

“Merthyr Express” 4 January 1964

Homecoming Mrs. Myrna Davey, Tegfan House, has been discharged from St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

Labour Club The committee of the new Labour Club gave a party to members' children on Saturday. About 350 children were given 2s. 6d.

Communion Services Holy Communion services were celebrated in the four churches of the parish on Christmas Day, the Vicar officiating.

Noddfa Sunday School A Christmas Party was held on Friday. Refreshments were provided by the parents of the children. Games followed.

Noddfa Sisterhood On Thursday, the speaker was Miss Florence Bailes, a missionary nurse, who is on leave in this area. Mr. Mervyn A. Parsons, Aberbargoed, took the devotions. Mrs. P.M. Jones presided and was the organist.

Mr. George Dummett The death occurred at his home, 20, Dynevor Street, of Mr. George Dummett. Aged 56, he had lived in the area all his life. He was employed at Ogilvie Colliery until ill-health forced him to retire. He leaves a widow and grown up family.

Christmas Gymanfa The annual united gymanfa was held at Nazareth Chapel on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. Ewart Davies. Nurse M. Lewis presided at the morning carol service. The organist was Miss Jean Davies. Scripture was read by Rita Jones. Items were given by Susan Price, Michael Owen, Janet, Christine and Lynne Hann, Ann Davies & Alison Evans. The president was Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone. The devotions were taken by Nurse M. Lewis and Mr. Bryn Jones. A solo was sung by Miss Rosemary Jones. The organist was Mr. Tom Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 11 January 1964

Guild The Young People's Guild sang carols in the village on Christmas Eve. The collection, which amounted to £6 5s was donated to the local O.A.P Fund.

Late Mrs. M. Humphries The death occurred at the Redwood Memorial Hospital of Mrs. Marjorie Humphries, Pontlottyn, formerly of Fochriw. She was 58, and was the only daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis, Aelybryn.

Party A New Year party was given to the children of Carmel Sunday School on January 1. After tea, Father Christmas, Mr. B. Davies, gave each child a book. The Young People's Guild held their party at the Y.M.C.A. Club on Thursday. Games and a Twist Competition followed tea.

Wedding: Davies – Owen The wedding took place on New Year's Day at Plough Chapel, Brecon, of Miss Morfydd E. Owen, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Owen of Llanfihangel, Brecon, formerly of Aelybryn, and Dr. Howard Davies of Pencoed. Mrs. Davies is a lecturer at Cardiff University, and Dr. Davies is a lecturer in the Welsh School of Medicine at Cardiff. They will make their future home at Rhiwsaeson, Pontyclun.

Children's Service The scholars of Carmel Chapel held a children's evening service recently. Films and scripts on the Nativity were shown. Taking part were: Mary Davies, David Watkins, Margaret Harris, Sandra & Linda Davies, Carol Powell, Irene & Susan Harris, Ann Davies, Sonia Dummett, Jean Davies, Janet, Lynne and Christine Hann, Laurence Blunt, Alvine and Theresa Kolasinski, Alison Evans, Mr. Neville Hann, Gurwen and Stanley Davies, Derek Hann. A solo was given by Christopher Powell and Brain Cockram gave a recitation. Miss M. Jones read a portion of Scripture. Miss Jean Davies was the organist. Nurse M. Lewis led in prayer, and also presided.

Mr. George Dummett Mr. G. Dummett has died. He was 56, and spent his life in Fochriw, and worked at Ogilvie Colliery. He was a member of the former Male Voice Choir. His hobby was gardening. Burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard, after a service at St. Mary's Church. The Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore, officiated. The principal mourners were: Royston (son); Ken (son-in-law); Freddie, Alfred, Percy, Albert, Rufus (brothers). John Llewlllyn Owen, brother-in-law, was unable to attend. At the house were: Margaret (wife); Gwyneth (daughter); Mary Ann, Nellie May (sisters); Edie, Nell, Credwin, Cred (sisters-in-law); Tommy, Haydn, Glanmor, Charles, George, Rufus, Tommy Owen, John, Haydn, Emrys, Jack, Billy, Alan, Michael, Terence (nephews); Les, Tom, Cyril, Isaac, Dai, Teddy, Billy, Howell (cousins); Joe, Arthur, Charlie (friends). The bearers representing the Fochriw Labour

Club were Messrs. Harry Bradley, Ronald Lloyd, Trevor Wallis, Ellis Davies, Bill Ross and Alun Davies. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 18 January 1964

Alan Thomas - First ‘Cap’ For Fochriw It was a night to remember at Fochriw on Thursday last, when nearly 300 people packed the concert hall of the new Fochriw Labour Club in Glyn Terrace to pay tribute to Alan Thomas, the village’s first Welsh rugby ‘cap.’ Alan is 23, and plays open side wing forward for Newport. After receiving three gifts from local organisations, he told the audience, “I never realised how proud Fochriw would be of me. Standing on the Arms Park in a Welsh jersey is a moment I shall never forget. And this is another.” The main presentation of an engraved wrist-watch was made on behalf of the Labour Club by Mr. John Llewellyn, J.P., who referred to the achievement of other local men - Brian Price and John Uzzell, both of Deri. Coun. Frank Jenkins presented a bowl on behalf of the ‘Y.M.’ A third gift, a coloured photograph of Alan in his Welsh kit, was presented by Mr. Tom Powell, on behalf of the Welfare and Institute. Rev. Evan Sedgemore said that there were 4,150 people living in the area, and it was remarkable that four internationals should come from the district - Billy Thomas of Deri was capped last year. Other speakers were Mr. N. Withers, chairman of the Y.M.C.A., and Mr. Ellis Davies, secretary of the Fochriw Labour Club. A belated, surprise visitor was Clive Rowlands, skipper of Pontypool and Wales. The chairman was Mr. Jack Davies, chairman of the Fochriw Labour Club, and a fine evening’s entertainment was provided by Leyton Weekes, Jeff Crocker and Ron Gibbs.

In Hospital Master Colin Lloyd, 34, Aelybryn, is a patient at St. James’ Hospital, Tredegar.

Film Show The Young People’s Guild was entertained to a film show by Miss M. Jones and Nurse M. Lewis. The film was of a visit to the Passion Play at Oberamergau.

Noddfa Sisterhood Annual Supper Grace was said by Mrs. Margaret Davies (Pencerdd), the oldest member. After supper, entertainment was provided by the members. The accompanist was Mrs. Annie Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 25 January 1964

Burridge – Jones The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary’s Church of Mr. Alvar Burridge, son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Burridge, 44, Westville, Abertysswg, and Miss Gillian Jones, daughter of Mrs. Ivy Morgan, 7 Davies Row, Pentwyn, and the late Mr. Bryn Jones. The Vicar officiated. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her step-father, Mr. T.E. Morgan, wore a white ballerina-length dress of brocade and lace. Her bouffant veil was held in place by a coronet of pearls. She carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Ann Tyler, Miss Jacqueline Bradley, Miss June Lewis (nieces of the bride), and Miss Cheryl Burridge, sister of the groom. Two bridesmaids wore short dresses of white nylon over lemon with head-dresses of yellow rosebuds. The other two bridesmaids wore short dresses of white nylon with white coronet head-dresses. They carried bouquets of freesias. Mr. George Powell was the best man. The groomsmen were Mr. Les Stockman. A reception was held at the White Horse Inn. Mr. & Mrs. Burridge will make their home in Germany, where Mr. Burridge is serving in H.M. Forces.

Davies – Morris Mr. Jeff Davies, elder son of Mr. & Mrs. John Davies, 109, Gwladys Ave., Bargoed, was married on Saturday to Miss Ann Morris, younger daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas James Morris, School House, Fochriw. The ceremony took place at Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The Rev. T.J. Jones officiated, assisted by Rev. T.J. James. Mrs. Anne Davies, aunt of the bride, was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a short gown of heavy white satin brocade with a rosebud pattern. Her head-dress was a white satin band with bouffant veil. She carried a bouquet of apricot roses and lily-of-the-valley. The bride’s attendants were Mrs. Margaret Dando, sister of the bride, and Miss Jacqueline Ann Jones, god-daughter of the bride. They wore short dresses of apricot velvet with white velvet muffs and white head dresses of roses and leaves. The best man was Mr. Kenneth Dando. Groomsmen were Mr. Lynn Jones, nephew of the bride, and Mr. Stan Jones. After a reception at the New Hall, the couple travelled to London for the honeymoon. To travel, the bride wore a dark brown coat, sage green dress and dark brown accessories.

“Merthyr Express” 1 February 1964

In Hospital Miss Joyce Lewis, 81, Glanynant, is a patient at Sully Hospital, awaiting an operation.

Carmel The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Noel Gibbard, B.A., of Penywern, who at the evening service celebrated Holy Communion. The organist was Mrs. Ann Davies.

Guild At the Young People's Guild on Thursday, Mr. Alan Evans of Bargoed spoke on "Mirrors." Miss Doris Holifield read Scripture and Miss Glynis Chapman led in prayer. The accompanist was Miss Maralyn Holifield.

St. Mary's The Vicar officiated in the morning, and Mr. Idris Jones of Brithdir in the evening. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

Mrs. Gwladys Wright Mrs. Gwladys Wright, 41, Aelybryn, has died. She was 69. She was the daughter of the late Mr. David Davies, builder and undertaker, and was a member of the member of St. Mary's Church, of the Mothers' Union, and of the Noddfa Sisterhood. Mr. Wright died 10 years ago. Burial was at Pentwyn Churchyard after a service at St. Mary's. Rev. J. Ifor Jones, rector of Gelligaer officiated. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist. The funeral was well attended. Principal family mourners were: Doris, Jennie May, Annie (daughters); Fred, Beverly (sons); Goronwy (son-in-law); Eluned, Kitty (daughters-in-law); Jeffrey (grandson); David John, Dan, Ben (brothers); Aseneth, Jennie, May, Lizzie (sisters); Sal, May, Edie (sisters-in-law); Bert, Gordon, Bessie, W.M. Davies, Sid Evans, Sam, Sid Wright ((brothers-in-law); Robert Davies (uncle); Ellis, Desmond, Ronnie, Allen, Tudor, Willie, Myrddin, Barry, Alun, Gwyn, David, Reggir, Willie Edmund, Selwyn, Bob John, Will Fox (nephews and cousins); Marion, Elsa, Jessie Ann, Enid, Jean, Ruth, Morfa, Edie, Bessie (nieces, cousins and friends). There were representatives of St. Mary's and the Mothers' Union; of Noddfa; of Nazareth; and of the Mission Hall. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

"Merthyr Express" 8 February 1964

In Hospital Mr. John Aldwyn Edwards, 6, Pontlottyn Road, and Mr. Stanley Jenkins, 14, Hillside, are patients at Aberbargoed Hospital.

Noddfa The speaker was Mrs. Cobley of Hengoed. Mrs. Peggy Davies read, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. The organist was Mrs. Annie Davies. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided.

"Merthyr Express" 15 February 1964

In Hospital Mr. John Evans, 62, Glanynant, is a patient at Llandough Hospital.

Young People's Guild A recent speaker was Mr. Thomas John Jones. Miss Christine Gittens read, and Miss Christine Tyler led in prayer.

Prayer Meeting At Carmel on Sunday, the morning service was a prayer meeting. At the evening service, Mr. Reg Stephens of Bargoed was the preacher. Mrs. Ann Davies was the organist.

Parish Church The Vicar officiated on Sunday morning. At Evensong, Mr. John Denner, lay reader, Deri, preacher. Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

Hockey Trialist Miss Margaret Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan William Jones, 14, Guest Street, has been selected to play hockey for the Wales "B" team. A student at Barry Training College, she has played for Glamorgan County team, and whilst a pupil at Bargoed Grammar Technical School was captain of the school hockey team.

Davies – Jones The marriage of Mr. Gwynfor Davies, son of Mrs. E.H. Davies, 16, Hill Row, Pentwyn, and the late Mr. Davies, and Miss Dilyswen Margaret Jones, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Owen Jones, 21, Glanynant, took place at Alnon Baptist Chapel, Abertysswg, on Saturday. The Rev. A.E. Williams, B.A., officiated, and Mr. Tom Nash was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a nylon and lace ballerina length dress with bouffant veil held in place by a coronet of white roses, and carried a bouquet of yellow tea roses. Miss Meryl Weaver was the bridesmaid. She wore a lemon nylon ballerina length dress with lemon nylon veil held in place by a coronet of lemon roses and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Mervyn Davies, and Mr. Graham Bebb was the groomsman. A reception was held at the home of the bride. To travel to Malvern, Worcs., the bride wore a wine and black coat with accessories to tone.

"Merthyr Express" 22 February 1964

Noddfa The preacher at Noddfa on Sunday was Mr. Glyn Jones, Fochriw. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

British Legion The Branch Committee and the Benevolent Committee met at the New Welfare Hall. The chairman was Mr. Gordon Blunt.

Young People's Guild A social evening was held at the Y.M.C.A. Club. Dancing was organised by Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone.

In Hospital Mrs. Margaret Shankland, 2, Pleasant View, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

Ambulance Competition In the final of the Riches Corps Ambulance Competition, the Fochriw team gained first place and won the Tom Jones Memorial Cup.

Sisterhood Mrs. Acreman of Ystrad Mynach, was the speaker at the meeting. The devotions were taken by Miss Gretta Evans. Mrs. P. Jones presided. Mrs. Annie Davies was the organist.

"Merthyr Express" 29 February 1964

Fochriw Y.M.C.A. News The under 18's were successful recently when they deservedly defeated Aberaman at home 5-4. The A team was in top form in their home game with Troedrhirfuwch, winning 3-0. The B team was away to Deri, and not to be outdone won 3-0.

Died in Hospital The death has occurred at Ystrad Mynach Hospital of Mrs. Annie Jones, 14, Glen View, Pentwyn. In her eighties, Mrs. Jones had lived in the village most of her life.

Welfare Association At a committee meeting in the New Hall on Sunday, the proposal that the club should become licensed was discussed. The Committee was informed by the secretary that the minute passed earlier was out of order and has to be removed from the record, as the person who seconded the motion 'Not to have a licensed club' was not a member of the Fochriw Welfare. The question of licensed premises will be discussed at a later date.

"Merthyr Express" 7 March 1964

Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker was County Councillor Bryn Williams, Deri. Mrs. P. Jones presided.

In Hospital Alan Cockram, age 3, of 57, Glanynant, was scalded in an accident at his home. He was detained at St. Lawrence's Hospital, Chepstow.

Mr. S.S. Llewellyn The death occurred at his home on Friday of Mr. Stuart Samuel Llewellyn, 48, Glanynant, and formerly of Pentwyn, the son of Mrs. E.A. Llewellyn, and the late Mr. W.S. Llewellyn. He was 45. Mr. Llewellyn lived locally all his life. He was a member of St. Mary's.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. David Evans, 44, Aelybryn, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday. They were married at Merthyr. In their seventies, the couple have lived all their lives at Fochriw. During their younger days they were members of Fochriw choirs. They have two daughters, Mrs. T. Cumpstone of Barry, and Mrs. A. Morgan of Taffs Well, three grand children and a great grandchild.

"Merthyr Express" 14 March 1964

In Hospital Mrs. Maud Clarke, 10, Plantation Terrace, is a patient at Rhydlafer Hospital.

Golden Wedding On the occasion of their golden wedding, Mr. & Mrs. David Evans, 44, Aelybryn, were presented with an iced cake by Mr. R. Rees, on behalf of the Taff Branch of the Co-operative Retail Society Ltd.

Mr. Albert J. Evans The death occurred at Llandough hospital on Sunday of Mr. Albert John Evans, 62, Glanynant, formerly of Penybanc. Mr. Evans had been ill for many years. His wife and grown up family survive.

Young People's Guild Miss Doris Holifield presided at a concert in which John Moore, Michael Cochlin, Olive Titcombe, Mary Price, Phyllis Iles, Julia Ross, Beryl Yeoman, Ann Gifford, Rita Jones, Gwyneira Gittoes, Sonia Moore, Jennifer Tyler, Christine Gittens, Irene Perkins, Lynfa Davies, Jennifer Jones, Paul Challenger, Irene Jones, Linda Kent (Pontlottyn), and Mary Price took part.

Wedding: McBrumby - Evans Mr. Robert McBrumby, 10, Rhodfa Ganol, was married on Saturday at Cardiff, to Miss Pauline Evans, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Isaac Evans of 10, Rhodfa Ganol. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Cyril Davies. She wore a full

length figured brocade dress with bouffant shoulder length veil. She carried a bouquet of red tea roses. Mrs. Violet Davies, aunt, wore a grey fur coat, turquoise dress and hat and black shoes. The reception was at the Central Café, Bargoed.

Mr. S. Llewellyn Mr. Stuart Samuel Llewellyn has died. He was born at Pentwyn, and lived in the district all his life. He was a member of St. Mary's. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard last Wednesday. Rev. E. Sedgemore officiated. The organists were Mr. Willie Edwards and Mr. W.A. Davies. Mourners: William John, Vernon, Eddie (brothers); Ian, Robert (nephews); Jenkin Johnson, Jack Benbow (uncles); Elwyn, John, Alvin, Cuthbert, Cecil, Hopkin Llewellyn, Joe, John, William, David, Kenneth Pullen, Jack Davies, Will Davies, John Albion, Moses Garrett, Albion & Fred Way, Enoch & Tom Rees, Rev. Thomas, J. Jones, David Cecil, Horace Eales (cousins). At the house were: Elanor Ann (mother); Bernice (sister-in-law); Irene, Nora (aunts); Lesley (niece); Sarah Jane, Edith, May, Laurie Ann, Elizabeth (cousins). The bearers were Tudor Evans, Lionel Everitt, Frank Jenkins, Len Davies, Harry Bradley, Tom Watkins. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 21 March 1964

Thomas – Marshallsea The marriage of Mr. Mansel Thomas, son of Mr. Tom Thomas, 25, Upper Cefn Road, Deri, and the late Mrs. Thomas, to Miss Sandra Rose Marshallsea, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Percy Marshallsea, 21, Brynteg Terrace, took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday. The Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiated, and Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a model gown of white rose patterned brocade with a train, with a bouffant veil held in place by a head-dress of roses and lily of the valley. She carried a bouquet of orchids and apricot rosebuds. Miss Moira Marshallsea, cousin of the bride, attended her. Her crinoline gown was jade slipper satin, She carried a white fur muff decorated with apricot rosebuds and freesias. The best man was Mr. Tudor Moon, and Mr. Colin Marshallsea and Mr. Roy Evans were groomsmen. After a reception at the Gwerthonor Hotel, Gilfach, Bargoed, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas left for a honeymoon in London. To travel, the bride wore a brown dress under a Persianelle coat with stone accessories. The bride was presented with lucky horseshoes by Nicol Marshallsea and Diane & Karen Shankland.

In Hospital Mr. Fred Dummett, 20, Martin Street, is a patient at Maindiff Court Hospital, Abergavenny.

Guild Mr. Michael Evans spoke on “Money Matters” at the meeting on Thursday.

Sisterhood The speaker on Thursday was Mrs. Maud Davies, Pontlottyn. Scripture was read by Miss Nellie Shankland. The organist was Mrs. Annie Davies. Mrs. P. Jones presided.

Dies at 49 The death has occurred at her home in Nuneaton, Warwickshire, of Mrs. Ceridwen Purnell. Aged 49, Mrs. Purnell was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Thomas, 2, Williams Row. Her husband and grown up family survive.

Former Resident The death occurred at her home in Llanbradach recently of Mrs. Jessie Elizabeth Davies. Mrs. Davies was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Gwilym Llewellyn, Ffynnonauduon Farm, Pentwyn. Her husband and one son survive.

“Merthyr Express” 28 March 1964

Currie – Everitt The marriage of Mr. George Currie, son of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Currie, Thomas Street, Gilfach, Bargoed, to Miss Janet Ruth Everitt, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford H. Everitt, 15, Heol Iago, took place at St. Mary's on Saturday. The Vicar officiated, and Mr. W.T. Edwards was the organist. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a full length pink nylon gown embroidered with pink nylon bows; bouffant veil held in place with a crystal coronet; pink three quarter length nylon gloves, and carried a pink coloured Bible and a spray of pink carnations. Mrs. June Williams, sister of the bride, and Miss Irene Currie, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids. Both wore ice-blue slipper satin ballerina length dresses with blue nylon rose head-dresses and carried blue coloured Bibles. Messrs. Lionel and Clive Everitt were groomsmen. A reception was held at the Royal Hotel, Bargoed. To travel to London for the honeymoon, the bride wore a turquoise blue suit with white accessories. On leaving the Church, the bride was presented with horse-shoes by Miss Merle Everitt, Master Neil Everitt, and Jill Challenger.

Accident Victim Mrs. Maud Davies, 4. Plantation Terrace, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital, after meeting with an accident in the home.

“Merthyr Express” 4 April 1964

Nazareth On Sunday, the young people conducted the service. Miss Doris Holifield presided, and Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone recited. A paper on “Easter” was given by Miss Angela Owen. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

Rally At a Sunday School Rally at Hanbury Road, Baptist Chapel, Bargoed, recently, Noddfa Chapel was represented by Mr. Tom Thomas, superintendent, Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Mrs. Phyllis Jones, Pul Millward, Carol Jones, Rita Jones, Mary Price and Susan Pearson.

Maundy Thursday The Noddfa Sisterhood held a miscellaneous meeting on Maundy Thursday. Taking part were: Mrs. Peggy Davies, Elizabeth Jones, Sarah Gewn Parry, Mary Alice Lewis, Harriet Odden, Eluned Wright, Edith Parry Lewis, and Miss Nellie Shankland. Mrs. Phyllis Jones led in prayer and presided. Mrs. Ann Davies was organist.

Good Friday Services On Good Friday the Free Church Council held services at Nazareth. Mt. T.J. Jones presided at the morning prayer meeting, when Mr. Tom Thomas, Noddfa, was the reader, and Nurse Mimi Lewis, Carmel, and Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Nazareth, led in prayer. The special preacher at the evening service was the Rev. Randall Morgan, Pengam. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

Wedding: Jones – Bevan Mr. Colin Jones, son of Mrs. Ivy Morgan, 7, Davies Row, and the late Mr. Bryn Jones, married Miss Patricia Bevan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Bevan, at St. Dingat's Parish Church, New Tredegar. The Rev. John Stacey officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of pink rose petal brocade with a train. Her bouffant veil was held in place by a pink rose. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids, Miss Carol Baker, cousin of the bride, wore a full-length lemon brocade dress. She carried a bouquet of lemon carnations. Mr. Douglas Jones was best man. Groomsmen were Lyn Moran, brother of the groom, and Gerald Bevan, brother of the bride. The reception was held at the Constitutional Club, Phillipstown.

“Merthyr Express” 11 April 1964

Lorries a Danger to Our Children, Say Villagers Lorries hauling shale into Fochriw for dumping on nearby hillsides are worrying local people. Residents say they are disturbed by the noise, annoyed by the dirt, inconvenienced by traffic congestion, and frightened for their children. This week, a letter to the Editor, calls for action from the villagers. The letter says that nobody in authority seems to care about the problem. Many villagers are angry about the problem, but feel that there is little that can be done about it. Coun. Frank Jenkins, Brynteg Terrace, said that small coal is being taken to Fochriw from Brithdir and Abertysswg to be washed in washing bays. The firms responsible for shale and small coal at Fochriw have a contract with the N.C.B. and are obeying conditions. The people of Deri have also been complaining said Coun. Jenkins. The noise from the fleet of lorries travelling into Fochriw early in the mornings was disturbing residents, and some small coal and silt was being spilt on the roads during the journey he said. The letter airing the complaint, and signed “Wondering,” states: “These tips are raising their ugly heads and darkening the skyline. Apart from these rapidly growing mountains, we have to tolerate the inconvenience of fleets of gigantic lorries tearing away on our already congested roads, making life a misery for pedestrians. At the outset, the recovery of coal from derelict tips was something we came to terms with, but this new menace, in which shale from other areas is brought to Fochriw, is trying people's patience too far.” Development of an open cast site is advancing towards Fochriw, and another has been planned for Pontlottyn. These may also affect Fochriw. A reporter also spoke to Miss Elizabeth Fox of Aelybryn Street, the newspaper's Fochriw correspondent. She said the noise disturbed many people in the village, and added that it has been going on since January. She pointed out that the lorries were a possible danger, especially when they changed gear on Station Hill. Mrs. B. Lewis, of Station Stores, Station Terrace, said that the heavy lorries were a danger to children as there was no pavement under the railway bridge near her shop. She said the young children going to school are likely to panic when seeing the lorries. Also, the lorries are tearing up the roads for which we are paying rates, she said. “I realise that every industry has got to go on, but I wonder why more of the lorries do not use

the top road, and so reduce the traffic going through the village.” On woman from Pontllytyn who would not give her name said that she was not worried about the noise, but was anxious about the danger to children. “There are such a lot of lorries,” she said.

Walwyn – Thomas Mr. George Walwyn, son of Mr. & Mrs. B. Walwyn, Gilfach Street, Bargoed, was married to Miss Maralyn Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ivor Thomas, 41. Heol y Bryn, Fochriw, at St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontllytyn. Mr. C.H. James, B.A., conducted the ceremony. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a full-length dress of white embossed nylon. Her short bouffant veil was held in place by a pearl tiara. She carried a bouquet of deep yellow rosebuds. Bridesmaid, Miss Patricia Price wore a full-length bell shaped gown of lemon and white brocade with a head-dress to march. She carried a posy of spring flowers. Mr. John Standal Todd, bride’s brother-in-law, was best man. Groomsmen were Mr. John Ballard and Mr. L. Tams. The reception was held at the Capel Hotel, Gilfach, Bargoed. The bride wore a red coat with black accessories to travel. The couple who were presented with horseshoes by Miss Julie Thomas, Mark Ballard and Bernard Tuck, will make their future home at Bargoed.

Jones – Currin Mr. Glyn Jones, son of Mrs. Gwladys Jones, 12, Railway Terrace, and the late Mr. Owen Jones, was married to Miss Diane Marie Currin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edwards Currin, Wolverhampton, on Easter Monday. The wedding was at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Wolverhampton. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a white full-length lace dress with bouffant shoulder length veil held in place with a coronet of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of apricot rosebuds. The bride’s attendants were Miss Kathy Payton, aunt of the bride, and Miss Diane Hurley. The flower girls were Ann Walters and Rhian Denham, cousins of the bridegroom. Miss Payton and Miss Hurley wore short dresses of chocolate brown and gold satin with gold gloves and shoes. Their head-dresses were a gold band. They carried posies of apricot rosebuds. The flower girls wore short dresses of apricot satin, with silver shoes. Their head-dresses were coronets of white daisies. They carried posies of mixed flowers. Mr. Alun Jones, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen were Vernon Pugh, cousin of the groom, and Alan Payton, uncle of the bride. The reception was held at the Mitre Hotel, Wolverhampton. The honeymoon is being spent in Jersey. To travel the bride wore a French navy two-piece suit, with an ice blue coat and white accessories. Mr. & Mrs. Jones will make their future home at Wolverhampton, where Mr. Jones is employed by British Railways.

In Hospital Mr. David J. Jones, 11, Pontllytyn Road, is a patient at St. James’ Hospital, Tredegar.

Winning Dancers In the finals of the Waltz competition held at the New Labour Club recently, the winners were Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Farr, and the runners up were Mr. & Mrs. Norman Withers.

Bible Quiz The Young People’s Guild of Nazareth held a Bible quiz recently. At the commencement, Malcolm Lewis read, and Denzil Evans prayed. The preacher at Nazareth on Sunday was Mr. Lance Clarke, Deri. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 18 April 1964

Lorries a Danger to Children Say Angry Parents Huge lorries carrying shale, often as many as 50 in one hour, tearing through the main street of the mountain village of Fochriw are causing angry protests from parents of children attending the village schools. On Monday, parents approached local head teachers and discussed the problem. They are anxious to make sure that their children are safe whilst going to and coming from school at the same time as lorries are travelling through the village, carrying the coal to the washeries at the nearby plant. Miss Olive Payne, head mistress of the Infants’ School expressed her grave concern for the safety of the children, and said that she had written to the divisional education officer before Easter, asking for a road crossing patrol to be used. She had not received a reply. Coun. Frank Jenkins is also deeply concerned with the problem, as he is the deputy head of the Junior Department. He said that he had also written to the education officer. A petition asking for a road crossing patrol was drawn up two years ago by Mrs. Enid Lewis of Iscoed Villa. It was refused because there was insufficient traffic passing through the village. It was said that a zebra crossing could not be brought into use, as this was the only road through the village.

Parents said that young children are likely to panic when they see lorries approaching them, as the pavement was laid from the railway bridge to the school on one side of the road only, and only from the river bridge to the school on the other side of the road. Children from Aelybryn and the Coal Board estate have either to walk on the road until they reach the river-bridge, or cross the main road at the junction with Aelybryn. Children from Cae Glas area have no pavement to walk on until they pass under the railway-bridge. Coun. Jenkins said that it was proposed to continue the pavement passed the river-bridge to the junction with Aelybryn. Villagers were given an opportunity to air their views at a public meeting held in the New Hall on Monday night. Mr. J. W. Jones, the chairman, suggested that restriction signs be placed at both entrances to the village, as the Council had stated that lorries could not be stopped from using the road through the village. Mr. Jack Davies moved that a letter be sent to Gelligaer Urban Council asking them to visit the village during school time to see the danger facing the children. The National Coal Board should also be approached asking them if the lorries could use the top road during school hours, and so reduce the traffic through the village. Another public meeting is planned, and it is hoped that three councillors will attend.

Sisterhood Mr. David Phillips of Deri was the speaker at the meeting recently. Taking part were Mrs. Edith P. Lewis, Mrs. P. Davies, Miss N. Shankland, Mrs. S.G. Parry, Mrs. E. Jones, and Mrs. Phyllis Jones, president.

Home Again Sgt. & Mrs. J. Woodhouse and their two young daughters have returned home from Nairobi to Llwyniogo Farm. A/c W. Richards and Mrs. Richards have also returned home from Nairobi to their home at 27, Coronation Crescent. All have been in Africa where their husbands have been serving with H.M. Forces.

In Hospital Mr. Thomas John Prosser, 7, Railway Terrace, has undergone an operation at Maiddiff Court Hospital. Mr. George M. Baldwin, 8, Glen View, Pentwyn, is a patient at St. James' Hospital. Mrs. L. Richards, 61, Glanynant, and Mrs. J. Sedgemore, are patients at Redwood Memorial Hospital.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry meeting of the Parish of Fochriw and Deri took place at the Parish Church recently. The Vicar presided and the following appointments were made: people's warden, Mr. A. J. Palmer; vicar's warden, Mr. Milwyn Hughes, Deri; parochial secretary, Miss E. Fox; auditors, Miss R. Davies and Miss L. Rees; parochial council, Miss E. Fox, Miss R. Davies, Olive M. Payne, S. Davies; Messrs. Jack Lawrence, D.A. Jenkins, J.B. Rees, J.P. Llewellyn, T.E. Davies, W. Gambling, H. Skyrme, together with the two wardens; sidesmen, Messrs. J. Lawrence, B. Rees, G. Lawrence, V. Powell, W.T. James, H. Jones, T.E. Davies, J.P. Llewellyn, Coun. F. Jenkins, D.A. Jenkins, D.B. Tyler, G. Baldwin, H. Jones, M. Evans, D.J. Jones, N. Withers, J.D. Sheen, D.J. Davies (Pantywaun), T.H. Skyrme, W.T. Gambling, E.T. Hughes, W. Watkins, G. Carter, E. Bowen.

"Merthyr Express" 25 April 1964

Championship for Fochriw Ambulance Team Adrian Reed (capt), Glyn Edwards, Gareth Coles and Neil Baker, all members of the Ogilvie Colliery Junior Ambulance Team, gained first place in the National Coal Board South Western Divisional Championships held at Nottage Primary School, Porthcawl, on Saturday. Individual prizes were won by Glyn Edwards and Neil Baker. They will now represent the South Western area at the N.C.B. Championships at Skegness in May. The team is trained by Mr. Ivor Morgan, superintendent of the St. John Ambulance, Fochriw Division.

Dance A teenage dance was held recently at the New Hall. Music was provided by Fochriw's own Sabre Skiffle Group. The M.C. was Mr. Eddie Jones.

Funeral The death occurred at the home of his daughter in Rhymney of Mr. Alfred Best. In his seventies, Mr. Best had resided until recently with his son and daughter at 35, Coronation Crescent.

Accident Mr. Francis Thomas, 8, Williams Row, sustained a serious accident at Merthyr Vale Colliery on Friday. He is the father of Welsh Rugby International Alun Thomas. Mr. Thomas is in St. Tydfil's Hospital, Merthyr.

In Hospital Miss Anne Sedgemore, younger daughter of the Rev. & Mrs. Sedgemore, is a patient at Energlyn Hospital, Caerphilly. Mrs. Audrey Davies, 18, Brynteg, is a patient at St.

James' Hospital, Tredegar. Mrs. Gwen Jones, 16, Brook Row, is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital, Rhymney.

Concert A concert was given on Sunday by the Abertysswg Youth Silver Band at the New Hall. The conductor was Mr. W.T. Davies, and the chairman, Mr. A.H. Wood. This was the first public concert given by the band.

Fochriw Lorry Danger: Council Acts After hearing members' complaints about the heavy vehicles hauling material from disused coal tips through Fochriw, Gelligaer Urban Council's Public Works Committee, on Tuesday, decided to recommend that the Coal Board be asked to receive a deputation from the authority. Also, it was decided to ask a firm engaged in washing material from the tips to receive a deputation to discuss the fencing in of ponds that had been formed at Bedlinog and Fochriw. Councillor Hopkin Lewis said that mountain roads, on which the Council had spent large sums of money for improvement, had been ripped to pieces by the vehicles. He suggested that the Coal Board be asked to use some of the profit it was making from the operations on re-instating and strengthening the roads. The Surveyor, Mr. W.T. Luke, reported that the Coal Board proposed carrying by road 1,000 tons of coal every week from Fochriw to the tip at the New Bridge, Pengam. Coun. John Davies moved that the Coal Board be asked to convey the coal by rail, and the committee decided to recommend this move to the Council. Coun. Davies said, "This amount of coal can very properly be moved by rail. We should not put more traffic on an already heavily laden road." Coun. Elwyn Morgan said that parents in Fochriw had threatened to keep their children away from school because of the traffic. Councillors Poyntz and Frank Jenkins also spoke, the latter expressing concern about the pond near the washery at Fochriw. Mr. Luke reported that more than 120 lorries were engaged in the Fochriw district on the removal of material from tips. He said that a joint inspection of the roads by officials of the Coal Board and his department had been made, and that the matter had now been referred to the Board's Area General Manager, Mr. George Tomkins. It was reported that expenditure of £35,000 on the maintenance of classified roads in the area during the current year had been approved by the Glamorgan County Council. This compared with a figure of £33, 169 for similar work last year.

In Fochriw, a public meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday. The chairman was Mr. Jack Jones, and also present were County Councillor Bryn Williams, and Gellygaer Councillors George Richards, Pontlottyn, William Poyntz and Elwyn Morgan, Deri. The chairman said there was need for immediate action if a serious accident were to be avoided. There were no speed restriction signs anywhere in the village, and there was no sign to warn drivers of the school building on the main road. Mrs. Enid Lewis asked whether a sign could be erected asking drivers to engage a low gear, or, failing this, to either employ a traffic warden or install a zebra crossing. The councillors were asked to visit the village when children were going to and coming from school, so that they could see the hazards caused by the lorries. Councillor George Richards, chairman of the Road Works Committee, said that the Council had no powers to bar the lorries from roads. But as a planning authority, the Council could impose conditions to which the lorries must comply. It was stated that the Council did not know that the lorries were travelling through the village until members saw the letter published in the Merthyr Express. County Councillor Bryn Williams denied this, and said that negotiations had been going on for some time. Coun. Poyntz said that the road was now in a bad condition, and drivers were warned by a sign at the Fochriw cross-roads. An assurance that the road would be repaired as soon as possible was given. Coun. Elwyn Morgan said that the police had checked the speed of lorries as they passed through Deri, and no one had broken the speed limit. The lorries appeared to be travelling quickly because of the load they were carrying. It was agreed that the Police and road safety committee had the power to install a zebra crossing or employ a traffic warden. The villagers were told that everything possible would be done to see that the lorries would use the alternative road when it was repaired.

"Merthyr Express" 2 May 1964

Fochriw Lorries – More Complaints At a well-attended meeting of the Deri Labour Party at the Institute strong protests were made about heavy lorries travelling through Deri and Fochriw from old tips to Fochriw for washing. Mrs. D. Thomas stated that lorries were

travelling in convoys and at great speed. She had been forced off the road whilst walking from Bargoed Inn to Deri. Councillors were asked to take action so that children would be safeguarded. Councillor Poyntz, Fochriw, felt that Fochriw was becoming a rubbish dump for the rest of the area. The volume of lorries could increase, because material would be washed at Fochriw and then stocked at the New Bridge site, Gilfach.

In Hospital Mr. Robert Carter, 15, Hillside, is a patient at Llandough Hospital.

Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday was conducted by Miss Gretta Evans. Mrs. P. Jones presided, and the organist was Mrs. A. Davies.

Post Office Visit Members of the Y.M.C. A. together with Mr. Trevor Holifield and Mr. David Price toured the main sorting office of the Post Office in Cardiff. They were shown the various stages of sorting, and setting mails for different parts of the country.

Two Cups Won Fochriw Ambulance Division competed at Bridgend on Saturday and gained first place thus winning the Dr. Turner Cup. They will now represent the Riches Corps at a further competition to be held in Cardiff for the Llandinam Shield. On the same day, the same team gained first place at the annual ambulance competitions, sponsored by the Gelligaer Urban Council, held at the Ambulance Hall, Bargoed, and won the Dr. Bowen Owen Cup. Fochriw finished 28 points ahead of their nearest rivals. The team members are: I. Morgan (capt), A.G. Reed, G. Edwards, G. Coles, R.G. Coggan.

“Merthyr Express” 9 May 1964

In Hospital Mrs. Joan Cockram, 57, Glanynant, is a patient at St. James’ Hospital, Tredegar.

Jumble Sale The committee of the O.A.P. Association organised a jumble sale recently. Over £50 was realised for the O.A.P. Fund.

Prayer Meeting The monthly united prayer meeting was held at Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening. Miss Edna Jones, Noddfa, and Nurse M. Lewis, Carmel, led in prayer. Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth, was the organist, and Mr. T.J. Jones, Noddfa, presided.

Special Service The northern section of the Caerphilly Deanery Sunday School Association held their annual service at the Parish Church on Sunday evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar. During the service, Certificates of Merit were presented to scholars who had been successful in the competitions in connection with the Eucharistic Congress to be held at Llandaff Cathedral in June.

“Merthyr Express” 16 May 1964

Jumble Sale A jumble sale in aid of the Y.M.C.A. was held on Saturday and raised £32.

Ascension Day Children from the Infant and Junior School attended a service of Holy Communion on Ascension Day at St. Mary’s.

Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker this week was Mrs. Mary Jones, Pontlottyn. Miss Gretta Jones and Mrs. Ann Davies took part. Miss Nellie Shankland and Mrs. Heath, Pontlottyn, sang. Mrs. P. Jones presided.

Fire A small outbreak of fire occurred at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Holifield, 19, Dynevor Street, on Friday. Fat in a chip saucepan overheated. Little damage was caused.

Certificates Certificates of Merit for recent competitions in connection with “Tell Wales” were presented to the following members of St. Mary’s Sunday School: Miss Jane Sedgemore, Miss Anne Sedgemore, Miss Mary Sedgemore, Mr. Williams Edwards, Miss Ann Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 23 May 1964

In Hospital Mrs. Megan Davies, 58, Glanynant, is a patient at St. James’ Hospital, Tredegar. Mrs. Davies is a nurse at the Hospital. She collapsed there during work.

Whitsun Services The celebrant and preacher on Sunday was the Vicar. Lessons were read by Mr. A. Palmer and the organist was Mr. W. Edwards.

Flag Day A flag day in aid of the Church of England Children’s Society was organised by the Vicar. The collectors were Sonia Moore, Kim Games, Julie Chamberlain, Jane, Mary, Anne Sedgemore, Carol Dummett, Ann Davies, Alison Watkins, Joyce Lewis, Lily Lewis, Gwyneira and Myfanwy Evans, Irene Grist, Tony Mitchell, Mrs. C. Ballard, Nanette Tyler, E. Fox, W. James, J. Beddoe. The sum of £8 8s 10d was realised.

“Merthyr Express” 30 May 1964

Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker at a recent meeting was Mrs. Parfitt, Pontlottyn. Mrs. Peggy Davies and Mrs. Peters. Pontlottyn, took part. Mrs. P. Jones presided, and Mrs. A. Davies was the organist.

British Legion A meeting of the Benevolent Committee was held on Monday last, Mr. Gordon Blunt presiding.

Patients Mr. Emrys Shankland, 32, Guest Street, and Mr. David Pullen, 7, Chapel Row, are patients at St. James' Hospital. Mrs. Catherine Pugh is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital.

Dies at 82 The death occurred on Tuesday at Van Road Hospital, Caerphilly, of Mrs. Maud Davies, 4, Plantation Terrace. Aged 82, Mrs. Davies had lived in Fochriw all her life. Her husband, Mr. John Davies, died some years ago.

Mr. William Hughes The death has occurred at his home at Caerphilly of Mr. Wm. Hughes. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Hughes, 17, Martin Street. Cremation took place on Monday. A grown up family survive, as well as two brothers and a sister.

N.C.B. First Aid The Ogilvie Colliery First Aid Team travelled to Skegness to compete in the N.C.B. National First Aid Competitions on Saturday. The team gained third place. The team was trained by Mr. Ivor Morgan, Superintendent of the Fochriw Division, to which some of the Ogilvie team belong.

Annual Walk The annual procession of witness and hymn singing took place on Whit Tuesday. After a short service in St. Mary's Church, the Sunday Schools and teachers of Noddfa, Carmel, Nazareth and St. Mary's walked around the village headed by Rev. Sedgemore, Churchwarden A.J. Palmer, and Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth. After having tea, all schools were entertained with games and dancing in the New Welfare Hall.

Former Resident The death has occurred at her home in Worcestershire of Mrs. Rosamund Morris, formerly of 53, Glanynant. Aged about 40 years, Mrs. Morris had been in ill health for a long time. Her husband, two sons and motehr survive. Burial took place on Monday in Worcestershire.

A Fochriw Need Fulfilled: By 'Wanderer' Fochriw Y.M.C.A. is at present a youthful movement, and like a growing child is having teething troubles, but I am confident that the problems will be overcome, and that it will develop into a healthy adult. I am glad to report that steady progress is maintained. The will to succeed is there. I wish to appeal for better public support because it is something the village has needed for years.

"Merthyr Express" 6 June 1964

Fochriw Ponds To Be Fenced The two ponds nearest Fochriw which are used by Mr. Larry Ryan in connection with the removal of small coal from a disused colliery tip are to be fenced with channel iron and barbed wire as a safety measure. This follows a meeting on the site between Mr. Ryan and representatives of the Gellygaer Urban Council who complain that the ponds are a danger. Mr. Ryan has agreed to fill in a third pond near the village.

Mr. Bryn Jones The death has occurred of Mr. Bryn Jones, late of 5, Hillside, Fochriw. He was 64. He was a native of Pontlottyn, but had lived in Fochriw for 8 years. He is survived by his wife Mary, aged 50, and a daughter, Edna and son Mark. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard., Rev. A. Trevithick, Bargoed, officiating. Mourners: Billy (brother); Harold (son-in-law); Ivor, Fred, Clem, Jimmy, Harry, Billy (brothers-in-law); Tommy BurrIDGE, Malcolm Phillips (nephews); Jonny, Elwyn, Horace (cousins); J. Powell (friend). At the house were: Mary Lizzie (wife); Sally, Mavis, Edna (daughters); Gertie, Edna, Olive, Carrie (sisters); Sian, Mark, Rhian, Elizabeth, Thomas (grand children); Mary, Lesley (nieces); Gwladys, Margaret, Jaone, Betty (sisters-in-law); Annie, Maud, Norma, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Donovan (neighbours). Bearers: Messrs. D. Jones, J. Keefe, B. Harris, A. Williams, C. Gardener, B. Morgan. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed) Funeral arrangements were by Mr. Ewart Davies, Fochriw.

Mrs. Edith Davies Mrs. Edith Maud Davies, 4, Plantation Terrace, has died at Van Road Hospital, Caerphilly. She was 82. Born at Fochriw, she lived in the village all her life. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. She won many prizes at eisteddfodau for singing. She was the widow of Mr. John Davies, who died six years ago. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. Mourners: Messrs. W.A. Davies, W. Angell,

W.A. Thomas, T. Davies, D.J. & E. Davies, Ray Davies, R. Parry, H. Davies (nephews); C. Abbey, J. & D. Harding, D. Evans (friends); there were many representatives of Carmel, of Nazareth, of Noddfa and of the Mission Hall. There were many floral tributes.

Mrs. Ellen Davies Mrs. Ellen Davies, 39, Heolybryn, has died at home at the age of 85. She was a native of Pontlottyn, and lived there until 8 years ago. She was a member of St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn. Her husband died 33 years ago. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churcyard. The Rev. C.H. Jones, Pontlottyn, officiated. Immediate family mourners were: Tommy, Willie, Henry, Morgan (sons); Henry, Eddie, William, Henry, Glyn, David, John, Hugh, John. Neville, Wyndham (grandsons); Wayne (great-grandson). At the house were: Lily, Gwladys (daughters); Violet, Bitha (daughters-in-law); Rona, Anne. Lynn, Emily (grand daughters); Mrs. M.a. Burnell, A. Francis, D. Richards, Miss M. Jones (nieces); Mrs. M.E. Blewitt (friend). Bearers: Messrs. W. Moseley, V. James, J. Mullane, D. Davies, M. Jones, F. Bedford. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

In Hospital Mr. Ernest Sibley, 3, Guest Street, and Mr. Alvin Neade, 15, Hill Row, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Sunday Services The services at Carmel on Sunday were conducted by the Rev. D. Jones, Abergavenny. Mrs. Annie Davies was the organist.

Ambulance Competition The Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance gained second place in a competition at Neath. The team was: Ivor Morgan (capt.), Gareth Coles, Glyn Edwards, Adrian Reed.

Mrs. J. Sedgemore The death has occurred at Abertysswg Hospital of Mrs. Jane Sedgemore, mother of the Rev. Evan Sedgemore, vicar. Until 18 months ago, she lived at Hirwaun. A grown up family survive.

Dancing Medal P.C. & Mrs. R. Gwillim, Police Station, members of the Pioneer Dancing School, Merthyr, were awarded a bronze medal by the Dancing Teachers Association in Latin American Dancing at an examination in Merthyr.

Mrs. C.H. Pugh The death occurred at Rhymney Hospital of Mrs. Catherine Ann Pugh, 21, Guest Street, widow of Mr. Thomas Pugh. A native of North Wales, she came to Fochriw after her marriage. She was the oldest member of Nazareth Chapel. A grown up family survive.

Orchestra Selection Miss Jean Davies, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Davies, 2, Plantation Terrace, has been accepted to play with the Grade A class of the National Youth Orchestra of Wales as a double bass player. Miss Davies is an accomplished pianist and organist, and also plays the violin. She is a pupil at Bargoed Grammar Technical School, and was a pupil of the late Mr. Thomas Walters. She now studies under Madame K. Beddoe-Havard, Pontlottyn.

“Merthyr Express” 13 June 1964

In Hospital Mr. Cyril Davies, 20, Guest Street, and Mrs. Mary Davies, 22, Glanynant, are patients at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker was the Rev. C.H. Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. Miss Gretta Evans took the devotions. Mrs. E.P. Lewis presided. The accompanist was Mrs. Elsie Rees.

Carmel The half yearly services were held on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. R.O. Thomas, Aberdare. Mrs. Ann Davies was the organist. Rev. Eurof Jones, Cwmavon, a former minister, will preach on Sunday.

Outings The Sunday Schools of Nazareth and Noddfa held their annual coach outing to Aberavon. Weather was poor, but everyone had an enjoyable time. The Fochriw Sewing Class went to Bath and Wells for their outing.

St. John Fochriw Ambulance Division represented East Glamorgan in the Welsh Brigade Final. They were placed fourth in the competition class and second in the uniform inspection. Eleven teams competed. Fochriw were the youngest team at the final, and were: I. Morgan, A. Reed, G. Edwards, G. Coles, J.C. Morse.

“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1964

Dowlais Man Injured In Fochriw Collision A 23 year old Dowlais man, Mr. William Beale, was injured when his motor cycle combination was involved in a collision with a lorry at

Tynywaun Road, Fochriw. He was admitted to St. Tydfil's Hospital, and is making satisfactory progress.

Gellygaer Urban District Council: Repairs and Renovations, No.14, Brook Row, Fochriw
Tenders are invited for the above works. Specifications and schedules of works for contract may be obtained from the Engineer and Surveyor on payment of a deposit of £2 2s. that will be refunded on receipt of a bona fide tender. Tenders to reach me not later than noon, 3rd July, 1964. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest tender. D. W. C. Morgan, Clerk of the Council.

In Hospital Mrs. Myfanwy Blunt, Bryn Goleu Villa, is a patient at St. James' Hospital.

To Barry Mission Hall Sunday School pupils with Pastor Dd. Thomas journeyed to Barry for their outing.

Parish Church At morning service, the Vicar officiated. Mr. H. Jenkins, Tirphil, preached. The organist was Mr. W. Edwards.

"Merthyr Express" 27 June 1964

School Excursion Pupils of the Junior school accompanied by the staff travelled to Symonds Yat on Thursday.

Noddfa The speaker at the last meeting of the session was Mrs. Matthews, Abertysswg. Mrs. E.P. Lewis read the Scripture. Mrs. Anne Davies was the organist, and Mrs. P. Jones presided.

In Hospital Mr. Brian Lewis, 5, Aelybryn, is a patient at St. David's Hospital, Cardiff. Miss Margaret Davies, Llwynhelig House, has returned home after an operation at St. James' Hospital.

Mr. J.W. Davies The death has occurred of Mr. John W. Davies, 107, Glanynant. He was 63, and had been ill for some time. A widow and grown up family survive.

Annual Outing The Handicraft Class went to Bristol and Cheddar Caves last Saturday. The organiser was Miss Cassie Shankland. The Elim Assemblies of God, Penybanc, held their annual Sunday School outing to Barry Island.

Canadian Holiday Mr. & Mrs. Gomer Williams, 33, Heol Iago, sailed from Liverpool on Tuesday on the S.S. Empress of Canada, for a six month holiday in Canada. They will spend the first three months with their younger daughter, Mrs. Dwynwen La Salle, at Brantford, Ontario. Mrs. La Salle married a Canadian soldier during the war, and went to Canada in 1946. The latter part of the holiday will be spent with their elder daughter, Mrs. Megan Hanson, at Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Mrs. Williams visited Canada two years ago, but for Mr. Williams, who is retiring in April, it will be his first visit to Canada.

Mrs. J. Sedgemore Mrs. Jane Sedgemore, The Vicarage, has died at the age of 88, at Abertysswg Hospital. Mrs. Sedgemore was the widow of George Venn Sedgemore of Hirwaun, and the eldest daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. William Williams, Bryn Hir Farm, Rhigos, Hirwaun. She was born at Skewen, and returned to Hirwaun during her infancy. She was a communicant of St. Lleurwg's Church, Hirwaun. The funeral was at Hirwaun Cemetery. The Revs. J.R. Phillips, vicar of Hirwaun, R. Emmanuel, vicar of Bargoed, and Rev. E. Sedgemore, Vicar of Fochriw and Deri, officiated at the house. At St. Lleurwg's Church, the Rev. J.R. Phillips conducted the service, assisted by Canon W. Cooper Lewis, vicar of Rhymney, and they also officiated at the graveside. Mourners were: William James, Thomas John Henry, George Venn, Oliver Dudley, Evan (sons); Moira, Florrie, Mary, Jane, Nellie, Sallie (daughters-in-law); Churchwarden A.J. Palmer; Mrs. A.G. Palmer and Mrs. G. Lawrence (Fochriw), Mrs. M. Owen, Mrs. Nan Jones, Mrs. Milwyn J. Hughes (Deri) (representing the Mothers' Union); Miss E. Fox (parochial secretary and the Sunday School); Rev. C. James, vicar of Pontlottyn; representatives of the Sunday School Teachers' Association, Caerphilly Deanery. The bearers were: Churchwarden A.J. Palmer (Fochriw & Deri); Churchwarden H. James (Hirwaun); W. Johnson, John Hughes, J.H. Richards (Lampeter), J. Thomas (Llanybyther). Numerous other relatives and friends attended (listed), and there were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

Mr. T.F. Thomas Mr. Thomas Francis Thomas, 8, Williams Row, died recently at St. Tydfil's Hospital, as a result of an accident at Merthyr Vale Colliery. He was 47. Born in Fochriw, he lived in the village for most of his life, except for a brief period in London before

the war. He was a carpenter. From 1941-46, he served as a Colour-Sergeant with the Royal Marine Engineers, and was mentioned in dispatches in 1945 for his good services in connection with the operations for the invasion of Normandy. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, when Pastor David Thomas, Mission Hall, assisted by Rev. E. Sedgemore, officiated. Family mourners: Gladys (wife); Alan (son); Maggie, Howell, Dai Cheese, George Parnell, George & Bob French (brothers-in-law); Daisy, Annie, Amy, Lily (sisters-in-law); Joan (intended daughter-in-law). There were representatives of Brynmawr Baptist Chapel; Carmel, Fochriw; Nazareth, Fochriw; Noddfa, Fochriw; the Mission Hall, Fochriw; Newport Rugby Club; patients of St. Tydfil's Hospital; Merthyr Vale Colliery, and Merthyr Vale N.U.M. Bearers were Trevor Wallis, Melvin Cartwright, Tommy Watkins, Ieuan Lewis, Bill Pullen, and a representative of Merthyr Vale Colliery. Numerous relatives and friends attended (listed), and there were a very large number of floral tributes (listed).

“Merthyr Express” 4 July 1964

Outing The Sisterhood went to Bourton-on-the-Water, and St. Mary's Sunday School to Barry Island.

Honours Degree David Gwyn Roberts, Fochriw, had gained his honours degree in electrical engineering at Cardiff University.

Collection A mile of pennies in aid of the O.A.P. Fund was organised by the Committee and realised over £30.

Mr. R. Donovan The death has occurred on Friday last of Mr. Robert Donovan, 34, Pontlottyn Road. He previously lived at Pontlottyn.

In Hospital Mr. Joseph Pullen, 2, Glen View, is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital. Mr. Harvey Mills, 10, Glen View, is at St. James' Hospital. Mr. David Morris, 16, Martin Street, is at Llandough Hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 11 July 1964

In Hospital Mrs. Margaret Jones, 23, Aelybryn, is a patient at St. James' Hospital. Mr. Ivor Thomas, 41, Heolybryn, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital. Mrs. Ethel Rowlands, Glyn Terrace, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

British Legion Rev. Evan Sedgemore attended a service at Llandaff Cathedral at which the new standard of the British Legion was dedicated. The vicar is chaplain of the local branch, and is also the chaplain for North East Glamorgan.

St. John Honour Div. Supt. Ivor Morgan, 12, Rhodfa Ganol, a member of the Fochriw Ambulance Division, was presented with the Priory Vote of Thanks at a recent investiture of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem, Priory of Wales, at the City Hall, Cardiff. Mr. Morgan has been a First Aider for over 30 years, and he is also a member of the Ogilvie Team.

Pensioners' Outing Members of the O.A.P. Association journeyed to Aberavon and Porthcawl by bus for their annual outing. Each member was presented with a small gift before departure. Any pensioner who wishes to join should contact Mrs. Joan Owen, 17, Guest Street.

R.A.O.B. At a recent meeting of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, Dilwyn Evans and Ivor Bradley were raised to the second degree by P.G.P. Sid Pritchard, and his officers. Among those present were the Chaplain, Bro. Evan Sedgemore, and the Provincial Grand Secretary, T.J. Jones, R.O.H., of Nelson, both of whom addressed the Lodge.

Jones – Challenger Mr. Islwyn Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. J. Jones, 79, Glanynant, was married on Saturday at Cardiff Registry Office, to Miss Ann Challenger, daughter of Mr. Arthur Challenger, 21, Heol Iago. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a French navy and white costume, with white accessories. She carried a spray of red roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Carol Lewis, and the flower girls were Misses Susan & Carol Richards. Miss Lewis wore a lemon dress, hat, shoes and gloves. The flower girls wore short white nylon dresses. The best man was Mr. Glanville Hollister. A reception was held at the Rising Sun Inn.

Mr. Robert Donovan Mr. Robert Donovan, 34, Pontlottyn Road, has died at his home. He was 59. The funeral was at Brithdir Cemetery. Rev. C. James, vicar of Pontlottyn, officiated.

Family mourners were: Mrs. E.A. Donovan (wife); Mr. B.I. Donovan (son); Mrs. B. Brockwell (daughter); Mrs. G.M. Donovan (daughter-in-law); Mr. J. Brockwell (son-in-law); Mrs. R. Price (sister); Bryn, Alan & Christine Donovan, Florence, Terence & William Harris, John Ivor Jones, Mervyn & Jenny Waldron, Johnny and Tina Faulkener, Thomas Diggle, Emily & Johnny Kearneally, Mrs. Maralyn Harris, Thomas Williams, Robert Brockwell, Margaret Brockwell, Edward James, Lynn Faulkener, Malcolm Diggle, Wilf Evans, Mrs. Ann Evans, Arthur Martin, Alan Harris, Ivor Grafton, Ray Grafton, John Henry Jacob, Cyril & Ray Caswell, John Griffith, Owen & Emily Blewett, Mrs. Sylvia Dobbs, Mrs. E. Beynon, Dennis Jones, Nino Minolli, Thos. Jones, D. Richards, Mrs. E. Warner, E. Warner. Bearers were Messrs. J. Borstal, R. Watkins, F. Bedford, D. Shields.

Mr. John Davies The death has occurred at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar, of Mr. John William Davies, 107, Glanynant. He was 64. He was born at Penydarren, Merthyr. He had lived at Pentwyn and Fochriw for over 30 years. He served in the First World War, and was employed in coal mining for 40 years, until his health forced an early retirement in November 1963. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, where Pastor D. Thomas of the Mission Hall officiated, assisted by Mr. T.J. Jones. Immediate family mourners were: Lena (wife); Thomas John, Reginald, Charles, Len (sons); Sophia, Maud, Lena (daughters); Edwina, Edna, Yvonne (daughters-in-law); Jack, Allen, Eric (sons-in-law); Stanley (brother); Thomas John Beat, George Gatehouse (brothers-in-law). The bearers were the sons, sons-in-law and brother-in-law of the deceased. Friends and relatives present were William Francis, Tommy & Evan Williams, Tom Young, Will & Lydia (cousins) Haydn & Richard Davies (nephews). There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 18 July 1964

Fochriw Man Will Lead Olympic Boxers Mr. J.P. Llewellyn, J.P., has been appointed team manager of the British Olympic boxing team to travel to Tokyo in September. Mr. Llewellyn, who lives at Pentwyn, has been chairman of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association for the past four years, and chairman of the British Amateur Boxing Committee for two years. One of the most experienced boxing administrators in the country, he was manager of the Welsh boxing team that took part in the 1958 Empire Games in Cardiff, when they obtained one gold, two silver, and three bronze medals. Mr. Llewellyn was recently manager of the British side that met the Rest of Europe, and has been in charge of the Welsh team at home and abroad on many occasions. He took the first Welsh team behind the Iron Curtain, and has been an observer at the European Championships in Belgrade and Moscow. Mr. Llewellyn leaves for Tokyo on September 26, and returns on October 27. While there, he will also attend a congress of the International Boxing Association. [with photograph]

Home From Hospital Mrs. Caroline Jones, 1, Moore's Row, has returned home after being a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

To Porthcawl Two buses left the village on Saturday taking holiday-makers to Trecco Bay, Porthcawl. Several other holiday-makers are at resorts in this country and abroad.

Mothers' Union At the thanksgiving service for overseas work at Llandaff Cathedral, Mrs. L. Lawrence, secretary of the St. Mary the Virgin branch, presented a cheque of five guineas to the Dean of Llandaff. The total sum collected was £1,740.

“Merthyr Express” 25 July 1964

Bedford – Llewellyn Mr. Frederick Norman Bedford, the son of Mr. & Mrs. John Frederick Bedford, 43, Heolybryn, was married to Miss Yvonne Llewellyn, the daughter of Mr. Thomas John Llewellyn, 17, Tre Evans, Rhymney, at St. David's Church, Rhymney. The Rev. W. Cooper Lewis officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a blue two-piece suit, with white hat, shoes and gloves. She carried a Bible and wore a buttonhole of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Llewellyn, sister, and Miss Margaret O'Brien, friend. Miss Llewellyn wore a pink two-piece suit with matching accessories, and Miss O'Brien wore a lemon two-piece suit with matching accessories. Both carried a Common Prayer and wore a button-hole of pink carnations. The best man was Mr. Clive Borstal, and the groomsmen were Mr. Richard Savage and Mr. Idris Llewellyn. After a reception at the Penywaun Hotel, Rhymney, the couple left for a honeymoon at Porthcawl. To travel, the bride wore a navy two-piece suit with accessories to tone.

£21 in Fines: Fochriw Learner Forgot the Lights A Fochriw learner-driver, Malcolm Reed, a miner, aged 27, of Coronation Crescent, was fined £15 by Bargoed magistrates on Friday for driving his car without insurance, and disqualified from driving for six months. For not showing 'L' plates, he was fined £3, and had his license endorsed. He was fined £2 for parking on the offside after dark, and £1 for not showing lights – altogether a total of £21. He pleaded guilty to the summonses. Reed told the court that he was under the impression that his mother had insured the car, and that he did not know he had committed offences.

“Merthyr Express” 1 August 1964

Mr. Thomas Angell Mr. Thomas Angell of Luton, formerly of Fochriw, has died, aged 60. He was a bachelor, and lived with his sister. He was employed by the Vauxhall Motor Company. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Berkley Angell.

Music Success Miss Ann Davies, 6, Plantation Terrace, passed her second junior piano examination of the Guildhall School of Music, held at Cardiff recently. She obtained 87 marks out of 100. Ann is a pupil of Madame Beddoe-Havard of Pontlottyn.

Cancer Campaign A house to house collection in aid of the Cancer Campaign held recently realised the sum of £17 5s 10d. The collectors were Mesdames C. Ballard, E. Thomas, M. Chapman, M.E. Palmer, E. Shankland, R.S.E. Sedgemore, A.M. Holifield, Miss N. Tyler, Miss E. Fox and M.T.E. Davies. The organiser was Mrs. Sedgemore.

Presentation The Cwllwm-y-Brodoriaeth R.A.O.B. made a presentation recently at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, to two members who successfully passed their examination at Merthyr Provincial Lodge. Bro. Dilwyn Evans was presented with his C.P. jewel by Bro. Bert Evans, R.O.H., and Bro. Ivor Bradley was presented with his C.P. jewel by Bro. W. Lewis, R.O.H., C.Sec.

Hughes – Pullen The marriage of Mr. Gwyn Hughes, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes, 2, Aelybryn, and the late Mr. D. Myrddin Hughes, to Miss Denise Pullen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John C. Pullen, 9, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place at St. Mary the Virgin Church, Fochriw. The Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiated, and the organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a white full-length gown of witchcraft lace with long train, pearl and sequin trimmings on bodice, a bouffant veil held in place with a white satin rose. She carried a bouquet of apricot tea roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Christine Pullen, the bride's sister, and Miss Ann Hughes, the bridegroom's sister, who were dressed in pink nylon tulle dresses, with pink rose head-dresses. They carried white prayer books with lily of the valley and a pink tea rose. The best man was Mr. Derek Robinson, and Mr. Godfrey Pullen and Mr. Moelwyn Hughes were groomsmen. After a reception at the Castle Hotel, Tredegar, the couple left for London. To travel, the bride wore a blue two-piece with black accessories.

“Merthyr Express” 8 August 1964

Fochriw St. John by ‘Wanderer’ Fochriw Ambulance Division was founded in 1898 by the late Elizar Davies, a respected and beloved doctor of that era. In 1906 it became a member of St. John. Mr. Ivor Morgan, the present superintendent, proudly carries the torch lit in those far away days. Mr. Morgan is proud of his Fochriw Division and its great traditions, and he gave me a complete list of its superintendents from its birth. They are: Mr. Williams Ballard, Mr. Dan Jenkins, Mr. John Morgan, Mr. Howard Thomas, Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. Thomas Thomas. Until 1940, Fochriw belonged to the Dowlais Corps, but with the introduction of Air Raid Precautions, they were compelled to join the Riches Corps, though they were reluctant to change. Nevertheless, they quickly made their presence felt, because they were successful in winning the Riches competition four times. The Division has since been successful in the Glamorgan Championships on several occasions, and has come out on top two years in succession, and also reached the final of two occasions. Mr. Morgan also points out that the Division organises an open competition each year, and attracts the best in the country, and he made it known that these competitions are fully staged. The Ogilvie Colliery Ambulance team are also members of the Division, and their junior team has been successful in winning the area championships two years in succession. They have also reached the finals on two occasions in successive years. No mean feat. The Divisional Surgeon is Dr. William Monnelly, and its chairman is Mr. John Llewellyn, J.P. Fochriw should be proud of the

division's achievements. I am sure the division will progress and march to future glory. The leadership is there, and the boys respond magnificently. [with photograph]

In Hospital Miss Cassie Shankland, 16, Guest Street, is a patient at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar.

Parish Church The celebrant at Holy Communion on Sunday was the Rural Dean of Caerphilly, Rev. Leonard Dowse, vicar of Llanishen. Evensong was conducted by Mr. John Denner of Deri. The organist was Mr. Willie Edwards and the lessons were read by Churchwarden A.J. Palmer.

Examination Success Miss Delphine Chapman, 3, Aelybryn, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Windsor Chapman, was successful in her qualifying examination for the teaching profession, gaining a credit in child education. She is a student at Trinity College, Carmarthen. She will take a teaching post with the Middlesex County Council Education Authority.

"Merthyr Express" 15 August 1964

Music Success Miss Jane Sedgemore has passed her Royal College of Music examination with merit in Grade II Class. She is the eldest daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Sedgemore.

In Hospital Mrs. Jean Games, 22, Coronation Crescent, is a patient at St. James' Hospital. Mr. Malcolm Lewis, Iscoed Villa, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital.

Ambulance Team The Ogilvie Ambulance Team took first place in a competition at the National Eisteddfod at Swansea last week. The team - who are also members of the Fochriw Ambulance Division - were Messrs. Adrain Reed, Gareth Coles, Neil Baker and Glyn Edwards. Their instructor is Supt. Ivor Morgan, Fochriw Ambulance Division.

Noddfa The service on Sunday was conducted by Mr. Alan Evans of Bargoed. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

"Merthyr Express" 29 August 1964

Convention The Mission Hall held their annual convention meetings recently. The special preacher was Mr. Tom O'Grady of Ireland. All services were well attended.

In Hospital Mr. Thomas Morris, Old School House, and Mr. Joseph Pullen, 2, Glen View, are patients at Redwood Memorial Hospital. Miss Jennifer Chapman, 3, Aelybryn, is a patient at St. Woolos Hospital, Newport.

Outings The Sunday School teachers and pupils of Carmel Chapel held their annual outing last Saturday, and journeyed to Barry Island by motor coach. Recently, the sports section of the Fochriw Labour Club journeyed by bus to Wolverhampton for their annual outing.

Golden Wedding On Saturday, August 29, Mr. & Mrs. George Mantle, 64, Glanynant, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. They were married at St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn. They have four sons, one daughter, eleven grand children, and one great grand daughter. One son, Hugh, was killed at the Battle of Narvik in 1940 when serving with the Royal Navy.

Promoted Capt. R.C. Pillidge, R.A., was recently promoted to the rank of Major. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. S. Pillidge of Ealing, formerly of Fochriw, and the son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. E.I. Cumpstone, Glyn Terrace. He was trained at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and has seen service in Hong Kong, Germany and Cyprus. For the past two years Major Pillidge has been at Malta.

"Merthyr Express" 5 September 1964

Hospital Mr. David Rees, Aelybryn, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital. Mr. Charles Jones, Heolybryn, is a patient at St. James Hospital, Tredegar. Mrs. Emily Darter, Glanynant, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

Community Singing The annual community singing in aid of the Old Age Pensioners Fund was held at Noddfa on Sunday last. The chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones, and the conductor was Mr. E. Davies. Pastor W. Griffiths read the Scripture, and Nurse M. Lewis led in prayer. The collection amounted to £6 2s 10d.

Plummers Exam Frank, the son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Davey, Pentwyn, was successful in passing his recent Plummers' Second Class examination at Rhydfelin, Pontypridd College. Frank is employed by the Gellygaer U.D.C.

G.C.E. Emrys Parry, son Mrs. M.G. Parry and the late Mr. W.H. Parry, 9, Dynevor Street, gained eight subjects in his G.C.E. examination. He is a pupil of Bargoed Grammar Technical

School. Howard Russel Palser, son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Palser, Cardiff, (formerly Miss Thelma Thomas, 13, Brynteg), was also successful in gaining eight subjects at G.C.E. He is a pupil at Cardiff High School.

Ambulance Corps Dinner The Fochriw Corps held their annual dinner on Saturday at the Gwerthonor Hotel, Gilfach. Mr. George Tomkins, Area Manager of the N.C.B., drew attention to the achievements of the Fochriw Ambulance team - Gareth Coles, Adrian Reed, Glyn Edwards and Neil Barker. They were the National Coal Board No5 Area Junior Champions in 1963, and Senior Finalists in 1964, South Western Divisional Champions in 1963 and 1964, and finalists in the National Championships 1963 (6th) and 1964 (3rd). Among others present were Mr. W. Skyrme of Headquarters staff, Area Commissioner Idris Jones & Mrs. Jones, Area Supt. J. Jones and Mrs. Jones, Area Lady Corps Supt.. The team was presented with plaques by Mr. D. J. Lewis, M.E., manager of Ogilvie Colliery, and medallions were presented by Mr. Derek John. The National Coal Board certificates were presented by Mr. George Tomkins and Area Supt. J. H. Jones presented the Eisteddfod Certificates. The competition for the John Llewellyn shield will be held at the New Welfare Hall this Saturday (Sept. 5th) when teams from all over Wales will be competing.

“Merthyr Express” 12 September 1964

Missionary Services Special Missionary Services were held at the Mission Hall, Penybank last weekend. The speaker was Mrs. Stacey, a missionary from South Africa.

Noddfa Sisterhood The winter session started on Thursday. All officers were re-elected. The next meeting will be on September 17. The speaker will be Mrs. Matthews, Abertysswg.

St. John Ambulance On Saturday, Fochriw St. John Ambulance held their annual competitions. The judge was Dr. D.T. Rowlands, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Merthyr, assisted by Corps Supt. Mr. J.H. Jones. The dual individual judges were W. Jones and H. Fisher, Porth. Dr. Rowlands commented that he was pleased to see such a high standard of first aid. Fochriw Divisional President, Mr. J.P. Llewellyn, J.P., presented the Challenge Shield to the winners. Guests present were Brigade Secretary of Wales Mr. C. Parry, S.B.; Area Commissioner J. Jones, Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Jones. The present thanked the competitors also the Fochriw Division for staging such an excellent test. The results were: Cefn Cribbwr A, 287½; Monmouthshire Police, 282; Abertysswg, 282. Others competing were Cardiff Police, Cefn Cribbwr B, Treharris, Wales Gas Board B, Bedlinog. Top marks for the duals: 1 and 2 were Cefn Cribbwr and Abertysswg; 3 and 4 were Monmouthshire Police Corps. Srt. Major A.T. Powell on behalf of the Fochriw Division thanked all who had made the competition such and excellent success.

“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1964

In Hospital Mr. Bryn Jones, 34, Aelybryn, is a patient at Mardy Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil. Mrs. Ann Thomas, 20, Brook Row, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

Bible Society A meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held recently at Nazareth Chapel. The speaker was the Rev. Vaughan Walters of Blackwood.

Baby's Death The death occurred on Friday last of Baby Elizabeth Grizelle Titcomebe, infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Titcombe, 19, Aelybryn. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday and Monday. The special preacher on Sunday was the Rev. C.M. Griffiths, B.A., rector of Bedwelty. On Monday, the preacher was Rev. Ivor Jones, B.A., rector of Gellygaer. Churchwarden A.J. Palmer read the lessons, and Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

Fochriw Station Bridge British Railways have no objections in principle to the removal by Gellygaer Urban Council of the Station Bridge at Fochriw for road improvement. Consequently, the Council Surveyor had included a proposal for improving the highway at the bridge in the programme to the Glamorgan County Council.

“Merthyr Express” 26 September 1964

Noddfa Sisterhood The speaker on Thursday was Mrs. Matthews, Abertysswg, who also took the devotions. The organist was Mrs. Phyllis Jones, and Mrs. May Davies presided.

In Hospital Mr. Glyn Jenkins, 15, Rhodfa Ganol is a patient at Redwood Memorial Hospital.

Harvest Festival St. David's, Pantywaun, held services on Sunday. The Vicar officiated.

Legion A British Legion Benevolent Committee meeting was held on Monday last at St. Mary's Church Vestry. The chairman was Mr. Gordon Blunt.

Baby's Funeral The funeral of Elizabeth Chryshel Titcombe, two-month old baby of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Titcombe, Aelybryn, took place at Rhymney Cemetery, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore officiating. Mourners: Mr. & Mrs. Titcombe (parents); brothers and sisters; Mrs. Pegg. Mr. & Mrs. Titcombe (grand parents); Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. E. Jones, J. Pegg, Mr. & Mrs. J. Jones (incles & aunts); Norman & Margaret, Mr. & Mrs. E. Savage, Mr. & Mrs. J. Elliott. Mr. & Mrs. J. Sproates (cousins); Mr. H. Wood, Mrs. M. Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. J. Thomas (friends). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

"Merthyr Express" 3 October 1964

In Hospital Mrs. Blodwen Evans, 13, Rhodfa Ganol, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital. Mr. Alfred Kent is a patient at Rhymney Hospital.

Langley – Williams Mr. Neville Langley, of London, was married to Miss Brenda Williams, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W.B. Williams, 82, Glanynant, at Portsmouth Registry Office. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. F. Baker. She wore a white brocade gown with shoulder length veil held in place with a diamente coronet. She carried a fan bouquet of red roses and lily of the valley. The bridesmaid was Miss Linda Treasure, cousin of the bride. She wore a blue and white two-piece with accessories to tone. A reception was held at the Portsmouth and Southsea Community Centre, and the honeymoon was spent in Wales. To travel, the bride wore a navy and white two-piece with accessories to tone.

American Bride for Fochriw Man: Llewellyn – James Mr. Ronald Garry Llewellyn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ronald E. Llewellyn, 32, Pontlottyn Road, was married to Miss Marion James, the only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom James, Los Angeles, U.S.A., formerly of Cwmcarn, at Gelligaer Parish Church, the Rev. J. I. Jones, Rector, officiating. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a white, full length, American classic gown of white nylon and lace, with a nylon tiered train from the waistline, and a shoulder length bouffant veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses with lily of the valley. The maid of honour was Miss Mary Bowyer. Bridesmaids were Miss Marie Brown and Miss Elaine Salvace. The maid of honour wore a knee length dress of pink slipper satin, with rose head-dress, and carried a posy of carnations. One bridesmaid wore a blue knee length nylon dress with blue head-dress with rhinestone decoration, and carried a posy of assorted flowers, and the other wore a yellow nylon knee length dress with matching head dress. She too carried a posy of assorted flowers. The best man was Mr. Alan B. Eaton, and the groomsmen were Mr. David Llewellyn and Mr. Peter Morgan. A reception was held at the Castle Hotel, Tredegar, and the honeymoon was spent in London. To travel, the bride wore a rose pink light boucle suit with white organza collar and rose pink hat. [with photograph]

"Merthyr Express" 10 October 1964

Mothers' Union The speaker at the Mothers' Union was Mr. A.G. Cook, J.P., Llandaff.

Carmel The preacher last Sunday was Rev. Hugh Parry, Blackwood. The organist was Mrs. Ann Davies.

In Hospital Mrs. Enid Forrest, 33, Guest Street, is a patient at St. James' Hospital. Mrs. Edith Games is a patient at Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

Wed at Llandaff The wedding took place at All Saints Church, Llandaff North, on Saturday last, of Miss Sonia Catterson, daughter of Mrs. M. Catterson, and the late Capt. E. Catterson, of Whitchurch, formerly of Fochriw.

Sisterhood The members met on Thursday, when the speaker was Mrs. Annie Mary Evans. Mrs. S.G. Parry & Mrs. E.A. Jones sang a duet. Mrs. Annie Davies was the organist, and Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. A harvest tea followed.

Miss Annie Powell The death occurred at Gelligear Hospital of Miss Annie Powell, 15, Guest Street. She was 78, and had been blind for many years. She was the sister of the late William Powell, bandmaster of the now defunct Silver Band.

In the Navy Naval Recruit Robert Powell, son of Mr. & Mrs. A.T. Powell, 23, Heol Iago, passed his apprentice artificer examination to enter the Royal Naval College, Torpoint, Cornwall. He was placed fifth among 500 entrants, and was awarded top marks in the science

examination. Before setting out on his naval career, he hopes to be an electrical engineer. He passed G.C.E. in five subjects at Lewis School, Pengam.

Former Resident The death occurred at St. John's Wood, London, of Mr. Matthew Slimmon, aged 63, formerly of Fochriw. He saw service with the Welsh Guards during the First and Second World Wars. He was born at Begwns Farm, Nantyffin. He was the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Robert Slimmon, a well-known farmer, who lived for many years at Llwyniago Farm, Fochriw. His wife survives.

“Merthyr Express” 17 October 1964

In Hospital Mr. Albert C. Marshallsea, 1, Williams Row, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

School Service Fochriw Primary School held their Harvest Festival service recently. Miss Oilve Payne, headteacher, conducted the service. All classes took part. Gifts were given to Ystrad Mynach Hospital.

Nursing Career Miss Ruth Jenkins, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Jenkins, 5, Brynteg Terrace, has begun her training as a nurse. Aged 16, she is a probationer nurse at the East Glamorgan Hospital, Church Village.

Harvest Festival The United Free Church Council held their Harvest Festival services. Taking part in Monday's prayer meeting were Miss Edna E. Jones, Noddfa, Mrs. Mattie Lewis & Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth. On Tuesday, the preacher was the Rev. Emrys Evans, Mountain Ash. The organist was Mr. W. Davies. Rev. T.J. Jones presided.

Children's Service Nazareth Chapel held a children's service during the harvest celebrations on Sunday. Mrs. Doreen Cumpstone led children in recitations and singing. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies, and Mrs. A.M. Holifield was president. At the evening service, the preacher was the Rev. Gwynfor Evans of Dowlais. The gifts were distributed to the sick and elderly.

90th Birthday Mrs. Emma Jane Lawrence, 2, Glyn Terrace, celebrated her 90th birthday last Tuesday. Mrs. Lawrence remains active and has a remarkable memory. She is a member of St. Mary's Church, and the oldest member of the Mothers' Union. Mrs. Lawrence received many messages of congratulation, and received Holy Communion at her home. She has three sons: Trevor, who is headmaster at Elmley Castle, Worcestershire; Jack, who is a foreman with the Gellygear U.D.C.; and Gordon, who owns a grocery business in the village. [with photograph – No. 57, pb8]

Mr. Evan D. Warner Mr. Evan David Warner, 17, Hillside, Fochriw, died at St. James' Hospital, Tredegar, at the age of 56. Born at Ferndale, he resided at Rhymney and Pontlottyn for 31 years, before coming to Fochriw 8 years ago. He was a Church member, and an active member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade. He was interested in physical culture and weight lifting. He was employed in the medical centre at Ogilvie Colliery. The funeral was at Rhymney Cemetery. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Family mourners were: Ethel (wife); Raymond, Brian, Haydn (sons); Joan, Sylvia (daughters); Ann Jane Davies (mother-in-law); George, Haydn (brothers); Haydn, Nora (step brother and sister); David, Frederick (brothers-in-law); Lena, Lucy, Blodwen, Edie (sisters-in-law); Jack Pugh (uncle); Annie Maud, Lizzie, Maggie (aunts); William, Richard, Michael, Bryn, Bryn (nephews); Mrs. Ray Caswell, Cyril Caswell, Evan & Richard Savage, Dennis, Gerald & Davy Powell, Leon Bengough (cousins); Mr. & Mrs. Woodcock & John, Mervyn, Jacky & Leslie Trigg, Ken & Albert Morgan, Frankie Wood, Jimmy Payne, Idris Lewis, Patsy Murphy, Winnie Morgan, Mrs. R.M. Cumpstone (friends). There were many representatives of the Riches Corps, St. John Ambulance, and of the Fochriw, Pontlottyn, and Abertysswg Ambulance Divisions. Also, of the Ogilvie Colliery Medical Centre.

“Merthyr Express” 24 October 1964

In Hospital Mr. Wm. Richards, 61, Glanynant, is progressing favourably at St. James' Hospital, where he is being treated for a foot injury incurred in work.

Carmel The half yearly meetings were held, at which the Rev. Luther Moseley, Brecon, was the special preacher. Mrs. Elsie G. Rees was the organist.

Sisterhood The speaker this week was Mrs. Magdalene Pugh Hopkins of Tirphil, who also gave a solo. The devotions were led by Mrs. Elsie G. Rees. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided.

89th Birthday Mrs. Sarah Ann Davies, 6, Railway Terrace, celebrated her 89th birthday on Monday. She had lived in Fochriw all her life. Mrs. Davies has a remarkable memory, and is still able to sew, knit and read. She watches television with out glasses. She is the oldest member of Noddfa. Her husband, Mr. John Davies, died 12 months ago at the age of 91. She received several messages of congratulation.

“Merthyr Express” 31 October 1964

Fochriw Bride: Sullivan - Pervin The marriage of Mr. Dennis Sullivan, Martin Street, Dowlais, to Miss Ann Pervin, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Pervin, Hillside, Fochriw, took place at St. Tyfaelog’s Church, Pontlottyn, on Saturday. The Rev. C. H. James officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a ballerina length dress of lemon brocade, with a bouffant veil held in place with a coronet of sequins and pearls. She carried a bouquet of dark red roses. The bridesmaids were: Miss Eileen Pervin (sister of the bride) and Miss Isobel Edwards. Misses Janet and Susan Pervin were flower girls. The bridesmaids wore full-length dresses of silk covered with nylon tulle, with flowered head dresses. They carried posies of carnations. The flower girls wore short lemon silk dresses with coronets of yellow flowers, and carried posies of carnations. A reception was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Pontlottyn. The couple will make their home at Dowlais.

In Hospital Mr. Noel Williams, 10 Railway Terrace, and Mrs. Kitty Price, 5 Pit Row, are patients at St. James’ Hospital, Tredegar.

Noddfa The services on Sunday were conducted by Mr. Gareth Morris, Deri. The organist was Mrs. P. Jones.

Nazareth The Sunday services were conducted by Mr. Lance Clarke, Deri. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

Christening At St. Andrew’s Church on Sunday seven children from the village were christened by the Vicar.

Obituary The death occurred at Ystrad Mynach Hospital last week of Mrs. Rachel Mary Cumpstone, aged 74, of 13, Hillside. She had lived in the village all her life, and was the widow of Mr. Percy Cumpstone.

A ‘Pop’ Group The group known as “The 5 Commandments,” which includes two local boys, Ronald James, 24, Pontlottyn Road, and Phillip Coggan, 25, Martin Street, were invited to play at the Victoria Hotel, Blackpool, recently, and proved to be very popular. They have been invited to play at a forthcoming dance in the area with the Norman Holt Band.

Collection A collection in aid of the Llandaff Diocese Moral Welfare Association was held recently and raised the sum of £12 4s 7d. The amount was presented to the Bishop of Llandaff at the Cathedral on Tuesday last by Mr. A. Palmer, treasurer of the Mothers’ Union. The organisers, Rev. & Mrs. Sedgemore, wish to thank all collectors.

Legion A meeting of the Benevolent Committee was held last week. The Remembrance Service will take place at St. Mary’s on Sunday, November 8th at 11 a.m.

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Mission Hall Special meetings were held at which the speaker was Mr. Tom O’Grady, the Irish evangelist. He was accompanied by his wife, a gospel singer.

Sisterhood The speaker was Mrs. Maud Davies of Pontlottyn. Mrs. Mary Davies led the devotions. Mrs. P. Jones was the organist.

Play The Guest Keen Players of Dowlais presented “Murder Without Crime” at the New Hall. Mr. Derlwyn Kent, a native of Fochriw, was one of the caste. Rev. Sedgemore presided. Proceeds are in aid of the O.A.P. Fund.

Mrs. Rachel Mary Cumpstone Mrs. R.M. Cumpstone has died at Ystrad Mynach Hospital. She was born in Fochriw and had lived in the village all her life. She was a member of Carmel Chapel, and a founder member of the local Sewing Class. As a laying-out nurse, she helped many families in time of bereavement. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Eurof Jones, Cwmavon, officiating. Mourners were: Bryn, Graham (sons); Teg, Winnie (daughters-in-law); Paul (grandson); Tom (brother); Will, Dan (uncles); Harry Evans, Tommy Cockram, Idris, Arthur, Bert, Nick, Cadfan Cumpstone, Haydn Jones, Gwyn Angell (nephews); D. Harris, E. Lewis, B. Davies, A. Davies, W. James (cousins); C. Caswell, A. Palmer, W. Moseley, J. Griffiths, G. Powell, T. Powell, H. Downton, T. Sussex, D. Evans, W.

Davies, W. Evans, A. Evans, E. Maund. At the house were: Cas, Nell (sisters); Edith (sister-in-law); Thelma, Joan, Joyce, Annie, Elizabeth (nieces); Sue, Toots, Rachel, Bess, Elvira, Sal, Peggy, Bess, Sian (cousins); Mrs. Evans, Ray Caswell, Mrs. Moseley, Mrs. K. Jones, O. Powell, P. Davies. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed) Funeral arrangements were carried out by Cumpstone Brothers, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 13 November 1964

Remembrance Day A service was held at St. Mary’s Church on Sunday. The Last Post and Reveille were sounded by Rev. E. Sedgemore. The British Legion standard bearer was Mr. Gordon Blunt. A poppy wreath was laid on behalf of the Legion by Mrs. Elspeth Shankland. Councillor Frank Jenkins and Mr. R.C. Jones laid a poppy wreath on behalf of Gelligaer Urban District Council. Mrs. S.J. Pullen laid a wreath in memory of her brother. Mr. Joseph Pullen, representing the R.A.O.B. and Mr. John P. Llewellyn, J.P., were also present.

Coal Board to Get £7,375 Bill for Fochriw Road The Coal Board’s Open-Cast Executive is to be asked by Gellygear Urban Council to contribute £7, 375 towards the cost of strengthening and providing passing bays on Bridgend Road, north of Fochriw. The public works committee made this recommendation on Tuesday. The meeting was told that the road was 1.600 yards long, and the provision of eight bays would widen the road for 700 yards. It is understood this improvement will enable vehicles to use the road for hauling coal from the new open-cast site between Fochriw and Pontlloftyn.

“Merthyr Express” 20 November 1964

Nazareth The service on Sunday was conducted by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis. The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

Noddfa Mrs. Edith Parry Lewis was the speaker at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. May Davies presided. Mrs. P.M. Jones was the organist.

Hockey Trials Miss Margaret Jones, 14, Guest Street, a student at Glamorgan Training College, Barry, and Miss Rosemary Jones, 1. Aelybryn, a student at Trinity College, Carmarthen, were selected to play in the Welsh College Trials at Ely, Cardiff, on Saturday last. Both are ex-students of Bargoed Grammar Technical School.

Deanery Festival Sunday School scholars from St. Mary’s, accompanied by the Vicar, Mrs. Sedgemore, Miss L. Rees and Miss E. Fox, attended the Caerphilly Deanery Sunday School Festival at Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday last. The lesson was read by Miss Jane Sedgemore. The service was conducted by Rev. L. Dowse, vicar of Llanishen, and the preacher was the Dean of Llandaff.

“Merthyr Express” 27 November 1964

Poppy Day Appeal The collections raise £18 1s. The collectors were Mrs. P. Jones, Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. M. Chapman, Mrs. C. Ballard, Mrs. E. Shankland, Miss E. Fox. The organiser was Mrs. E. Shankland, 22, Aelybryn.

In Hospital Mr. Cornelius Edwards, 12, Brynteg, is a patient at Ystrad Mynach Hospital. Mr. George Mantle, 64, Glanynant, is a patient at Tredegar Hospital. Mrs. Joan Cockram, 57, Glanynant, and Mr. Leslie Jones, 2. Moore’s Row, are both patients at St. James’ Hospital, Tredegar.

Memorial Tablet An oak memorial tablet to the memory of the late Rev. Samuel Evans, first vicar of the Parish of Fochriw and Deri, will be dedicated this Saturday, November 28. Rev. Pontin, Radyr, will perform the dedication. Mrs. Evans and family will be present.

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Poppy Day The collection for the Earl Haig Poppy Fund in Pentwyn District was carried out by Mrs. S.J. Pullen and Miss Christine Pullen.

Long Service Congratulations to Corps Staff Officer Tom Thomas, Brook Row, on being awarded his fifth bar to his Long Service Medal. Mr. Thomas has completed 42 years with the Fochriw Ambulance Division.

Sisterhood Mrs. Edith Lewis was the speaker at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Nellie Shankland read the Scripture. Mrs. A. Davies was the organist. Mrs. P.M. Jones presided.

St. Mary’s A large congregation attended St. Mary’s for the dedication of an Oak Memorial Tablet inscribed with all the names of the vicars of the parish of Fochriw and Deri. The dedication, made by the Rev. W.S. Pontin, Rector of Radyr, was to the memory of the late

Rev. Samuel Evans, the first vicar of the parish from 1921 to 1928. The tablet was given by the widow and family of the late vicar. The service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore, assisted by the Rural Dean, Rev. L. Dowse. Rev. Pontin gave the address. The churchwarden read the lessons and Mr. Willie Edwards was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 11 December 1964

In Hospital Mr. David J. Jones, 11, Pontlottyn Road, is a patient at St. Tydfil’s Hospital.

Mrs. A.E. Gwynne Mrs. A. Elizabeth Gwynne has died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sybil Mansfield, at Newport. Mrs. Gwynne was 84, and came to live at 13, Hill Row, Pentwyn, after she married. She was a member of the Parish Church and of the Mothers’ Union. A grown up family survive. The funeral will take place at Pentwyn Churchyard.

United Service The Sunday Schools of Fochriw and district held an united service for Bible Sunday at Nazareth Chapel. Scripture was recited by Miss Ann Davies, Miss Mary Sedgemore, Miss Susan Price, and Miss Alison Moon. Prayer was said by Miss Mary Price and a chorus was rendered by pupils of Elim, Penybank. The preacher was the Rev. Vaughan Walters of Blackwood. The organists were Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. I.W. Powell. Mr. T.J. Jones presided and Rev. Walters was thanked by the vicar. The collection was in aid of the Archbishop of York’s Fund, “Feed The Minds.”

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Noddfa The speaker at the Sisterhood on Thursday was Mrs. Parfitt of Pontlottyn. Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer and read the Scripture. Mrs. Phyllis Jones was the organist and Mrs. Eluned Wright presided.

Getting Better Mr. Wm. Jenkins, 2, Brynteg, has returned home after an operation at St. James’ Hospital.

Fayre St Mary’s Parish Church held their annual fayre and sale of work recently. The Fayre was opened by Coun. H. James, J.P., Chairman of the Gellygaer Urban District Council, accompanied by his wife. The stall holders were: Novelty: Mrs. N. Sharpe, Mrs. E. Thomas; New, Mrs. M. Lawrence, Mrs. A. Gardener, Mrs. R. Davies; Cake, Miss S. Lawrence, Miss Dilys Lodwig, Miss J. Lawrence; Pound, Miss O.M. Payne, Mrs. Gwyllim, Mrs. Sedgemore; Mrs. Davies’ Stall, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. Y. Roberts, Mrs. W.K. Evans, Miss A. Davies, Miss A. Sedgemore; Sunday School stall, Miss L. Rees, Misses Jane and Mary Sedgemore, Miss Gwyneira Evans, Miss Joyce Lewis, Master Malcolm Gwillim, Miss E. Fox; Jumble, Mrs. E. Llewellyn, Jean Woods, Mrs. A. Watkins, L. Lawrence, C. Lewis, M. Beale, S. Oliver; Refreshments, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. M.J. Davies, Mrs. S.J. Pullen, Mrs. C. Ballard, Mrs. T. Gillard, Miss C. Evans. The stewards were Mr. A.J. Palmer, Bryn Rees, D.A. Jenkins, T.E. Davies. Father Christmas was Rev. E. Sedgemore. The following donations were received: Woolworth’s; Boots; Emporium, Bargoed; O.P. Chocolates; Webbers Cakes; Delberry’s; Kayser Bonder, Dowlais; Mrs. O.M. Evans, Post Office, Fochriw; St. Margaret’s, Aberbargoed; Elliotts Bakers.

Fochriw Man Fined Haydn Wood of The Grove, Fochriw, was fined £5 by Bargoed Magistrates last Friday for leaving the engine of his unattended car running in High Street, Bargoed. He was also fined £2 for leaving his car in a ‘No Waiting’ area. He pleaded guilty by letter.

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In Hospital Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Williams, 7, Dynevor Street, is a patient at St. James’ Hospital.

Mrs. Anne Thomas The death occurred at her home, 20, Brook Row, of Mrs. Anne Thomas. She was born in Dowlais, and was 83 years of age. She was the widow of Mr. Jenkin Thomas, a signalman at Fochriw Station for many years. A grown up family survive.