

“Merthyr Express” 6 January 1940

Hospital Mr. Mordecai Williams, Dynevor-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital where he is progressing favourably.

Comforts For The Boys A branch of the women's voluntary service scheme has been formed at Fochriw for providing comforts for local boys serving in the Forces. This service has been in operation for the last two months, and the committee, in conjunction with the villagers (including Pentwyn and Penybank), have worked unceasingly, with the result that every local boy, whether at home or abroad, was provided with winter comforts for Christmas. The splendid financial effort of the people also made it possible to present them with cigarettes. It is to be hoped that this scheme will be supported generously the public. Many letters of thanks from the boys have been received showing their appreciation of the effort. The secretary is Mrs. W. A. Davies and the treasurer Mrs. Monnelly, along with a strong working committee.

Funeral: Mrs. C. E. Jones, formerly of Brynteg-terrace The death has occurred of Mrs. C. E. Jones, widow of Mr. John Jones, who, previous to their removal to London, lived at Brynteg-terrace. She was a member of Nazareth Church, and later, a member of Holloway Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Church, London. She was 54 years of age. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, leaving from the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. E. Jones. The bearers were members of Nazareth Church: Mr. John Lawrence, Mr. W. Adams Jones, Mr. William Lewis, Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The officiating ministers were the Rev. D. R. Jones, London, and the Rev. Richard Evans, Fochriw and Deri. The mourners were: Messrs. Willie, Tom and David Jones (sons); Mrs. D. Jones and Miss Annie Jones (daughters); Mrs. J. W. Davies, Mrs. E. Jones, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. B. Porter (sisters); Mr. T. Davies (brother); Mrs. E. Jones (sister-in-law).

Boys' Club A lantern lecture was given at the Boys' Club on Thursday by Mr. Dan Jones of the Observatory, Cardiff, entitled to "A trip through Space." This was Mr. Jones's first visit to Fochriw, but not his last, as he promised to bring a powerful telescope to the club one evening in January. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. William Lewis. The chairman was Mr. Bryn Davies.

On Monday, a social evening was held at the club. Tea was provided by the mothers of the boys and others. Visitors to the club were old boys home on holiday and Mr. E. Roberts, Bargoed. Tea was followed by a dance, music being supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's Band, with Mr. Gomer Davies as M.C. The programme was interrupted for a short time when a presentation was made to the Secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies. Mr. Davies has been secretary since the club was formed two years ago. He has built a sound club in the village, and, considering the difficulties, it is no mean achievement to build a club of 80 members. Tribute was paid to Mr. Davies's work by the chairman of the club, Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and by Mr. E. Evans and Mr. Will Williams, captain of the soccer team, who made the presentation of an oak barometer on behalf of the boys. After the distribution of prizes to the winners, the evening ended with a few whistling solos and bird calls by Mr. John Davies, Pentwyn.

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Dance The Boys' Club held a dance at the New Hall on Wednesday. Music was supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's Band, and Mr. Gomer Davis was the M.C.

Women's Ambulance Class The Women's Voluntary Service formed a St. John Ambulance class some time ago, and a series of lectures have been given by Dr. Monnelly. An examination has been held, the examiner being Dr. Robertson, Treharris. The results have now been received and prove 100 per cent successful. The candidates were: A. Evans, M. Jenkins, M. Evans, Mrs. Tyler, S. Powell, H. Morgan, H. Davies, E. M. Davies, A. Cumpstone, Miss Sal Jones, G. Cumpstone, M. Jones, Olive Payne, Elsa Mathews, Katie Davies, Rosie Davies. Those who attended the classes wish to thank Dr. Monnelly, the lecturer, Supt. Tom Evans and the members of the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade for the assistance they have given. The secretary is Mrs. Sal Jones.

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Boys' Club Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday. Music was supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's band, and Mr. G. Davies was the M.C.

Billiards A billiards match was played at Fochriw Institute on Wednesday between Fochriw Institute and Pontllytyn Institute. Fochriw were winners by 74 points: scores - 1,039 - 965.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. A report of the new playing field and a survey of the work already done were given.

Hospital SOS As a result of the hospital SOS effort, this sum of £6 3s 7d was realised. The organisers were Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. H. Thomas and Mrs. W. A. Jones. The collectors were: Mrs. T. Jones and Mrs. W. Edwards; Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Clifford Davies; Mr. H. Archer; Misses E. Thomas and H. Bassett; Mr. John Lewis; Mrs. Arthur Davies; Miss R. Price; Mrs. A. Palmer; Mrs. Edwin Davies; Mrs. Jones; Mrs. Kinsey.

Library and the Institute Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday, when Mr. D. J. Thomas reported that the billiard tables had all been renovated. A billiards match with Pontllytyn had been played and a snooker team had been picked to play Deri. Some building repairs had been carried out. Mr. R. Jones said that a new consignment of books had been received and that large numbers of books were still being taken out by readers. The caretaker's report was accepted. Mr. Robert Rees gave the financial statement, which showed heavy expenditure, but the balance in hand was satisfactory. A letter from the secretary of the Boys' Club for the use of the room when not otherwise engaged was agreed to.

“Merthyr Express” 27 January 1940

Hospital Mr. Percy Hann and Mr. George Williams, patients at Merthyr General Hospital, are progressing favourably.

Library and Institute This snooker handicap is in full swing, and some keen games are being played.

Boys' Club At a meeting held last week, the secretary reported that several activities are in progress. Mr. Gethin Jones won the table tennis championship, the finalists being Mr. Jack Davies and Mr. Gethin Jones. The juniors' gymnastic team have been equipped with a new outfit and are developing into a fine team under the careful training of Mr. Bryn Morgan, Bargoed. The drama section of the club intend producing two one-act plays. The musical side is in the capable hands of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence who is preparing the boys for their forthcoming engagements.

Comforts Fund Concert A variety concert, the proceeds of which were in aid of the Y.M.C.A. and the village Comforts Fund, was held at the New Hall on Thursday. The Pontllytyn Songsters gave a splendid performance. Also, solos were given by Mises G. Williams, L. M. Williams, J. Jones, Mr. W. Watkins, J. Davies and M. Evans: harmonica solo by Mr. Gordon Price: step dancing by Miss Heggie, Miss Bebb and Miss Preece, Abertysswg. The pianist was Mr. E. Morris and the drummer, Mr. W. Evans. Mr. Probert, Bargoed, the illusionist, also did well. Councillor Sam Lewis and Mr. D. Jenkins thanked all those concerned for their services. The secretary was Mrs. D Jenkins.

“Merthyr Express” 3 February 1940

Death: Mr. David O. James, Martin-street The death has occurred of Mr. David O. James. He was an official of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at the Fochriw Collieries and Brithdir Levels until his retirement.

Accident Miss M. J. Evans, Dowlais, was injured on Saturday night at Fochriw station platform. She was on a visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Evans, Martin-street, when she fell and fractured her leg. She was conveyed to the home of her sister-in-law.

Death: Mrs. Morgan Parry, Cwmbargoed, aged 85 years The death has taken place of Mrs. Morgan Parry, widow of Mr. Morgan Parry, who was a carpenter and pitman at Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds for many years. She was 85 years the age and lived with her son and daughter-in-law. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday when the vicar officiated.

“Merthyr Express” 10 February 1940

Library and Institute Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. The chairman said that owing to the severe frost the heating apparatus of the hall had been damaged. A letter was read from the Engineer. It was decided to erect a screen in the reading room at the billiard hall. It was decided to increase the wages of the caretaker and deputy caretaker owing to the increased cost of living. Arrangements were made to hold the annual meeting.

Funeral: Mr. D. O. James, Martin-street, aged 73 The funeral took place on Thursday at Pant Cemetery of Mr. D. O. James. Mr. James was a native of Dowlais but had lived at Fochriw for many years. He was an official at Messrs. Guest, Keen for 30 years at the Fochriw collieries and Brithdir level, where he was held in high esteem by officials and workmen. He was a member of Carmel Chapel. The bearers were: Messrs. D. Lawrence, T. Harris (Dowlais), James Davies, Peter Jones, T. Evans and James Jones. Others present were: Mr. John Bevan, M. E., Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. D. R. Jones. The Rev. E Jones, Dowlais, officiated. The mourners were Messrs. Dan and Ben James (sons); James A. Davies (grandson); Dan Thomas (Dowlais). At the house were Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Dan James, Mrs. M. M. Davies, Mrs. Fisher, Miss E. A. Evans and Miss Lloyd.

“Merthyr Express” 17 February 1940

Hospital Mr. D. J. Rees, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

British Legion The quarterly meeting was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mr. Idris Cumpstone presided. The officers gave reports of activities since December last.

Singing Festival A singing festival was held at Nazareth Church on Sunday, and the conductor was Mr. D. J. Thomas. At the afternoon session, Mr. T. J. Jones presided and also led the devotions. At the evening service, Mr. B. Davies presided and Mrs. E. Jones read the scripture. The organists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 24 February, 1940

Fochriw's New Hall To Cost £3,250: Library and Institute Annual Meeting The annual meeting was held on Monday last at the New Hall, Councillor W. J. Payne presiding, supported by Mr. W. Adams Jones (vice-chairman), Mr. D. Joshua Thomas (secretary) and Mr. Robert Rees (treasurer). The chairman, in reviewing the past year's work, said there was much to be pleased with. The balance sheet revealed another year of progress. The contract had been signed between the trustees, the Welfare Association and Mr. T. F. Howells, Caerphilly, to erect a new building for £3,250. The war had prevented the work proceeding, but they were still hoping to make a start. The chairman paid tribute to the late Mr. Evan Jones, who had been caretaker for 14 years, and welcomed in his place D. I. Evans, their late secretary, and also, Mr. Joshua Thomas and Mr. Robert Rees, the new secretary and treasurer. During the year, several repairs and renewals had been carried out. The book department was well looked after by the librarian, Mr. Richard Jones. Over to 2,000 books had been taken out by readers, and further money had been spent on additions to the Library Department. The minutes of the last meeting was read by Mr. D. J. Thomas and were adopted. The auditors' report was given by Mr. Daniel M. James. Councillor W. J. Payne was re-elected chairman and Mr. W. A. Jones was re-elected vice-chairman. Other officers were: Mr. D. J. Thomas, secretary; Mr. Robert Rees, treasurer; Mr. Richard Jones, librarian; Committee: Councillor Sam Lewis, Messrs. Albert Mantle, Ray Clark, H. Wood John Lewis, D. O. Davies, Clifford Davies, R. Jones, T. Jones, Howell Thomas, James J. Lewis, Edward Lewis. Mr. W. A. Jones brought up the question of young boys frequenting the billiards hall. After discussion, it was decided that no boys under 14 years be allowed in the billiards room.

Gellygaer Schools Managers Decision: Cleaner Appointed for Fochriw Councillor W. J. Kedward, Bargoed, presided over a meeting of the Gellygaer school managers on Monday, when Mrs. Eleanor Evans, Martin-street, was appointed cleaner of Fochriw Mixed School.

One of the attendance officers reported that the reason for a very reduced percentage in the attendance during the past month was the outbreak of diphtheria and the inclement weather.

The meeting appointed invigilators for the forthcoming county entrance scholarship examination. Most of the persons appointed also served 12 months ago.

Old Resident's Death The death has taken place of Mrs. Margaret Davies, wife of Mr. Daniel Davies, 6, Martin-street. Mrs. Davies was 73 years of age.

Football Fochriw Boys' Club played Dowlais at Dowlais on Tuesday and won by 8 goals to 2.

Concert Result As the result of the concert provided by the Pontlottyn Songsters at the New Hall, the secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins, reports that the sum of £10 3s. was realised. After meeting expenses, the sum was divided as follows: Comforts' Fund £5 3s.; Y.M.C.A. £5.

Welfare Progress On Tuesday, Mr. Daniel, Welfare organiser, visited Fochriw and was met by the library and institute committee at the hall. The chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne, in welcoming Mr. Daniel, said he hoped he was bringing them good news about the new building. The district was anxiously awaiting the building, and had it not been for the war, the building would be well on the way to completion. Mr. Daniel said they could rest assured he had done his best to get the job started, but they all knew the difficult times. He was pleased to state they had got over the difficulties, and the contractor had agreed to start on the work in March. Mr. Daniel was thanked for his visit.

“Merthyr Express” 2 March 1940

Band Meeting Members of the Silver Band met at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. He suggested that the band be re-established, and Mr. J. J. Lewis, secretary, endorsed the remarks.

Hospital Meeting A meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. Mr. Payne said the meeting had been organised to raise funds for the hospital. The treasurer reported that the overdraft was over £1,900.

Funeral: Mrs. Margaret Davies, 6, Martin-street, aged 74 The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Davies, wife of a Mr. D. Davies, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Davies was a native of Aberayron, Cardiganshire, but had lived in Fochriw for the last 60 years. She was a member of Carmel Church. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The mourners were: Mr. D. Davies (husband); David and William Davies (sons); W. J. Angel (son-in-law); Edward and Evan H. Davies (brothers-in-law); J. Angel (Bedlinog) grandson; Evan Davies (Deri), Oliver and Teddy Davies, Lewis Griffiths (nephews); W. J. Gardener (Bedlinog) and Mervyn Davies. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Elizabeth Angell, Margaret Davies (daughters); Mrs. Annie Davies (daughter-in-law); Mesdames E. Games, E. H. Davies, R. Gardner, May Lewis, Olwen Angell, B. Harris, Miss R. Jacob.

“Merthyr Express” 9 March 1940

Dance On Wednesday, a dance was held at the New Hall under the auspices of the Boys' Club. Music was supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle's band. The M.C. was Mr. G. Davies

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Councillor W. J. Payne reviewed the past years work and said they had maintained and improved the children's playing ground. Also progress had been made on the new football ground.

“Merthyr Express” 16 March 1940

Another Black-Out Fochriw was again in darkness on Tuesday night owing to the failure of the electric light, and several important activities had to be postponed. To add to the difficulties, since the last storm six weeks ago, there is no phone communication with the village.

Library and Institute Mr. W. Adams Jones presided at the meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. In his report, the librarian, Mr. R. Jones, said there were several county books taken out by readers and not returned, which meant a charge on the library. The committee appealed to all those who have these books to return them.

Boys' Club Repairs had been made to the New Hall, and this has enabled the boys' club to continue its many activities this week. On Wednesday, a dance was held, with music

supplied by Mr. Tom Mantle and his band. The M.Cs. were Mr. G. Davies and Mr. C. Cumpstone. On Thursday, a lantern lecture was given by Mr. Colin Matheson, M.A., on "When the Bear Roamed Wales."

The soccer team still keeps its fine record, and on February 24th, they defeated Pontlottyn at Pontlottyn by 4 goals to 2. On Saturday, 23rd March, as champions of the Rhymney Valley, they meet the champions of the Aberdare Valley.

The physical training class is also in its stride once more, and it is hoped to stage a physical training display and boxing exhibition by members of the club soon after Easter

Merthyr Police Court: Straying Sheep For allowing sheep to stray on the highway, Evan Kinsey, Bryncarnau Farm, was fined five shillings and ordered to pay five shillings costs. He pleaded guilty.

"Merthyr Express" 30 March 1940

British Legion At the general committee meeting held on Tuesday, Mr. I. Cumpstone presided. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones reported on cases assisted, and a resolution concerning non-ex-servicemen employed by the local food executive committees was adopted.

Evacuated Children Councillor Sam Lewis presided at a meeting of the billeting officers at the New Hall on Thursday. He was supported by Councillor W. J. Payne, Mr. N. Thomas (secretary), and a number of the billeting officers. The chairman outlined the object of the meeting, which was to make preparations to receive 40 Birmingham children in the event of air raids on Birmingham. Arrangements were made to carry out a survey of the village for suitable accommodation. The Gellygaer area would receive 800 children.

Legion Presentation In recognition of her services, Mrs. L. Thomas, vice-chairman of the Women's Section, was the recipient of a tea service at the meeting of the women's section at the New Hall on Wednesday. Mrs. S. Phillips, chairman, presided. The presentation was made by Mrs. Tom Jones (vice-president). Other speakers were Mrs. S. Jones, secretary, Mrs. A. Morgan, treasurer, and Mrs. Phillips, chairman. Mrs. Thomas suitably responded.

Club Concert An inter-girls club concert was held at the New Hall on Monday last, in which the Deri and the Fochriw Girls' Clubs took part. The conductor was Miss Gwen Hagger (organiser of South Wales Girls' Clubs), and the accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The chairman was Miss Olive John, B.Sc., Bargoed. The following artistes took part: soprano, Miss Dilys Haines, Deri; contralto, Miss Megan Brown, Deri; soubrette, Miss Jenny Neade, Fochriw; elocution, Miss Elizabeth Evans, Fochriw; duetists, Misses Muriel Davies and Gwladys Harris, Fochriw. Members of the Fochriw Girls' Club took part in a one-act play, originally written by Miss Liza Evans, Fochriw Girls' Club. The guest artiste was Mr. Dennis Harding, Fochriw, who had just returned from a tour of the British Isles with the boys' clubs travelling theatre. All those who had helped to make the evening a success were thanked.

Funeral: Mr. Joseph Payne, 3, Williams-row, aged 87 years The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Joseph Payne. He was a native of Newport, but had lived at Fochriw for over 60 years. His eldest brother, Mr. William Payne, who is 96, lives at Dowlais, and another brother, aged 85, lives at Newport. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday, and the Rev. J. L. White and the Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. The mourners were: Rev. J. C. Payne, Messrs. W. J. Payne, Edwin Thomas (Dowlais), Edward Roberts (Port Talbot), John Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Jack Lawrence. At the house were: Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Miss M. Payne (Dowlais), Mrs. Hilda Tunnidyne (Newport), Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. T. Roberts (Port Talbot), Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Sarah Pugh, Mrs. Hewins, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Cumpstone.

British Legion Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the benevolent committee at the New Hall on Tuesday. The secretary gave a resume of the work carried out.

Death The death has occurred of Mr. W. J. Bush, aged 86, father of Mrs. White, The Vicarage. Before his retirement, he was foreman painter on the L.M.S. Railway. He leaves a widow, three daughters and son.

Hospital Community Singing Representatives from the various churches met last week to organise community singing in the aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. It was decided to hold the singing on April 7 at Nazareth Church. Mr. Thomas Walters was appointed conductor.

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Carmel Dramatic Society At the New Hall, Fochriw, on Thursday, the Society gave a performance of "Yr Erodrom," a Welsh comedy by J. Ellis Williams. The comedy was produced by Mrs. Samuel Lewis. Mr. Arthur Ballard presided. The cast was well balanced and worked with a good team spirit. Taking part were: Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. Samuel Lewis, Mrs. May Davies, Mrs. Annie Davies, Miss Maria Jones, Mr. Bob Rees and Mr. W. A. Davies.

Easter Vestry The annual Vestry meeting of St. Mary's Church took place on Monday, presided over by the Vicar. The financial statement was presented by Mr. W. J. Payne, who also reviewed the past year's work. Mr. T. Gambling was elected vicar's warden, Mr. T. Baldwin, parochial secretary, and Miss Rosie Davies, auditor. The parochial Council elected was as follows: Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Arthur Palmer, T. Baldwin, T. Jones (Pentwyn), George Baldwin, Edgar Pritchard, E. I. Griffiths, Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. L. G. Jones, Mrs. T Jones and Mrs. G. Llewelyn. Sidesmen: Messrs. A. Palmer, J. Lawrence, Bryn Rees, D. C. Jones, V. Powell, G. Evans, E. Pritchard, C. Ballard, T. Baldwin. The organist is Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the choirmaster Mr. Berkley Angell.

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Musical Success Brynmor Jones, Pantywaun, passed first-class in pianoforte playing in the recent London College of Music examination.

Digging For Victory An allotment association has been formed at Pentwyn, and a field has been secured. The plots have been divided out and several are at work there. Mr. David Tyler is the secretary.

South Wales Miners' Federation A meeting of the Ogilvie workmen was held at the New Hall on Monday, presided over by Mr. D. J. Davies, supported by Mr. F. E. Brooks (secretary) and Mr. T. Morgan (treasurer). They dealt with the work carried out by the organisation. George Davies and Mr. Crad Ballard were appointed representatives, and Mr. D. Davies surface representative.

Bishop's Visit The Bishop of Llandaff, the Right Reverend John Morgan, was the preacher at Evensong at the patronal service of the Parish Church on Sunday. The Rev J. L. White conducted the services and the lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell.

Dramatic Society On Thursday, at the New Hall, the Fochriw Dramatic Society performed "Uncle Ned," a four-act comedy by Douglas Murry. Those taking part were: Mr. Bryn Davies, D. Emlyn Evans, Miss Eunice Morgan, Miss Rosie Wellings, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Thomas J Jones, Mr. Egryn Thomas, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Mr. Berkley Davies. The producer was Mr. D. Emlyn Evans; stage manager, Mr. Vernon Davies, assisted by Miss Sal Jones and Miss Doris Davies. Mr. Joshua Evans presided.

Evacuation Scheme Councillor Sam Lewis presided at the meeting of the billeting officers at the New Hall on Monday in connection with the scheme for evacuated children. He was supported by Councillor W. J. Payne, Mr. N. D. Thomas (secretary) and Mr. E. Richards, sanitary inspector, Pontlottyn, one of the officers of the scheme. The chairman said they had completed the survey of people prepared to receive evacuated children, and were glad to say that they had double the number required, but he was disappointed with some of the people whose names were not on the list. In the event of an air-raid, Fochriw would receive 40 children: the number allocated to the Gellygaer area was 800 Birmingham children. Mr. E. Richards gave a resume of the work done to date and answered a number of questions.

Welfare Association Councillor W. J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Association at the New Hall on Friday. The secretary reported that he had received the names of the

officials to serve on the committee attached to the Powell Duffryn Associated Collieries. They were: Mr. W. H. Knibbs, Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. D. Thomas and Mr. D. Uzzell. He also read a letter from the Secretary of the Women's Committee who are providing comforts for members of the Forces. Work on the children's playing corner was discussed and it was decided to carry out some work there. A review of the work on the new football ground was given, and it was decided to employ four men in fortnightly relays from Monday, April 15. It was assumed that three parts of the work had been carried out. The treasurer gave the financial report which was satisfactory. The collector for outside contributions is Mr. Peter Jones.

Community Singing At Nazareth chapel on Sunday, a community singing festival took place, and a collection was taken for Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. W. J. Payne presided, and opened the meeting by reading a portion of scripture. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters and the response of the choir was magnificent. Mr. Lewis Jones, the secretary of the hospital, was present, and praised the singing and thanked the people of Fochriw for their support. The chairman thanked the offices of Nazareth Chapel for placing the chapel at their disposal, also the conductor, the organists (Miss Katie Davies, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. D. J. Thomas), the choir, and all others who had helped.

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Scholastic Appointment Mr. Dan Jones, The Villas, has been appointed to the headship of Brithdir School. He was educated at Lewis' School, Pengam, and Exeter College. He is a brilliant cricketer and footballer. He is the son of Mr. George Jones and the late Mrs. Jones Picton House. He is a member of Carmel Chapel.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Councillor Sam Lewis. The secretary said they had been in touch with Mr. Daniel, Welfare organiser, and the contractor, Mr. Howells. They were still hoping for an early start with the new hall. The financial report and the librarian's report were given.

Concert A concert in aid of Merthyr General Hospital was held at the New Hall on Thursday, the event being organised by the ward committee. The party was the Court Concert Party, Merthyr, under the direction of Mr. David Jenkins, and included Mr. Haydn Adams, who recently returned from France, where he had been singing to the troops. Councillor W. J. Payne presided. Mr. Adams excelled in his singing of "Lolita," and "O Na Byddai'n Haf o Hyd." Mr. Stanley Jones was in great form with "Invictus," "Mother o' Mine," and "Because." Fred Richards provided excellent entertainment with his songs and humour. Madam Hamer-Edwards was most effective with her recitations which included "A Day to Late." Mr. David Jenkins sang "Marie, My Girl," and "Lily Laguna," and was well received. Meyrick Jones scored a fine success with his piano accordion and topical songs. A vote of thanks from Mr. W. Adams Jones and Coun. Sam Lewis concluded the proceedings.

Police Court Charles Parker, aged 61, unemployed, of Fochriw, was fined 10 shillings for stealing seven wooden posts, value 17s 6d, the property of John Slimmon, Bryniago Farm. Parker said that the posts were disused and were no good to anyone.

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Benevolent Committee A meeting was held at the New Hall on Tuesday when officers were elected as follows: chairman, Councillor W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Sullivan; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

Old Age Pensioners Councillor W. J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Outing Fund on Tuesday. Mr. D. J. Davies gave the financial report, which showed about £9 in hand. The Chairman referred to the death of Mr. Hugh M. Mantle who was killed on HMS "Hardy." He was 18 years old, and his brother, Edgar is serving in the RAF.

Welfare Association Mr. W. N. Davies presided at a meeting on Thursday. Mr. Ray Clark, Secretary, gave a report of the work being carried out on the playing field. He said there were about 14 men under the direction of Mr. D. O. Davies, who were making satisfactory progress. It was reported that timber had arrived for carrying out repairs at the Children's corner.

Boys' Club At the invitation of Mr. Cyril Spiers, manager of Cardiff City A.F.C., the Soccer Club were visitors to Ninian Park on Saturday, their opponents being Cardiff City Reserves. Fochriw were winners by two goals to one. After the game, three Fochriw boys were signed on for Cardiff: J. Dadge, E. Jones and E. M. Lewis. Mr. Spiers has arranged to field a side at Pontlottyn on May 4th. The Fochriw team was: M. Evans, E. Davies, E. Jones, W. Lewis, E. M. Lewis (capt), K. Davies, J. Dadge, I. Davies, T. Davies, Alun Davies, J. Davies. The secretary is Mr. Bryn Davies, 3. Glyn-terrace.

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Football Trials Edryd Jones, E. M. Lewis and T. Dredge, members of the Fochriw Boys' Football Club, were given a further trial with the Cardiff City Reserves on Saturday, and each gave a fine display.

Outing Fund It was decided to hold a concert in aid of funds at Noddfa Church, and it will be given by the Apollo Glee Party, Bedlinog. Mr. D. J. Davies is making the necessary arrangements.

Sewing Class Social To end a successful sewing class under the supervision of Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, a tea and social were held at the Council School on Thursday. Arrangements were made for the annual outing. The place selected this year is Worcester. The trayholders and helpers were: Mesdames M. Evans, E. Jones, T. J. James, E. Rees, C. Williams, M. A. Edwards, P. Cumpstone, M. H. Jones, S. G. Williams, R. Davies, R. Parry. The secretary was Mrs. M. H. Jones, and Miss R. Davies was treasurer.

Football Fochriw played Cardiff City on Saturday last, and although beaten 6-1, put up a great fight against a first-class team.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at New Hall on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The secretary reported that Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser, would visit Fochriw on Tuesday with Mr. Trainer. Applications were invited for boys to attend St. Athan's Camp. Correspondence was read from the Workers' Educational Association, and it was decided to become affiliated to them. Mr. Clifford Davies was appointed representative. The caretaker reported that the behaviour of certain persons frequenting the library on Saturday evening was very bad. Several papers had been destroyed and seats pulled about. Certain action was decided on.

Ambulance Awards At the New Hall on Wednesday, a number of certificates were presented to members of the St. John Ambulance Corps. The chairman was Councillor W. J. Payne. Ex-Div. Supt. Howell Thomas, who had been a member of the Fochriw Division from 1903 until his retirement in 1939, was presented with a clock by Div. Supt. Tom Evans. Div. Supt. Tom Evans was himself presented with a watch by Miss Katie Davies on behalf of the women's ambulance class. The guest artiste for the evening was Mr. Jack Davies, Pentwyn, whistler and impressionist. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. The presentation of certificates to the following cadets (who are going into the adult Brigade after receiving a course of lectures in first-aid by Dr. Monnelly), was made by Ex-Div. Supt. Howell Thomas: Islwyn Saunders, Glanmor Williams, Thomas J. Lewis, Vernon Llewellyn, Idris Williams, Sylvanus James, Stuart Davies, Leslie Mantle, Cuthbert Llewellyn and Edward Thomas. The presentation to Ronald Lewis of the individual Cadet Cup, and the second prize of a buscuit barrel to David Mantle, was made by Mrs. M. Jenkins. Sergt. Dan James and Div Sec. T. Thomas thanked the artistes for their services. Mrs. T. Evans and Mrs. H. C. Davies thanked the chairman for presiding. Mr. T. Thomas carried out the arrangements.

Police Court Thomas Edwards, Fochriw, and W. H. Edwards, Incline Side, Merthyr, were dismissed on payment of costs for trespassing on the GWR line.

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Wedding: Morgan-Llewellyn The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Monday of Mr. Ronald Llewellyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, and Miss Tydwen Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Morgan, Williams-row. The bride, who was dressed in a blue satin dress with a veil, and carried a bouquet of white lilies, was given away by her uncle, Mr. Emlyn Evans. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Jessie and Miss Gwennie Llewellyn (sisters of the bridegroom), Miss Mair Morgan (sister of the

bride), and Miss Pearl White (friend). They wore mauve and pink taffeta head-dresses over lace, with head-dresses of flowers. They carried bouquets of pink carnation. The best man was Mr. Robert Llewellyn (brother of the bridegroom), and the groomsmen were Mr. John Llewellyn (brother of the bride), and Mr. Emlyn Evans (cousin of the bride). The Vicar officiated and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist. The reception was held at the New Hall. The couple will live at 27, Guest-street.

Concert for Pensioners A concert for the old age pensioners' outing fund was held at Noddfa Baptist chapel on Thursday, and was given by the Bedlinog Apollo Gleemen, under the conductorship of Mr. T. S. Rees, with Mr. W. J. Lloyd as accompanist. The choral items were "Soldiers Chorus," "The Holy City," "Tempest and Calm," "In the gloaming," "Evening Pastoral," "The Lost Chord," and "The pilgrims." Mr. Idwal Jones, tenor, sang "On with the Motley," and "Your Tiny hand is Frozen." Messrs. H. Thomas (baritone) and Idwal Jones sang the duet "Y Bardd a'r Cerddor." Messrs. H. Thomas & Handel Williams (tenor) sang "Tenor and Baritone." Messrs. Wilfred Jones (tenor) and Jack Jones (baritone) sang "The Battle Eve." The tenor solo "M'Appari," was sung by Mr. Handel Williams. Mr. W. Adams Jones presided over the latter part of the programme. Mr. D. J. Davies, secretary, moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, the officers of Noddfa, the conductor, choir and artistes. Mr. Edward Lewis seconded.

Funeral: Mr. D. J. James, 11, Dynevor-street, aged 67 years The death has occurred of Mr. D. J. James. He was born and has lived all his life at Fochriw. He was a well-known bandsman, and was a member of the Fochriw Band when they were at the height of their prominence. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, and there was a representative attendance. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thos. J. & D. R. James (sons); Oriel, Sylvanus & John James (grandsons); J. B. Jones (son-in-law); John Davies, Joseph Shankland, Evan H. & D. R. Lewis (brothers-in-law); Tom Jenkins, T. Shankland, Rees & Sylvanus Jenkins, Crad Shankland, T. & A. Adams, Elwyn, Clifford, Ronnie and T. J. Lewis, David Davies, Ray Cook, J. Fisher, Bert & W. H. Jenkins (nephews); Wm. Davies (uncle); T. Jones (Pontardawe), Jas. Davies (Porth), John Davies and J. D. Jones (cousins). At the house: Mrs. D. J. James (widow); Mrs. J. B. Jones (daughter); Mrs. E. Jenkins (sister); Nina Jones (grand-daughter); Mesdames T. J. & D. R. James (daughters-in-law); E. H. Lewis, D. R. Lewis, K. Owen (sisters-in-law); S. Davies, L. Cook, A. M. & J. Jenkins, Mabel Davies, Maureen Lewis, Gladys Lewis, Lenora Adams, Elspeth & E. Shankland, Mary Lewis (nieces); Margaret Jones (Pontardawe) cousin.

British Legion Mr. J. Lloyd Jones represented the branch at the annual conference at the Queen's Hall, London.

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Boys' Club Football Fochriw played Ystrad Mynach last Sturday, and a good game resulted in a 3-3 draw.

Schools' Governor Councillor Sam Lewis has been elected a member of the Governors at Bargoed Secondary School. He has been a member of the Gellygaer Council for several years, and is a former member of the Gellygaer School Managers. He has associated himself with several movements for the benefit of the community.

Hospital S.O.S. The S.O.S. appeal for the Merthyr General Hospital took place last week, when the following distributed and collected the envelopes: Mesdames S. A. Payne, W. A. Jones, M. H. Morgan, E. Jones, G. Edwards, A. Davies (Pantywaun), E. Davies (Cwmbargoed), Misses H. Bassett, E. Williams, Muriel Davies, Thelma Way, Gladys Shankland, and Joan Way.

Legion Presentation To mark her departure from Fochriw to Wiltshire, the members of the Women's Section of the British Legion and Social Centre presented Mrs. Strang, Pentwyn, with a vase and sandwich set. The presentations were made by Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. Thomas, who wished Mrs. Strang success in her new home.

"Merthyr Express" 1 June 1940

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Coun. W. J. Payne presided. The foreman, Mr. Davies, reported on the work on the new playing field.

Another appeal is to be made to the public, not contributing through the collieries, to join the list of contributors to the welfare scheme. The collector is Mr. P. Jones, who will submit the list of names at the next meeting.

Wedding: Pugh-Hathaway The wedding took place at St. Gwladys Church, Bargoed, on Monday, of Miss Esther M. Pugh, Guest-street, and Mr. Leslie Hathaway, Bargoed. The Rev. D. H. Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a white satin dress with bridal veil held in place by a silver head-dress. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses and was attended by Misses Bessie Pugh (sister of the bride), and Gwladys and Ruby Hathaway (sisters of the bridegroom), who wore dresses of peach and pink taffeta with head-dresses, mittens and shoes to tone, and carried bouquets of pink carnations. The reception was held at the bride's home, and later, the couple left for Birkenhead, where the honeymoon is being spent.

Welfare Association On Thursday, Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser, visited Fochriw, and was met by Coun. W. J. Payne and members of the committee. Mr. Daniel gave a report on the difficulties they had been faced with, but said they could rest assured they had done their best to see the building started. "As soon as the war is over, a new building will be erected at Fochriw; for which money has been put aside. The only thing possible now was to carry out some repairs to see them through the winter." The chairman thanked Mr. Daniel. Details of essential repairs were considered. A date was arranged for a visit of Mr. Daniel and Mr. Trailer (Welfare architect) to Fochriw.

Legion Presentation To show their appreciation in a tangible form, the members of the Fochriw branch of the Women's Section met at the Old Library on Wednesday, when a tea and presentation were held on the departure of Mrs. M. H. Jones, who had been treasurer of the Women's Section for eight years, and treasurer of the Benevolent Committee for five years. Mrs. Jones is moving with her family to Kidderminster. Mrs. Jones is also a member of the Parish Church and a member of the Parochial Council. Mrs. S. Phillips presided and the presentation of a lady's handbag was made by the secretary, Mrs. S. Jones, who paid tribute to Mrs. Jones' work, and said they all regretted her departure, and wished her and her family every happiness. Mrs. Jones suitably responded. Mrs. S. Phillips, Mrs. L. Thomas and Mrs. J. Morgan also spoke.

Snooker Fochriw played Rhymney last week. Rhymney won by 19 points. The scores were: 571 - 592.

Concert Success Mr. J. Lewis won the first prize for the veteran solo over 60 years at the competitive concert at the Central Hall, Dowlais, on Saturday, and also came second in the tenor solo. Mr. Jones, as a soloist and member of various choirs, enjoys a wide reputation as singer and conductor.

Day of National Prayer A Day of National Prayer was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday. The morning service was conducted by the Rev. J. L. White. In the evening, a service was held in memory of Hugh Morris Mantle, aged 18, who was killed in action on HMS Hardy in the Battle of Norway. He had been a member of the Sunday School and choir, and had now laid down his life for King and Country.

"Merthyr Express" 8 June 1940

Nazareth Special services were held on Sunday, the preacher being Rev. J. D. O. Jones, Llanelly. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies, and the organists were Miss Katie Davies and Mr. D. J. Davies.

War-Time Cookery A demonstration of war-time cookery, organised by the Women's Social Centre, was given at the hall on Thursday by Mrs. Sessions, Cardiff.

Arrival Of Evacuees About 30 evacuated children with two teachers were received at Fochriw on Sunday from the East Coast. They were received at the hall by Coun. S. Lewis and Mr. N. Thomas (billeting officers) and members of the committee, and later taken to their billets.

Flag Day A flag day in aid of the St. John Ambulance and Red Cross was organised by Supt. Tom Evans and Div. Sec. Tom Thomas. The following were the sellers: Mesdames T. Evans, A. Ballard, M. Jenkins, W. A. Davies, S. Jones, S. Phillips, S. Lewis, I.

Cumpstone, A. Cumpstone, Miss S. Jones and Supt. T. Evans. The sum of £4 13s 7d was realised.

Effort For Hospital As a result of the S.O.S. for the Merthyr General Hospital, organised by Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. W. A. Jones, the sum of £5 11s 2d was realised. The collectors were: Pentwyn and Penybank: Mrs. M. H. Morgan and Mrs. E. Jones; Upper Fochriw: Misses Beryl Williams and Hannah Bassett; Brynteg: Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. Edwards; Aelybryn: Misses Muriel Davies and Thelma Way; Brook-row district: Misses Gwladys Shankland and Joan Way; Pantywaun: Mrs. A. Davies; Cwmbargoed: Mrs. E. Davies.

The concert for the hospital realised £12 5s, and the community singing £1 16s 3d.

“Merthyr Express” 15 June 1940

Local Defence Volunteers A meeting was held at the Council School on Monday convened by the sub-section leader Mr. W. Adams Jones.

Ambulance Fochriw Senior Ambulance team scored another success on Saturday by winning the Guest-Keen Cup at Dowlais. This is the second time for the team to win the Cup. The team were: Messrs. Ivor Morgan (captain), Islwyn Saunders, T. J. Lewis, T. J. Powell, W. H. Parry.

Dramatics On Thursday, at the Church Hall, the Glyn Amateur Dramatic Society, Deri, under their producer of Mr. D. J. Phillips, gave a performance of the drama in four acts "Under Cover" in aid of the funds of the Parish Church. Councillor W. J. Payne presided. The vicar thanked the producer and company, which was seconded by Mr. Evans, station-master.

“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1940

Gellygaer Class Teachers: Fochriw Man Elected President A meeting of the Gellygaer Class Teachers' Association was held at the Senior Girls' School, Bargoed, on Friday. Mr. R. E. Williams, retired president, installed Mr. W. Adams Jones as the new president.

Carmel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. D. J. James, Gorseinon, preached to large congregations. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Dunkirk Heroes Welcomed Gunner Wally Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Glyn-terrace, and Private Norman Mills, son of Mrs. Mills and the late Mr. Charles Mills, Glenview, two of the heroes of Dunkirk, were welcomed by villagers when they reached their homes last week.

Outing Fund Councillor W. J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Outing Fund on Tuesday. The chairman said they had met to consider ways and means of providing a day's outing for the aged folks. For a number of years now they had been able, with the co-operation of the public, to provide a day's outing, and this year again they hoped to do the same. Times were difficult, and their thoughts were with the boys at the fighting front. Mr. W. Watkins (treasurer) gave the financial statement, and also the balance sheet of the concert, which was very satisfactory. Mr. D. J. Davies (secretary) dealt with the correspondence. It was decided he to visit Abergavenny and Gilwern on the 2nd of July.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the hall on Thursday presided over by Councillor W. J. Payne. It was reported that Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser, and Mr. Trailer, architect Welfare Association, would be visiting Fochriw on Tuesday to see about carrying out certain repairs to the Institute, as it had been found impossible to start work on the new building. The financial report and caretaker's report were satisfactory. It was decided to purchase a further consignment of books.

“Merthyr Express” 29 June 1940

On Leave Seaman Willie Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams, Martin-street, and Edgar Mantle, RAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mantle, Aelybryn, were home on leave last week.

Teachers' President Mr. W. Adams Jones has been elected the new President of the Gellygaer Class Teachers. He is a well-known figure in the life of the village, and has associated himself with all social welfare movements in the district. He is a member of

Nazareth Chapel, and vice-chairman of the Library and Welfare committee. A keen musician, he has been the conductor of the male voice and mixed choirs, who won many prizes under his baton. He is a first-class cricketer. Mr. Jones is the acting headmaster of the Fochriw Mixed School since the illness of Mr. T. J. Jones. He has played an active parts in the formation of the Local Defence Volunteers, and is also a member of the year A.R.P. During the Great War he was a sergeant in the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

Dramatic Society The Fochriw Dramatic Society kept up their splendid record by giving an excellent performance of "Glass Houses," a comedy in three acts, by Walter Ellis. The performance was in aid of the of Fochriw Comforts Fund and was given on Thursday at the hall. The producer was Miss Elsa Mathews. Dr. Monnelly presided. Members of the cast were: Mr. Rosie Wellings, Miss S. Jones, Miss Eunice Morgan, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. Egryn Thomas. The event was organised by a Miss K. M. Davies, Penant, secretary

Death of Mr. Morgan Morgans: Former Fochriw Councillor The funeral of Mr. Morgan Morgans, Ogmere Vale, took place on Saturday at Rhymney Cemetery. He served on the Gellygaer District Council for six years, representing the Fochriw ward, and was a member of the Glamorgan Education Committee. He was a prominent licenced victualler having been licensee at Fochriw for 13 years, and then at the Cambrian Hotel, Bridgend, for six years.

Pontlottyn Police Court Thomas R. Lewis, aged 36, of Pentwyn, did not appear to answer the summons for using indecent language in Brook-road, Fochriw. He was fined 10 shillings.

"Merthyr Express" 6 July 1940

Nursing Success Miss Enid Olga Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Martin-street, has passed her final state Nursing examination. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman have three daughters. All have taken up a nursing career and received their training at Chelmsford and Essex hospital.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the hall on Thursday. Mr. Clark, secretary, referred to the visit of the representative from the Cardiff office with regard to the new football field in course of construction. Work on the ground is satisfactory. The foreman, Mr. D. O. Davies, gave his report. Mr. Peter Jones reported on the response of outside subscribers to the fund.

Pensioners' Outing On Tuesday, the old age pensioners of Fochriw and District had their annual outing. The party numbered about 100 and left by motor coaches for Abergavenny. Dinner and tea were taken in the Castle grounds and later in the day the party visited Gilwern. The party arrived home at 9:00pm.

Silver Band A meeting was held last week presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The band has been disbanded now for several months. In his report, the Secretary said that he had received many letters for engagements but had to decline owing to the situation. A deputation from Deri appealed for the services of the band to lead a Church Parade of Local Defence Volunteers and other organisations on Sunday. The chairman said he saw no reason why the band could not get together for an occasion of that sort. Several members spoke on the matter, and it was decided to call a practice and to go to Deri to lead the parade. As a result, the band was reformed, and led the parade of about 200 people.

"Merthyr Express" 13 July 1940

Library and Institute A meeting was held on Thursday presided over by Councillor W. J. Payne. It was decided to invite tenders for painting the outside of the billiard hall. It was agreed to allow the Local Defence Volunteers the use of the hall for lectures. A welcome was extended to members of the Forces to use the billiards and reading rooms.

Vacation Pastor Welcomed Special services were held at Carmel Welsh Congregational Church in connection with the introduction of Mr. D. Thomas, a student at Carmarthen Presbyterian College, to a summer vacation ministry. This system has been in vogue for many years with the English Congregational Union, and also with many churches in the USA, but it is comparatively new with the Welsh Churches. Ministers of the district were

invited to attend the meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn. Mr. Thomas was welcomed to the Church on behalf of the officers and members by the two oldest deacons - Messrs. Daniel Davies and Thomas Ballard. Addresses in support of the new movement were given by the Revs. Latimer Williams, Deri; J. L. White, Fochriw; J. T. Rogers, Merthyr, and secretary of the North Glamorgan Congregational Union; Mr. Thomas, father of the vacation minister. All wished the Church and young minister every success during the period.

“Merthyr Express” 20 July 1940

Carmel Chapel Mr. D. J. Thomas commenced his vacation Ministry on Sunday. Services were well attended, and the young student created a splendid impression.

Death of the Reverend Thomas Rees The Reverend Thomas Rees, late vicar of Pontlottyn, has passed away. He was 85 years of age, and was Rector in Denbighshire after leaving Pontlottyn.

Reported Missing Lance Sergeant W. S. (Bill) Roberts, Fochriw, has been reported missing. Official information has been received by his wife. As an athlete in the village school, he showed good promise of developing into a great footballer, and he later played for Tottenham Hotspurs, Bristol City, and Newport County, for whom he played to gain promotion in the 1938-9 season

Local Defence Volunteers' Inspection The first inspection of the Local Defence Volunteers took place on Sunday. The company marched under the command of their officer, W. Adams Jones, to Pentwyn, where they were inspected by Major Davies, Officer commanding the Rhymney Valley. The men were addressed and complimented on their appearance and bearing.

“Merthyr Express” 27 July 1940

The Late Miss Mary Lewis The death has taken place at 6, Station-terrace, at the home of her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, of Miss Mary Lewis, aged 78. She was a native of Llanarth, Cardiganshire.

Old Inhabitant's Death The death has taken place in Yorkshire of a well known Fochriw inhabitant in the person of Mrs. Hannah J. Jones, wife of Mr. Pryce Jones. She was the daughter of the late Mr. Ted Evans (winder) and Mrs. Evans.

Another Spitfire Fochriw's effort for alluminium was a striking success. It was organised by the Fochriw Women's Voluntary Service. Mrs. Lewis, Preswylfa, placed a room at the disposal of the W.V.S., and in a few days a large supply was received. The Secretary was Mrs. S. Jones.

Cookery Lecture Under the auspices of the Women's Club, a wartime cookery lecture was given at the New Hall on Tuesday. Mrs. Phillips presided and the lecturer was Mrs. Sessions, Cardiff, who was heartily thanked for the lecture and demonstration. The secretary of the Club is Mrs. L. Thomas. The treasurer is Mrs. B Angell.

Carmel Chapel A children service was held on Sunday morning, when the newly-elected pastor-student, Mr. Thomas, gave an inspiring address on "Birds." There were several evacuees present. The following children took part: Violet Abbey, Eleanor and Enid Davies, Megan Thomas, Huw Ballard Thomas, Len and Gwyn Davies. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist and choirmaster.

Pontlottyn Police Court Brynmor Lewis, Fochriw, was called to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly, and assaulting P.C. Edwards, and Special Constable T. Holbeck. He was remanded on his own bail of £10, and a surety of £10.

“Merthyr Express” 3 August 1940

Confirmation A number of candidates from the parish of Fochriw and Deri were presented for confirmation at St. Tyfaelog's, Pontlottyn, where the Bishop for Llandaff held a confirmation service.

Evacuation Councillor Sam Lewis presided over the meeting in connection with the evacuation scheme, and was supported by Mr. N. D. Thomas, secretary, Councillor W. J. Payne, and a number of the billeting officers. The chairman gave a review of the work done and said a canvass of the village would be taken again (apart from evacuees from Birmingham) for additional adult evacuees from other places.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Councillor W. J. Payne presiding. A report on the visit of Mr. Watkins, surveyor, to the new playing ground now under construction was given.

“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1940

Fochriw Man Sent To Prison: Sequel To Midnight Scene Brynmor Lewis, haulage engineman, of Fochriw, was summoned for being drunk and disorderly, and for assaulting P.C. Phillip Edwards, and Special-constable T. Holbeck. Lewis was sent to prison for a month on each of the charges. The Stipendary stated that the defendant had been repeatedly fined for his violent actions, and clearly this treatment was not sufficient. The conviction related to violent actions on the night of July 6, at Tirphil, where Lewis' wife lived.

Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mr. Berkley Davies, Plantation-terrace; Mr. E. H. Davies, Hill-row; Mr. Evan Morgan Lewis, Brynteg-street.

Full Gospel Hall The 9th annual Convention was held at the Gospel Hall during Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when inspiring addresses were given to large congregations by Mrs. Ada Mercy Dixon, Bristol. The organist throughout the meetings was Mr. David Saunders.

Lecture Under the auspices of the Gellygaer Urban District Council Air-raid Precautions Committee, a lecture was given at the New Hall on Tuesday evening on A.P.R. The chairman was Councillor W. J. Payne and the lecturer was Mr. S. Hay, Pontypridd, one of the lecturers for Glamorgan County Council, and the area organiser North and South East & Rhymney Valley areas. He was thanked by Councillor Sam Lewis, chief warden of the Fochriw area, and Mr. Edward Lewis, one of the A.P.R. wardens.

Old Age Pensioners A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday last and was well attended. Mr. James Davies, Pontlottyn, addressed the meeting and urged all pensioners to join the Association. An increase in pension for those in need had been achieved, but the Association would not be satisfied until an increase in pensions for all had been granted, as well as other benefits for old people.

“Merthyr Express” 17 August 1940

Wedding: Watts-Lawrence The wedding of Mr. Trevor Lawrence, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence, to Miss Eluned Watts, Caeharris, Dowlais, took place at St. John's Church, Merthyr, on Saturday. The Rev J. C. Payne, uncle of the bridegroom, officiated. Mr. Lawrence is on the staff of Deri Mixed School. The bride was formerly an assistant mistress at Pant Infants' School, Dowlais. For the ceremony, the bride wore a two-piece blue ensemble with brown accessories. Later, they left for Aberystwyth, the bride travelling in blue. They were the recipients of a large number of presents. They will make the future home at Bargoed.

Wedding: Lewis-Richards The marriage took place at Marloes-road, Kensington, London, on Saturday, of Mr. David James Richards, Treorchy, and Miss Mary Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lewis, Hill-row, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in a grey tailored costume with hat and shoes to tone, and wore a shoulder spray of orchids. She was attended by Miss Letty Lewis, and Mrs. Batchelor was maid of honour. Both wore cream and wine coats, with hats and shoes to tone, and shoulder sprays of carnations. The flower girl was Miss Ann Williams (niece of the bride), who was attired in white satin and carried a basket of carnations and orchids. The couple would make their future home at Lexham-gardens, Kensington.

“Merthyr Express” 24 August 1940

Death Of Former Inhabitant The death has occurred of Mr. Jesse Williams, Ystrad Mynach.

Death Of Mr. Wm. Gittoes The death has occurred of Mr. William Gittoes, Guest-street. He had been employed as a farrier with Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds at Fochriw for many years.

Sunday School Treat The annual tea of St. Mary's Church Sunday school was held on Thursday last at the Church Hall. Before tea, the scholars assembled and prayers were led by the Vicar. The tray holders were Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mr. Rosie Davies, Mrs. Evans, Miss M. Archer, assisted by the Vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Pegg, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mr. Evans and Norman Palmer. After tea, a miscellaneous programme was given, Mr. Lawrence in charge. Choruses were sung by the choir of girls and solos were given by Gwennie Williams and Veronica Pegg. A "Spelling Bee" contest was also held. The teams were composed of Sheerness girls and Fochriw boys, and resulted in a draw. The winners of the character competition were: 1. Miss Ruth Riley, Sheerness, "Spanish Maiden"; 2. & 3. divided between Miss Marion Gillespie, Sheerness, "Dame Wales" and Edward Stuppla, Sheerness, "Sailor Boy."

Wedding: Lewis-Hughes Mr. Wyndham L. Hughes, Deri, and Miss Mary Lewis, Station-terrace, Fochriw, were married on Tuesday after Calfaria Church, Bargoed. The bride has been assistant mistress at Bargoed Infants' School, and the bridegroom is science master at the Mountain Ash Secondary School. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a green two-piece ensemble with brown accessories. The officiating ministers were the Rev B. M. Davies (Blaenau Ffestiniog), brother-in-law of the bride, and the Rev. J. Pugh, Pengam. The honeymoon is being spent at Porthcawl. The couple will live at Mountain Ash.

"Merthyr Express" 31 August 1940

Lecture A lecture and demonstration on the uses of milk was given by Miss Bronwen Davies, Milk Publicity Board. Miss Davies was thanked for a very instructive demonstration and will visit Fochriw again.

Carmel Church On Sunday morning, an inspiring sermon was given to the children by the student pastor, the Rev D. J. Thomas on "Teach us to number our days." There was of good attendance, and the following took part: Misses Eliza Davies, Gwladys Harris, Elaine Edwards, Bronwen Hollister, Betty Evans, Stuart Davies, Graham Cumpstone. Mr. Thomas Walters conducted the singing.

Red Cross Fund A fund has been started for the Red Cross at Fochriw by the Women's Club. £1 1s. was given, and altogether, £13 was collected in the Rhymney Valley Women's Clubs. Material was bought and 50 pairs of pyjamas were made in the clubs. They are to be formally presented to Mrs. Whitehead of Abergavenny on September 5th at the Regional Council held at The Settlement, Bargoed.

Funeral: Mr. William Gittoes, Guest Street, aged 54 The death has taken place of a well-known figure, Mr. Willie Gittoes. He had been ill for some time. A native of Dowlais, he had lived at Fochriw for many years, and had been employed by Messrs. G.K.N. as blacksmith, and later as farrier. The funeral (for gentleman only) took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the vicar officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. W. J. & R. Gittoes (sons); E. W. Jones (son-in-law); D. & H. Jones (grandsons); D. & B. Gittoes (brothers); W. D. Davies (brother-in-law); V. J. & S. Gittoes, W. & B. Jones, T. Davies (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Gittoes (widow); Mrs. Enid Jones (daughter); Mesdames J. Davies, E. & A. Gittoes (sisters-in-law); J. Jones, M. Morgan, K. Shankland.

"Merthyr Express" 7 September 1940

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Councillor W. J. Payne presided. It was reported that some of the playing equipment in the children's playground had again been damaged. It was decided to take action. A report was given on the work at the football ground, which was satisfactory. The ground has been practically levelled off, and it was decided to apply for a grant to complete the work. The chairman complimented the workmen. The treasurer, Mr. A. Mantle, gave the financial report, which was accepted.

"Merthyr Express" 14 September 1940

Old Age Pensioners A meeting was held on Wednesday. Mr. Job Thomas presided. Mr. Edward Lewis was elected to attend the meeting at Ystrad Mynach. All age and

supplementary pensioners are earnestly requested to join the association and attend meetings.

Church Parade On Sunday at St. Mary's Church, the National Day of Prayer was observed. At the morning service, a parade of the Home Guard, under the command of Officer W. Adams Jones, was formed, and marched to the Church. Also present were representatives of the A.F.S. and A.R.P. The service was conducted by the Vicar.

Library and Institute Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting. The secretary reported he had received a letter from Mr. Daniel, Welfare organiser, stating that a sum of £240 had been granted to carry out certain repairs. It would be necessary to carry on through the winter under the present conditions. It was agreed to allow the Home Guard the use one of the rooms for their headquarters. The librarian, Mr. Richard Jones reported that the new books purchased were proving popular with readers. There were some readers who still had books in their possession the return of which was long overdue. The caretaker's report was satisfactory, as was the financial report.

"Merthyr Express" 21 September 1940

Hospital Mr. Evan Morgan Lewis has returned from Merthyr General Hospital where he has spent five weeks with a leg injury.

Obituary The death has occurred after a short illness of Stewart Pay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pay, 6, Glyn-terrace, who came with his parents from Sheerness when the children were evacuated some months ago. Mr. Pay is one of the teachers who came with the children. Sympathy is extended to the parents.

Home Guard On Sunday last, the Fochriw Platoon under the command of Platoon Commander W. Adams Jones, was inspected by the Earl of Plymouth (Lord Lieutenant of Glamorgan). He complimented officers and men on their splendid bearing.

Pontlottyn Police Court "I struck a match in the trenches in 1914, and there is no one going to stop me doing it here," said John Williams of Fochriw, when told that he would be reported for displaying a light by striking a match at 10:45pm on 24th August. PC Whatley said there was an air raid in progress when he saw Williams strike a match. His mother, who appeared, said he was sorry and that he had served four years in the last war. Williams was fined £1.

"Merthyr Express" 28 September 1940

Hospital Mr. Heber Watkins, Guest-street, is the patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and is recovering.

Local Footballer Mr. Edryd Jones played for Cardiff City against Birmingham on Saturday last. He is the son of Mrs. Jones and the late Mr. Evan Jones, who in his young days was a brilliant rugby player and cricketer.

War-time Cookery A wartime cookery demonstration was given at the New Hall on Tuesday by the Miss Olwen Evans, cookery mistress, Pontlottyn.

Carmel Chapel On Sunday next, Mr. D. J. Thomas, the student minister, will close a very successful vacation Ministry. During the past three months, there has been the great revival in the attendances at the Church, and his discourses have been most inspiring. On Sunday, eight new members were added to the Church. Mr. Thomas leaves to resume his studies of Carmarthen College with the good wishes of the whole community with which he has laboured so faithfully.

Carmel Chapel A tea was given to the children on Tuesday last and the helpers were : Mesdames W. A. Davies, D. O. Davies, A Ballard, B Jones (Pentwyn), G Thomas, B. Rees, S. A. Cole, S. Davies, M. A. James, Miss M. Jones, Miss E. Barnard, and Miss C. Jones. An entertainment followed, Mr. D J Thomas presiding.

On Sunday morning, there was a children's service and Mr. T. Thomas given an address. The following took part: Stuart Davies, Len Walker, John Evans, Linda Thomas, Megan Thomas, Betty Evans, Amy Thomas, Eleanor Davies, Enid Cumpstone, D. J. Evans, Margaret Davies, James Davies. Roy Trotman, boy soprano, of Bargoed, also sang two solos. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist and precentor.

Child's Funeral The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Stuart J. Pay, aged five years, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pay, 6, Glyn-terrace, who died

at Gellygaer Hospital. He had been evacuated with his parents from Sheerness some months ago. His father is one of the teachers who came with the children from Sheerness. The Rev. D. J. Thomas and the Rev. D. B. Jones officiated. A service was also held at Carmel Church. The mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pay (father and mother); Mr. and Mrs. T. Rowlands, Miss Margaret Rowlands, Mrs. Strickland, Mrs. Rowe, Mrs. Symonds, Mrs. W. Adams Jones, Mrs. T. Matthews, Mrs. B. Rees, Mr. Holt, Mr. Fenner, Mr. Manning, Mr. Symons.

“Merthyr Express” 5 October 1940

Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. Elias Davies, Plantation-street, who passed away at New Quay, Cardiganshire, where he was spending a holiday. He was 72 years of age.

Short List Mr. Dan Jenkins was placed on the shortlist of three on Tuesday for the appointment of the headship of Fochriw school. Mr. W. Adams Jones was on the shortlist for Trelewis School.

Harvest Festival Harvest services were held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday and Monday. The Church had been decorated, and the preachers on Sunday were the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar, and the Reverend J. R. D. Williams, vicar of Rhymney. On Monday, the preacher was the Rev J. D. Jones, Pontlottyn.

For The Blind A house to house a collection was made at Fochriw during last week, when the organisers were Mrs. S. Lewis and Mrs. W. J. Payne. The collectors were: Mesdames Way, Fox, I. Cumpstone, B. Cumpstone, Price, H. Jones, S. Lewis, W. J. Payne, B. Jones, A. Mantle, W. Hollister Misses R. Davies, E. Morgan, E. Evans, I. Thomas, C. Jones. The sum of £4 19s. was realised.

Fochriw Youth in Trouble: Stole From Slot Meter Henry Grist, aged 18, unemployed, of Fochriw, who pleaded guilty to stealing 37 shillings from an electric meter at his home on September 21, was bound over to be of good behaviour for two years, and ordered to pay 15s. costs and 10s. expenses. The accused's mother said that his father was willing to take the boy to work with him, and the son was willing to go.

“Merthyr Express” 12 October 1940

Snooker A snooker match was played at Fochriw Institute on Thursday between the Institute and Rhymney. Rhymney won by 40 points. Scores: Fochriw 557; Rhymney 597.

Noddfa Jubilee Service A special service was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Thursday to mark the clearing off of the debt of the Chapel. Mr. T. J. Jones presided. Mr. Joshua Evans, secretary of the Church for the past 12 years, who succeeded his father as secretary, a position he had held for 38 years, gave the review of the Baptist cause at Fochriw. The first chapel was built in 1876 and rebuilt in 1886. The present building was erected in 1904. Many stalwarts of the cause had passed away, including Mr. Thomas Evans, who was presented with a gold watch in 1926 for 50 years service in the chapel; Sergeant H. Williams, Mr. A. Walters, Mr. Henry Jones and Mr. John Jones. The present treasurer, Mr. Thomas Evans, had held the position for 40 years. The following is a list of ministers since the cause was founded at Fochriw: Revs. Jenkin Jenkins, David Evans, Levi John, L. D. Davies, M. S. Young, Esaiiah Williams and Ieuan Evans. Mr. Rees Thomas, the oldest member, gave reminiscences of the cause and past members. The special preacher was the Rev. D. J. Evans, Pontlottyn. The present deacons of the Church are: Messrs. Thomas Evans, Jenkin Thomas, Joshua Evans, Thomas Walters, Thomas J. Jones and W. H. Jones. The organist is Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, and the precentor is Mr. T. Evans.

Funeral: Mr. Elias Davies, 2, Plantation-street, aged 72 The funeral of Mr. Elias Davies took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard the Rev. Richard Evans officiating. Mr. Davies lived almost all his life in the village. He was a member of Nazareth chapel, where his son, Mr. Willie Davies, is precentor and organist. The mourners were: Messrs. John, Willie A., and Burkley Davies (sons); John Davies (brother); James Jones, David John Davies (sons-in-law); Ewart Davies, Ellis Davies, Berkley Davies, Bryn Roberts (grandsons); Noah Davies, Daniel Davies (cousins); Berkley Angell, W. J. Angel, Alfred

Angell, William Thomas, James Davies (brothers-in-law); John Cole, James Cole, Tom Davies, Alfred Davies, W. J. Angel, Willie Angell, Berkley Angell, Willie Angell (Aberdare), Howell Thomas, Willie Thomas, David O. Davies, Sam Price, James J. Lewis, Robert Parry, John James, Willie A. Davies, James A. Davies, Percy Hanns, David Morris, H. Price, J. Angell, Claude Smith, W. Gardner. Mourners at the house: Mesdames M. J. Jones, E. M. Davies (daughters); Phoebe Roberts, Jessie Jones, Muriel Davies, Jessie A. Davies (grand-children); Eira Roberts (great-grandchild); Mrs. W. A. Davies (daughter-in-law); Mrs. H. M. Evans, New Quay (cousin); Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. W. Thomas, Mrs. J. Davies (sisters-in-law); Mesdames Blod Davies, Simpson, J. J. Lewis, R. Parry, D. O. Davies, W. Thomas, P. Hanns, S. Price, L. Smith, J. Morris, Miss L. Davies and Miss G. Vaughan.

“Merthyr Express” 19 October 1940

The Late Mrs. M. J. Jones The death took place on Monday of Mrs. M. J. Jones, 24, Guest-street, at the age of 71 years.

Evacuees Arrive A number of mothers and children from the London area arrived on Saturday evening. The arrangements for their reception had been made by the billeting officer, Councillor Sam Lewis, and members of the committee.

Hospital Mr. Syl James is progressing favourably at Merthyr General Hospital where he was removed after an accident at Ogilvie Colliery on Tuesday. Mr. Edward Price, Martin-street, is also a patient at the hospital.

Wedding: Miss Bessie Pugh and Mr. R. J. Evans The wedding took place at St. Gwladys' Church, Bargoed, on Saturday, of Miss Bessie Pugh, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pugh, 23, Guest-street, and Mr. R. J. Evans, Garthbeibio, Montgomeryshire. The Rev. D. H. Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in a white taffeta Elizabethan dress, braided in white silk, and her veil was held in place by a head-dress of white camelias. She carried an ivory Prayer book. She was attended by her sister, Mrs. Esther Mary Hatthaway, as matron of honour, and her cousin, Miss Esther Pugh, as bridesmaid, who wore dresses of blue lace over blue silk, and blue taffeta, with accessories to tone, and they carried bouquets of white chrysanthemums, and wore gold crosses, the gifts of the bridegroom. A reception was held at the bride's home, and later the couple left for North Wales, whether the honeymoon is being spent. They will make their future home at Rogerstone, Newport.

“Merthyr Express” 26 October 1940

Accident At Work Mr. George Davies, 10, Brynteg, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital after an accident at Ogilvie Colliery. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Nazareth The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. Emlyn Evans, Tredegar, preaching very inspiring sermons to large and appreciative congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. A. Davies and the organist was Mr. D. J. Davies.

Headships Many friends were delighted to learn of the appointments at Cardiff on Tuesday of Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Fochriw, to the headship of Fochriw Council Mixed and Infants' School, and Mr. W. Adams Jones, Fochriw, to the headship of Trelewis Council School. Mr. Jenkins is at present on the teaching staff of Pontlottyn Boys', and Mr. W. Adams Jones is acting head at Fochriw. They will take up their appointments with the good wishes of a host of friends.

Funeral: Mrs. M. J. Jones, 24, Guest-street, aged 71 years The funeral of Mrs. M. J. Jones took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Friday, and was is a very representative one. She had lived all her life in the village. Her husband died some years ago. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were members of Nazareth. The mourners were: Messrs. Evan J., W. Adams, and Griffith Jones (sons); John Adams Jones, Derlwyn Lewis (grandsons); John Lewis (son-in-law); Thomas Pugh, Richard Pugh (brothers); David Davies (brother-in-law); Griffith Pugh, Evan Watkins (nephews); Tom Jenkins (cousin); Lewis Hopkins, Howell Bowen, Ivor Davies (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Mattie Lewis (daughter); Mrs. W. Adams Jones and Mrs. G. Jones (daughters-in-law); Mrs. D. Davies,

Mrs. C. Davies (sisters); Cynthia Jones, David Adams Jones, Muriel Lewis (grand-children); Mrs. T. Pugh, Mrs. R. Pugh (sisters-in-law); Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. H. Bowen, Mrs. L. Hopkins, Miss Esther Pugh, Mrs. Harold Welsman (nieces); Mrs. Ed. Williams (cousin); Mrs. S. J. Jones (friend).

Funeral: Mr. A. Shankland, Aelybryn, aged 77 The sudden death of a well known inhabitant has taken place at Fochriw in the person of Mr. A. Shankland. He was a native of Penydarren, Merthyr, but came to Fochriw as a boy and spent the whole of his life in the village. A faithful member of Carmel Chapel, he attended throughout the Sunday previous to his death. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, and was well attended. The officiating ministers were the Revs. D. J. Thomas and R. Evans. The chief mourners were: Mr. J. Shankland, Mr. J. E. Davis (Port Talbot), Messrs. T. and C. Shankland, K. Owen, C. Lewis, Meirion, Tom and George Shankland.

“Merthyr Express” 2 November 1940

Boys' Club The Club has commenced its winter activities, and the secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies, has arranged a varied programme.

Wedding: Clavin-Mantle The wedding took place on Tuesday at the Roman Catholic Church, Bargoed, of Aircraftman Edgar Mantle, RAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mantle, Fochriw, and Miss Cissie Clavin, Deri. The Rev. Father Oruke officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in Air Force blue. Miss Teresa Clavin was bridesmaid and wore an Air Force blue dress. The best man was Mr. Leslie Mantle. Also present were Mrs. Sullivan (aunt of the bride), Miss Lilian Mantle and Mr. Gwyn Mantle. The reception was held at the bride's home.

Wedding: Watkins-Evans Mr. Idris Evans, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. George Evans, Plantation-terrace, and Miss Cissie Watkins, Hereford, were married on Sunday at Bishops Frome Church, Hereford. The bride wore a gown of white lace with a bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Phyllis Evans (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Winnie Watkins (sister of the bride). They wore pale blue taffeta dresses, blue halos and silver shoes, and carried bouquets of pink chrysanthemums. Mr. Emrys Evans was best man, and the groomsmen included Messrs. Douglas and Derlwyn Evans, brothers of the bridegroom. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Evans (parents of the bridegroom), Mr. and Mrs. Syd Davies, Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis (uncles and aunts of the bridegroom). Later, the couple left for Smethwick, where they will make their home.

“Merthyr Express” 9 November 1940

Deaf of Mr. Percy Mantle The death has taken place of Mr. Percy Mantle, aged 52, Hill-road, Pentwyn.

Home Guard A number of the members, with the Section Commander, J. R. White, journeyed on Sunday for shooting practice at the range, and gave a good account of themselves.

Air-Raid Precaution Lecture An instructive lecture was given at Noddfa vestry on Thursday on A.R.P. organisation by P.S. A. Hanney, Pontlottyn. Councillor Sam Lewis, chief warden, presided.

Ambulance Brigade Mr. Tom Powell, Pentwyn, a member of the Fochriw section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, won the individual cup competition at Dowlais on Saturday.

Wedding: Llewellyn-Davies The wedding took place at Llanbradach Church of Gunner Ivor Glyn Davies, Royal Artillery, and Miss Jessie Elizabeth Llewellyn, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gwilym Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm. The Rev. H. Thomas officiated. The bride, who was given away by Mr. John Llewellyn (brother), wore a blue brocade dress with navy accessories, and wore a spray of pink chrysanthemums. She was attended by her sister, Miss Gwen Llewellyn. The reception was held at the bride's home.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Councillor W. J. Payne presiding. A report on the visit of the surveyors to the new playing fields was made, and they stated they were well pleased with the work already done. They would

submit an estimate of the cost for completion of the work. It was agreed to inspect the children's playing field and to carry out certain renovations. The committee are looking forward to the completion of the playing around, and they are sparing no effort to bring this about. The present crisis has hindered the work, but they are still hopeful of completing the same.

British Legion The annual meeting of the branch was held at the New Hall on Tuesday when the following have been appointed officers for 1940-41; President, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-presidents, Mr. W. Sullivan and Miss M. E. Thomas; chairman, Mr. E. J. Cumpstone; vice-chairman, Mr. Tom Jones; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Pegg; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant sec., Mr. Edward Puddle; standard bearer, Mr. J. Symons; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White and the Rev. Richard Evans; committee: Messrs. S. Phillips, J. Lewis, W. D. Davies, J. W. Davies, D. Wheeler, Ted Lewis, W. J. Davies, D. O. Davies; delegates - to the County Committee: Messrs. Phillips and Puddle; area committee: Mr. Puddle; National Conference: Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. It was decided to hold a Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, 10th November, at 3:30pm. Invitations were extended to the Home Guard, Silver Band, A.R.P, Special Constabulary, and to a detachment of the South Wales Borderers. Mrs. M. E. Phillips was again appointed Poppy Day organiser. The secretary reported success in his effort to obtain a dependant's pension for the mother of a deceased ex-service rating. Congratulatory messages were sent to Mr. W. A. Jones and Mr. Dan Jenkins on their appointment as head teachers. It is hoped to arrange interesting events this winter.

“Merthyr Express” 23 November 1940

Death of Mrs. May Price The death has occurred of Mrs. May Price, aged 33, wife of Mr. H. Price, 22, Plantation-street.

Poppy Day Mrs. M. E. Phillips and a band of helpers were busy selling poppies on Friday last, and a satisfactory sum has been realised.

Comforts For Troops A sewing class known as the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund for the Forces has been formed at Pentwyn, where a room has been kindly placed at their disposal by Mrs. A. Davies, White Horse Hotel. 50 ladies meet every week at the class. The secretary is Mrs. A. Jones; treasurer, Mrs. J. Davies; chairman, Mrs. M. E. Phillips.

Women's Social Centre Miss Salisbury Jones, Merthyr, gave a cookery demonstration at the centre recently, when several wartime dishes were made. The Secretary announced that they had received a cookery store from the South Wales Social Service. Afterwards, a lecture was given by Mrs. Campbell, Cardiff, the subject being "Germany." Votes of thanks to both ladies was accorded by Mesdames L. Thomas (secretary), B. Angell (treasurer), and M Phillips (chairman).

Girls' Club At the weekly meeting of the Girls' Club on Monday, Mrs. Sam Lewis given an interesting talk. She was thanked by Miss Eliza Evans and Miss Marie Davies. The evening concluded with community singing and games. Mrs. S Jones presided. The energetic club leader is Mrs. S. Phillips. The Girls' Club entertain the evacuated girls from Sheerness every club night. They are busy with their winter programme, and hoped to include a drama in their activities.

Wedding: Adams-Sinclair The wedding took place at St. Edmund's Church, Chingford, London, on Saturday, of Mr. Albert Sinclair, London, and Miss Joan Adams, daughter of the late Mr. Arthur Adams and Mrs. Adams, 21, Guest-street. The bride, who was given away by her brother-in-law, wore a white taffeta dress with veil and shoes to tone. She carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaid was Miss Gertrude Adams (sister of the bride), who was dressed in blue, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The reception was held at the home of the bride's sister.

Poppy Sales The annual sales of Flanders Poppies was held in Fochriw and District at the weekend. Mrs. S. Phillips, chairman of the women's section, was the organiser. The amount realised this year surpasses all previous efforts. The collectors were as follows: Fochriw: Mesdames L. Pritchard and E. Williams, G. Mantle and G. Edwards, Misses E. Thomas and A. Thomas, B. Evans and E. Angell - £5 2s 10d; Pentwyn and Penybank:

Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. S. Phillips - £1 16s 3d; Pantywaun: Miss G. Thomas and Miss M. Morgan - 9s 8d; donation from St. Mary Church - £1; wreaths - £3 17s 6d; total - £12 6s 3d.

Funeral: Mr. Percy Mantle, Hill-row, aged 52 The funeral of Mr. Percy Mantle took place last Thursday at Pant Cemetery. He had lived in the village all his life, and was a member of Carmel Church. He took a keen interest in the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and was in Knight of the Order. The following members of the Order were bearers: Messrs. Ben Evans, Lewis Jones, W. J. Llewelyn, W. Lewis, Edward Puddle and Edward Evans. The Rev. J. R. Salmon officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. George and Albert Mantle (brothers); W. Cook, D. J. Meredith (brothers-in-law); Councillor T. Mantle, Messrs. Percy, Will, T. M., J. C., Phil and David Mantle, E. Jones, G. Meredith, C. Cook, T. Davies, L. Jenkins, T. Mantle (Bedlinog), T. Blake (nephews); T. R., and E. Jones, Jack and W. J. Mantle, Ben and Ned Evans, W. Lewis and T. Edwards. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. Jones (sister); Mesdames A. & G. Mantle, D. J. Meredith (sisters-in-law); T. M. & J. C. Mantle, L. Jenkins, T. Davies, J. Lawrence, W. Cook, E. Mantle, T. & E. Jones, T. J. Morgan, Evan Jones, Miss D. Morgan (cousins); Mrs. Cumpstone.

Remembrance Service A remembrance service was conducted at the Parish Church on Sunday afternoon by the Rev. J. L. White, and was attended by members of the Home Guard, a military detachment, members of the British Legion (Men's and Women's sections), Special Constabulary, Ambulance, the A.R.P and A.F.S. The various bodies formed up at Railway-terrace under Lieutenant Giles and paraded to the Parish Church. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial window by Mr. Idris Cumpstone on behalf of the Men's Section, Mrs. A. Morgan for the Women's Section, Mrs. M. Mantle on behalf of the Mothers' Union, Lieutenant Giles on behalf of the Fochriw detachment, Section Commander J. R. White on behalf of the Home Guard. Flowers were laid in memory of Hugh Morris Mantle who died at Narvik; W. R. Edwards and Gordon Way who died in the Great War. Bugler G. Burrows sounded the "Last Post," and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones recited lines from Lawrence Benyon's poem.

Library and Institute Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday. He congratulated Mr. W. Adams Jones and Mr. Daniel Jenkins on their appointments. Regret was expressed at the illness of the former headmaster of Fochriw School, Mr. T. J. Jones, which had caused his retirement. He had been a faithful member of the committee, and also the Welfare Association and other bodies in the village, as well as president of the British Legion. It was felt that his past services should be recognised in a tangible form, and it was decided that Mr. W. Adams Jones invite representatives from various bodies to attend a meeting that would be convened. The chairman was appointed to represent the Institute committee. It was decided to carry out improvements in the billiards room. The caretaker reported that papers were being taken from the reading room. A request for the use of a room at the old Reading room was made by Mrs. L. Thomas on behalf of the Women's Social Service, and this was agreed to, as was the request for a room for the old age pensioners to hold their meeting.

Honour to Mr. T. J. Jones A meeting of representatives of various organisations was held at the library on Monday to consider how to show appreciation in some tangible form for the many services rendered to Fochriw by the former headmaster, Mr. T. J. Jones. It was decided to proceed with the scheme. Officers appointed were: chairman, Councillor W. J. Payne; secretary, Mr. D. J. Davies; treasurer, Mr. Idris Cumpstone. The arrangements for the musical part of the programme for the presentation was left to Mr. J. J. Lewis (Ap Morlais).

"Cobbler's Wax" The Fochriw Amateur Dramatic Society gave a performance of the comedy "Cobbler's Wax," at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the Comforts Fund. The hall was well filled and the company rose to great heights. They have performed many comedies and dramas for charity, and have always scored striking successes. The chairman was Dr. Monnelly; the stage manager was Mr. Tom Davies, and the prompters were Miss M. Jones and Mrs. Katie Jones Davies. The characters were played by: Miss

S. Jones; Mr. Evan M. Lewis; Miss E. Matthews; Miss R. Wellings; Mr. B. Davies; Miss E. Morgan; Mr. Joshua Thomas; Mr. Thomas J. Jones; Mr. E. Thomas; Mr. W. Adams Jones; Miss Marie Davies; Mrs. A. Lawrence. During the evening, Lieutenant Giles, South Wales Borderers, complimented the company on their performance. The event was organised by the W.V.S. with Miss K. Jones Davies as secretary.

Funeral: Mrs. M. J. Price, Brynteg-street, aged 33 years The funeral of Mrs. M. J. Price, wife of Mr. Harry Price, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Price had been ill for a long time. She was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral was a representative one. The Rev. Richard Evans and David Thomas officiated. The mourners were: Mr. Harry Price (husband); James Price and Gethin Price (sons); Mr. James Davies (father); Messrs. Willie A. Davies, James A. Davies, Burkley Davies (brothers); Frank Price, Richard Price, David Morris (brothers-in-law); Claude Smith, Thomas Morris, Ronald Morris (nephews); David Branam, John Davies, W. Thomas, J. J. Lewis, Edward Davies (uncles); Oliver Davies, D. J. Davies, W. A. Davies, Burkley Davies, Ewart Davis, W. J. Llewellyn, Percy Hann, D. J. Davies, Alfred Davies, William J. Angell. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Davies (mother); Mesdames Smith, Morris (sisters); W. A. & J. A. Davies (sisters-in-law); John Davies, Edward Davies, Ellen Jones, William Thomas (aunts); J. J. Lewis, Miss Katie Davies, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. James Davies, Mrs. Oliver (cousins).

“Merthyr Express” 30 November 1940

Hospital The following our patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Messrs. W. Games, T. Price, D. Williams, of Aelybryn, and Miss Nancy Morgan of Williams-row.

Evacuation A meeting of the evacuation committee was held at the library on Monday evening. Mr. Idris Cumpstone, the billeting officer, reported that instructions had been received to prepare to receive children from the Midlands, and arrangements were made for the reception of the children.

British Legion Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the benevolent committee at the Old Library on Thursday last. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones reported cases he had dealt with, and which had brought benefit to the people concerned. Cases of sick persons were dealt with, and grants were made. Several other cases were reviewed and grants made.

Boys' Club The Boys' Club is in full swing again. An added attraction is the mixed club, introduced for the first time this winter, which is very popular with the hundred boys and girls who present themselves on mixed club night. In the near future, parents will have an opportunity to attend one of these mixed club nights to see how their children spend their evenings. On Monday night, the children were entertained to a talkie picture show sponsored by Messrs. Fry of Bristol. Later in the week, a similar show was put on by Mr. Lang of Sheerness. At these picture shows, 200 children were present, and if the volume of laughter was the measure of happiness, then these nights were most enjoyable. The chairman was Mr. Pay, resident school teacher from Sheerness. The Boys' Club is doing everything possible to make its guests as happy and contented as circumstances will permit. As in previous years, various teams of the club are having marked success.

“Merthyr Express” 7 December 1940

Death of Old Inhabitant The death has occurred of Mr. George Thomas, Cardiff, late of Plantation-terrace, and husband of Nurse Thomas. Mr. Thomas was well-known and respected, as was Nurse Thomas, who was very devoted to her duties while at Fochriw.

Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday, when the Rev. D. C. Jenkins, Penrhiwceiber, preached very inspiring sermons to large congregations. The organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

The Earl of Plymouth's Appeal Under the supervision of the Glamorgan County Welfare and Comforts Association, the sale of flags took place on Saturday in Fochriw and District. The organiser was Mrs. S. Phillips, assisted by a willing band of sellers. The fund caters for the welfare of the forces. The sellers were: Miss S. Nell and Miss P.

Vines; Miss D. Williams and Miss M. Puddle; Mrs. W. Pope and Mrs. J. Harding; Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. S. Phillips. The total was £2 2s.

“Merthyr Express” 14 December 1940

Home Guard Social A social was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday under the auspices of the Fochriw section of the Home Guard in aid of the Comforts Fund. Sergeant W. M. Davies presided, and Mr. Baden Bowen, Deri, was the accompanist.

“Merthyr Express” 28 December 1940

Women's Club A lecture was given by the Rev. Ben Davies, Cardiff, and he was thanked by Mrs. L. Thomas and Mrs. P. Owen.

Nursing Success Miss Pearl Davies, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Brook Cottage, has passed the preliminary examination of the General Nursing Council. Miss Davies is being trained at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff.

Help The Hospital During this week, workers will be distributing and collecting envelopes in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The need of funds was never greater, with an overdraft of over £3,000. Please do your best by contributing as much as possible to this worthy cause.

Library and Institute Councillor W. J. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday. It was decided to associate the institution with the proposed presentation to Mr. T. J. Jones. The Christmas snooker handicap is in full swing, for which there was an entry of 88 players.

Police Court Adelaide Lawrence, aged 31, school teacher, of Fochriw, was summoned for leaving her motor-car on the highway during the hours of darkness on November 27th without lights. A lad named Thomas Davies of Bedlinog, a collier boy, said that as he walked around the corner he bumped into the car. It was found that when the mudguard was touched the lights were extinguished, and when touched again, they came on. Miss Lawrence was ordered to pay costs.

Ivor Jones of Pontlottyn was fined 20 shillings for having blacked out the bedroom window of his house. P.C. W. Davies reported that he saw a light in the house at 11.30pm on December 14.

Schools Tea On Thursday evening last, the Fochriw and Penybank Council Schools children, with the evacuated children, were entertained to tea. The rooms had been decorated and everything possible had been done to make the children happy. At Fochriw School, Mr. Daniel Jenkins and his staff, with a band of workers, were kept busy attending to the wants of the children. At Penybank School, Mr. Arthur Ballard and staff had a number of helpers. Also present were Mr. I. Cumpstone (billeting officer), Counsellors S. Lewis and W. J. Payne. Thanks are due to all who helped.