

“Merthyr Express” 4 January 1936

Our Fochriw correspondent is Mr. W. J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace. Sales agent, Mr. D. Lewis.

Noddfa Church The gymanfa ganu of Noddfa and Nazareth churches was held on Christmas Day. The morning session was in charge of Mr. Trevor Lawrence. Master David Jones read a portion of the Scriptures, John and Moira Ballard gave a short prayer, and Marie Sullivan gave him recitation. In the afternoon, the chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones. The service was opened by Mr. Thomas Evans. In the evening, the chairman was the Rev. Richard Evans. Mrs. Edith Parry-Lewis opened the service. The organists were Miss Katie J. Davies and Mr. David J. Thomas. The singing reached a high standard, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence proved an excellent conductor.

Wedding: Maddox-Wood The wedding was solemnised on Saturday at Carmel Chapel, Dukestown, Tredegar, of Miss Doris Evelyn Maddox, Tredegar, and Mr. Alfred Slimmons Wood, Fochriw Farm. The Rev. Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, was attired in pink, with hat and shoes to match. The bridesmaids were Miss Jessie Llewellyn, Sophie Slimmon and Violet Maddox, who wore peach dresses, with hats and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. Ronald Llewellyn. A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George, Tredegar. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents. They will make their home at Tredegar.

Carmel Church The gymanfa ganu was held on Christmas Day. Mr. Thomas Walters and Miss Beryl Ballard were the accompanists. Mrs. Sam Lewis presided over the morning session. The introductory part was undertaken by Muriel Davies, Eliza Evans, Betty Evans and Linda Thomas. Solos were given by Mary Davies, Elaine Edwards and Violet Abbey; recitations by Huw Thomas and Leighton Millward. The afternoon service was presided over by Mr. Arthur Ballard. Miss Betty Jones read a portion of the Scriptures, and Nurse Ballard Davies led in prayer. Mr. David Lewis presided over the evening session. Miss Hannah Mantle read a portion of the Scriptures, and Mr. Daniel Davies led in prayer. Nurse Davies rendered a recitation, and the party led by Mr. Meirion Shankland sang. The conductor was Mr. Ashton, Aberfan.

Wedding: Baldwin-Adcock Miss Winifred Baldwin, 1, Dynevor-street, was married to Mr. Stanley Adcock, Leicester, at St. Mary Church on Boxing Day. Mr. Adcock is a foreman operator at a Leicester boot factory. Miss Baldwin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baldwin, Fochriw. She was formerly a nurse at the Groby-road Hospital, Leicester, where she obtained her training, and where she remained for a period of three years. She later transferred to the Fulham Palace-road Institute, London, where she became a staff nurse under the London County Council. The bride was attired in an ivory satin gown, with veil, and a head-dress of orange blossoms, and carried a sheaf of arum lilies. The bridesmaids were Miss Ivy Adcock, Northampton, who was attired in a mauve velvet dress, which head-dress and shoes to tone; Mrs. Betty White, Bargoed, and Miss Freda Brangwynne, Hengoed, both of whom were attired in white taffeta dresses in Victorian style, and white lace bonnets to match. Each carried posies of the mauve anemones and fern. The Rev. J. L. White officiated and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ. The best man was Mr. Cyril Adcock, Northampton. A reception was held at the Library Institute. At the Church door, the bride was presented with a pair of silver horseshoes by her twin nieces, Pam and Jane Faulkner of Market Rasen, Lincoln. Numerous presents were sent. Following the receptions, the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon on a motor tour, the bride being attired in a green two pieces costume trimmed with fur, with hat and shoes to match.

Silver Band The Fochriw Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, made a tour of the district on Christmas Day playing a programme of Christmas music.

Ex-Schoolboys Football On Boxing Day, a match was played at Fochriw between Fochriw and Tirphil ex-schoolboys. The visitors won by six goals to two. The proceeds were for Merthyr General Hospital.

Personal Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac. adjudicated at the Deri Eisteddfod on Saturday. Apart from being a brilliant pianist, he is a musician of note. He is preparing for his finals at Cardiff University.

Carmel Christmas Tree The children of Carmel had a decorated Christmas tree on Monday at the vestry. Miss Maria Jones conducted and Mrs. B. Ballard was the accompanist. Mr. Thomas Walters played the role of Father Christmas.

I.O.G.T. Sister C. Oliver presided. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. G. Evans in the loss of his mother.

St.. Mary's Church A midnight service was held at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Eve, conducted by the Vicar, who also conducted services on Christmas Day.

Forthcoming Oratorio A representative meeting was held last week to make arrangements for producing the forthcoming oratorio for Good Friday in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. J. Payne. It was decided to organise a choir of about 60 voices with Mr. Thomas Walters as conductor.

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Watchnight Service A watch night service conducted by the Vicar on New Year's Eve at St. Mary's Church, when an appropriate address was given.

Hospital Appeal The Christmas envelope appeal in aid of Merthyr General Hospital realised £5. Those who assisted were H. Thomas, W. J. Payne, P. Edwards, O. Harris, E. E. Jones, G. Lewis, N. Davies, K. Williams, M. Lewis, E. Lewis and Mrs. Davies.

Comedy Performance The local Dramatic Society performed the comedy "Ann" on Wednesday at the New Hall. The setting and effects added to the success of the performance which merits a tribute to the producer, Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and his company. Those who took part were W. Angell, D. J. Thomas, E. Thomas, Misses S. Jones, E. Lawrence and E. Matthews. Mr. D. E. Evans presided. The proceeds were in aid of Noddfa Baptist Church.

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Library and Institute On Friday, at the New Hall, Mr. R. Clark presided over a meeting, supported by Councillor Sam Lewis (vice-chairman) and Mr. D. I. Evans (secretary). The caretaker's report was accepted, and the financial report was very satisfactory. The auditors' report was given by Mr. J. I. Williams and Mr. J. H. Evans, and revealed a splendid year of progress.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at a meeting on Tuesday, and announced that under the Legion Children's Welfare Fund, members children had each been given 3p as a New Year's gift. Those present had a surprise invitation to supper from the local Unemployed Social Centre (women's section). Grace was said by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and the chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the branch members.

Funeral: Mr. Thomas S. Powell, 3, Aelybryn, aged 65 years The funeral of Mr. Thomas Powell took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Church. Mr. Powell was a native of Talyllyn. He had moved to Fochriw 58 years ago. He had been employed as a winding engineman at the local collieries. A keen musician, he had been for many years a member of the Fochriw and Trelewis Silver Bands. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were Messrs. Vivian S. Powell and R. Jones (sons); William Powell (brother); D. Lewis, S. Gilbert, D. Jones (brothers-in-law); Thomas Thomas and Thomas Jones (sons-in-law); W. Woodruff, W. J. Gilbert, A. Lewis, C. E. Lewis, W. Hitchens, G. Hitchens, J. R. Thomas, C. Thomas, D. Thomas (nephews); N. Thomas (grandson); C. Beaumont, R. Morgan, W. Edwards, John Jones. Mourners at the house: Mrs. F. Powell (wife); Mrs. S. Gilbert, Mrs. T. Hitchens (sisters); Mrs. M. Thomas, Mrs. P. Jones, E. Jones (daughters); Mrs. G. Wilson (niece); Mesdames Tippins, M Thomas, C Thomas.

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For The Hospital Mr. Thomas Walters and his mixed choir are rehearsing the famous book "Abraham," to be produced on Good Friday in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital.

I.O.G.T. Meeting The Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars met on Wednesday and was presided over by Sister Oliver. Brother Lewis gave the results of the biblical competition, and Sister E. Ballard was declared the winner. Papers were read by Bro. Walters, and Sisters Lewis and Ballard.

Link With The Past: Mr. Lewis Evans, Penybank Farm Mr. Lewis Evans was buried at Graig Fargoed Cemetery on Friday. He was one of the district's oldest and most respected citizens. He was the son of the late Mr. Lewis Evans. The family are held in the highest esteem throughout the district, and much sympathy is extended to them.

Annual Supper The annual supper of the Women's Section of the British Legion took place at the New Hall on Saturday. The tray holders were: Mesdames W. D. Davies, L. Thomas, Lewis, Morgan, T. I. Evans, L. Evans, Edwards, Barlow, Miss Phyllis Barlow, assisted by Mesdames W. Price, T. and S. Jones and H. Thomas. After supper, addresses were given by Mrs. Johnstone, Cowbridge, Wales Area Headquarters; Mrs. Yorke, Abertyswg, member, Area Council, Women's Section; Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones, president of the Women's Section; Mrs. S. J. Jones, vice-president; Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary of the Men's Section. Mrs. Ethel Lewis was the accompanist.

Annual Meeting: Welfare Association The meeting was held at the Old Library on Monday. The Mr. T. J. Jones presided, supported by a Mr. W. J. Payne, vice chairman; Mr. W. J. Williams, treasurer; and Mr. W. J. Davies, secretary. The chairman reviewed the work of the past year and said splendid work had been done, but the great difficulty was obtaining grants. The secretary read the minutes, which were adopted. Mr. G Walters, one of the auditors, then read the balance sheet for 1935. This was accepted. Officers for 1936 are: chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. W. J. Davies; Committee - representatives of Dowlais Collieries: Messrs. D. Lawrence, D. R. Jones, John Lewis, W. J. Williams; Ogilvie Colliery: Messrs. W. H. Knibbs, M.E., A. Jones; Groesfaen Colliery: Mr. D. Uzzell and Mr. Sydney Evans; outside members: Messrs. T. J. Jones, A. Ballard, W. A. Jones and Sergeant Jones. The workmen's representatives of the collieries will be appointed at their lodge meetings. It was also decided to allow the unemployed organisation to appoint two representatives on the committee. Mr. E. Evans was appointed collector.

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Choir's Success The Ladies' Choir, conductor Madam H. C. Davies, accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, won first prize at the Aberfan Eisteddfod on Saturday.

Memorial Service A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday in commemoration of King George V, and was well attended. The church had been decorated with royal and Legion colours. The Vicar gave an inspiring address.

Library and Institute The annual meeting took place at the New Hall on Thursday week, Mr. R. Clark presiding, supported by Councillor Sam Lewis (vice-chairman), and Mr. D. I. Evans (secretary). The chairman reviewed the past year's work and said much had been accomplished to improve the facilities of the Institute. An up-to-date heating apparatus had been installed, and a move had been made to centralise the various activities. It was also hoped that in the coming year something would be done to extend the present building. He thanked the Committee for their co-operation during his year of office. The auditor's report was given by Mr. J. H. Evans. Good progress had been made. Members had borrowed 2,098 books during the year. It was decided to take advantage of the Glamorgan rural libraries' scheme. Officers and Committee for 1936 were appointed as follows: chairman, Councillor Sam Lewis; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Clark; secretary, Mr. D. I. Evans; committee: Messrs. H. Wood, W. J. Payne, A. Mantle, R. Rees, D. J. Davies, J. Lewis, J. Davies, D. J. Jones, Jenkin Williams, Robert Thomas, Clifford Davies, David Jones, D. D. Thomas, J. Saunders and O. Davies; librarian, Mr. R. Clark; auditors, Mrs. J. H. Evans and R. Rees.

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Ladies' Glee Party The Party visited Cefn Forest on Saturday, and delighted a large audience with the singing.

Band Meeting The band met at the Rising Sun Inn on Friday, Mr. William Price presiding. The bandmaster gave his report and said that they had made good progress.

I.O.G.T. Sister Oliver presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge. Sister C. Jones was elected Chief Templar, and Brother D. Jones vice-templar. Sister Oliver and Brother Thomas Walters gave readings that were much enjoyed.

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Fochriw Dramatic Society Dance This was held on Thursday last. The M.C. was Mr. A. Cumpstone, and the music was supplied by the Regal Band, Rhymney. The winners of the spot dance prizes were Miss Margaret Robinson (Abertysswg), and Mr. Douglas Small (Pentwyn).

Band Meeting A meeting was held at the bandroom on Monday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr. John Phillips, a committee member, on the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ann Jones. Arrangements were made for the annual meeting and the forthcoming concert.

Mothers' Union The annual supper took place at the Church Hall on Tuesday. The tray holders and assistants were Mesdames White, W. J. Payne, W. D. Davies, H. Thomas, Lewis, B. Evans, T. Jones, Wright and V. Wood. After supper, games took place, with Mr. O. Richards as accompanist.

Tea and Social A happy time was spent at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening. The tray holders were Mrs. Sophie Slimmon, Mrs. Martha Davies, Mr. & Mrs. D. J. Davies, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. J. Jones, and able assistance was given by Mr. Richard Pugh, Mr. Wm. Lewis, Mrs. Edith Lewis and Miss Doris Davies. Games were in charge of Mr. W. A. Davies and Miss Phyllis Evans. The Rev. Richard Evans, who is making splendid progress after a severe illness, and Mrs. Evans were present.

The Late Mrs. Ann Jones, 30, Aelybryn-street, aged 79 The death has occurred of Mrs. Ann Jones. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T. Davies, Rhymney, officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Rhys Jenkins, Rhymney (son); Frank Strang, John Evans, Peter Drummond (sons-in-law); A. Gwynne (grandson); Wyndham Morgan (nephew). At the house: Mrs. F. Strang, Mrs. J. Evans, Mrs. P. Drummond (daughters); Mrs. Jenkins (daughter-in-law); Mrs. A. Gwynne, Miss Betty Evans (grand-daughters); Master D. J. Evans (grandson); Mrs. G. Rogers, Mrs. W., Edwards, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Wyndham Davies (nieces).

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Fireman's Appointment Mr. Ernest Jones left the district on Monday to take up his appointment as a permanent fireman on the staff of the Chief Fire Station, Bargoed.

Drama The St. Mary's Dramatic Society, producer Mr. W. J. Payne, delighted a crowded audience at the Hall, Ystradowen, on Monday, with their performance of the great drama "The Last Shilling." Rev. Leigh, Llansannor, presided.

Band Concert On Sunday, at the New Hall, the Silver Band, wearing their new uniforms, provided a musical treat. They were assisted by the boy soprano, Master Cliff Bumford, Aberfan, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as the accompanist. Mr. W. J. Payne presided.

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Wedding: Harris-Morgan The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Idris Morgan, youngest son of the late Mr. John Morgan, and Mrs. Morgan, Penybank, and Miss Agnes Harris, Deri. The bride was attired in a dress of pale blue crepe-de-chine with coat and hat to tone, and was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. Wyndham Morgan, the bridegroom's brother. The Vicar, Rev. J. L. White, officiated. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Drama Performance The St. Mary's Dramatic Society performed "The Last Shilling" at the Church Hall on Feb. 19th and 20th. The chairmen were Rev. J. L. White and Mr. E. J. Griffiths. The cast included Messrs. W. J. Payne, R. Hughes, P. Keane, W. Rees, G. Lawrence, S. Williams, D. J. Williams, W. J. Llewellyn, L. Deighton, S. Baldwin, Mesdames T. Jones, M. A. Edwards, Mary Hughes, and Misses Olive Payne, Lilian Mantle and Olive Jones. The stage managers were Messrs. W. Morris and L. Deighton, with Mr. O. Richards as the accompanist. Council Sam Lewis thanked the company, and the chairman said it was the best performance he had seen in the district. Mr. T. Ballard supported Councillor Lewis.

Silver Band The annual meeting took place on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The chairman said the band had made splendid headway under the conductorship of Bandmaster Mantle, with Mr. Bob Rees as assistant. There was still a heavy debt, but with co-operation, it would soon be wiped out. The auditor's report was given by Messrs. D. Lewis and J. H. Evans. Officers elected were: President, Mr. W. Knibbs; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. J. Jones, E. Pritchard, R. Slimmons, J. Evans, E. I. Griffiths and Police Inspector Hamens, Pontlottyn; chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice chairman, Mr. D. Griffiths; treasurer, Mr. W. Price; secretary, Mr. J. J. Lewis; contribution secretary, Mr. J. Phillips.

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Band Meeting The Silver Band elected the following committee: Messrs. J. Saunders, R. Slimmon, D. Griffiths, J. H. Evans, J. Phillips, D. R. Jones, B. Rees, E. Lewis, R. Morgan; auditors, Messrs. J. H. Evans and E. Lewis, with the officers and bandmaster.

Local Drama The names of Mr. Rod Jones and Messrs. W. D. Davies, John White, A. Palmer and W. J. Davies were inadvertently omitted from last week's report.

Concert A concert was held at New Hall on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Library Committee. Mrs. M. A. Lewis presided and the artistes were: boy soprano, J. N. Jones, Clydach; elocutionist, Mrs. N. T. Lewis; violinist, Miss M. Meyrick, Bargoed; accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. All the artistes excelled themselves, and Mr. D. J. Davies moved a vote of thanks.

Funeral: Mr. Daniel Jones, Station-terrace, aged 77 years The death has taken place of Mr. Daniel Jones. He was a native of Cardiganshire, but had resided at Fochriw for the last 50 years. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. George Jones (brother-in-law); Messrs. Daniel Jones, Howell Jones, James P. Lewis, I. Evans, D. E. Davies, I. Davies and Mr. Jenkins. At the house: Mrs. J. Lewis (sister); Miss M. Jones, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. D. Jones.

Funeral: Mrs. Jane Davies, 30, Martin's-street, aged 79 years One of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Jane Davies, has died in her 80th year. She was the oldest member of St. Mary's Church and of the Mothers' Union, and was widely esteemed. The funeral took place on Saturday, and was well attended. The Vicar officiated at the house, at the Church and at the graveside in Pentwyn Churchyard. The mourners included: Messrs. James M. Davies and W. J. Davies (sons); Bryn Rees, Windsor Rees, David L. Jones, W. Morgan (grandsons); W. H. Jones, Thomas Rees (sons-in-law); Rees Davies, W. Davies, Edwin Davies, David Llewellyn, Trevor Daniel, D. J. Price, J. Price, Fred Price, T. J. Price, A. Price, Ben Morris, J. Davies, P. Griffiths, M. Davies, R. Price, A. Kent (nephews); T. Owen. At the house: Mrs. W. H. Jones and Miss Rosie Davies (daughters); Mrs. Eva Rees, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Bengough, Mrs. A. Davies, Mrs. E. Davies, Mrs. D. Griffiths, Mrs. B. Morris (nieces); Mrs. K. Price, Mrs. S. A. Davies, Mrs. T. Owen and Miss Iris Edwards.

Carmel Social St. David's Day was celebrated at Carmel with a social and concert. A comedy entitled "The Promise" was performed by Messrs. B. Rees, T. Lewis, Mrs. T. I. Evans, S. Millward and Miss B. Ballard.

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Nazareth On Monday, a social was enjoyed to commemorate the Patron Saint. Games were in charge of Miss Phyllis Evans, and Mr. W. A. Davies. The chairman was Mr. W. Davies.

Hospital Mrs. Wyndham Morgan, Mrs. M. A. Lawrence and Mrs. F. Adams have undergone operations at Merthyr General Hospital and are making satisfactory progress.

Noddfa Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday. The Rev. Robert Griffiths, Pentre, was the preacher. This singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the organist.

British Legion The members of the local branch celebrated St. David's Day at the White Horse Inn, and a repast was served by the hostess, Mrs. Davies. A silent tribute to the fallen was observed. 'Our Patron Saint' was proposed by Mr. E. Puddle and responded to by Mr. W. Sullivan. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones gave "The British Legion," and outlined the work of the Legion in the district. "The Visitors" was proposed by Mr. A. H. Plaine, and was responded to by Mr. H. C. Seaborne. Items were contributed by Messrs. E. Thomas, D. J. Thomas, D. Wheeler, Percy Gwynne, W. A. Thomas, Jack Davies, J. Symons, W. D. Davies, F. Way, Billie Mills, R. Moore, T. Watkins. Mr. A. Sherman, Merthyr, was among those present.

N.S.P.C.C. A concert in aid of funds was held at New Hall on Thursday, when Councillor Sam Lewis presided. Those taking part were M. Davies, E. Thomas, E. Cumpstone, J. Sullivan, J. Slimmonds, Eira Davies, M. Ballard, E. Davies, M. Williams, M. Cole, E. Angell, B. Jones, M. Sullivan, L. Thomas, S. Puddle, B. Evans, E. Edwards, M. Davies, N. Evans, M. Davies, M. Cumpstone, T. Jones, T. Way, M. Lester, M. J. Evans, L. Jenkins, M. Davies, G. Harris, E. Davies, E. Way, M. Way, G. Llewellyn, M. Jones, M. Archer, J. Phillips, L. Mills, D. Taylor, M. Jones, S. Jones, A. Wright, G. Adams, J. Way, E. Evans, G. Harris, A. Thomas, Eleanor Angell. A one-act play, "Archibald," was produced by Mrs. A. Evans and Miss Matthews. The cast was: Misses W. Evans, B. Edwards, E. Evans-Jones, M. Rowlands, T. Thomas, A. Edwards, M. Evans, B. Jones, M. Williams, and Master L. Walters. Miss E. Mathews was the accompanist. The president is Mrs. Mathews and the secretary Mrs. M. Jenkins.

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Welfare Meeting On Friday, at the Old Library, a meeting of this the Association was held, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. It was learned that a further grant had been allotted by the Miners' Welfare Fund. Mr. W. A. Davies, secretary, said eight local boys would be allowed to go to the St.. Athan's Camp this summer.

County Library A visit was made to the library on Friday by Mrs. Williams, Bridgend. The Library Committee recently decided to take advantage of the Glamorgan rural library scheme, and as a result of the visit, a number of first class books will find their way into the library, whose readers took out over 2000 books last year. The librarian is of Mr. Ray Clark.

Church Mission An eight-days' mission has been held in the Parish Church by the Christian Students' Movement. The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Professor E. C. Rowlands, Lampeter College, and during the week by Lampeter students (Mr. Williams and Mr. Roberts). The services were conducted by the Vicar.

Noddfa Social A social, under the auspices of the Sunday School, was held at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday. The tray holders were Mrs. L. Williams, Mrs. J. Richards, Mrs. L. Harris, Mrs.. R. Thomas, Mrs. T. Thomas, Misses P. Davies, D. Evans and I. Evans. A Welsh sketch was performed, the following taking part: Mrs. P. Williams, Messrs. T. J. Jones, D. J. Thomas, B. Edwards and E. Thomas.

Nursing Successes Nurse Megan Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook Cottage, at the recent examinations held by the General Nursing Council, passed her final state examination. She is on the staff of Cardiff Royal Infirmary, where she received her training. Nurse Alice Kinsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Kinsey, Nantyffin, has passed her preliminary examination. She is at present at Merthyr General Hospital.

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Choral Society The Society is busy rehearsing the sacred cantata "Abraham" to be performed on April 9th in aid of Merthyr General Hospital.

Death: Mr. Thomas John Thomas, aged 39 years The death has taken place of Mr. Thomas John Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street, at the age of 39 years, after a long illness.

Parish Church The patronal festival was held at St. Mary's on Wednesday, the special preacher being the Rev. J. C. Payne, a former vicar of the parish.

Nazareth The pulpit was occupied on Sunday evening by Mr. James Brown, Deri. During the services, solos and recitations were given by Miss Dilys Haines, Miss Morfydd Brown and Miss Megan Brown. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist.

Carmel Cymanfa A cymanfa ganu was held at Carmel on Sunday, when the singing was of a high standard. The conductor was Mr. Meirion Shankland, and the organist Miss Beryl Ballard. The presidents for the morning, afternoon and evening services were Mr. Sam Lewis, Mr. A. Ballard and Mrs. D. Lewis.

Tea and Social To wind up a successful sewing class under Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, a tea and social were held at the Council School this week. The tables were presided over by the ladies of the sewing classes. After tea, games took place, the accompanist being Mrs. Evans. The secretary was Mrs. W. A. Davies, and the treasurer Mrs. R. Thomas

I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. Sister C. Jones presided. After the business had been transacted, a programme was contributed to by Sisters Ballard, Oliver, Jones and Lewis, and Brother Sam Lewis. This was greatly enjoyed.

Wedding: Thomas-Phillips The wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church on Sunday of Mr. Sydney Phillips, Pentwyn, and Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, Station-terrace. Both are active workers in the British Legion. Mr. Phillips is chairman of the Men's Section, and Mrs. Thomas chairman of the Women's Section. She is a faithful member of St. Mary's, being member of the Parochial Council and a Sunday School teacher. Rev. J. L. White, vicar, officiated. They will make their future home at Pentwyn.

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Nursing Nurse Ann Ballard, daughter of Mr. T. Ballard and the late Mrs. Ballard, Moore's-row, has been appointed sister at Stretford Memorial Hospital, Old Trafford, Manchester.

Parish Church The special preacher on Sunday was Rev. J. O. Williams, Rector of Gellygaer, who also addressed the Mothers' Union in the afternoon.

Appointment Miss Addie Lawrence, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Lawrence, Pleasant-view, has been appointed domestic science teacher at Deri and Brithdir Schools. She was domestic teacher at Rhoose and Llantwit Fadre.

Order of Moose A dance under the auspices of the Loyal Order of Moose was held at the New Hall on Monday. Music was supplied by the Arcadians' Dance Band and the M.Cs. were Mr. Idris and Arthur Cumpstone. The winners of the spot dance prizes were Miss Megan Meredith, Dowlais, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Sheen, Fochriw.

Dramatic Society The dramatic society, with Mr. Trevor Lawrence as producer, gave a fine performance at the New Hall on Thursday of the comedy, "The Laughter of Fools" (H. F. Maltby). The proceeds were in aid of Nazareth Chapel. The cast was as follows: Miss Rita Cole, Miss Mary Morgan, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Mr. T. J. Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss Eluned Lawrence, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Vernon Davies, Mr. David J. Thomas.

Funeral: Mr. Thomas John Thomas, aged 39 years The funeral of Mr. Thomas John Thomas took place on Saturday. Deceased was 39 years old and resided with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-street. He was a member of Noddfa Chapel. The Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Rees Thomas (father); David Thomas (brother) Charlie Lynch (brother-in-law); John Rogers, George Roberts, North Wales (uncles); Ted Roberts, Robert W. Parry, David D. Thomas,

Thomas J. Lewis, David Lewis, Sydney Davies, George Evans, Edward Jones, Evan Lewis and Andrew Lynch. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. Thomas (mother); Mrs. C. Lynch and Mrs. A. Catton (sisters); Mrs. D. Thomas (sister-in-law); Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. A. Parry (aunts); Miss Eleanor Roberts, Miss Mary E. Thomas, Mrs. D. R. Lewis, Mrs. Ted Roberts, Mrs. Syd. Davies, Mrs. David Lewis, Miss Phyllis Evans, Miss Margaret Edwards, Miss Mafanwy Jones, Mrs. H. Lynch (cousins); Morfydd Thomas, Betty Lynch, William Lynch, Sydney Lynch, Margaret A. Catton (nephews and nieces).

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Hospital Mr. Clark of Rhas Las, Mrs. Watkin Williams of Pentwyn, and Mr. Tom Jones, Hill-row, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are making satisfactory progress.

Band's President Mr. W. H. Knibbs, M.E., manager of Ogilvie Colliery, has accepted the presidency of Fochriw Silver Band.

Carmel: A Welsh Comedy The Welsh comedy "Mrs. Wills o' Wells," was admirably performed on Thursday last at the New Hall by Carmel Dramatic Society. The cast was: Mrs. W. A. Davies, Mr. W. Angell, Miss M. Morgan, Mr. W. A. Davies, Miss Iris Edwards, Mrs. O. Davies, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Gomer Evans, Mr. Bryn Cumpstone, Miss M. L. Thomas. The producer was Mrs. S. Lewis; secretary, Mr. B. Davies; stage manager, Mr. T. Lewis. Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. T. Rowlands presided. Mr. Rowlands and Mr. E. M. Davies moved and seconded the vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the performance a success. Helpful service was rendered by Mrs. A. Ballard, Miss M. Jones, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Mrs. L. Smith, Mrs. T. I. Evans, Mrs. D. James, Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. Lewis Evans, Miss C. Jones, Messrs. J. Davies, M. Shankland, D. James, Howell Thomas, Emrys Lewis and others.

Old Fochriw Resident Passes Away: The Late Mr. David Jones, Anwyllfan, Brynteg-terrace, aged 60: The death has taken place of Mr. David Jones. He had resided in the village for the whole of his life. His wife and three children all belong to the teaching profession; the children are still on the teaching staffs at Fochriw and Abertridwr. Previous to the closing of the collieries, Mr. Jones was a winding engineman with Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds. He had been a member of Carmel Chapel, and held the position of deacon. The Independent Order of Good Templars has lost one of its stalwarts. Much sympathy is extended to his wife and family. The funeral was a large and representative one. After a short service at the house, conducted by Rev J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, the cortege proceeded to Carmel Chapel, where an impressive service was held. The organist, Mr. Thomas Walters, played the "Dead March." The interment was made at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. R. Salmon and Pastor D. Thomas officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Willie Adams Jones, David Lawrence, Councillor Sam Lewis, Messrs. David Lewis, John Davies and Harry Smith. The chief mourners were: Messrs. T. Howell Jones (son); George Jones (brother); Thomas G. Davies, Emrys Davies, Thomas Walters, John Walters, George Walters, Daniel Jones, Howell Jones, Robert Thomas and Iorwerth Evans (nephews); Tom Miles, Richard Lewis, W. G. Davies, W. T. Davies, O. Jones, Tom Lewis (brothers-in-law); John Lewis, Leslie Lewis, Cliff Thomas, William Jones, Evan Hughes, Russell Evans, William Beddoe, Mr. Aubrey (nephews and cousins); Messrs. Evan M. Davies, Brinley Richards, and J. Lloyd Jones. At the house: Mrs. S. J. Jones (widow); Frances and Ann Jones (daughters); Mrs. M. Hywel Jones (daughter-in-law); Mrs. Jennet Davies, Mrs. Mary Walters (sisters); Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Alice Thomas, Mrs. Joan Goodfellow, Mrs. Ann Powell (sisters-in-law); Mrs. E. Thomas, Miss Maria Jones, Mrs. Mary Evans, Mrs. T. G. Davies (nieces); Mr. W. G. Davies, Mrs. M. Lewis, Mrs. M. Morgan, Mrs. M. Aubrey, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. French, Mrs. Evan Hughes, Mr. W. Jones, Miss Morwena Jones, Mrs. Evans (cousins); Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. A. Balalrd, Miss C. Jones, Mrs. W. Lewis. Amongst the general public were the following: County Councillor W. Kedward, Bargoed; the Rev. Tal Evans; Rev. G. George; Mr. J. Bevan; Mr. W. H. Hopkins; Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. A. Ballard (headmasters).

As well as from family and friends, there were floral tributes from the Star of Fochriw Lodge, and from the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion.

“Merthyr Express” 18 April 1936

Hospital Mrs. Baldwin, wife of Mr. Tom Bladwin, Glen View, and Miss Betty Simpson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Simpson, Aelybryn, were removed to Merthyr General Hospital on Easter Monday. Miss Simpson was operated on the same day and is making progress.

Good Templars At the Lodge meeting on Wednesday, held at Carmel Vestry, Sister C. Jones presided. A vote of condolence was passed with Sister S. J. Jones and family in their bereavement. The lodge has sustained a loss in the passing of a faithful and active member. A reading was given by Bro. Sam Lewis. Sisters Oliver & B. Ballard thanked Bro. Lewis.

Wedding: Thomas-Pearce The wedding took place on Saturday at Noddfa Chapel of Mr. William Pierce, Rhymney, and Miss Gwenda Thomas, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor-street. The bride, who was attired in blue satin, trimmed with lace, with hat and shoes to tone, was given away by her brother, Mr. Crad Thomas. The best man was Mr. John Thomas, and the bridesmaids were Mrs. M. Edwards and Miss L. Thomas (sisters) and Miss M. Pugh (friend), who wore lemon and green floral dresses with hats to match. The Rev. Jones, Deri, conducted the ceremony. Mr. W. A. Davies was at the organ. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

Wedding: Lewis-Jones A pretty wedding was solemnised at Trinity Chapel, Bargoed, on Monday. The Rev. Baker officiated. The contracting parties were Mr. Owen J. Jones, Pontllytyn, and Miss Gwladys M. Lewis, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway Terrace. The bride was attired in a grey typhoon crepe-de-chine dress, navy coat and grey hat, and was given away by her brother, Mr. Emrys Lewis. She was attended by her sister, Miss Doris Lewis, who wore a floral dress with navy coat and hat. Mr. Edward Lewis and Mr. Charles Pugh attended the ceremony. The reception was held at the bride's home.

Performance of "Abraham" A creditable performance of "Abraham" was given by the Fochriw Choral Society at the New Hall on Thursday, under the conductorship of Mt Thomas Walters, with Mr. D. J. Thomas as accompanist. Mr. W. J. Canton, vice-chairman of the executive board of the Merthyr General Hospital, presided, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Merthyr, Ald. Lewis Jones and Mrs. Jones, and Miss M. Richards, matron, were also present. The artistes were: soprano, Madame Gwladys Evans; contralto, Miss Bessie Davies; tenor, Mr. T. Cymro Thomas; bass, Mr. W. James Davies. "A musical feast" was the expression heard on all hands. The work of the choir was excellent, and they responded wholeheartedly to the demands made on them by their talented conductor. The Mayor thanked the people of Fochriw for their fine efforts on behalf of the hospital. Mr. W.J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to artistes and choir, and Coun. Sam Lewis seconded. Thanks were also accorded Mr. W. A. Davies, deputy-conductor, and Mr. M. Shankland who helped in the rehearsals.

“Merthyr Express” 25 April 1936

Motor Accident Mr. Garfield Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook-cottage, when out motorcycling on Monday, met with an accident, and received injuries which necessitated his removal to Merthyr General Hospital. He is making satisfactory progress

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday presided over by Councillor Sam Lewis. The financial statement was given and showed an increase in the finances of the Institute. Mr. Ray Clark, librarian, gave his report, and said that over 100 books had been received from the Glamorgan Rural Libraries Scheme, and facilities were available to obtain other books when desired. The caretaker's report was accepted. Reports were received concerning conduct of some members in the Institute. The committee took a serious view of the complaints. Steps would be taken to stop any misconduct in the building.

Hospital Collections The following sums were realised in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital: Brynteg, £1 18s 3d; Aelybryn, 19s 7d; Pentwyn, 14s 2d; Martin-street and Railway-terrace, 8s; Guest-street and Dynevor-street, 7s 7d; Brook-row and Council Houses, 6s 5d; Pantywaun, 4s; Penybank, 3s 1d; Williams-row and Pit-row, 2s 7d. The total was £5 3s 9d. The collectors were: Misses J. Jones and W. Evans; Mesdames S. Jones and L. Evans, Palmer, Richards and A. Davies, Misses C. J. Williams, J. Mills, N. Ballard, . Mantle, M. Williams, M. Lewis, R. Price, M. Owen, Mesdames S. Lewis, H. Thomas and W. J. Payne.

Fochriw Vestry The Easter vestry was held Church Hall on Tuesday, when the vicar presided. The financial statement presented by the churchwarden, Mr. W. J. Payne revealed a credit balance on all accounts. Officers were elected were: people's warden, Mr. W. J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. T. Gambling; parochial church council: secretary, Mr. T. Jones, auditor, Miss R. Davies, Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. Phillips, Miss R. Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Tom Baldwin, W. D. Davies, O. Richards, A. Palmer, G. Evans and T. Jones; sidesman: Messrs. W. D. Davies, Gordon Lawrence, Windsor Rees, A. Palmer, Bryn Rees, T. Jones, O. Parry. G. Baldwin, G. Evans, C. Ballard, Frank Way, Albert Way.

“Merthyr Express” 2 May 1936

Welfare Association A meeting took place at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. T. J. Jones presiding. Mr. W. A. Davies tendered his resignation as secretary, and Mr. R. Clark was appointed in his place.

Drama: "The Last Shilling" The St. Mary's Dramatic Society visited Llanharry on Thursday, and gave a performance of the drama, which delighted a large audience.

Funeral: Mrs. Ann Jones, 28, Martin's-street, aged 72 years The death has taken place of Mrs. Ann Jones, wife of Mr. David Rees Jones. Deceased was a member of St. Mary's Church. Mr. Jones is an official of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at Nantyffin Levels. The funeral took place on Tuesday. After a service at the house conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to Fochriw Station, and then to Pant Cemetery for internment, where the vicar again officiated. The mourners were: Mr. David Rees Jones (husband); Messrs. T. Summers (brother); Edward Jones, W. H. Jones, R. Pugh, Hywel Jones (brothers-in-law); John and Willie Summers, Henry Morgan, Stephen Jones, Stephen and Josiah Kinsey, T. Roberts, James Jones, Tom Williams, W. Whitby, D. Lloyd Jones, Windsor Williams, Wyndham Morgan, Tom Williams, John Duggan (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Gay, Mrs. Kinsey, Mrs. Jones (sisters); Mesdames T. Summers, R. Pugh, H. Jones, W. H. Jones, Mutlow (sisters-in-law); Mrs. Sullivan, Misses Magdalene and Esther Pugh, Mesdames W. J. Payne, S. Jones, W. Morgan (nieces); Ll. Jones and Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 9 May 1936

I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Lodge was held on Wednesday at Carmel Vestry. Bro. D. James gave readings.

Nazareth The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. W. Adams Jones. The organists were Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. W. Lawrence.

Silver Band Mr. Bob Rees presided over the meeting last week. Mr. J. J. Lewis stated that engagements had been accepted for Merthyr, Pontllytyn and Bedlinog. It was proposed to enter competitions during the summer.

Funeral: Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Morgan, Panywaun Cutting, aged 48 years The funeral took place on Thursday at Pant Cemetery of Mrs. Elizabeth Mary Morgan, wife Thomas D Morgan, signalman. Deceased was a native of Llwydcoed, Aberdare. Rev. Evan Elias, Dowlais, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. T. D. Morgan (husband); Miss Rhoda Morgan (daughter); Douglas Morgan (son); Mr. and Mrs. David John Morgan, Port Talbot (brother and sister-in-law); Mrs. Smith and Mr. S. Morgan, Cardiff (sister and brother); Messrs. J. Tibbott, W. Tibbott, Joe Tibbott, Moses Jones and Williams.

Schoolboy Football A match was played on Tuesday between Fochriw Schoolboys and Ystrad Mynach Schoolboys (winners of the Caerphilly and District Schools League), in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The visiting team was accompanied by Mr. David Jones, headmaster, an old Fochriw boy. Mr. T. J. Jones as referee. The visitors were winners 4-0.

“Merthyr Express” 16 May 1936

Labour Party On Wednesday evening at the Old Library, Councillor Sam Lewis gave a report of the work done in connection with Gellygaer Council, of which he is the ward representative.

Miners' Meeting A meeting was held at the Hall on Wednesday evening presided over by County Councillor W. J. Kedward, Bargoed, and addresses were given by Mr. Albert Thomas (miners' agent, Bargoed) and Mr. Sydney Jones (miners' agent, Blackwood).

Funeral: Mr. Morgan Parry, Cwmbargoed (late of Pentwyn), aged 74 The death has occurred of Mr. Morgan Parry. He worked for many years at the old colliery as carpenter and sawyer and was for many years an active worker and sidesman at Pentwyn Church. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn.

I.O.G.T. A meeting under the auspices of the Star of Fochriw Lodge took place at Carmel Vestry on Wednesday evening. Mrs. C. Jones, chief Templar, presided, and Brother Oliver was responsible for the evening's programme - a "Spelling B." He was thanked by Brothers Lewis and James.

Library and Institute A meeting took place at the Hall on Monday, Councillor Sam Lewis presiding. The librarian, Mr. Clark, stated that over 1,000 books had been borrowed by readers during the last four months. The Glamorgan rural library scheme was in operation and a number of books issued.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the Library of Thursday, Mr. T. J. Jones presiding. Amongst the new members welcomed was Mr. W. H. Knibbs, ME, representing the Powell Duffryn Colliery Company. Permission was given for the Fochriw Silver Band to play at the Welfare ground during the summer months.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips announced at a meeting of the Fochriw branch that progress was being made in the matter of augmenting the Children's Welfare Fund. The Branch selected Mr. J. Lloyd Jones as delegate to the national conference at Buxton.

“Merthyr Express” 23 May 1936

Gospel Hall Special services were held during last week and were well attended. They were conducted by Pastor W. Hill, Aberkenfig.

Band Meeting Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting last week. Mr. J. J. Lewis, secretary, gave his report, and arrangements were completed for a busy programme of engagements during Whitsun week.

St. David's Church The annual meeting of St. David's Church, Pantywaun, took place on Thursday. The Vicar presided, supported by the Churchwardens. The statement of accounts was given by Mr. A. E. Kings, and showed a balance on the right side. Addresses were given by the vicar and churchwardens. The officers elected for the year were: secretary, Mr. A. E. Kings; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Williams; Council, Messrs. W. H. Williams, A. E. Kings, J. Ralph, Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. Bradley.

Supper and Presentation At the Rising Sun Hotel, the headquarters of the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. on Monday, a supper and presentation took place. A musical programme followed the supper, and later presentations were made of silver cigarette cases to Kt Vincent Wood, and Primos Ernest Jones and T. L. Jones, active members of the Order, on their departure from the district. The presentations were made by Mr. John Lloyd Jones and the recipients responded. The chairman was Mr. William Price. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. J. J. Lewis, Tom Powell, Eddie Thomas, W. J. Davies, G. Llewellyn, C. Shankland and Ieuan Griffiths. Mr. D. J. Davies was the accompanist and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Seaborne Williams.

Funeral: Mr. Morgan Parry, Pentwyn, aged 74 The funeral of Mr. Morgan Parry took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Parry was a native of Llyswen, Breconshire, and had lived at Pentwyn for many years. The funeral took place from the house of his son, Mr. William Parry, Pit Cottages, Cwmbargoed. The Rev. David Thomas, Fochriw, and Mr. Lucas, Merthyr, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. W. T. Parry (son); Mr. Frank Prosser (adopted son); Loughor, Cliff and Glyn Parry (grandsons); Messrs. Thomas Davies, Cefn, and W. D. Groom, Llanfairfechan (nephews); and David V. Jones. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Parry (widow); Mrs. M. G. Parry (daughter in law); Miss A. Parry (sister); Mrs. D. M. Jones and Miss M. A. Parry (granddaughters).

Pontllytyn Police Court Idris Williams was summoned for not displaying a letter "L" on the rear of his motor-cycle while still a learner. He said that the letter was on the machine when he started his journey. The case was dismissed on payment of costs.

Edward Price was summoned for stealing coal value one shilling, the property of Powell Duffryn Co. The case was dismissed as this was his first offence. P.C. Wadley said he saw the defendant leaving the outcrops with "clean coal."

"Merthyr Express" 30 May 1936

I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Wednesday, Sister C. Jones presiding. The programme for the evening consisted of Bible Stories, Sisters Jones and Oliver contributing. Bros. Walters and Oliver were chosen as auditors.

R.A.O.B. Meeting A meeting of the Brynderwen Lodge took place at the Rising Sun Hotel on Monday. Mr. W. T. Pegg presided. A report of the Provincial Grand Lodge was given by Kt H. C. Seaborne. The Lodge has made steady progress with Mr. S. Williams as secretary.

British Legion Concert A concert in aid of Children's Welfare Fund was held at the New Hall on Thursday, when the Aged Comrades' Party, Dowlais, gave a high-class programme. Mr. T. J. Jones presided. The event was organised by the women's section. The party were entertained to a repast. It is anticipated that the fund will be considerably augmented as a result of the concert.

"Merthyr Express" 6 June 1936

Nazareth Special services were held on Sunday. Sermons were delivered by the Rev. D T. Morgan, Pencoed. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

St. Mary's Church Special services were held on Whit Sunday. The preacher was the vicar.

Silver Band The Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, had a busy time over Whitsuntide. On Sunday evening they played at Cyfarthfa Park in aid of Merthyr General Hospital; on Monday, at Pontllytyn; and on Tuesday at Cyfarthfa Park again for the Fate and Gala in aid of the hospital.

Welfare Association Meeting Mr. T. J. Jones presided. Captain Mason is paying of visit this week.

"Merthyr Express" 13 June 1936

Obituary The death has occurred of Mrs. S. A. Edwards, wife of Mr. Wyndham Edwards, Brook-row, in her 50th year.

Carmel Annual Meetings These took place on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. A. E. Grant, Rhymney, preached powerful sermons, and the choir-master and organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Hospital Master Harry Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans, Aelybryn, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, is making progress. Also, Mr. David Davies, Dynevor-street, who is at Talgarth Hospital.

Welfare Ground Captain Mason, chief organiser of the Welfare Association, visited the Welfare ground on Friday, and was met by Mr. T. J. Jones (chairman), Mr. W. J. Payne (vice-chairman), and other members of the committee. Captain Mason was very pleased with

the laying out to of the Children's Corner and arrangements were made for the erection of a shelter. A discussion took place regarding the football and cricket grounds.

“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1936

Properties For Sale No 8. Plantation-terrace, Fochriw; Nos. 11 & 12 Brynteg-street; No. 14 Aelybryn-street.

I.O.G.T. Sister C. Jones presided over the weekly meeting. The evening was set aside for competitive translation of hymns from Welsh to English and vice versa. Sister E. Ballard was the winner.

Welfare Association A report of Captain Mason's visit was given by the chairman at the meeting at the Old Library on Thursday. Four boys selected for a week's holiday at St. Athan's Camp were: T. J. Lewis, B. Thomas, O. Smith and J. Evans.

Funeral: Mrs. M. A. Budd, 6, Glyn-terrace, aged 80 years The death has taken place of Mrs. M. A. Budd, wife of Mr. James Budd. Mrs. Budd was active until a week before her death. She was a member of the Nazareth Chapel. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, when the Rev. Richard Evans and the Rev John Price, Aberystwyth, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. James Budd (husband); Charles Budd (son); Daniel Jenkins, Aberystwyth, Thomas J. Jenkins, John Jenkins, Thomas Jenkins, Berkley Angell (cousins); Thomas Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Syl Jenkins, W. Angell, B. Angell, J. Griffiths, T. J. Evans (nephews). At the house: Mrs. C. R. Budd (daughter-in-law); Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. T. Jenkins, Mrs. Price (cousins); M. J. Griffiths, N. Evans (nieces).

Funeral: Mrs. Sarah Ann Edwards, Brook-row, aged 50 The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Ann Edwards, wife of Mr. Wyndham Edwards, took place on Thursday last. Mrs. Edwards was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, White Horse Inn. The vicar officiated at St. Andrew's Church and at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. W. Edwards (husband); John Aldwyn and Trevor Edwards (sons); George Neils (son-in-law); Percy Edwards, David J. Jenkins (brothers-in-law); John, Tom and Percy Milward, Hugh and Willie Mantle, Eddie Jones, John E. Edwards, Harry Williams (nephews); Bert Evans, W. Evans, Myrddin Evans, Tom Davies, Oliver John, John Owen, Mr. Tams, Harry Oakley (cousins); Mr. Maloney. At the house: Mrs. E. Neils and Mrs. G. Jarvis (daughters); Master Donald Jarvis (grandson); Mrs. M. A. Mantle (sister); Mrs. Percy Edwards (sister-in-law); Mrs. S. Wootten (cousin); Mrs. Evans (aunt); Mrs. M. A. John, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Tom Davies (cousins); Misses Iris, Betty and Peggy Edwards (nieces).

Pontlloftyn Police Court: Indecent Language Thomas Jones of Fochriw was fined ten shillings, the case being stated by P.C. Wadley.

“Merthyr Express” 27 June 1936

Scholastic Successes Margaret W Ballard, Havard S. Davies, and Annie Thomas, pupils of Fochriw Council School, are amongst those who passed the county scholarship examination in the Gellygaer area.

Pontlloftyn Court Case Thomas Jones, 20, Brynteg-terrace, wishes it to be known that he was not the person of the same name who was summoned at Pontlloftyn Police Court last week.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The Secretary dealt with the correspondence, and Mr. Emrys Lewis give a report of the Brass Band Association meeting at Cardiff. The treasurer gave the financial report. Arrangements were made for engagements at Bedlinog and Fochriw. The band-master gave his report on the progress of the band.

Local Musician's Success Mr. Wyndham Price Lawrence, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Emlyn House, who is an old student of Bargoed Secondary School, has attained the Bachelor of Music degree at Cardiff University. He is the first in the history of Fochriw to hold this honour. Mr. Lawrence has been the organist at the Welsh Methodist Church for a number of years. He was presented with a public testimonial when he entered the University

and his success has justified the confidence in him. Last Christmas, Mr. Lawrence conducted the gymanfa ganu of the joint chapels - Noddfa and Nazareth. He has been for many years the accompanist of the Male Voice Party, the ladies' Choir and the Children's Choir.

Funeral: Mr. William Samuel Roberts, 4, Glyn-terrace, aged 73 years The funeral of Mr. William Samuel Roberts took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday and was well attended. His wife died 11 years ago. Previous to the closure of the Fochriw Collieries he was employed as an engineman. He had seen much active service in his young days with the Welsh Regiment in Egypt. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. John Owen, William Samuel Thomas Alban (sons); John S. Edwards (son-in-law); David Rees (grandson); John Garrett, Daniel Garrett (brothers-in-law); Roland Williams, T. J. Williams, Richard Williams, W. Williams, J. O. Jones, H. Humphreys (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Williams (sister); Mrs. M. H. Jones (daughter-in-law); Mrs. L. Davies (sister-in-law); Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Western, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Denner (nieces); Miss Griffiths, Miss W. Edwards, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Payne.

Wedding: Harris-James The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. William James, youngest son of Mrs. James and the late Mr. T. James, Council Hoses, and Miss Rachel Harris, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Harris, Martin-street. The Rev. J. L. White, vicar, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle-length dress of white satin, white kid shoes, bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of carnations. She was attended by Mrs. Tegwen Williams and Miss Janie Jones. They were attired in ankle-length blue crepe-de-chine dresses, silver shoes, blue satin bands as headgear, and carried bouquets. The flower girls were Thelma Way and Mary Williams (cousins), and the pages were Margaret Jones (bridegroom's niece) and David Parry (nephew of the bridegroom). Mr. Ieuan Griffiths was the best man. The reception was at the Old Library, and later the happy couple left for Cardiff.

Sale of Valuable Freehold and Leasehold Dwelling Houses: For Sale by Public Auction at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dowlais, on Tuesday, 7th July, 1936 at 7.30p.m, the following properties:

Lot 6:- All that leasehold dwelling house known as No. 14 Aelybryn Street, Fochriw, let at an annual rental of the £26. These premises and held for a term of 99 years from 29th September, 1901 at an annual ground rent of 18 shillings.

Lot 7: - All that leasehold dwelling known as No. 8 Plantation-street, Fochriw, let at an annual rental of £19 10s.. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from 25th March, 1912 at an annual ground rent of £1 10s 3d.

Lots 8a & 9: - All of those leasehold dwelling houses known as Nos. 11a and 12 Brynteg-street, Fochriw, let at annual rentals of £19 10s. each. These premises are held for a term of 99 years from 25th March, 1912 at annual ground rents of £1 5s. and £1 7s 2d respectively.

“Merthyr Express” 4 July 1936

Gospel Hall Special services are being held during the week at the Gospel Hall, conducted by Brother and Sister G. Davies, who are home on furlough from South India.

Ambulance Inspection The annual inspection of the Dowlais and Taff Valley Ambulance Corps will be held on July 11th. The parade will be headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, and it will mark the 30th year of ambulance work at Fochriw.

Student's Success Mr. Willie Williams, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Williams, Brynteg-terrace, has obtained the degree of B.Sc. at Cardiff University. Mr. Williams is at present studying medicine at the University of Wales.

Meeting A meeting was held at the committee room Rising Sun Inn on Thursday to promote a fund to give all old age pensioners in the village an outing. After discussion, it was decided to organize the event about the end of August. The following officers were appointed: President, Dr.. Monnelly; vice-presidents, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. E. Cumpstone,

Coun. Sam Lewis, Mr. E. Pritchard; chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. R. Clark; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Evans; secretary, Mr. D. J. Davies.

Funeral: Mrs. Mary Thomas, 11, Brynteg-terrace, aged 67 years The death has taken place of Mrs. Mary Thomas. Before coming to Fochriw, she resided at Tirphil. The funeral took place on Monday at Capel Brithdir, the Rev. J. R. Salmon officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Chapman, W. Griffiths, D. Lewis, W. Lewis, E. Pritchard, T. Davies and B. Rees. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Bargoed (son and daughter-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Shankland (sons-in-law and daughters); Melvyn, J. H. Saunders, Edward, Tudor, Windsor, Gladys and Millie Chapman (nephews and nieces); Mr. Joe Gough (brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Trigg, Mrs. G. Powell (cousins).

Funeral: Mr. James Williams, 3, Rees-row, Pentwyn, aged 54 years The death has taken place of Mr. James Williams. He had lived in the village for the whole of his life, and for many years had been an active member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. J. R. Salmon and J. C. Evans officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Iorwerth M. Williams and Mr. Glanmor Williams (sons); Messrs. and John Williams, Dowlais; Ben Williams, Bargoed; David Williams, Pontlloftyn; Thomas Williams (brothers); Messrs. D. T. Davies, F. W. Gibbons, George Wheeler (sons-in-law); Masters Geraint J. Davies, Gordon and Haydn Gibbons (grandsons); Messrs. B. Evans, C. Ballard, H. Morgan (brothers-in-law); John Richards, Edward Idris Williams, T. J. Powell, J. Pullen, John Pullen, W. Pullen, W. T. Morgan, Edward Evans, Alfred Morgan, David and Glyn Meredith (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. J. Williams (widow); Mrs. F. Gibbons, Mrs. D. T. Davies, Mrs. G. Wheeler, Misses May Williams, Mair Williams, Eirwen Williams, Thelma Williams (daughters); Mrs. H. A. Williams (sister); Margaret Davies (grand-daughter); Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. D. Jones, Mrs. B. Evans, Mrs. C. Ballard, Mrs. T. J. Morgan (sisters-in-law); Mrs. H. Morgan, Mrs. S. Elias, Mrs. T. Morgan, Mrs. I. Williams, Mrs. D. Meredith.

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

Star of Fochriw Lodge On Wednesday, the Lodge debated on the question, “Is following the fashion a weakness?” The leaders were Bros. James and Lewis, and against were Bro. Oliver and Sister C. Ballard. Sister C. Jones presided.

University Successes Mr. David Emlyn Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Evans, Moore’s-row, a student at Aberystwyth University, was successful in his recent examination. He is an old Bargoed Secondary School pupil. The name of Mr. P. Kearne, nephew of Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, appears in the honours list at University College, Cardiff.

Legion Meeting Mr. Syd Phillips presided at the lat meeting of the branch, when Mr. J. Lloyd Jones gave a report of the national conference held at Buxton. Members of the women’s section were also present, and the officials of the Benevolent Committee. Mr. Lloyd Jones was thanked for his address. It is contemplated that the children’s outing will be to Porthcawl on Saturday, August 8th.

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Silver Band The band give a concert before a large crowd at the Welfare ground last week.

I.O.G.T. The meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday at Carmel Vestry, when Sisters C. Jones presided. Sister Oliver gave the "History of a Pot of Raspberry Jam," and Sister Ballard gave a humorous reading. Brothers B. Thomas and T. Walters and Sister Lewis also took part.

Golden Wedding On Monday, at the Old Library, the ladies of the social centre organised a social evening to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Burkley Angell. The guest of honour was of Mrs. Elinor Angell, who was presented with a fancy jug. The good wishes of those present were expressed. The tray holders at the tea were Mrs. L. Thomas, Mrs. B.

Angell, Mrs. W. Davies, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. M. Shankland, Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Cumpstone. There were about 70 persons present.

Pensioners' Fund A meeting in connection with the Old Age Pensioners' Outing Fund was held at the Rising Sun Hotel on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The chairman extended a welcome to Sergeant Mourton and P.C. Wadley who were present for the first time. Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary, reported that Mr. J. Bevan, and Dr. Monnelly had accepted positions of presidents. He had also sent out a number of appeals and some had already responded. The Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, would be giving a performance of the drama, "The Luck of the Draw," on July 23rd, at the New Hall, to raise funds. It has also decided to organise a whist drive and dance on 28th July. Mr. Idris Cumpstone was appointed M.C., with Messrs. E. Pritchard and T. J. Jones as assistants. The date of the outing is 27th August. P.C. Wadley was appointed assistant secretary. Mr. J. H. Evans, treasurer, gave the financial position up to date. A sub-committee was appointed to organise the whist drive and dance.

Golden Wedding Mr. Burkley W. Angell and Mrs. Elinor Angell, 21, Aelybryn, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday, 10th July. Mr. Angell was born in Rhymney. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Angell, who came to reside at Fochriw when he was very young. Mrs. Angell was born at Dowlais, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins, who also came to reside in Fochriw 63 years ago. They have lived in Fochriw ever since and are held in high esteem. They were married in Adulam Chapel, Merthyr, by the Rev. James Jones, late pastor of Carmel Congregational Church. It was his first wedding. Previous to her marriage, Mrs. Angell was on the teaching staff of the Fochriw schools. Mr. Angell has worked at the collieries of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds for 59 years, far the greater part in an official capacity as overman and firemen. He is a musician of local repute and has been for many others choirmaster at the Parish Church. In his younger days, he conducted many choirs to victory at eisteddfodau, and produced many operettas. To celebrate the golden wedding, a home gathering was held, at which the happy couple were surrounded by their children and other members of the family. The children present were: Mrs. B. Shankland and Mrs. R. Davies (Maentwrog), Mrs. J. Griffiths (Pengam), Messrs. Willie Angell, Burkley Angell, Mrs. E. Hiscox (Luton), and Mr. Tom Angell (Lewisham). They were the recipients of a number of telegrams, greetings and good wishes.

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I.O.G.T. A meeting this held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The programme for the evening was "A Night of Recitation," and all present took part.

School Outing A number of children from the Fochriw Council Schools, accompanied by the head teacher, Mr. T. J. Jones and other members of staff, journeyed on Friday last to Whipsnade Zoological Park. The party arrived home at 1:15am after an enjoyable day.

Funeral: Mr. Frank Way, 1, Glen View, Pentwyn, aged 73 years The death took place suddenly on Saturday of Mr. Frank Way. He appeared his usual self on Saturday morning, but was taken suddenly ill and died later. He was a native of Devonshire, and had served with the Devon Regiment for 12 years. He had resided at Fochriw for 25 years, and was a faithful member of the Parish Church, holding the offices of parochial councillor and sidesman for many years. Sympathy is extended the widow and family. The funeral was well attended, and the Vicar officiated at the house and at St. Andrew's Church, where Mr. O. Richards was the organist. The mourners were: Messrs. William, Frank, Fred and David Way (sons); Stewart Jones (son-in-law); Walter Way, Fred Way (brothers); Messrs. Frederick and Albion Way (grandsons); Arthur Holland, George Holland, James Way, W. J. Way, Fred Way, Rufus Wood, Attwell Wood, Albert Way, Bert Way, Albert Yeo, W. Davies, Tudor Evans (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. F. Way (wife); Ada and Eliza (daughters); Mrs. C. Way, Mrs. J. Way, Mrs. E. A. Way (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Wood (sister); Mrs. L. Way (sister-in-law); Elsie Wood, Nelly Yeo, Lena Davies, Mary Way, Lilian Evans, Grace Wood, Mrs. Llewellyn (nieces).

Tea and Baby Show The annual tea and baby show of St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday last. The baby show attracted a record number of entries. The judges for the baby show were Mrs. S Lewis, Dowlais, (late sister at the Merthyr General Hospital), and Sister Irene Thomas, Merthyr General Hospital. The Vicar introduced the judges and thanked them for their kindness. He also thanked the mothers for bringing their babies. The winning babies were: Up to six months: 1. Thelma Matthews, Deri; 2. John Samuel Wills, Pontlottyn. Six to twelve months: 1. Audrey F. Hollister, Fochriw; 2. Gwylfa Thomas, Pantywaun. Twelve to eighteen months: 1. Elwyn John, Pontlottyn; 2. David Williams, Fochriw. Tea was served later, and the following ladies attended the tables and cutting: Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Deighton, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. W. Davies, Mrs. T. Jones, Miss Joan Phillips, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Ethel Lewis, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. O. Richards, Mrs. B. Davies, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss Alice Mills, Miss Gladys Wells, Miss Nancy Davies, Miss Betty Edwards.

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The Late Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest residents, Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards, Aelybryn, at the age of 68. Much sympathy is extended to the family.

St. David's, Pantywaun On Sunday last, the preacher and celebrant in the morning was the vicar, and in the evening the preacher was Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden.

Scholastic Successes As a result of the recent examination, the following will enter Bargoed Secondary School: Douglas H. Clark, Harry Evans, Garnant Jones (pupils of Fochriw Mixed School), Glyn Williams (Penybank Council School). Llewellyn D. Jones (Fochriw), gained entrance to Bargoed Technical School.

Good Templars The Lodge met on Wednesday at Carmel vestry, when Sister C. Jones was re-elected chief Templar for the coming quarter, and Brother D. James, vice-templar. The programme for the evening was a singing competition. Brother James made the arrangements and the competition proved very interesting. Sister Beryl Ballard was awarded the prize.

Welfare Association A meeting took place at the Old Library on Monday, presided over by Mr. T. J. Jones. Arrangements were made for the erection of the shelter at the children's playground. A report on the interview with the Commissioners was given by Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. R. Clark and this was very satisfactorily received. It was decided to invite applications from boys to attend St. Athan's Camp. It was reported that a grant had been made for library books, and a sub-committee was appointed to select the books and make any other arrangements. That treasurer explained the financial position up to date.

Death: Ex-P.C. William Cumpstone, aged 96 The burial took place last week at Buildwas Churchyard, in the Severn Valley, Shropshire, of ex-P.C. William Cumpstone, in his 97th year. Father of Mr. Ernest Cumpstone and Mr. Percy Cumpstone, Fochriw, he had served for 35 years in the Shropshire and Staffordshire police force, and for the last 42 years had been water bailiff of the River Severn. He saw the last three men who were hung outside Stafford gaol. The funeral was a representative one. The bearers were members of the Shropshire police, under Inspector Machin, Ironbridge. Mr. Cumpstone had been a churchwarden and sidesman for many years. His wife died six years ago and he is survived by four sons and three daughters.

Drama Performance Under the auspices of the old age pensioners' scheme, the Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, gave an excellent portrayal of the drama "The Luck of the Draw," with Mr. D. J. Phillips as producer. The chairman was Councillor Sam Lewis, who complimented the party and artistes on their fine performance. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Berkley Davies, and seconded by Mr. Edward Lewis.

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Fochriw Musician's Degree Mr. Wyndham Price Lawrence, who has gained his Mus. Bac. degree, was "capped" at the City Hall, Cardiff, on Saturday last. He is one of the most popular and versatile residents of his native place. For many years he has been organist at Nazareth C.M. Church. He has been appointed an accompanist at the Pontlottyn annual eisteddfod, and an adjudicator at the Central Hall Eisteddfod, Bargoed. He has given his services for charity on many occasions.

Appointment Miss Katie Jones-Davies, Fochriw, has been appointed headmistress of South Bargoed Infants' School, after having held the position of headmistress at Cowbridge Infants' School for ten years. Miss Davies is the daughter of Mrs. Davies and the late Mr. J. Davies.

Pulpit News The sixth annual convention was held at the Gospel Hall during the week. The special preacher was Pastor J. Evans, Pyle. The preacher at the Parish Church on Sunday evening was the Rev. George White, curate at Derby, and son of the Vicar of Fochriw and Deri.

Daffodil Day Daffodil Day, in aid of the League of Nations, took place on Saturday, and raised £1 10s. The organiser was Mrs. S. J. Jones, Brynteg-street, and the following helped: Mrs. Stanley Jones, Mrs. S. Phillips, Misses Wynda Edwards, Nancy Davies, Jessie Jones, Winnie Evans, Mary Morgan, Monica Williams.

Choir's Success Fochriw Ladies' Choir scored another success at Aberdare on Tuesday by winning the first prize. The choir possesses an excellent body of voices, and is carefully trained by Madame H. C. Davies, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist. The secretary is Mrs. T. Evans, and the treasurer Mrs. O. Davies.

R.A.O.B. Outing The members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. organised a trip to Hereford on Tuesday, taking a large number of children. The party numbered about 60. Dinner and tea were taken at the Garrick Hotel, the party returning home via Monmouth. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. R. Mills, secretary.

Whist Drive Under the auspices of the Old Age Pensioners' Outing Fund, a whist drive and dance took place at the New Hall on Wednesday. The M.C. for whist was Mr. Edgar Pritchard and the winners were: ladies: 1. Mrs. M. Jones, 2. Mr. W. Rees; gents: 1. Mr. D. J. Price, 2. Mr. E. Thomas. The winners of the spot dance were Mr. Willie Evans and Miss Joan Lewis. The following attended to the refreshments: Mrs. Mourton, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. D. J. Davies, and Mrs. J. Williams. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. D. J. Davies and P.C. Wadley. The treasurer was Mr. J. H. Evans.

Wedding Bells: Pritchard-Roberts The Parish Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday. This ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Payne and the Rev. J. L. White. The contracting parties were Miss Mavis Pritchard, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Pritchard, Aelybryn, and Mr. William Richard Roberts, Pontlottyn. The service was fully choral, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white satin beaute and veil, white train edged with silver cord, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by Miss Muriel Constance Pritchard (sister), Misses Nancy, Bronwen and Cissie Roberts (sisters of the bridegroom), Rosaline Wellings, Betty Wellings and Margaret Higgins (cousins of the bride) and Miss P. Roberts (cousin of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of white taffeta, with pink sashes, silk veils, with shoes to match, and carried bouquets of pink and white roses. The train-bearers, Miss Bronwen and Cissie Roberts, were attired in white and pink crepe-de-chine, with shoes to match, and head-dresses of silver leaves. The best man was Mr. Trevor Roberts. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. They were the recipients of numerous presents, and will make their home at No. 1, Plantation-terraces, Fochriw. The car arrangements were made by Mr. Vivian Powell, Dynevor-street, Fochriw.

Funeral: Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards, 7, Aelybryn, aged 68 The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards, wife of Mr. Thomas Edwards, took place on Saturday. Deceased was one of Fochriw's oldest citizens. A service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans

and the Rev. J. L. White. They also officiated at Pentwyn Churchyard. The mourners were: Messrs. Thos. Edwards (husband); William, Henry, Thomas Benjamin and David Edwards (sons); John, Tom and Phil Mantle, Thomas Charles Sullivan (grandsons); Albert Mantle, Tom Sullivan (sons-in-law); Henry, Thomas and Benjamin Evans (brothers); William S. Edwards and Charles Edwards (brothers-in-law); D. W. Thomas, T. L. Evans, Harry, Edward, Thomas John, Edgar, Willie, William Thomas, Edward Evans, W. J. Payne, M. Williams, P. Edwards, T. Jones, D. H. Jones, T. Kelley, J. Dawkins, J. L. Dawkins, R. Williams, J. Morgan, W. Bennett, M. Evans, P. Davies, H. Pritchard, W. Smith, B. Edwards, W. Williams, Bertie Edwards, J. Edwards, C. Edwards, A. Jones, W. Morgan (nephews); Coun. Sam Lewis, David Evans, D. Williams, ME, W. Rees, D. Phillips, W. Forward, R. B. Davies (cousins). At the house: Mrs. A. Mantle, Mrs. T. Sullivan (daughters); Misses Phyllis Davies, Marion Sullivan, Enid and Margaret Edwards, Master John Edwards (grandchildren); Mrs. W. H. Edwards, Mrs. T. B. Edwards, Mrs. D. C. Edwards (daughters-in-law); Mrs. J. Edwards, Mrs. M. Evans (sisters-in-law); Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. D. H. Jones, Mrs. J. Dawkins, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. J. Morgan, Blodwen and Sarah (Dowlais), Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. R. Williams, Mrs. B. Edwards, Miss G. Edwards, Mrs. D. Williams, Mrs. K. Evans (nieces); Mrs. W. Way, Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Davies.

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Silver Band Mr. William Price presided over a meeting on Thursday. A vote of condolence was passed with the bandmaster Mr. Albert Mantle in the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Edwards.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, Mr. T. J. Jones presiding. The meeting was called to consider the Commissioner's terms with regard to voluntary labour for making the football and cricket grounds.

Old Age Pensioners A meeting in connection with the Outing Fund was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The secretariess gave a report with regard to the drama. The treasurer gave the financial position. This revealed the splendid work carried out. It was decided to take all the old age pensioners to Barry Island and provide two meals on September 2nd.

“Merthyr Express” 22 August 1936

To Camp On Monday, a party of women left to spend a week at Dimlands, Llantwit Major. The party was connected with the Social Centre.

Good Templars A meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. Sister C. Jones presided. A cordial welcome was extended to Sister A. Ballard and Mrs. Sharples of Bolton. The programme was "Question Night," and questions of an educational character was asked and answered. All members took part.

St. David's, Pantywaun, Annual Tea The annual tea party took place on the Thursday, the event being favoured with fine weather. The tray holders and cutters were: Mrs. J. Kings, Mrs. J. Bradley, R. T. Mitchell, C. Higgs, W. Bradley, A. Plaine, J. Ralph, A. Davies, D. Gallurs, G. Emerson, D. Ede, Eunice Bradley, Mair Williams, M. Morgan and C. Thomas. Splendid service was also rendered by Mr. A. E. Kings (secretary), W. H. Williams, Percy Davies, Henry J. Bradley and W. J. Bradley. A few visitors attended from the Parish Church.

Carmel On Sunday evening, a children service was held at Carmel. The introductory part was conducted by Muriel Davies, Betty Evans, Eliza Evans, Desmond Kelly and John Evans. Solos were rendered by Megan Davies, Enid Davies, Marie Davies and Jennie Davies; duet, Muriel Davies and Gwladys Harris; recitations, Linda Thomas, Leighton Millward, Betty Evans, Eliza Evans and Betty Jones. The party were Terence Williams, John Evans, Elaine Edwards, Bronwen Hollister, Violet Abbey, Enid Davies and Marie Davies.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at a meeting on Tuesday. Matters discussed included the Children's Welfare Fund and the report of the last district meeting. Councillor

Sam Lewis was welcomed, and his survey of the Urban District Council work was much appreciated. He was thanked by Comrade Puddle and Comrade Prowle. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones referred to the visit of Captain Duncan Arthur and Mr. Hake from the South Western Area of the British Legion. It is felt that as a result of the visit, branches in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset will do more in their effort to assist the Welsh branches undergoing the difficulties associated with a distressed area.

“Merthyr Express” 29 August 1936

Hospital Mr. Leslie Cowles, Hill-row, Pentwyn, is a patient Merthyr General Hospital, where he has undergone an operation.

For the Hospital A concert will be held at the New Hall on Thursday, September 3rd, by the Glyndwr Concert Party, who are giving their services free to help the Merthyr General Hospital. It is hoped that the public will rally round and help the hospital as funds are needed to carry on the noble work.

Library and Institute Meeting Councillor Sam Lewis presided over a meeting on Wednesday at the New Hall. The secretary reported progress with the repairs at the Old Library. Mr. W. D. Davies was appointed to substitute the caretaker during his holidays.

Old Age Pensioners' Fund A meeting of the Fund was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. Mr. D. J. Davies (secretary) and Mr. J. H. Evans (treasurer) gave their final reports. Final arrangements were made to take the pensioners to Barry Island on 2nd September. Buses will leave at 10am. Dinner and tea will be provided.

Silver Band's Progress A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The secretary dealt the correspondence, and the auditor's report was given by Messrs. J. H. Evans and E. Lewis. The financial position was satisfactory, and it was decided pay a further instalment of the debt on the instruments. The band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, and comprising chiefly young players, has made splendid progress.

£15 Fine For Milk Offence John Slimmon, a farmer, of Fochriw, pleaded not guilty to selling milk deficient in butter fat on 6th July. Police Sergeant William Hamilton said he purchased a pint of milk from Slimmon, who said he obtained the milk from James Jones, Tynewydd Farm, Brecon, and that the milk arrived by rail each morning. The analyst's certificate showed that the sample of milk submitted was deficient in milk fat to the extent of not less than 20 per cent. Police Superintendent G. Griffiths said that he met the train on July 8th at Fochriw station on which the milk for Slimmon arrived from Brecon. He took a sample of the milk, and the analyst's certificate showed that it was genuine milk. Slimmon said he emptied the milk from one can to another and should have emptied it back again, but it was a very wet day. The Stipendiary: The analyst's certificate of the milk of the producer casts a certain suspicion around your head that it was adulterated. Slimmon: I would not attempt to tamper with it. The Stipendiary: We are satisfied that you adulterated this milk with your own hands. This kind of thing cannot be allowed to go on, and we would be lacking in our duty if we did not impose a punishment that will stop you doing it again, and as a warning to others. You are fined £15. There is no blame attached to the producer of the milk, although you tried to cast a reflection on him.

“Merthyr Express” 5 September 1936

I.O.G.T. The chief templar presided. All present took part.

Gospel Hall Services were conducted at the Gospel Hall during the week, when addresses were delivered by Mr. and Mrs. E. Lee, missionaries from West Africa.

Children's Corner A shelter has been erected at the children's playground at the Fochriw Welfare Ground. The corner is considered one of the finest of its kind in the Valley.

Scholastic Success Mr. Leslie G. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Brynteg-street, has passed the final examination in arts at the Technical College, Cardiff. Before entering the college, he was a pupil at Lewis' School, Pengam.

Pensioners Outing The outing took place on Wednesday to Barry Island. The winner of the stopwatch competition was Mr. E. Davies, Cwmbargoed. Mr. Gus Jones, jeweller, presented the committee with a watch.

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Choir Outing Fochriw Ladies' Choir held an outing to Swansea and Mumbles on Saturday, the trip being made by motor-coach. Mrs. T. Evans was the secretary, and the treasurer was Mrs. O. Davies.

Noddfa Special Services The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, when the Rev. W. T. Hughes, Nantyglo, was the preacher. Mr. D. J. Thomas was the organist, and the conductor was Mr. T. Evans.

Miners' Meeting A meeting was held on Sunday at the New Hall presided over County Councillor W. J. Kedward, Bargoed. Mr. Albert Thomas, miners' agent, was the speaker, when a report dealing with the Bedwas dispute was given.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, Sister Oliver gave a reading, and Mr. Huw B. Thomas gave an account of his holiday experiences at Aberystwyth. They were thanked by Sister Lewis and Bro. James.

Library Committee Mr. R. Clark presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Monday. A discussion took place with a view to centralising the activities of the Library and Institute in the Central Building.

British Legion Under the auspices of the Children's Welfare Fund, a party of 200 children and adults proceeded to Porthcawl on Saturday. Mr. E. J. Williams and Mr. W. T. Pegg ably supervised the transport. Donations to the fund were as follows: Messrs. Dowlais Collieries Ltd. £5; Powell Duffryn Steam coal Co. Ltd. £2 2s; Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. £1 1s; Mr. Hy. Smith, Newport, 10s. 6d; Mr. A. Sherman, Merthyr, £1 1s; Mr. Monnelly and Mr. J. Bevan, 10s each; Women's Section, £6 10s 6d; Mr. Lewis, A1 Restaurant, Bargoed, 2s 6d. Each child received pocket money on arrival at Porthcawl.

Pensioners' Treat A party of 129 Fochriw old-age pensioners and friends were treated to a day's outing at Barry Island on Wednesday last. It was only seven weeks ago that it was decided to organise the outing, but a generous public response of the committee's appeal, and a great deal of work by the committee made the outing a success. Substantial sums were realised by subscriptions, drama performances, a whist drive and dance, and a stop-watch competition. The party were conveyed by luxury coaches, and they were accompanied by the following committee members: Messrs. D. J. Davies, J. H. Evans, Edgar Pritchard, R. Rees, R. Evans, T. J. Evans, W. Price and Sergeant Mourton. The weather was fine and the drive was most enjoyable. Lunch was taken at the Esplanade Cafe. Mr. Rees Thomas, Mr. Edward Lewis, and the oldest pensioner, Mrs. Mary Davies, on behalf of the pensioners, thanked the officers and committee. After tea, a photograph of the party was taken and another visit along the sea front concluded the day. The party left Barry at 7.30p.m..

Fochriw Concert: Successful Event in Aid of Hospital At the New Hall on Thursday a concert was given in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital by Mr. J. Darren Brown's Glyndwr Concert Party, and the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. During the interval, a programme of community singing was held conducted by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, who was accorded a great reception on his first public appearance since gaining his degree. The Silver Band accompanied the singing. Amongst those present was the matron of the hospital, Dr. Esther Jones (Merthyr), Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. W. Adams Jones (Governors of the Hospital). The chairman was the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar. The concert opened with a selection played by the Band followed by items by Mr. James Darren Brown (baritone), Miss Dilys Uzzell-Haines (soprano), Madame M. E. Morris (contralto), Miss Morfydd Davies (aged 10, elocutionist), and Mr. J. Haydn Jones (tenor). Duets were given by the artistes. The accompanist was Mrs. Uzzell. Mr. W. Adams Jones and Miss M. Richards (Matron) thanked all who contributed. The Secretary was Mrs. W. J.

Payne, with Mrs. Howell Thomas as treasurer. Others helpers were: Messrs. W. J. Payne, Howell Thomas, W. H. Jones, W. D. Davies, T. J. Jones, D. J. Davies, J. H. Evans, Willie Davies, Mesdames Sam Lewis, O. Richards, M. A. Edwards, A. Palmer, S. Davies, M. Mantle, M. J. Jones, R. Davies, J. Jones, and W. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1936

Hospital Concert Omissions Mrs. J. M. Lawrence and Mrs. T. J. Jones were amongst the workers for the concert. Miss Morfydd Brown, Deri, aged 10, was the elocutionist.

Appointment Miss Phyllis Parry-Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, and grand-daughter of Mrs. Parry, Bryn Corwen), has been appointed to the teaching staff of the Turret School, Amersham, Bucks. She is a graduate of Univ. College, Cardiff.

Local Adjudicator Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was adjudicator at the Eisteddfod held in connection with the Barry College Summer School held recently. He was accompanist at the Pontlottyn Eisteddfod last weekend.

I.O.G.T. Sister Jones presided at the Lodge meeting on Wednesday. Bro. D. James gave an outline of his visit to Manchester, where he visited the various factories of the C.W.S.

Welfare Books The Welfare Association has received a grant of 450 books from the Welfare Fund. The books comprise history, biography, literature, economics, politics, psychology, religion, art, & artistic crafts.

Legion Outing On Saturday, the Women's Section journeyed to Hereford, via Abergavenny. The secretary was Mrs. S. Jones, and the treasurer Mrs. T. Jones.

Band Meeting Held at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. It was decided to compete at the Hirwaun Band Contest on Saturday.

Welfare Commissioner's Visit On Thursday last, Capt. Geoffrey Crawshay, District Commissioner for the Special Area, visited Fochriw, accompanied by Mr. Jenkins and Mr. Lloyd. He was met by the Association chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, Messrs. Jones, Payne and Clark. Capt. Crawshay expressed pleasure at the children's playground and shelter. Later, he visited some proposed playing grounds for football and cricket.

Pensioners' Outing Fund A meeting was held at the committee room, Rising Sun Inn, on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. £43 16s. has been collected through subscription and entertainments. The auditors, Messrs. Sydney Phillip and W. A. Davies reported, and said that a credit balance remained in preparation for next year. Officers for the coming year were appointed as follows: chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. Albert Mantle; secretary, Mr. David J. Davies; treasurer, Mr. John H. Evans; committee: Messrs. E. Pritchard, R. Rees, C. Edwards, T. J. Jones, W. Price, R. Evans, S. Phillips, S. Mourton, E. Lewis, R. Clark; presidents, Mr. John Bevan and Dr. Monnelly; vice-presidents, re-elected en bloc.

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Hospital Mr. Daniel Rowlands, Aelybryn, has undergone an operation at Merthyr General Hospital.

Sheep Sale The annual sale of Welsh mountain sheep took place at Pentwyn on Wednesday last, and attracted a large crowd of buyers and sellers. Good prices were realised.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting Bro. Walters organised a programme of hymn singing.

Silver Band The Band competed at Hirwaun on Saturday. Although not among the prize-winners, they were prominent in the march and selection.

Mothers' Union A meeting took place on Tuesday at the Church Hall.

Flag Day The Personal Service League flag-day was held on Friday. The collection totalled £1 4s 3d.

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R.A.O.B. Supper The annual supper of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth lodge was held at the Mount Pleasant Hotel. Mr. B. Thomas, Ogilvie, occupied the chair, with Mr. P. Mantle as vice-chairman. The following took part: Bros. E. Thomas, D. D. Thomas, C. Tyler, F.

Dummett, H. Thomas, J. Bevan, Tom Lewis, Dan Thomas, I. Griffiths, S. Sims. The secretarial duties were carried out by Bro. C. R. Mills.

Mission Church A service was held at Penybank Mission Church on Sunday, when Mr. H. Smith, Rhymney, preached. Mr. Smith presented the church with a Bible, given by Miss Jenkins, Pontlottyn, in memory of her brother, Rev. G. Jenkins, M.A., and also a photograph of Rev. Jenkins. A tea party was held at the church on Thursday, when the tray holders were: Mesdames Coggan, James, Davies, Golden, Phillips, Gillard, and Misses E. Lewis, M. Davies, J. Phillips, G. Llewellyn, and M. Sullivan, assisted by Mesdames Lewis, Morgan, Gwynne, Prowse, Davies, Alf. Morgan, Stokers, Mr. Tom James, Mr. T. E. Davies and Mr. S. Phillips. Other helpers were: Messrs. Prowse, Coggan, Cumpstone and Rowlands.

“Merthyr Express” 10 October 1936

Hospital Mr. Willie A. Davies, Aelybryn, is it patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Home From America Miss Lewis, headmistress of the Fochriw Infants' School, has returned after spending some months in America.

I.O.G.T. Sister C. Jones presided over the meeting of the lodge on Wednesday. Sisters E. Ballard was in charge of the programme. She gave an outline of her visit to Oxford.

Harvest Festival Services were held at Penybank Mission Church on Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. W. J. Roberts, Abertyswg. Mr. E. Cumpstone was the organist.

Harvest Festival: St. Mary's Church Services took place on Sunday and Monday, the vicar officiating. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. W. Haydn Rees, and on Monday, the Rev W. S. Pontin, vicar of St. Luke's, Cardiff. Lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne. The choir-master was Mr. B. Angell, and the organist Mr. Octavius Richards.

Motor-Cyclist's Accident As a result of an accident on Friday, Mr. David John Way, Glen View, Pentwyn, received injuries to his head and hands. He was attended by Dr. O'Shea, Brithdir, and afterwards conveyed home in the Gellygaer Council ambulance car. He is progressing favourably.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. A vote of condolence past with Mr. J. Saunders, committee member, on the loss of his brother. The bandmaster reported on the progress of the band.

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Mothers' Union A service was held on Tuesday, when an address was given by Mr. James Dowse, Dowlais.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge met on Wednesday at Carmel vestry. The programme was "A Scripture Test," prepared by Sister Lewis.

Nazareth A sacred service was held on Sunday, when the preacher was Mr. James Darren Brown, Deri. Solos and recitations were given by Miss Dilys Uzzell-Haines, Megan Brown and Morfydd Brown. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies.

Library and Institute Councillor Sam Lewis presided over a meeting on Monday. The secretary and librarian gave their reports. A discussion took place regarding the building or the conversion of the old building into an up-to-date hall and institute, and the following were appointed as a sub-committee to draft a scheme: Messrs. S. Lewis, R. Clark, D. I. Evans, W. J. Payne, A. Mantle, E. J. Williams, D. D. Thomas.

Sales of Work On Monday, a sale of work was held in connection with the Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The opening ceremony was performed by Mr. John Jones, Aelybryn, who was introduced by Mr. John Bevan. The secretary was Mrs. Tom Evans, and the treasurer Mrs. Jenkin Thomas. The stall holders were: Mesdames S. G. Williams, M. Sheen, Robert Thomas, Phyllis Williams, J. R. Walters, Rachel Parry, J. Matthews, John Bevan, M. Matthews, L. Harris, Maggie Davies, Lydia Williams, Eunice Walters, John Richards, Joshua Evans, R. Pugh, Olwen Thomas, Edith Kent, Bryn Thomas, Ada Jones, Bella Harris, S. A. Davies, and Misses P. Davies, E. A. Evans, G. Mills. Those who assisted were: Messrs.

John Bevan, Joshua Evans, Jenkin Thomas, W. H. Jones, Robert Thomas, Bert Edwards, John Williams, Thomas and Joshua Thomas, Gwynne Evans, Bryn Thomas, Thomas J. Jones, R. Jones and Tom Evans.

Wedding: Douglas-Morgan Two well-known teachers were joined in holy matrimony on Saturday. They were Mr. Willie Morgan, second son of Mr. John Morgan and the late Mrs. Morgan, Plantation-terrace, and Miss Frances H. Douglas, Bristol. Both are on the staff of the Samuel White School, Bristol, and they received their training at St. Luke's College Exeter and Hereford College, respectively. The ceremony took place at St. Luke's Church, Bristol. The bride wore a two-piece ensemble with hat to match and carried a prayer book. The best man was Mr. Tom Pope. Amongst others present were Mr. John Morgan and Miss Mary L. Morgan, father and sister of the bridegroom.

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Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The Church had been decorated with fruit and flowers. The preachers were the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Mason, Pontlottyn, and the Rev. D. L. Jones, Dowlais. The organist was Mr. A. E. King, and the singing was conducted by Mr. W. H. Williams, Pant.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Sister S. J. Jones conducted the programme. She gave a solo and an address. Sister Lewis adjudicated on the scripture test and Sister E. Ballard was awarded the prize.

MPs Visit Mr. Morgan Jones, MP, addressed a meeting at the New Hall on Tuesday, when Councillor Sam Lewis presided. Mr. Jones gave an address on the means test, the Spanish question, and dealt in general with international affairs. He was accorded a vote of thanks by Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. E. M. Davies. Councillor Sam Lewis gave a resume of his work as a member of the District Council.

Mr. R. Clark presided at a means test protest meeting on Monday.

Institute Concert On Monday at the New Hall, a concert was held in aid of the Institute and Library, when a variety programme was given by the Dan Bell Concert Party. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. The following took part: Mr. Dan Bell (ventriloquist and impersonator), Brothers Richards (comedians), Mrs. Lowery (soloist), Maureen and Babs.

Ambulance Supper At Noddfa Vestry on Saturday, the Ambulance Division held an anniversary supper to commemorate the 30th year of the Division at Fochriw, which was formed on 12th June, 1906. On the proposition of Ambulance Officer T. Evans, a vote of thanks was passed to the following: Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. T. Thomas, Mrs. R. Thomas, Mrs. Lizzie Harris, Miss M. Morgan, Mrs. G. Harris, Mr. G. Thomas, the staff of the Fochriw Co-operative Store, and to the deacons and members of Noddfa Church for the loan of the vestry. Sergeant D. James seconded. The secretary was Mr. T. Thomas.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, presided over by Mr. T. J. Jones. Reports on the deputations that visited Cardiff and Bedlinog, and of Captain Crashay's visit, were given by Mr. Jones and Mr. Clark. The correspondence and financial position was given by the secretary. Complaints were received about the children's corner being constantly abused. The equipment, shrubbery and fencing are often wilfully damaged. The playing equipment has been erected for the use of children under 15 years of age. It was decided to appeal to Fochriw parents for their co-operation in preventing abuse of the corner. The committee has secured another piece of ground for football, cricket, etc, near of the lower Bridge.

British Legion The annual meeting was held on Tuesday when the following were elected officers: President, Mr. T. J. Jones, Pontlottyn; vice-president, Messrs. J. Lloyd Jones and D. J. Davies; chairman, Mr. Sydney Phillips; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Symons; treasurer, Mr. D. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. E. Puddle; assistant secretary, Mr. W. T. Pegg; standard bearer, Mr. J. W. Prowse; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White and Rev. R. Evans; committee: Messrs. J. Lewis, W. D. Davies, W. Morris, T. Beale, C. Thomas, R. Moore, T. Jones and J. W. Prowse. The

auditors, Messrs. E. Pritchard and D. J. Davies, gave an excellent report, and the chairman also gave a resume of the year's work. The resignation of Mr. J. L. Lloyd Jones as secretary came as a surprise, but the members were assured of his continued support. Mrs. S. J. Jones was again asked to organise the sale of poppies, a task she has efficiently performed for many years.

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Hospital Funds As a result of the concert organised by the local committee £9 15s 6d was realised. The secretary of the hospital has sent a letter of thanks to all workers for the splendid effort. The secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne with Mrs. H. Thomas as treasurer.

For the Blind The door-to-door collection organised by Mrs. S. J. Jones resulted in £2 4s 10d. being raised for the Merthyr Institute for the Blind. The collectors were: Fochriw, Mrs. Sheen, Misses Jessie Thomas, Eirlys Jenkins, Phoebe Davies, Monica Williams; Pentwyn, Miss Megan Pope and Lettuce Lewis; Penybanc, Mrs. Morgan.

Bishop's Visit A service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, when the Bishop of Llandaff administered the rite of confirmation to a number of candidates from Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun. He was assisted by the Vicar. Also present were the churchwardens, and the lay reader (Mr. D. I. Jones). Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

Harvest Tea A harvest team organised by church members was held at St. Mary's Church Hall. The tray holders and helpers were: Mesdames J. L. White, E. J. Lawrence, W. J. Payne, Ballard, P. Edwards, T. Jones, W. & S. Davies, Adams, S. Phillips, Williams, Mrs. Bush, Morgan, Lewis, B. Evans, Wright, Richards, J. R. Walters, Watkins, and Misses A. Baldwin, G. Mills, A. Mills, W. Edwards, E. Lewis, R. Davies, T. Cumpstone.

“Merthyr Express” 7 November 1936

Armistice Service A remembrance service will be held at the Parish Church on Sunday next at 3pm. Members of the British Legion and other bodies will attend.

Gospel Hall Special services have been held at the Gospel Hall during the week, when inspiring addresses have been delivered by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, missionaries from Spain.

Hospital Mrs. M. A. Lawrence, Martin-street and a Mrs. E. J. Williams, Hill-row, Pentwyn, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Carmel Concert The scholars of Carmel gave a miscellaneous concert on Thursday last. The action songs and percussion band were much appreciated. Two Welsh plays were performed. Those taking part were: recitations, Megan Davies and Jennie Davies; pianoforte solo, Mona Ballard; action songs, Glenys Wayne, Nan Jones, Bronwen Hollister, Leslie Hollister, Elinor Davies, Roy Filage, Myfanwy Cole, Nancy Morgan, David J. Evans, Eileen Simpson, Ellis Davies, Willie Abbey, Penry Ballard. In the drama "Dewis Gorau," the following took part: Enid Davies, Muriel Davies, Gwladys Harris, V. Abbey, Linda Thomas, Elaine Edwards, Marie Davies, Eira Davies, Desmond Kelly, Eliza Evans, John Evans, Huw B. Thomas, Graham Cumpstone, Thelma Day and Betty Evans. Those taking part in the drama "Cyfaill" were: Willie Dalton, Betty Jones, David Evans and Leighton Millward. The producers were Mrs. Sam Lewis, Miss E. Ballard and Mrs. Bob Rees, and the accompanist Miss Beryl Ballard. Councillor Sam Lewis and Nurse Ballard-Davies presided. The stage manager was Mr. T. Lewis. Assistance was rendered by Misses C. Jones, I. Edwards, D. Lewis, Mesdames A. Ballard, T. I. Evans, T. Walters, L. Smith, E. A. Evans, M. A. James, C. Oliver, O. Evans, M. Strange, B. Jones, Messrs. M. Shankland, W. Griffiths, J. Davies, H. Thomas, G. Evans and D. James.

Pontllynn Police Court: Fochriw Man and Wife John Davies, collier, was summoned for deserting his wife Blodwen Davies. Mrs. Davies said they had been married for 13 years, and there was one child, a boy aged 12. The case was adjourned for one month, and in the meantime, the husband was to pay his wife 15 shillings a week.

“Merthyr Express” 14 November 1936

Band At Parade The Silver Band played at the parade at Rhymney in the morning, and at Pontlottyn in the afternoon on Remembrance Sunday.

Coronation Arrangements A preliminary meeting was held at the Council School on Thursday, presided over by a Mr. T. J. Jones, head teacher, to discuss the question of events for celebrating the Coronation. Several schemes were outlined, and the meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and very representative.

Library and Institute Councillor Sam Lewis presided. The financial report showed splendid progress. The librarian said the number of books taken out by readers this year was a record. Larger accommodation was required for the new books arriving, and this question was referred to the Book Committee. The Entertainments Committee was thanked for their efforts. The caretaker's report was accepted.

Poppy Day Appeal Several women were busy selling Flanders Poppies on Friday. The weather was very bad, but the sum realised was as £4 12s 6d. The organiser was Mrs. S. J. Jones, and the boxes were opened and counted by Mr. W. J. Payne in the organiser's room in the presence of the sellers. The sellers were: Fochriw, Mrs. W. D. Davies, S. Phillips, T. and S. Jones, E. Thomas, Adams, Miss W. Edwards and Miss M. Williams; Penybanc, Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. W. Jones; Pantywaun, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. C. Thomas; Pentwyn, Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Way.

Drama For Ambulance Fochriw Dramatic Society scored a striking success at the New Hall on Thursday, when they performed the drachma, "Intrigue" (Walter Hackett) in aid of the Fochriw Ambulance Division. The cast was carefully chosen and the acting of the various characters was very convincing. The producer was Miss Sal Jones. Parts were played by Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. Gwyn Evans, Mr. T. J. Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Emrys Davies, Miss Mary Morgan, Mr. Burkley Davies, Miss Eluned Lawrence, Mr. Egryn Thomas. Mr. N. D. Thomas is the secretary of the society.

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Talygarn Performance The Fochriw Dramatic Society gave a performance of the drama "Intrigue" on Thursday to the patients of the Miners' Convalescent Home, Talygarn.

I.O.G.T. Sister E Ballard read poems and all other members read extracts from Welsh prose and poetry.

Welsh Drama Held on Thursday evening at the New Hall, the Pilgrims Dramatic Society, Bedlinog, produced the drama entitled "Dros Egwyddor" by Mr. R. Parry, Bedlinog. Councillor Sam Lewis presided. The company were well worth the fine reception they received.

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Moose Dance Held at the New Hall on Thursday by the Loyal Order of Moose. The M.Cs. were Idris and Arthur Cumpstone. Music was supplied by the Blue Diamond Band.

British Legion Representatives of both the men's and women's sections attended with their standards at the war memorial unveiling at Brithdir on Saturday.

Nazareth The annual meetings were held on Sunday. Rev. J. D. Jones (Llwynhendy) preached to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ.

I.O.G.T. Brother James was installed as chief Templar. The programme included "Humorous Tales and Incidents," all members taking part.

"Merthyr Express" 5 December 1936

Mothers' Union Members met on Tuesday. The Vicar gave the address.

I.O.G.T. Sisters Oliver and C. Jones read biographies of Samuel Taylor Coleridge and Billy Sunday, the evangelist.

Ambulance Competition A Cadet competition was held at the Old Library on Thursday. The following were successful: 1. W. Walters - 77 marks; 2. T. J. Lewis - 75. The winner received a silver cup and the second a silver medal. The adjudicators were Corps Treasurer

John Morgan (practical); Cadet Officer T. J. Powell (theory); timekeepers, Sergeant D. James and Div. Sec. T. Thomas.

Pontlottyn Police Court The case against John Davies, collier, aged 47, for alleged desertion was dismissed. The Stipendary remarked that it was only a "storm in a tea-cup."

"Merthyr Express" 12 December 1936

I.O.G.T. Bro. Dan James presided at the meeting on Wednesday. Paine musical programme was a range replied Brother and Sisters Oliver. Brother Tom Walters conducted the singing

Carmel Congregational Chapel Special services were held on Sunday and Monday, when sermons were delivered by the Rev. E. Jones of Cwmllynfell. The organist and choirmaster was Mr. Tom Walters.

Welfare Association Mr. T J Jones presided at the meeting at the New Hall on the Thursday the report of the interview wavy Commissioners was given by the chairman and secretary it is proposed to start on a new play in ground in the near future.

Ambulance: Presentation of Awards The annual concert and presentation of awards of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was held at the New Hall on Thursday 3rd December. Mr. E. Lewis presided and gave a review of ambulance work in Fochriw. He invited the young people to take up the work. Mr. W. A. Jones presented the Cadets with their trophies. Mrs. Sam Lewis presented a cup to W. Walters, the winner of the cadet individual championship. The Corps Cup was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne, who also presented a warrant to Cadet-Sergeant T. J. Powell, and congratulated him on his appointment as superintendent of the Fochriw Division. Mr. W. H. Jones presented Cadet team "B" with a cup won in the Dowlais league, and the third prize to team "A." An exhibition of ambulance work was given by G. Williams (capt), A. Morgan, T. J. Lewis, S. James, and Div. Treass. J. Morgan. An entertainment was given by the following artistes: Norman Squire, Pontlottyn (piano accordion), and Mr. Dilwyn Jones, Bedlinog, (elocutionist). Sergt. D. James and Ambulance Officer T. Evans proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to all who had taken part.

"Merthyr Express" 19 December 1936

Opera Singer Mr. Claerwyn Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Brook-row, who is well known in musical circles under the name of John Havard, is making fine progress as a singer. He was heard to good effect in the broadcast from Sadlers' Wells Theatre on Saturday in Act 2 of Puccini's opera "Madam Butterfly."

Library and Institute Councillor Sam Lewis presided over the meeting at the New Hall. The various rounds of the billiards and snooker handicaps for the Christmas prizes are proving very interesting.

Silver Band Quartette Competition An instrumental quartette competition was held at the Old Library on Saturday. The competition was very keen. The adjudicator was Mr. Thomas Walters. The test piece was "Clouds and Sunshine" (Wright and Round). The winning quartettes comprised Messrs. Bob Rees, D. J. Davies, Tom Mantle and Tudor Evans, and Messrs. A. Mantle, Bryn Rees, Alf Gwyn and T. Mantle.

Home Nursing Social The Christmas social of the Fochriw Home Nursing Class of which Nurse Ballard-Davies is the teacher, was held at the Council School on Friday. After supper, games were held. Praise is due to Mrs. Smith, caretaker, for her splendid preparations.

"Merthyr Express" 26 December 1936

Lest We Forget Appeals have been left at each house by a band of lady workers this week in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. The ladies will collect envelopes on Monday.

R.A.O.B. Mr. Tom Jones presided at the Brynderwen Lodge at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, when it was decided to hold the annual outing for children on 30th January.

Christmas Party The Church Hall was decorated on Tuesday when St. Mary's Church Girls' Guild held their Christmas tea. Amongst the company were the vicar, Rev. J. L. White, and

the churchwarden, Mr. W J. Payne The following were at the tables: Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. W. T. Davies and Miss Addie Baldwin

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the New Hall on Thursday under the auspices of the Coronation Committee. The M.Cs. were Mr. Idris Cumpstone and Mr. Pegg. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Bryn Rees, 2. Mrs. V. Thomas, Rhymney, 3. Mrs. E. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. J. R. Thomas, 2. Mr. James Mantle, 3. Mr. R. Griffiths, Rhymney.

Wedding: Pugh-Williams The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Miss Rhoda Annie Pugh, Cross-row, Pantywaun, and Mr. John Thomas Williams, Blaen Carno. The bride was attired in a dress of blue floral georgette, and was attended by Miss Lucy May Pugh, her sister, who wore blue crepe georgette. The Vicar officiated.

Wedding: Evans-Hewins The wedding took place at Cardiff on Monday of Miss Elizabeth Ann Evans, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, and Mr. William Rees Hewins, Pontlottyn. The bride was dressed in a fawn coat with hat to match, and was attended by Miss Joan Evans (her niece), who was dressed in a navy coat with hat to tone. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. Thomas John Evans, brother of the bride. The reception was held at the home of the bride. They were the recipients of many presents.