to hold a further meeting, and to see Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser, and Captain Glynne Jones on the matter.

Sale of Work A tea and sale of work was held at the Church Hall on Monday in aid of Church funds. Those who assisted were: Mesdames White, W. J. Payne, E. J. Lawrence, W. D. Davies, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, Mills, Baldwin, D. Williams, Mantle, Wright, B. Evans, S. Jones, Llewellyn, Pullen, Watkins, Palmer, Misses R. Davis, Nellie White, Annie Mills, Lilian Mills, Nan Ballard, Messrs. W. T. Pegg, W. J. Payne, T. E. Davies, Jack Lawrence, W. D. Davies, A. Palmer.

British Legion The annual meeting of the Women's Section was held on Wednesday at the New Hall, presided over by Mrs. S Phillips. The auditors, Mrs. S. Lewis and Miss R. Davies gave their report. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. M. L. Jones; vice-president, Mrs. W. Price, Mrs. W. D. Davies, Mrs. J. Davies; chairman, Mrs. S. Phillips; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Thomas; secretary, Mrs. S. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Jones; standard-bearer, Mrs. Lewis; representatives on the benevolent committee, Mrs. M. H. Jones and Mrs. S. Jones; the general and consultative committees were re-elected. It was decided to hold the annual supper on 9th December. The treasurer stated there was a small balance in hand. Members of the branch sold poppies on Armistice Day. Mrs. S. Phillips was the organiser. The sellers were: Mesdames W. D. Davies, T. Sullivan, B. Evans, G. Williams, S. Phillips, Lewis, Misses Sybil Jones, Jenny Morgan, Joan Phillips, Ray Farley. The organisers wished to thank the public for their support.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 26 November 1938**

Poppy Sale Result As a result of the Earl Haig British Poppy Day appeal which took place on November 11th, the amount collected was £7 13s. Mr. David Thomas was responsible for the Pantywaun area.

Old Age Pensioners A meeting was held on Thursday at the Institute, Mr. Edward Lewis presiding. Speeches were made by Councillors Mrs. M. Williams, Bargoed, Iorwerth Hopkins and Sam Lewis; also, Mr. Bolwell, Bedlinog, Mr. James Davies, secretary of the Pontlottyn O.A.P. branch, Mr. T. H. Jenkins, Bargoed, and Mr. Evan Jones, Pantywaun. Mr. T. Evans, Aelybryn, thanked the speakers.

Library and Institute A meeting was held up the New Hall on Monday, Mr. W J Payne presiding. A report was given by the chairman on plans for the new institute.

### **“Merthyr Express” 3 December 1938**

Carmel The annual meetings were held on Sunday when the Rev. L. Idris Davies, Pentre, preached. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Nursing Success Miss Hannah A. Mantle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mantle, Pentwyn, has passed her preliminary Nursing examination. She is now at the Edmund Potter Hospital, Bolton.

Playing Field Splendid progress is being made with the construction of the new playing field under the Special Areas Commissioners Scheme. The pavilion has been erected, and the ground is now being fenced in and levelled.

Hospital The following our patients at Merthyr hospital and are progressing favourably: Mr. Ernest Williams, Martin Street; Elsa Morgan, Dynevor-street; Cyril Davies, Martin-street; Mr. Emlyn Evans, Moore's-row; Edgar Evans, Williams-row.

British Legion Both sections of the Fochriw branch met at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mr. Idris Cumpstone, chairman of the men section, presided. The speakers were Mr. A K Kennedy Hunt (the area organising secretary), and Mr. F C Miller, Dowlais, and Mr. Ivor Lewis (chairman and secretary of the North East Glamorgan area).

Library and Institute At the New Hall on Friday, the plan of the new hall and Institute to be built under the auspices of the Welfare Association was considered. The chairman, Mr. W J. Payne, outlined the progress of the work that had been done since 1937 when the movement was commenced. A sketch plan from the Central Welfare Office, London, showed an up-to-date Hall to seat 400. The building would include the billiards hall and other rooms. Councillor Sam Lewis and Mr. D.I. Evans also spoke. The plan was accepted, and it was decided to proceed with the work. The chairman explained the position of the proposed room for the Boys Club. He felt sure that satisfactory results could be brought about.

Amateur Dramatics The Fochriw Dramatic Society delighted a large audience at the New Hall on Thursday night with their performance of the comedy, "The Way Things Happen." The society was formed seven years ago and has performed many dramas and comedies. This was one of their best productions. This stage was well set and the lighting effects were good. There were fine individual performances, but teamwork was also well done. Praise is due to Mr. T. J. Jones, producer, himself a first class actor. The chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne paid striking tribute to the company, stating also that they had given their services free on numerous occasions for any deserving cause. This performance was in aid of the Fochriw Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. Corps Supt. John Morgan and Ambulance Officer T. Evans thanked all who had contributed for their efforts. The cast was: Miss Sal Janes; Miss Eiluned Lawrence; Mr. D. Joshua Thomas; Miss Eunice Morgan; Mr. Gordon Lawrence; Mr. Berkley Davies; Miss Elsa Matthews; Mrs. M. Pope; Mr. R. Rees; Mr. T. J. Jones. The stage-managers were Messrs. Tom and Bryn Davies.

### **“Merthyr Express” 10 December 1938**

Accident Mr. Tom Jones, Glyn-terrace, fractured his legs at Ogilvie Colliery on Thursday. He received first aid from Dr. McCarty, and was then removed to Merthyr General Hospital.

Bus Service To meet the wishes of the people of Pentwyn and Penybank, a bus service is to be run on Friday and Saturday by the Gellygaer Council Undertaking. Councillor Sam Lewis and others have worked hard to bring this about.

Library and Institute Mr. Albert Mantle presided at a meeting on Thursday. The caretaker again reported that papers and magazines had been taken from the Reading room. The Committee view this offence very gravely. Drastic action will be taken against those responsible.

**“Merthyr Express” 17 December 1938**

Juvenile Concert A concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday by the Penrhiwceiber Juveniles in aid of the Library and Institute funds. Councillor Sam Lewis thanked the artistes for their aid.

British Legion The annual supper of the women's section was held on Wednesday in the Lesser Hall. Among the guests were Mrs. J. Davies and W. Davies (vice-presidents), and members and officers of the Pontllytyn branch. The tray holders were: Mesdames J. Davies, W. Davies, J. Pullen, W. Mills, L. Thomas, T. S. Evans, W. Way, B. Evans, J. Morgan, G. Williams, C. Shankland, D. Wheeler, D. Thomas, G. Edwards, T. Sullivan, C. Jones, I. Cumpstone. Others who assisted were Messrs. W. T. Pegg, J. Prowse and W. Davies. The sealed packet, given by Mr. Morley Davies, Dowlais, was won by Miss Enid Cumpstone.

Inter-Club Concert At the New Hall on Tuesday, a concert was given by the Ladies' Section of the Inter-Clubs, conducted by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac. assisted by Mr. T. Jones, Pantywaun. Clubs that took part were Fochriw, Pantywaun and Deri. Mrs. Farley presided, and added interest to the concert was the appearance of Mr. J. O. Jones, organiser of the National Council of Music, Cardiff, and also Mr. B. Mordecai, Mus. Bac., the local organiser, who helped considerably in the work. Artistes who took part were: Miss Nellie White, contralto; Miss Morfydd Benbow and Miss Dyer, Pantywaun; Mr. D. R. Jones, baritone, Pantywaun; Miss Jenkins, elocutionist, Pantywaun; Mr. J. J. Lewis, tenor; Miss Hopkins, Deri. Mr. Elvet Thomas, Miss Winward and Mr. Lawrence, played some piano trios.

Funeral: Mrs. Irwen Morris, School House, aged 31 The death has occurred of Mrs. Irwen Morris, wife of Mr. Tom Morris. Mrs. Morris was a member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating. Mourners were: Mr. Tom Morris (husband); Captain E. H. Williams, London; Mordecai and John Williams, E. & Leighton Chaffey, Bargoed; G. Morris, Len Trollope, W. L. Hill, Tom Bowen, Tom Walters, D. Owen Jones, B. Taylor, Tredegar, S. Trollope, L. and Clifford Davies, Glyn Watkins, Tom and Cled Hill, Windsor Williams, Tom Walters (Dowlais), Wyndham Morgan, Cyril Brannan, Dan Jones. Mourners at the house: Gareth Morris (son); Mesdames Margaret Williams, Chaffe, M. Morris, M. Davies, L. Trollope, E. H. Williams, Mordecai Williams, M. H. Morgan, J. Williams, Misses Jessie and K. Williams, L. Taylor, Mrs. M. and Miss G. Davies, Mrs. Brannan, Mrs. D. J. Morgan, Miss E. and S. A. Fittons, Mrs. E. Harris, Miss Evelyn Thomas, Mrs. Dan Jones. Among the many floral tributes was one from the Groesfaen Clay Workmen.

**“Merthyr Express” 24 December 1938**

Carmel: First Wedding: Jenkins-Gardiner The first wedding in the Church took place on Saturday last when Mr. Jenkins and Mrs. I. Gardiner, of Rhymney, were married. The officiating minister was the Rev. R. Morris, Rhymney. The organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

The Late Miss Glenys Jones The death has taken place after a long and painful illness of Miss Glenys Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, late of Brynteg-street, now of Ogmere Vale. Glenys was of a charming disposition, and passed away at the early age of 26 years. She was a certificated teacher, having been trained at Barry Training College, and before her illness held a post in England. Great sympathy is extended to the family.

Social A successful tea and entertainment took place at the Council School on Monday evening, when all the members of the sewing class, with their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, met. The tables were decorated and attended to by Mesdames B. Harris, S. G. Williams, P.

Edwards, Misses R. Davies, Irwen Thomas, Mrs. L. D. Smith. Games were indulged in. The secretary was Miss Rosie Davies, and the treasurer Mrs. Ray Parry.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The secretary gave a report of the visit of Mr. Daniel, organiser, the previous day. A revised plan of the new hall and billiard room was submitted to the meeting, which is a great improvement, including two dressing rooms at the back of his stage and other facilities. It was unanimously decided to accept the plan and to proceed with the work forthwith.

Welfare Association Mr. Albert Mantle presided over a meeting on Thursday, and was supported by Mr. W. J. Payne, vice-chairman, and Mr. R. Clark, secretary. A report of the work on the new playing field was submitted, and it was stated that the ground had been fenced and the pavilion completed. A large amount of other work had also been done. Tribute was paid to the foreman and workmen for their excellent work during very trying weather conditions. Mr. T. Jones, surveyor, Cardiff, who visited the site during the week, complemented the workmen on their splendid work. Mr. Peter Jones was elected treasurer of the Association.

### **“Merthyr Express” 31 December 1938**

Silver Band The Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, played a programme of Christmas music throughout the village on Christmas Day.

Hospital Mr. Gwyn Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans, Moore's-row, was taken to Merthyr General Hospital on Friday evening and an operation was performed immediately. Mr. Hugh Mantle is also progressing favourably after an operation.

Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Boys' Club, a whist drive was held at the New Hall on Thursday. The M.C. was Mr. Idris Cumpstone, and the prize-winners were: gents, Mr. W. A. Jones; ladies, Mrs. Stanley Jones.

St. Mary's Church Christmas Day was celebrated with services at 8 & 11am., 2.30 & 6pm.. The vicar was the preacher and celebrant. The afternoon service was taken by Mr. W. J. Payne and the evening service by Rev. E. Adams Evans.

Carol Service At Carmel Vestry on Thursday, the pupils and teachers held a carol singing service. A duet was sung by Huw B. Thomas and Desmond Kelly. Enid Davies and friends, and David Evans and friends also took part. Solos were sung by Enid Davies and Mafanwy Cole. Miss Maria Jones conducted the singing. After the concert, each child received a present from the Christmas tree, Santa Claus being Mr. Tom Walters, assisted by Mrs. B. Rees and Miss C. Jones.

Cymanfa Ganu A United Service of song by Nazareth and Noddfa churches was held on Christmas Day at Nazareth Church. This year's conductor, Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, met with a colliery accident the previous Friday, and was a patient at Merthyr General Hospital with a broken leg. In his absence the singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans. Mrs. T. Matthews presided at the afternoon services, and Mr. T. J. Jones at the evening service. The organists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Davies.

Singing Festival The annual singing festival of Carmel Congregational Church was held on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters, and the singing was of a high standard. The organist was Miss Beryl Ballard. The morning service was presided over by Mrs. M. A. Lewis. The devotional part was taken by Miss Betty Evans and Miss Enid Davies. A duet was sung by Muriel Davies and Megan Davies, and recitations were given by Violet Abbey and Linda Thomas. Miss Elizabeth Ballard presided in the afternoon, and Mr. T. Ballard in the evening.

Wedding: Thomas-Hann The wedding was solemnised at Trinity Church, Bargoed, on Saturday last, the Rev. A. Baker officiating, of Miss Jessie Thomas, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Gwalia, Fochriw, and Mr. Percy G. Hann, Deri. The bride wore a two-piece French grey Angora, trimmed with black coney fur, with hat and shoes to tone, and carried a spray of white carnations. Mr. Wm. Thomas, father of the bride, and Mr.

G. Hann, father of the groom, were present. The honeymoon is being spent in London. They will make their future home at Gwalia, Fochriw.

Funeral: Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, aged 70 The death has occurred of Mr. Daniel Rowlands. He was a deacon of Carmel Congregational Church. The funeral took place on Tuesday. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated, and paid tribute to Mr. Rowland's fine character. The mourners were: Messrs. Leyshon, Thomas, Daniel and John Rowlands (sons); Evan Rowlands (brother); Thomas Francis, William Thomas, Charles Hollister (brothers-in-law); David Evans, Lewis Evans, Willie A. Davies (sons-in-law); Tudor Rowlands (grandson); Cyril Thomas, Evan J. Thomas, Daniel Thomas, John Francis, Wilfred Hollister (nephews); David Griffiths, William Griffiths, Tudor Griffiths, Hopkin Griffiths, Abe Edwards, Daniel Edwards, Mark Old, E. Griffiths (cousins); David Jones, Eba Watkins, William Evans, Brinley Cumpstone, J. Giles, Richard Evans, Willie A. Davies, Thomas Kinsey, D Gibbons. Mourners at the house: Mrs. D. Rowlands (widow); Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. W. A. Davies (daughters); Mrs. M. L. Thomas (sister); Mrs. E. Rowlands (sister-in-law); Mrs. Tom Rowlands, Mrs. D. Rowlands (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Teg Cumpstone, Miss Amelia Evans, Miss Margaret Rowlands, Masters Eiros & Carwyn Evans (grand children); Mesdames B. Jones, A. Davies, H. Francis, E. Rowlands, Baldwin, Misses Peggy & Jenny Thomas (nieces); Mrs. M. Griffiths, Mrs. D. Griffiths.

Funeral: Miss Glenys Jones, aged 26 The funeral of Miss Glenys Jones took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Miss Jones was aged 26, and a teacher at Hilltop School, Quinton, Birmingham. A product of the Fochriw School, she later proceeded to Hengoed County School, and then to Barry Training College. The funeral was large and representative, and the bearers were Councillor Sam Lewis, Fochriw; Messrs. E. Morris, W. Heath and L. Davies, Ogmere Vale. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Gilbert Roberts, Bethania Welsh Congregational Church, assisted by the Rev. J. J. Walters, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ogmere Vale. The mourners were: Messrs. Walter Jones (father); Richard Jones, Birmingham; Lewis Jones, Kidderminster; Glanville Ingram Jones (brothers); Tom Jones (brother-in-law); Evan Jones, Thomas Evans, Walter Jones, W. Roderick Jones, B. Wathan, Pontsticill (uncles); Jack Jones, Roderick Jones, Willie Evans, Harry Evans, Terence Kelly, William Evans, Edrid Jones, Leslie Jones (cousins); Messrs. W. Hughes Jones and Alec Jones, Dowlais.