

### **“Merthyr Express” 3 January 1925**

Obituary Mr. David Henry Evans of the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, died on Saturday morning.

Social A Christmas Social was held at St. Mary’s on Monday. Prizes were given to every child. Rev. S. Evans, Mrs. Evans and helpers gave a very pleasant evening to all the children.

Torrential Rain Fochriw has experienced severe weather recently. Both mountain and roads have been flooded. Council roadmen have been kept very busy, but no serious damage has been done.

St. Mary’s Church Christmas services commenced on Christmas Eve with a celebration of Holy Communion at midnight. There was a choral celebration and carol service at 6.30p.m.

United Singing Festival On Christmas Day, Noddfa and Nazareth Chapels joined together at Noddfa. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans and the singing was of a very high standard. The morning was presided over by Mr. Henry Williams and opened by Mr. William Davies. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. Willie Adams Jones and opened by Mr. William Morris. Rev. Ieuan Evans was the evening president. Great praise is due to the choirs and to the organists Miss Hilda Phillips and Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas.

Singing Festival A singing festival was held at Carmel Chapel on Christmas Day and conducted by Mr. Septimus Ashton of Aberafan. The morning meeting was presided over by Mr. George Sibley and opened by Miss Tegwen Cumpstone reading a portion of scripture. The organist was John E. Davies. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mr. Jenkin Pugh and opened by Miss Rona Lewis. Mr. William Angell was at the organ and Miss Agnes Cook was soloist. Mr. J. J. Lewis presided over the evening meeting. This was opened by Miss Beryl Ballard. Mr. Ashton conducted. A duet was given by Mrs. G. Thomas and Miss Ceinwen Ballard. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ.

### **“Merthyr Express” 10 January 1925**

Lecture Dr. Phillips gave a lecture ‘The Miracles of the Twentieth Century’ which was very well attended. Rev. Richard Evans, pastor of the chapel, was chairman.

“Jan of Windmill Land” On Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday last, large and appreciative audiences gathered at Noddfa Vestry for performances of the above by the children of Noddfa. The children had been carefully trained and performed their parts splendidly, looking very smart in their beautiful costumes. The principal parts were: Miss Hilda Evans - Frau Masterdyk; Master Emlyn Evans - Jan; Kenneth Phillips - Max; Windsor Rees - Piet; Master Richard Jones - Mathis; Miss Dilys Evans - Myn; Miss Margaret H. Williams - Gertrunn; Burgomaster – Mr. Emlyn Evans; Masters John Mantle, John Thomas and William Davies - Retainers; Mr. Thomas John Jones - St. Nicholas; Mr. Crad Thomas - Knight Ruprecht; Miss Elvis Phillips – Mrs. John Bull; Miss Magdalene Pugh - Alice; Miss Doris M. Thomas - Beatrice; Masters Tegfryn Evans, Gwyn Evans, Thomas J. Walters and Ivor Morgan - Golliwogs; Miss Elsa Matthews - Fairy Queen; Misses Lily Thomas, Katie Thomas, Bessie Williams, Esther Pugh, Betty Jones, Tidwen Morgan, Bethune Gregory and Beryl Gittings - Flower Fairies; Kathleen Williams, Minnie Lewis, Margaret Robertson, Marion Gregory, Doris Edwards, Hannah Mantle - Baby Bulbs; Phyllis Davies and Eirlys Evans - Black Fairies; Rau Parry and Chrissie Davies - Dutch Girls; Egryn Thomas - Dutch Boy. Mr. Thomas Evans was the conductor and Miss Hilda Phillips the accompanist. Great praise is due to them, to the orchestra under their conductor Mr. David J. Thomas, and to numerous willing helpers with stage and scenery.

Obituary Another well-known figure in the life of the village was laid to rest on Tuesday in the person of Mr. James Evans, late of Moore’s-row. The deceased had been ill for a few years, but bore his sufferings patiently. About a month ago he removed to his sister’s home in Ystrad Mynach where he passed away. A short service was held at the house, after which the cortege moved by road to Fochriw, being met at the Station by a large circle of friends, and then moving off to Pentwyn Cemetery. Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins officiated. The chief mourners were: John and David Evans (brothers); Evan Jones and Thomas Ballard (brothers-in-law); David Evans, Gomer Evans, Stephen Ballard, William H. Davies, Albert Prosser, George Gittings, Edmund Davies, W. J. Harris and Griffith Thomas (nephews).

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. David Henry Evans of the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday. The deceased had been ill for only a short time and passed away on Saturday morning at the age of 38. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Evans. There was a short service in the house prior to interment at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Jones, W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, David Henry Jones (brothers-in-law); Henry Evans. Thomas Evans, Thomas Evans, Benjamin Evans (uncles); David R. Jones, Edward Jones, William H. Jones, Thomas B. Edwards, Charles Edwards, Thomas G. Evans, David W. Thomas, Roderick Williams, W. Bennett, Tom Sullivan, Richard Pugh, Howell Jones, Albert Mantle (cousins).

**“Merthyr Express” 17 January 1925**

Don't Forget Please send what news you are interested in as early as possible to our Fochriw correspondent, Mr. W.J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace, Fochriw, or tell him about it. Others want to know, and your best way is through the Merthyr Express. If you have a concert or other form of entertainment coming off, an advertisement in the Merthyr Express will be a good investment. Our Sales Agent is Mr. Dd. Lewis. Order your copy weekly.

Choir Outing The members of St. Mary's Surplice Choir spent a very happy time on Saturday last at Newport (Mon).

I.O.G.T. Another pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. The programme was “Spelling B.” Bro. D. Jones presided. Sister C. Ballard was responsible for the programme, and did her work very well. The winner was Bro. T. Lewis. Bros. Payne and Jones spoke a few words. The meeting was closed in prayer by the Chaplain.

Deaths The death of an old and greatly respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. George Phillips, grocer, took place on Sunday. Also, Mrs. Enid Jones, wife of Mr. H. Hones, and daughter of Mr. Thos. Evans, Dynevor-street; and Mrs. Amelia Jenkins, late of Williams-row. To the bereaved our sincere sympathy is tendered.

Whist Drive An excellent whist drive was held at the Church Hall last Thursday. The duties of M.G. were carried out by the Rev. S. Evans, vicar. The winners were: ladies - 1. Mrs. T. Evans; gents - 1. Mr. W.J. Davies. Other prizewinners were: Mrs. D.J. Thomas, Miss E.M. Lawrence, Messrs. E. Evans & T.I. Evans. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Joliffe, Newport, Mon. The energetic secretaries were Messrs. C. Ballard and J. Richards.

Good Attendance A pleasant event took place at Fochriw Council Schools, when many scholars were awarded prizes for perfect attendance. The ceremony of handing over the prizes was performed by the Headmaster, Mr. J.P. Isaac, who spoke very encouraging words to the scholars. The following received awards: for five years perfect attendance - Cassie Shankland (a suitably engraved watch); four years - John Gwyn Jones (case of instruments), Spencer Lewis (fountain pen), Margaret Ellen Thomas and Dorothy Everett (work basket each); three years - Leslie Jones (silver medal); two years - Glyn thomas, Phoebe Jones, Gwladys Lewis, Grace Everett and Nesta Jenkins (books); one year - Maggie C. Jones, Gwilym Davies, Phillip Davies Isaac, Phyllis M. Davies, Elizabeth C. Pugh, Kenneth Phillips (books).

**“Merthyr Express” 24 January 1925**

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The evening was given over to a selection of gramophone music.

Interments The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday of Mrs. Amelia Rees. The vicar officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hollister, Mr. & Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. J. Martin (sisters and brothers-in-law); Mrs. Sophie Davies, Miss Mary Davies, Messrs. Thomas & Henry Francis, Daniel Rowland, Mrs. D. Rowlands, Mr. Tom Rowlands, Mr. & Mrs. David Evans (cousins). Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Also, the death has occurred of Mrs. Enid Jones, wife of Mr. H. Jones and daughter of Mr. Thomas Evans, and the late Mrs. Evans. Deceased had recently moved to Llanharan, where she passed away after a painful illness. To the bereaved sincere sympathy is extended.

The funeral has also taken place of Mr. George Phillips, grocer, an old and highly respected inhabitant of the village. The deceased had been a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and had held the position of treasurer for many years. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard,

the Rev. Ieuan Evans officiating. Many other clergy were present, including the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans.

Whist Drive A very enjoyable whist drive was held at the Library Hut under the auspices of the Library Committee on Thursday last. The M. C. was Mr. H. Williams. The winners were: ladies, Mr. Berkley Angell; gents, Mr. Willie Davies.

Operatic Congratulations to the Carmel Operatic Society under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell who performed 'The King of Kandy' at the Cosy Cinema with such marked distinction. The Cinema was full.

Social A well-attended social-dance was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening last. The refreshments were attended to by members of the Mothers' Union. The M. C. was Mr. E. Puddle, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as a very efficient accompanist.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Sister Beryl Ballard presiding. The programme for the evening was a paper by Bro. G. Lewis entitled 'The Life and Works of Mr Bliss.' The meeting closed by singing 'Hold the Fort,' one of Mr Bliss's hymns.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 31 January 1925**

Whist Drive A very enjoyable whist drive was held at the Library Hut under the auspices of the Library Committee on Thursday lat. The duties of M.G. were ably carried out by Mr. H. Williams. The winners were: ladies - Mr. Berkeley Davies; gents - Mr. Willie Davies.

Operatic Congratulations to the Carmel Operatic Society under the conductorship of Mr. W.J. Angell, who performed the "King of Kandy" at the Cosy Cinema with such marked distinction. The Cinema was full, and the audience was not slow in showing their appreciation of the excellent musical treat provided.

Social A well-attended social and dance was held at the Church Hall on Thursday evening last. The Hall had been nicely decorated for the occasion. The refreshments were attended to by members of the Mothers' Union. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. E. Puddle, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as a very efficient accompanist.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, Sister B. Ballard presiding. The programme for the evening was a paper by Bro. G. Lewis entitled "The Life and Work of Mr. Bliss." Bro. Payne proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Lewis, and Bro. Jones seconded. The meeting was closed by singing "Hold the Fort," one of Mr. Bliss's hymns.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 7 February 1925**

Obituary A very old and familiar figure in the person of Mr. David (Dewi) Jones, late of 2, Moore's-row, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. He had resided in Fochriw for many years. He was a staunch churchman and very devoted to the Welsh services in the old days.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The following took part in the programme: Bros. Payne, S. Lewis, T. Lewis and Jones.

Whist Drive Held at the Library Hut on Thursday evening in aid of the National Institute for the Blind. The honorary local organiser is Mr. Evan Henry Lewis (also M.C. for the evening), and he was assisted by many willing helpers. The Vicar and Mr. G. Sibley presented the prizes. No-one succeeded in the 'Guessing the Weight of the Cake' competition, and so it was auctioned and knocked down to Mr. E. H. Lewis.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 14 February 1925**

Pulpit The pulpit of the Parish Church was occupied on Sunday by the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, who made touching references to the passing away of one of the members of the church in the person of Mrs. Olwen Evans, wife of Mr. Mordecai Evans. The Vicar expressed deep sympathy for the family. The pulpit at Noddfa was occupied by the Pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans, who delivered a very striking, and greatly appreciated, English sermon entitled 'The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.'

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was a presentation to Brother and Sister Thomas on the occasion of their wedding. The meeting was opened by Bro. Walters with a pianoforte solo. This was

followed by a humorous reading by Sister Lewis entitled 'Husbands and Wives.' Bro. Lewis gave a solo followed by a reading by Sister B. Ballard. Bro. Payne then spoke and also presented the couple with a set of stainless knives. Bro. Walters gave a second solo, followed by Sister Thomas singing 'Down upon the Swanee River.'

Obituary The death of Mrs. Olwen Evans, wife of Mr. Mordecai Evans, Brook-row, took place on Tuesday last after a painful illness. Rev. Ieuan Evans conducted a short service at the house, and Rev. R. C. Evans, curate of Fochriw and Deri, took the service at St. Mary's, and at the graveside in the churchyard of St. Andrew's. The chief mourners were: Mr. Mordecai Evans (husband); Archie, Horace and Loyal Evans (sons); W. & P. Edwards (brothers); Elwyn and Bedford Edwards (nephews); J. Evans, H. Evans, N. Evans, J. Evans, D. Evans (brothers-in-law); D. J. Evans, T. Hooper (nephews). Among the floral tributes was one from the staff of Bedlinog Boys' School.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 21 February 1925**

Noddfa The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by the respected pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans. The sermon was on the 'Ten Commandments.'

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bargoed Lodge members entertained the gathering.

Whist Drive and Dance Held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday last. The M. C. for whist was Mr. W. J. Payne, and for the dance Mr. E. Puddle. Mr. Davies, Rhymney was pianist and Mr. Williams, violinist.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 28 February 1925**

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. An excellent paper was read by Sister Mary Jones entitled 'Wordsworth and his Friends.'

Effort for the Blind The whist drive on February 5<sup>th</sup> has resulted in the payment of £8-17-10 into the funds of the National Institute for the Blind.

Mothers' Union On Friday evening, a pleasant time was spent at St. Mary's Hall, when members of the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union and their friends, numbering close to 100, sat down to a knife and fork supper. Games and a musical programme followed. The accompanist was Mr. Harry Hughes. Solos were rendered by Mr. Willie Jones. The Branch, with Mrs. Evans as enrolling member, has been instrumental in raising hundreds of pounds for church work. On Monday, they entertained the children to a social evening.

Whist Drive Held at the Library Hut on Thursday under the auspices of the Library Committee. The M. C. was Mr. W. A. Jones.

Protestant Alliance Meeting Held on Tuesday at the Hall. The following persons were elected: Mr. Roy Morgan - chairman; Mr. John Paine - vice-chairman; Mr. J. Bedford Lewis, B.Sc. - secretary. The organising secretary, Mr. V. G. Fowler, who is at present touring South Wales explaining the ideals of the Alliance, said it was not out to govern the Church. It was open to both sections of the Church, and he did not think it progressive to wage war on the so-called arrogance of priests. The main aim was that of educating the people to the Protestant faith, and to win people by quiet reasoning to the faith. Mr. D. Evans, B.A., who is accompanying Mr. Fowler, read a paper on 'The Oxford Movement.'

#### **"Merthyr Express" 7 March 1925**

County Council Election On Monday evening at the Library hut, a meeting was held in support of Mr. William H. Hopkins, the Labour Candidate. The chairman was Mr. Sam Lewis who gave a short address before calling on other speakers including the candidate, whose address was well received.

Funeral The funeral of the young child of P.C. and Mrs. Brangwyne took place on Thursday last. There was a service at St. Mary's after which the cortege moved to Treforest for interment. The Vicar officiated.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was impromptu

speeches. The different subjects were: coal, books, houses and a locomotive engine. Sister C. Ballard, Bros. Lewis, T. Lawrence and I. Thomas took part.

Accident A very distressing accident befell Master Stanley Jones, the young son of Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Jones, Glen View, Pentwyn, on Sunday morning, when a large stone from one of the buildings fell on his head and fractured his skull. He was attended by Dr. Stenner Evans and afterwards conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital where a successful operation was performed. He is making good progress.

St. David's Day Celebrations At the Infants' School, the programme consisted of folk songs, nursery rhymes, games, duets and solos, and was entirely in Welsh. The school was crowded with parents and friends. Miss Davies and staff deserve every credit for producing such an excellent programme. The programme at the Mixed School was as follows: Standards I & II - Chats on St. David; Singing of Welsh Airs ('Y Deryn Pur,' 'Clychau Aberdyfi,' 'Yr Hen Wr Mwyn,' 'Calon Lan;,' various competitions; Standards III & IV - Short History of St. David; Choruses; Poems by Welsh poets. At Penybanc School the children sang Welsh folk songs, and took part in Welsh dialogues and recitations. A silver medal was presented to Master Thomas Verdun Jones for three years complete attendance. The following received books: - for two years complete attendance - Gwyn Mantle, Lilian Morris and Idris Williams; for one years complete attendance - Adelaide Baldwin, Vernon Cogan, Olwen Morgan, Leslie Cowles, William Richards, Francis Williams, Leslie Mantle, Ronald Llewellyn, Douglas Small, Ann Thomas. The session closed by singing 'Let us Praise Our Famous Men.'

#### **"Merthyr Express" 14 March 1925**

Noddfa Vestry On Saturday evening the members and friends of Noddfa celebrated St. David's Day in fine Welsh style. An excellent bachelors' tea was provided followed by a miscellaneous programme which included a very fine sketch.

Nazareth Gwyl Dewi was celebrated at the chapel on Monday. The tables had been nicely laden with good things, and were superintended by the bachelors of the chapel. A miscellaneous programme followed the tea.

I.O.G.T. Function A pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry on March 4<sup>th</sup> to keep the old custom of Gwyl Dewi by the members of the 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge. Bro. Samuel Jones was responsible for the programme and Bro. Thomas Lewis took the chair. Members gave individual contributions, but the feature of the evening was the performance of a drama in which the following took part: Bros. T. Walters, Lewis and Evans, and Sisters Lewis and Ballard.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 21 March 1925**

Noddfa Chapel Special services were held at Noddfa on Thursday last. There were large attendances. The special preachers were: Rev. R. G. Hughes, Pontlottyn, in Welsh; and R. S. Rogers, B.A., of Swansea, in English. On Sunday, Rev. Ieuan Evans made a number of new members, holding a baptismal service. He also gave a stirring sermon on 'Baptism.' Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing, whilst Mr. Joshua Thomas played the organ.

St. Mary's Church A very impressive Lenten Service was held at St. Mary's on Wednesday evening. The Vicar gave a very striking sermon on 'The Prodigal Son.'

Drama On Friday and Saturday last, the Carmel Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the drama 'Alun y Meddig' to large audiences. The principal characters were: Mr. Tom Walters, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Lewis H. Angell, Mr. William Evans, Mr. Harry Hughes, Miss Olwen Lloyd, Mr. David Griffiths, Miss Annie M. Jones, Miss Ceinwen Ballard, Miss Sarah Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Mr. Edmund Davies, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Evan Davies, Miss A. M. Jones, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Mary J. Cole. The stage management was in the capable hands of Mr. Thomas Jones, with Messrs. Willie R. Lewis and R. Burrows as scenic artists.

Obituary It is our painful duty to record the sad death of Mr. Percy Mills, son of Mr. & Mrs. Sl. Mills, late of Pentwyn, who passed away after a short and painful illness at the age of 21 years, despite all that careful nursing and medical skill could provide. After services in the house and at St. Mary's, the solemn cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for the

interment. Rev. S. Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Samuel Mills (father); Messrs. James Mills (uncle); Ivor Bowen (nephew).

**“Merthyr Express” 28 March 1925**

St. Mary's A special Mothers' Union service was held on Tuesday evening the Vicar preaching an appropriate sermon. Books and calendars were given to children and adults by the Vicar.

Whist Drive Held on Thursday at the Library Hut under the auspices of the Library Committee. Mr. S. Jenkins was M.C.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. Bro. T. Lawrence read a paper entitled 'The Life of John Bunyan,' and Bro E. Lewis on 'Reaping the Whirlwind.'

Election A well-attended meeting in support of the Labour candidate for the forthcoming District Council elections was held at the Library Hut on Tuesday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. E. M. Davies. Both candidates, Messrs. T. Jenkins and J. Evans addressed the gathering.

**“Merthyr Express” 4 April 1925**

Obituary The death of Mr. Charles James Lawrence, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. John Lawrence, 2, Glyn-terrace, occurred on Thursday after a painful illness. The deceased, who was 20 years of age, had been confined to bed for the last seven months. He was a faithful member of Nazareth C.M. Chapel and also of the Fochriw Male Voice Party and Temperance Society. The funeral took place on Monday. Rev. S. Evans took the service in the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, all blinds being drawn en route as a mark of respect. At Pentwyn, the Male Voice choir sang 'Abide with Me,' before a service at the graveside conducted by Rev. Richard Evans of Nazareth, the Revs. R. D. Jenkins and Ieuan Evans also taking part. The mourners were: Mr. John Lawrence (father); Jack, Trevor and Gordon (brothers); Mr. Charles Payne (grandfather); Rev.. J. C. Payne, Messrs. W. J. Payne, David Lawrence, James Lawrence, Thomas Lawrence, Harry Roberts, Alf Burrows, Joseph Payne (uncles); Wyndham Lawrence, John Lawrence, A. R. John, Trevor Boyns, Edwin Thomas, Edward Roberts, R. D. Lewis, Alf and Griff (friends); Mr Gomer Chappell represented St. John's Church, Cymmer. As well as family flowers, there were wreaths from 'The Young People of Nazareth,' 'The Officers and People of St. John's Church, Cymmer,' and from 'The Fochriw Glee Party.'

St. Mary's On Wednesday evening, a Lenten service was held. The special preacher was Rev. J. H. Bloomer, Caerphilly.

**“Merthyr Express” 11 April 1925**

Lambing A ewe belonging to Mr. Robt. Slimmons, Llwyn Iago Farm, Fochriw, gave birth to a lamb recently, and nine days afterwards gave birth to another lamb. Both ewe and lambs are alive and doing well.

Palm Sunday From early morn until late in the day, the churchyard of St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, was visited by hundreds of people from around the district. The graves bore evidence in beautiful floral tokens to the old customs of paying tribute to loved ones now "beyond the veil."

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister B. Ballard presided. The programme for the evening was Troedrihwfwch Lodge to entertain. An excellent programme was given, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A few words of thanks were given by the members, and the lodge was closed in due form.

St. Mary's Services were held on Palm Sunday, commencing with the normal celebration of Holy Communion at 8a.m. At 11a.m. a distribution of palms took place, followed by choral celebration. The services were continued at 6p.m. The preacher and celebrant throughout the day was the vicar, Rev. S. Evans. The lessons were read by the churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

"The Dark Little People" On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, the Nazareth Dramatic Society presented a Welsh comedy entitled, "The Dark Little People," to crowded audiences at the Library Hut. The production of the play was without doubt a dramatic achievement of

the highest order, and would have done credit to a first-class company. All the artistes appeared to be perfectly at ease in their respective parts, and were loudly cheered. The whole performance was one of which the Nazareth Dramatic Society can feel proud, and we hope to hear more of them in the future. The stage arrangements were admirably carried out, and the dresses and effects were good. It would be a pity to make comparisons where the entire cast deserved praise. The characters were performed by: Mr. Berkely Davies, Mr. Charlie Budd, Mr. Griff Morris, Mr. Willie A. Jones, Mr. John Edgar, Mr. W.A. Jones, Mr. Griff Jones, Mr. Alf Slimmons, Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. David Lewis, Mrs. J. Lewis, Miss A. Lawrence, Miss E. Lawrence. The duties of stage manager were ably carried out by Mr. David Lewis, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as an efficient accompanist. Thanks are due to all the members of Nazareth who helped to make the drama the success it was.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 18 April 1925**

Whist Drive Held in the Library Hut on Thursday. The M. C. was Mr. D. Thomas.

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. Bro. L. Evans read a paper entitled ‘The Way, the Truth and the Light.’

St. Mary’s Easter Services Morning, afternoon and evening services were held, the Vicar officiating. Mr. W. J. Payne read the lessons, Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the choir, Mr. Octavius Rees was at the organ and Mr. Morton played the violin.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 25 April 1925**

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided.

Flag Day A successful flag day was organised on Thursday last in aid of the Railway Benevolent Institution.

Baptism On Tuesday at Rhas Las pond above the village, five young men of the Pentecostal Movement were baptised by their leader Mr. William Jones, Dowlais Top. An address was given by Mr. H. Jones, Cwmbargoed on ‘Christian Baptism and its Significance.’

Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Mothers’ Union Guild, a successful whist drive took place on Tuesday evening in the Church Hall. Pianoforte and violin selections were given in excellent style by Mr. Octavius Richards and Mr. T. J. Horton of Pengam. M. C. for the whist was Mr. T. B. Edwards.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of St. Mary’s Church took place on Wednesday, the Vicar presiding. The Vicar thanked all who had contributed to the work of the Church during the past year.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 2 May 1925**

**Don’t Forget** Please send your news to our Fochriw correspondent Mr. W. J. Payne, or tell him about it. Others want to know, and the best way is through the “Merthyr Express.”

Don’t Miss seeing ‘Miss Hook of Holland’ at the Theatre Royal next week.

Pulpit News The pulpit at Nazareth was occupied by Rev. Mr. Jenkins of Bargoed, who preached very powerful sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as organist.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 9 May 1925**

St. Mary’s Hall: Childrens’ Social This was held on Friday evening last with a large attendance. The Vicar, Mrs. Evans and others entertained the children, which included many games. Refreshment followed.

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard was in the chair. The programme for the evening was ‘All to Respond.’

Library Hut A very successful whist drive was held at the Hut last Thursday under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party. The M. C. was ex-Sergt. Williams.

Whist Drive A highly successful whist drive was held by members of the Mothers’ Union on Monday night at St. Mary’s Hall. It was very well attended. Refreshments were served by members of the branch. The M. C. was Mr. T. B. Edwards.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 May 1925**

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister B. Ballard presided. The programme was 'The Cobweb,' Sister C. Ballard being responsible. It was a new programme and also a very good one.

Sale at Fochriw Farm A very interesting sale of live and dead farming stock, including ponies, sheep, implements etc. took place at Mr. R. Slimmons' Fochriw Farm on Monday afternoon. Despite the bad weather, the sale was very well attended. Luncheon was taken at one o'clock, the sale beginning at 2.30. Bidding was brisk, reaching fairly good prices.

Social Dancing and whist were included in a very happy social evening at St. Mary's Hall on Saturday evening. M. C. for dancing was Mr. T. B. Edwards and for whist Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Brangwyn. Refreshments were served by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the piano and Mr. Horton at the violin.

Noddfa The many friends of the highly respected pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans, will be pleased to know that an unanimous and hearty invitation to the pastorate has been extended to him from Saron Baptist Church, New Tredegar. After careful consideration, Rev. Evans has decided to remain at Noddfa. It would have been a severe loss to Noddfa had he decided to leave. The church has flourished since his coming. There are large congregations on Sundays, well-attended weekly prayer meetings, and other branches of church work are going well. May he stay in our midst long into the future.

Off To Canada A large number of friends have wished Mr. John Edgar, youngest son of Mr. Herbert Edgar and the late Mrs. E. Edgar, Guest-street, bon voyage. On Friday last, he sailed from Liverpool to Lyleton, Manitoba, Canada. Before leaving, he was presented by his friends from Nazareth C.M. Chapel, with a handsome dressing case and Bible. The presentations were made by Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Lawrence who all wished him good luck and God-speed. The Fochriw Male Voice Choir presented him with a very nice attache case. This was made by Mr. E. H. Lewis the chairman of the Choir, who wished Mr. Edgar well in his new sphere.

Childrens' Concert On Thursday at St. Mary's Hall, the Abertysswg McLaren Juvenile Choir, under their conductor Mr. J. R. Matthews, gave a first-class concert, the Hall being almost filled to capacity. Rev. S. Evans thanked the choir heartily for their excellent efforts, and was particularly grateful that the concert had been given free of charge in order to swell church funds.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 23 May 1925**

Confirmation A number of Fochriw candidates were confirmed by the Bishop of Llandaff at a service in Cyfarthfa Parish Church. Rev. W. Evans prepared the candidates.

Geranium Day in Aid of the Blind Institute The arrangements for the day were made by Miss J. Jones, Brynteg.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. Officers for the quarter were installed by Bro. Payne. Sister M. Jones presented a selection on gramophone.

Merthyr General Hospital Carnival Cyfarthfa Park on Whit Tuesday. Stendous attractions. Cheap trains from all parts. Admission 1/-.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 13 June 1925**

Outing The children of Noddfa Baptist and Nazareth C.M. Churches, accompanied by a large number of adults, went on an outing to Barry Island last Wednesday.

Special Services The annual services in connection with Nazareth church were held last Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Davies of Cardiff was the special preacher. Mr. William Morris conducted the singing and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the organ.

Cricket Both the First and Second Elevens are doing well this season. Both teams are composed of enthusiastic young men, and high positions in the League are likely on present form. The great drawback is the lack of a good playing field. When is cricket etc. to benefit from the Welfare State in the form of recreation grounds etc.?

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. A programme of recitations, readings and solos was given by the members.



Whist Drive and Dance Held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday under the auspices of the R.O.A.B.. It was very well attended. Mr. D. J. Thomas was M.C. for whist, and Messrs. Davies and Price for dancing.

**“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1925**

Carmel The annual meetings in connection with Carmel Congregational Chapel took place on Sunday and Monday last, and were very well attended.

Musical Treat On Thursday evening the inhabitants of the village were entertained to a first-class musical treat when the Church Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., A.Mus.L.C.M., gave an excellent performance of ‘Abraham,’ assisted by the following eminent artistes: Soprano - Miss Annie Jones; Contralto - Miss Ceinwen Ballard; Tenor – Mr. T. J. Jones, B.A.; Bass – Mr. W. Angell; Boy soprano - Master Vernon Davies; Accompanist - Miss Hannah Evans. Both choir and artistes were in great form. The chairman was Mr. G. Sibley.

**“Merthyr Express” 27 June 1925**

Cricket: Fochriw v New Tredegar The Rhymney Valley League match was played at Fochriw on Saturday. The teams were not at full strength, but gave a fairly decent display. Fochriw scored 46, and New Tredegar 45. For Fochriw, Harris took 6 wickets for 13 runs, and J. Davies 3 for 21. For New Tredegar, F. Orchard took 3 for 3, and L. Shutt 2 for 3. The Fochriw team was: W. Morgan, Emrys Evans, T.J. Evans, E.J. Parry, C. Davies, J. Davies, Bert Way, T. Harris, F. Dummett, V. Wood & Is. Davies.

Congratulations Congratulations to Mr. Samuel Lewis, Glyn-terrace, on his appointment as a new member of the Gellygaer School Managers. He is a member of the I.O.G.T.

Ogilvie Halt The people of Fochriw and district are delighted that the workmen's train now stops at the recently erected platform opposite Ogilvie Pits.

Noddfa On Sunday afternoon, the Rev. Ieuan Evans delivered a sermon on “The Ten Commandments.” Mr. John Williams sang a baritone solo. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. Joshua Thomas at the organ.

Mothers' Union On Monday, the Mothers' Union branch of St. Mary's Church, with friends, journeyed by charabanc to Penarth to attend the festival at All Saints' Church.

Pensions An open air meeting was held on Saturday evening on the Pensions Bill before Parliament, and was addressed by Mr. H. Shepherd of the National Unionist Association.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Bro. D. Jones presiding. A paper was read by Bro. Evan Davies on “The Panama Canal.” Bro. T. Lewis proposed, and Bro. Jones seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Davies.

Council School Results The successful pupils who sat the examinations were Glenys Jones, Phyllis Evans, Leslie Candrick and Gwilym Davies. The following qualified for the first part: Phoebe Jones, Megan Davies, Enid Gittoes, Dorothy Everett, Glyn Thomas, John G. Lewis, Brinley Davies, Ronald Jones, Gwilym Davies & Thomas J.E. Davies. The following were successful at Penybank Council School: Margaretta Morgan and Iorwerth Williams. The Headmasters, Messrs. J.P. Isaac and D. Davies, and staffs are to be congratulated.

Our Great Summer Sale commences Friday, Jul 3rd. - R.T. Jones & Co., Merthyr.

**“Merthyr Express” 4 July 1925**

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. D. Jones presided. Sister B. Ballard read a paper.

**“Merthyr Express” 11 July 1925**

Whist a whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening.

Carmel Chapel: Sunday School Treat On Monday, members of the Sunday School and numerous adults spent a happy day at Barry Island.

Obituary The death of a very old and respected inhabitant of the village in the person of Mr. John Davies, Guest-street, has taken place after a long and painful illness

Concert On Sunday evening, a sacred concert was held at Carmel Chapel under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. J. Payne. Under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell, the choir rendered the piece for the Pontllytyn Eisteddfod ‘Crossing the Plain.’ The choir was assisted by the following artistes: Mrs. Margery Lewis, Miss Ceinwen Ballard, Master John Adams Jones, Mrs. Ballard Davies and

Master Richards. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mr. Richards and Mr. D. Walters, A.L.C.M..

St. Mary's Church The annual Sunday School tea and sports took place on Thursday. A children's service was held in the Church, and at 2p.m. the children and adults paraded the streets, headed by the Vicar, clergy and churchwardens, after which was the tea and sports.

Obituary We have to record the sudden death of Mr. John Rees Price of Glen View, Pentwyn, who died at Merthyr General Hospital following a serious operation. He was an ex-serviceman, having served in India for three years from 1901 with the South Wales Borderers. He was called to the colours at the commencement of the Great War in 1914 and went straight to France. He fought at the Battle of Mons for which he held the star. He was wounded at Givenchy and invalided home. On his recovery, he volunteered for service at Gallipoli, where he again fought, afterwards going to Alexandria. The funeral took place on Tuesday. After a short service at the house conducted by the Vicar, the cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment, four ex-servicemen acting as bearers. The chief mourners were: Mr. Richard Price (father) and Miss Mary Price (daughter).

#### **"Merthyr Express" 18 July 1925**

Congratulations The young Male Voice Party under the conductorship of Mr. W. Angell made a fine impression at the Pontllytyn Eisteddfod on Saturday. Mrs. H. C. Davies won the prize for contralto solo, and Nesta Jenkins won two prizes for reciting.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Troedrhwiwfwch Lodge entertained.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. John Davies, Guest-street, took place on Wednesday. The deceased who was 77 years of age, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village. A service was held at the house conducted by Rev. Richard Evans, and interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard with the Rev. S. Evans, vicar, officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Richard Davies (brother); Mr. James Davies (son); Messrs. W. E. Jones, Edward Davies and W. S. Llewellyn (brothers-in-law); W. A. J. Davies, Fred Way, David Morris, Tom Davies, W. Davies (grandsons); W. J. Llewellyn (great grandson).

#### **"Merthyr Express" 25 July 1925**

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday. The M. C. was Mr. W. Candrick.

Personal The many friends of Mr. Seabourne Williams, son of ex-Sergt. Williams & Mrs. Williams, will regret to hear that he is in Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone a serious operation. He is making good progress. Also, Mr. James Small, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Frank Small, Penybank, is in the same Hospital, and is making splendid progress.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. Jones presided. The programme was 'Practice Night,' Bro. T. Walters being responsible.

Obituary The death of Mrs. Martha Evans, wife of Mr. John Mostyn Evans, 2, Railway-terrace, has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital. The deceased had been sick for a long time. She was 52 years of age. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, after a short service in the house led by Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins of Rhymney. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Mostyn Evans (husband); John Henry, Latimer and Owen (sons); Henry Davies (brother); John Jones (uncle); David Evans and Jenkin Thomas (brothers-in-law); Henry Thomas, Rees Davies, David Thomas, Howell Thomas, David Uzzell, David Saunders (nephews); Jenkin Jones, Rees Richards, John Hughes, Henry Hughes, Wyndham Hughes and Richard Jones (cousins).

#### **"Merthyr Express" 1 August 1925**

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was entitled 'Question Night,' and all members present took part.

Workman's Meeting On Saturday at the Library Hut, a meeting of the Ogilvie workmen was held. The chair was occupied by Mr. Arthur Cogan. Mr. Bryn Roberts, the general secretary, gave an address dealing with the present crisis.

Flower Sunday Last Sunday, Noddfa Baptist held its annual Flower Sunday or Children's Day. Flowers presented by the Sunday School children were arranged by the young ladies of

the Church. Children's sermons were preached by the pastor at both morning and afternoon services. The afternoon service was of a miscellaneous character, the following taking part: Emlyn Evans, Richard J. Price, Gwyneth Parry, Tegfryn Evans, Maggie H. Williams, Marjorie Lewis, L. Morris, Mrs. Hilda Evans, Nehemiah Thomas and Christy Davies. The Fochriw Male Choir rendered two choruses in fine style under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angell.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 8 August 1925**

Whist Drive A whist drive took place at the Church Hall on Thursday. The winners were: Ladies - 1. Mrs. Jones; 2. Miss A. Lawrence; Gents - 1. Mr. W.J. Payne, 2. Mr. Charles Hollister.

Personal Congratulations to Mr. William Lewis, Brynteg-terrace, and his brother, who were successful in winning the chief prize at the Caerphilly Show in the timbering competition, thus securing the shield.

Personal The many friends of Mrs. S.J. Williams, wife of Mr. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn, will be pleased to know she is making splendid progress after a serious operation at King Edward Hospital, Cardiff.

Concert On Sunday, a well attended sacred concert took place at Carmel Chapel, under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under the able conductorship of Mr. W.J. Angell, assisted by the following artistes: Mrs. H.C. Davies, Mrs. C. Walters, Mr. John Williams, and Miss Nesta Jenkins. The chairman was Mr. Thomas Evans. The choir sang the following choruses: "Artyrs of the Arena," "Loudly Proclaim," and "Crossing the Plain."

R.A.O.B. On Sunday, a church parade was held in connection with the "Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth" Lodge, when a large number turned out. The parade was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle. After the parade, they went to St. Mary's Church for divine service, and address being delivered by Rev. R.C. Evans, B.A. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. Jones presided. A pianoforte solo was given by Bro. F. Walters, and Bro. S. Lewis gave a solo. The following also took part: violin solo, Sister Mary Morgan; solo, Howel Thomas; pianoforte solo, B. Ballard; duet, Bro. & Sister Walters; violin solo, Sister Morgan; solo, C. Ballard; pianoforte solo, Sister Nesta Evans; solo, C. Walters; pianoforte solo, Bro. T. Walters. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. T. Walters, seconded by Bro. Payne.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 15 August 1925**

Personal Congratulations to Miss Nesta Evans, Aelybryn, who was successful in passing the preliminary examination of the London College of Music (1st class). She is the daughter of Mrs. Evans and the late Mr. Evan Evans who fell in the Great War.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. D. Jones presided. The programme for the evening was 'Topical Talks,' and the subject chosen was 'Water.' All present took part.

Cricket: Fochriw v Twyn (Rhymney) At Fochriw on Thursday, Fochriw winning by 30 runs. Scores: Fochriw 75, Twyn 35. J. O. Roberts took 8 for 12 for Fochriw. J. Davies with 22, and A. Jones with 23 were top scorers for Fochriw.

Fochriw Seconds v Jerusalem (Rhymney) At Fochriw on Saturday under the auspices of the Rhymney Valley League Division 2, Fochriw beat the visitors by 76 runs. Scores: Fochriw 87, Jerusalem 11. E. Evans took 5 for 4 runs; J. Davies 4 for 6 runs; I. Evans 1 for 1 run. W. Morgan with 22 runs and L. Angell with 31 runs top scored for Fochriw. Fochriw have won 14 of their 17 matches and are well in the running for championship honours.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 22 August 1925**

Personal The numerous friends of Mr. Howell Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, will regret to know that he is in Merthyr General Hospital, as will the many friends of Mr. John Meredith Jones, Guest-street, who is in a nursing home in Cardiff where he has undergone a serious operation. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Tragedy Whilst bathing at the Rhas Las Pond, Fochriw, on Monday night, Ivor Griffiths, aged 13, of 66 Harcourt-place, Rhymney, was drowned.

“Ye Old Rustic Sports” A wave of enthusiasm prevails over the district in connection with the above sports, to be held at Pentwyn on August 27. The object is a deserving one - the beautifying of the Pentwyn Churchyard - and deserves widespread support.

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. Thomas Walters presided. The programme included a reading of a chapter from ‘Pilgrim’s Progress,’ by Br. Walters.

Train Service Quite a boon has been conferred on the inhabitants of the district by the new workmen’s train service for Ogilvie, Groesfaen and Bargoed. Trains run from Dowlais and Fochriw for morning, afternoon and night shifts, and also from Pengam to the above collieries. Thanks are due to all who have worked so hard to bring about this successful outcome.

Motor Accident A very distressing accident occurred at Pentwyn, Fochriw, on Saturday evening last, involving injuries to six or seven people. It appears that a motor car belonging to Mr. E. Cumpstone, Fochriw, and driven by Mr. George W. Wood, was conveying a patient – Mrs. E. J. Williams, wife of Mr. Watkin Williams - from King Edward Hospital, Cardiff, to her home. The car had stopped outside her home, and they were in the act of removing the patient, her husband and daughter having alighted, when a lorry, owned by Mr. Withers, Pengam, came down the hill and dashed into the stationary car, the impact being very severe. The patient was badly shaken, and several who had gathered around were injured. Wood, the car driver, with great promptitude, although slightly injured, managed to steer the car into the side to prevent it running down the hill after the accident. Dr. Stenner Evans was quickly on the spot attending the injured, and he was ably assisted by Mr. Crad. Shankland, an efficient ambulance man and also Mr. George Baldwin. The injured were: Mrs. Willie Roberts (seriously), Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Gibbons, Miss Seaborne, Masters Christie Tyler, John Pullen, Wyndham Davies and Mr. George Wood. P.C. Howells and P.C. Brangwyn were also immediately on the spot.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 29 August 1925**

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro D. Jones presided. The choir had a practice and two visitors from Bristol spoke a few words of encouragement to the Lodge.

Inquest The Deputy coroner, Mr. Trevor C. Griffiths, held an inquest at Rhymney on Thursday last into the drowning of Ivor Griffiths at Rhas Las Pond near Fochriw. A verdict of ‘Accidental Death,’ was returned.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 5 September 1925**

Success of Railwaymen Mr. S. G. Thomas, porter, passed with merit the G.W.R. Railway Operation and Signalling Classes at the examination recently held at the Technical College, Cardiff. The late porter Mr. Percy Jenkins also passed. Last year, two local signalmen, Mr. A. Lewis and Mr. T. Jones also passed a similar examination with credit.

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. D. Jones presided. The programme was ‘A Musical Evening,’ with most members making contributions.

Wedding: Edgar-Bowen A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary’s last Monday, the contracting parties being Miss Esther Edgar, second daughter of Mr. Herbert Edgar and the late Mrs. E. Edgar, Guest-street, and Mr. H. J. Bowen, Deri. The couple are now on honeymoon in Portsmouth.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 12 September 1925**

Library Hut Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., held a meeting at the Hut on Thursday.

I.O.G.T. ‘Star of Fochriw’ Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister C. Thomas gave a paper.

Wedding: Davies-Evans At Zoar Congregational Church, Merthyr on Wednesday, Rev. T. Alban Davies, minister of Bethesda, Ton Pentre, married Miss Hannah Evans of Fochriw, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. Evans, 13 Aelybryn. The couple are on honeymoon in the Isle of Wight.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1925**

Personal Congratulations to Master Trevor Lawrence, Glyn-terrace, who metriculated in the recent Central Welsh Board examinations; also Master Willie Morgan, Plantation-street, pupils of Lewis School Pengam; and to Master Bryn Davies, a pupil at Bargoed Secondary School.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Members of the Bargoed Lodge provided the evenings entertainment.

**"Merthyr Express" 26 September 1925**

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was a musical evening, with Sister Ballard presiding.

Concert Under the chairmanship of ex-Sergt. Williams, the Fochriw Male Voice Party, assisted by eminent artistes, provided a first-class concert at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening. The attendance was good.

Wedding Fashions Special display Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 & 3 - R. T. Jones and Co. Merthyr.

Bedlinog: Communists At the Boys' School on Friday evening last, Mr. E. G. Thomas presided over a good audience who had gathered to hear Mr. Jock Wilson, the organiser of the Communist Party for South Wales who dealt with the tactics and organisation of the party.

**"Merthyr Express" 3 October 1925**

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was a concert which proved to be excellent. The following contributed: violin solo - Sister M. Morgan; tenor solo - Bro. Evans; recitation - Bro. T. Walters; baritone solo - Bro. Howell Thomas; sketch 'Love and War,' violin solo - Sister Morgan; recitation - Bro. Thomas; tenor solo - Bro. Leyshon Rowlands; violin solo - Sister Morgan; contralto solo - Sister C. Ballard; sketch - 'The Misleading Diary.' Bro. Payne presided.

Harvest Festival On Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Harvest Thanksgiving services were held at the Parish Church of St. Mary's. The Church had been beautifully decorated with a profusion of fruit, flowers and vegetables. On Sunday, the services commenced with Holy Communion at 8a.m.; matins and sermon at 11a.m.; children's service at 3p.m.; and evensong and sermon at 6p.m. The Vicar officiated throughout the day. On Monday the special preacher was Rev. Evans of Deri, and on Tuesday Rev. Price, Rector of Bedwas. The Fochriw Male Voice Party under their conductor Mr. W. Angell performed at the Tuesday service. On Wednesday the special preacher was Rev. Phillips, Sub-Warden of St. Michael's College, Llandaff. The lessons were read throughout by the churchwarden Mr. W. J. Payne, and the Choir under their conductor Mr. Berkley Angell sang the harvest anthem 'Render Thanks and Praise.' Miss Myrtle Harris took the solo. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ.

Pontsticill Dam The Taf Fechan Water Supply Board's scheme is approaching completion, and at an official inspection of the big dam at Pontsticill on Saturday, facts and figures of a remarkable character were disclosed concerning the construction and cost of the undertaking. It involves the obliteration of a valley with two churches, an empty graveyard, farmsteads and a number of dwellings, and an eventual loan debt of £2,000,000, of which £330,000 will represent capitalised interest. To Merthyr and Rhymney Valley it will mean an extra two shilling rate for many years to come. On the other hand, the Board will be in a position to supply sufficient water to meet all requirements, and up to 4,000,000 gallons a day for outside customers. Any income from the surplus will go to relieve the financial burden of the joint authorities forming the Board.

**"Merthyr Express" 10 October 1925**

Personal Mr. Walter Jones, Brynteg, has been appointed on the Board of Governors of the Pengam and Hengoed Schools.

St. Mary's Hall On Monday, a whist drive was held. The M. C. was Mr. Brangwynne.

Daffodil Day The sum of £2-11-6 was realised from the recent sale of daffodils and forwarded to headquarters. Thanks are due to Misses Katie Davies and Edith M. Thomas and their helpers.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme for the evening was 'Topical Talks on the Poetry of Flowers.' Sister Ballard presided.

Obsequies On Monday afternoon at Cefn Cemetery, Mr. Richard Thomas was interred. He was 72 years of age, had formerly resided at Merthyr Tydfil, but had lately resided with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Williams of Martin-street. As a faithful member of Noddfa Chapel, the service was conducted by Rev. Ieuan Evans.

**"Merthyr Express" 17 October 1925**

Obituary Our great sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. C. Edwards of Brynteg-terrace whose young daughter Dora passed away on Monday at Merthyr General Hospital.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bo. T. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening consisted of readings by Sisters M. Morgan and B. Ballard.

'The Widow's Son.' Very successful performances of this work were given by Noddfa Dramatic Society on Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, at Noddfa Vestry, to crowded audiences. The drama is the work of the pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans. Those taking part were: Master Tefryn Evans, Mr. D. J. Jones, Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Mrs. Tom Evans, Master Windsor Rees, Mr. Gomer Williams, Miss Elfrys Phillips, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. Tom Walters, Mr. Caradoc Thomas, Mr. Thomas Evans, Misses Marjorie Lewis and Phyllis Williams, Mr. D. J. Parry, Mr. Bert Edwards, Mr. John Williams, Mr. Tom Thomas, Mr. Emrys Evans, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mr. John Rees Walters, Mr. Tom Walters and Mr. Thomas Evans. The chairman on Thursday was Mr. D. Hughes, M.E., manager of Ogilvie; on Friday, Mr. John Bevan, M.E.; Saturday, Mr. D. Williams, M.E., manager Groesfaen.

**"Merthyr Express" 24 October 1925**

Nazareth Half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. They were very well attended. The preacher was Rev. D. Williams, Aberavon.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The programme was given by Sister Lucas of Merthyr, who spoke about Joseph Dairner, the Roman Catholic priest.

**"Merthyr Express" 31 October 1925**

I.O.G.T. Another very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel Vestry last Thursday, Bro. S. Lewis presiding. The programme for the evening was, "All to Respond." The following took part: solos, Bro. L. Rowlands and L. Evans; reading, Bro. G. Evans; violin solo with clapper, Bro. H. Thomas & Sister Mary Morgan; reading, Bro. W. Rees; recitation, Sister Nesta Evans. Bro. T. Lewis proposed, and Bro. Payne seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to all who took part.

Obituary We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant of Pentwyn, Fochriw, in the person of Mrs. Jane Llewellyn, widow of the late Mr. John Llewellyn, who passed peacefully away at Bedlinog, where she had resided for the last three months. To the bereaved we extend our sympathy.

Male Voice Success Great enthusiasm prevailed at the village on Saturday evening, when it became known that the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under the able conductorship of Mr. W.J. Angell, had won the premier prize at the Fleur-de-Lis Eisteddfod on Saturday. On the arrival of the party, a large concourse of people had assembled at the station, and the choir gave a rendering of the successful test piece, after which the conductor was carried shoulder high in the chair they had been successful in winning, amidst the cheers of the villagers. The choir is composed of young voices, and a brilliant future is predicted for them.

**"Merthyr Express" 7 November 1925**

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Two short addresses were given, the first by Bro. E. Davies, 'The Worth of a Penny,' the other, by Bro. L. Evans, 'The Right Spirit.'

Social An All Hallows Eve tea and entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall. Mr. W. J. Payne was chairman for the evening. Winners of the singing and recitation competitions were Albert Dummett and May Adams. A sketch, 'Advertising for a Servant,' was performed by the young ladies of the Church, with the following taking part: Misses Addie

Baldwin, Margaret Harris, Lena Rees, Margaret Richards, Cissie Evans, Ursula Harris, Jessie Llewellyn and Olive May Payne. Tea was provided and apples distributed - the gift of the Vicar.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 November 1925**

Don't Forget Please send what news you are interested in as early as possible to our Fochriw correspondent, Mr. W.J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace, Fochriw, or tell him about it. Others want to know, and your best way is through the Merthyr Express. If you have a concert or other form of entertainment coming off, and advertisement in the Merthyr Express will be a good investment. Our sales agent is Mr. Ed. Lewis. Order your copy weekly.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services Services were held at Noddfa Baprist Church last Sunday and Monday. Special sermons were preached by the Pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans. An English service was held on Sunday afternoon, when Rev. Evans preached to an appreciative congregation.

Presentation Miss Letitia May Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Price-Jones, Iscoed, returned home on Monday, having spent a most successful period as nurse at Talgarth Sanatorium. A social evening was held on the previous Saturday by the staff and patients, and a number of valuable and useful presents were handed Nurse Jones as a mark of appreciation and esteem.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. The programme was as follows: solo, Bro. T. Walters; violin solo, Sister M. Morgan; pianoforte solo (with clappers), Bros. I. Walters and H. Thomas; solo, Bro. L. Rowlands; piano and violin solo, Bro. T. Walters and Sister Morgan. Bro. Evan Davies proposed, and Sister Ballard seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to all who had performed.

Trades Council The Hut was well filled on Thursday evening, when a meeting was held under the auspices of the Fochriw and Deri Trades and Labour Council. Mr. Samuel Lewis presided, and the speaker was Miss Jessie Stephens, prospective Labour candidate for South Portsmouth. Mr. Evan M. Davies moved a resolution that the meeting protest against the decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions in withdrawing the charge of larceny against the four men members of the National Fascisti, and Mr. Raymond Clark seconded. Miss Stephens proved herself to be a capable orator.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 November 1925**

Dramatic Society Members of St. Mary's Dramatic Society have been rehearsing a drama, “Driven from Home,” which will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Library Hut The Committee of the Library are very active at present and deserve praise for their efforts to provide recreation for villagers. Three fine new billiard tables have been erected at the Hut and are very much in demand. The energetic secretary is Cllr. T. Jenkins.

St. Mary's Church A very solemn service was held at St. Mary's on Armistice Day. the Vicar gave a most effective address and the two minutes silence was observed.

Poppy Day Several ladies were busy on Saturday selling Flanders' Poppies to which there was a loyal response. They were Mesdames J. Bevan, W. J. Payne, S. Jones, T. Jones, Misses R. Davies, F. M. Jones, M. Jones, E. Lawrence, D. Lewis, M. J. Cole, M. Lewis, E. A. Jenkins, D. Ballard, Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Crad Ballard.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister Ballard presided. Bro. Payne installed the officers, and the programme was a paper by Bro. Howell Thomas.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 28 November 1925**

Obituary The death of Mr. William Jacob, 3, Martin-street, has occurred at the age of 81 years

St. Mary's Church During the service on Sunday, some of the Queen-Mother's favourite hymns were sung in memory of Queen Alexandra.

Poppy Day The Poppy Day efforts realised the sum of £4-1-3 which has been handed over to Mr. Crad Ballard the organising secretary.

Concert A sacred concert under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party was held on Sunday evening at Carmel Chapel. The President, Mr. W. J. Payne, was in the chair. Under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell, the choir rendered ‘Tempest and Calm,’ ‘The

Crusaders,' 'Sleep thy Last Sleep,' and 'Crossing the Plain.' Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the organ. Mr. George Sibley moved a hearty vote of thanks.

Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, at the Church Hall, St. Mary's Dramatic Society, under the directorship of Mr. W. J. Payne, added another brilliant success to their high reputation as amateur actors, when they produced the human drama, 'Simon Lee,' and 'Driven from Home.' The scenic touches were in the capable hands of Mr. Willie Curtiss. The actors were: Mr. H. Hughes, Mr. Harold Harris, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Percy Gwynne, Mr. David Tyler, Mr. J. L. Jones, Mr. C. Ballard, Mr. T. B. Edwards, Mr. H. Ballard, Mr. T. James, Mr. Sid Way, Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mrs. H. Hughes, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. Candrick, Miss R. Davies, Miss V. Wilton, Miss Gwyneth Evans and Miss Cynthia Candrick. Stage managers were Messrs. Charles Hollister and H. C. Payne. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards and the violinists Misses Mary Morgan and Agnes Cook.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 5 December 1925**

Gellygaer Council Report: Unemployed Letters were read from the unemployed of Pontlottyn and Fochriw asking the Council to co-operate with them in providing work on the Council's roads for the unemployed. The matter was referred to the local ward members.

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday. The Vicar was M. C.

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. A paper was read by Mr. Thomas J. Jones, B. A., entitled 'The Spirit of Christmas.'

Obituary The funeral of Mr. William Jacob of Martin-street, took place on Thursday. After a short service in the house, the cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David J. Jacob (son); Job Thomas, W. J. Ballard and D. James (grandsons); David Evans, Tom Evans, David Lewis, Evan Jones, Rev. D. R. Williams.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 12 December 1925**

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. An address was given by Rev. Ieuan Evans.

Carmel Half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, led by a former pastor of the Church, Rev. D. Huws, now of Llanelly, who preached inspiring sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. Davies, with Mr. T. Walters at the organ.

Social At St. Mary's Hall, a children's social took place with a musical programme, games and a laughable sketch.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 19 December 1925**

I.O.G.T. 'Star of Fochriw' Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Bro. C. Davies presided. The programme was 'Round Table Talks,' with most members contributing.

Drama Week A very successful drama week is being held at Carmel Congregational Chapel this week. The members have been working very enthusiastically and have got together some excellent companies: Tonyrefail, Bedlinog, Bethania (Dowlais), Morlais (Dowlais), Rhymney and Rhymney Dramatic. The adjudicators are Rev. Ieuan Evans, Fochriw, and Mr. R. J. Jones, J.P., Aberbargoed.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 26 December 1925**

Obituary The death of Mrs. Maggie Pugh, wife of Mr. Jenkin Pugh, Aelybryn, took place on Sunday morning after a trying illness.

Nazareth The pulpit on Sunday was occupied by Rev. Isaac Roderick, a former pastor, now of Merthyr. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was at the organ.

Drama Week The drama week at Carmel was a great success. The following is a list of the dramas performed: Monday, Tonyrefail, 'Oeshwn Pencoedmer;' Tuesday, Bedlinog, (a) 'Firois,' (b) 'Noson o Farrug,' (c) 'Y Pwllgor;' Wednesday, Bethania, Dowlais, 'Y Boneyi;' Thursday, Morlais, 'Nobody's Daughter;' Friday, Rhymney, 'Outside the Gates;' Saturday, Rhymney, 'Maesymeillion.'

Xmas Fare At St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening 'Ye Olde Christmas Fare,' was held and well attended. The following stalls had been set up: Mothers' Union Stall; Sweet Stall;



Fancy Stall; Refreshment Stall; Parochial Stall; Skittles; Hoop-la; Bran Tub; Sweet and Flower Sellers.

Our Winter Sale Begins Friday next, January 1<sup>st</sup> - R.T. Jones and Co., Market St., Merthyr.