

“Merthyr Express” 4 January 1941

Death of Mrs. S. Mills The death has taken place of Mrs. Mills, aged 67, wife of Mr. S. Mills. She had resided at Dynevor-street for a number of years.

Church Services Christmas Day services were held at St. Mary's on Christmas Day. The preacher was the vicar with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ.

Carmel Gymanfa The children's service was held in the morning, and there was splendid singing. The devotional part was taken by Eleanor Davies and Nan Jones. Solos were given by Megan Davies and D.J. Evans; recitation, Amy Thomas; accompanist, Master Huw B. Thomas. Mr. T. Walters presided. The afternoon service was introduced by Mr. Meirion Shankland and Mr. D. Lewis presided. The devotions at the evening service were taken by Mr. Evan Lewis and Mr. Glyn Harris, Rhymney. Mr. Sam Lewis presided and Mr. T. Walters was the organist. The conductor was Mr. W. Evans (retired schoolmaster), Treharris, who did his work admirably. The secretary was Mr. Emlyn Evans. Mr. T. Walters and Mr. Emlyn Evans were the conductors, and Mrs. Annie Evans and Master Huw B. Thomas accompanists at the rehearsals. The singing was of the usual high standard.

Cymanfa Ganu The annual singing festival of the denominational churches of Noddfa and Nazareth was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. David J. Davies who did his work well. The singing reached a high standard. The accompanists were Miss Katie J. Davies and Mr. David Joshua Thomas. The children's meeting in the morning was presided over by Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The devotional part was taken by Master John Ballard. The children's singing was most enjoyable. The following took part: recitation, Master Hugh Jones; quartette, Ellis Davies, Glyn Edwards, Moyra Ballard and Margaret Davies. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. Thomas J. Jones, and the devotional part was taken by Master Glyn Edwards. The chairman of the evening session was the Rev. Richard Evans and the devotional part was taken by Mr. Burkley Davies. The following took part: trio, Mrs. E.P. Lewis, Mrs. Trevor Lawrence and Mr. Burkley Davies. The secretary and treasurer were Messrs. Thomas J. Jones and Trevor Lawrence respectively.

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Death The death has taken place of Mrs. Roberts at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn.

Late Mr. William Thomas, 20, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 61 The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard, of Mr. Wm. Thomas. The vicar officiated. Mr. Thomas leaves a widow & family.

Library and Institute Councillor W.J. Payne presided over a meeting on Thursday. Mr. D.J. Thomas reported that no further correspondence had been received from the Welfare Association with regard to the carrying out of repairs. Attention was called to the damage to the hall and anti-room doors. The attention of all groups using the rooms was to be drawn to the matter. Repairs were to be carried out. Mr. Richard Jones, librarian, gave a review of the work of the book department for the past year. The question of an assistant librarian was discussed, and it was decided to recommend the re-organisation of the book department. The financial report showed a good year of progress. Regret was expressed at the caretaker's illness.

Ambulance Appointments Dr.. W. Monelly of Ivor House, has been appointed divisional surgeon to the Fochriw Ambulance Division, and Pte. Thos. J. Lewis, as inspector of stores, a position held by Mr. Islwyn Saunders prior to his joining H.M. Forces. Pte. Ivor Morgan has been appointed cadet superintendent in place of Mr. T.J. Powell, Pentwyn. On December 17, 21 cadets attended the preliminary certificate examination, which was conducted by Dr.. Monelly. The result of the examination is now to hand and is very encouraging as every candidate satisfied the examiner. Thus the cadet division has increased by 21 for the year 1940. The new cadets are: William Clark, Harry Hawke, Ronald Barnard, Ray Donovan, Elvin Shoemith, Ed. Stapple, Kenneth Rowe, John Newbury, Cyril Bowden, Ron Cornish, Peter Gazzard, Frank Little (all evacuees), Maynard Ballard, Len Davies, Douglas Beal, Gwyn Davies, Allen Wadley, Ron Lewis, E. Davies, Eros Evans and Glyn

Edwards. A few weeks ago, an individual competition, for young cadets was held, with ex-cadet Officer T.J. Powell as adjudicator. The winners were: 1. Ron Lewis; 2. Dd. Mantle. The evacuee boys that contested gave a good account of themselves, particularly in that they had only about three to four weeks practice in first aid work. Mr. T. Evans, divisional superintendent, gave lectures to the boys each week.

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Undertakers The arrangements at the funerals of Mr. Wm. Thomas, Hill-row, and Mrs. Gwen Roberts, Mount Pleasant Inn, were carried out by Messrs. S.G. Llewellyn, Undertakers, Park-road, Bargoed.

St. John Ambulance On Thursday, at brigade headquarters, an individual first aid competition for the adult members was held. The adjudicator was Div. Supt. Tom Evans and Corp. Walter Parry. The first prize winner was Cadet Officer Ivor Morgan, and the second, Div. Sergt. D. James. The adjudicator in the theory test for the cadets was Div. Sergt. Dan James and Div. Sergt. T. Thomas presented the prizes to the winners.

Collection Result The Christmas collection in the Fochriw Ward in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital realised £5 19s. 5d.. The organisers were Mrs. Howell Thomas and Mrs. W.J. Payne assisted by Mesdames W. Adams Jones, Jack Lawrence, W. Way, W. Fox, A. Palmer, R. Price, T. Evans, W. Edwards, A. Morgan, A. Mantle, B. Jones, A. & E. Davies, & Mr. D. Joshua Thomas. The committee wish to thank the public for their support.

Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening. Rev. J.L. White, vicar, presided. The Rev. Emlyn Jones, Tredegar, was unable to attend and give the address. The vicar opened with prayer, and the reading of Scripture. Addresses were given by the vicar and the Rev. R. Evans on the work of the Society and the need for more reading of the Word of God. The organist was Miss Kate Davies, and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies. The vicar thanked the officers of Nazareth.

Late Mr. William Jones, 3, Brynteg-terrace, aged 60 The funeral of Mr. William Jones took place on Monday. Mr. Jones was the youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Simon Jones, Rees-row, Pentwyn. The internment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. R. Salmon officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom, J. C. and W. H. Jenkins, Wyllie Evans (Dowlais), C. Hollister and Leyshon Rowlands. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. M. Cole, Miss Catherine Jones (sisters); Mr. Frank Jenkins (nephew); Mesdames A.M. Jenkins (niece); A. Rowlands, S. A. Cole, S. Lewis, A. Ballard, E. A. Jones and Cumpstone. The bearers were: Messrs. D. Lewis, George Jones, Joshua Evans, T. Jones and Coun. S. Lewis.

Burial of Mrs. G. Roberts, Mount Pleasant, aged 79 The funeral of Mrs. G. Roberts took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J.R. Salmon officiating. Mrs. Roberts was a native of Bala but came to South Wales nearly 59 years ago. She has lived at Mount Pleasant for 27 years. She was a member of Carmel. The mourners were: Messrs. Llewellyn D. Jones, Thomas Jones, Lewis M. Jones, Stewart V. Jones, William J. Jones, Tudor D. Jones, Glyn Jones and Morris Davies (Pontlottyn). Also present were: Messrs. D. Lloyd, G. Jones, T. Francis, J. Hughes, Jenkins Williams, George Evans and Wm. Angell. The bearers were: Messrs. W. Pope, J.O. Parry, S. Phillips, Ben & Thos. Evans, Coun. Sam Lewis, J. Davies, D. Harris, Thomas Jones, Henry Small, G. Llewellyn and David Williams. The mourners at the house were: Mesdames E. Walters, N. Angell, Archer, Mills and Miss M.S. Jones.

Pontlottyn Police Court: Light from Match Ernest Sibly of Fochriw was summoned for having a lighted match buring after the hours of darkness on December 21st which he denied. P.S. A. Hanney said that at 10.55 p.m. he was outside a dance hall at Pontlottyn when the dancers were leaving. It had been announced that there was an air raid warning in progress. Sibly lit a cigarette with a match. When spoken to, he put it out, but on going along the road he lit another match. There were hostile aircraft overhead at the time. When told about it, Sibly became abusive and refused his name. He was fined £1.

After 32 Years Charles H. Parker, Pontypridd, was summoned for desertion, by his wife Esther Parker of Hillside Row, Pentwyn. Parker said he had left, but did not desert his wife. Mrs. Parker said they had been married nearly 33 years. They had 11 children, seven of whom were living, and two were under 16 years of age. They parted on November 16th because of differences. When she got up in the morning, she found he had left, taking his clothes and tools with him. She had received three sums of money since. The magistrate made an order that Parker must pay his wife 10s. per week, and that she should have custody of the children. Parker: I cannot pay that out of 19 shillings. Magistrate: That's your affair. That's the decision of the court.

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Hospital Mr. C. Ballard & Mr. Wm. Powell, Guest Street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably.

Bible Society A meeting in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth on Sunday evening. Coun. Sam Lewis presided and an address was given by Rev. Emlyn Jones, Tredegar. He was thanked by Messrs. Howell Thomas and Berkley Davies. Miss Katie Davies was the organist.

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A.R.P. Meeting Coun. Sam Lewis presided at a meeting at the headquarters on Thursday. After the ordinary business, he gave a lecture on various gases.

Obituary The death has occurred of Mrs. E. Lewis, wife of Mr. E. Lewis, 12, Railway Terrace. She was an old inhabitant of the village.

Welfare Association and Library Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a joint meeting on Thursday evening last. Mr. D.J. Thomas dealt with the correspondence and financial position at the end of 1940, which showed a year of progress. Correspondence was discussed from the joint committee, Miners Welfare Fund dealing with a conference to be held at Cardiff, and the chairman was appointed to represent the welfare schemes at the conference.

Failure to Pay Fare Wyndham Reynolds, aged 22, fitter, of Fochriw, was fined £1 for failing to pay his fare on the G.W.R. The ticket collector at Bargoed, Clifford Duckworth, stated that the ticket handed to him by Reynolds had been tampered with. Interviewed at his home, Reynolds admitted the offence, and stated that it would not happen again.

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Snooker The final of the handicap organised by the Fochriw Library was held last week. The finalists were Gomer Davies and Edryd Jones, with the former winning by 100 to 94.

Colliery Accident While working at the Ogilvie Colliery, Mr. Gilbert Harris, Plantation-street, injured his hand. He was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital.

Funeral of Mrs. Louisa Lewis, 12, Railway-terrace, aged 69 The death has occurred of Mrs. L. Lewis, wife of Mr. Edward Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was a native of Brynmawr, but had spent the greater part of her life in Fochriw. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, Rev. Salmon officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Edward Lewis (husband); Messrs. E. Lewis (son); John Walters, C. Pugh, O. Jones (sons-in-law); Idwal & Idris Walters, I. Morgan (grandsons); H. Morgan (brother); John & Wm. Lewis, David Griffiths (brothers-in-law); J.D. & W.T. Lewis, William Humphries, H. Harris, E. Burrows, T.J. Morgan, Wm. Cook, Bob Rees, A. Burrows, B. Brown, H. Ballard, A. Jones (nephews). At the house: Mesdames Mary Ann Walters, Doris Pugh, Gladys M. Jones (daughters); Sarah A. Griffiths (sister); M. Evans, M. Griffiths (sisters-in-law); M. Morgan, Misses E. & M. Walters, Mrs. L. Walters (grand children); Mesdames Doreen Brown, Elsie Rees, Mary Morgan, (nieces); Avril Morgan, John Walters (great grand children); Mesdames E. Thomas and P. Cumpstone and Mr. William Sayers.

Army Regulations Officers, men and women in the Army are reminded by the Army Council that they must not disclose facts about their units when staying at hotels. Hotel registers can give away vital information and strict secrecy is enjoined about the name of units and their addresses.

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A.P.R. Lecture On Thursday at the local headquarters, there was a good attendance of air raid wardens and special police at the lecture given by Coun. G. Godfrey of Brithdir. Coun. Sam Lewis presided. The lecture was entitled “War Gases.” Questions were answered.

Funeral of Master Ralph Shankland, Aelybryn The funeral of Master Ralph Shankland, son of Mr. & Mrs. Crad Shankland, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. Crad Shankland (father); Idris Shankland (brother); Idris Griffiths, Tom Shankland, John Evans (uncles); Meirion Shankland, Clifford Lewis, K. Owen, M. Hughes (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Emily Shankland (mother); Gwladys & Mavis Shankland (sisters); Emrys & Roy Shankland (brothers); Mesdames E. Shankland, Mills, Evans, Shankland, James, Owen (aunts); G. Lewis, L. James (cousins); E. Jones. T. Rowlands, W. Davies & D.T. Davies.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, celebrated their golden wedding last week. They were married at Merthyr Tydfil and they have both celebrated their 70th birthday. They were both born at Dowlais but came to Fochriw when they were very young with their parents. Mr. Thomas was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mr. Thomas being a well known official at the Fochriw Collieries. Mrs. Thomas was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Davies. Her father was a well-known bard in his day, and will be remembered as choirmaster of Brynseion Chapel, Dowlais, before removing to Fochriw. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas have lived at the same house, 18, Martin-street, since their wedding day. Previously, Mrs. Thomas had lived there with her parents. They have had six children, three boys, and three girls. The oldest son, Henry, died some years ago. Mr. Jenkin Thomas was one of the oldest members of the Fochriw Brass Band, having played with them when they were one of the most successful prize winners in Wales under the conductorship of Mr. Robert Dawson. It is of interest to note that their eldest daughter, Mrs. Uzzell, wife of Mr. David Uzzell, celebrated their silver wedding the same day, and it was also the wedding anniversaries of their grandchildren - Mr. & Mrs. Uzzell's son and daughter. They were the recipients of messages of congratulation and numerous presents from a host of well wishers.

Library and Institute The annual meeting was held at the Hall on Monday evening. Coun. W.J. Payne presided and said that they were meeting once again with the war clouds hanging overhead, but he felt sure that they were fighting on the side of justice, and right was bound to triumph in the end. Owing to the war, the new building was held up, but still they were carrying along cheerfully. Members could see from the balance sheet that the past year had been one of splendid progress. They had tried their best to cater for the various organisations using the building. He would like to see greater interest taken in the conduct of the Library. Some committee members had been faithful during the year: others had not interested themselves as they should. Their vice-chairman, Mr. W. Adams-Jones had been appointed to the headship of Trelewis School; he wished him and his family every happiness in their new home. It was gratifying to know that during the past year four Fochriw boys had been appointed to headships at schools: Mr. Adams-Jones to Trelewis; Mr. Dan Jenkins to Fochriw; Mr. Dan Jones to Brithdir, and Mr. T. Howell Jones to Llanbradach. He welcomed Mr. Dan Jenkins to their midst, and expressed sympathy with Mr. Adams-Jones in the loss of his mother, and with Mr. Edward Lewis in the loss of his wife. The auditors' report was given by Mr. W. Angell and Mr. W. J. Llewellyn. The Institute was in a very favourable position. Billiards showed a big increase. The election of officers for 1941 was as follows: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Wood; treasurer, Mr. John Henry Evans; secretary, Mr. D. J. Thomas; librarian, Mr. R. Jones; deputy librarian, Mr. C. Davies; committee, Messrs. Howell Thomas, Edward Lewis, Dan Jenkins, John Lewis, Coun. Sam Lewis, A. Mantle, Richard Evans, Cliff Davies, Rufus Dummett, Robert Thomas, David Jones, Job Saunders, Percy Hann & W.J. Llewellyn. It was revealed in the book report that 3,000 books were taken out by readers during the past year. Several purchases had been made. It was decided to carry out a re-organisation of the book department.

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A.R.P. Councillor Sam Lewis presided at a lecture at the A.R.P. headquarters when Coun. George Godfrey gave an address on respirators. The lecturer was thanked for his address.

Obituary The death has occurred at the age of 76 of Mrs. Eleanor Angell, Aelybryn. Mrs. Angell was the wife of Mr. Burkley Angell, choirmaster at the parish church. She was a very old inhabitant of the village and was held in high esteem.

Wedding: Harris-Ridd The wedding took place at Lynton Parish Church on Tuesday, the Rev. G.A. Watson officiating, of Signalman Leslie David Harris, only son of Mr. & Mrs. David Harris, Martin-street, and Miss Elizabeth Mary Ridd, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Ridd, of Lynton. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, was attired in an Air Force blue ensemble with hat and shoes to match, and with a spray of white chrysanthemums. The best man was Major Anderson, Lynbridge. After the reception, the couple left to spend the honeymoon at the bridegroom's home in Fochriw.

Late Mrs. Florence Morgan, Hill-road, Pentwyn, aged 62 The funeral of Mrs. F. Morgan took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Morgan was the widow of Mr. T.J. Morgan, who died some years ago. She had lived in the district the whole of her life. She was the daughter of the late Mr. John Mantle. She had been a member of St. Mary's Church. The Rev. J.L. White, vicar, officiated. There were numerous floral tributes, including one from the Mothers' Union. The mourners were: Messrs. Alfred Morgan (son); Wm.J. Jones, Jack Jones, Arthur Willmott, Glyn Jones (sons-in-law); Masters Jackie Jones, David Jones, Malcolm Jones, Gwynfor Jones (grandsons); Messrs. Benjamin Evans, Cradog Ballard (brothers-in-law); William Cook, Cyril Cook, Albert Mantle, Gorge Mantle, John Mantle, Geo. Davies, Wm. M. Davies, Gomer Davies, Tom Jones (cousins); Wm. Watkins, H. Ballard, Roderick Jones, Edward Williams (nephews). Mourners at the house: Miss Doris Morgan, Mesdames J. Jones, W.J. Jones, A. Willmott & G. James (daughters); A. Morgan (daughter-in-law); J. Davies (aunt); C. Ballard (sister-in-law); A. Jones, Johns, Lewis, M. Jones (cousins); M. Mantle, S. Davies, G. Davy (nieces); F. Lewis, S. Jones, G. Gwynne.

Late Mr. David John Williams, Pleasant-view, aged 34 The funeral of Mr. D. J. Williams took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. D. J. Evans, Pontlottyn, officiating. Mr. Williams was 34 years of age and had been ailing for a long time. The funeral was a representative one, and the coffin was covered with floral tributes from family and friends. The mourners were: Messrs. Tom Williams, Will Williams, George Williams (brothers); Bob Morgan, Will Morgan, R. J. Price, Gordon Price, J. Sheen, Alf Kent (brothers-in-law); John, Charlie and Cyril Williams (nephews); Geo. Clark, Evan Jones, Richard Price, John Davies (uncles); Dan Williams, Tom Williams, W.G. Davies, Jim Davies, Bryn Rees (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. S.G. Williams (widow); Millie Williams (daughter); Mrs. B. Jones (sister); Mrs. K. Price (mother-in-law); Mrs. Sheen, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Williams (sisters-in-law); Mrs. C. Williams, Mrs. M.A. Richards, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. F.G. Williams, Mrs. O. Angell (cousins); Mrs. J. Thomas, Mrs. J. Walters.

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Fatal Accident It is with regret that we announce the death of Mr. Ronald Williams, aged 19, son of Mr. & Mrs. Williams, South Tunnel Pit Houses. He met with a fatal accident while working at Ogilvie Colliery.

Late Mrs. Phoebe Watkins, Stoney Houses, Penybank The death has taken place of Mrs. Phoebe Watkins, wife of Mr. Bert Watkins. She had been ailing for some time. She leaves behind a husband and grown-up family.

Benefit for Hospital In aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the local ward committee are organising a performance of “The Stray Lady” at the Hall on March 13th, by the St. Quentin Players. Bedlinog, who are giving their services for a worthy cause.

Dydd Gwyl Dewi Celebrations were held at the Fochriw Council School on Friday in honour of St. David's Day. An address was given on “Dewi Sant” and a story on “The Legend of the Leek.” There were also recitations in Welsh; dramatisation and singing of Welsh folk songs; a drawing competition of the leek and daffodil. The festivities were

concluded with choral singing of Welsh hymn tunes, "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau," and "God Save the King." The programme was conducted by the headteacher and staff. At Penybank School, Gwyl Dewi was celebrated last Friday. The programme was: recitations - Gwynfryn Powell, Ruby and Marlene, Marjorie, Barbara Williams, Elvira Small, Phylis Meade; recitation; story - Ruby Bowen; recitation - Pay, Jessie and Co.; solo - Margaret Tyler; quartette - Glyndwr Parry, Gordon Llewelyn, John Neade, Jimmie Jones; duets - Margaret Wheeler and Doreen Pullen, Thelma Tyler and Margaret Wheeler; quartette - Gwenny Williams, Elsa Evans, Irene Gwynne and Hannah Davies; Play - by Standards 2, 3 & 4 entitled "Mary Jones;" play by the boys - "Robin Hood;" play "Sleeping Beauty." The programme ended with the singing of Welsh folk songs.

Old Inhabitant's Death: Mrs. Elinor Angell, Aelybryn, aged 76 The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest personalities, Mrs. Elinor Angell, wife of Mr. Burkley Angell. She was a native of Dowlais, but came to Fochriw when she was very young with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Thos. Jenkins, her father being an official at Fochriw Collieries. Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Angell was on the teaching staff of Fochriw School. She was a faithful member of the Parish Church and of the Mothers' Union. Mr. & Mrs. Angell celebrated their golden wedding five years ago. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, and was a very representative one. The vicar, Rev. J.L. White, officiated. Among the floral tributes was one from the Mothers' Union. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Burkley Angell (husband); William, Burkley and Thos. J. Angell (sons); Thomas J. Jenkins (brother); E.A. Hiscox (son-in-law); W.J. Davies (cousin); Wm. Thomas, W.J. Angell, John Davies (brothers-in-law); Thomas Daniel, Thomas Rees, Harry & Tom Jenkins, W.J. Angell.

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Funeral of Mrs. H. Watkins, Stoney Houses The funeral of Mrs. H. Watkins, wife of Mr. Herbert Watkins, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the vicar officiating. Mrs. Watkins was a native of Breconshire but had lived in the district for 25 years. She leaves a husband, four sons - three of whom are in the Forces, and two daughters. The chief mourners were: Mr. Watkins (husband); Corpl. T. Watkins, Segeant and Mrs. Reg Watkins (sons & daughter-in-law); Mrs. J. Davies (Scotland), Mrs. L. Ellis (London) daughters; Misses Pauline Ellis and Pat Watkins (grand-daughters); Mrs. Price, Mrs. James (Talgarth) nieces; Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Lewis. The bearers were: Messrs. Idris Morgan, C. Gillard, T.E. Davies & A.C. Williams.

Funeral of Mr. Ronald Williams, Tunnel Pit Houses, aged 19 The funeral of Mr. Ronald Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Williams, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. Mr. Williams met with a fatal accident at Ogilvie Colliery. The vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W.H. Williams (father); G. Williams (brother); E. Morris (brother-in-law); George Williams, Tom Williams, Maurice Benbow, Chas. Benbow, Wm.J. Davies, Robert Jones (Birmingham), Geo. Clark, E.D. Jones, Wm. Morgan, Daniel Williams, Thos. Williams (uncles); John E. Jones, D.C. Benbow, Cyril Williams, Chas. Williams, J. Davies (cousins). At the house: Mrs. S. Williams (mother); Mrs. D. Morris, Misses E.L. Williams, B. Williams, D. Williams (sisters); Dd.J. Williams (nephew); Miss Irene Morris (niece); Mrs. A. Williams (grandmother); Mesdames M. Davies, M.J. Williams, E. Benbow, L. Benbow, M.A. Jones, S.G. Williams, C. Williams, M.A. Richards and S. Barrett (aunts); Mesdames R. Watkins, C. Jones, and Irene Pugh, Misses G. Davies and M. Williams.

Slipped in Front of Tram: Young Fochriw Miner's Fate "This is one of those cases where there is no evidence to show exactly how the deceased got under the journey of trams. The position where the body was found makes it perfectly clear that six trams passed over him and that the seventh stopped on top of him. The only thing that I can submit is that the deceased must have slipped while walking in front of the trams, and could not recover himself in time to get clear." These remarks were made by the Deputy Coroner, Capt. W.F.T. James, when he conducted an inquest on Ronald Baden Williams, aged 19, of South Tunnel, Cwmbargoed, who died at Merthyr General Hospital on February 28 as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, where he was employed as a rider and shackler. The lad's

father, William Henry Williams, said his son was well experienced with this type of work, and had been in charge of a journey of trams before. Dr. Islwyn Davies, house surgeon at Merthyr General Hospital, gave evidence on the injuries that the deceased had suffered. Frederick Williams, 4. Martin-street, Fochriw, said the accident occurred about 8.45 p.m. He had noticed some trams going up at a walking pace and Williams was walking between the rails about four or five yards in front of the leading tram. There was sufficient room at some places to enable him to walk on the left hand side of the rails. He thought that the journey had gone up too high, and after shouting to Williams, he went up and found him lying with his head towards the dump. There was no fall of roof, and there was no obstruction to the rails. Williams was the only man in charge of the trams, and it was a regular practice of his to walk in front of the trams. Thomas Jones, a colliery rider of 7, Brynteg-street, Fochriw, said it was a regular practice to walk in front of the trams. In answer to Mr. G. Jenkins, H.M. Inspector of Mines, Jones said that Williams had an electric cap lamp worn on his safety helmet. The lamp, which was still lit, was lying between the rails close to Williams. Evidence was also given by Glanmor Thomas, a colliery haulage driver. The Coroner returned the following verdict: "Death was due to multiple injuries accidentally received when run over by a journey of trams while working underground."

Bargoed Police Court: Fochriw Linguist Rufus Dummitt, aged 25, collier, Fochriw, was fined 10 shillings for having used obscene language in Station Road, Bargoed, on February 8. He did not appear, but sent a letter to the court pleading guilty.

"Merthyr Express" 22 March 1941

Library and Institute A meeting was held on Thursday when Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The Chairman extended a welcome to new members of the committee. The secretary dealt with the correspondence and also reported on the audit and his visit to Bargoed with Mr. T.D. Evans. The financial report and the caretaker's report were accepted. The librarian gave his report on the proposed alterations to the book department. The question of the fire watchers' scheme was discussed and arrangements were made to carry out the order.

Wedding: Griffiths-Bisheys Mr. Ieuan Griffiths, Aelybryn, only son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Griffiths was married on Saturday last at the Brompton Oratory, London, to Miss Mariam Bisheys of Chelsea, London. The bride, who wore a blue coat and dress trimmed with light blue, with hat and shoes to tone, with a spray of pink carnations, and carried an astrakan muff, was given away by her brother, Chief Petty Officer R.E. Bisheys, R.N. The best man was Mr. Wm. Pugh, Abercynon, of the Welsh Guards. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The couple will make their future home in Chelsea.

"Stray Lady" In aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the St. Quentin Players gave a successful performance of "The Stray Lady," at the Hall, Fochriw, on Thursday evening. There was a large audience. Councillor Lewis Edwards presided, and was supported by Mr. W.J. Canton (Chairman of the Executive Board), Coun. Lewis Jones (Hospital secretary), Mr. Morgan L. Jones (Executive Board). Coun. W.J. Payne welcomed the guests, thanked the St. Quentin Company, and expressed delight at the size of the audience for such a noble cause. Between 35 and 40 Fochriw patients were admitted to the Hospital every year. Funds were badly needed and Fochriw had done well in the past in its support for the cause. The Company rose to the occasion, and the Hall was filled with roars of laughter. The following ladies rendered valuable assistance: Mesdames Payne, Thomas, Way, Fox, Llewelyn, Davies, Watkins, Edwards, Evans, Palmer, James, Rees and Morgan; Messrs. Payne, H. Thomas, D. Harris, D. James, D. Wheeler, T. Evans, C. Ballard and R. Rees.

Lenten Service On Wednesday evening, a special Lenten service was conducted at the Parish Church.

Hospital Mrs. M. S. Mantle, Pentwyn, Mr. George Dummer, Dynevor-street, Mrs. Saunders, Martin-street, and Master Mervyn Gittings, Guest-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably.

"Merthyr Express" 29 March 1941

Hospital Mr. Griff Pugh, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery.

Naval Officer Mr. Tom Smith, son of the late Mr. George Smith, 1, Brynteg-terrace, has gained his second officer's certificate in the Merchant Navy. Mr. Smith studied at the Smith's Nautical School, attached to the Technical College, Cardiff. He has spent three years as apprentice and fourth officer in ships of the Elder Dempster Lines, Liverpool.

War Weapons Week A meeting was held on Monday to discuss how Fochriw could best assist in the war Weapons Week. Coun. Sam Payne presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. D. Jenkins (Fochriw School), Mr. A. Ballard (Penybank School), members of the schools' staffs, Supt. T. Evans (St. John Ambulance), Mr. Bryn Davies (Home Guard), Miss Katie Davies, Miss S. Jones, Mr. T. Lawrence, Mr. G. Walters and Miss E. Morgan. It was proposed to establish three centres for the sale of certificates & stamps - at schools, post office & old library.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday, March 21st. They were married at Merthyr. Mr. Thomas is 74 and Mrs. Thomas 69 years old. Mr. Thomas was born at Dowlais but has lived at Fochriw for 70 years. Mrs. Thomas was born at Brymbo, Wrexham, and has lived in Fochriw for 52 years. Both are members of Noddfa Baptist Church where Mr. Thomas is a Sunday School teacher. He was a fine elocutionist, having taken part in many Welsh dramas in the village. There have been six children, three of whom are living. One of their sons, Mr. David Thomas, is manager of Lewis-Merthyr Colliery, and was formerly manager at Bedwas and Clydach Vale. There are five grandchildren.

“Merthyr Express” 5 April 1941

Death of Mrs. M. S. Mantle The death has taken place at Merthyr General Hospital on Monday of Mrs. M.S. Mantle, wife of Mr. Albert Mantle, Hill-street, Pentwyn.

Home Guard Parade To mark War Weapons Week in the Gellygaer area, the Home Guard paraded on Sunday under the command of their officer, Mr. Wm. M. Davies. They formed up at headquarters and paraded the streets. Afterwards, they went to the Parish Church for a service, where Canon J. Richards Pugh, Merthyr, preached.

Carmel Church A repetition of the Christmas gymanfa was given on Sunday. There was a good attendance, and the singing was of the usual high standard. At the children's service in the morning, the following took part: Devotional - Elinor Davies and Amy Thomas; solo - Megan Davies. Mr. Evan M. Lewis read a portion of the Scriptures at the evening service. The conductors were Messrs. T. Walters and Emlyn Evans, and the accompanists Master Huw B. Thomas and Mrs. A. Davies. The presidents for the day were Mrs. Sam Lewis, Messrs. T. Walters and D. Lewis.

Welsh Drama On Thursday last at the New Hall, the Carmel Dramatic Society, which has in recent years built up a fine reputation by its brilliant production of Welsh drama, added to its laurels with an outstanding performance of the drama “Eilunod” (Eddie Parry). The play was produced by Mrs. Sam Lewis who has steered the Society to many triumphs in past years. The drama abounds with incidents, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The cast was well-balanced, teamwork was good and clever acting witnessed. Mr. George Sibley presided on Wednesday, and Mr. Thomas Walters on Thursday. Members of the cast were: Mr. Bob Rees, Mr. Evan Morgan Lewis, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Willie Angell Davies, Miss Betty Jones, Miss Betty Evans, Mrs. Willie A. Davies and Mrs. James Morgan. The secretary was Mr. Bob Rees. During the interval, tribute was paid to the producer and members of the Society.

Fochriw Relatives in Court: Sequel to Row at Guest-street At Pontllytyn Police Court, Evan John Jones, aged 47, and John Adams Jones, an uncle and nephew, were accused of unlawfully wounding Evan John Lewis, brother-in-law of Evan John Jones. Martha Ann Lewis of Fochriw, wife of John Lewis, stated that on February 26th, she had some trouble with her husband, and as a consequence she went to her brother's house. Whilst she was out in the back, her husband came there. When she went back into the house, there was a row

between her husband, her brother and his nephew. They were trying to get her husband out of the house. Evan John Jones, brother-in-law of John Lewis, stated that before the 26th February they had never had a cross word. On the day, his sister came to his house distressed and crying. He was having a meal when John Lewis came to the house. His nephew was sitting by the fire. Lewis was in a fighting attitude. He was raving. His nephew called him a wastrel and a loafer and told him he was too lazy to work. Lewis made a dart at his nephew, and he got up to stand between them. At the time he had a knife in one hand, and a loaf of bread in the other. Lewis was like a raving madman, swinging his arms in the air. He did not know that the knife struck Lewis. It could only have happened whilst Lewis was swinging his arms. His nephew did not strike Lewis with a poker, and he did not strike Lewis in any way. John Adams Jones, nephew of Evan John Jones, said that he had been discharged from the Army because his eyesight was defective. Whilst at his uncle's house, John Lewis arrived and attacked him. He picked up a poker to defend himself. Lewis wanted to fight him. He was using filthy language and said he would half kill him. The Stipendiary concluded that the cause of the whole trouble was John Lewis. Both John Adams Jones and Evan John Jones were not guilty. Lewis would be fined £1 for assaulting John Adams Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 12 April 1941

Death of Sergt. Aneurin Morgan Mr. & Mrs. H. Morgan, Guest-street, have received official notification that their son died on active service near Lundy Island. Sergt. Aneurin Morgan was aged 20 and was a wireless operator. He joined the R.A.F. three months before war broke out. He attended Bargoed Secondary School, was a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and had been captain of the Cadet team.

Funeral of Mrs. Margaret S. Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, aged 50 The death has occurred of Mrs. M.S. Mantle, wife of Mr. Albert Mantle. She died at Merthyr General Hospital and was a native of the village. She was a member of Noddfa Baptist Church and also of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. R. Evans officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. Albert Mantle (husband); John, Tom and Philip Mantle (sons); Brian & Melville Mantle (grandsons); Thomas Edwards (father); Wm.H., Thos.B. & Chas. Edwards (brothers); T. Sullivan, W. Cook, G. Mantle (brothers-in-law); T. Evans, W.S. and C. Edwards, B. Evans (uncles); D.W. Thomas, J. Morgan, J.S., C., & B. Edwards, D.L. & W. Evans, Coun. W.J. Payne, Messrs. T.O. Kelly, T.E. Jones, W.J. Mantle, J. William M.E., Coun. Sam Lewis, Meth Evans, R. Williams, W. Bennett, W. Smith, J. Sullivan, J. Mantle, Coun. T. Mantle, P., H., M., & W. Mantle, H. Hewins, T. Davies, W. Williams, C. & W. Cook, J. Lawrence, T.B. Evans, D. Mantle, D.J. & S. Meredith, J.A. Webb, H. Wager, A. Jones, Jack & T. Mantle (cousins). At the house: Miss Hannah Mantle (daughter); Mrs. E. Sullivan (sister); Mrs. J. Mantle, Mrs. T. Mantle (daughters-in-law); Mesdames J. Jones, T.B., W.H. & C. Edwards, G. Mantle (sisters-in-law); Phyllis, Enid, Margaret and Marion (nieces); Mesdames J. Dawkins, Raines, J. Lawrence, E. Jones, T. Jones, Teg Jones, H. Jenkins, T. Davies, H. John, B. Williams, E.A. Hewins, M. Rees, W. Davey (cousins); Mesdames Bronwen Jones, Meredith, R.M. Cumpstone, Evans, Strang and Westmacott.

“Merthyr Express” 19 April 1941

Fatal Accident Mr. Herbert J. Watkins, aged 20, son of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Watkins, Williams-row, died at Merthyr General Hospital on Saturday morning as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery. He was of a genial disposition and was liked by all who came into contact with him.

Old Age Pensioners Mr. Job Thomas presided at a meeting of the Fochriw branch, supported by Mr. Job Saunders, treasurer. It was decided to distribute the funds among deserving causes. £1 was to be given to Merthyr General Hospital.

Parish Church Easter Services were conducted on Easter Day. The church was decorated with Easter lilies and spring flowers. The vicar conducted the services. The organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Norman Palmer. The children's service was taken by Mr. W.J. Payne.

Film Show At the Hall on Tuesday, under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, a sound film show was given. The horrors of war were seen, also the brave spirit of the people rising above them. Films were shown on the effects of fire bombs and the methods of dealing with the same. Mr. D. Jenkins, headmaster, presided, and votes of thanks were accorded by Mr. T. Lawrence (secretary), and Coun. W.J. Payne.

British Legion A meeting of the Fochriw B.L. and W.S.F. Committee was held at the Old Library on Tuesday. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, gave a review of the cases assisted since the last meeting, revealing that assistance towards aiding men to take employment had been speedily met. Men suffering from chronic illness had also been generously treated. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. E.I. Cumpstone; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

Library and Institute Mr. H. Wood, vice-chairman, presided over a meeting on Thursday last. The secretary dealt with the correspondence which included a letter from Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser, relating to the carrying out of repairs needed. There was further discussion on the re-organisation of the book department.

Wedding: Hulme-Ballard The wedding took place on Saturday at Carmel Congregational Church of Mr. Wm. Charles Hulme of Leigh, Lancashire, and Miss Ann Ballard, late maternity sister at Stretford Memorial Hospital, and daughter of Mr. Thomas Ballard, and the late Mrs. S. Ballard, 1, Moore's-row. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an ivory satin frock, with lace veil, secured with a coronet of orange blossom, and she carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by her twin sister, Miss Margaret Ballard, who wore a pale-green silk frock, pink pixie hood, sash, muff, and shod to match. The officiating minister was the Rev. D.J. Williams, Ystrad Mynach. The best man was Mr. T.G. Thomas. Wedding music was rendered by Huw B. Thomas, nephew of the bride. The reception was held at the bride's home. Mr. & Mrs. Hulme will make their future home at Leigh.

“Merthyr Express” 26 April 1941

Local Footballers Three local boys had a trial with Cardiff City at Ninian Park on Tuesday. They were Jack Davies, Alan Davies and Ivor Davies. On Saturday, Evan M. Lewis played centre in the rugby match at Penydarren Park, for East Glamorgan against the Anglo-Welsh.

Wedding: Marshallora-Williams The wedding took place at Merthy on Saturday of Mr. Reginald Marshallora, fourth son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Marshallora, South Tunnel-terrace, Cwmbargoed, and Miss Mary Williams, third daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Rees-row, Dowlais Top. The bride was dressed in brown, with hat and shoes to tone. She was attended by her sister, Miss Peggy Williams, who wore a fur coat with accessories to match. The reception was held at the bride's home.

Funeral of Mr. H. J. Watkins, Williams-row, aged 20 The funeral of Mr. H. J. Watkins, son of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Watkins, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Watkins was fatally injured at Ogilvie Colliery and died at Merthyr General Hospital. He was a member of St. Mary's Church. Rev. J.L. White, vicar, and Rev. Adams Evans officiated, and a service was held at St. Andrew's Church. The chief mourners were: Messrs. E. Watkins (father); Tom & Haydn Watkins (brothers); Alfred and Herber Watkins, Edwin, Fred, Charlie, George, Percy, Alfred, Albert and Rufus Dummett, W. Curtis, John Bradley, David Parry (uncles); H. Morgan, David Davies (Dowlais), W.H., & W.J. Bradley (Pantywaun), Stanley Watkins, Randell Curtis, Will Jones (Hirwaun), E.G. Price, Ronald Price, Walter Parry, Will Parry, Glanmor Dummett, Mel Harris, Leslie Williams, Cyril Williams, A. Evans, Stan Newman, Isaac Evans (cousins). At the house: Mrs. M.A. Watkins (mother); Mrs. A. Watkins, Mrs. Dummitt (grandmothers); Mrs. W. Curtis (New Tredegar), Mrs. A. Watkins (Abercynon), Mrs. H. Watkins, Mrs. A. Watkins (Rhydney), Mrs. Ted Price, Miss N.M. Dummitt, Mrs. G. Dummitt, Mrs. C. Dummitt (aunts); Mesdames Davies, Harris, Williams, P. Dummitt, W.H. Bradley, Jones (Brecon), E.G. Price, S. Newman, Miss Watkins (Rhydney) cousins; Mrs. Isaac Evans (New Tredegar), Mrs. Cumpstone.

Easter Vestry The Easter Vestry of the Parish Church was held on Monday. The vicar reviewed the past year stating that many of the young men of the village had joined up during the year, and one, Mr. Hugh Mantle, had made the supreme sacrifice. He had been a member of the church. Also, one of the oldest and most faithful members had died in the person of Mrs. Angell, wife of their choirmaster. Another young member, Mr. Herber Watkins, had met with a fatal accident. Several church families had left the district for work elsewhere. He thanked all who had served the church during the past year, particularly the churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, who not only looked after the financial side of the church, but also served as a licensed lay-reader. He thanked secretary, Sunday school teachers, organist, choirmaster, blower, sidesmen and parochial council. He regretted the departure of Mr. T. Baldwin, sexton. Mr. D. Tyler had taken his place. Another resignation had been that of Mr. T. Gambling, churchwarden. The financial statement was given by Mr. W.J. Payne, who said they had met all their liabilities. All churches were experiencing problems with the departure of so many. Still, the offertories showed a substantial increase. The election of officers was as follows: People's warden, Mr. W.J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. J. Owen (Deri); Parochial Council, Mesdames White, Payne, E.J. Lawrence, G. Llewelyn, Evans, Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. T.M. Evans, Jack Lawrence, A. Palmer, T. Baldwin, E.I. Griffiths, E. Prichard, Bryn Rees, G. Baldwin, W.H. Way; sidesmen, Messrs. D.C. Jones, D. Tyler, G. Evans, W. James, Tom Jones (Pentwyn), T.E. Evans; auditor, Miss Rosie Davies; secretary of the Parochial Council, Mr. T. Baldwin.

“Merthyr Express” 10 May 1941

Gas Lecture On Thursday last at the A.R.P. post, a lecture was given on Gases by Mr. M. Walters. Coun. Sam Lewis presided.

Dog Show Success Mr. D. James, Aelybryn, was again successful with his cocker spaniel “Maid of the Mountain,” on Saturday last, at a dog show held at the Wimborne Hall, Dowlais, winning two firsts and a special.

May Day Meeting The May Day meeting of the South Wales Miners' Federation was held at the New Hall, Fochriw, on Monday. Mr. D.J. Davies presided. The speakers were Mr. W. Paynter, miners' agent, Mr. Glyn Jones (Hengoed), and Mr. Idris Williams (Rhydney).

In Hospital Mr. W.H. Way, Aelybryn, and Mervyn Gittens, Guest-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Mrs. Saunders and T.C. Sullivan, Aelybryn, are patients at Ponsarn, and Mr. John White, at Sully. Winnie Evans, Aelybryn, is at Craig y Nos.

Old Age Pensioners Mr. Job Thomas presided at a meeting when it was decided to dispose of their funds as follows: £1 to Merthyr General Hospital; £1 to the Comforts Fund; 16 shillings to the Library and Institute.

Church Council The first joint meeting of the newly elected Parochial Church Council was held on Monday. The following were elected to serve on the various bodies connected to the deanery: Ruri-decanol conference: Messrs. W.J. Payne, John Owen, Jack Lawrence, Sydney Williams, T.M. Evans; Board of Patronage: Messrs. Payne and Owen; supplementary representatives: Messrs. J. Lawrence, S. Williams, T.M. Evans, T. Llewelyn; diocesan conference: W.J. Payne.

“Merthyr Express” 17 May 1941

Library and Institute Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting on Thursday last. It was reported that May 29th was the date fixed for the film show under the Miners' Welfare. The caretaker's report stated that papers were still being taken from the reading room. Damage to chairs and windows in the hall was also reported. It was decided to claim damages for the same.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at the annual meeting of the Association at the New Hall on Friday. He was supported by Mr. A. Mantle (treasurer), and Mr. R. Clark (secretary). The chairman referred to the postponed schemes on account of the war, and also to the departure of Mr. W. Adams-Jones, vice-chairman, from the district. The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand. The following officers were elected: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. Edward Lewis; treasurer, Mr. Albert Mantle; secretary, Mr.

R. Clark; committee, Messrs. W.M. Davies, R. Thomas, D.H. Lewis, Emrys Lewis, C. Edwards, Dan James, D.J. Thomas, K. Owen, Tom Thomas, D. Jenkins, T. Lawrence, Bryn Davies, J.J. Lewis, W. Parry, E.W. Jones, Job Saunders, Job Thomas. The colliery officials will select their representatives, and also the Boys' Club.

“Merthyr Express” 24 May 1941

Welfare Work At a meeting of the Welfare Association, Coun. Payne presiding, it was decided to commence work on the new playing field and children's corner.

Special Services These were held at Nazareth Chapel on Sunday last, when the preacher was the Rev. J. Lloyd, Treorchy. The organists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D.J. Thomas and the conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies.

Musical Success Mr. James J. Lewis, tenor, scored another success at the go-as-you-please competition held at the Institute, Deri, on Thursday evening last, winning the first prize. Mr. Lewis sang “Lend me your aid.”

Nursing Association The yearly subscriptions of 1940-41 and special effort amounted to £8 0s.8d. for the Fochriw district. The collectors were Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, Mrs. T. Pugh, Misses G. & C. Shankland, Mrs. Crad Shankland, and Miss Addie Lawrence. The organiser of the special effort was Mrs. Lawrence, Emlyn House, who wishes to thank all for their support.

Presentation A meeting was held last week in connection with the public presentation to Mr. T.J. Jones, late headmaster of Fochriw School. Coun. Payne presided supported by Mr. Idris Cumpstone, treasurer, and Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary. It was decided to hold the presentation on June 5th. Mr. Jones has associated himself with all movements in the village and it will be fitting to show appreciation in tangible form.

“The Middleman” At the Church Hall on Thursday last, Horeb Welsh Church Dramatic Society, Gelligaer, performed “The Middleman,” in aid of Church funds. Ald. Tom Evans, Pengam, presided. Between the acts, Miss Doris Roberts, Deri, played the piano accordion. The chairman paid tribute to all who had performed, seconded by Rev. White and Mr. Payne.

“Merthyr Express” 31 May 1941

Home Guard On Sunday last, the members of the Home Guard, under the command of Lieut. Bryn Davies, journeyed to Porthcawl and took part in rifle firing etc. The men looked very smart and fit.

Fochriw W.V.S. Meeting A meeting was held last Friday at the Surgery. An address was given by Mrs. (Dr.) Richards, Bargoed, on “Emergency Relief of Persons for the Time Rendered Homeless.” Mrs. Richards was thanked by Mrs. Jenkins, the Fochriw representative of the W.V.S., and seconded by Mrs. Sam Lewis.

Missionary Work On Sunday afternoon, 25 scholars of Carmel Congregational Church were presented with missionary books. There was a splendid gathering, and it is interesting to note that eleven of the recipients were young guests from Sheerness who have lived in the village for the past twelve months. The names of the recipients were: Ruth Retry, Eileen Mutton, Marion Gillespie, Barbara Munford, Cynthia Willaims, Vera Titley, Yvonne West, Joyce Blere, Doreen Clark, Gwenvil Thomas, Eileen Millward, Glenys Gwynne, Huw B. Thomas, Leigh Barton, Len Walker, Harry Hawkes, Penry Ballard, Willi Abbey, David J. Evans, Bertie Cumpstone, David Ballard, Leslie Hollister, Garwyn Evans, Howard Morgan, James Davies. Special prizes for the highest sums were given to Howard Morgan and Jas. Davies. The presentations were made by Mrs. D.O. Evans (Brecon College) who praised the children for their good work.

“Merthyr Express” 7 June 1941

In Hospital Mrs. J. Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. J. Jones, Brynteg-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, where they are progressing after recent operations.

Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings took place on Sunday, when the Rev. Ifonwy Hughes-Thomas, Hirwaun, preached stirring sermons to large congregations. The organist and conductor was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.

Film Show Under the auspices of the Welfare Association a film show was held at the hall on Thursday evening. The British Social Hygiene Council presented some very instructive pictures. Several other films were also shown. Thanks to all concerned were accorded by Coun. Payne and Mr. J.H. Evans.

Parish Church On Sunday, Whitsuntide services were held. The vicar officiated.

Cup Final Fochriw played Cardiff Corries in the cup final of the Cardiff Nursery Clubs at the Welfare Ground, Pontlottyn. Fochriw were winners 4-0. The Fochriw scorers were Ivor Davies (3), and J. Dadge. The Fochriw team was: M. Ford, Edryd Jones, Ewart Davies, E.M. Lewis, R. White, W. Jonathan, D. Pickwick, J. Dadge, Jack Davies, Ivor Davies, Alan Davies.

Wedding: Lewis-Fitmuss The wedding took place at Carmel Congregational Church on Saturday, of Mr. Thomas I. Lewis, youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn, and Miss Olive I. Fitmuss, Nuneaton. The bride, who was attired in a navy costume, navy hat and shoes to tone, and carried a spray of pink carnations, was given away by her sister, Mrs. Adams, Hengoed. The best man was Mr. W.R. Lewis, brother of the bridegroom. The reception was held at 10, Aelybryn, where the couple will make their future home.

Wedding: Lewis-Wendon Mr. John Gwynne Lewis, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. D. Lewis, "Preswyl," was married on Saturday at All Saints Church, Wakes Colne, to Miss Elizabeth Wendon, Wakes Colne, Essex. The bride was attired in a blue silk dress, navy hat and accessories, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridegroom, who is now a wireless operator, was formerly assistant master at Earl's Colne Council School. The bride is on the teaching staff of Chappel Mixed and Infants' School. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Death of Old Inhabitant: Mrs. Jane Matthews, 32, Guest-street, aged 83 The death has occurred of Mrs. Jane Matthews, widow of Mr. John Matthews, butcher. She had lived almost the whole of her life in Fochriw, and was a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel, and also a regular member of her Sunday school class. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Richard Evans officiating. The bearers were: Messrs. John Lawrence, David Rees Jones, E.I. Griffiths, Richard Evans, W. Adams Jones, James Owen and George Jones. The mourners were: Mr. T.J. Matthews (son); Messrs. David Rees, Windsor Rees, Haydn Robinson, Thos. Evans, David Parry, John Williams, Sydney Phillips, Rees Jones, S. Jenkins, S. Evans, W. Williams, I. Powell (nephews). At the house: Mrs. J. Rees (sister); Mrs. T.J. Matthews (daughter-in-law); Miss Elsa Matthews (grand daughter); Mesdames Mary Robinson, Maggie Robinson, L. Williams, M. Parry, Miss Mattie Morgan, Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Mrs. S. Jenkins and Mrs. S. Phillips (nieces); Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Mrs. S.A. Davies. The deacons of Noddfa who attended the funeral were Messrs. Jenkin Thomas, Joshua Evans, Thomas J. Jones and William H. Jones.

"Merthyr Express" 14 June 1941

Ministry of Information Films A programme of films was shown at the New Hall to a large audience, and was much enjoyed. Mr. T. Lawrence is the local secretary.

Hospital Mrs. G. Llewelyn, Pentwyn Farm, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of a fracture to her leg; also, Mr. Richard Pugh, Dynevor-street. Both are progressing. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Red Cross Flag Day A flag day in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Brigade was held at Fochriw at the weekend, and a splendid response was received. The event was organised by Div. Supt. Tom Evans and Div. Sec. Tom Evans. The following assisted: A. Evans, E. Thomas, S. Lewis, Ballard, Thomas, James, Jenkins, Jones, Taylor and Powell. The sum of £5 7s. 9d. was realised.

"Merthyr Express" 21 June 1941

New Benefice The friends of the Rev. George L. White, eldest son of the vicar of Fochriw, will be pleased to know that he has been instituted to the benefice of Brassington in the diocese of Derby.

South Wales Miners' Federation A meeting of the S.W.M.F. Area No.6 was held at the New Hall, Fochriw, on Sunday, presided over by Mr. D.J. Davies. The subjects dealt with were the Essential Works Order and the Wages Issue. The speakers were Mr. Idris Williams, Mr. Jack Davies (Llwynypia), and Mr. E.J. Evans (Ammanford).

Wedding: Gittens-Evans The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday of Mr. Edward Gittens, third son of Mrs. Gittens, and the late Mr. Edward Gittens, Guest-street, and Miss Sarah Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Evans, Colly-row, Bedlinog. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two-piece blue with ensemble and hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaids were Misses Betty Gittens, sister of the bridegroom, and Norah Morris, niece, who wore pink and blue dresses. The couple will make their home at Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 28 June 1941

Mothers Union Members of the St. Mary's branch attended the Deanery festival at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly.

Wedding: Davies-Williams The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday of Gunner Gwilym Davies, R.A., son of the late Mr. Owen Davies and Nurse Ballard-Davies of the Villas, Fochriw, and Miss Margaret Williams, Twynrodyn. The bride, who was attired in a blue ensemble, was given away by her father. She was attended by Mrs. Blunt, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Williams, sister of the bride. Others who attended the ceremony were Mr. Williams (brother), Mr. Blunt (brother-in-law), Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ballard (uncle and aunt). The reception was held at the bride's home.

Library and Institute Coun. Payne presided over a meeting on Friday. The chairman referred to the illness of the caretaker, Mr. D.I. Evans, and wished him a speedy recovery. A letter from Mr. Taylor, Welfare Organiser, Cardiff, was read. It was decided to call a meeting of the indoor and outdoor sections. Arrangements to catalogue the books was left to the Book Committee. Attention was again drawn to the removal of papers from the reading room. The treasurer gave the financial report which was satisfactory except for the billiard section which showed a slight decrease.

Headmaster Honoured: Mr. T. J. Jones Last Thursday at the New Hall, Mr. T.J. Jones, late headmaster of Fochriw Mixed Council School, was the recipient of several gifts in appreciation of the high esteem in which he was held by the scholars, staff and general public. Mr. Jones was forced to resign his post owing to ill-health, but he is now improving. Coun. W.J. Payne presided supported by Coun. Sam Lewis, both paying tribute to Mr. Jones' fine qualities, as did Mrs. S. Lewis, a former teacher. She presented an Aladdin lamp to Mr. Jones on behalf of the scholars. Mr. A. Ballard, headmaster of Penybanc School, on behalf of the Fochriw School staff, presented Mr. Jones with a smoker's cabinet, and reviewed a happy, unbroken friendship of 40 years. Coun. Payne, on behalf of the inhabitants and various organisations, presented Mr. Jones with a gold watch, suitably inscribed, and spoke of Mr. Jones' devotion to the welfare of the village and all good causes. He had a happy knack of combining work and play. Mr John Lloyd Jones, secretary of the British Legion, and Mr. Idris Cumpstone, chairman, paid tribute to Mr. Jones' work with the organisation. The officers of the Presentation Committee were: chairman, Coun. Payne; treasurer, Mr. I. Cumpstone; secretaries, Mr. J.J. Lewis & Mr. D.J. Thomas. The musical programme was provided by Madam H.C. Davies (contralto), Mr. J.J. Lewis (tenor), Nurse Ballard-Davies (elocutionist), and accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Hospital Mrs. H. Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. She has a fractured leg, and is progressing favourably.

Death: Thomas Charles Sullivan, aged 14 The death has taken place of Thomas Charles Sullivan, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, 7, Aelybryn-street. He was a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School.

Wedding: Dainton-Morgan The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's of Lance-Corporal Victor Osmond Dainton of Abertysswg, and Miss Doris Gwenllian Morgan, youngest daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. T.J. Morgan, Pentwyn. The vicar officiated with

Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The bride, who was attired in a white taffeta gown, bridal veil and a coronet of white lilies, carried a bouquet of white carnations and pink roses. She was given away by her brother, Mr. Alfred Morgan. The bridesmaids were: Misses Nesta Dainton, who wore a pale blue ankle length taffeta gown with head-dress to match; Doris Tyler, who was attired in a mauve ankle length gown with head-dress to match, and carried a bouquet of iris and cornflower; Margaret Morgan, niece of the bride, who wore an ankle length gown of blue satin; and Mattie Evans, niece of the bride, who wore an ankle length gown of yellow taffeta, and carried bouquets of sweet peas. Master Donald Harding, nephew of the bridegroom, was the page boy, and he wore velvet trousers with lemon satin blouse. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn where a large number of guests were present.

“Merthyr Express” 5 July 1941

Nazareth On Sunday, the preacher was Mrs. Thomas, Dowlais. The organist was Mr. D. J. Davies, and the conductor, Mr. W.A. Davies.

Former Resident's Death The death has occurred of Mr. Edward Davies, aged 73, of Gilfach, Bargoed, a former Fochriw resident. The funeral was at Pant Cemetery on Saturday.

Nursing Success Staff Nurse M.A. Lewis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James J. Lewis, has passed her final State Examination. She was trained at Gloucester Royal Infirmary where she is still engaged.

Scholarship Success Miss Jeanne Lawrence Williams, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Idris Williams, formerly of Fochriw and Pontlottyn, has been awarded a special place at Cardiff High School for Girls.

Schoolboy's Funeral: Thomas Charles Sullivan, 7, Aelybryn, aged 14 The funeral of Thomas Charles Sullivan, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last Thursday. He was a pupil of Bargoed Secondary School, a member of the St. John Ambulance Cadets, and a member of Noddfa Baptist Sunday School. A detachment of Cadets were in charge of Div. Supt. T. Evans. The bearers were members of the Cadet Section. Rev. J.L. White officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. T. Sullivan (father); Thos. Edwards (grandfather); John Sullivan (brother); Wm. H. Edwards, T. B. Edwards, C. Edwards, John Sullivan (Penybank), A. Mantle, T. Evans, Benjamin Edwards, W.S. & C. Edwards (uncles); John, Tom and Phil Mantle, John & Bertie Edwards, David Lewis Evans, Willie Evans, W. Hewins, T. Kelly, J.S. & C. Edwards, Bennett, Meth Evans, Will Smith, John L. Dawkins, R. Sullivan, W.J. Payne, S. Lewis. At the house: Mrs. E. Sullivan (mother); Mrs. Sullivan (Pontlottyn) grandmother; Marion, Jenny and Patricia Sullivan (sisters); Mesdames W.H. Edwards, T.B. Edwards, C. Edwards, Winnie Sullivan, Doreen Sullivan (Rhymney), J. Edwards, T. Evans, P. Mantle (Bedlinog) aunts; Margaret Edwards, P. Jones (Dowlais), P. Sullivan, E.A. Hweins, M.A. Edwards, and M. Morgan (cousins); Mesdames P. Cumpstone, W. Way, W. Fox, and Bronwen Jones (Tonypandy).

“Merthyr Express” 12 June 1941

Obituary The death has taken place of Mr. Herbert Edgar, late of Guest-street. He had resided many years in the district and was for many years a sidesman at St. Mary's Church.

Ambulance Award Ambulance Officer Dan James of the Fochriw Section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade received his second bar to his long service medal last weekend. He also received a letter of congratulation from the Hon. J.H. Bruse on his 26 years service to the Brigade.

Carmel Secretary's Resignation It is with regret that the officers and members of Carmel Congregational Chapel received the resignation, due to ill-health, of Mr. T. Ballard, who has been secretary for many years. He has been a faithful and thorough secretary. A vote of thanks was tendered him for his services. Mr. Willie Angell Davies is his successor.

Presentation: Mr. Thomas Walters To mark the occasion of 40 years service as organist of Carmel Congregational Chapel, Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., was the recipient of a Westminster chimes clock and a fireside chair before a very happy, appreciative audience of members. Coun. Sam Lewis presided and paid high tribute to Mr. Walters' services to the church. The presentations were made by two of the oldest members - Mrs. E. Hughes and

Mrs. M. Griffiths - both spoke very appropriate words of Mr. Walters' splendid qualities. Other speakers were: Messrs. Willie A. Davies, Dan James, T. James (Rhymney), Geo. Sibley, Nurse Ballard-Davies, Miss E. Ballard. The following contributed to the musical programme: solosists: Mrs. H.C. Davies and Mr. Meirion Shankland; elocutionist, Nurse Ballard-Davies; organ solos, Mr. T. Walters and Huw B. Thomas. Appropriate verses were read by Mrs. D. Lewis, Mr. Herriman (Rhymney) and Huw B. Thomas. A most enjoyable evening was spent. The officers of the presentation were: Mrs. Sam Lewis (chairlady), Mrs. Annie Davies (secretary) and Mrs. D. Lewis (treasurer).

“Merthyr Express” 19 July 1941

Ambulance Award Corpl. Walter Parry has been awarded the long service medal of the order. He has been a faithful worker of the Fochriw Brigade, St.. John Ambulance, for many years.

W.V.S. Fochriw W.V.S. Comforts Fund mile of pennies effort in aid of the Fund was a great success. The aim is to provide winter woolies for the local boys. Credit is due to the officers and members and to the ready response of the villagers who gave so generously. The following were the collections: Aelybryn & district - £4 6s 6d; Brynteg & district - £4; Dynevor, Guest, Martin-street & district - £3 2s 6d; Station & district - £2 6s; total £12 15s.. The secretary is Mrs. W.A. Davies, and the treasurer Mrs. (Dr.) Monnelly.

Library and Institute Coun. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday evening. The secretary dealt with the correspondence and the treasurer gave a report on the past six months. Both were satisfactory. The caretaker has now returned to duty. On Friday evening, a meeting of the indoor and outdoor committee was held Coun. Payne presiding. Important matters relating to the future of both schemes were discussed. Mr. R. Clark reported on the work on the new playing field and it was agreed that Mr. Job Thomas superintend the work being carried out. A deputation of Councillors Payne and S. Lewis was appointed to interview Mr. Taylor of the Welfare organisation.

“Merthyr Express” 26 July 1941

No Swimming for Fochriw Pupils: Director's Reply to Gellygaer Group When Gellygaer Group of Managers met on Monday, Mr. Hector Bolwell (who presided) read a letter from the Director of Education for Glamorgan, in reply to a letter from the Group, requesting that children attending Fochriw, Penybank and Pantywaun Schools, should be afforded the same facilities at Bargoed swimming baths as those enjoyed by other schools in the group. The letter stated: “I have made inquiries and find it is not possible to arrange for senior scholars attending the named schools to receive swimming instruction at Bargoed baths on account of the fact that: (1) the baths are already fully occupied by other scholars from the authority's elementary, secondary and junior technical schools in the area; (2) it would be difficult to arrange for the conveyance of these extra pupils at present; (3) there are no teachers on the staffs of the named schools who can swim and can give instruction to the pupils in this subject. I am sorry to say, for your information, that the facilities already granted to most of the other schools in the group to which you refer will shortly have to cease, as the Gellygaer omnibus department have been notified by the regional transport commissioner that supplies of fuel can no longer be granted for the purpose of conveying children for swimming instruction.” Coun. Sam Lewis and Coun. W.J. Kedward both felt that the excuses were lame ones, but conceded there was no point in pursuing the matter further this summer. One of the attendance officers reported that there was an improvement in his area during the past months, but there were still a number of children suffering from skin diseases, scarlet fever and chicken pox, particularly at Pontlloftyn, Tirphil and Deri

“Merthyr Express” 2 August 1941

Hospital The following are patients at Gellygaer Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mrs. O. Parry and baby, Pleasant-view; G. Thomas, Station-terrace. At Merthyr General Hospital are Mr. Percy Edwards, Brook-row, and Mr. Sharpe, Martin-street. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children On Friday last, a flower day was organised under the auspices of the N.S.P.C.C. The following ladies were busy disposing of emblems: Mesdames M. Davies and Way, £1 5s 7d; Lawrence and Davies, £1 3s 3d; S. Lewis & T. Thomas, 19s 2d; Mrs. Monelly and Miss Evans-Jones, 17s 6d; total £4 5s 6d. Mrs. Matthews is secretary, and Mrs. M. Jenkins, treasurer.

Snooker Match At the Institute on Thursday evening, an interesting match was played between the Institute team and members of H.M. Forces. The Forces were given a splendid reception but were defeated 967-562.

“Merthyr Express” 9 August 1941

Full Gospel Hall The annual convention in connection with the Gospel Hall was held from Saturday to Tuesday and large congregations attended. The services were conducted by Pastor David Thomas and the special preacher was Mr. David Owen (Bedlinog), who delivered able sermons. The organist was Mr. Saunders.

Nursing Success Miss Megan Davies, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, has been successful in passing the Tuberculosis Association Examination. She was trained at the Welsh Memorial Hospital, Sully. Miss Davies is a S.R.N. and a State midwife. She is at present a midwife at the Mid-Glamorgan County Hospital.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided over a meeting of the Association. Before the meeting, the committee inspected progress at the work on the new playing field and were pleased with the work done. Mr. J. Thomas reported on the work. Mr. A. Mantle gave the financial report. At a meeting of the joint committees, Messrs. Payne and Lewis reported on an interview with Mr. Taylor at Cardiff, and it was decided to call a general meeting to discuss important matters.

Carmel Chapel The quarterly meetings of the North Glamorgan Congregational Churches were held at Carmel on Thursday. The afternoon conference was presided over by Mr. John Rees, Dowlais. The devotional parts were taken by Rev. Salmon. A paper was given by Rev. Glannant Jones, Aberaman. The evening service was conducted by Rev. J. Medlicot, Cardigan, and an inspirational sermon was preached by Rev. G. Morris, Penydarren. There were a large number present. Tea was served in the vestry when Mesdames W. A. Davies, J. Morgan, S. A. Griffiths and M. A. Lewis were in attendance. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

Airman's Wedding: Pullen-Pope Aircraftman John O. Pullen, R.A.F., eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Pullen, 2, Glenview, Pentwyn, was married on Saturday at St. Mary's to Miss ... Pope, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Pope, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The service was choral, the vicar officiating, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white satin gown with veil and head dress of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations and maidenhair fern. She was attended by Miss Doreen Pullen, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a pale green, ankle length, silk gown, with veil and head dress of flowers to match; Miss Gwennie Llewellyn, cousin of the bridegroom, who wore a pale mauve, ankle length, silk gown, with matching veil and head dress; Miss Phyllis Martin, cousin of the bride, who wore a pale blue, ankle length, silk gown, with veil and head dress of flowers; Miss Margaret Jones, who wore an ankle length gown of pale mustard silk, with veil and head dress of flowers. All the bridesmaids carried bouquets of sweet peas to match their dresses. The page boy was Master Ronald Harding, Plantation-terrace, who wore a white satin blouse with blue trousers. The best man was Mr. W.J. Llewellyn, cousin of the bridegroom. The reception was held at the bride's parents home, where a large number attended, including the grandparents of the bride from Dowlais. The couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

“Merthyr Express” 16 August 1941

Obituary The death has taken place of Mrs. Mary Kings, aged 78, of Railway Sidings, Pantywaun. She was one of the oldest inhabitants and a devoted member of St. David's Church, Pantywaun, and its oldest communicant.

Appointment Miss Edna Evan-Jones, grand-daughter of Mr. Thomas Evans, 27, Aelybryn, has been appointed assistant teacher at Bushbury Mixed School, Wolverhampton. Miss Jones was educated at Fochriw Mixed School and Bargoed Secondary School, and later trained at Glamorgan Training College, Barry.

Wedding: Palmer-Wile The wedding was solemnised at St.. Mary's on Monday of Miss M. A. Palmer, second daughter of Mrs. & the late Mr. Chas. Palmer, Fochriw, and Mr. Hubert Wile, West Hartlepool. The bride, who was attired in white moire satin covered with old lace, wore a veil with a coronet of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur J. Palmer. The bridesmaids were the Misses Jean, Valerie and Veronica Pegg, and Miss Nancy Palmer, who were attired in white and pink floral taffeta dresses, with green velvet sashes, and head dresses to tone, also mittens to match. The flower girls were the Misses Sybil and Ismair Jones and they wore pink and blue organdie frocks and carried posies of sweet peas. The Rev. J.L. White officiated, and the service was fully choral, the organist being Mr. Norman Palmer. The reception was held at the Church Hall. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, and will make their future home at West Hartlepool.

“Merthyr Express” 23 August 1941

Sunday School Outing On Tuesday, the children of St.. Mary's Sunday School visited Brecon for their annual outing.

Welfare and Institute Coun. Payne presided over a meeting at the Hall on Monday, when it was decided to amalgamate the outdoor and indoor committees. A ballot will be held on Friday for the posts of treasurer and secretary. Trustees and other officers were appointed.

Funeral of Mrs. Mary Kings, Rhymney Sidings, aged 78 The funeral of Mrs. Mary Kings took place on Thursday at Rhymney Bridge Cemetery. She was the oldest member of St.. David's Church where her family are all members. The Rev. Adams Evans, Deri, officiated, and the mourners were: Messrs. D.J. Kings (Troedyrhiw), J.T. Kings (Pontypridd), Albert E. Kings (Dowlais Top), Edgar Kings R.A.F. (sons); Mrs. E. Higgs (Pontypool), Mrs. A. Davies (Pantywaun), Mrs. R. Mitchell (Deri), Mrs. G. Couch (Ely, Cardiff), Mrs. G. Leslie (Fairwater, Cardiff), Mrs. W.H. Williams (Pant), Mrs. W.J. Ralp (Rhymney Sidings) daughters; Mrs. D.J. & J.T. Kings (daughters-in-law); Messrs. W.H. Williams, Edgar Higgs, Arthur Davies, R.T. Mitchell, G. Couch, G. Leslie, W.J. Ralp (sons-in-law); D.J. Davies, Percy Davies R.A.F., Bernard Couch, Royston Couch, Arnold Kings, Royston Kings (grandsons); Thomas Owen (great grandson); Mrs. D. Jenkins, Mrs. Ann Jenkins (sisters-in-law); Mrs. D. Galliers, Mrs. D.J. Davies, Mrs. T. Owen, Misses M. Higgs, N. Mitchell, M.E. Ralp, M.R. Ralp, (grand-daughters); Messrs. D. Jenkins, Gilbert Robson, Thos. Jenkins, T.E. Lewis, Joseph & W.J. Jenkins, Alfred Jenkins, C. Thomas (nephews); Mrs. G. Thomas, Mrs. A. Jenkins, Mrs. R. Lewis (nieces); Messrs. P.E. Gamling (new Tredegar), J. Ralph (Banwen).

“Merthyr Express” 30 August 1941

Carmel and Nazareth Outing On Tuesday, the Sunday School members journeyed to Brecon by train for their annual outing. An enjoyable day was spent.

Flag Day On Friday, the inhabitants will have the opportunity of supporting an effort in aid of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Association when ladies and girls will be busy selling flags in support of the movement.

Ambulance Inspection The annual inspection of the Riches Ambulance Corps was made at Pontlottyn on Saturday, when Fochriw Division attended, under the command of Supt. Tom Evans and Ambulance Officer Dan James. The Cadets were in the charge of Cadet Officer Ivor Morgan.

Library and Institute Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday supported by the treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans. The secretary was absent having undergone an operation at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. E. Puddle was appointed to deputise for Mr. D.I. Evans, caretaker, during his holidays. It was reported that the painting of the outside of the billiard hall had been completed. Repairs were needed to the old reading room and these were left to

the chairman and treasurer as well as the repairs to the billiards hall. It was reported that the cataloguing of books was now completed. In future, the committees of the institute and welfare will meet as one body, and the following officials have been appointed: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Thomas; secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas; treasurer, Mrr J.H. Evans; trustees, Coun. Sam Lewis, Messrs. T.J. Jones, Edward Lewis and D. Jenkins. It was reported that work at the new playing field, under the charge of Mr. Job Thomas, was proceeding very satisfactorily.

“Merthyr Express” 6 September 1941

Death: Mrs. E. Ballard, 5, Guest-street, aged 63 The death has taken place of Mrs. E.A. Ballard after a short illness. She was the widow of the late Mr. W.J. Ballard, one of the pioneers of ambulance work in the valley.

Church Parade The members of H.M. Forces attended Divine Service at the Parish Church on Sunday morning under the command of Lieut. Evans. The vicar officiated.

Flag Day The flag day in aid of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen’s Association was held on Friday organised by Coun. Payne, The following ladies were busy disposing of flags: R. Fox, G. Williams, A. Jones, A. Morgan, G. Edwards, L. Evans, W.J. Payne, L. Lawrence, E. Rowlands, E. Rees, R. Pittway, O.M. Payne. A total of £5 0s 8d was collected.

Comforts Fund The members of the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund are giving splendid support to the men and women serving in the Forces from the two villages. They hold their sewing class weekly, a large number of women attending for sewing and knitting. Every member serving has received a parcel and a number of letters of thanks have been received. The secretary is Mrs. A. Jones, Glenview, who is also the representative of the W.V.S., and the treasurer is Mrs. A. Davies, White Horse Inn.

“Merthyr Express” 13 September 1941

Death The death of Mr. Evan Williams, formerly of Fochriw, has taken place in London. The son of the late Mr. Mordecai and Mrs. Williams, he was a schoolmaster in London until his retirement.

Mixed Choir A mixed choir has again been formed in the village which is so rich in musical talent. The conductor is Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. who has led many choirs to victory in the past. The inhabitants can look forward once again to some musical treats.

Day of National Prayer This was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday. A parade was formed, and members of H.M. Forces attended divine service. The members of the Home Guard also attended. There was a large congregation at the service which was conducted by the vicar.

“Merthyr Express” 20 September 1941

Sheep Sale The annual sale took place at Pentwyn on Tuesday. The sale of Ewes, store lambs, rams and young cattle was conducted by Mr. John Herbert, F.A.L.P.A.

Nazareth the Rev. Richard Evans, Deri, was the preacher at Nazareth on Sunday. Mr. W.A. Davies conducted.

Carmel Mr. D. J. Thomas, Carmarthen College, conducted the services at Carmel on Sunday. He was the successful vacation minister at the Church during last summer vacation. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

Harvest Festival Services were held at St.. David’s Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The services were well attended and the preachers were the Revs. J. L. White & Adams Evans and Mr. W. J. Payne.

“Merthyr Express” 27 September 1941

Merthyr Police Court Thomas Ryan, a soldier of Fochriw, was fined 20 shillings for being drunk and disorderly. War Reserve Constable A. Rasbridge said he saw Ryan on Thursday in High Street, Merthyr, arguing with another soldier. He was drunk and using filthy language. When spoken to, he became abusive.

An Expensive Ride John Pellard Llewellyn of Fochriw was summoned for using a motor vehicle without a road fund license and insurance policy, and without a pillion seat, on July 27th. P.C. Roy Taylor said that he saw Llewellyn riding in Fochriw-road, Deri, with his four

year old daughter on the tank in front of him. There was no pillion on the machine. The road fund license had expired on September 30th, 1939. Llewellyn said that he was repairing the bike for his brother who was in the R.A.F. He was giving his little girl a short ride. The Stipendiary said that he was satisfied that Llewellyn was only trying out the machine. However, he had broken the law, and he was fining him £1 2s 6d.

“Merthyr Express” 4 October 1941

Hospital Mr. Tom Walters, Station-terrace, and Mr. W. Games, Aelybryn, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Now In The Navy Mr. Gethin Jones, son of the late Mr. Evan Jones and Mrs. Esther Jones, Martin-street, has passed his final certificate examination at Carmarthen Trinity College. A good all-round athlete, he is now serving in the Royal Navy. All join in wishing him the best of luck.

Help the Blind The house-to-house collection for the Merthyr Tydfil and Mid-Wales Institution for the Blind was carried out during the past week. The organiser was Mrs. S. Lewis, assisted by the following collectors: Mesdames I. Cumpstone, B. Cumpstone, C. Shankland, T. Rowlands, N. Evans, R. Price, H. Jones, S. Jones, B. Rees, S. Lewis, and Misses C. Jones, E. Morgan and R. Davies. Collections: Aelybryn district - 17s 4d; Brynteg - £1 9s 2d; Council Houses - 17s 8½d; Guest-street - 13s 6d; Martin-street - 12s; Pentwyn and Pit-row - 12s 1½d; Penybank - 72 6d; total £5 18s.

Parish Church Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The services were well attended and were conducted by the vicar. The preachers on Sunday were: morning - Rev. L. Lloyd Jones, Pontlottyn; afternoon - Mr. W. J. Payne; evening - Rev. J. O. Williams, rector of Gellygaer. On Monday the preacher was the Rev. J. Vernon Payne, Llantrisant, son of the late vicar of the parish. On Monday, the preacher was the Rev. J. Vernon Payne, Llantrisant, son of the late vicar of the parish. The lessons were read by the churchwarden, Mr. W.JJ. Payne, and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

Wedding: Walters-Davies The wedding took place at the Parish Church on Saturday of Mr. George Walters, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. W. Walters, and Miss Katie Davies, daughter of the late Mr. John Davies, Llanbradach, and Mrs. M. Davies, Fochriw and Llanon. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. E. I. Griffiths, and was dressed in saxe blue with navy accessories. She was attended by her sister, Miss Doris Davies, who wore rose, with brown accessories, and her cousin, Mr. W. J. Angell Davies. The best man was Mr. Tom Walters, brother of the bridegroom, and the groomsmen were Mr. Robert Thomas and Mr. Harry Jones. The honeymoon was spent in the Vale of Glamorgan. Both bride and bridegroom are teachers, Mrs. Walters being head-teacher of South Bargoed Infants' School, and Mr. Walters on the staff of Pontlottyn Boys. They will live at 4, Glyn-terrace.

“Merthyr Express” 11 October 1941

Nazareth Chapel The pulpit of Nazareth was occupied by Mr. T.J. Jones, Fochriw, on Sunday. He is studying for his final examination in the ministry. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies, with Mr. D. J. Davies the organist.

Respected Citizen's Death: Mrs. Grace A. James, Council Houses, aged 69 The death has taken place of Mrs. Grace A. James. She was the widow of Mr. Thomas James, blacksmith, who died some years ago. Mrs. James was a native of Monmouth but had lived at Fochriw for many years. She was a member of St. Mary's Church and of the Mothers' Union. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, and was well attended. A service at the house was followed by one at the church, conducted by the vicar, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The chief mourners were: Mr. Albert James (son); Mr. & Mrs. E.J. Parry, Mr. & Mrs. David J. Jones (sons-in-law and daughters); Mr. & Mrs. Wm. James (son & daughter-in-law); Glyn & David Parry, Margaret & Glenville Jones (grand-children); Mr. G. Watkins (brother); Mrs. E. Rowan (niece); Messrs. B. Watkins, O. Rowan (nephews); Mrs. Duffy (London), Mr. & Mrs. Harris, Mrs. L. Harris, Mr. & Mrs. C. Edwards, Mrs. I. & Mrs.

N. Cumpstone, Mrs. C. Dummett, Mrs. A. Wright, Mrs. T. Rowlands, Mr. & Mrs. H. Jones, Mr. B. Jones. Among the floral tributes was one from the Mothers' Union.

"Merthyr Express" 18 October 1941

Hospital Mr. D. R. Lewis, Williams-row, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident at his work at Ogilvie Colliery.

Library Institute and Welfare Coun. Payne presided at a meeting on Friday. Correspondence was received from Mr. Taylor and Mr. Daniel of the Welfare organisation and a deputation was appointed to interview them. Reports on repairs to the billiards hall and hall were given. A letter was received from the Rhymeny Valley Snooker League inviting a team to join. Mr. J. Lewis and Mr. E. Jones were appointed to attend a meeting at Tirphil in connection with the same. Letters were also discussed from the Settlement, Bargoed, and the Organiser of Boys' Clubs. A sub-committee was appointed to meet the Secretary and Treasurer of the Welfare to complete the transfer of books. It was reported that the work on the playing field was proceeding satisfactorily. The snooker Christmas handicap was proceeding and a large number of entries had been received. The Treasurer gave the financial report which was satisfactory.

Hospital S.O.S. As a result of the S.O.S. in aid of Merthyr General Hospital, a record was achieved. £14 was realised. Thanks are due to the organisers – Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. Howell Thomas, and a willing band of helpers. Also to the public for their support, and a magnificent donation from Captain Thomas, Station-terrace. The amounts received were: Guest-street, Mrs. J. Lewis, 13s 2½d; Aelybryn, Mrs. W. Way, £1 4s 11d; Pantywaun, Mrs. A. Davies, 11s 6d; Pentwyn & Penybank, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, £1 3s; Plantation-terrace, Mrs. J. Lawrence, 4s 2d; Council Houses & Brook-row; Mrs. A. Palmer, 9s. 3½d; Martin-street and district, Mr. W. H. Jones, £1 2s 2d; Pleasant View and district, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, 11s 6d; Glyn-terrace, Mrs. Rowlands, 13s 1d; Station-terrace, Mrs. H. Thomas, £5 11s 10d; Dynevor-street & Railway-terrace, Mrs. R. Price, 11s 8d; Cwmbargoed, Mr. G. Morgan, 9s. 3d; Pit-row, Mr. W. Hollister, 1s. 11d; Brynteg-terrace, Mrs. L. A. Smith, 12s. 6d.

"Merthyr Express" 25 October 1941

Railway Halt at Pantywaun The people of Pantywaun are delighted at the prospect of having a railway halt. This has been advocated for years as the need is great. Thanks are due to Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P. and others who have worked to bring this about.

Flag Day In aid of the Lord Mayor's Distress Fund, a flag day was held on Friday at Pentwyn and Penybank. The organiser was Mrs. Stanley Jones. £1 16s was realised.

"Merthyr Express" 1 November 1941

Gallantry in Blitz: Fochriw Man Honoured The many friends of Mr. Howell Thomas (formerly of Fochriw) who has been living and working in Birmingham for the past seven years, will be pleased to learn that he has recently been presented with a gold medal and a certificate of honour, signed by the Prime Minister, the Right Hon. Winston Churchill, at a public gathering held at Birmingham recently. The presentation was made by Lord Dudley, regional commissioner, who had drawn the attention of Mr. Herbert Morrison (Minister of Home Security) "to an act of bravery performed by Mr. Thomas on the night of Nov. 19 last year, when Birmingham was being heavily bombed," in the Lord Mayor's own words. Mr. Thomas did particularly good service in releasing victims trapped by the explosion of a land mine, in rendering first aid, and later did excellent work by dealing with incendiary bombs. "I must confess to some disappointment that the award did not reach a higher level, but I am sure you had no thought for any reward when you so gallantly set about the rescue of injured persons trapped in debris," declared a high official. At the request of Mr. Herbert Morrison, His Majesty the King graciously gave orders for the publication of Mr. Thomas's name in a list published as a supplement to the "London Gazette" on the evening of March 7 last. Mr. Howell Thomas, who is A.R.P. sector warden at Birmingham, is employed in the making of tanks. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, and son-in-law of Mr. T.D. Morgan, Dowlais Top (secretary of the Dowlais Baptist Churches' Gymanfa Ganu) and Mrs. Thomas.

Late Mr. A. J. Tyler, Davies-row, Pentwyn The death has occurred of Mr. A. J. Tyler who was well known and who had resided in the village for many years. He was sexton of Pentwyn Churchyard for a number of years.

Nazareth Church The yearly meetings were held last Sunday, when sermons were delivered by Principal W.P. Jones of Trevecca College. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, and the organists were Mrs. G. Walters and Mr. D.J. Davies.

Institute and Welfare Coun. Payne presided over a meeting at the Library on Thursday. The chairman gave a report of his interview with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Daniel of the Welfare Association at Cardiff and this was accepted. A sub-committee was appointed to meet on the new playing field concerning the continuation of the work there.

Sapper's Wedding: Bengough-Llewellyn The wedding took place on Sunday at St. Mary's Church by special licence of Sapper Leslie Bengough, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. D.E. Bengough, Brecon-terrace, Deri, and Miss D. Gwendoline Llewellyn, Ffynnonau Duon Farm, Pentwyn. The service was choral, the vicar, Rev. J.L. White officiating, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The following choir boys were also present: Gordon Llewellyn, Willie Clark, Tom Catterson and Melville Edwards. The bride, who was given away by her brother, L.A.C. Alvin Llewellyn, R.A.F., was attired in a powder-blue uncrushed crepe gown, with hat to match and navy accessories. She wore a spray of white carnations, and carried an ivory prayer book, the gift of the bridegroom. Mrs. I.G. Davies, sister of the bride, was matron-of-honour and was dressed in a navy gown with accessories to match, and wore a spray of white carnations and also carried an ivory prayer book. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Cuthbert Llewellyn, brother of the bride, and Mr. D.E. Bengough was the groomsman. The reception was held at the bride's home.

Old Inhabitants Death: Mr. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street, aged 74 The death has occurred of Mr. Rees Thomas. He had resided for the greater part of his life at Fochriw. He and Mrs. Thomas celebrated their golden wedding about a year ago. Mr. Thomas was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel and also a Sunday school teacher, while Mrs. Thomas is also a regular member. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. W. Evans, Pontlottyn, officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. C. Lynch, J.H. Calton (sons-in-law); Robert Roberts, Jack Roberts (brothers-in-law); Ted Roberts, D.D. Thomas, Thos. J. Lewis, Ted Lewis, Geo. Evans, Syd. Davies, David H. Lewis, Douglas Evans, Derlwyn Evans, Jack Lynch, Idwal Williams, Bob Kendrick. Mourners at the house: Mrs. E. Thomas (widow); Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Calton (daughters); Mrs. H.E. Thomas (daughter-in-law); Betty, William, Sydney, Margaret, Ann, Bernard (grandchildren); Mrs. D.R. Lewis, Miss M.E. Thomas, Mesdames Ted Roberts, S. Davies, R. Parry, D.H. Lewis (nieces); Mesdames Andrews, Sullivan, Harris and Cumpstone.

A.R.P. Presentations At the wardens' post on Thursday evening, presentations were made to the following wardens: Mr. & Mrs. George Walters to mark the occasion of their recent marriage; Mr. W. Adams Jones who has left to take up the headmastership of Trelewis School; Mr. Iorwerth Evans who has joined the R.A.F.; and Mr. W.A. Thomas who has left for work in Birmingham. Before the presentations, the women wardens provided tea, the tray-holders being Mesdames H. Jones, M. Jones, G. Walters and S. Jones. Mr. Griff Thomas presided afterwards. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas were presented with a cake stand, Coun. Sam Lewis speaking of their splendid services. Mr. W. Adams Jones was the recipient of a gent's companion, the presentation being made by Warden A. Mantle. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was presented with a fountain pen, Warden G. Thomas making the presentation. Mr. W.A. Thomas, who was represented by his wife, also received a gent's companion, Warden S. Jones making the presentation. The recipients thanked the wardens. Recitations were given by Mr. Bob Rees and Mr. George Walters, also some conjuring tricks by Mr. B. Rees. The latter part of the evening was given over to games, all taking part, with Mr. G. Walters as M.C.

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Sale of Poppies On Friday and Saturday last a number of sellers were busy disposing of poppies. The organiser is Mrs. S. Phillips.

Snooker Match Fochriw Institute entertained Aberbargoed in a match under the auspices of the Upper Rhymney Valley League on Thursday. Fochriw won 7-5. The Fochriw team was Owen Jones (capt.), Clifford Davies, Gomer Davies, Rufus Dummett, Reg Gittoes, and Richard Jones.

Comforts Fund A social was held at the headquarters of the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund last week. It was attended by members of the sewing class who have been busy providing knitted comforts for members of H.M. Forces. The tables were presided over by Mrs. Price and Mrs. Llewellyn. A concert was later held, all taking part. Mrs. S. Jones is secretary, and Mrs. A. Davies treasurer.

Late Mr. Bert Tyler, Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 66 The funeral took place last week of Mr. Bert Tyler. He was a well known character in the village and was held in high esteem. He was a member of St. Mary's Church and had been sexton at Pentwyn for a number of years - a position now held by his son, Mr. D.R. Tyler. He was also a member of the R.A.O.B. and members of the Order were present at the funeral. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Charles, David, Will and Christie Tyler (sons); Bryn Jones, Emyln Evans (sons-in-law); George & Arthur Tyler (brothers); Leonard, W.G., A.C., and Albert Tyler (grandsons); Leonard Tyler, John Thomas, John Williams (nephews). At the house: Mrs. I. Jones, Mrs. E. Evans, Miss Doris Tyler (daughters); Mesdames C., D., W., C., and G. Tyler (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Price and sister, Dowlais (nieces); Mesdames Horald, M. Griffiths, Bob Jones, D. Lewis, A. Morgan, Gwynne, Wheeler, S. Jones. The Vicar officiated.

Parade and Service Remembrance Day was observed in the village on Sunday with a parade and service at the Parish Church. This proved to be one of the largest ever held locally. The parade consisted of members of the British Legion, with Mr. J. Lloyd Jones (secretary) standard bearer; Women's Section, British Legion, Mrs. Lewis, standard bearer; members of the R.A.S.C. under the command of Sergt. Riley; Home Guard under the command of Sergt. W.M. Davies (acting commander); members of the St. John Ambulance under Supt. Tom Evans; Cadets under Cadet Supt. Ivor Morgan; Special Police under P.C. T. Wadley; members of the general public. The service at St. Mary's was conducted by the vicar, Rev. J.L. White. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by officers and men of the R.A.S.C.; officers and men of the Home Guard; by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. S. Phillips on behalf of the British Legion; Mrs. G. Llewellyn on behalf of the Mothers' Union. Flowers were laid in memory of Hugh Mantle who lost his life at Narvik; Wyndham R. Edwards who lost his life in the Great War; and Gordon Way. Bugler Glyn Burrows sounded the "Last Post," and "Reveille."

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Sale of Poppies A sum of £16 1s 6d was realised. This total exceeds all previous records as follows: Fochriw Lower - Mrs. L. Evans & E. Jones - £2 5s 6d; Brynteg district - Mrs. Robson & L.A. Smith - £1 2s 1½d; Upper Fochriw - Mrs. L. Thomas & Miss M. Puddle - £1 16s 8½d; Pentwyn & Penybank - Mrs. Morgan & Phillips - "2 2s 1d; Pantywaun - Misses G. & E. Thomas - 18s 1d; St. Mary's Church donation - £1; wreaths - £6 17s. The organiser, Mrs. S. Phillips, expresses gratitude to the sellers and general public.

Wedding Bells: Perkins-Wellings The wedding took place on Saturday at Christ Church, East Greenwich, of Lance-Corporal Henry Perkins, R.A.S.C., Blackheath, and Miss Mary Rosaline Wellings. The bride, who was attired in an ivory satin beaute dress, Victorian style, with veil and head dress to match, carried a shower bouquet of red roses, and was given away by her uncle Mr. Bert Wellings. After the ceremony, over fifty guests attended the reception at York House, home of the bridegroom's parents.

Welfare Institute Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting on Thursday, supported by Mr. H. Thomas, vice-chairman, Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary, and Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer. It was decided to close the children's corner for the winter session. It was reported by the sub-committee on the playing field that they had inspected the work carried out and it was

satisfactory. It was agreed to suspend the work for the winter months. A report of the snooker team (who have won their first two matches) was given. The following were added to the Selection Committee: Messrs. R. Evans, C. Shankland, H. Morgan. The question of repairs to the billiard tables was left to a sub-committee which was appointed. The Treasurer and Librarian gave their reports.

Deaths The death has taken place of Mrs. E. Roberts, wife of Mr. Ted Roberts, late of Brynteg-street, now of Port Talbot; also of Mr. D. Thomas, husband of Mrs. M. E. Thomas, and son of Mrs. Thomas and the late Mr. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street.

Funeral: Mrs. Ellen Wood A highly respected citizen was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard last week in the person of Mrs. Ellen Wood, widow of Mr. John Wood who was well known as signalman at Cwmbargoed for many years until his retirement. Mrs. Wood was 75 years of age, and until her removal to her daughters at Llanbradach, had resided at Aelybryn for a number of years.

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Snooker The Fochriw Institute entertained Bargoed Institute on Thursday, the visitors winning 7-5. Fochriw: O. Jones, Clifford, Gomer & Jack Davies, Rufus Dunnett, and Reg Gittoes.

Ark Royal Survivor A.M.E. Gwyn Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Evans, Moore's-row, arrived home on leave on Tuesday. He was on board the “Ark Royal” when she was torpedoed, and when the order was given to abandon ship, he slid down ropes to board a destroyer. Friends join in wishing him a happy time on leave.

Late Mrs. Ann Williams, Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 77 The funeral of Mrs. Ann Williams took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Pastor David Thomas officiated at the house and graveside. Mrs. Williams was one of the founders of Bethel Gospel Mission Church. The mourners were: Messrs. J.T. Williams (son); W. Mills (son-in-law); Gwyn & Ronald Williams, Percy S. Mills (grandsons); E.J. Griffiths (brother-in-law); William & David Griffiths, Edmund Giles, R. Watkins, Glyn Gittens, C. & Evan Rowlands, D. Evans (nephews). At the house: Mesdames M.E. Mills (daughter); M. Griffiths (sister); M. Anthony (sister-in-law); M.A. Jones, L.M. Mills (grand-daughters); Mesdames Giles, Griffiths, O. May, M.S. Rees, M. Richards, E. & A. Rowlands, Eva Rees, May Williams (nieces); Gladys & Annie Mills, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Lewis.

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Community Singing A meeting of representatives of the various churches was held at the Church Vestry presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne. He said that they were considering holding a community singing service in aid of Merthyr General Hospital as the need today was greater than ever. It was decided to hold the singing festival on Sunday next, December 7th, at 7.30 at Nazareth Chapel. The conductor is Mr. D.J. Thomas and the accompanist Mr. Tom Walters. A hearty invitation is extended to all.

Glee Party Concert A concert was held at Noddfa on Thursday last by the Fochriw Glee Party. Mt Tom Walters was the conductor and Miss Annie Davies the accompanist. This was the party's first venture and proved a decided success. The singing reached a high standard. The chairman was Coun. Sam Lewis and the proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Comforts Fund, which is working to provide comforts for members of the Forces who have gone from the village. The artistes were: elocutionist, Nurse Ballard-Davies; soprano, Madam H.C. Davies; bass, Mr. Tom Lewis; tenor, Mr. W.A. Davies; quartettes, M. James, S. Millward, Mr. B. Davies, Mr. E. Evans; H.C. Davies, S. Millward, Messrs. W.A. Davies & Tom Lewis. The secretary of the party is Mr. Bob Rees, and the treasurer Mr. Dan James.

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Nursing Success Nurse Mildred Chapman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Chapman, 25, Martin-street, has passed the final State examination. She is the third daughter to obtain this success – the elder daughters - Olwen and Olga - were trained at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital.

Snooker Fochriw Institute team entertained Abertysswg in an Upper Rhymney Valley League match last Thursday, and won a good match by 7 frames to 5. Fochriw were represented by Messrs. Gomer Davies, R. Jones, R. Gittoes, L. Pritchard, J. Davies and A.H. Dummett.

Community Singing A community singing festival was held at Nazareth Chapel when a collection was taken in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne who welcomed the members of the Forces present and extended the hand of fellowship. He appealed again on behalf of the Hospital whose need was still great.

Obituary The funeral of Raymond George Colbourne, son of Mr. & Mrs. Colbourne, 16, Hill-row, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. The Rev. J.L. White officiated. The mourners were: Mr. H.C. Colbourne (father); Idwal, Mervyn, Victor, Leslie and T.F. Davies (uncles); Messrs. E. Davies (cousin); D. Davies, W.J. Angell (uncles). At the house were Mrs. M. Colbourne (mother); Mrs. E.M. Davies (grandmother); Mr. R.H. Davies (grandfather); Mesdames T.E. Davies, C. Golden, A. Carter (aunts); Mesdames Lewis, Wheeler and Neade.

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Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. Gwilym Morris, B.A., Penydarren, whose sermons were much appreciated. The choir-master and organist was Mr. Tom Walters, A.L.C.M.

“Prince of Wales” Survivor The many friends of Mr. Willie Roberts, son of Mr. Ted Roberts and the late Mrs. Roberts, now of Port Talbot, and formerly of Brynteg, Fochriw, will be pleased to know that his father has received information that he is among the survivors of the “Prince of Wales.”

Institute and Welfare Coun. W.J. Payne presided at the meeting on Thursday, supported by Mr. H. Thomas, vice-chairman, Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary, and Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer. It was reported that new books had arrived that day. The Christmas snooker handicap has been well patronized and the final remains to be played.

Snooker A match was played at the Institute on Tuesday between a military unit and the Institute team, resulting in a win for the Institute by 8 frames to 4. Fochriw: Gomer Davies 1; R. Gittoes 1; C. Lewis 1; O. Jones 1; R. Dummett 2; E. Jones 2.

Presentation To mark the occasion of his departing to join the R.A.F., Mr. Griff Thomas, who is an active member of the A.R.P., was the recipient of a leather writing case by his co-wardens of the Fochriw post. The presentation was made by the chief warden, Coun. Sam Lewis, who spoke highly of Warden Thomas's faithfulness and wished him well. Other speakers were Messrs. Dan James and G. Walters. The musical programme was contributed to by Mrs. Katie Walters and Messrs. Tom and D.H. Lewis. Tea was provided by the lady members of the warden's post. Mr. Thomas thanked them for their kindness.

Community Singing A fine standard of singing was attained at the community singing service at Nazareth Chapel on Sunday, when a collection was made on behalf of the Merthyr General Hospital. Coun. W.J. Payne presided, and appealed for much needed support for the Hospital. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Thomas who had the singers under perfect control. The organist was Mr. Tom Walters whose playing added greatly to the success of the singing. Nurse Ballard Davies gave a fine rendering of the recitation, “The Dream of Pilate's Wife.” The Chairman thanked all who had contributed to the evening's success and also the officers of Nazareth for the use of the Chapel. Rev. Haydn Davies, Ammanford, read a portion of Scripture.

“Merthyr Express” 27 December 1941

Snooker Handicap The final of the Christmas Handicap was played at the Institute on Monday when the finalists were Mr. Leighton Millward and Mr. G. Dummett. The scores were: Millward 75; Dummett 60. Other winners were Edryd Jones and Gomer Davies.

Snooker Match On Thursday, Fochriw entertained St. Gwladys, Bargoed in a League match. The visitors were winners 9-3.

Pantywaun Halt The dream of many long years became a reality on Monday last with the opening of a railway halt at Pantywaun. This will be a great boon to the inhabitants. Efforts have been made for many years to bring this about, the matter being again taken up with the Ministry by Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P. Another advantage that Pantywaun would be enjoying now if not for the war would be the installation of electric light by the Gellygaer Council.

Help for Russia A collection organised by the National Council for Labour in aid of the Help For Russia Fund, took place on Friday. Collectors were members of the W.V.S. and the collections were as follows: Brynteg district - Mrs. E. G. Rees & Mrs. B. Morgan - £2 7s 6d; Caeglas district - Mrs. M. Watkins & Miss C. Sahnkland - £2 5s 6d; Brook-row dsitric - Mrs. P. M. Jones & Mrs. W. K. Evans - £1 13s 6d; Aelybryn district - Mrs. C. Way & Mrs. M. Jones - £1 8s; Pentwyn district - Mrs. A. Jones & Mrs. F. E. Lewis - £1 10s; Penybank - Mrs. A. Morgan - 10s 6d; total £9 15s. The organisers were: Fochriw - Mrs. M. Jenkins; Pentwyn and Penybank - Mrs. A. Jones. They wish to thank all for the splendid response.