

“Merthyr Express” 2 January 1943

Nazareth Chapel The preacher on Sunday was Mr. V. Morgan (Cefn Coed). The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

Silver Band Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, played Christmas music throughout the village on Christmas Day.

Parish Church A service was held on Christmas morning when the preacher and celebrant was the Rev. E. Adams Evans. The organist was Master Huw B. Thomas.

Successful Dance A very successful dance was held at the New Hall on Monday under the auspices of the R.A.S.C. and P.C.. Music was provided by Mr. Alun Davies and his band.

Carmel Y.P.G. A concert was held under the auspices of the Young People’s Guild at the New Hall on Tuesday, when solos and recitations were given by guild members. Mr. T. Walters conducted and accompanied and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided.

United Cymanfa Ganu The annual singing festival of the Nazareth C.M. and Noddfa Baptist Churches was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. For more than 30 years the united cymanfa ganu has been a special feature of the Christmas celebrations in the village. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies and the organists were Mrs. G. Walters and Mr. Joshua Thomas. At the morning service, Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided and Master Hugh Jones read a portion of Scripture. In the afternoon Mrs. T. Mathews presided and Mrs. Trevor Lawrence took the devotional part. Mr. T. Jones presided in the evening, when a quartette consisting of Mrs. E. Lewis, soprano, Mrs. T. Lawrence, contralto, Mr. B. Davies, tenor, and Mr. B. Davies, bass, sung “The Old Rugged Cross.”

Cymanfa Ganu The annual cymanfa ganu was held at Carmel on Christmas Day. The morning service was mainly for children. It was introduced by John Raines. Recitations were given by Gwenfil Thomas and Betty Evans. A party of boys and girls sang under the conductorship of Miss M. Jones. Mrs. Rowlands Davies presided and the accompanist was Mr. T. Walters. After the service, the children received a gift from Father Christmas who was impersonated by Miss E. Ballard. Misses M.& C. Jones and Mrs Sam Lewis assisted. Rev. Eurof Jones addressed the children and thanked all who had assembled to make the festival so pleasant. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. Thomas Ballard who took the devotional part, and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided in the evening. The choir rendered anthems and hymns under the conductorship of Mr. Tom Idris Morris of Rhydney. Mr. T. Walters accompanied.

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Hospital Mrs. Lewis, Station Stores, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital.

Death The death has taken place at her home in Aelybryn of Mrs. Sarah Prosser at the age of 72.

Carmel Y.P.S. On Tuesday, the Rev. Glyn Jones (Pontlottyn) gave an address. Rev. Eurof Jones presided. Thanks were accorded by Miss Marie Davies and Mr. D. Kelly.

Social Evening At Nazareth on Wednesday the children of the Sunday School were entertained to a tea. At the tables were Mesdames W. Lewis, G. Walters, J. Mathews, D.J. Davies, J. Lewis, T. Lawrence, C. Shankland, J. Lloyd, and Misses Doris Davies and Mavis Shankland.

Library and Institute Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting on Friday evening, supported by the vice-chairman, Mr. H. Thomas, the secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas, and the treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans. The correspondence was dealt with, and the treasurer gave the financial report for both schemes until the end of the year. The Librarian gave the report on loans of books. A revision of prices of the various rooms for meetings was agreed. A report of improvements carried out in the billiards room was given.

Band A meeting of the Fochriw Silver Band took place at the Hall on Thursday. Coun. W.J. Payne presided, and said that he was pleased to hear such good reports of their playing throughout the district in the Christmas season. Mr. J.J. Lewis supported Mr. Payne’s remarks and also dealt with the correspondence. Reports were given on the progress of the young members who had joined. It was decided to ask the Band to give another dance as soon as possible. Mr. Emrys Lewis gave the financial report, and Mr. Bob Rees reported on the drama.

Home Guards On Wednesday, Fochriw Platoon (under Lieut. W.M. Davies) went to Bargoed to take part in the battalion rifle shooting competition. Fochriw fired later in the evening and were confronted by a high aggregate set up by Pontlottyn. However, they ran out winners with 187 points out of 200. Private Alun Davies was one of two throughout the battalion who scored maximum points. Fochriw were represented by Corporal H. Evans 24; Privates A. Davies 25, E. Jenkins 23, C. Davies 24, David Way 22, T. Kelly 22, D.J. Davies 24, & B. Davies 23. A shield and cheque are to be presented to the platoon in the near future by O.C. Battalion Lt-Col. T.D. Evans.

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In Hospital Mr. John Pullen, Pentwyn, who has been a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, is making good progress. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Dance Under the auspices of the R.A.S.C. and Pioneer Corps, a successful dance was held at the New Hall on Monday evening. Music was supplied by Mr. Alan Davies and his band. The M.C. was Mr. Cadvan Cumpstone.

Snooker Fochriw entertained New Tredegar in a Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute on Thursday. Fochriw won by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was Messrs. Reg Gittoes, Owen Jones, Rufus Dummett, Bryn Rees, Edryd Jones and Terance Kelly.

R.A.O.B. Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge, Pentwyn, met on Saturday at their headquarters the Mount Pleasant Inn, presided over by Bro. Wm. Lewis. During an initiation ceremony, five new members were enrolled, including three brothers, Messrs. Ralph, Lindsay and Vernon Coggan. Bro. Lewis handed over control of the Lodge to the father of the three sons, Primo Arthur Coggan, who conducted the ceremony. Later, harmony was provided by several of the brothers, with Primo D.D. Thomas as accompanist.

Late Mrs. S. Prosser The burial of Mrs. Sarah Prosser, Aelybryn-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Mrs. Prosser was 72 years of age and had lived the greater part of her life in the district. She was highly respected. Mrs. Prosser was a member of the Parish Church and the Mothers' Union. A service was held at the church by the vicar and the lesson was read by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. The vicar also officiated at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. W.J. Thomas, E. Thomas, I. Prosser, E. Prosser, F. Prosser, A. Prosser (sons); J. Bowen, E. Puddle, J. Cleavey, T. Beale (sons-in-law); G. Bowen, H. Bowen, G. Puddle, T.J. Meredith, K. Beale, R. Beale, J.I. & T.J. Prosser (grandsons); R. & W. Bevan, W. Jones. At the house were: Mesdames J. Bowen, B.M. Puddle, M. Beale, E. Cleavey, T. Bailey (daughters); E. Prosser, L. Thomas, A. Prosser, M. Prosser (daughters-in-law); E. Wilton, A. Thomas, M. & S. Puddle, L. Prosser, H. Bowen (grand-daughters); Mrs. A. Watkins, Mrs. Webber (sisters); Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Bailey (nieces). Among the wreaths was one from the Mothers' Union.

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M.O.I. Films A film show was held under the auspices of the Ministry of Information on Monday at the New Hall. There was a large attendance, and the films proved very instructive.

Russia and China Funds Members of the Fochriw W.V.S. gratefully acknowledge donations to the funds. As a result of the sale of toys, together with donations, £70 6s. has been forwarded to headquarters. Thanks are accorded to all who contributed to this effort.

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A.R.P. Quiz A successful quiz was held at the Noddfa Vestry on Friday evening under the auspices of the local organizations. P.C. Walter Cox was question master and all sections of the civil defence were represented. The answers on the whole were satisfactory. The umpires were Mr. A. Ballard, headmaster of Penybank school, and the Rev. E. Jones. Others present were Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., head warden; Coun. W.J. Payne; Supt. Tom Evans, St. John Ambulance; Lieut. W.M. Davies, Home Guard; Mr. T. Lawrence, Fire Brigade; Mrs. M. Jenkins, W.V.S.

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Welsh Nationalists A public meeting under the auspices of the Welsh Nationalists was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Addresses were given by Mr. Trevor Morgan of Cardiff and others.

Snooker Fochriw entertained Rhymney at the Istitute on Thursday, the visitors winning by 7 frames to 5. Fochrw: Messrs. Edryd Jones, Owen Jones, Bryn Rees, Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes and Rufus Dummett.

Band Meeting The annual meeting of the Fochriw Silver Band took place in the New Hall on Wednesday. In the absence of the chairman, Coun, W.J. Payne, the chair was taken by Mr. A. Mantle, supported by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, Mr. Emrys Lewis, treasurer, Mr. D.J. Davies, registrar, and the auditors, Mr. H. Wood and Mr. Bernard Brown. The secretary reviewed the year and said they had much to be pleased with. The band had made good progress, and the prospects for the coming year were good. The chairman said that the 14 young members who had recently joined were making good progress, and some were now playing "around the ring" with the older members. Mr. H. Wood gave the auditors report and complimented the officials on the way the books were kept. The financial position was satisfactory. The election of officers took place as follows: President, Mr. Edgar Pritchard; vice presidents, Messrs. W. Farley, E.I. Griffiths, D. Jenkins & P.C. W. Cox; chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice chairman, Mr. H. Wood; secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mr. Emrys Lewis; registrar, Mr. D.J. Davies; trustees, Mr. D.R. Jones, Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. Wm. Evans; bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle. The committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. J.E. Edwards.

R.A.O.B. Lodge An enjoyable evening was spent at the Brynderwen Lodge last Tuesday evening, when brothers from the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge paid a visit. Among those who contributed musical items were Bros. J.J. Lewis, Ken Owen, D.J. Jones, C. Tyler, G. Williams, S. Williams, Geo. Williams, A.H. Wood, S. Bowen, J. Bowen, Len Bowen, Deri. The pianists were Bros. Baden Bowen, Deri, J. Harding and D.J. Davies, Fochriw. The meeting was presided over by Primo A.H. Wood. The Lodge meets every Tuesday at 6.30p.m. and the secretary is Bro. S. Williams.

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In Hospital Mrs. Evans, Martins-street, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Civil Defence Quiz Much interest was taken in the Inter-Services Quiz at Noddfa Vestry A.P.R. Post on Friday. The following services were represented in the competition: Wardens, Police, Home Guard, Fire Guard, Ambulance, W.V.S. and N.F.S. The questioner was Mr. T. Lawrence (head fire guard), and the umpires were Mr. A. Ballard and Rev. Eurof Jones.

Cymanfa Ganu A repetition of the Christmas Cymanfa of Nazareth and Noddfa Churches was held on Sunday when the singing was conducted by Mr. D.J. Davies and reached a high standard. The presidents were: Mr. T. Lawrence (morning), Mr. T.J. Jones (afternoon), and Mrs T. Matthews (evening). The organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas. The devotional parts of the service were taken by Master Hughie Jones and Mr. B. Davies.

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In Hospital The following are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mr. Tom Price, Aelybryn; Mr. W. Ballard, Plantation-terrace; Mrs. Angell, Aelybryn; Mrs. Evans, Martin-street; Jill Parry, Pleasant View.

A.R.P. Quiz The third in the series was held at the A.R.P. Post on Friday when the following were represented: Wardens, Home Guard, N.F.S., Police, W.V.S., and Fire Guards. The question master was P.C. Cox and the umpires were Mr. Arthur Ballard and Mr. Dan Jenkins.

Snooker Match Fochriw entertained Abertysswg on Thursday in a Rhymney Valley League match, and won by 8 frames to 4. They were represented by Messrs. Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett and Edryd Jones.

Carmel Y.P.S. On Tuesday a brains trust was held when those who took part were M. Mallard, L. Jenkins, S.& M. Jones, P. Ballard and P. Mantle. The question master was Rev. Eurof Jones. Scripture was read by Mr. E. Evans, and thanks were accorded by Mrs. S. Lewis and Mr. D. Lewis.

Fire Guard Lectures The first of a series of four lectures to the women fire guards was given at Noddfa Vestry on Monday. The women showed great keenness in their training.

The lecturer was Mr. E. Browning, supported by Mr. L. Evans, both of Pontlottyn. Mr. T. Lawrence presided, and was supported by Messrs. J. Evans and D.T. Davies, senior fire guards.

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Parish Church A Welsh service was conducted on St. David’s Day by the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar. The service included the celebration of Holy Communion.

In Hospital Friends of Mrs. R. Rouse, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. Adams Evans, the Vicarage, and wife of Sergeant D. Rouse, R.A.F., will be pleased to know she is progressing favourably after her operation at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary. She is now recuperating at St. Mellons.

Sudden Death One of Fochriw’s oldest citizens died suddenly on Saturday in the person of Mr. Burkley Angell, Aelybryn-street, aged 78. He was going to pay a visit to Llanelly with his daughter, but when reaching Fochriw station was taken ill and died.

A.R.P Quiz An enjoyable time was spent at the New Hall on Friday when the A.R.P. Quiz was held. The opposing teams were Fochriw and Deri, and the final scores were Fochriw 62½ ; Dei 62. The question master was Inspector David Lewis, Bargoed, and the judges were Coun. Richard Williams, Captain W. Barker and Sergeant W. Blackler. Inspector Lewis said it was one of the best competitions he had yet attended and congratulated the teams on their fine work.

St. David’s Day The headmaster (Mr. A. Ballard) and staff were responsible for the celebrations at the Penybank Council School on Friday. At the Fochriw Council School, the programme had been arranged by Mr. D. Jenkins, headmaster, and the staff. It included an eisteddfod, the performance of short Welsh plays, addresses on Welsh notabilities and Welsh folk songs. At the New Hall, the children and the Young People’s Society held a varied Welsh programme including recitations, folk dancing and two short plays. The programme was arranged by Misses S. Lewis, M. Jones and E. Evans. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones. The accompanists were Mr. T. Walters and Mrs. B. Rees.

Late Mrs. R. Thomas The death has taken place at Liverpool, while on a visit to the home of her daughter and son-in-law, of Mrs. R. Thomas, aged 71, of Plantation-street. She was the widow on Mr. Rees Morgan. Mrs. Morgan was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. E. Jones and David Thomas officiating. The mourners were Masters Willie and Sydney Lynch (grandsons); Messrs. Robert Roberts (brother); John Rogers (brother-in-law); Edward M. Roberts (nephew); Charles Lynch and Joe Cotton (sons-in-law); Geo. Evans, David H. Lewis, Douglas Evans, David D. Thomas, Thomas J. Lewis, Robert Candrick, Mr. Osborne and Mrs. Thomas (Treharris). At the house were Mesdames Esther Lynch and Annie Cotton (daughters); M. Thomas, Betty Lynch and Margaret Cotton (grand-daughters); Mesdames Rogers (sister); H.E. Thomas and Yarnton (daughters-in-law); Osborne Thomas, D.R. Lewis, Geo. Evans, Edith Lewis and Miss Mary E. Thomas (nieces); Hughes (Bedwas), Williams, Clark, Harris and Laurie Smith.

Snooker The Fochriw record in the Upper Rhymney Valley Snooker League is as follows: Played 21; Won 6; Lost 11; Drawn 4; Points 115. They are 8th in a league of eleven teams.

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For The Hospital The Fochriw Orpheus Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, is busily rehearsing for a performance on Good Friday evening in aid of Merthyr General Hospital.

Snooker Fochriw entertained St. Dingat’s, New Tredegar, in a Rhymney Valley League match on Thursday. The visitors were winners 8 frames to 4. The Fochriw team was: Messrs. Bryn Rees, Owen Jones, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Gomer Davies and Edryd Jones.

Late Mr. W. Lewis The death has taken place of Mr. Wm. Lewis (Bargoed), late of Fochriw. Mr Lewis was taken ill at his work in Groesfaen Colliery where he was employed as a fitter. He died shortly after being taken home. He left the Fochriw Collieries many years ago to take up an appointment in the mines in South Africa. He remained there for many years. On his return, he worked at Groesfaen.

R.A.O.B. Lodge An enjoyable evening was spent at the Pantywaun Lodge on Saturday when the officers and brothers of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth and Ogilvie Lodges paid a visit. The following brothers contributed to the harmony: Primos J.J. Lewis, A.H. Wood, Brothers Kwn Owen, B.J. Jones, D. Harries (Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth); Bro. C. Tyler, A. Williams, L. Richards, I. Davies, I. Morgan (Ogilvie); Bros. Len Brown, John Bowen, Primo W.H. Sawday, Primo T.D. Morgan, Bross. J. Morgan, J. Rees, D.J. Thomas, D. Williams. The pianists were Primo Dan Jones, Deri, and Bro. D. Thomas. The next rally of the four lodges will be held at the Ogilvie Lodge, Deri, on April 3 when all brothers are heartily invited to attend.

Late Mr. B. Angell The funeral took place on Thursday at Pant Cemetery of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants, Mr. Burkley Angell, aged 78. He had lived practically the whole of his life at Fochriw and had been an official at the Fochriw Collieries for many years. He was choirmaster at the Parish Church for many years. In his younger days, he was a singer of repute and conducted many successful choirs from the village at eisteddfodau. His wife died two years ago. The Vicar and the Rev. E. Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messers. Willie, Burkley and Tom Angell (sons); Ben Shankland, Eddie Hiscox (sons-in-law); W.J. Angell (brother); Thomas J. Jenkins (brother-in-law); W.J. Angell, W.A. Davies, Burkley Davies, Howell Thomas (nephews); James Davies, John Davies (brothers-in-law); Robert W. Parry, Percy G. Hann, W. Gardner, Tom Jenkins, James J. Lewis (nephews). At the house were: Mesdames Laurie Ann Shankland, Mary J. Griffiths, Judith Ann Davies, Elinor M. Hiscox (daughters); Elinor & Evelyn Angell (grand-daughters); Blodwen Angell (daughter-in-law); Emaline Davies, Maud Davies (sisters); Ann Jenkins (niece).

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M.O.I. Films A film show under the auspices of the Ministry of Information was held at the New Hall on Monday.

Fire Guard Lecture A lecture was given at Noddfa Vestry on Monday, when Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided. P.S. Reginald Rowlands, Pontlottyn, was the lecturer.

Late Mrs. J. Thomas The death has taken place of a highly respected inhabitant, Mrs. Jemima Thomas, Station-terrace, aged 73, the wife of Mr. Wm. Thomas. About a week ago, her brother, Mr. Burkley Angell, was buried.

Carmel Chapel On Sunday, a repeat of the gymanfa ganu was held at Carmel Congregational Chapel. The morning service was presided over by Mrs. Rowland Davies and was introduced by Masters John Raines and Howard Morgan. Recitations were given by Misses Eileen Millward and Betty Evans; solos by Violet Abbey, Mary Raines, Eileen Millward, Elinor Davies, Masters John Raines, Howard Morgan, Jas. Davies, Leslie Hollister and Dd J. Evans. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. David Lewis and the evening session by the Rev. Eurof Jones. The conductor was Mr. Meirion Shankland and the organist was Mr. T. Walters.

Welsh Drama The annual Welsh drama by Carmel Dramatic Society is an event eagerly anticipated in the village. This year again it was a striking success, when, at the New Hall, a capacity audience enjoyed “Cyfrinach y Fasged Frwyn,” by D. Gwernydd Morgan. The producer was Mr. David Lewis who is to be congratulated on the success of the production. The players took their parts exceedingly well. A children's performance was given on Wednesday when Mrs. Oliver presided. Coun. Sam Lewis presided on Thursday evening. Members of the cast were: Mr. Bob Rees, Miss Betty Jones, Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Master David A. Evan, Mrs. N. Evans, Mr. W.A. Davies, Rev. Eurof Jones, Mr. David Lewis and Miss S. Jones.

Williams - Davies The wedding took place at Cardiff on Thursday of Able Seaman Billy Williams, son of Mr. & Mrs. E. Williams, Martin-street, and Nurse Jennie Davies of the Gellygaer Hospital Staff, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Davies, Brynteg-terrace. The bride, who was dressed in a navy costume, navy hat and shoes to tone was given away by her father. She was attended by her cousin, Miss Gladys Harris, who wore a brown dress with hat and shoes to tone, and Nurse Margaret Rowlands, who was dressed in grey, with hat and shoes to tone. Mr. Alan Davies, cousin of the bride, was best man. The groomsman was Mr. Jack

Davies, brother of the bride. The reception was held at the bride's home, where a large number of relatives were present. Later, the couple left for their honeymoon in London.

Welfare Institute The annual meeting took place on Friday, when Coun. W.J. Payne presided. Since the last annual meeting, the Hall had been renovated at a cost of about £500 for which they were grateful to the Miners' Welfare organisation. They were hoping for other equipment soon. The billiard tables had already been renovated. Coun. Payne thanked all officers, committee members, and the public for their co-operation. The accounts, which had been audited by Mr. T.D. Evans, chartered accountant, were considered satisfactory. The Librarian reported that the number of books issued during the year was about 4,500. On the question of the completion of the playing field the possibility of enlisting the help of football enthusiasts as voluntary helpers was discussed. It was decided that the committee members would meet on the ground before further discussion. The election of officers, committee and sub-committee was as follows: Chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. Dan Jenkins; secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans; committee: Ogilvie: Messrs. A. Palmer, Robert Thomas, H. Wood, John E. Evans, Will Evans; Groesfaen: Messrs. Owen Jones, Crad Shankland, Bernard Brown, Dan James; Nantyffin: Messrs. Ivor Morgan and E.W. Jones; Bargoed: Bryn Rees and John Lewis; General Public: Messrs. Thomas Ballard, Howell Thomas, Richard Evans; Old Age Pensioners: Messrs. George Sibley and Job Thomas; Unemployed: Mr. Morgan Davies. Collector, Mr. David Harris; trustees, Messrs. Dan Jenkins, T.J. Jones, Dan James and W.J. Payne; billiards committee, Messrs. D.J. Thomas, J.H. Evans, Hab Morgan, J.E. Edwards, D. Isaac Lewis, B. Brown and Will Evans; entertainments committee, Messrs. C. Shankland, W. Evans, Dan James, H. Wood and J. Lewis with the officials; librarians, Mr. R. Gittoes and Mr. H. Morgan.

Properties for Sale by Auction Lot 4 No.5 Glenview, Pentwyn. Leasehold dwelling house let at 9/- per week inclusive. Lease 99 years from 24th June, 1910. Annual apportioned ground rent £1 5s. Lot 5 No.11 Glenview, Pentwyn. Leasehold dwelling house let at 9/- per week inclusive. Lease 99 years from 24th June, 1910. Annual apportioned ground rent £1 11s 2d.

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Late Mrs. E. Lewis The death has taken place of Mrs. E. Lewis, Brook House, wife of Mr. Ted Lewis, after a painful illness. Mrs. Lewis had lived the whole of her life in the village.

Late Mrs. M.A. Angell The death has taken place of a well known resident in the person of Mrs. M.A. Angell, aged 47, wife of Mr. William Angell, Aelybryn. Mrs. Angell, who had spent her lifetime in the village, died at Merthyr General Hospital, where she had been a patient for a few weeks. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday. The Revs. Eurof Jones, Wm. Thomas and E. Adams Evans, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. William Angell (husband); Mr. W.R. Evans (brother); Rev. T.A. Davies, Messrs. Burkley Angell, Ben Shankland (brothers-in-law); Gareth Davies (nephew); Llew Jones, Lewis Jones, Stewart Jones, W.J. Jones, Glynne Jones, John Francis, Emlyn Evans, W.J. Angell, C.H. Budd (cousins); W.J. Angell, James Davies, John Davies, T.J. Jenkins, P. Richards (uncles). At the house were: Mrs. H. Davies (sister); Mesdames Eileen Evans, Olwen Evans, L.A. Shankland, M.J. Griffiths, J.A. Davies, E.A. Hiscox, Blod Angell (sisters-in-law); E. Davies, M. Davies, A. Jones, J.M. Lawrence (aunts); Annie Jones, A.M. Jenkins (cousins), Cole, Celia Ballard, Celia Sussex (friends). There were many floral tributes. [listed]

Late Mrs. J. Thomas The funeral of Mrs. Jemima Thomas, aged 73, wife of Mr. William Thomas, Station-terrace, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard and was a very representative one. The officiating ministers were Rev. Eurof Jones and Wm. Thomas. The youngest son, Glyn, is serving abroad with H.M. Forces. Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement. The mourners were: Messrs. Wm. Thomas (husband); Howell Thomas, W. Angell Thomas (sons); J.J. Lewis, R.W. Parry, A. Oliver, D.O. Davies, S. Price, P.G. Hann (sons-in-law); D.J. Davies, Haydn Davies, Howell T. Lewis, Ronald Lewis (grand children); W.J. Angell (brother); Jenkin Thomas, Howell Thomas, John Davies, James Davies (brothers-in-law); Burkley Angell, W.J. Angell, W. Angell Davies, Burkley Davies, James A. Davies, Tom Smith (second officer, M.N.), Claude Smith, Pastor David Thomas, D.G.

Thomas, D. Saunders, B. Lloyd, Glan Thomas (nephews); Haydn Jones (cousin). At the house were Miss E.M. Thomas, Mesdames J.G. Hann, L.M. Lewis, L.A. Parry, C. Oliver, M. Davies, M. Price (daughters); Gret Thomas, Anne Thomas (daughters-in-law); Emmeline Davies, Maud Davies (sisters); Ceridwen Walters, C, Thomas, S, Thomas (sisters-in-law); C. Hann, L. Williams, M.H. Jenkins, M.J. Jones, L.A. Smith, C. Jones, L.A. Jones, M.J. Williams, M.A. Lewis, B.A. Lewis. There were many floral tributes. [listed]

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Late Mrs. J. Thomas The following were omitted from the list of wreaths in last week’s funeral report of the late Mrs. Jemima Thomas, Station-terrace: Uncles, Aunts, Nephews and Nieces.

Boy’s Death The death has taken place at Cardiff Royal Infirmary of Raymond Catterson, aged seven, son of Captain and Mrs. Catterson, 7, Station-terrace. He was a member of the Parish Church Surplice Choir and Sunday School where he will be sadly missed. Sympathy is extended to the family. His father is on sea with his ship. The funeral took place on Monday. A service was held at New Trinity, Cardiff, thence to Glyntaf Crematorium. Among the officiating ministers was the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar of Fochriw and Deri.

Late Mrs. E. Lewis The funeral of Mrs. E. Lewis, aged 48, wife of Mr. Edward Lewis, Brook House, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. She was born and lived in the village the whole of her life, and was held in high esteem. The mourners were: Messrs. Edward Lewis (husband); Cyril Lewis (son); S. Gough (brother); T. Peters, R. Young, E. Lewis (brothers-in-law); D. Lewis (nephew); A. Purnell, D. Jones. At the house were Mesdames G. Murphy (daughter); M.J. Gough (mother); G. Peters, M. Young (sisters); L. Gough (sister-in-law). There were floral tributes from family, friends and neighbours.

New Pastor Nazareth C.M. Chapel was well filled on Thursday evening to extend a welcome to the new pastor, Rev. William Thomas, who has taken up the pastorate of Nazareth, Fochriw; Calfari, Dowlais; and Ysgwyddwyn, Deri. Mr. Thomas is a native of Treharris and has come to this area from Solva, Pembrokeshire. Mr. Thomas has preached at Nazareth in his student days from Trevecca, Aberystwyth University and Bala and has really come amongst old friends. A hearty welcome was extended to him by Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar of St Mary’s; Rev. Eurof Jones, Carmel Cong. Church; Pastor David Thomas, Gospel Hall; and Mr. T.J. Jones, on behalf of Noddfa Baptist Church. Rev. Glyn Jones, who presided, recommended Mr. Thomas as a fellow student through the whole college course, and spoke highly of his sincerity and goodwill. An address was given by the Rev. Robert Thomas, Resolven, brother of the new minister. Rev. Wm. Thomas responded to the kind welcome, and on behalf of Nazareth, thanked all who wished the cause well. The singing was directed by Mr. W.A. Davies and the organist was Mr. D.J. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 10 April 1943

Carmel Y.P.G. An enjoyable time was spent by the members on Tuesday when Mr. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, gave an address on “A Busy Fortnight Spent in Italy,” being a reminiscence of a tour of that country which he made when a student. Mr. Bowen remarked on the beauty and wonders of Italy, and also, on the peculiarities of the people.

Old Age Pensioners A meeting of the Fochriw branch was held at the Hall on Tuesday, Mr. George Sibley presiding. The branch is in a flourishing condition with a membership of about 100. A hearty welcome was extended to all pensioners to join the branch. The secretary is Mr. T. Ballard, with Mr. W. Cook as treasurer. It was reported that Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P., would address the meeting on the Beveridge Report on April 12 at the Hall.

Flag Day Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen’s Flag Day was held on Friday, when the sellers were: Mesdames Llewellyn & Lewis, Pentwyn, £1 3s 7½d; Mesdames Smith & Lawrence, Brynteg district, £1 2s 7½d; Mesdames Fox & Way, Aelybryn district, £1 2s 6d; Mesdames Rouse & Fisher, 19s 2d; Mesdames Pearce & Thomas, Brook-row district, 15s; Misses E. Morgan & R. Davies, Penybanc, 9s; Misses M. Ralph & G. Thomas, Pantywaun, 8s 4d; total £6 1s.

Aid To China The United Nations’ Aid to China Fund Flag Day was organised by members of the W.V.S. The sellers were Mesdames T. Evans & P. Jones, Moore’s Row & Pleasant View, £1 8s 6½d; Mesdames D. Jenkins & T. Thomas, Brynteg, £1 7s 4d; Mesdames S.

Williams & R. Fox, Guest-street & Dynevor-street, 12s 71/2d; Mrs. Harris & Miss Lloyd, Martin-street, 11s 2d; Mesdames Mantle & A.J. Evans, Telybryn, 9s 51/2d; Mesdames J. Llewellyn & F. Williams, Pentwyn and Penybank, £1 7s 31/2d; Misses M. Richards & Auronwen Thomas, Pantywaun, 7s 2d. The total amounted to £6 3s 7d.

Welsh Drama The Hall was well filled on Wednesday evening when the Carmel Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the Welsh drama, "Cyfrinach y Fasedg Frwyn" (Gwernydd Morgan) in aid of the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund. Mr. David Lewis was the producer and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided. Members of the cast were Mr. W. Angell Davies, Mrs. Nellie Evans, Rev. Eurof Jones, Miss Megan Jones, Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Master David Alvan Evans, Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Bob Rees, Miss S. Jones.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting at the Hall on Friday. It was reported that the billiards committee had arranged a series of games to be played for the Red Cross, also an exhibition game would be played for the same cause. Forty names had been received by the secretary of young men prepared to help in the levelling of the playing field. It was decided to ask Mr. David Davies to supervise this work. The committee was very grateful for this help and arrangements would be made to proceed with the work. The Librarian reported that 400 books were issued during March. The financial report was given by the treasurer and was satisfactory. Mr. W. Cook was appointed to the committee. The chairman extended a welcome to the new committee. A sub-committee was appointed to discuss the question of rules. The caretaker's report was accepted and the question of painting was agreed to.

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Snooker A match was played at the Institute on Thursday between Fochriw and Dowlais. It resulted in a draw. The Fochriw team was Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Edryd Jones, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes and Rufus Dummett.

Welcome Social A social was held on Tuesday, to welcome the Rev. William Thomas the new minister of Nazareth C.M. Church. After refreshments, a short concert followed when solos, recitations, choruses and a quiz formed the programme. Mr. Thomas responded to the welcome. Miss Sallie Williams (Treorchy) also spoke.

Comforts Fund When the Comforts Fund Committee met on Friday, Miss A. Evans, secretary, stated that more than £228 had been collected in the village since November 1939. The 78 members of the Forces had received gifts of money and comforts up to date, and each would receive a further gift of 10s. at Easter. It was decided that equivalent sums be sent to the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund on behalf of two local boys who are prisoners. The officers are: Chairman, Mrs. M. Jenkins; vice-chairman, Miss Eunice Morgan; treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Monelly; secretary, Miss A. Evans.

Late Mrs. Bessie Evans After a short illness, the death has occurred of Mrs. Bessie Evans, wife of Mr. R.J. Evans, 12, Orchard-terrace, Rogerstone, at the home of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Pugh, 23, Guest-street. Aged 26, she was born in the village and was a pupil of Bargoed Secondary School. After her marriage, she went to live at Rogerstone. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Revs. W. Thomas and E. Edams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. R.J. Evans (husband); T. Pugh (father); G. Pugh (brother); Leslie Hathaway (brother-in-law); W. Evans (Peterborough); R.P.P. Roberts, Machynlleth (brothers-in-law); E.J. Jones, W. Adams-Jones, Griff Jones, Evan Watkins, Idris Davies, Howell Bowen, H. Welsman, L. Hopkins, J. Matthews, D. Lewis (cousins); G. Hathaway, Wilfred Norman, J. & T. Lawrence. The mourners at the house were: Mesdames T. Pugh (mother); E. Hathaway (sister); P. Roberts (sister-in-law); Esther Davies & S. Pugh (aunts); E.J. Jones, Mattie Lewis, Ettie Bowen, Magdalene Hopkins, Esther Matthews, Estyna Welsman, Annie Watkins, Ettie Carver, Mattie Davies (cousins); Janet Jones & Mrs. M. Williams. There were numerous floral tributes. [listed]

Late Mr. A. Angell The death has occurred at Newquay, Cardigan, of Mr. Alfred Angell, aged 77, who before going to Newquay, live in the village for many years. Only a few weeks ago, a brother, Mr. Burkley Angell, and a sister, Mrs. Jemima Thomas, were buried from the village of Fochriw.

Youth Movement Members of the Fochriw branch of the Youth Movement spent an enjoyable time on Saturday when they went on a hiking tour. Accompanied by their warden, Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., they took the train to Torpantau station and from there climbed the Brecon Beacons. They then walked on to Brecon and returned by train.

Harding - Martin The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday of Mr. Desmond M.J. Harding, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Harding, 5, Plantation-terrace, Fochriw, and Miss Bronwyn Martin, youngest daughter of Mr. J. Martin and Mrs. Martin, 11, Mount Pleasant, Pentwyn. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Vernon Llewellyn, was dressed in a green and fawn costume with accessories to tone, and was attended by her sister, Miss Phyllis Martin, who wore a grey coat and hat, with accessories to match, and Miss Nesta Dainton (aunt of the bridegroom), in the uniform of the W.A.A.F. The bridegroom's father, Mr. J. Harding, and Ralph Jones, nephew of the bride, were also present at the ceremony. The reception was held at the home of the bride, and later, the happy couple left for London on their honeymoon.

Late Mrs. M. Gittoes The death has occurred of an old inhabitant of the village in the person of Mrs. Margaret Gittoes, aged 60, of Guest-street, widow of Mr. Wm. Gittoes. Mrs. Gittoes had lived in the village for 29 years and was held in great esteem. Before coming to Fochriw she had lived at Erwood, near Brecon. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday last the Revs. T.J. Jones, Eurof Jones and David Thomas officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. John & Reg Gittoes (sons); E.W. Jones (son-in-law); Donald & Hugh Jones (grandsons); David, Albert & Edward Gittoes (brothers-in-law); Vincent Gittoes, Will Davies, Arthur Sharp (nephews); Benjamin Jones, Walter Jones, Stanley Gittoes, - Evans (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. E. Jones (daughter); Mrs. J. Davies (sister); Mrs. A. Sharp (niece); Mrs. T. Jones, Dowlais (cousin); Mrs. K. Shankland, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. M. Morgan.

“Merthyr Express” 24 April 1943

Last Sunday Palm Sunday was observed by hundreds of inhabitants visiting the old churchyard on the hill, St. Andrew's, Pentwyn.

Flag Day A flag day in aid of the Welsh Services Club was held in the village on Friday. The sellers were members of the Women's Voluntary Service.

Parish Church Lenten services were continued on Thursday at the Parish Church when an address was given by the vicar. The organist was Huw B. Thomas.

Carmel Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by the Rev. Wm. Thomas of Nazareth Chapel. The organist was Mr. T. Walters and Mr. M. Shankland was precentor.

In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. E. Jones, Brynteg; Mr. T. Price, Aelybryn; Mrs. Evans, Martin-street. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Visit of M.P. Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P., addressed a meeting of the old age pensioners at the Hall on Monday. Among other topics, he gave a fine explanation of the Beveridge Report. The vicar also spoke. Mr. Geo. Sibley presided and the speakers were thanked by Mr. Thomas Ballard and Mr. M. Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 1 May 1943

Parish Church A three hours' service was conducted on Good Friday by the Vicar. The services on Sunday were well attended. The celebrant and preacher was the Vicar, and the lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. Master Huw B. Thomas was the organist.

“The World's Redemption” On Friday evening at the Hall, a performance of the sacred cantata, “The World's Redemption,” was given by the Fochriw Orpheus Society, conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. Coun. W.J. Payne introduced the chairman, Rev. E. Adams Evans. He also welcomed Alderman Lewis Jones (general secretary of the Hospital), and Mr. Stanley Stephens (chairman of the Fete Committee). The artistes were Madam H.C. Davies (soprano); Madam S. Millward (contralto); Mr. W.A. Davies (tenor); Mr. Tom Lewis (bass); accompanist, Mrs. A. Davies. Mr. J. Stanley Stephens and Ald. Lewis Jones also spoke.

Child's Funeral The funeral of Linda Gittins, infant child of Mr. & Mrs Eddie Gittins, Williams-row, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday and was strictly private. Pastor David Thomas officiated. Mourners were: Messrs. Eddie Gittins (father); D. Gittins (brother); Mr. Patten (grandfather); Messrs. Patten, F.J., Stan, and Edwin Gittins, D.W. Morris (uncles). The bearers were Messrs. J.J. Lewis, Dewi Morgan, and Evan Watkins. Mourners at the house were Mrs. G. Gittins (mother); Mervina & Norma Gittins (sisters); Mesdames Patten & Gittins (grandmothers); Betty Patten, Ruby Barry, Mair & Hettie Gittins, Annie Morris (aunts); Pam Barry & Norah Morris (cousins); Mrs. Watkins.

Late Miss Pollock The death has taken place of Miss Anne Pollock, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Pollock, 4, Dynevor-street. She died at Merthyr General Hospital where she was a patient as the result of an accident. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday and was well attended. Revs. Eurof Jones and E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. Bernard Pollock (father); Mr. David Griffiths (grandfather); Messrs. John Pollock, Richard Weekes, W. James, Geo. & W.G. Davies, H. Morgan, Jas. Griffiths, W. Fox (uncles); E. Lewis, Idwal Walters, Jack Forrest, Eric Macue, Ivor & Jackie Davies, Jackie Brown, Owen Jones, Windsor Chapman, C. Pugh, Frank Pinch (cousins). Mourners at the house were Mrs. Doreen Pollock (mother); Pat Pollock (sister); Mesdames S.A. Griffiths (grandmother); S. Davies, Fox, M. Chapman, G. Davies, Doris Pugh, G. Jones, Macue and Stevens (aunts); Mesdames James, Davies, Sheen (friends). There were numerous floral tributes. [listed]

“Merthyr Express” 8 May 1943

In Hospital Mr. Wm. Morris, Martin-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Nazareth C.M. The pulpit of Nazareth was occupied by Miss Sallie Williams, Treorchy, on Sunday last, who preached powerful sermons. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies and Mr. W.A. Davies was the precentor.

Snooker Handicap A successful handicap in aid of the Red Cross is taking place at the Institute. Several exciting games are being played. The entries are numerous and it is hoped the Red Cross funds will benefit substantially.

Orpheus Concert After their successful concert at Fochriw in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, where their singing reached a high standard under their conductor Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., Hospital funds will benefit greatly. The choir and artistes gave a concert on Tuesday evening at Pantywaun in aid of the Old Age Pensioners. Since their formation, the choir has given their services for many deserving charitable objects throughout the district. The Rev. E. Elias presided and the arrangements were carried out by Mr. Tom Jones.

Old Inhabitant's Death One of the oldest and most esteemed residents died last week after a few days' illness. He was Mr. George Jones, aged 78, of Picton House, Station-terrace. He had been for many years a member of the old Gellygaer Fire Brigade, and one of the members of the old Fochriw Band in their victorious days. He was the solo euphonium player, a position he held with distinction. He was a member of Carmel Comngregational Church. The funeral took place on Monday at Pant Cemetery, the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. The Mourners were: Mr. Dan Jones & Capt. Howell Jones (sons); L.A.C. Iorwerth Evans (son-in-law); Messrs. T.G. Davies, Tom Walters, George Walters, T.H. Jones, Idris Walters, County Coun. W.J. Kedward, Mr. Robert Thomas (nephews); Dick Lewis, Evan Jenkins, Enoch Jenkins, A.C.I. John Jenkins, Clydach Vale (cousins); Mr. & Mrs. R. Jones, Blaen Clydach. At the house were Miss Maria Jones, Mrs Mary Jones (daughters); Mildred Jones (grand-daughter); Mesdames Tegwen Jones (daughter-in-law); S.J. Jones (sister-in-law); W.J. Kedward, R. Thomas, T.G. Davies, J. Walters, G. Walters, Miss Gill Walters, Miss Linda Kedward (nieces); Mesdames D. Lewis, M. Jones, H. Morgan (cousins); Mrs Clark, Mrs. Cumpstone.

Vestry Meeting The annual Easter Vestry meeting of the Parish Church of St.Mary's took place on Wednesday evening, presided over by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., who opened the meeting with prayer. He thanked all who had given him their support since his advent to the parish. Reference was made to some of the faithful members who had died during the past year - Mr. Burkley Angell, the choirmaster for very many years, and a faithful

churchman; Mr. W.D. Davies, a parochial councillor; and a choir-boy, Raymond Catterson. Good wishes were expressed with the boys from the parish serving with H.M. Forces. The churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, said he wished to extend the best wishes of the church people to the Vicar, his wife, and family, and to this their first vestry meeting. He felt sure that the choice had been a good one, and that with the people's co-operation, a happy time was in store. In presenting the accounts, Mr. Payne said that they had met with their liabilities. There was much work to be done to repair the church and tower and the work would have to be carried out immediately. The accounts were adopted and the churchwarden was thanked for his untiring work. The following officers were appointed: People's warden, Mr. W.J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. John Owen; [arochial council, Mrs Evans (The Vicarage), Mrs W.J. Payne, Mrs E.J. Lawrence, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mrs. T.M. Evans, Miss R. Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, E.I. Griffiths, Edgar Pritchard, T.M. Evans, Arthur Palmer, Tom Jones, W.H. Way, T. Baldwin, Bryn Rees, G. Baldwin; sidesmen, Messrs. David Tyler, D.C. Jones, Gordon Lawrence, W. James, D. Jones, C. Cumpstone, W.H. Vyce, V. Powell, G. Evans, T.E. Davies, B. Edwards; auditor, Miss R. Davies.

"Merthyr Express" 15 May 1943

Dr. Barnardo's Homes A house-to-house collection was carried out during the past week and £6 7s was realised. The collectors were Mesdames James Lawrence, P. Cumpstone, Phyllis Jones, I. Cumpstone, Joshua Evans, Sam Lewis, L.G. Jones, Misses E. Morgan, R. Davies, Betty Jones, E. Evans, Leslie Hollister. Mrs. Sam Lewis was the organiser. Thanks are given to the collectors and public for their support.

R.A.O.B. The combined lodges met at the Brynderwen Lodge room at the Rising Sun Inn last week. With the Brynderwen Lodge were the following lodges: Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth, Pentwyn, Pantywaun and Ogilvie. Primo A.H. Wood presided. A visit was paid by D.P.G.P. J. Graham, Merthyr, who gave an address. Another visitor was R.O.H. George Jones, Bargoed. The brothers contributed to the harmony. The secretary of the Brynderwen Lodge is Mr. Seaborne Williams.

Library and Institute Mr. D. Jenkins presided at a meeting in the Hall on Friday evening and was supported by Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary, and Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer. After dealing with the correspondence, it was decided to give a number of books from the reading department for the book drive salvage week. Some will go for salvage and some for the Forces. The snooker handicap for the Red Cross is proceeding satisfactorily. The financial report was given by the treasurer and is very satisfactory. Also, reports were given by the librarian and caretaker.

"Merthyr Express" 22 May 1943

Youth Sunday On Sunday at Carmel Church, a religious service in connection with the local youth movement was held, when an address was given by the Rev. Eurof Jones, who emphasised the part young people had to play in the building of a better and more Christian world. Portions of Scripture were read by Miss E. Evans and Master S. Davies. Prayers were said by Master H.B. Thomas and the organist was Mr. T. Walters. The collection was taken by Masters P. Mantle and J. Evans.

Silver Band Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a Band meeting on Wednesday. He was supported by Mr. H. Wood, vice chairman, and Mr. J.J.Lewis, secretary. The correspondence was dealt with, including a number of applications for the services of the band. The purchase of new instruments was also considered. It was decided that the Band would parade the village on Saturday evening next. On Sunday, at Bargoed, the band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, headed the parade of the Home Guard.

"Merthyr Express" 29 May 1943

S.O.S. Fochriw Ward Effort in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital will be held this weekend.

Youth Movement The youth movement, under the direction of their warden, Mr. Emlyn Evans, is preparing a concert to be held at the New Hall next week in aid of the Wings for Victory week.

Nazareth Chapel Half-yearly services were held on Sunday when the preacher was the Rev. W. Gray Edwards, Skewen. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, and the organist was Mr. D.J. Davies.

Funeral Mr. C.R. Grimmett, an old inhabitant, who resided at Pentwyn for many years before moving to Bargoed, was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday.

Band The Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, paraded the village on Saturday. At a meeting in the Hall presided over by Mr. H. Wood, secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis reported that he had received a number of applications for the services of the Band.

“Merthyr Express” 5 June 1943

Silver Band The Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, were busy playing over the weekend in “Wings for Victory” parades at Llanbradach, Bargoed and Pontlottyn.

British Legion The members of the women’s section of the local branch journeyed to Brecon on Tuesday for their annual outing. They were accompanied by Mrs. Phillips, chairman, Mrs. Grace Edwards, treasurer, and Mrs. Harding, secretary.

Eisteddfod Winners Mr. J.J. Lewis (Ap Morlais) was one of the winners at New Tredegar “Wings for Victory” eisteddfod. Although in the veteran stage, he still possesses a very rich tenor voice and is in great demand as a concert artiste. Other winners were the Misses Mair & Gwyneth Thomas, Pantywaun, in the duet competition.

Penny-A-Week Fund The annual collection of the Penny-a-Week Fund of the Fochriw branch of the Pontlottyn and District Nursing Association, amounted to £9 4s 9d. The organiser was Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, and the collectors were Mesdames W. Pearce, T. Thomas, J.M. Lawrence, T. Pugh, Misses A. Lawrence, M. Williams and L. Mantle.

Nursing Success Miss Pearl Davies, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, has passed the final State examination of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales. Trained at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary, she is at present a staff nurse at St. Winifred’s, Cardiff. Miss Davies is an old pupil of the Girls’ County School, Hengoed.

Youth Movement The Fochriw branch of the Youth Movement are helping the “Wings for Victory” effort by giving performances at the New Hall this week. The programme is a varied one and the leaders of the movement are to be complimented for their work towards the cause. The leaders are: Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., warden; Miss Olive M. Payne, sub-warden; Rev. Eurof Jones; Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.; Master Huw B. Thomas, secretary.

R.A.O.B. An enjoyable time was spent at the “Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth” Lodge on Saturday evening, when five lodges were represented in the rally. Pantywaun and Brynderwen Lodges were introduced by Br. T. Williams, K.O.M.; Ogilvie Lodge by Bro. C. Golding Hann, K.O.M.; Sir Roger Thomas Lodge by Bro. G. Jones, R.O.H.; Beech Tree Lodge by Bro. D.G. Evans, R.O.H., P.G.P., & Bro. O. Morris, K.O.M.. Bro. Joseph Graham, R.O.H., D.P.G.P., and Bro. Les Major, K.O.M., P.G.Con., were also present. More than 60 members registered during the evening, Thanks were accorded the visitors by Bro. C. Rowlands, W.P., and Bro. E. Puddle, C.P..

“Merthyr Express” 12 June 1943

Hospital S.O.S. The Fochriw Ward effort in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital S.O.S. was held last weekend when £11 2s 2d was collected. The committee wish to thank the collectors and contributors.

Nursing Success Miss Hannah Mantle, only daughter of Mr. Albert Mantle, and the late Mrs. M.S. Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn, has passed the final State examination of the General Nursing Council of England and Wales. She was trained at the Cardiff Royal Infirmary where she is still engaged.

Sisters’ Success Misses Olga & Mildred Chapman, S.R.N., F.S.R.N., daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Chapman, Martin-street, have passed the final State examination in fevers. Olga is a sister at Exeter City Isolation Hospital, and Mildred is a staff nurse at Romford Isolation Hospital, Essex.

St. Mary’s Church At the Parish Church on Ascension Day, the vicar conducted the services. There was a celebration of Holy Communion in the morning and a children’s service was held in the afternoon. On Tuesday there was a meeting of the Mothers’ Union, Mrs. Evans presiding.

Library and Institute A social evening was held at the Hall on Thursday under the auspices of the Library and Institute. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. The M.C.s were Messrs. C. Shankland & J. Lewis. Spot prizes were won by Mr. J. Sheen and Mrs. S.G. Williams.

Welcome Home A great welcome was accorded two of the village boys of H.M. Forces who arrived home on Monday. They were Mr. Wally Jones, who had been three years in Gibraltar, and Mr. Gwilym Davies, who was for some time in the Gold Coast. The streets were gay with bunting.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting of the Association on Friday supported by Mr. D. Jenkins, vice chairman, Mr. J.J. Evans, treasurer, and Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary. The secretary reported that some of the equipment ordered had arrived. On the question of completing the playing field, it was decided to employ a few men to carry out the work. The Red Cross snooker handicap was proceeding satisfactorily and the social evening given by the Silver Band in aid of the funds was a success. The committee wish to thank all concerned. The treasurer gave the financial report which was satisfactory. A number of new books had been purchased and a large number of old books had been given to the recent salvage drive. The caretaker's report was accepted.

L.E.A. Youth Centre At the Hall last week, a variety concert was given by the Fochriw branch of the L.E.A. Youth Movement in connection with the "Wings for Victory" week. £17 7s was realised towards the weeks figure and praise is due to the warden and staff. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, presided, and addressed the leaders and members. The artistes were Misses Marie Davies & Muriel Davies (solos); Messrs. E. Davies & D. Lewis (ballet); Cyril Davies (monologue); Huw B. Thomas (pianoforte solo); Evelun Angell, Lilian Mantle, Amy Thomas, Marie Davies, Elaine Thomas, Hettie Gittins, Margaret Davies, Mary Lewis (country dancing). Selections were rendered by the choir, and the one-act plays, "Jerry Blunder's Ghost," "Visit to the Dentist in Shadows," "The Bishop's Candlesticks," and "Y Ciwrad yn a Fair," were presented by the following: Messrs. J. Evans, J. Price, D. Evans, D. Kelly, T. Williams, H. Lewis, S. Hughes, P. Mantle, D. Cumpstone, H.B. Thomas, Misses E. Angell, L. Mantle, A. Thomas, M. Davies, E. Thomas, H. Gittins, M. Davies, M. Lewis, L. Evans, M. Cumpstone and M.J. Evans. The secretary was Mr. Huw B. Thomas and the treasurer, Mr. Desmond Kelly.

"Merthyr Express" 19 June 1943

Parish Church Services were held on Sunday, when the celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the Vicar. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

Band Engagements The Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, played a programme of music at the annual Church tea parade at Pontlottyn on Monday and for dancing in the evening. On Tuesday, they played at the carnival at Deri.

R.A.O.B. A raising ceremony took place at the lodge room of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge at the Mount Pleasant Inn. The Lodge, now in its 31st year, paid tribute to two of its oldest members, by raising them to the Fourth Degree. They were Bro. Ben Evans and Bro. W. Lewis, present secretary. The installing officer was Bro. W. Earle, R.O.H., Tredegar. Two brothers who were raised to the Third Degree were Bros. T. Jones and E. Puddle. The installing officers were Bros. D.G. Evans, R.O.H., supported by the D.P.G.P. J. Graham. There was also a raising to the Second Degree of Bros. D. Tyler, T.J. Powell and G. Williams. The P.G.P. carried out the ceremony. Many brothers from other lodges attended.

Welcome Home Fund A meeting was held at the New Hall last week to discuss the formation of a Welcome Home Fund in the village. The following officers and committee were appointed: Chairman, Mr. H. Wood; secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans; committee members, Messrs. W. Evans, Dan James, Crad Shankland, John Lewis, B. Pollock, Edgar Pritchard, J.E. Edwards and Emrys Lewis. The district collectors are: Aelybryn district, Mesdames G. Williams and Fox; Brynteg, Mesdames Catterson and Perkins; Caeglas, Mesdames Pollock and D. Davies. It is hoped to collect weekly from the public. All money will be devoted to the cause and all services given voluntarily.

Hospital S.O.S. The following is the result of the Merthyr General Hospital S.O.S. - organisers Mesdames W.J. Payne and H. Thomas. Martin-street district, Mesdames Pollock

and D. Davies, £1 14s 1d; Aelybryn, Mesdames C. Way and T. Lewis, £1 11s 10d; Pentwyn, Mrs. J. Morgan, 7s 6d; Guest-street, Mesdames M. Watkins and Shankland, £1 7s; Br5ynteg-street, Mrs. G. Edwards, £1 6s 9d; Glyn-terrace, Mrs. J. Lawrence, 15s 6d; Pantywaun, Misses Ralph and Thomas, 15s 3d; Brook-row district, Mesdames W. Pearce and T. Thomas, 13s 6d; Plantation-street, Mrs. Smith, 9s 9d; donation, Mrs. S. Millward, 10s; total £11 2s 2d.

Flag Day During the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Flag Day last week, the following ladies sold flags: Aelybryn, Mesdames Gomer Williams and Ruth Fox, 15s 7d; Martin-street & Williams-row, Mrs. T. Evans & Miss R. Davies, 14s 3d; Brynteg, Mesdames W. Pearce and James Davies, £1 7s; Guest-street and Dynevor-street, Mesdames G. Martin and B. Angell, 17s 3d; Brook-row and Council Houses, Mesdames I. Cumpstone and B. Cumpstone, £1 2s 6d; Pentwyn and Penybank, Mesdames G. Llewellyn and Lewis, £1 12s; total £6 8s 4d. The organiser was Divisional Supt. Tom Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 26 June 1943

In Hospital Mr. Bert Edwards, Dynevor-street, Mr. Crad Shankland, Aelybryn, and Mrs. B. Edwards are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital.

Mothers' Union The weekly meeting of the branch was held at the Parish Church on Tuesday when the members were addressed by the Rev. S. Beynon, Deri.

Social and Dance A social and dance took place at the New Hall on Thursday under the auspices of the women's section of the British Legion. Music was provided by the Fochriw Silver Band and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis. The spot prize was won by Mr. E. Davies and partner.

Bible Society Under the auspices of the British and Foreign Bible Society a meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday when the Rev. W. Thomas presided. The meeting was opened by the Rev. E. Adams Evans who gave an address on the work of the Society. Mr. D.J. Davies was the organist. The local secretary of the society is Mr. T.J. James, with Coun. S. Lewis as treasurer.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding. The chairman complimented the bandmaster on the efficient way they had carried out their engagements during the past few weeks. Their playing and smartness on the road had evoked much praise. Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, gave his report as did the treasurer, Mr. Emrys Lewis. The bandmaster reported that he was well pleased with the progress of the Band. The chairman referred to the death of Mrs. Lloyd Jones, mother-in-law of Mrs. Farley, who is a vice-president, and the members stood in silence. It was decided to send their best wishes to Mr. Crad Shankland, one of the bandsmen, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

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In Hospital Mr. T.M. Evans, Pleasant-view, Mt T. Price, Aelybryn, Sybil Jones, Brynteg, and Mrs. Williams, Williams-row, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings of the chapel were held on Sunday last when the Rev. A.E. Grant (Rhymney) preached to large congregations. The organist was Mr. T. Walters and the singing was conducted by Mr. Emlyn Evans.

R.A.O.B. Rally At the Pantywaun Lodge on Saturday last, brothers from the following lodges paid a visit: Sir Roger Thomas, Ogilvie, Brynderwen, Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth, and the Sir David Thomas. Harmony was rendered by the following: Sir Roger Thomas, R.O.H. Saunders, R.O.H. G. James; Ogilvie K.O.M. W Rees, Bro. A. Williams; Cwlwm, K.O.M. T. Jones; Sir David Thomas, Bro. Oakley; Pantywaun, K.O.M. S. Williams, Primos T.D. Morgan, W.H. Sawday, Bros. J. Richards and J. Rees. The pianists were Bro. D. Thomas. R.O.H. Saunders, P.G.P. of the Monmouth Province, was also present. The lodge secretary is Bro. S. Williams.

Welcome Home Fund A general meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday evening last, when P.C. Cox explained that the meeting was held with the view to forming a “Welcome Home” Fund. Coun. W.J. Payne presided. It was explained that the W.V.S. had a comforts fund which had been in existence for three and a half years. The fund was registered under the War Charities Act and had done excellent work in providing comforts for members of H.M. Forces by weekly collections, sewing and knitting classes, organising concerts, etc., under the chairmanship of Mrs. M. Jenkins, with Mrs. T. Evans, secretary, and Mrs. (Dr.)

Monelly, treasurer. A statement of accounts was given by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Jenkins, together with the work of the fund since its formation. It was eventually decided that the present Comforts Fund be named the "Welcome Home" Fund, with representatives of various organisations and the churches to be added to it.

Late Mrs. Mary J. Jones The funeral of Mrs. Mary Jane Jones, aged 80, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Mrs. Jones had lived in the district for 20 years where she carried on business. She was the widow of Mr. David ap Jones, auctioneer, and the daughter of Mr. Henry Lloyd, veterinary surgeon, Dowlais. Her father-in-law was the Rev. John Jones, who was for many years minister at Bryn Seion C.M. Church, Trecynon, Aberdare. Mrs. Jones had lived for some period in the U.S.A. She took a keen interest in the local branch of the British Legion and was president of the women's section. Several of the members attended the funeral and Mrs. Lewis was the standard-bearer. The mourners were: Messrs. Hy. Lloyd Jones and John Lloyd Jones (sons); John Morgan, Bridgend, and Stanley Claude Farley (sons-in-law); W. Matthews, Caerphilly (grandson); A.S. Lloyd, M.P.S., Penygraig; D.T. Davies, Dinas; W. Williams, Glenboi, Mountain Ash (nephews); ex-P.S. Lane, aberdare; Messrs. H. Palmer, Tonteg; W. Roberts, Gilfach; Edgar Williams, Birchgrove; D. Rees Jones (friends); Mrs. H. Farley (daughter); Mrs. Marjory Morgan, Mrs. Caroline Jones and Mrs. L.G. Jones (daughters-in-law); Miss R. Lloyd Farley, Mrs. Lloyd Matthews & Miss Ceri Morgan (grand-daughters); Mrs. Alf Morgan, Miss Iris Morgan, Mountain Ash; Mrs. Mabel Mason, Penylan, Cardiff; Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Taylor, Aberdare; Mrs. F. Davies, Tonteg; Mrs. Roberts, Gilfach; Mrs. M. Chapman and Mrs L. Thomas. The family extend grateful thanks to those who sympathised with them in their sorrow. Among the floral tributes was one from the branch and section of the Fochriw British Legion. Mr. V. Powell, Fochriw, was the funeral furnisher.

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Ambulance Man Honoured Mr. Thomas Evans, divisional superintendent of the Fochriw Ambulance Division, has been appointed a Serving Brother of the Order of St John of Jerusalem. Mr. Evans is the only member now in the brigade of the old veterans of the cause at Fochriw when the brigade was formed at Fochriw in June 1906. The honour bestowed is well deserved for Mr. Evans has given 37 years of faithful service to the cause of ambulance work. He is the fourth member of the Fochriw Brigade to gain the honour.

Cricket Matches A cricket match was played at Fochriw last week between the Fochriw Parish Church Club and the Deri Church Club. Fochriw won by an innings and 32 runs, and also won the return match at Deri. Fochriw were represented by: J. Palmer (capt), C. & G. Llewellyn, G. Parry, C. & C. Tyler, D. Evans, H. Thomas, H. Grist, J. Daig and G. Cox. Deri: H. Tams (capt), W. Bowen, G. Haines, D. Tams, T. Connell, R. Beddoe, W. & D. Richards, L. & D. Edwards, and L. Davies. Rev. S.J. Beynon and Mr. A. Palmer were the umpires. The Fochriw secretary is Mr. J. Palmer and the treasurer is Mr. Huw B. Thomas.

Welfare Association At a meeting of the Association on Friday, Coun. W.J. Payne reported on what he said was a satisfactory interview between himself and Mr. Daniel, organiser of the Welfare Association. A number of articles had been received, including two sets of snooker balls with cues, and sets of cutlery and crockery. The chairs had not yet arrived. A letter was read from the Secretary of the W.V.S. Comforts Fund asking for a representative to be appointed to attend the newly formed Welcome Home Committee meeting. Mr. G. Sibley was appointed. The work done in connection with the playing field was also reported on, and treasurer's report on both indoor and outdoor schemes, as well as the reports on the book department and from the caretaker, were accepted. The Chairman thanked the Entertainment Committee for the outstanding financial success of the social evening organised by them.

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Outing The Sunday School children of the Full Gospel Hall held their annual outing to Brecon on Tuesday.

Snooker Handicap The Snooker Handicap in aid of the Red Cross, which was organised by the Welfare Committee, provided some exciting games. Mr. Norman Mills was the winner, and Mr. Gomer Davies the runner-up. Other prize winners were Mr. J.H. Evans and Mr. C. Edwards.

Confirmation The Lord Bishop of Llandaff held a confirmation at St Peter's, Deri, on Saturday, when about 50 candidates were presented for confirmation by the Vicar and Rev. S. Beynon, curate. Twenty five candidates were from the Fochriw Parish Church.

Presentation of Books On Sunday evening, Carmel Cong. Chapel presented the children with book tokens, rewards for collecting towards the London Missionary Society. The total of £25 was collected, which is the highest for many years. Many of the children collected more than £1, whilst Masters Irfon and James Davies collected £3, and were presented with special prizes. The presentations were made by Rev. Eurof Jones, who congratulated the children on their good work and thanked all who had assisted and contributed. The collectors were Bertie Cumpstone, D.J. Evans, James Raines, Roy Morse, D. Ballard, Billy Ridley, Matthew Banville, Leonard Evans, Royston Dummett, Raymond Cleaver, Irfon Davies, James Davies, Michael Evans, Margt. Jones, Dora & Enid Cumpstone, Iris Gwynne, Mary Cumpstone, Eileen Millward, Morfydd Thomas, Audrey Dummett, Margt. Davies, Eileen Watkins, Shirley Davies, Doreen Clark, Patricia Brown.

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In Hospital Mrs. M. Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. Gwenfil Harris, School House, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Friends wish them a speedy recovery.

“Stay At Home” Week Fochriw and Pentwyn townspeople can look forward to an attractive week of events during August week. The responsible committees are busy arranging carnivals, sports, dramas and community singing services. Fochriw Silver Band will be in attendance at both places.

Silver Band Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Band held at the New Hall on Monday, supported by the vice chairman, secretary and bandmaster. Correspondence included applications for the services of the Band at various functions, and it was decided to accept engagements during Fochriw “Stay-at-home” week. The treasurer gave a satisfactory report.

For The Blind A house-to-house collection in aid of the Blind Institute was held last week. The collectors were Mesdames T. Rowlands, I. Cumpstone, B. Cumpstone, C. Shankland, B. Angell, Harry Jones, Sam Lewis, P. Cumpstone, Misses E. Morgan, R. Davies, C. Jones, M. Jones, Betty Jones, Eliza Evans and Leslie Hollister. The sum of £7 13s 6d was realised. Mrs. Sam Lewis, the organiser, wishes to thank the public and collectors for their response.

“Merthyr Express” 31 July 1943

Accident Mrs. E. Cumpstone, wife of Mr. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn, was knocked down by a lorry at Dowlais on Saturday. She was removed to Merthyr General Hospital.

Dance A dance was held under the auspices of the Youth Movement. Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., warden of the movement, was M.C. Music was supplied by Mr. Aneurin Thomas, Caerphilly.

Stay At Home A programme of events has been arranged for Pentwyn Stay-at-Home Week. There is to be a parade headed by the Silver Band. This will be followed by sports. These events are to be organised under the W.V.S. Comforts Fund of which Mr. F. Amos is secretary.

Appointed Music Master Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., son of Mr. & Mrs. James Lawrence, Emlyn House, has been appointed music master at the Cyfarthfa Secondary School. He is the organist at the Parish Church and was organist at Llandaff Cathedral for eight months during the recent illness of the organist.

Carnival Queen The New Hall was filled on Thursday for the selection of the Carnival Queen and her Attendants, for the Stay-at-Home Week to be held Bank Holiday week. There were 50 entrants, and Mr. G. Sibley presided. The judges were Mrs. G. Cowles and Mrs. Evans (Argoed). The Queen was Miss Muriel Davies and the attendants were Misses Gwerfil Thomas, Sarah Puddle, Morfydd Owen and Anne Pillidge. Flower girls were Idona Marshelsea and Sonia Catterson; page boys, Geoffrey Tyler and Howard Pearce. During the evening, music was provided by Madame H.C. Davies, soprano, Mr. J.J. Lewis, tenor, Miss Davies, elocutionist, with Mr. T. Walters and Mr. Huw B. Thomas accompanists. Coun. W.J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to the judges, artistes, accompanists, chairman, and all who helped. This was seconded by Rev. E. Adams Evans and carried. The events are organised by the committee in connection with the W.V.S. Comforts Fund to provide funds to welcome home our boys and girls from the Forces. The Crowning of the Carnival Queen will take place

at 1.30 p.m. on Monday. The events will include the Carnival headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, sports, cricket and football matches, flitch trial, dance, dramas, eisteddfod for children and go-as-you-please competition. Mr. Dan Jenkins and Mrs. L. Thomas are secretaries.

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Full Gospel Hall Special meetings were held at the Gospel Hall during the week, and were largely attended. The preacher was Rev. Harold Miles, London.

Crowning of Queen at Fochriw

Fochriw Man’s Bride: Evans - Edwards On Saturday at St. Tyfaelog’s Church, the Rev. T. Gwilym Davies officiated at the marriage of Mr. Emrys Evans, second son of Mr. & Mrs. R.G. Evans, 11, Plantation-terrace, Fochriw, and Miss Irene May Edwards, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.J. Edwards, Gillar-street, Merthyr. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an azure-blue two-piece ensemble, with navy accessories, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Phyllis Evans, sister of the groom, who wore a dusky pink two-piece with brown accessories, and Miss Evelyn Jones who wore a bell heather and powder blue two-piece. Each wore a spray of pink carnations. The best man was Mr. Douglas Evans, brother of the groom, and the groomsmen were Messrs. D.W. King and D. Evans. The reception was held at the New Inn Hotel, Merthyr, Mr. & Mrs. Evans later leaving for Porthcawl, the bride traveling in dusky pink with navy accessories. Mr. & Mrs. Evans will reside at 11, Plantation-terrace. On leaving the church, the bride was presented with a silver horse shoe by Miss Christine Adler. The bride’s bouquet was later sent to Merthyr Infirmary.

“Merthyr Express” 14 August 1943

Stay-at-Home Festivities The committee of the Fochriw W.V.S. Welcome Home Fund carried out an excellent programme each day of the week. On Monday, the Carnival Queen, Miss Muriel Davies, was crowned by Mrs. M. Jenkins, organiser of the W.V.S. A carnival followed, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. The judges were Mesdames G. Jones and C. Bevan. In the evening, a dance was held at the New Hall, the Silver Band providing the music. Mr. D.J. Davies as M.C. On Tuesday, children’s sports were held followed by a whist drive in the Hall. On Wednesday, adult sports were held followed in the evening by a children’s eisteddfod at the Hall, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding. The conductor was Mr. J.J. Lewis; adjudicators Mr. T. Walters, Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. Eurof Jones; accompanists, Huw B. Thomas. Mr. Bob Rees was secretary. A seven-a-side football match was played on Thursday, the teams being the L.E.A. Youth Club and the Home Guard. The game ended in a draw 5 - 5. On Thursday evening at the Hall, a programme was given by the L.E.A. Youth Concert Party. Two one-act plays were performed: “The Bishop’s Candlesticks” and “Dr. Pedigree’s Dilemma.” The producer was the Rev. Eurof Jones. A competition in “Shadows” was given by Mr. Emlyn Evans, warden of the movement, who also presided. On Friday, a cricket match was played between the Parish Church team and the Youth Club, the former winning. In the evening at the Hall a go-as-you-please competition took place, Coun. Sam Lewis presiding. The adjudicators were Rev. E. Adams Evans, Rev. Eurof Jones, Messrs. Tom Walters, J.J. Lewis, D.J. Davies and Miss Muriel Davies (Carnival Queen). Mr. Huw B. Thomas was the accompanist. On Saturday, community singing of a high standard took place at Noddfa Chapel, Mr. George Sibley presiding. Mr. D.J. Davies was the conductor and Master Huw B. Thomas was at the organ. Votes of thanks were accorded by the Rev. William Thomas and the Vicar. Mr. Dan Jenkins was the secretary, Mr. A. Ballard treasurer, along with a fine committee.

Pentwyn Carnival The Pentwyn Carnival, organised by the committee of the W.V.S. Welcome Home Fund, took place on Wednesday. It was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. They paraded the streets of Pentwyn, Penybank and Fochriw. Taking part were jazz bands, national and comic characters etc. The secretary was Mr. Fred Amos and the treasurer Mrs. Davies.

Sunday School Outings The Sunday School scholars of the Parish Church and Noddfa Chapel had their annual outings to Brecon on Tuesday.

“Merthyr Express” 21 August 1943

Welsh Nationalist Party An open-air meeting was held at Fochriw on Tuesday, when the subject was "Must Wales Perish?" The speakers were Messrs. Trefor Morgan, Llandaff, and O.J. Evans, Ystalyfera.

In Hospital Mr. Tom Baldwin (Gelview, Pentwyn), Mr. John Williams (Martin-street), Mr. Price (Aelybryn), and Mrs. L. Hollister (Pit-row), are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Welfare Association A meeting of the Association and Institute was held at the Hall on Friday evening, when Coun. W.J. Payne presided, supported by the vice chairman, secretary and treasurer. It was reported that the new chairs and tables had arrived and these were later inspected by members present. The new lights over the billiard tables had been installed and were highly praised by the players. It was decided to purchase a further consignment of books for the reading department. The treasurer gave the financial report of both indoor and outdoor schemes, which were satisfactory.

"Merthyr Express" 28 August 1943

Nazareth C.M. On Sunday the preacher was Mr. Latimer Evans, Dowlais, late of Fochriw. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies and the organist was Mr. D.J. Davies.

Late Mr. D.H. Thomas The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. David H. Thomas, Aelybryn. Aged 72, he had lived in Fochriw for the whole of his life. Before the closing down of the Fochriw Collieries, he was an official for many years. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating. Mourners were Messrs. John Rees, David, Christmas and Bryn Thomas (sons); Evan L. Thomas (brother); John Slimmon (son-in-law); David Davies & Edward Jenkins (brothers-in-law); Jack, Garfield & Stuart Davies, Vivian Powell, Tom & Norman Thomas, Elwyn, Eddie and Morton Jenkins (nephews); Iorwerth Thomas (grandson). At the house were Mrs. L. Slimmon (daughter); Mesdames D. Davies & N. Jenkins (sisters); the Misses Jean & Mair Slimmon (grand-daughters); Mesdames J.R. & C. Thomas (daughters-in-law); W.J. Evans, Mary Thomas, Mary Evans, Miss Pearl Davies (nieces); Mesdames J. Jones & D. Parry (cousins); Mrs. H. Fisher, Mr. & Mrs. S. Jones, Mr. L.W. Edmunds, Mr. D. Brown, Mr. Ted Clarke, Mesdames D. Davies & G. Mantle, Misses Megan Griffiths & Betty Johns, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Evans, Miss Daisy Evans, Mrs. Elsie Rogers. There were numerous floral tributes (listed). The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. Vivian Powell, Fochriw.

"Merthyr Express" 4 September 1943

Sunday Schools Outing The Sunday School children of Carmel and Nazareth Chapels held their annual outing on Thursday, accompanied by a number of adults.

Mothers' Union On Saturday, the members of the Mothers' Union, with their enrolling member, Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, held their annual outing to Swansea.

Nursing Success Nurse Minni Angell Lewis, S.R.N., daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Lewis, Guest-street, has passed her C.M.B. She was trained at South Mead Hospital, Bristol. She is an old pupil of Hengoed County School.

W.V.S. A meeting was held at the Hall on Friday in connection with the Comforts and Welcome Home Fund. Mrs. M. Jenkins presided. She reviewed the work done and explained the object of the meeting. Several new rules were considered.

R.A.O.B. Lodge An enjoyable evening was spent at the Brynderwen Lodge on Saturday, when Brothers from the following lodges were present: Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth, Pantywaun, Roger Thomas and Ogilvie Lodges. The meeting was presided over by Primo D. Harris. The following brothers contributed to the harmony: R.O.H. C. Baker, Primos J.J. Lewis and A.H. Wood, W. Rees, S. Williams, Ken Owen, D.J. Jones, T. Evans and L.D. Mantle. The accompanists were Bros. J. Richards, D.J. Davies and D. Thomas. Mr. Seaborne Williams is the secretary.

Late Mr. C. Morgan The death has taken place of Mr. Cyril Morgan, Martin-street, at the age of 31. He was well known and held in high esteem in the district. He died in hospital at Bristol. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard and there was a representative attendance. Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. Mourners were Messrs. John Morgan (son); W. Barber (step-father); Cyril Barber (step-brother); Thomas J. Richard and Evan W. Jones (brothers-in-law); James

Harding, D. Evans, Richard Evans, Wm. Phipps (Bristol) uncles; W. Poyntz, David Llewellyn, Egryn Thomas, Robert Thomas, Harry Robson, Tom Morris, Eddie Williams, Richard Evans, W.A. Davies, Douglas & W.S. John, James Jones (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. M. Morgan [widow]; Miss Gaynor Morgan (daughter); Mrs. Barber (mother); Mrs. A. Jones (mother-in-law); Mesdames M.J. Jones, E. John, Irene & Enid Jones (sisters-in-law); J. Harding, W. Phipps and Poyntz, Mrs. Betsy Evans (aunts); Mesdames Barber, E. Walters, Lizzie Morris, G. Pearer, M. Edwards, and A. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 11 September 1943

British Legion On Tuesday, the women’s section of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion held their annual outing at Swansea.

Parish Church Services were held on Friday last - the National Day of Prayer. There was a Celebration of Holy Communion in the morning and also an evening service. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, officiated.

Carmel Y.P.S. Carmel Y.P.S. opened its winter session on Monday with an address by Mr. Hopkin Morris of the Welsh section of the B.B.C., Cardiff. There was a good congregation. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones. Votes of thanks were given by the Vicar and Mr. Tom Ballard.

Dance Under the auspices of the Pentwyn Welcome Home Fund a dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday last. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. The M.C. was Mr. C. Cumpstone. A waltzing competition was won by Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Davies. The judges were Mr. E. Pritchard and Mr. E. Evans.

Minister’s Bride The marriage took place on Saturday at Bethlehem Welsh Presbyterian Church, Treorchy, of the Rev. William Thomas of Fochriw and Miss Sallie Williams, daughter of Mr. John Williams, and the late Mrs. Williams, of Prospect-place, Treorchy. Rev. Thomas is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Thomas of Ynyswen-road, Treorchy. The bride is on the staff of Pontrethondda Mixed School, Llwynypia.

Silver Band A meeting in connection with Fochriw Silver Band was held at the Hall on Thursday evening last, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding, and supported by Mr. H. Wood, vice chairman, Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, and Mr. Emrys Lewis, treasurer. A deputation was received from Deri, representing the Deri Welcome Home Fund, asking for the services of the band for a concert at Deri in aid of the fund. This was agreed to - details to be arranged. The treasurer gave his report. Applications for membership of the band were also considered.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday supported by Mr. D. Jenkins, vice chairman, Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary, and Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer. It was reported that damage was being done to the pavilion at the children’s playground. The committee decided to take strong action if the culprits are caught. The question of purchasing some new books for readers was considered and it was decided to give a sum of money to the book committee to purchase them. The question of inter-change of books with other libraries was discussed. The treasurer gave the financial report of the indoor and outdoor schemes which were satisfactory.

“Merthyr Express” 18 September 1943

Fochriw Man Had a Few Drinks Griffith Jones, aged 30, farm labourer, Fochriw, admitted at Pontlottyn Police-court on Friday that he had had a few drinks. He was summoned for having been drunk and disorderly on Saturday, August 21. P.C. Harry gave evidence of seeing Jones drunk, staggering across the road and using bad language. Jones, who did not appear, was fined 10s.

Fochriw Linguist Vincent Hollister, aged 18, collier, Fochriw, was fined 10s. for having used indecent language.

“Merthyr Express” 25 September 1943

Harvest Services Harvest festival services were held at St. David’s Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. S.J. Beynon, Deri, and on Monday, the Rev. D.R. Jones, Dowlais. The lesson was read by Mr. John Palmer. The Vicar was also present. The organist was Mr. A.E. Kings and the singing was conducted by Mr. W.H. Williams.

Garbett - Archer The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday, of Mr. Daniel Garbett, son of Mr. & Mrs Garbett, Club Houses, Trelewis, and Miss Myra Gwenllian Archer, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Archer, Pentwyn. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a check costume with hat to match, and carried a handbag, the gift of the bridegroom. A reception was held at the home of the bride. They will make their home at Treharris.

Late Mrs. Ellen Way The death occurred after a long illness of Mrs. Ellen Way, of 1, Glenview. Pentwyn. Mrs. Way had lived in the village for many years and had been confined to bed for several years. Her husband, Mr. Frank Way, died seven years ago. Mrs. Way had been a member of the Parish Church and of the Mothers' Union. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday and there was a representative attendance. After a short service at the house, a service was held at St. Andrew's Church where the Vicar officiated. At the graveside he was assisted by Rev. Eurof Jones. The mourners were: Messrs. William, Frank, Fred and David Way (sons); Stuart Jones (son-in-law); Albion & Frederick Way (grandsons); Walter Way (brother-in-law); Arthur Way, W.J. Way, Frank Way, W.I. Way, Albert Way, Bert Way, Vincent Wood, Attwell Wood, Albert Yeo, Will Davies, Gordon Way, Tudor Evans, Crad Skym (nephews). At the house were: Mesdames Ada Staddon, Eliza Jones (daughters); Misses Margaret Jones, Joan, Thelma & Freda Way (grand-daughters); Mesdames G. Way (daughter-in-law); N. Yeo, L. Davies, M. Way, E. Skyn, G. Wood and G. Llewellyn (nieces); Mrs. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 2 October 1943

Late Mr. W. Morris The death has taken place of a well-known inhabitant, Mr. William Morris, Martin-street, at the age of 68.

Former Resident's Death The death has occurred at Cardiff of Mr. W.E. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was stationmaster at Fochriw for many years, where he was well known. The funeral took place at Llanfihangel-Talyllyn on Monday.

Dance Under the auspices of the Institute Entertainment Committee a dance was held at the Hall on Thursday. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. A. Mantle. The M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies and the waltzing competition was won by Mr. & Mrs. Idris Shankland. The judges were Messrs. E. Puddle and Crad Shankland.

Harvest Services Harvest festival services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, which were sent afterwards to the Merthyr General Hospital. The celebrant and preacher on Sunday morning was the Vicar; Sunday afternoon, Corpl. J. Brown; evensong, Rev. E. Emanuel, Vicar of Bedlinog. Lessons were read by Mr. John Palmer and Mr. Huw B. Thomas, and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. On Monday, the preacher was the Rector of Mamhilad, the Rev. R.E. Seaton. The Vicar and the Rev. S.J. Beynon also took part. The organist was Mr. Huw B. Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 9 October 1943

Nazareth C.M. Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. J.F. Smith, Merthyr, officiated. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies with Mr. D.J. Davies at the organ.

Warden's Post A presentation was made at the Wardens' Post last week to Warden Mrs. Eunice Thomas to mark the occasion of her marriage and her departure from the village. She had been a faithful member of the A.R.P. The presentation was made by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P. The following contributed to the programme: Solos by Messrs. D. Jenkins and E. Evans; recitations by E. Evans, D. James, D. Jenkins, D. Lewis and the Rev. Eurof Jones. Speeches were made by the Rev. Eurof Jones, Messrs. D. Lawrence, E. Evans, D. Jenkins, Mesdames L.G. Jones, M. Evans and Miss Sal Jones.

Flitch Trial At the New Hall on Friday, a flitch trial in aid of the Comforts Fund took place. The president of the trial was the Rev. E. Adams Jones, vicar: counsel for defence, Rev. Eurof Jones; counsel for defence of flitch, Mr. E. Evans, B.A. The claimants were Mr. & Mrs. Lovejoy, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. G. Wright; Mr. & Mrs. Parker, Mr. R. Rees and Mrs. A. Ballard; Mr. & Mrs. Micawber, Mr. W.A. Davies and Miss S. Jones. The producer was Mrs. S. Lewis. Madam H.C. Davies rendered solos. Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist. Mr.

A. Ballard, treasurer, gave a report on the stay-at-home week, as a result of which they hoped to hand over £127 to the funds.

Williams - Shankland The marriage took place on Saturday at Bethania C.M. Chapel, Bargoed, of Mr. Glanmor Williams, youngest son of Mrs. Williams and the late Mr. James Williams, of Rees-row, Pentwyn, and Miss G. Shankland, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Crad Shankland, Aelybryn. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a two piece ensemble, rose hat, brown shoes and gloves to tone, and wore a shoulder spray of bronze chrysanthemums. She was attended by her cousin, Miss G. Jenkins, who wore an ice blue two piece with black hat and shoes to tone: and Miss Thelma Williams, sister of the bridegroom, who wore the A.T.S. uniform. The best man was Mr. Iorwerth Williams, brother of the groom, and the groomsman was Mr. Vernon Llewellyn. The reception was held at the home of the bride, where a large number of guests were present. They will make their future home at Rees-row, Pentwyn.

Late Mr. W. Morris The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday of Mr. W. Morris, Martin-street, at the age of 68 years. He was a native of Blaenau Ffestiniog, but had lived in the village for the last forty years. He was a faithful member of Nazareth C.M. Chapel, where he had been deacon and choirmaster. Revs. W. Thomas, Eurof Jones, E. Adams Evans and J.F. Smith officiated. The mourners were Messrs. Griff, Gwyn and Evan Morris (sons); Reg Perkins & Trooper J. Fairbrass (sons-in-law); Messrs. M. Morris & James Smith (Merthyr Vale), Evan M. Williams (North Wales), Owen Owen (Aberfan), Price Davies (Troedyrhiw), nephews; Evan Williams (Bargoed) cousin; T. Evans, D. Jones, A. Rowbottom. At the hosue were: Mrs. J. Morris (widow); Mrs. Nelli Perkins, Mrs. Hilda Fairbrass, Miss Beryl Morris (daughters); John, Gwyneth, Melvyn (grand-children); Mesdames Grace & Tegwen Morris (daughters-in-law); E. Jones, Aberfan (sister); M. Williams, Penrhiwceiber (sister-in-law); Katie Owen, Aberfan (niece); E. Williams, E. Hughes (cousins); K. Shankland, B. Davies, Perkins (Deri), and Cumpstone.

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Carmel Harvest Harvest festival services were held at Carmel Cong. Church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Late Mr. W. Morris The following were the bearers at the funeral last week of Mr. William Morris: Messrs. J. Lawrence, Burkley Davies, Willie A. Davies and David John Davies representing Nazareth C.M. Chapel

Snooker Defeat In the Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute, Fochriw entertained Rhymney, who won by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was Owen Jones, Rufus Dummett, Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes, Edryd Jones and Tom Watkins. A new lighting system has been fixed over each table which is a great advantage.

W.V.S. Comforts A meeting of the Comforts Fund was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Mrs. M. Jenkins, and supported by Mrs. A. Evans, secretary. Several questions were dealt with including future entertainments for raising funds. Mr. A. Ballard, treasurer of the Stay-at-Home entertainments, said the accounts were now ready for audit. Councillors S. Lewis and W.J. Payne were appointed auditors. Mr. Dan James was appointed a member of the committee.

Institute and Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting at the Welfare Hall on Friday, supported by Mr. D. Jenkins, vice-chairman, Mr. B.H. Evans, treasurer, and Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary. The secretary reported on several matters, including the work done by the Entertainment and Billiard Sub-Committee. Messrs. O. Jones and J.E. Edwards were appointed to the Entertainments Committee and Mr. C. Edwards and Mr. A. Palmer to the Billiard Committee. The Treasurer gave a satisfactory report of the financial state of the indoor and the outdoor schemes. It was reported that a number of new books had been added to the reading department. Reports from the librarian and caretaker were accepted.

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Air Raid Precaution Meeting A meeting was held at the Wardens' Post on Wednesday when Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., addressed the members. It was decided to recognise the services of Mr. & Mrs. S. Jones, Pentwyn wardens, who have left the district to reside at Bargoed with a gift from the members.

In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. E.J. Williams, Dynevor-street; Mr. Geo. Williams, Pentwyn; Mr. W. Ballard, Plantation-street; Mr. Tom Price, Aelybryn. Also, Mrs. Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. Evans, Martin-street, are patients at Swansea Hospital.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the Hall on Thursday when Coun. W.J. Payne presided, supported by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, and Mr. Albert Mantle, bandmaster. The secretary gave his report. A report on the concert was also given. Several engagements for the band were considered.

Home Guard On Thursday, Fochriw Platoon won the Battalion miniature rifle competition at Bargoed. Fochriw Platoon surpassed itself with a score of 199 out of 200. This Platoon will now represent the 19th Battalion in the National Country Life Competition to be held in December. The team had improved greatly since it gained 50th place out of 3,500 platoons in a similar competition some months ago. Fochriw team: Leader, Lt. W.M. Davies; firers - Ptes. E. Jenkins, A.M. Davies, Des Harding, R. Evans, H.T. Lewis, I. Small, M. Davies, D. Way, C. Davies, Corpl. F. Williams, Sgt. E. Lewis and Lieut. B. Davies.

British Legion A presentation was made at the New Hall last week to Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones who is leaving with her family to reside at Ystrad Mynach. She has been a faithful member of the Women's Section of the British Legion and leaves with the best wishes of the members. She was presented with an oak tray by Mrs. L. Thomas on behalf of the members. Mrs. Jones suitably responded. Among the visitors was Mrs. M.H. Jones, an old member of the section now residing at Kidderminster. The officers of the Women's Section are: Mrs. Phillips, chairman; Mrs. Harding, secretary; Mrs. G. Harding, treasurer.

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Snooker Match Under the auspices of the Rhymney Valley League, Fochriw entertained Gilfach Y.M.C.A. on Thursday, the visitors winning by 7 frames to 5. Messrs. Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Rufus Dummett, Edryd Jones, Reg Gittoes and Tom Watkins represented Fochriw.

Youth Movement A lecture under the auspices of the Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Movement was given last week at the New Hall by Mr. Harry West, Brithdir, who took as his subject, “Two Years in a Prison Camp.” The chairman was Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A.. The speaker was thanked for his address.

Nazareth Chapel An interesting time was spent at Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Tuesday, when Mr. Mervyn Fry of Dowlais gave a gramophone recital of sacred music and an address. The Rev. Wm. Thomas presided. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. W.P. Lawrence and seconded by Rev. Eurof Jones.

Organist in India Signaller Norman Palmer, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmer, Council Houses, Fochriw, who is serving with the Royal Corps of Signals in India, was the organist at the Cathedral in Calcutta one Sunday recently. Before joining the Army, he was assistant organist at the Parish Church, Fochriw.

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In Hospital Mr. R. Parry, Brynteg-terrace, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital as the result of an accident at Nantyffin while following his employment. Mr. Glyn Burrows is also a patient as a result of an accident at Groesfaen Colliery.

Football Fochriw L.E.A. Club entertained Blackwood in a league match on Saturday, the visitors winning 6-0. Fochriw, who are a young side, played well, and should improve with a little more experience. They were represented by H. Price, D. Mantle, G. Jones, E. Jenkins, L. Millward, S. Watkins, P. Mantle, T. Williams, D. Clark, and D.A. & H. Evans.

Variety Concert Last Thursday at the New Hall, a variety concert was given by the Black and White Concert Party of Llanbradach, in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band. Rev. E. Adams Evans presided. The artistes were: Les Gwynne (conjurer), Cliff & Tony (accordion and piano), Stranda (song and tap), Eira Rist and W.L. Jones (vocalists), Cadillo (music mimic), Les John and K. Rist (pianist). Mr. Lloyd Jones was the compere. Mr. A. Mantle, bandmaster, moved a vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary.

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A.R.P. Lecture Sgt. Rowlands, Pontlottyn, gave a lecture at the wardens' post on Monday on A.R.P. work.

Poppy Day A number of sellers were busy during the weekend selling poppies. The organiser was Mrs. S. Phillips, Pentwyn, assisted by a band of workers and she wishes to thank all who assisted.

Late Mr. J. Hughes The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. J. Hughes of Brook-row, aged 86. He had resided in the village for many years. The Vicar officiated.

In Hospital Patients at the Merthyr General Hospital are: Mr. John Lawrence, 2, Glyn-terrace; Noel Williams, Aelybryn; Mr. Bryn Jones, Davies-row, Pentwyn. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Snooker Match Fochriw entertained Abertysswg in a Rhymney League match at the Institute on Thursday, and won by eight frames to four. The Fochriw team was Edryd Jones, Gomer Davies, Owen Jones, Rufus Dummett and Reg Gittoes.

Remembrance Sunday A service of remembrance was held at the Parish Church on Sunday conducted by the Vicar. Prior to the service, a parade was held headed by the Fochriw Silver Band (conductor Mr. A. Mantle). It comprised troops from the R.A.S.C. camp; the Home Guard; the British Legion (men's and women's sections); St. John Ambulance; the Cadets and Special Police. The service was very impressive. Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., was the organist. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by officers and men 219 Patrol Depot, R.A.S.C. Det. 247 Coy P.C., British Legion, Home Guard and Mothers' Union. Flowers were also placed in the church in memory of the fallen by their families.

For Comforts Fund On Thursday at the New Hall, Fochriw and Deri Dramatic Society gave a performance of the drama "Luck of the Draw," in aid of the Fochriw Comforts Fund. Credit is due to Mr. D. Phillips, the producer, who has produced many dramas for charity, and who had chosen a well balanced cast, all players acting their parts well. A miscellaneous programme was also given by Mr. E. Thomas, Ray Beddoe, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Morris and Norma Morris. The accompanist was Mr. Baden Bowen and the chairman Mr. Geo. Sibley. Thanks were accorded by Rev. Eurof Jones and Mr. D. Jenkins.

Institute and Library Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting on Friday, supported by the vice-chairman, treasurer and secretary. It was decided to take proceedings against trespassers on the playing field who were damaging equipment and fencing. It was decided to grant the use of the hall for members of the Home Guard Platoon Rifle Team. A grant was made to the L.E.A. Youth Club Football Team. The librarian reported that 308 books were out last month. The treasurer gave a financial statement on the outdoor and indoor schemes which was considered satisfactory.

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In Hospital Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, is a patient at Caerphilly Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Football Fochriw L.E.A. played Aberbargoed Buds in a League match on Saturday at Fochriw. Owing to the weather, the match had to be abandoned when Fochriw were leading by a goal scored by C. Hollister.

Parish Church The services on Sunday were conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. In the evening, the Vicar, on behalf of himself and the church people, congratulated Captain T.J. Catterson, M.B.E., who was present with his wife, on the great honour that had been recently conferred upon him at Buckingham Palace by the King in presenting him with the M.B.E. for bravery at sea. The lessons were read by Churchwarden W.J. Payne. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the organist.

Changes in Staffs of Schools: Gellygaer Managers Face A Problem When Gellygaer Group of School Managers met on Monday, Coun. Mrs. Maud Williams, Bargoed, presiding, Coun. W.H. Hopkins asked whether it was possible to have a more stable staff of teachers in elementary schools. He said that children taking the entrance scholarship examination would benefit considerably if they had the same teacher in charge of them. Capt. T.J. Evans, M.A., Inspector of Schools, said head teachers were alive to the importance of seeing, where possible, that the scholarship classes were not disturbed by a change of teachers.

Unfortunately, owing to teachers having joined the Forces and left the service, there had been many changes in staffs during the past two or three years. The position was one which disturbed the authority very much, but one over which they had no control. As far as he could see, the prospects were not at all good. Coun. Sam Lewis (Fochriw) and Coun. H. Williams (Brithdir) stressed the need for more teachers, but the Chairman observed that nothing could be done at the moment.

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Gospel Hall Special services were held over the weekend. Addresses were given by Mr. & Mrs. Davies, missionaries from Japan. Mr. D. Saunders was the organist.

Public Meeting At the New Hall on Sunday, an address was given by Mr. W. Paynter, miners' agent, on “Soviet Russia.” Mr. D.J. Davies was the chairman.

Film Show At Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Friday, a fine film show was given, when a number of films of a religious and educational character were shown. Rev. W. Thomas presided.

Legion Dance Under the auspices of the Women's Section, a dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of Poppy Appeal. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. A. Mantle. Mr. I. Cumpstone was M.C.

Met in Iraq Two school pals met recently in Iraq. They are A.B. Billie Lewis (Royal Navy), son of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Lewis, Pentwyn, and Bill Pullen (R.A.F.), son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pullen, Pentwyn.

Snooker Fochriw entertained Bargoed in a Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute. The game ended in a draw, six frames each. The Fochriw team was: Messrs. Gomer Davies, Owen Jones, Bryn Rees, Edryd Jones, Reg Gittoes and Rufus Dummett.

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Public Lecture On Wednesday at the Hall, a public lecture was given on “Russia” by Mr. Lawson Caines, M.O.I. lecturer. Mr. Emlyn Evans presided.

Nazareth Lecture A lecture was given on Tuesday at the Nazareth Church by Mr. Mervyn Fry, Dowlais. Rev. W. Thomas presided.

Snooker Fochriw entertained Tredegar in the Rhymney Valley League at the Institute on Thursday, and won 7 frames to 5. Fochriw were represented by Edryd Jones, Gomer Davies, R. Dummett, R. Gittoes, B. Rees and T. Watkins.

Home Guard Supper Dance At the New Hall and Platoon Headquarters on Thursday, the Platoon held its first annual supper and dance. Hard work was done by the committee (chairman Lieut. W.M. Davies) in preparing for the evening, and with the assistance of an able band of women a fine supper was provided. The Platoon was practically at full strength. The catering arrangements were in the hands of Mesdames G. Williams, D. Pollock, C. Harris, J. Harding, G. Llewellyn (The Farm), S. Jones (Pentwyn), E. Davies (White Horse Inn), B. Angell, C. Shankland, T. Thomas, M. Davies and E.A. Evans. Music for dancing was provided by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. A prize, given by Mrs. D. Pollock, was won by Miss V. Pegg. The M.C.s were Messrs. G. Davies, J. Lewis and C. Shankland. Variety to the programme was provided by Miss V.B. Watkins, Mr. James Watkins (Bargoed), Mr. Nicholas (Deri) and Mr. James J. Lewis, with Messrs. S. Bowen (Deri) and D.J. Davies at the piano. Miss Watkins is a young artiste and Mr. J.J. Lewis a veteran. The officers, N.C.O and men express their thanks to everyone who contributed. Among the guests were Col. T.D. Evans, O.C. 19th Battalion Glamorgan Home Guard; Captain Emms, Lt. and Mrs. Carew, C.S.M. Draper, Ptes. Willis and Ellis Williams and A.C.W. M. Rowlands.

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Old Inhabitants Death The death has occurred of an old inhabitant of the village - Mr. D. Lewis of Hill-row, Pentwyn.

In Hospital Mrs. Abbey of Brynteg-street, is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital, as also are David Parry, Pentwyn, and Gwyn Morgan, Dynevor-street.

Football Fochriw L.E.A. entertained Blackwood in a first round replay in the Rhymney Valley knock out competition on Saturday, the game ending in a draw one goal each. The Fochriw team was: Stuart Davies, David Mantle, Harry Grist, Edward Jenkins,

Leighton Millward, Garnant Jones (capt.), D.A. Evans, C. Hollister, Phillip Mantle, Stan Watkins, Vincent Hollister.

Library and Institute Mr. Dan Jenkins presided at a meeting of the Library and Institute on Friday evening. He was supported by Mr. D.J. Thomas (secretary), and Mr. J.H. Evans (treasurer). Arising out of the correspondence, several matters were discussed. The treasurer gave a financial report of both indoor and outdoor schemes. Reports from the librarian and caretaker were read and accepted.

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Hospital Patient Mr. E.W. Jones, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, following an accident while working at Nantyllyn.

Carmel The annual services of Carmel Church were held on Sunday, when the Rev. Gwyn Lewis, Pontypridd, preached to large congregations. The organist was Mr. Tom Walters, A.L.C.M., and the precentor was Mr. E. Evans.

Late Mrs. E. Lewis The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis. Aged 84, Mrs. Lewis had resided with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The officiating minister was Rev. Eurof Jones. The Vicar was also present.

Snooker Match A snooker match was played at the Institute on Wednesday between the Institute team and a team from the Forces. Fochriw Institute won by 11 frames to 1. The teams were: Fochriw - Tom Watkins, Glanmor Dummett, Garnant Jones, Desmond Kelly, Levi Pritchard & A.H. Dummett; H.M. Forces - Pte. Thomas, Cpl. Grant, Cpl. French, L/Cpl. Timlin, Pte. Browning & S/Sgt. Downey.

Hospital Dance On Thursday, a dance was held at the New Hall in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Music was provided by Fochriw Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. A. Mantle. Coun. W.J. Payne thanked all who had helped, particularly the band, together with the ticket sellers and the donors of prizes. Coun. Payne said that the need for funds was still great at the hospital. As a voluntary hospital, there was always an open door, but to keep that door open there was always a need for finance. He appealed to all to subscribe to such a noble cause. He appealed to all factory workers to subscribe also. The M.Cs. were Messrs. Gomer Davies, D.J. Davies and G. Lawrence. The judges in the waltzing competition were Messrs. E.T. Pritchard, Emlyn Evans and Crad Shankland. Winners of the competition were Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Davies and Mr. & Mrs. J. Lewis. Winner of the draw for the scarf was Mr. Jones, Deri. The donors of the prizes were Mr. E.T. Pritchard and Miss Olive Payne. Refreshments were provided by Messrs. W.J. Payne, R. Fox, R. Williams, A. Davies, G. Edwards, E. Rowlands, M.J. Davey, L. Smith and Doreen Brown.

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Dance At the New Hall on Thursday, a dance was held by the Library entertainments committee with Mr. H. Wood as chairman. Music was supplied by Russell Brooks and his band, and the M.C. was Mr. Gomer Davies.

Noddfa Festival A rehearsal for the Christmas Day singing festival took place at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday, under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas, with Mr. D.J. Davies, A.L.C.M., as organist.

Snooker Handicap The final of Fochriw Institute Christmas snooker handicap was played on Friday at the Institute, when the finalists were Mr. Gomer Davies and Mr. Tom Watkins. Mr. Watkins won, the scores being 75 to 45. The other semi-finalists were Mr. Bryn Rees and Mr. Desmond Pritchard.