

“Merthyr Express” 5 January 1929

I.O.G.T. Sister Bessie Ballard presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge.

Watch Night Service At the Parish Church on New Year's Eve the very impressive Watch Night Service was conducted by the Vicar.

The Late Mr. David Griffiths The funeral of Mr. David Griffiths, Dynevor-street, took place on Saturday. He had resided in the village for 50 years and was held in high esteem. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel and a deacon for the last 30 years. The funeral was a very representative one, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The deacons of Carmel acted as bearers, and the officiating ministers were the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontllytyn, and the Rev. T. Jones, Deri. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Willie George Davies, son-in-law; Gwynfor Davies, grandson; David Griffiths and Henry Griffiths, sons; Albert Williams, son-in-law; James Griffiths, John Davies, brothers; John Johns and Henry Jenkins, nephews.

"The Christmas Prize" At the Church hall on Thursday and Saturday last, the members of St. Mary's Sunday School, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell, achieved a fine success in their performance of the Christmas cantata, "The Christmas Prize." Mr. Angell lived up to his reputation and delighted the audience. The singing, dresses and stage effects were good. The Vicar, who presided, paid tribute to all who contributed to the success of the cantata. The chief players were: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Tom Jones, Mr. T. Baldwin, Miss Maggie Slimmons and Miss Doris Edwards, Mrs. Mary Janet Evans and Miss Mary Lewis, Master Windsor Rees, Master Vernon Payne, Miss Jessie Llewellyn, Miss Ursula Harris. The accompanist was as Mr. Octavius Richards, and stage-managers Messrs. C. Hollister and C. Payne.

Cantata At Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Saturday, the cantata "Flowers of the Forest," was performed by the Carmel Juvenile Section under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters. The chief players were: Bob Rees, Elwyn Davies, Vernon Davies, Nesta Jenkins, Megan Morris, Evan Lewis, Mirvana Davies, Margaret Rowlands, Willie Walters, Cyril Cook, J. P. Lewis, Thomas J. Morgan, D. James, Beryl Ballard, Tudor Davies, Jesse Thomas, Mona Ballard, Lilian Way, Alice Edwards, Ceinwen Cole, Mimi Lewis, Amelia Evans, Olga Chapman, Rita Cole. The accompanist was Miss Nest Evans, and the stage manager Mr. Tom Lewis. Mr. Evan M. Davies presided on Thursday, and Mr. W. M. Williams on Saturday.

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Institute On Tuesday evening, the annual meeting took place. The chair was occupied by Mr. Sam Lewis. He referred to the year's working, and said that all the debt had been wiped out, and the four billiard tables were now free from debt. Several improvements had taken place during the year, and the old library had been renovated. The reading and lending library had been well supported. About 2000 books were taken out last year by the members. The auditor's report was given by Mr. Bryn Davies, and was a very satisfactory. The energetic secretary is Mr. Tom Jenkins, with Mr. Stephen Ballard as treasurer, Mr. Sam Lewis as chairman, and Mr. W. J. Payne as vice chairman.

Cantata At Noddfa Vestry on Monday and Tuesday, excellent performances of the cantata, "Christmas and the Pixies," was given by children of Noddfa Chapel, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans. The children showed careful training, their singing and acting being very good. The following took part: Phyllis Davies, Emlyn Evans, Iris Evans, Rosy Williams, John Y. Morgan, Bethune Gregory, Leighton Walters, Kenneth Phillips, Mr. Bertie Edwards, Mr. D. G. Parry, Miss Mwynwen Jones. Miss Hilda Phillips was the accompanist and producer, with Mr. Joshua Thomas the deputy accompanist, and Mr. Windsor Rees the violinist. The stage effects were carried out by Mrs. S. Jenkins and Messrs. H. Phillips E. A. Evans.

Distress Meeting At the Old Reading room on Friday, a meeting was held of the Local Distress Committee. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. Mr. Peter Scott, organiser for the Society of Friends, gave an address, and outlined different ways for relieving districts, and the extent to which the Society was going to assist. He outlined a scheme for employing some of those that were unemployed, if he could get the Gellygaer Council to take the

matter up. It was decided to form a boot repairing centre, at which a number of men are prepared to give their services. Fochriw has been adopted by Southgate, which will be a great blessing to the distressed of the village. Since the formation of the committee, a great deal of good work has been accomplished. Hundreds of parcels of clothing, etc., have been distributed, and also sums of money. Praise is due to Mr. R. Bell, London, for its efforts for the people of Fochriw and Pontllytyn, which resulted in large quantities of clothing being sent down, as well as a goodly sum of money. He also worked hard to bring about the adoption scheme, and he has won the appreciation of the inhabitants. Splendid work has been performed by Mrs. S. J. Jones, secretary, Mr. Daniel Jenkins, treasurer, Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman and Mr. Sam Lewis vice-chairman. At the close of the meeting, Mr. Scott was thanked on the motion of Dr. Stenner Evans, and seconded by Mr. W. Davies, head teacher, Penybank School.

M.Ps. Visit Mr. Morgan Jones addressed a well attended meeting at the Old Library on Tuesday. Mr. Sam Lewis presided. Mr. Jones outlined the De-rating Bill and questions relating to unemployment were asked and answered.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Brother Henry Thomas read a very interesting paper on "What are we to believe?" A very enthusiastic discussion followed.

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International Order of Grand Templars The Lodge was held at Carmel on Thursday. Mr. E. Sibley entertained the members with gramophone selections. Sister Mary Morgan gave a violin solo and Sister Ceinwen Cole rendered a solo.

R.A.O.B. Mr. H. C. Seabourne was installed Provincial Grand Primo of the Province at a meeting of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes at the Cowbridge Arms, Merthyr, with all the ceremonies attached to the office. Mr. Seabourne has been secretary of the Cwlwn y Brodoriaeth Lodge for many years. Also, he is president of the Knights' Chapter, and president of the Certifying Council.

St. Mary's Church On Sunday, the Rev. R. W. Jones, chief diocesan missionary, preached powerful sermons. He addressed the children in the afternoon, and on Monday afternoon, he addressed a large gathering of women.

Social At the Church Hall on Friday, a very happy time was spent, the occasion being the entertaining to tea of the children who had taken part in the cantata recently performed, and other friends. After tea, games were played, and a musical programme was contributed to by the following: Mr. W. A. Davies, Misses Mary Lewis, Doris Edwards, Mair Gittens, Miriam Davies, and Kathleen Williams. Splendid services were rendered by Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Angell, Miss R. Davies, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. F. Way, Mr. W. J. Davies and Mr. W. J. Payne.

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I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the following contributed to the programme: pianoforte solo, Bro. Walters; quartette, Bros. B. & W. Davies, Sisters C. & B. Ballard; solos, C. Cole, N. Evans, Bro. Thomas Walters. Also, a laughable sketch entitled "The New Waiter," was performed by Bros. T. Walters, B. & W. Davies, Sisters C. & B. Ballard and M. Morgan.

School Childrens' Treat Through the kindness of Mr. Richard Bell, J.P., London, the school children of the various schools will be entertained to a first class tea on Friday next, in their respective schools. Mr. Bell's name will live long in the minds of the people of Fochriw and Pontllytyn because of his untiring efforts for the relief of distress. His present illness is deeply regretted, and it is the wish of his many admirers that he will soon be restored to health to carry on his good work.

Entertainment On Friday evening, a very happy time was spent at the Church Hall, when a children's entertainment was presided over by the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Payne. There was a very close singing competition - "Only an Armour Bearer" - the prize being divided between Miss Ceinwen Lewis and Mr. R. J. Price. The concert concluded with a very laughable sketch entitled "On the March," the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Jack Lawrence, Windsor Rees, Eddie Davies, Gordon Lawrence, Vernon Payne, G. Tyler, R. J. Price, D. J. Price, Albert Lewis, L. Mantle, and Ursula Harris.

“Merthyr Express” 2 February 1929

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "Ode Practice," and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Hospital The many friends of the following wish them a speedy recovery: Mrs. E. J. Williams (Merthyr General Hospital); Master David Howells, Miss Audrey Wood (Gellygear Hospital). We are pleased to see the following returned this week from Gellygaer hospital, greatly improved in health: Mrs. Pugh, Gladys Harris, Raymond G. Price, and A. Price

Whist Drive Under the auspices of the N.S.P.C.C. a whist drive and dance took place at the Old Library on Thursday last, and was well attended. Mr. C. Ballard was the M.C. Prizewinners at whist: Ladies: 1. Mr. Windor Morgan, 2. Mr. George Cole; Gentleman: 1. Mr. W. A. Jones, 2. Mr. W. J. Davies. Secretarial duties were ably carried out by Miss Bessie Ballard.

Concert An entertainment was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, the vicar presiding. The winners of the singing competition were Miss Mary Lewis, R. J. Price, and Cyril Lewis; recitation competition, Master W. J. Jones. Others who contributed to the evening's programme were R. J. Price, Mair Gittens, Phyllis Barlow, W. J. Jones, Cyril Lewis, Frances Adams, Doris Edwards, Maud Jones, Catherine Williams, Bronwen Martin, Joan Mills, Mary Lewis, Ceinwen Lewis. The accompanist was Master Eddie Davis. The programme concluded with a sketch entitled "A Queer Family."

Children Tea The crowning point of Mr. Richard Bell's magnificent efforts for the reef relief of distress in the village were reached on Friday last, when close on 500 school children were entertained to a sumptuous tea at their respective schools - Fochriw, Penybank, and Pantywaun. Not only has Mr. Bell been anxious for the adults, but the children have also had his careful consideration. Thanks to the efforts of the secretary of the Distress Committee, Mrs. S. J. Jones, no stone has been left unturned to make this a red letter day in the life of the little ones, and with the hearty co-operation of the head teachers and their staffs, success attended their efforts. The school rooms had been gaily decorated with bunting, and the children were given a holiday. After tea, toys were given to each child. Mrs. Jones, secretary, visited the various schools in the area, and distributed the gifts at Penybank School. Mr. Bell has been cordially thanked for his generosity. Splendid service was rendered by Mr. Sam Lewis, chairman of the managers.

“Merthyr Express” 9 February 1929

I.O.G.T. Brother T. Wallace acted as chief Templar. All the officers were re-elected for the coming quarter. The programme for the evening was a continuation of "Ode Practice."

Ambulance Competition On Thursday last, very interesting competitions took place in the Old Reading Room in connection with the Dowlais Corps Ambulance League Competition, two teams from Fochriw opposing two teams from Bedlinog. After a keen competition, both Fochriw teams won. The judges were Messrs. D. E. Thomas and D. J. Thomas, Penyardren.

Whist Drive The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Howells. Prizewinners: ladies: 1. Mr. Evans, 2. Mrs. Jane Evans; Gents: 1. Mr. Thomas, 2. Mr. J. Evans.

Entertainment On Friday evening at the Church Hall, the vicar presided over a children's entertainment. The adjudicator for the singing was Mr. W. A. Davies, and the accompanist was Master Eddie Davies. The winners of the singing competition were Mary Lewis, Doris Edwards, and E. Angell. Several contributed to in musical programme. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Invention."

“Merthyr Express” 16 February 1929

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "Biblical Questions," all present taking part.

Male Voice The Male Glee Party, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Adams Jones, is again busy rehearsing a first class programme for forthcoming concerts. The secretary is Mr. J. Gregory and the accompanist Mr. James Thomas.

Distress The Local Distress Fund continues to do excellent work in the village, the committee devoting a great deal of their time investigating and dealing with cases weekly. The boot repairing centre has been established, at which a number of the unemployed give their services, and during the last few weeks they have repaired about 300 pairs of boots, the work of repairing and collecting all being by unemployed men.

Pancake Social On Friday evening at the Church Hall, the vicar presided over a children's entertainment, the accompanist being Master Eddie Davies. The winner of the singing competition were Miss Eirwen Williams, and of the impromptu speech, Miss Mair Gittens. The following contributed to a musical programme: David Cole, Douglas Evans, Marlon Gregory, Mair Gittens, Phyllis Barlow, Doris Edwards, W. J. Jones, Gwennie Lewis, Rhoda Price, R. J. Price, W. J. Llewellyn. The concluding item was a laughable sketch entitled "The Great Arrival," when the following took part: W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, Gordon Lawrence, Rod Jones, G. Tyler, Mervyn Payne.

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I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was of a musical nature. The following contributed: Brothers W. Davies, T. Walters, B. Davies, Sisters N. Evans, C. Ballard.

Snooker An interesting snooker handicap was carried out during the last few weeks at the Institute. About one hundred took part. Very keen finishes were witnessed. The finalists were Levi Pritchard and Gordon Lawrence. After a very fine game, Mr. Pritchard was the winner.

Distress: Help from London Last Sunday, the vicar, the Rev. J. C. Payne, preached at St. John's Church and St. Philip's Church, Kensington, by special request. Large congregations were attracted to hear the South Wales vicar, who was received with much warmth. London people have been very generous in forwarding large quantities of clothing and money to relieve some of the distress prevailing in the village. It is hoped that the visit will result in a continuance of generosity.

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Liberal Association A well attended meeting in connection with the Fochriw Liberal Association was held at the Old Library on Tuesday evening when an excellent address was given by Mr E. M. Bowen, M.Sc., Porthcawl.

Confirmation On Thursday, 7th March, at the Parish Church of St. Mary's, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff will hold a confirmation service at which a large number will be confirmed.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Sister Ballard read poems on "Winter" and "The Ancient Mariner."

Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of Mr. Anthony Davies, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital. Deceased was a well-known figure in the village, where he had spent the whole of his life and he will be sadly missed. To the bereaved family, we tender our sincere sympathy.

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In Hospital The many friends of Mr. L. Evans will regret to know that he is in the Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident received at work. Miss Bishop, Penybank, is also a patient there.

Meeting At the Co-operative Rooms on Monday, a very enthusiastic meeting was addressed by Mr. W. H. Hopkins, Bargoed. The speaker was in fine form and was listened to attentively. The meeting was presided over by Mr. S. Lewis.

Noted Singer Congratulations to our brilliant young baritone singer, Mr. Claerwyn Davies, Brook Cottage, who was engaged throughout last week at the Capitol, Cardiff, where he scored a decided success.

Honours The large circle of friends of Dr. T. Stenner Evans, were delighted to find his name in the list of J. P. honours. He is an honorary surgeon of the medical staff of the Merthyr General Hospital, and is also president of the local branch of ex-Servicemen. He is closely connected with the St. John Ambulance, and is a member of the Priory of Wales.

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at Penybank Council School on Wednesday. The duties of M.C. were carried out by the headmaster. The proceeds were in aid of a school gramophone. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Miss S. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. I. Williams, 2. Mr. Leslie Cowles.

Council Schools At the various schools of Fochriw and Penybank, St. David's Day celebration were kept up in splendid manner. Various programmes of singing, sketches, folk songs, etc., were carried out. The little ones delighted the visitors who assembled at the various schools, the children displaying careful training, which speaks highly of the head teachers and staff – Mr. J. P. Isaac, Fochriw Mixed; Miss M. Davies, Fochriw Infants'; Mr. W. Davies, Penybank.

Nazareth St. David's Day was celebrated at Nazareth chapel on Friday with a tea and musical programme. The following ladies assisted at the tables: Mesdames Jones, Davies, Morris, Lewis, Budd, Slimmons, Pugh, Lawrence, Miss Katie Jones. After tea the programme was presided over by Mr. William Morris. The following were the characters in the Welsh sketch: Mrs. Parry Lewis, Miss Doris Davies, Paddy Lawrence, Eluned Lawrence; duet, Miss Pugh and Miss Jones; solo, Jesse Jones.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mr. Anthony Davies, Pentwyn, took place on Tuesday, amidst signs of deep sorrow. The funeral was largely attended, the place of internment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William E. Davies (brother); D. J. Greening (father-in-law); Edward Rees, Edward Davies, William Pope, Anthony Davies, Thomas M. Davies, William Davies, Edward J. Davies, Roderick Davies, E. Davies, Bertie Evans, Stephen Lewis, T. E. Davies, Tudor Evans, W. T. Morgan (nephews).

Noddfa Chapel St. David's Day celebrations were kept up by the members of the chapel. They were carried out in the form of a social and eisteddfod. The following assisted at the tables: Mesdames Edwards, Thomas, Evans, Walters, Williams, Evans, Jones, Misses E. A. Evans, Iris Evans, E. Gittoes, and D. Evans. The following were the awards: solo for children: Edna Jones and Winnie Evans; recitation of children: Edna Jones and Winnie Evans, D. Briffet and S. Briffet; soprano solo, Mrs. Magdalen Pugh; contralto solo, Miss Iris Evans; bass solo, Mr. D. G. Parry; tenor solo, Mr. J. Thomas; duet, Miss Magdalen Pugh and Miss Dilys Evans; recitation, Mr. T. J. Jones; solo, Miss Phyllis Davies. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. J. Thomas. The secretary was Mr. Jenkin Thomas, the treasurer Miss Hilda Phillips, and the president Mrs. C. Edwards.

Carmel Chapel St. David's Day was celebrated at the chapel on Thursday last, when a fine programme was given, including children's Welsh dances and songs, also a fairy play by the junior section of the Sunday School, and the rendering of Welsh folk songs conducted by Miss C. Ballard. The Carmel Ladies' Choir, under their conductor Mr. Thomas Walters, sang a chain of Welsh folk songs - "Yr Haf," and "Hen Wlas fy Nhadau." A sketch entitled to "William" was produced by Mr. Sam Lewis. The following were the characters: Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Sam Lewis, Mr. D. Lewis, Mrs. D. James, Miss M. Morgan. The chairman was Mr. Moses Williams, and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Idris Williams. The accompanists were Miss B. Ballard, Miss N. Evans and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Prize Distribution An enjoyable time was spent by the scholars and parents at the Penybank Council School on Wednesday, on the occasion of the distribution of certificates, books, medals and watches to children for periods extending from one year to seven years perfect attendance. County Council William Hopkins presented the prizes. A very good programme was given by the scholars which included songs, recitations and dialogues.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday, when a Welsh programme was enjoyed.

The Labour Party At the Co-operative Rooms on Monday, a meeting was held under the auspices of the Labour Party. Mr. Sam Lewis occupied the chair, and the speaker was Mr. D. Jeremy Morgan, Dowlais.

Noddfa Chapel A singing festival was held at the chapel on Sunday, when a fine programme of well-known hymns and anthems was given by the joint choirs of Nazareth and Noddfa Chapels, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Joshua Thomas.

Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday, under the auspices of the Labour Party. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. Ray Cook. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. G. Smith, 2. Mr. S. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. Griff Jones, 2. Mr. Bishop. The refreshments were supervised by Mrs. T. Rowlands, assisted by a willing band of ladies. The prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. S.J. Jones.

Glee Party On Sunday evening, at the Institute, Deri, the Fochriw Glee Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Willie Adams Jones, gave a rich musical treat to a large audience. They were assisted by several artistes: soprano, Miss Margery Lewis; tenor, Mr. T. Cymro Thomas; baritone, Mr. Claerwyn Davies. Councillor A. T. Minhinnick presided. The accompanists were Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and James Thomas.

Confirmation On Thursday evening, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff administered the rite of confirmation, at St. Mary's Church, to 57 candidates prepared by the Vicar, Rev. J.C. Payne. Afterwards, tea was provided at the Church Hall for candidates and the others, under the supervision of Mrs. Payne, The Vicarage. The Vicar wishes to thank all who assisted in the arrangements.

Distress Mr. W. J. Payne presided at the weekly meeting of the distress committee on Tuesday at the Library. Since 25th January, 300 persons have been assisted with clothing, etc., 400 cases have been relieved with vouchers, and hundreds of pairs of boots have been repaired by the unemployed at the centre. To their friends at Southgate, Fochriw people owe a great debt of gratitude for the noble sacrifices and great kindness in sending clothing and money. Praise is due to the energetic secretary, Mrs. S. J. Jones, who has laboured unceasingly from the commencement to bring relief to many a sad home, also the committee and officers for their efforts. The vice-president is Mr. J. Edwards, headmaster of Pantywaun; treasurer, Mr. Sam Lewis (chairman of the school managers); and a representative committee from the village.

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Deaths On March 19th at 2, Glyn-terrace, Susan, beloved wife of Charles Payne, in her 79th year. Funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard at 4.30p.m. on Saturday. Gentlemen only.

Priory of Wales The service medal of the Order, the cherished award for long service in the St. John Ambulance Brigade has been granted to Division Superintendent John Morgan and Private S. Ballard, both of the Fochriw Division, each of whom has maintained an efficient record of 15 years service.

Meeting On Tuesday evening, at Church Hall, a well-attended meeting was held when Mr. O. Temple Morris, the Conservative candidate, addressed the meeting. The speaker was in excellent form and was well received. At the close, questions were asked and satisfactorily answered.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening last, and was presided over by the chief Templar. The programme for the evening was an instrumental one, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible. The following contributed: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; violin solos, Sisters Mary Morgan.

Obituary It is our painful duty this week to record the death of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected persons, Mrs. Charles Payne, wife of Mr. Charles Payne, and mother of the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne and Mrs. E. J. Lawrence. Deceased was in her 79th year and had resided in the village for nearly 60 years, where she was held in great esteem. Her genial countenance will be sadly missed. To the bereaved, heartfelt sympathy is extended.

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Our Fochriw Correspondent is Mr. W.J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace. Sales Agent: Mr. D. Lewis.

L.O.G.T. The “Star of Fochriw” Lodge on Thursday was presided over by the Chief Templar. Bros. D. Jones and T. Walters were responsible for the programme. Bro. Jones read papers on “Man’s Adventures in Sound,” and “Truth in Public Life.” Bro. Walters read a paper on “Searchlights in Music.”

Personal The numerous friends of Mr. W.J. Payne will be pleased to know that he has been licensed as a reader by the Bishop at the Palace, Llandaff. The honour is well deserved, as he has been connected with church work all his life. He has been a lay preacher for many years, also churchwarden since the parish was opened.

Palm Sunday On Sunday, a large number visited the old church on the hill, St. Andrew’s, Pentwyn, to lay flowers on the graves of the departed. At St. Mary’s, the celebrant was the Rev. Kiff, Pontlottyn, and Mr. G.W. Jones, Pontlottyn. Mr. O. Richards was the organist, and Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing.

Obituary The passing of Mrs. Susan Payne, wife of Mr. Charles Payne, and mother of the Rev. J.C. Payne (vicar), Mr. W.J. Payne and Mrs. E.J. Lawrence, has created profound sorrow in the village, where she has resided for close on 60 years. She celebrated her golden wedding some years ago, surrounded by her children, her grandchildren, and a host of well-wishers. She was in her 79th year. Born at Bideford, Devon, she removed with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Boyns, to Newport, at a very early age. She was married at St. Woolos Church to Mr. Charles Payne, and then came to Fochriw, where she resided until her death. She loved her house, and was devoted to her children’s welfare. It was a very proud moment in her life when her eldest son, the Rev. J.C. Payne, came back as vicar of the parish in which he was born. The Saturday before she died, her younger son, Mr. W.J. Payne, was licensed as a reader at the Palace by the Bishop of Llandaff. She was beloved by a large circle of friends, and was possessed of a wonderful spirit. Despite a devoted daughter’s care, and all that medical skill could do, the end came peacefully. The funeral took place on Saturday, there being a large attendance of the public, and all blinds were drawn on the route. A short service was held at the house, a portion of Scripture being read by the Rev. Richard Evans, Deri, after which the Rev. Samuel Evans, rector of St. George-super-Ely, late of Fochriw, prayed, and spoke of the deceased’s wonderful character. He said that during his nine years at Fochriw, deceased was no doubt his greatest friend. After the singing of “Lead, Kindly Light,” the solemn procession wended its way to St. Mary’s Church, of which deceased was a member. At the church, the service was most impressive and was conducted by Rev. A. Lloyd Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. The choir, under its conductor, Br. B. Angell, chanted the 9th Psalm, “Lord thou hast been our refuge,” and one of deceased’s favourite hymns, “Thy Will be Done,” was then sung. Mr. Octavius Richards, organist, then played the “Dead March” in “Saul,” and as the body was being carried out of the church the Nunc Dimittis was sung. The cortege then wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The Rev. S. Evans officiated at the graveside, and the hymn, “Jesu, Lover of my Soul,” was sung, after which the Fochriw Glee Party sang “Sleep Thy Last Sleep.” The bearers were members of the Parochial Church Council and sidesmen. The chief mourners were: Mr. Charles Payne (husband); Rev. J.C. Payne, Mr. W.J. Payne (sons); Mr. John Lawrence (son-in-law); Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, J. Vernon Payne, Mervyn Payne (grandsons); Mr. Fred Boyns, Newport; Mr. Jack Boyns, Hirwaun; Mr. Willie Boyns, Cardigan (nephews); Messrs. Wm. Payne, Dowlais, Joseph Payne, John Payne, Newport (brothers-in-law); Alfred Payne, Newport, D. Harris, Edwin Thomas, Dowlais, D. Lawrence, Edward Roberts, Harry Roberts, Port Talbot, Phillip Leonard, Hirwaun. The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes. (listed) To the bereaved sympathy is extended in their hour of trial. The funeral arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. David Davies and Sons.

“Merthyr Express” 6 April 1929

Obituary After a painful illness, Mr. Taliesin Shankland, Martin-street, passed away on Tuesday. He was a well-known figure in the village and will be sadly missed. To the bereaved we extend our sympathy.

Nursing The many friends of Miss Florrie Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Upland Stores, will be pleased to know that she has passed the Final Nursing Examination. She is at present nursing at Cardiff. We wish her success in her profession.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday under the auspices of the Labour Party. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. Bryn Price. Prize winners: Ladies: Mrs. E. A. Jones, Gents: Mr. H. Morgan.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Brother T. Walters was responsible for the programme. He gave a reading on "The Messiah" by Handel. Solos from the oratorio were given by Bro. W. Davies, Sisters C. Cole and C. Ballard, and a quartette by Brothers W. & B. Davies, and Sisters Ballard and Cole.

St. Mary's On Good Friday at the Parish Church, very impressive services were held conducted by the Vicar. On Easter Day, a record number of communicants attended. The Church had been nicely decorated with spring flowers. The choir, under its conductor Mr. Berkley Angell, rendered the anthem "Hallelujah, Christ is Risen!" Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

Obituary Another of Fochriw's oldest and very highly respected citizens, Mr. Edwin Evans, late winding engineman at the Fochriw Collieries of Messrs. G. K. N. Ltd., where he held a splendid record, was laid to rest on Saturday. He had reached the age of 77 years, and passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Pryce Jones, The Villas, who had tenderly attended to him. Deceased was well known in the locality, where he had resided a great number of years, and will be sadly missed. The funeral, which was private, took place on Saturday. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Vicar, after which the cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery for interment, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Bert Evans, son; Pryce Jones, son-in-law; Stanley, Eddie and Bertie Jones, Tudor and Willie Evans, grandsons. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas Evans, Thomas Francis, George Jones and David Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 13 April 1929

I.O.G.T. Mr. Idris Williams read a paper on "Superstitions."

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. T. Shankland, Martin-street, took place on Saturday. Deceased was 62 years of age. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pant Cemetery for interment, the vicar officiating throughout. Chief mourners: Messrs. Joseph Shankland, A. Shankland (brothers); D. Davies, J. E. Davies, T. J. Shankland, C. Shankland, M. Shankland, W. Lewis, D. T. Simpson, C. Cronk, D. Edwards, David Edwards, H. Simpson.

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I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge held on Tuesday the 9th, the programme for the evening was "Sacred Music," both vocal and instrumental, Bro. T. Walters being responsible. Bro. William Davis gave solos, "God sends the day" and "Alas! Those Chimes," and Brother Berkley Davies sang "Pass it on."

Wedding: Davies-Thomas The wedding took place on Thursday at Soar Chapel, Merthyr, the Rev. T. Alban Davies, Ton Pentre, officiating, of the Rev. Brython M. Davies, of Goodwick, Fishguard, and Miss Ceridwen Thomas, B.Sc., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, Station Terrace. Miss Mary and Miss Maggie Thomas, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids, and the duties of best man were carried out by the Rev. J. Idris Jenkins, Aberdare. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of beige georgette with bankok straw. The reception was held at the "Peter Pan," after which the Rev. and Mrs. Davies left for St. Ives, Cornwall.

Obituary On Sunday morning, quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mr. John Wood had passed away with dramatic suddenness. He was attending to his usual duties the previous evening. Until his retirement on pension, he had been a signalman at Cwmbargoed under the G.W.R. for 50 years. A well known and

highly respected citizen, he will be sadly missed, and to the bereaved family great sympathy is extended. Preaching at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, the vicar made touching references to the death of Mr. Wood, who was choirmaster with him at Pentwyn Church for the six years he was in charge. He was a staunch Churchman, and only last Sunday he sang with the choir in the Church.

Concert At Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Fochriw Glee Party, one of the finest musical treats that has ever been staged in the village was given to a most appreciative audience. The Vicar presided, and in his remarks said he never anticipated such a feast of music as they had enjoyed that evening. The party and artistes were magnificent. The Party sang the following: "In Absence," "Harlech," "The Jolly Roger," "Soldiers' Chorus," "Miserere Chorus," "A Medley of Old English Songs," and "Italian Salad." The artistes were Mr. T. Cymro Thomas, Miss Margery Lewis, Mr. Claerwyn Davies, with Miss Flossie Jones, as the elocutionist. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence Mr. James Thomas, Miss Winnie Jones and Mr. D. J. Davies. A magnificent programme concluded with the singing by the party of "Llan Baglan." The duties of secretary were carried out by the Mr. James Gregory, with Mr. John Phillips as treasurer.

Fochriw Vestry The Easter vestry for the parish of Fochriw and Deri was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday evening. The Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Payne, presided, and he was supported by Messrs. Charles Payne, vicar's warden, W. J. Payne, people's warden, and Walter Davies, parochial secretary. In his opening remarks, the vicar stated that this was his first vestry. The parish was a very large and important one, and it was passing through a very dark and trying period. Unemployment in their midst had created poverty and distress, and the closing down of the Fochriw collieries had caused depression that at times could be felt. Again, he was the only priest in the parish, without a curate owing to financial difficulties, and this meant that with the help of his layman, which he valued very much, the work of the parish fell upon him. A very important Church like St. Peter's, Deri, had no curate. He hoped, however, with the hearty co-operation of the people of Deri, and grants which he was trying to obtain to meet the financial difficulty, to get a curate soon. Then again, that very important and hallowed Church and churchyard of St. Andrews, Pentwyn, where so many hundreds of dear ones lay resting, which was a sacred charge to the living, was in a deplorable state, and they were unable to hold services there. This matter had been taken up with headquarters, and he hoped to report good news soon. The Parish Church of St. Mary's urgently required a new roof, and repairs were required at St. David's, Pantywaun. Yet with all this work required, he was looking forward with hope and faith to accomplish much with the help and co-operation of everybody, to do his or her best to extend God's kingdom on earth. He wished to thank the Church wardens for their loyalty and help. It was a wonderful record where the vicar, his father and brother, sat side by side as vicar and wardens of the parish. He wished to thank the choirmaster, organist, Sunday school teachers, Mothers' Union, parochial collectors, council sidesman, parochial secretary, dramatic society, cantata committee, caretakers and everyone who helped in any way. Mr. W. J. Payne presented the statement of accounts which were satisfactory. The vicar re-elected Mr. Charles Payne as vicar's warden, and Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected people's warden. The vicar re-elected Coun. John Edwards his warden at Deri. The following were elected members off the parochial Council: T. Baldwin, B. Angell, W Davies, Willie Davies, O. Richards, W. Wilton, T. Jones, E. Jones, G. Mantle, F. Way, W. Morris and C. Ballard. The following sidesmen were elected: W. Pope, G. Way, S. Way, J. Morris, T. Jones, J. Lawrence, H. B. Harris, D. Tyler, H. Thomas, B. Rees, D. J. Williams, M. Parry, G. Evans, P. Gwynne, T. E. Davies, and C. Hollister.

Drink Charge Morgan Davies, aged 24, of Fochriw, who got drunk at Deri and was seen by P.S. Thomas, was fined 10 shillings.

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Lest We Forget The inhabitants of the village will have an opportunity on Friday and Saturday next to show their appreciation of that noble institution the Merthyr General

Hospital, when sellers will be offering a flower to help their funds. Receive them with a smile, and remember that they are giving their time and labour, not for themselves, but for a worthy cause.

Memorial Service St. Mary Church was well filled on Sunday evening, when a memorial service to the late Mr. John Wood was held. Deceased had worshipped there for many years. The vicar chose as his text "Watch ye, therefore." Several of the deceased's favourite hymns were sung by the choir conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell. Mr. Octavius Richards, the organist, played the Dead March.

British Legion At the headquarters, the Rising Sun Inn, a concert and presentation took place last Wednesday to mark the occasion of the departure of Mr. David Lewis for Canada. Mr. C. Jenkins, Pontlottyn, presided. A fine programme of music was given. The presentation consisted of a wallet and money, and was made by Mr. Ted Puddle, chairman of the branch.

Dramatic Performance At Carmel Chapel on Thursday and Saturday, the Dramatic Society gave excellent performances of the drama entitled "Caste" to most appreciative audiences. The various characters were well portrayed, and the dresses, scenery and stage effects were excellent. The chief characters were played by: Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, Mr. J. Idris Williams, Miss Sal Jones, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Bessie Ballard, Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bob Rees, and Mr. Dan James. Mr. Tom Walters is to be complemented on the fine display of the company. He was assisted by Mr. Daniel Janes. Mr. E. M. Davies acted as chairman, and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Idris Williams.

Distress Fund The local committee met at the Old Library and on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding, when a large number of cases were dealt with, and all relief available was granted. The people of Southgate continue to send clothes and money. The people of St Philip's, Kensington, have also done noble work. New clothing has now arrived from the Lord Mayor's Fund and will be distributed. There are still about 80 to 100 unemployed in the village, a very large percentage of whom are not in receipt of unemployment relief. At the last committee meeting, a resolution was passed appealing to the Lord Mayor's committee to co-opt the following as members of the committee: Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar, and Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster of Fochriw School.

Bon Voyage At the Old Library on Wednesday evening, a presentation meeting took place, when Mr. David Lewis, a member of the Fochriw Glee Party, was the recipient of a beautiful cigarette case, suitably inscribed, to mark the occasion of his departure for Manitoba under the Emigration Scheme. The presentation was made by Mr. Mr W. J. Payne, chairman of the party, who spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Lewis's faithfulness. Mr. Lewis is one of four brothers who are members of the party, and the well-known singer, Miss Margery Lewis, is his sister. Miss Lewis has assisted the party on numerous occasions. All members of the Party wished Mr. Lewis good luck and God-speed. Others who spoke were Messrs. James Thomas, James Gregory and D. J. Davies. After the presentation, the Party sang a number of choruses.

Obituary On Thursday last, at Pentwyn Churchyard, Mr. John Wood, Aelybryn, one of the oldest and most highly respected inhabitants of the village, was laid to rest. The funeral was a large and representative one. A short service was held in the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church where a service was held, and afterwards to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. The bearers were all railwaymen. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Wood, (widow); George, Rufus, Vincent, Hartwell (sons); Lizzie, Jessie, Elsie, Neta, (daughters); Gwilym (son-in-law); Anne (daughter-in-law); Alfie, John, Alvin, Ronald, Robert, Jessie, Audrey, Gwennie (grandchildren); Joe, Jim, Tom (brothers); George, Frank, and Walter Way and Robert Slimmon (brothers-in-law); Ellen Wood, Susannah, Lavina and Ellen Way (sisters-in-law); Florrie Dowle, Nellie Yeo, Eliza Jones, Catherine Way (nieces); Walter John Wood, Arthur Holland, Eddie Slimmon, Lewis Watkins, Freddie, Frank, Sid, Will, David, Bert and Noah Way, George Clifford, Stewart Jones, George Price, Simon Lewis (nephews), Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas, Miss Deadman (London), Mr. Charles Moses (Rhymney).

“Merthyr Express” 4 May 1929

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, Sisters Ballard, C Jones, B. Ballard, and Bros. S. Lewis and T. Walters took part.

Outing A large number of members of two outing clubs made the journey to Wembley on Friday and made their presence felt by cheering their favourites on Saturday.

Merthyr General Hospital On Friday, several ladies were busy selling flowers for the hospital. Considering the bad times in the village, they did fairly well. On Monday, another effort is to be made at the Church Hall, when a whist drive and social will take place.

Nazareth Dramatic Society At Nazareth on Thursday and Friday, successful performances were given by the Dramatic Society. The comedy "Lesson for Ladies," was played to very appreciative audiences. The characters were played by: Mrs. E. Parry Lewis, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Miss E. Lawrence, Miss D. Davies, Mr. B. Davies, Mr. G. Jones, Mr. W. A. Davies, Messrs. T. Davies, H. Barlow and W. A. Jones. The stage manager was Mr. David Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 11 May 1929

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, the chief Templar presiding. The evening was set apart for ode practice, Brother Walters being responsible.

Cricket Fochriw, last year's champions of the Rhymney Valley League, have commenced the season in good style. On Saturday, they entertained the Ogilvie Officials, when a very interesting game was spoiled by rain. The visitors were all out for 32, the bowling of Evans and Davies being deadly. Fochriw had scored 21 for the loss of one wicket when rain stopped play. The Fochriw captain is Mr. T. Evans.

Liberal Meeting At the Old Reading Room on Tuesday evening, a large and very enthusiastic meeting was held, presided over by Mr Moses Williams, who gave an appropriate address before calling upon Miss Grace Roberts, the prospective candidate for the Caerphilly Division, to address the meeting. Miss Roberts gave a very fine address, and was listened to very attentively. Several questions were asked and answered at the close.

British Legion A well-attended meeting of the Fochriw Branch was held at the Rising Sun Inn on May 3rd. The chair was occupied by Comrade T. Puddle. Comrade C. Jenkins, Pontlottyn, who is secretary of the Benevolent Committee addressed the meeting. The meeting moved that Comrade Bryn Price should take over the duties of secretary owing to Comrade R. Clark leaving the district. The branch also decided to open a fund for the purpose of taking the members families to the seaside during the summer.

Hospital Social At the Church Hall on Monday evening, one of the finest whist drives and social evenings held in the village took place in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. A number of ladies had worked hard, both in selling tickets and collecting prizes, and they deserve great praise. The donors of prizes were Mrs. Minhinnock, Mrs. Payne (The Vicarage), Mrs. E. J. Lawrence and Mrs. J. Williams. The duties of the M.C. for whist were carried out by Sergeant Howells, and for dancing by Mr. T. Howell Jones. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards, who delighted the dancers with his fine selection of music. The whist winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. W. Edwards, 2. Miss Teggie Cumpstone; Gents: 1. Mr. E. J. Jones, 2. Mr. Crad Ballard. Mr. Payne thanked all who had helped, and emphasised the need to maintain funds for the hospital, which had 104 beds to maintain. Mr. Emlyn Evans, an old patient of the hospital, presented the winners prizes for whist to the ladies, and Mrs. Payne presented the gentlemen with their prizes.

“Merthyr Express” 18 May 1929

New Headmaster: Fochriw Boy's Brilliant Career The large circle of friends of Captain Evan H. Williams, headmaster of All Saints School, Child's Hill, London, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, School House, Fochriw, has been recently appointed by the Hendon Education Committee to the headship of the Goldbeater's Boys' School on the Watling Estate. Captain Edwards commenced his teaching career in 1898 as assistant master in the Fochriw Board School, under the late headmaster, Mr. William Owen

Morgan, and he left for London in 1901. He moved from Holy Trinity School, Canning Town, to St. Luke's School, Millwall, and later proceeded to the London County Council's British School at Millwall, where he gained valuable teaching experience, and obtain the "five points" for extra qualifications, which raised him to the status of a first class assistant. He afterwards gained an A.C.P. Diploma of the College of Preceptors and the Associateship Diploma of the National College of Music. In November 1905, he moved to Mill Hill, and in 1909 he was appointed headmaster of All Saint's School, Child's Hill. In 1914, he sat for the Theory and Practice of Education for the A.C.P. Diploma of the College of Preceptors, and was successful. On June 5th, 1915, he joined the 2/3 London Yeomanry as a private, and was transferred to the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps, where he was made a cadet corporal. Later, he was gazetted to the 2/1 Shropshire Yeomanry, rising to the rank of Captain. After his military service, Captain Williams took a great interest in the new methods of teaching, and gave lectures on individual methods at the 1923 City of London vacation course. He also lectured at Rugby Public School and has taken an active part in many educational gatherings. Captain Williams' new school, is the first permanent school on the Watling Estate, and was opened on Tuesday morning. There is accommodation for 1,220 boys and girls, and it has been erected by the Hendon Council at a cost of approximately £51,000. His large circle of friends, and the old boys from Fochriw and district, wish Captain Williams and family health, happiness and long life to carry out the important duties entrusted to him.

Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday, when the preacher was of the Rev. D. L. Rees. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The adult Lodge gave the Juvenile section a treat. The little ones did justice to the good things provided. Later, the adult members gave a programme of entertainment.

Mothers' Union On Tuesday, a well-attended services of the Mothers' Union took place at the Parish Church, when the special preacher was the Rev. R. Ward, Rector of Dowlais.

Male Voice Party The Male Voice Party is busy rehearsing under their conductor Mr. Willie Adams Jones, for Llangynidir on Whit-Monday.

Concert At the Church Hall, a children's entertainment took place on Friday, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the programme: Phyllis Barlow, Maggie Slimmonds, Mair Gittings, Doris Edwards, Gwennie Lewis, Cyril Lewis, W. J. Jones, Milly White, Thelma Thomas and Audrey Edwards. The winners of the singing competition were: 1. Miss Doris Edwards and 2. Master W. J. Jones. After the competitions, there were games. The accompanist was Mr. Jack Lawrence.

"Merthyr Express" 25 May 1929

Communism On Wednesday, a meeting was held at the Old Library, when Mr. J. R. Wilson, the Communist candidate, delivered an address.

Outing All the chapels in the village took the children of their respective Sunday Sunday schools to Barry Island on Tuesday.

Drama At Noddfa Chapel performances were given by the Beulah Dramatic Society, Deri, of three sketches entitled "Accidents will happen," "A Will and a Way," and "The Wrong Flat." The chairman was ex-Sergeant Williams.

Concert At Carmel Chapel on Sunday evening, a sacred concert was held under the auspices of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under their conductor Mr. Willie Adams Jones, assisted by Mr. D. K. Jones, Dowlais, and Mr. A. Rees, Rhymney. Both choir and artistes were in excellent form. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The party sang "Llan Baglan," "Myfanwy," "Evening Twilight," "Little Church," "Medley of old English Songs," and the test piece for the Llangynidir Eisteddfod "The Soldiers Chorus." Both Mr. D. R. Jones and Mr. Arthur Rees, the soloists, created a fine impression. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Male Voice Party The Fochriw Party added fresh laurels to their record on Monday, when they carried off premier honours at the Llangynidir Eisteddfod, consisting of a

handsome cup and prize money. The train and bus arrangements were supervised by Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, and the secretary, Mr. James Gregory. On their return to Fochriw, they were given a fine reception. Mr. Willie Adams Jones is the conductor, and Mr. Wyndaham Lawrence the accompanist.

Wedding: Jones-Taylor At St. Mary's Church on Saturday, a pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Miss Edith Gwen Jones, Deri, and Mr. Edward George Taylor, Leominster. This ceremony was performed by the Vicar.

Social At the Church Hall, under the auspices of the Mothers' Union, a whist drive and social evening was held. The M.C. for whist was Mr. C. Ballard, and for dancing, Mr. T. Howell Jones. Delightful music was supplied by Mr. Octavius Richards. The winners of the whist prizes were: Ladies: 1. Miss Rosie Davies, 2. Mrs. Bryn Price; Gents: 1. Mrs. B. Angell, 2. Mr. Ted Puddle.

The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Rev. J. C. Payne was installed City Chaplain of the lodge.

“Merthyr Express” 1 June 1929

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Davies and Master Francis Williams of Pentwyn, both patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, will be pleased to know and they are making satisfactory progress, as is Miss Marion Lester.

Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. David H. Price, Martin-street, at the age of 57 years, after a painful illness. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the programme was "How we spent the Whitsun holidays."

Cricket The annual fixture between Fochriw and Brecon Barracks was played in glorious weather at Brecon on Saturday, and resulted in a win for Fochriw. The players were entertained to tea by their soldier friends. Brecon batted first and were dismissed for 76 runs. Fochriw followed and made a score of 105.

“Merthyr Express” 8 June 1929

I.O.G.T. At the meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Brother B. Davis, chief templar, presided. The following took part: Brothers Walters, W. Davies, and Sister Ballard.

Obituary Another old and highly respected inhabitant of the village was laid to rest on Saturday in the person of Mr. David Hargest Price, Martin-street. Sympathy is extended to the widow and family. The funeral was well attended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David J. Price and Richard James Price (sons); Richard Price (father); Thomas Gordon and David Hargest Price (grandsons); William Richard, and Frederick Price and Alfred Kent (sons-in-law); Thomas Thomas, Morgan Richards, John Davies (brothers-in-law); D. J. James, William Davies, Bryn Rees, D. J. F. and A. Price, and Rees Davies, W. J. Davies, E. Davies, John Jenkins, William Davies, and B. Thomas (cousins).

Funeral The death occurred this week of the Mrs. James Jenkins, widow of the late Mr. James Jenkins, Penylan, who was a well known and respected inhabitant. Deceased had resided with her daughter at Mountain Hare, where she passed over. The funeral took place on Monday at Gellygaer, the Rev. J. C. Payne officiating.

“Merthyr Express” 15 June 1929

Obituary The death has taken place of Mrs. Prosser, Cwm Farm. She was 88 years age. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was a musical one, the chief Templar presiding.

Carmel Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev J. L. Williams, Swansea, preached edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. J. J. Lewis (Ap Morlais), with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

Fine David Morris, aged 25, collier, was fined 10 shillings for travelling on the G.W.R. without a railway ticket, and of attempting to avoid payment of his fare.

“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1929

Mass Meeting Mr. S.O. Davies, B.A., miners' agent, addressed an open air meeting on Tuesday evening, and dealt with many important events in connection with the work of the M.F.G.B. and local matters.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, presided over by Bro. B. Davies. The evening was set apart for “Topical Talks.” The Brothers and Sisters took for their subject, “Beer – what it is, and what it does.”

Victory Tea At the Co-op Rooms on Saturday evening, a tea and social took place under the auspices of the local Labour Party, to celebrate the victory of Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P. The place had been nicely decorated, and a large number were present, including Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., and his aged mother, Mr. John, headmaster of Tiryberth. The following were the trayholders: Mrs. Dd. Jones, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. B. Powell, Mrs. T. Jenkins, Mrs. T. Rowlands, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. W. Way, Mrs. P. Cumpstone, Mrs. Price, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. D. Evans, assisted by several other ladies. Miss Way and Miss I. Edwards took charge of the entertainment; the guess cake was taken charge of by Mrs. M. Lewis and Mrs. Smith. The organiser and caterer, Mr. B. Powell, is to be complimented on the excellent way he carried out his duties. After the tea, dancing and games were indulged in at the Old Library. The M.C. was Mr. T.H. Jones, and Mrs. O. Richards acted as pianist. The cake was won by Mr. Morgan, Deri.

“Merthyr Express” 29 June 1929

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, solos were given by Brother William Angell Davies, readings by Brothers Thomas Walters, Sam Lewis and Sister Ceridwen Ballard, and recitations by Sister Mary Morgan.

Mothers' Union A number of the members of the branch spent a delightful day at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday. Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, made special train arrangements, and the trip across the Channel was much enjoyed.

Nursing The many friends of Nurse Elizabeth Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence, Martin-street, will be pleased to know of her success in passing the final State examination. She received her training at the Merthyr General Hospital, where she has been for the last three years. This month she accepted the post of staff nurse at Monmouth Hospital.

Scholastic The following were successful in the recent entrance examination for Pengam, Hengoed and Bargoed: Millicent M. White, Annie M. Jones, Douglas J. Small, Stanley Jones. The following also qualified for the oral examination: Reg E.. Gittoes, Hilda Drage, Amelia Evans and Islwyn Mitchell (Pantywaun).

Personal Mr Lewis Haydn Angell, son of Mr. W. J. Angel, has passed his B.A. degree at Cardiff University.

“Merthyr Express” 6 July 1929

I.O.G.T. The evening was set apart for ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible.

Concert At the White Horse Inn on Saturday, in connection with the Pentwyn Pals Touring Club, a first class musical entertainment was given to a large audience. Mr. T. Halloran, Merthyr, who is totally blind, imitated numerous birds and animals almost to perfection, for which he was loudly encored. Mr. T. Lewis of Tredegar, sang "Sonny Boy." Another tit-bit was the singing by that well-known tenor, Mr. Eddie Thomas, Penybank, and Mr. Willie Tibbott of Dowlais.

Musical Success The friends of Mr. Claerwyn Davies, the brilliant bass baritone, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, will be glad to hear of his further achievements in the world of song. Madame Marie Rosing, London, the world renowned voice trainer, recently offered a three years free scholarship for the best voice in Wales. Of the the 280 competitors, Mr. Davies has been awarded a scholarship, and is to commence his studies next October in London.

“Merthyr Express” 13 July 1929

Hospital Mr. Walter Williams, Stoney Houses, Penybank, has undergone a successful operation at Merthyr General Hospital.

Outing On Saturday, a large number left Pentwyn by charabanc for Porthcawl. Members of the Gospel Hall journeyed by train to Barry Island.

I.O.G.T. A paper was read by Mr. T. J. Jones on the "Rainbow," and "Our duty to our neighbour."

Thanksgiving Service At the Parish Church on Sunday, a general thanksgiving service for the King's recovery was held, a very large congregation attending. An inspiring address was given by the Vicar. Special hymns were sung by the choir.

“Merthyr Express” 20 July 1929

Hospital The many friends of the son of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones, Pit-row, who is in hospital at Gellygaer, wish him a speedy recovery.

Cricket The Fochriw Cricket Club are bidding well to become champions again this season. Last Saturday they defeated Bargoed.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Biblical Questions," all taking part.

“Merthyr Express” 27 July 1929

I.O.G.T. The evening was set apart for ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible.

Interment At Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, Alfred Ernest, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones, fruiterer, was laid to rest. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Ernest Jones (father); Richard Jones (brother); Rees Powell, Jack Jones, Richard Jones (uncles); George Mantle and Percy Mantle.

Appointment: Coalfields' Distress Camp The many friends of Mr. Willie Adams Jones will be delighted to know that he has been chosen out of the teachers' leaders from the county of Glamorgan to take charge of boys from the various schools in the county at the camp school at Pendine, Carmarthenshire, under the auspices of the Coalfields' Distress Fund. The camp is admirably situated on the finest stretch of sand in the country, and caters for the physical and educational welfare of the boys. Mr. Jones is well fitted to fill this important position, being a musician of outstanding ability, and the conductor of the Fochriw Male Voice Party and other musical organisations.

“Merthyr Express” 3 August 1929

Cricket: Fochriw v Deri Played at Fochriw on Saturday in the Rhymney and District League. As the visitors were the only team to have defeated Fochriw this season, the game attracted a large crowd. Fochriw batted first and scored 69, J. O. Roberts contributing 38 runs. In reply, Deri scored 52, leaving Fochriw victors by 17 runs.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Harold Barlow, Guest-street, who is in hospital at Merthyr, wish him a speedy recovery.

Cricket Following their defeat of Deri before a record crowd, Fochriw defeated Rhymney on Monday by a big score.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was a reading by Brother Sam Lewis entitled "Logic," humorously illustrating the progress made by the rise during the last century. Brother Henry Thomas gave a reading.

“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1929

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Thursday evening, the chief Templar presiding. After the usual business was over, the evening was set apart for impromptu speeches, a good number taking part.

Gospel Hall Special convention services have been held this week, and were marked by much fervour. The special preachers are Rev. T. J. Lewis, Pencoed, and Evangelist Mrs. R. Jones, Dowlais, whose inspiring addresses were well received.

Outing On Tuesday, the annual outing of the St. Mary's Sunday School took place to Barry Island, when a large number of children and adults were travelled in the charge of the vicar and teachers. A very happy time was spent by all.

Bon Voyage On Monday, a hearty send-off was accorded to Mr. John O. Roberts, who has joined the Metropolitan Police. He is a brilliant athlete, being the star performer at the Fochriw Cricket Club, both with bat and ball, and is also a well-known footballer. He has also had a successful career on the running track. He is an old pupil of Lewis School, Pengam. His host of friends wish him good luck in his new sphere of life.

Wedding Bells: Kings-Leslie St. Mary's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Monday morning, the contracting parties being Miss Alice Gwen Kings, of Pantywaun Siding, and Mr. Lawrence Gordon Leslie of Newport. The Vicar officiated.

Wedding: Thomas-Saunders On Monday, a very pretty wedding was solemnised at Nazareth, Pontlottyn, the contracting parties being Mr. Thomas Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row, and Miss Lizzie Olwen Saunders, daughter of Mr. Job Saunders and the late Mrs. Saunders, Pontlottyn. The bride looked charming in a beautiful dress of beige with hat to match. The bridesmaids were Miss Sadie Williams, Rhymney, and Miss Elizabeth A. Evans, Fochriw, who were also dressed in beige. The best man was Mr. David Joshua Thomas, brother of the bridegroom. The wedding breakfast was taken at the bridegroom's home, where a large number of guests were entertained. Afterwards the happy couple left for Cardiff. They were the recipients of a large number of presents. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn.

Fine James Harding, aged 32, collier, of Fochriw, was fined 10 shillings for stealing timber value one shilling on July 16th. Police Sergeant Thomas gave evidence.

Bound over Gwladys Wright, aged 30, married woman, Pentwyn, was summoned for stealing coal valued at one shilling on 9th July. Police Sergeant Howells gave evidence. The defendant said her husband was ill with influenza and they had no coal at home, although they paid for it some time ago. Defendant was bound over to come up for judgement if called upon.

“Merthyr Express” 17 August 1929

Cricket: Fochriw v Rhymney Albions Scores: Rhymney 25; Fochriw 62 for six.

Fochriw v Abertysswg Scores: Fochriw 126 for 8; Abertysswg 42. William Morgan scored 56 for Fochriw, and Enoch Lewis 37.

Gospel Hall Enthusiastic meetings are being held every evening and are largely attended.

Obituary It is our sad duty this week to record the death of one of Fochriw oldest and most highly respected inhabitants in the person of Mr. Eli Worman, Upland Stores. We tender sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was a Welsh one, and was much enjoyed.

Presentation Before his departure to join the Metropolitan Police Force, Mr. John O. Roberts was the recipient of a beautiful silver cigarette case and holder, given by his many friends at the Fochriw Cricket Club, as a mark of esteem for his splendid sporting qualities and to show the great respect in which he is held. Mr. David Evans presided. The majority of members spoke.

“Merthyr Express” 24 August 1929

Royal Show Winners Congratulations to Mr. William Lewis and Mr. David Lewis who carried off the first prize in the timbering competition at the Royal Show, Cardiff.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was a miscellaneous one, all members taking part.

Fire Brigade Congratulations to the Fochriw Fire Brigade, who carried off three prizes in the five competitions and demonstrations under the auspices of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade at Bargoed on Saturday. Fochriw won the following events: four-man dressing competition; motor pump competition; and hose-running obstacle competition. The following were the successful team: District Officer W. J. Payne, Station Officer B. Evans, Firemen William Thomas, Percy Edwards, Jack Lawrence and Ernest Jones.

Laid to Rest The funeral of the late Mr. Eli Worman took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased was about the oldest inhabitant in the village, being 87 years old. He came to Fochriw at the age of 21

from Chard, Somerset. He kept a drapery business and also the Post Office for many others. He was a local preacher for nearly 60 years with the Primitive Methodists, and was known as the "Grand Old Man of the Rhymney Valley Circuit." He was instrumental in opening the little chapel at Fochriw, and here much good work was done until circumstances compelled the closing of the little Church. Always of a kind and genial disposition, his genial countenance will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. His wife died nine years ago. The funeral was a very representative one. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. R. J. Fenwick, after which the cortege wended its way to the churchyard, where the Revs. Fenwick and D. J. Dando, and Coun. W. A. Hancock officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William Cole (son-in-law); George Worman, Benny Worman, Charles Denner (nephews); Will, Stan, & Trevor Moore, A. J. Whale, W. R. Morris (nephews); George and Andrew Moore (cousins). Deep sympathy is extended to the bereaved family, especially with his only sister, Mrs. Moore, New Tredegar.

"Merthyr Express" 31 August 1929

Hospital Mr. Emlyn Evans has again entered Merthyr Hospital with the leg trouble from which he has long suffered.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme was "Topical Talks." Brother Jones also gave a short reading entitled "The Poetry of Flowers" from the book "In tune with the infinite."

Appointment Mr. Trevor Lawrence, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, has been appointed to the teaching staff at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He was a pupil at Lewis School, Pengam, before going to Carmarthen College. Miss E. Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence, has been appointed to the Caerphilly Schools' teaching staff, after a successful career at Bargoed Secondary School.

"Merthyr Express" 7 September 1929

Success At the Bedwellty Show on Monday, Mr. William Lewis and Mr. David Lewis were amongst the winners in the timbering competitions, adding to their long list of victories.

Scholastic The following local students were successful in the recent Central Welsh Board examinations: Miss Phyllis Evans, Miss Olive May Payne, Miss Edna May Morgan, and Mr. Elwyn Davies.

Hospital Mr. Edward Williams, Plantation-street, has gone into Merthyr General Hospital to undergo an operation. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, when Brother Thomas Walters presided, and the programme was "Ode Practice." Brother Willie Davies took charge for the evening and succeeded in producing some fine renderings of the various parts. Brother Walters played the piano. The meeting closed with prayer.

St. Mary's On Tuesday evening, a special service in connection with the Mothers' Union was held, the vicar preaching.

Football The many friends of Mr. Clifford Lewis, son of Mr. William Lewis, and the late Mrs. E. A. Lewis, will be pleased to know of his progress in the football world. This year he has signed on for Southend, and he is playing brilliant football. He has played for Aberdare, Lovell's and Portsmouth Reserves. His host of admirers wish him the best of luck.

"Merthyr Express" 14 September 1929

Stop Trucks Owing to a shortage of wagons at Ogilvie and Groesfaen Collieries, the workmen of the village have been unemployed.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, when a paper was read by Mr. Trevor Lawrence on "What life gains from death."

Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. Inspiring sermons were preached by the Rev. I. Hughes, Risca. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted singing, and Mr. D. J. Thomas presided at the organ.

Cricket Fochriw cricket team were again in fine form during the weekend. On Saturday, they defeated Rhymney St. Matthews. The scores were: Fochriw 47; St Matthews 27. On Monday, they defeated Rhymney Juniors, the scores being: Juniors, 3 all-out; Fochriw, 33 for 8. Fochriw are holding a leading position in the League.

Male Voice Party The party has resumed its practices after the summer holidays, and a very ambitious programme is outlined. Amongst other things, it is proposed to compete at the National at Llanelly.

“Merthyr Express” 21 September 1929

Ystrad Mynach Eisteddfod: October 12 "Dyddiau Dyn" - £10 and Chair. Secretaries: Messrs. W. Owen & W. J. Roberts.

Sheep Sale *The second annual sheep sale took place at Pentwyn on Thursday, and a very large crowd was attracted from all parts. A large number of sheep were sold at good prices, also cows, ponies, etc.*

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, presided over by Mr. Willie Angell Davies. An excellent paper "The training of the mind and will," was read by Mr. Thomas Howell Jones.

Funeral The funeral of Thomas John, the son of Mr. Terence Kelly, and the late Mrs. Maggie Sarah Kelly, Dynevor-street, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Rehearsal At St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, a large number of choristers from the parish of Pontlottyn and the parish of Fochriw and Deri, met for a rehearsal of the programme of music for All Saints' Festival. The United Choir was conducted by Mr. D. I. Jones, Pontlottyn, and the singing reached a high standard. Also present were Mr. Berkley Angell, conductor of St. Mary's choir, and Mr. John Owen, conductor of St. Peter's choir, Deri. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ

Success The numerous friends of Mr. John O. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, will be glad to know that he has been appointed to the staff of Gilfach School. Also, Miss Eileen Morgan, daughter of Mrs. Morgan, and the late Mr. William O. Morgan, (late headteacher at Fochriw), has been appointed to the staff of Brithdir Infants' School.

“Merthyr Express” 28 September 1929

Cricket Fochriw were again in fine form on Saturday last, defeating Abertysswg in fine style in a league match, thus qualifying them for to enter the final for championship honours.

I.O.G.T. The evening was set apart for "Old Time Music."

Success The numerous friends of Miss S. Magdalen Pugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pugh, Dynevor-street, will be glad to hear of her success at the examination of the Royal Society of Arts, passing in the following subjects: arithmetic, type writing and book keeping. She was a pupil at the Hengoed County School.

“Merthyr Express” 5 October 1929

Piles, Eczema: All Skin Troubles "Davalogen" cleanses, soothes, heals, 1/3, 3/-, at all chemists, or post free from Davies-Lewis Chemists, 167, Fratton-road, Portsmouth.

Personal Miss Mary L. Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, has taken up residence at Bangor Normal College to pursue the scholastic profession.

Noddfa Chapel Harvest Festival Services were held at the chapel on Monday and Tuesday, and were well attended. The singing was conducted by Mr. T. Evans, and Miss Hilda Phillips was the organist.

Fire Brigade Some of the members of the Fochriw section were present at Aberdare on Tuesday, to pay their last tribute of respect at the funerals of two members of the Aberdare Fire Brigade who lost their lives in the call of duty at the Aberdare Hospital fire.

I.O.G.T. At weekly meeting of the lodge, the following contributed to an excellent programme: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; solos, Brothers W. Davies, B. Davies, T. Walters; readings, Brother Sam Lewis; recitation, Brothers G. Thomas.

Scholastic Congratulations to Mr. Trevor Lawrence on passing his final certificate examination. During his time at Carmarthen Training College, he has also passed the Archbishop's examination. His college course has been a list of successes. In the sporting side of college life, he is a prominent member of college teams, including the hockey team. He was recently appointed to a teaching post in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Cricket: Fochriw Champions Fochriw scored a brilliant success on Saturday at Rhymney, where they were engaged in a battle royal with New Tredegar to decide who should be champions of the Rhymney Valley Cricket League. Fochriw batted first and scored 51 runs, J. O. Roberts scoring 19. New Tredegar followed, but the bowling of J. Davies and J. O. Roberts proved most destructive, and New Tredegar were all out for 26. Thus, Fochriw become champions for the second season in succession.

Harvest Festival Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. Mary's Church where held on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, and were well attended. The Church had been beautifully decorated with fruit, flowers and vegetables. The choir, under Mr. Berkeley Angell, rendered the anthem, "What are These?" (Stainer) in fine style, with Mr. Octavius Richards as organist. Sunday services were conducted by the Rev. D. T. Lewis, Trelewis. On Monday, the special preacher was the Rev. E. Illtyd Jones, vicar of Cilfynydd, and on Tuesday, the Rev. R. Ward, Rector of Dowlais. The fruit, flowers and vegetables have been distributed to the sick and needy.

"Merthyr Express" 12 October 1929

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the programme was "Harvest and Social Evening." Suitable hymns were sung.

Carmel Chapel Harvest Festival Services were held during the week. The singing was conducted by the Mr. J. J. Lewis, with Mr. Thomas Walters at the organ.

Mother's Union On Tuesday, members were addressed by Mrs. Rhys, Llanishen, who gave a most inspiring address.

Library Meeting The monthly meeting was held at the Old Reading room on Wednesday presided over by Mr. Sam Lewis. Several important matters were discussed, including improved facilities at the library Hut. Preparations were also arranged for the coming billiards tournament and handicappers were appointed.

Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. On Sunday, the vicar preached, and on Monday the special preacher was the Rev. E. H. Maddock, Abertysswg. The organist was Mr. Mitchell.

"Merthyr Express" 19 October 1929

In Hospital Mr. William Davis, Cwmbargoed, Mr. Edward Williams, Mr. Emlyn Evans, and Mr. Walter Williams, who are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, are progressing favourably.

Postal Facilities Quite a boon has been conferred on the village by the recent improved postal facilities. A delivery of letters now takes place at 7:00a.m.

Obituary We regret to record the death of Mrs. Margaret Thomas, wife of Mr. James Thomas, 10, Aelybryn, who passed away on Saturday, after a painful illness. To the bereaved family we tender our sincere sympathy.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, a debate took place entitled "Should bachelors be taxed?" between Brothers Sam Lewis and B. Davies.

Fatal Accident As the result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, Mr. Henry Richards, Penybank, was conveyed to Rhymney Hospital, where he died of his injuries. Sympathy is extended to the family in their sorrow.

Football The soccer code is booming in the village, and quite a decent team has been got together. On Saturday, they played Bargoed Stars, Fochriw winning by two goals to one. The scorers for Fochriw were H. Ballard and W. J. Jones. The captain of the Fochriw team is Mr. Bedford Edwards.

“Merthyr Express” 26 October 1929

Funeral Amidst manifestations of sorrow, Mr. Henry Richards, Chapel-row, Penybanc, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased, who was a well-known and highly respected inhabitant, met with an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, and received injuries from which he died. The Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. The chief mourners were: wife and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. David Evans (sister and brother-in-law; Mrs. Walters (sister); Mr. Lewis Richards (brother); Mr. and Mrs. William Evans (sister and brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. John Richards (brother and sister-in-law).

Obituary On Thursday, the funeral took place of the late Mrs. Margaret Thomas, Aelybryn, who passed away at the age of 33. Deceased, would suffered for about ten months, had borne her sufferings with great Christian fortitude, but in spite of the tender nursing of her mother and relatives, and all that medical skill could do, the end came quite peacefully. Deceased was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel, and of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir. The funeral was a very large and representative one, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. After the service at the house, the solemn cortege wended its way to the churchyard, all blinds en route being drawn as a token of respect. Deceased's favourite hymns were sung by the Carmel Choir, the Ladies' Choir, and the Fochriw Male Voice Party, of which deceased's husband is the accompanist. At the graveside the following officiated: Rev. D. Jones, the Rev. Richard Evans, and Rev. J. C. Payne. At the close, the Male Voice Party sang "Sleep thy last sleep." The chief mourners were: Mr. J. A. Thomas (husband); Messrs. W. R., Tom, Simon, David and Jack Lewis (brothers); Mr. J. G. Thomas (father-in-law); Messrs. John, Hy, and David Harris, James, David, William and Dan Lewis, Hopkin Davies, J. E. & Wat Arnold (uncles).

Football Fochriw were defeated at home on Saturday by Dowlais by 3 goals to 1.

Musical Congratulations to Miss Margery Lewis, who carried off the soprano solo at Brithdir Eisteddfod on Saturday.

Nazareth The half-yearly services were held on Sunday and Monday in connection with Nazareth C. M. Chapel. The preacher was the Rev. T. H. Crunant Davies, Llansamlet, who delivered fine discourses. The singing was conducted by Mr. Wm. Morris, and the organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and Mr. Wm. Davies.

Whist A whist drive was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne acting as M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss M. H. Williams, 2. Miss Eirlys Jenkins; Gents: 1. Mr. J. Harding, 2. Mr. Crad Ballard.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday evening. A very instructive paper was read by Mr. Higgs of Deri, entitled "The Influence of Christianity on Morality and Civilisation."

Ambulance An ambulance class is held every Friday evening at the Council School under the auspices of the Glamorgan Education Committee. Already 20 members are enrolled. The popular lecturer and instructor is Dr. T. Stenner Evans. A word of praise is due to Supt. John Morgan for his assistance with the classes.

“Merthyr Express” 2 November 1929

Fire Brigade The Fochriw section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade under the supervision of District Officer W. J. Payne, attended the unveiling ceremony of the War Memorial at Rhymney on Sunday.

Whist Drive At the Old Reading room on Thursday, under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, a whist drive was held. The M.C. was Sergeant Howells, and the winners were: Ladies: Miss Evans; Gents: Mr. W. A. Jones.

Whist Drive At St. Mary Hall on Monday evening, a whist drive was held, the M.C. being Mr. Walter Davies. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Jenkins, 2. Mrs. Pritchard; Gents: 1. Mrs. V. Wood, 2. Mr. Howells.

Harvest Festival The services in connection with Nazareth Church were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, with Mr. W. A. Davies at the organ.

Billiards The heats of the Christmas billiards handicap are being played at the Library Hut, and excitement is running very high. Some thrilling finishes are witnessed. Some of

the champions have already been defeated, and some surprises are sure to be seen in the final ties.

L.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday. The programme for the evening was "A Night with the Poets." The following contributed: Sisters Beryl Ballard, Nesta Evans, C. Jones, B. Barnard, and Mary Morgan.

Touring Club At the Co-operative Rooms on Saturday, a very enjoyable evening was spent by members and friends of the touring club. Tea was provided, and later a concert was given. Mr. John H. Evans, chairman of the club presided. Mr. O. Richards was the accompanist, and the soloists were Mr. Haydn Davies and Mr. Thomas J. Evans, and Miss Nesta Evans was the elocutionist. The concert ended with the singing, in typical Welsh style, of "Cwm Rhondda," and "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," the soloist being Mr. Bryn Roberts.

Concert On Friday evening, a children's concert was held at the Church Hall, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, with Mr. Eddie Davies as accompanist. The following contributed to programme: Doris Edwards, Mimi Lewis, Mary Lewis, Marion Gregory, W. J. Jones, Cyril Lewis, Gwennie Lewis, Mr. D. J. Williams, and Mr. Goronwy Tyler. A keen competition was witnessed in the singing competition - "Jesus loves me." The winners were Miss Mimi Lewis, W. J. Jones, Cyril Lewis, and G. Lewis. A laughable sketch entitled "The Rehearsal," brought a pleasant evening to a close. The characters were played by Mr. W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, G. Tyler, Vernon Payne, D. Strang, and A. Williams.

Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes On Saturday, at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, a concert was held, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. T. E. Phillips presided. Bro. S. Phillips spoke of the new scheme the lodge had in hand for the children of brothers. The programme was as follows: overture, Mr. S. Jenkins; song, Mr. Willie Evans; mandoline solo, Mr. D. J. Galliford; song, Mr. R. Hughes; song, Mr. A. J. Penny; song, Mr. W. M. Davies; comic song, Mr. Cyril Jenkins; song, Mr. W. Evans; comic song, Mr. C. Wigley; song, Mr. F Dummett.

"Merthyr Express" 9 November 1929

L.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, the chief Templar presiding. The evening had been set aside for ode practice, Brother Thomas Walters being responsible for the programme.

Mothers' Union The annual supper in connection with the St. Mary's branch, took place at the Church Hall on Tuesday. After supper games were played. The M.Cs. were Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Walter Davies, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano.

Concert At a Children's Concert at the Church Hall on Friday, the vicar presided, with Mr. Eddie Davies as accompanist. The following contributed to the programme: Mair Gittings, Rennie Angell, M. H. Ballard, Hannah Mantle, Jessie Jones, Mattie Jenkins, G. Puddle, B. Morris, Thelma Thomas, J. Davies, W. J. Jones, Mary Lewis, C. Lewis, Peter Jenkins, Doris Edwards, M. Lewis. Out of 14 entries for the singing competition, the first prize was won by Mary Lewis. A sketch entitled "The Haunted House," was played by Mr. W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, Rod Jones, D. G. Tyler, Mervyn Payne, and Idris Williams.

Dinner The Sheep Breeders' Association held their second annual dinner at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Thursday. Mr. T. Kinsey presided, supported by the secretary, Mr. L. Edwards. Mr. J. Herbert gave a very encouraging report from the buyers at the recent sale, who were well satisfied with the goods. Mr. Evans, vice-president, gave the history of the Welsh Mountain breed. Mr. Prynne encouraged the young farmers to carry on. Mr. Wigley sang several songs.

Fochriw Vocalist There was a large audience at the Hanbury Cinema, Bargoed on Sunday evening, when the Powell Duffryn Male Voice Party, under their conductor Mr. C. Tudor Jones, L.R.A.M., gave a benefit concert to one of their vocalists in the person of Mr. Claerwyn Davies, Brook Cottage, Fochriw. The chair was taken by Councillor Minhinnick. Mr. Davies, who is only 21 years of age, has been successful in obtaining the Rosing Scholarship, London, which is open to singers throughout Great Britain, and

he headed the list of 600 aspirants. The scholarship is valued at 250 guineas per annum, including tuition in eight languages. Mr. Davies has made a wonderful advancement in the last three years. His musical career reads like a romance. One day, he went to hear Chaliapine, the Russian bass, sing at a concert in Cardiff, and apparently, he was inspired on hearing the Russian's wonderful voice, and went in seriously for singing. He has broadcast from the Cardiff Studio, and holds the distinction of being the youngest bass to have appeared before the microphone. When the Royal Carl Rosa Company visited Cardiff last season, he was offered an appointment. Patrons of the Capitol, Cardiff, heard his powerful voice when he appeared there a short while ago on the week's engagement. According to the critics his range of voice is described as phenomenal, from bottom Double C to top B Flat. Mr. Davies is a former pupil of Lewis' School Pengam, but is now employed as a miner. He is also an all-round athlete, and was given a soccer trial for Wales when at school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 16 November 1929

Obituary The death occurred this week of Mr. Matthew Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street, at Rhymney Hospital

Armistice Day The solemn service was conducted by the vicar at the Parish Church, and two minutes' silence was observed. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. L. Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. Various organisations were present.

Obituary On Saturday, one of the oldest inhabitants of Fochriw in the person of Mr. Thomas Jones, Railway-terrace, who is in his 83rd years, was laid to rest at Pant Cemetery. He had been an official at the Fochriw Colliery until his retirement many years ago. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Rees Jones (son); David Lewis (son-in-law); Clifford Jones, Elvet Lewis, David Lewis, Thomas Owen Jones. The officiating ministers were Mr. David Thomas and Mr. William Jones, Dowlais.

Concert A Children's Concert was held at the Church Hall on Friday. The following contributed: Marion Gregory, Jessie Jones, Olga Chapman, Willie Walters, Winnie Evans, Rennie Angell, Mimi Lewis. In the reciting competition, the winners were Phyllis Barlow, Doris Edwards and W. J. Jones. The evening closed with a sketch entitled "A Day at School."

Festival On Wednesday, at St. Mary's Church, an All Saints Festival took place. The United choirs were present with their respective conductors, and rendered a fine programme of music. An impressive sermon was preached by the Rural Dean of Caerphilly, the Rev. E. L. Rhys.

Fire Fighters At a meeting in the Chief Fire Station, Bargoed, on Wednesday, several honours were conferred on the Fochriw section. District Officer W. J. Payne, and ex-Fireman George Jones were awarded silver medals for 20 years faithful service. Three certificates were awarded in recognition of Fochriw winning three prizes at the recent competitions. The presentations were made by Councillor W. A. Hancock, and Councillor Moses Price.

“Merthyr Express” 23 November 1929

Noddfa Chapel On Sunday last, a special baptismal service took place. Eleven candidates were baptised by the Rev. W. Williams, Llanelli.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, we regret to know he is in Merthyr General Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Poppy Day The sale of poppies was supervised by Mrs. S. J. Jones. A band of willing workers were busy selling, and a good sum was realised. The sellers were Misses Rosie Davies, Maggie Thomas, Mary Morgan, Gladys Lewis, Iris Edwards, Lilian Way, Nesta Evans, and Jessie Thomas.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar, presiding. The programme for the evening was a humorous one, all brothers and sisters taking part.

Band There seems to be a strong feeling in the village in favour of organising the one-time famous band. Such an event will delight all music lovers in the district. The old-time glory of the Fochriw Band, under the conductorship of Messrs. Robert Dawson and

William Powell, when they carried all before them in the competitive world, are still fresh in the memory of the residents.

British and Foreign Bible Society On Tuesday evening at Nazareth Chapel, under the auspices of the above Society, Mr. Moses Williams, Rhymney, presiding, an inspiring address was given by the Rev. Victor Hughes, vicar of Bedlinog. He gave a vivid account of the work of the Society, and appealed for support to carry on the great work. At the close, the speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. W. J. Payne, seconded by Mr. Jenkin Pugh. The energetic secretary is Mr. William Morris.

Concert On Friday evening, a children's concert was held at the Church Hall presided over by the Vicar. The following contributed to the programme: David Howells, Willie Walters, Mary Lewis, Doris Edwards, W. J. Jones, Phoebe M. Davies, Jessie Davis. The singing competition - "Jesus Bids me Shine" - was won by Mary Lewis, Cyril Lewis, W. J. Jones and Phyllis Martin. A laughable sketch "The Great Cure," concluded the programme.

"Merthyr Express" 30 November 1929

Hospital The many friends of Messrs. Watkin Williams, Pentwyn, and Mr. Willie James, Council Houses, will regret to know that they are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and will wish them a speedy recovery.

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday, under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. Willie Adams Jones.

St. Mary's Church On Sunday, the special preacher was the Rev. E. J. Edmonds, vicar of St. Catherine's, Caerphilly.

Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of Mrs. Ann Davies, wife of Mr. David Davies, undertaker, Aelybryn, which occurred on Monday. Deceased had been in ailing for a long time, but the end came suddenly. Sympathy is extended to the family in their sad hour.

Nursing The numerous friends of Miss Florrie Cole, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Upland Stores, will be pleased to hear of her further success in the nursing world. She has recently passed her C.M.B. examination, and is at present nursing at the City Lodge, Cardiff.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday, the programme for the evening being a musical one. The following contributed: violin solo, Sister Mary Morgan; solos, Sisters Nesta Evans, Beryl Ballard; pianoforte solos, Brother Walters; cornet solos, Brother Bob Rees.

Concert On Friday, a children's entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Freddie Williams, David Howells, Betty Edwards, Marion Gregory, Frances Adams, Rennie Angell, Jenny Morgan, Mary Lewis, Cyril Lewis, Minnie Lewis, W. C. Edwards, Gladys Lewis, Rhoda Jones, William J. Jones. The singing competition was won by Mary Lewis and William J. Jones; the impromptu reading by Ieuan Davies and J. A. Thomas. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Old Plantation," played by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Eddie Davies, Rod Jones and Goronwy Tyler.

"Merthyr Express" 7 December 1929

Obituary The death of Mr. Robert Jones, Brynteg-terrace, occurred on Monday. Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

I.O.G.T. The Lodge meeting on Thursday was presided over by Bro. T. Walters, Chief Templar. The following contributed to the programme: solo, Bro. W. Davies; reading, Bro. Dd. Jones.

Carmel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, and sermons were preached by the Glynmor John, M.A., Tylorstown. The singing was conducted by Mr. J.J. Lewis, with Mr. T. Walters at the organ.

Billiards At the Library Hut on Wednesday, the final of the billiards handicap took place. The finalists were Messrs. Bryn Rees and Gomer Davies, and the winner was Mr. Rees, who won by 17.

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the Penybank Council School under the auspices of the evening classes. The M.G. was Mr. Davies, schoolmaster. The prize winners were: Ladies, Miss E. Lewis; gentlemen, Mr. H. Ballard.

Male Voice Party The conductorship of the male voice party has been taken over by Mr. Thos. Walters, A.L.C.M., whose abilities in the world of music are well known, and with the hearty co-operation of the members, fresh laurels will be added to their list of victories.

Victory Supper On Saturday at Noddfa Vestry, a supper and entertainment took place in connection with the Fochriw Cricket Club, to celebrate their fourth victorious season, and as champions of the league. The following ladies were at the tables: Mrs. W. Walters, Mrs. D. James, Mrs. T.J. Evans, Messrs. M. Pugh, E. Lawrence, A. Lawrence, M. Davies, G. Thomas. A splendid programme of music was contributed by the following: overture, Mr. T. Walters; violin selections, Miss Mary Morgan and Mr. T. Walters; humorous items, Mr. H.B. Harris; solos, Messrs. D. James and B. Davies. The Cricket Club Glee Party conducted by Mr. Willie Morgan, redereed some very fine selections. Speeches were given by Messrs. J. Jones, league secretary; H. Williams, league treasurer; W. Williams, Deri. In the absence of Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, club chairman, Mr. Dan Jones presided. The energetic secretary is Mr. Harold B. Harris.

St. Mary's Hall A children's concert was held on Friday presided over by Rev. J.C. Payne, vicar. Mr. E. Davies was the accompanist, and the following contributed to the musical programme: Kathleen Williams, Doris Edwards, Marion Gregory, Margaret Rowlands, Doris White and friends, Mary Lewis and friends, David Howells, Jack Davies, Freddie Williams, W.J. Llewellyn, Willie Walters, Sydney Briffett, Willie Seaborne, Peter Jenkins, Goronwy Tyler, Norman Thomas, Berkley Hiscox, Walter Howells, D.J. Williams, Phyllis Barlow and Cyril Lewis (winner of the singing competition). The whole concluded with a very laughable sketch entitled "The Statues," played by the following: Messrs. W.J. Payne, D.J. Williams, Eddie Davies, Rod Jones, Goronwy Tyler and Peter Jenkins.

Obituary The funeral took place on Thursday of Mrs. Davies, wife of Mr. David Davies, Aelybryn. Deceased was a faithful worshipper at Nazareth C.M. Chapel. The funeral was at Pant Cemetery. The Rev. Richard Evans of Deri officiated, assisted by Rev. W.J. Evans, Sirhowy, Rev. G. James, Tafarnaubach, and the Rev. D.W. Jones, Libanus, Dowlais. The well known hymn, "Bydd Myrdd o Ryfeddodau," was sung at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. David Davies (husband); Tom, David John, Dan and Ben Davies (sons); Bert Evans, Gordon Davies, D. George Evans, A. Wright, A. Sayles, Wm. M. Davies, Sydney Evans (sons-in-law); Tudoe Evans, Vernon Davies (grandsons); John Boshier, Henry, Richard and Ben Jones (brothers); D. Tawe Jones, E. Beynon, Willie Davies, Robt. Davies, Wm. John (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Henry James John, Tom John, Dan John, R.V. Jones (nephews); J. Flye, Robt. Lewis, Tom Jones, Phil Rees (cousins). The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes.

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Appointment Mr. Harold Bernard Harris has been appointed warder at the Abergavenny Mental Hospital, and will take up duties this week. His loss will be keenly felt in the life of the village, for he was the energetic secretary of the Fochriw Cricket Club, and a leading member of the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, and also of the Fochriw Male Voice Party.

Memorial Service At Nazareth chapel on Sunday evening, a service in memory of the late Mrs. David Davies was held. She had been a faithful member and worshipper of the Church, and touching references were made to her life and character by the Rev. R. Evans, pastor. Reference was also made to the passing of Mr. Robert Jones.

Carmel Chapel On Sunday, a rehearsal in connection with the forthcoming Christmas Gymanfa Ganu was held, under the conductorship of Mr. S. Ashton, Merthyr Vale, when the singing reached a very high standard. Unfortunately, owing to the failure of the electric light, part of the evening's programme had to be abandoned.

Personal The many friends of Mr. Islwyn Davies, Brook Cottage, will be pleased to hear of his acceptance into the Metropolitan Police Force. He is a young man of splendid physique, and a keen sportsman. He is the brother of Mr. Claerwyn Davies, winner of the Rosing Scholarship.

Funeral On Saturday, the funeral of the late Mr. Robert Jones, Brynteg-terrace, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was 68 years of age, was well-known in the district. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Robert Parry, George Evans, Sydney Davies, David Harris Lewis (nephews); Rees Thomas and Thomas John Thomas.

Children's Concert A concert was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to a musical programme: Willie Walters, D. Howells, G. Tyler, D. J. Williams, F. Williams, J. Davies, Mary Lewis, Doris Edwards, Marion Gregory, Doris Wright, Cyril Lewis, Gwennie Lewis, Walter Howells. Several competitions also took place. The accompanist was Mr. Eddie Davies.

Honours Well deserved honours were conferred on the following members of the Fochriw section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade last week: late-Superintendent W. J. Ballard was promoted corps inspector of stores; Superintendent John Morgan, the long service bar for 20 years service; S. Barnard, the long service bar for 20 years service; T. Thomas was promoted honorary sergeant, and Mr. D. Jenkins, corps secretary, was presented with a case of pipes, and a walking stick for faithful services rendered.

Recreation Ground A meeting was held at the Old Library on Monday in connection with the above, when the secretary reported that great strides had been made during the last month. Through the generosity of Mr. A. T. Minhinnock, M.E., manager of the Ogilvie Colliery, the plan of the proposed ground had been completed. The next step would be to approach the landowner with a view to purchasing the ground. The following are the officials: chairman, Mr. E. M. Davies; secretary, Mr. R. Clark; committee, Messrs. S. Ballard, T. Davies, J. J. Lewis, ex-Sergeant Williams, J. Thomas, D. J. Evans, and Tom Jenkins.

Opera At Carmel Chapel on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday last, very successful performances were given of the opera, "The Bohemian Girl," by the Carmel Operatic Society, under the able conductorship of Mr. James J. Lewis ("Ap Morlais"). The singing, dresses and stage effects added greatly to the success of the opera. The chief characters performed by the following: Mr. T. Lewis; Miss Lilian Way; Mr. Haydn Davies; Miss Beryl Ballard; Mr. Emlyn Davies; Master Tudor Davies; Master Jimmy Pasc-Lewis. The scenic artists were Messrs. Idris Williams and D. James. The accompanists were Miss Nest Evans and Mr. Tom Walters.

Social A successful whist drive and dance took place at the Church Hall on Monday, under the auspices of the Mothers' Union of St. Mary's Church. The duties of M.C. for whist were ably carried out by Serjeant W. Howells, and for dancing by Mr. T. Howell Jones. Mr. Octavius Richards provided a fine selection of music. Prize winners for whist: Ladies: 1. Miss L. Rees, 2. Miss G. Thomas; Gentleman: 1. Mr. H. Ballard, 2. Mr. S. Jenkins.

Smoking Concert A grand smoking Concert, under the auspices of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion, was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday, when a large audience were entertained to an enjoyable programme. The concert was presided over by Mr. D. Martin Thomas, with Mr. Gilbert Harris as pianist. The soloists were: Messrs. F. Dummett, R. Price, H. Hiscox, D. D. Thomas, D. Harris, Jack Clifford, H. Ballard, H. Thomas, D. L. Evans, D. Tyler, R. Clark. The secretary, in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman and artistes, made a strong appeal to all ex-servicemen to join the branch, pointing out that there were over 200 ex-servicemen in the village.

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St Mary Hall A whist drive was held on Monday, the M.C. being Mr. Ernie Jones. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mr. Parkins, 2. Miss Rosie Davies; Gentleman: 1. Mr. Charlie Tyler, 2. Mr. Crad Thomas.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the following contributed readings: Sisters B. Ballard and Mary Morgan; solo, Sister Beryl Ballard.

Recreation Ground A public meeting was held at the Old Library on Thursday, to receive a report of the negotiations in connection with selecting a playing ground for the village. A detailed report was given by Mr. R. Clark, secretary, and it was decided to proceed with the scheme, and a representative committee was appointed to carry out the same.

Children's Concert A pleasant time was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday, the vicar presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Thelma Thomas, M. Evans, G. Lewis, L. Cole, M. Lewis, Marion Gregory, Beryl Morris, Betty Hiscox, Phyllis Barlow, David Howells, G. Davies, Gordon Price, Jack Davies, Fred Williams, Douglas Clark, Berkley Hiscox, David Cole. The singing competition was won by Miss Doris Edwards. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Wrong Flat," the following taking part: W. J. Payne, D. J. Williams, Rod Jones, G. Tyler, V. Payne, M. Payne, Helena Rees, Ursula Harris.

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I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the evening was set apart for Christmas talks.

Santa Claus At St. Mary Hall on Friday evening, a children's entertainment was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, when the following contributed to the programme: David Howells, David Cole, Lilian Cole, Ieuan Davies, Jackie Davies, Ernest Lester, Douglas Clark, Gerald Davies, Mimi Lewis, Berkley Hiscox, Gordon Price, Ewart Davies, Ronald Price, W. Seaborne, and L. Walters. The winners of the singing competition, out of 22 entries, were Mimi Lewis and Ron Price. Santa Claus was finally impersonated by Mr. J. Lawrence, and all the children were presented with presents from his bag. The accompanist was Master Vernon Payne.