

“Merthyr Express” 7 May 1887

Eisteddfod The Blodeuyn y Mynydd Lodge held an eisteddfod at the Board School, which was kindly lent for the occasion, on Monday night. The chairman was the Rev. J. Jones, Carmel; adjudicator of singing, Mr. James Powell (Ap Dewi), Pontlottyn; recitations etc. Mr. Henry Davies, Vochriw. The following were the awards:- Soprano solo, Miss Elvira Jenkins, Bedlinog; trio, Mr. Daniel Jenkins and friends; duet, “Edifeirwch y meddwyn,” Daniel Jenkins and Burkley Angel, both of Vochriw; tenor solo, “Cwyp Llewelyn,” divided between Evan Evans and Burkley Angel, Vochriw; recitation, “The Charge of the Light Brigade,” Miss Lizzie Ballard, Vochriw; reading music at first sight, Mr. John Bassett, Bedlinog; bass solo, “Gogoniant i Gymru,” John Bassett and John Thomas, Bedlinog; reading divided between Edward Williams and William Lewis; solo and chorus, “O tyred yn ol,” John Bassett and party, Bedlinog; an eisteddfod song by Mr. James Powell, Pontlottyn, was loudly applauded.

“Merthyr Express” 12 May 1888

Caerphilly Eisteddfod Two choirs have been recently formed at Vochriw to compete at the above eisteddfod on “Through the Valley” (Sankey), the conductors being: Carmel, Mr. Burkley Angel; Noddfa, Mr. Henry Jones. We wish them success on Whit Monday. Entertainments are held weekly at the above chapels in aid of a fund for the support of the children at Caerphilly.

Eisteddfod On Saturday evening the 5th, an eisteddfod was held at Carmel Independent Chapel, which was well attended. Rev. James Jones, pastor, very ably presided, and Mr. William Beddoe, Pontlottyn, who is always very ready to render help when needed, very ably played the accompaniment. The respective adjudicators were: music – Mr. J. Jones; poetry, essays, recitations – Mr. Jn. Adams. The following were the competitions, with number of competitors in brackets: - alto solo. “Yr hogyn drwg,” (3), best, Miss Ann Jane Beddoe, Pontlottyn; recitation under 15, “Mam y morwr,” (2), prize divided between Master Samuel Evans and Miss Elizabeth Thomas; best composition of a hymn tune, (15), the prize was divided between Mr. Phillip Morgan and Mr. John Williams, both of Pontlottyn; soprano solo. “Y deryn pur,” (5), best, Miss Mary Powell, Pontlottyn; best map of Ireland, prize to “Vonvoltia,” whose name did not transpire; bass solo, “Ellyll yr ystorm,” (4), divided between Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Vochriw, and Mr. James Powell (Ap Dewi) Pontlottyn; essay competition, “Cwyp Babilon,” the prize was withheld; song over 40’s, “Aberystwyth,” (4), Mr. Samuel Richards, Deri; baritone solo, “Boed yspryd ein cyndadau,” (8), joint winners Mr. Evan Evans, Vochriw, and Mr. James Powell, Pontlottyn; three verses in commemoration of the late Mrs. Ruth Davies, (6), joint winners, Mr. John Jenkins, Vochriw and Mr. J. C. Jones, Bargoed; best recitation, “Y bywydfad,” (3), best Mr. James Davies, Vochriw; tenor solo, “Wyt ti’n cofio’r lloer yn codi,” (4), best Mr. Burkley Angell, Vochriw; the best love letter, (8), Mr. J. Thomas, Deri; best trio, “Fair Flora decks,” (1), Daniel Jenkins, Burkley Angell and Jessie Angel, Vochriw, who were awarded the prize. Mr. James Cole proposed and Mr. Thomas Jenkins seconded, the usual votes of thanks, which brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 23 February 1889

Eisteddfod An eisteddfod on a small scale was held at Nazareth Chapel under the presidency of Rev. D. Morgan. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. Thomas E. Jones, Rhymney; poetry and recitation, “Twynog,” Rhymney, who also conducted the meeting. The prizes were awarded as follows:- alto solo, “Pan ddel Efe,” Wyres Fach, Deri; reading music at first sight, W. J. Angel; recitation, M. A. Ballard, Vochriw; soprano solo, “The beggar girl,” E. Jenkins, Bedlinog; religious letter to a sick person, Edward Jones, Fochriw; tenor solo, “He stood and measured the earth,” Burkley Angel; poem, “The plains of Bethlehem,” Min y Mynydd; children’s choir, Carmel Choir, “I like to tell the story,” conductor, Mr. B. Angel; bass solo, “Hen wlad y cymanfaoedd,” John Thomas, Bedlinog; quintet, “O that I had wings,” Dewi Buallt and party; recitation, “The last storm,” B. Summers, Pontlottyn, and J. David, Rhymney; choral competition, “Praise to God,” (prize £1 10s. and a chromatic pitch-pipe to the conductor). Two choirs competed, viz. Noddfa and Carmel Choirs, the former taking the prize with their conductor by Mr. Evan Jones, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 27 April 1889

Eisteddfod An eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on the 19th, Mr. J. Davies, Bedlinog, presiding. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. J. Evans, Dowlais; recitations (poetry and prose), Mr. J. Adams, Vochriw; the accompanist, Master D. Jones, Rhymney. There were keen competitions for the chief prizes. In the bass solo, “The noble boy” (Dr. Parry), five competed, and the prize was awarded to Mr. Wm. J. Williams, Dowlais. The other prizes were awarded as follows: recitation, “Ymson y llofrydd,” Mr. B. Summers, Pontlottyn; quartet, “Ti wyddost beth ddywed fy nghalon,” prize divided between a party from Vochriw, and a party from Dowlais; chief choral competition, “Blodeuyn bach wyf fi mewn gardd” (Gwilym Gwent), one Dowlais choir only appeared, and was deemed worthy of the prize. Their leader was Mr. Henry Smith. The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 25 March 1893

Eisteddfod at Deri Vochriw individual winners: soprano solo, Sarah Ann Davies; David Davies (Dewi Buallt); Burkley Angel; William John Angel (music sight reading). Chief Choral competition: Vochriw United, conductor William Adams, who was awarded a chair.

“Merthyr Express” 14 March 1896

Fochriw Eisteddfod Successes The numerous friends of Mr. James Davies will be glad to hear that at Deri on Monday the 2nd, he succeeded in adding still another victory to his already long list of successes. Miss Blodwen Angell, daughter of Mr. A. Angell, Dynevor-street, was also a prizewinner.

“Merthyr Express” 14 March 1896

Juvenile Choir We are pleased to see that the Juvenile Choir, led by Mr. Burkeley Angell, intends entering the lists at the great eisteddfod to be held at Mountain Ash on Easter Monday. Last Easter, at the same place, they succeeded in carrying away the substantial prize of £10, and a gold medal. We hope they will repeat their success.

Eisteddfod On Saturday evening last, an eisteddfod was held under the auspices of the Methodists at the Board School. The president for the occasion was Mr. John Jones, grocer, while the adjudicators were – music, Mr. S. George, Dowlais; recitation, Mr. James Davies, Fochriw; accompanist, Miss M. A. Thomas, Fochriw. The following were the competitions: alto solo, “Free as a bird,” Eliz. Jones; recitation, “Jim yr ysgubwr,” Stephen Lewis and Catherine Lewis; cornet solo, “Y fwyalchen,” W. Mantle; soprano solo, “Dros y gareg,” S. A. Davies; recitation, “Guilty or not guilty,” M. A. Ballard; tenor solo, “Plas Gogerddan,” Dan Davies; writing 1st Psalm, J. A. Jenkins & Rees Jones; duet, “Larboard watch,” Dan Jenkins & D. R. Williams. Five parties entered on the test – Pentwyn, Noddfa, Pantywaun, Carmel and Sandonites. After a very close competition, the Pentwyn choir was declared the winner, and their leader, Mr. Simon Cole, was invested amidst applause. The eisteddfod throughout proved a success, and reflects great credit on the secretary (Mr. T. Roberts) and treasurer (Mr. D. Ll. Evans).

“Merthyr Express” 18 April 1896

Juvenile Choir We congratulate the juvenile choir, under their able conductor, Mr. B. Angel, on their success at the Mountain Ash Eisteddfod on Easter Monday. It will be remembered that last year they carried away the first prize of £10 and a gold medal. This year they were awarded second prize. Seven choirs competed, all old and experienced combinations. To be second in such a contest is a distinction which needs no comment. We understand the choir intends competing once again at Caerphilly, and maybe at Porth on Whit Monday. We extend to them heartiest wishes for further success.

“Merthyr Express” 6 June 1896

Eisteddfod Success We extend our heartiest congratulations to Miss Blodwen Angel, daughter of Mr. A. Angell, on her recent success at the Porth Eisteddfod. There were nineteen competitors, and four were picked to appear on the stage. Miss Angel took first prize. She also won first prize at the Pantywaun Eisteddfod on Saturday last.

Juvenile Choir Once more we have the pleasant task of recording another victory to the credit of the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, who carried away the first prize at the Caerphilly Eisteddfod. Six choirs competed, one of whom, Abercanaid, took first prize at the National Eisteddfod, Llanelly, on the same test piece, “Come, praise your Lord and Saviour,” (T. Price). This was

not, however, the first meeting of the two choirs. They have met twice before at Mountain Ash, once when Fochriw were first, and this year, when Fochriw were second. Mr. D. Jenkins, Aberystwyth, in awarding Fochriw the prize, set them as a model to the other choirs. On arriving home, the victors were accorded a hearty reception. The baton was wielded by Mr. Berkeley Angell who has filled the post of conductor from the commencement.

“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1896

Eisteddfod at Vochriw A highly successful eisteddfod was held at the Board School on Saturday last in aid of the Fochriw Brass Band. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. John Price, Rhymney; recitations, Rev. J. Jones, Fochriw. Miss Thomas proved an excellent accompanist, and Mr. J. Harris an admirable conductor. Mr. Bevan, manager, Fochriw, was the president of the gathering. Fochriw prize winners were: girls solo, “Jubilee,” Miss Blodwen Angel, 1st., recitation under 15, “Heb groes, heb goron,” Catherine Lewis, 1st., Stephen Lewis, 2nd; boys solo under 12, Rees Jones, 1st., violin solo, Mr. W. J. Barry, 1st., Mr. David Williams, 2nd; bass solo, “Cymro dewr,” divided between Mr. David Cole and Mr. Daniel Jenkins; duet for tenor and bass, Mr. Daniel Jenkins and Mr. William Adams, 1st. There was considerable interest in the chief choral competition. Three parties sang, namely, Fochriw, Pantywaun and Pentwyn. The prize of £1 1s. was for the party not less than 20 in number that would best render “Huddersfield,” and a gold medal to the successful conductor. The prize was awarded to Pentwyn, conducted by Mr. Simon Cole, Fochriw. The party was accompanied by Miss Philpot, Pentwyn, whose tasteful accompaniment was praised by Mr. Price. The usual votes of thanks closed a very interesting gathering.

“Merthyr Express” 25 July 1896

Fochriw: Eisteddfod A very successful eisteddfod was held on Saturday the 11th at the Board Schools, under the auspices of the Lily of Fochriw Lodge. Mr. E. Williams, under manager, made an excellent chairman. Mr. Myall Williams, Dowlais, was the musical adjudicator, while the Rev. J. Jones, Fochriw, was the adjudicator for essays and recitations. Fochriw winners were: solo for children, “Fair Magdalen,” Miss B. Angel; recitation for children, “Peidiwch lladd yr adar bychain,” divided between S. and C. Lewis; contralto solo, “O rest in the Lord,” Miss E. Jones; violin solo, “The Ash Grove,” Mr. W. J. Barry; duet, “Mae’n iath yn fyw,” divided between Mr. D. Scourfield and friend, Penydarren, and Mr. D. Jenkins and partner, Fochriw; essay on “Dyngarwch,” Mr. Thomas Lewis; bass solo, “Merch y cadben,” Mr. D. Jenkins; prize bag, Miss M. J. Lewis; trio, “Duw bydd drugarog,” Mr. D. Jenkins and friends; recitation, “Ship on fire,” divided between Mr. James Davies, Fochriw, and Miss E. A. Jones, Penydarren, with Miss E. Ballard, Fochriw, in second place; Choral, “Y ffynon ger fy mwth,” two choirs competing for the prize of £1 and silver medal for the conductor; winners Pentwyn Choir, conducted by Mr. Simon Cole.

“Merthyr Express” 20 February 1897

Eisteddfod An eisteddfod in connection with the Calvinistic Methodist Chapel took place at the Board School on Saturday evening last. The post of conductor was admirably filled by Mr. William Adams, A.C. The musical adjudicator was Mr. Davy Jones (Dewi Carno), whilst Mr. James Davies, Fochriw, adjudged the recitations. Miss Margaretta Philpott accompanied to the satisfaction of all. Fochriw winners were: solo, “Y plentyn afradlon,” divided between W. J. Angell, Fochriw, and J. Elias, Pantywain; solo girls under 10, “Enw’r Arglwydd Iesu,” Blodwen Angell; alto solo, “Ple mae y naw,” Blodwen Angell; hymn tune over 50, “Nebo,” John M. Davies, Pentwyn; recitation under 14, “Hen Gymro fy ngwlad,” Catherine Lewis. The feature of the eisteddfod was then arrived at, namely, the competition for female choirs, the test piece being “Bugeillio’r gwenith gwyn.” Three choirs sang: Brook Minstrels (Miss Thomas), Pentwyn (Miss Pugh), and the Morlais Glee Party, Dowlais (Mrs Attwood). The declaration was given in favour of the Dowlais party. Other competitions: duet, “Mair Magdalen,” Blodwen Angell & Laurie A. Angell; recitation, “Y dymhestl olaf,” R. Thomas & D. Evans; baritone solo, “Y bachgen ffarweliodd a’i wlad,” Crad. Shankland. The choral competition came next, the test piece being “Y gwanwyn.” Three choirs competed, namely, Pentwyn (S. Cole), Music Lovers (Dan Jenkins), and Dowlais Music Lovers (D. Lewis). This last competition brought a highly successful meeting to a close. A share of the credit must go to the energetic secretary, Mr. Tom Roberts, and the treasurer, Mr. John Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 27 March 1897

Eisteddfod The second eisteddfod of the season took place at the Board School on Saturday evening. Adjudicators: music, Mr. W. Jones (Morgrugyn), A.C., Dowlais; recitations, Rev. W. Williams, Dowlais. Miss M. A. Thomas, Fochriw, accompanied in her usual artistic manner. The competitions came off in the following order: solo under 10, “Mae d’eisieu Di bob awr,” Miss Blodwen Angell, Fochriw; recitation, Hymn 104, Mr. T. M. Evans, Pentwyn; solo, “Enw’r Arglwydd Iesu,” Miss Lucy Davies; solo, “Mae heddyw ffynon hyfryd lawn,” Master Rees Jones; essay on “Lletygarwch” - Mr E. M. Davies, Fochriw; alto solo, “Yr hogyn drwg,” Miss Maud Angell, Fochriw; recitation, “Goleudy,” Mr. T. Jones, Deri; bass solo, “Y morwr a’i fachgen,” Mr. E. Jones, Dowlais; soprano solo, “Angels ever bright and fair,” Miss Elizabeth Jones, Fochriw; love letter - Miss Edith Cole, Fochriw; tenor solo, “Let me like a soldier fall,” Mr. W. Griffith, Fochriw; bass solo, “The pilot,” Mr. W. J. Angell, Fochriw; trio, “Gwyn fyd preawylwyr dy dy,” Miss E. Jones and Messrs John Evans and C. Shankland, Fochriw; male voice competition, “Myfanwy,” two choirs competed – Dowlais and Fochriw, with Dowlais declared the winners. Then came the chief choral on the test piece “Mai.” Three choirs competed: Dowlais (Mr. A. Jones), Pentwyn (Mr. S. Cole), Fochriw (Mr. D. Jenkins). The Pentwyn party was victorious, and Mr. Cole was duly invested amidst great applause. Mr. W. Walters, A.C., and D. Davies, Fochriw, acted as preliminary adjudicators on the musical portion of the programme. The post of secretary and treasurer were filled by Messrs. R. Thomas and John Jones respectively.

“Merthyr Express” 23 July 1898

Bardic Success Mr. David Davies, Dynevor-street, has been successful at an examination in connection with the National Eisteddfod, by which he will be known as Pencerdd. When the result became known, a meeting was held at the store-yard to congratulate him on his success. Mr. Davies is a composer of no mean merit, and his compositions have been selected as test pieces in the different eisteddfodau which have been held at Fochriw. Mr. Davies will henceforth be known as Pencerdd Morganwg.

“Merthyr Express” 31 December 1898

Eisteddfod An eisteddfod was held at the Board School on Boxing Day. Mr. William Walters, A.C., and Mr. Thomas Davies were the presidents, whilst the adjudicator were: music - Mr E. Evans; recitations - Mr J. Davies; essays - Mr Thomas Lewis. The following competitors were successful: solo for children under eight - M. A. Evans; recitation - C. Lewis and B. Ballard: solo for boys under 12 - W. J. Angel and T. Thomas; soprano solo - B. Angell; duet - divided between R. Jones and J. A. Jenkins, M. Angell and M. J. Davies; quartet - D. Jenkins and party; contralto solo - M. Angell; recitation - D. Evans; essay - T. Ballard; tenor solo - B. Angell and S. Cole; baritone solo - T. Davies; duet (tenor and bass) - C. Shankland and W. Griffiths; bass solo - D. Jenkins; essay on "Godliness" - 1. E. M. Davies, 2. T. Davies & W. J. Ballard; soprano solo – R. Jones and J. M. Price; recitation - D. Evans and W. Griffiths; trio - E. Jones and party; speech - W. J. Ballard ; party, test piece "Duw sydd noddfa" (composed by Pencerdd Morganwg) - one party competed under the conductorship of Mr. J. Evans, and, after a good rendering, were awarded the prize. Miss M. A. Thomas, Brook Cottage, was the accompanist. The duties of secretary were admirably filled by Mr. T. H. Llewelyn.

“Merthyr Express” 21 January 1899

Fochriw Chair Eisteddfod March 27th, 1899

1. CHIEF CHORAL, "Daw'r Gareg oddi Draw" (and silver medal to successful conductor) £5-0-0
2. MALE VOICE PARTY "Hiraeth" (and silver medal to successful conductor) £1-10-0
3. "MARWNAD" to the late Mrs. Lewis, Deri (and a Chair) £2-0-0

For details see Programmes, by Post 1½d Thomas Davies, Secretary, 3, Hill-row, Fochriw

“Merthyr Express” 25 March 1899

Fochriw Chair Eisteddfod Postponed until Saturday, May, 13, 1899.

“Merthyr Express” 20 May 1899

Chair Eisteddfod at Fochriw During the past few years, several small eisteddfodau have been promoted by the music-loving people of this colliery village, and the progress made by them in such gatherings has been of so praiseworthy a character that they ventured on a more ambitious

event by holding a chair Eisteddfod. This aroused a considerable amount of interest, especially in bardic circles, and the promoters have ample reason for satisfaction at the measure of success, both musical and financial, which rewarded their efforts. The proceeds were in aid of increasing the funds of the Welsh Baptist Chapel. The Dowlais people were well represented, and although they failed to secure the chief prizes, they must be congratulated upon their magnificent performances in the separate items of the competitions. The eisteddfod was held under the patronage of Mr. Alfred Thomas, M. P., Dr. Eleazer Davies (Fochriw), Mr. Edmund Lewis (Deri), Mr. E. P. Martin, J.P. (Dowlais), Mr. H. W. Martin (Dowlais), and Mr. D. Hopkins, J.P. (Pontlottyn). The officials at the Eisteddfod were as follows: presidents - Councillors L. Evans and T. Bevan, Fochriw; conductor, Rev. L. P. Davies, Fochriw; secretary, Mr. T. Davies, Pentwyn; adjudicator of music, Mr. R. R. Price, Cardiff; literature, the Rev. T. Davies, Cardiff; free hand and sewing, Mrs. Price, schoolmistress, and Mrs. Bevan, Fochriw; accompanists, Miss M. A. Thomas and Miss Lilian Williams, Fochriw; treasurer, Mr. John Bevan, Fochriw. Competitions: solo for boys under 12, Master David Ashton, Bedlinog; solo for girls under 12, divided between Miss Lucy Davies and Miss Mary Thomas, Fochriw; recitation, boys and girls under 15, Miss C. A. Morgan, Fochriw; pianoforte solo, children under 16, Master D. Nicholas Williams, Merthyr; love letter - "True Blue" & "Olwen Morganwg" - prize divided; free hand drawing, children under 16, divided between Masters Samuel Lewis, Rhymeny and T. Jones, Fochriw; essay, "History of Gelligaer" - no entry; prize bags, 1. "Snowdrop"; 2. Miss Phillips, Treharris; hymn tune, "Crugybar," for men over 50, Mr. John Davies, Fochriw; sewing a button-hole, divided between Miss E. Morgan and Miss Annie Rees, Pentwyn; soprano solo, Miss Sarah Davies, Bedlinog; contralto solo, Miss Polly James, Blackwood; baritone solo, divided between Mr. T. E. Thomas, Bedlinog and Mr. Caradoc Shankland, Fochriw; recitation (silver medal given by Mr. T. Fine, Pontlottyn), won by Miss Rebecca Thomas, Dowlais; trio, Messrs. B. Angell and friends, Fochriw; quartet, Messrs. T. E. Thomas and friends, Bedlinog; male voice competition, 1. Fochriw; 2. Dowlais, the Fochriw conductor, Mr. W. Walters, receiving a magnificent reception on being invested by Miss Price, schoolmistress, Fochriw; elegy to the late Mrs. E. Lewis (Gwyn Villa), Rev. J. Symlog Morgan, Treorky. Owing to an insufficient number of bards being present, the crowning ceremony did not take place. The bard was, however, invested by the Mrs. G Phillips of Fochriw. In the chief choral competition, only one choir sang, namely, the Fochriw United Choir, conductor Mr B. Angell. They were deemed worthy of the prize. A vote of thanks to the presidents, and all who had given a helping hand in making the first chair eisteddfod a success, brought the day to a close. Tea was provided at the library for visitors, and the ladies worked most energetically in satisfying their wants. Several correspondents were present, and they were under a great disadvantage in not having accommodation to enable them to get the details of the Eisteddfod.

“Merthyr Express” 2 September 1899

Eisteddfod Successes At the Machen Eisteddfod on Saturday last, the Fochriw Brass Band won the third prize for the selection, and the first prize in the marching contest. Mr. R. Dawson was the conductor, and we heartily congratulate both conductor and bandsmen on their success. The Male Voice Party, under the conductorship of Mr. William Walters, performed in the competition for the glee. They sang "Comrades in Arms." They came in a good second to Tylorstown, led by the old veteran Gwynalaw.

“Merthyr Express” 24 May 1902

Eisteddfod Success On Whit Monday, at the Rhymney Eisteddfod, Mr. Theophilus Shankland of Fochriw was the winner of the baritone solo.

“Merthyr Express” 1 November 1902

Fochriw Eisteddfod An eisteddfod was held on Saturday evening at the Board School under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Jones, M.E., and conducted by Councillor R. Thomas. Adjudicators: music – Mr. D. Jones, Bargoed; literature - Rev. D. W. Davies. Accompanist: Mr. R. Jones (bandmaster) with Miss L. Williams assisting. Solo for boys: Master J. Davies; recitation for children: Miss M. Davies; essay: Mr T. Lewis; trombone solo: 1. Mr W. Foley, Deri, 2. G. Jones, Fochriw; soprano solo: J. M. Pride, Pentwyn; tenor solo: Mr. T. James, Dowlais; baritone solo: Mr. J. Davies, Fochriw; bass solo: Mr. C. Shankland, Fochriw; adult recitation:

Mr. D. Evans, Fochriw; solo over 65: Mr. J. M. Davies, Pentwyn; party: 1. Fochriw Minstrels led by Mr. J. Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 28 December 1907

Fochriw Chair Eisteddfod: Easter Tuesday, April 21st, 1908 Chief Choral Competition (not under 70 in number) "Magnify, Glorify" (G. F. Root), £20, and Enlarged, Black and White photograph to Successful Conductor, value £1-7-6. Children's Choir (not under 30) "Cyssegriad" (T. Price), £3-3-0, and Silver Medal to Successful Conductor. Solos, £1-1-0 each. Awdl, "Carn-y-bugail a'i Golygfeydd," £2 and Oak Chair. Essay on "The History of Gelligaer Parish," £1-10-0. Programmes to be had from the Secretary - J. Williams, Brynawel, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 11 April 1908

Eisteddfod Numerous entries have been received for the Chair Eisteddfod, and given a fine day, the Eisteddfod will prove a huge success in every respect.

25 April 1908 Fochriw Chair Eisteddfod: Some Keen Competitions In weather which was not all that was desired, heavy showers falling at intervals during the morning, the first annual Eisteddfod of the Fochriw district, was held on Tuesday in the Brynteg field, kindly lent by Mr. Robert Slimmons, Llwyn Iago Farm. Proceeds this year are to go towards clearing off the heavy debt which remains on Noddfa Baptist Chapel, Fochriw, and afterwards the various places of worship will divide the profits in turn annually. Excellent preparations had been made for the event. Several test rooms were provided, and the splicing and timbering competitions took place in the field, and the chief events in the large marquee. No detail, however trivial, had been overlooked.

The officials of the Eisteddfod were: Conductor - Rev. George Griffiths, Penuel, Rhymney; Presidents - Mr. H. S. Martin, Dowlais, Dr. Eleazer Davies, Fochriw; Adjudicators: Music - Mr. D. Thomas, Pontypridd; Mr. John Thomas, Penywern; Mr. John Evans, Dowlais; Literary - Rev. T. Davies, Bethel, Cardiff (the Chair Bard at the last National Eisteddfod); Ambulance - Dr. Cresswell, Dowlais; Timbering - Mr. J. H. Jones, Fochriw, Mr. John Bevan, Dowlais, Mr. George Evans, Bedlinog; Rope Splicing - Mr. Morgan Thomas, Bedwellty, Mr. Thomas J. Williams, Dowlais; Sewing (plain needlework) - Mrs. J. H. Jones, Martin-street, Mrs. T. Roberts, Aelybryn, Mrs. E. Cole-Jones, Bryngoleu; Art Work - Mrs. Capt. Jones, Guest-street, Mrs. W. O. Morgan, School House, Miss E. Evans, Martin's-street; Accompanist - Miss Lilian Williams, Brynawel, Mr. Roderick Jones, Station-terrace, Mr. Thomas Walters, Brynteg. General Committee - Chairman, Rev. L. P. Davies; vice-chairman, Mr. John Williams, Martin-street; treasurer, Mr. Thomas Evans, Iscoed; secretary, Mr. James Williams, Brynawel; assistant secretaries, Mr. Rhys Jenkins, Dynevor-street, and Mr. David John Thomas, Guest-street. Musical committee: chairman, Mr. J. Jones; secretary, Mr. D. J. Thomas. Literary committee: chairman, Rev. L. P. Davies; secretary, Rev. J. Roderick. Ambulance committee: Dr. Eleazer Davies, Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Mr. Edward Lewis. Timbering and Spicing committee: chairman, Mr. Thomas Roberts; secretary, Mr. Harry Evans. Sewing committee: Miss E. Jones. Dr. Davies extended a hearty welcome to all, and said that there were 167 competitors in the various competitions. He spoke of the great importance of ambulance, timbering and rope-splicing in colliery districts - they were life-saving activities. He also said that the fact that there was just one entry in the handmade men's flannel shirt competition saddened him. There should be 131 not 1. For underground workers the flannel shirt was an essential garment.

The Eisteddfod song was rendered by Miss Elizabeth Jones, Brynmorlais, Fochriw, who selected the bright piece, "Nant y Mynydd," which she sang beautifully.

Awards Pianoforte solo - 12 competitors - winner, Master J. H. Beddoe, Pontlottyn; Violin solo - 6 competitors - winner, Mr. David John Roberts, Bargoed; Boys' solo - 20 competitors - winner, Master Idris Thomas, Dowlais; Baritone solo - 32 competitors - winner, Mr. Thomas George Davies, Fochriw; Englyn "Y Pasc" - 12 competitors - winner "Cendl-ddyn"; Plain Needlework - men's flannel shirt - Miss Ann Evans, Railway-terrace; Lady's Shirt Blouse - Miss Lucy Davies, Fochriw; Art Needlework (to work a cushion square in cross stitch on fine canvass) - Mrs. J. Roderick; Best Prize Bag - Miss A. G. Williams, Ivy Cottage, Fochriw; Recitation under 15 - divided, Miss Lilian Davies, Rhymney, and Master David R. Jones, Dowlais; Tombstone Inscription - 6 entries - Mr. Rd. Ingram, Bedlinog; Chief Choral Competition, "Magnify, Glorify" - 7 choirs appeared - (1) Penywern; (2) Pontlottyn; (3)

Fochriw (conductor Mr John Jones; (4) Abercanaid; (5) Dowlais; (6) Bedlinog; (7) Penydarren. Bedlinog were the winners, with Penydarren a close second; Contralto solo "The Valley of Shadow" - 12 entries – Mrs. S. Thomas, Pontlottyn; Tenor solo "Neges y Blodeuyn" - 18 entries – Mr. Walter Jenkins, Penywern; Recitation "O Hanl, aros" - 12 entries – Mr. John Thomas, Merthyr Vale; Soprano solo "Gwlad y Delyn" - 15 entries - Miss Maggie Jones, Merthyr; Ambulance - 8 entries - 1. Fforchwen, Cwmaman; 2. Nantwen; Girls' solo "Stand up for Jesus" - 26 entries - Miss Pearl Greenland, Deri; Recitation "Y Ffoadur" - 31 entries – Mr. R. Davies, Pontlottyn & Mr. J. Thomas, Merthyr Vale; Awdl "Carn y Bugail a'i Golygfeydd" - 2 entries – Mr. Richard Ingram, Bedlinog; Rope Wire Splicing - 1. Mr. D. Davies, Aberdare; 2. Mr. G. Jones; 3. Mr. E. Williams (Fochriw); Children's Choir "Cyssegrïad" - three choirs entered - (1) Pantywaun Young Choristers (Miss B. Morgan); (2) Pontlottyn Council School Juveniles (Miss J. A. Jenkins); (3) Fochriw Minstrels (Mr. David John Thomas). The Fochriw choir were the winners. Bass solo "It is Enough" - 25 entries – Mr. Wm. Kendrick, Abertyswg; Duett "Arwyr Cymru Fydd" - 10 entries – Messrs. J. Evans & J. J. Lewis, Dowlais; Essay "History of Gelligaer Parish" - 2 entries – Mr. James Davies, Pontlottyn; Tenor solo "King of Love" - 12 entries – Mr. Wm. J. Jones, Rhymney.

Great praise is due to all who worked so hard to make the Eisteddfod such a great success. At the close, Mr. Will Stone, Dowlais, gave a fine display of living pictures on the bioscope which was much appreciated by the large crowd.

“Merthyr Express” 2 May 1908

Chair Eisteddfod: Thanks The Ladies' Committee deserve great praise for their efforts in assisting to make the Eisteddfod a success. Much credit is due to them for catering so ably for so large a number of visitors. The following were active throughout: Mrs. Williams, Brynawel, president; Mrs. Roberts, Aelybryn, secretary; Mrs. Jones, Morwylfa, treasurer; Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. Robert, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. J. Evans, Mrs. T. Jenkins, Mrs. B. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. B. Angell, Mrs. T. Evans, Mrs. S. Evans, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. W. Griffiths, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. T. Davies, Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. Howell Jones, Mrs. M. Davies, Miss G. Wright. Also special praise is due to Mrs. Sergeant Williams, Mrs. T. Llewellyn, and Miss S. E. Williams for managing the refreshment stall on the field. The committee also desire to thank Mr. Charles Payne, Mr. E. Parry, Mr. G. Sibley, Mr. M. Williams, Mr. J. Lewis, Mr. E. Davies, and Mr. Richard Davies for their invaluable assistance on the day. Also Mr. William Payne and Mr. Berkeley Angell at transfer office, and the Rev. R. S. Rogers, Pontlottyn, who adjudicated at the recitation preliminary test, his duties being especially arduous. Also, to members of the Fochriw Brass Band for playing selections during the day.

13 June 1908 Eisteddfodic Successes The prize for the essay "The Golden Calf" at the Rhymney Eisteddfod was divided between Mr. Rhys Jenkins, Fochriw, and Mr. Griffiths, schoolmaster, Cardiff. The Fochriw Children's Choir under their conductor Mr. David John Thomas, secured the second prize at the Machen Eisteddfod on Whit Tuesday. Mr. Bert Evans and party were successful in securing the third prize for rope splicing at the Ferndale Horse Show on Whit Monday.

“Merthyr Express” 20 June 1908

Eisteddfod Success Mr William Lewis, Railway-terrace, was successful in securing the first prize for timbering at the Bedlinog Eisteddfod on Whit Monday.

1 August 1908 Eisteddfod Successes The united adult choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Daniel Jenkins, Emlyn House, secured the first prize at the Eisteddfod held at Bargoed on Monday last. The Children's Choir was also successful under the conductorship of Mr. David John Thomas, they too securing first prize.

12 September 1908 Eisteddfod Successes for Fochriw Choirs The United Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Daniel Jenkins, the Children's Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. David John Thomas, and the Ladies' Choir, conducted by Miss Elizabeth Jones, were successful in securing first prizes at Pontlottyn Eisteddfod on Monday last. A rehearsal was given at the Baptist Chapel on Sunday evening, when each of the choirs gave excellent renderings of their respective test pieces. Mr. John Williams, Martin's-street, presided.

24 October 1908 Eisteddfod A meeting was held at the Baptist Chapel on Thursday night to decide how the proceeds (if any) of the next annual chair eisteddfod should be applied. There

was a good deal of discussion, and eventually consideration of the matter was postponed. It is hoped that some definite arrangement will be arrived at. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. Roderick

31 October 1908 Eisteddfod At a meeting held at Noddfa Baptist vestry on Friday night, it was decided that the proceeds (if any) of the next annual eisteddfod should be divided between the three places of worship - St Mary's Church, Carmel Congregational Church, Nazareth Calvinistic Methodist Church. The following officers were appointed: chairman - Rev. Isaac Roderick; vice chairman - Mr. Charles Payne; secretary - Mr. T. H. Llewellyn; treasurer - Mr. Thomas Roberts, junior, Aelybryn. There was a large attendance, and the meeting was presided over by Mr. John Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 7 November 1908

PRELIMINARY NOTICE: FOCHRIW CHAIR EISTEDDFOD will be held on Easter Tuesday, April 13th, 1909. Programmes ready shortly. 1d each from The Secretary, Mr. T. H. Llewellyn 10, Martin-street, Fochriw

6 February 1909 Preliminary Notice Chair Eisteddfod: Easter at Tuesday, April 13th, 1909: Chief Choral: "Efe a ddaw" (English of Welsh) T. Price; Juvenile Choirs: "Mark the Merry Elves" (Caldicott); Solos: £1.1s; Timbering & Splicing Competition; Recitations etc. Programmes 1d. each, by post 1½d, from the Secretary T. H. Llewellyn, 10, Martin-street, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 10 April 1909

Chair Eisteddfod There are a record number of entries for the Chair Eisteddfod to be held on Easter Tuesday. Given a fine day, it will prove a great success.

“Merthyr Express” 17 April 1909

Fochriw Chair Eisteddfod: A Record Number of Entries: Some Keen Competitions In weather which was not all that could be desired - slight showers falling at intervals during the day - the second annual Chair Eisteddfod of the Fochriw district was held on Tuesday in the Brynteg Field, kindly lent by Mr. Robert Slimmons, Llwyn Iago Farm. Excellent preparations had been made for the event. Several test rooms were provided, and the timbering competitions took place in the field, the ambulance competitions in the Ambulance Hall, and the chief events in the large marquee. Ample preparations had been made for catering for the victors, St. Mary's Institute being set apart for that purpose. No detail, however trivial, had been overlooked.

The officials of the Eisteddfod were: conductor, Mr. Evan Evans, Fochriw; presidents, Dr. Eleazer Davies, and the Rev. T. Rees, vicar of Pontlottyn. Adjudicators: music - Mr. Joseph Bowen, Porth, and Mr. Wm. Jenkins, Penywern; literary - Rev. J. Jenkins, Cardiff; ambulance - Dr. S. C. Cresswell, Dowlais; timbering - Mr. W Jones (Dowlais), Mr. Elias Jones (Rhymney), and Mr. T. Roberts (Fochriw); rope splicing - Mr. Morgan Thomas, Bedwellty, and Mr. Jacob Morgan, Bedwas; plain and art needlework - Mrs. (Dr.) Davies, Ivor House, Mr. T. Roberts, Martin-street, Mrs. James Williams, Brynawel, and Mrs. Roderick, Guest-street; accompanists - Miss Emily Morgan, School House, Mr. Roderick Jones, Station-terrace, and Mr. Tom Walters, Brynteg. The officers of the committee were: General Committee - chairman, Rev. Isaac Roderick; vice-chairman and treasurer, Mr. Charles Payne, Railway Terrace; secretaries, Mr. T. H. Llewellyn, Martin-street, and Mr. Rhys Jenkins, Dynevor-street; assistant secretaries, Messrs. George Thomas and William Jones; sub-committees: musical - Mr. John Jones chairman and Mr. W. H. Jones, secretary; literary - Rev. Isaac Roderick, chairman and Mr. George Thomas, secretary; ambulance - Dr. Eleazer Davies; timbering and spicing - Mr. Thomas Roberts, senior, chairman and Mr. James Williams, secretary; sewing - Mrs. James Williams, chair lady, and Miss E. Jones, secretary; pavilion committee - Mr. Joseph Shankland, chairman.

Before the opening of the Eisteddfod, the officers and committee, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. William Powell, marched to the Pavilion, after which the band paraded the streets of the villages of Fochriw and Pentwyn, playing some lively marches en route.

Dr. Eleazer Davies, in the course of his address, said he was there, on behalf of the committee, to thank, for the second time, each and every one for their support. There were nearly 100 entries in the vocal competitions, over 50 in the various recitations, and seven teams for the Ambulance competitions. The Eisteddfod held a respectable history, and had done well in the past, and he hoped it would do better in the future. Rev. Thomas Rees, spoke of the origins of eisteddfodau, and said that an eisteddfod reminded them of the antiquity of the Welsh nation. The Scots, Irish and Bretons had lost their language, but Wales had not; "eu hiaith a gadwant." May she long use her language.

Awards Englyn, "Y Lofa" - 17 entries: winners Mr. Richard Ingram, Bedlinog and Mr Williams, Penrhiwceiber; Violin solo - 7 entries: winner Master D. Lloyd Roberts, Bargoed; Pianoforte solo, 12 and under, 13 entries: winner Miss Annie Mary Edwards, Bedlinog; Essay, "Should a woman have a vote?" - 5 entries: divided between Mrs. J. H. Jones, Blaenau Festiniog, and Mr. T. R. Davies, Pontlottyn; Boy's solo, 10 entries: winner Master Idris Thomas, Dowlais; Pianoforte solo, 16 and under, 15 entries: winner Master John Henry Beddoe, Pontlottyn; Essay, "Socialism in the Light of the New Testament" - 3 entries: prize divided between Mr. Griffiths, schoolmaster, Cardiff, and Rev. W. R. Roberts, Wesleyan minister, Bargoed; Girl's recitation, "Robin's Mistake" - winner Miss Sarah G. Jones, Deri; Tenor solo, "Bradwriaeth y Don" - 11 entries: winner Mr. Wm. Morris, Fochriw; Boy's recitation, "Ein Cyfle" - 7 entries: winner Master David E. Jones, Penywern. The Eisteddfod song - "Meddyliau Plentyn" - was rendered with much effect by Miss Elizabeth Jones, Bryn Morlais, Fochriw. Bass solo, "Y Banerwr" - 22 entries: winner Mr. Evan Bateman, Dowlais; Children's Choir, "Mark the Merry Elves" - prize £5 and silver medal to conductor - 2 choirs took the platform: Fochriw United Choir conducted by Mr. David John Thomas of Fochriw, and the Deri School Choir conducted by Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Station-terrace, Fochriw. The prize was awarded to Fochriw United Choir. Ambulance competition - 7 teams competed: first prize Bedlinog No. 1; second prize Fochriw; Recitation - "A Parable" - 9 entries: winner Miss Francis, Rhymney; Hand-made flannel shirt: winner Miss Beatrice Griffiths, Fochriw; Hand-made child's frock: divided between Miss Mattie Morgan, Merthyr, and Miss Jennie Jones, Aberdare; Best hand-knitted pair of stockings: winner Mrs. Evans, Bedlinog; Best hand-worked duchess set: winner Miss Maggie Davies, Fochriw; Best hand-worked fancy tray cloth; winner Miss Maggie Davies, Fochriw; Best dressed dolls: winner Miss Hilda Phillips, Fochriw; Best dressed doll in national costume: winner Mrs. E. Morgan, Tredegar; Contralto solo "For all eternity" - 11 entries: divided between Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Fochriw, and Miss G. Arthur, Newbridge; Girls solo "Songs in the Night" - 14 entries: winner Miss Maggie Williams, Penywern; Timbering competition - seven entries: 1st prize of £2 and a silver medal - Mr Abraham Jones, Fochriw; 2nd prize £1 and a hatchet - Mr. David Lewis, Fochriw; 3rd prize 10/- and a hatchet - Mr. D. H. Lewis, Fochriw; Recitation "Harri Dafydd, Bwlchgarw" - 23 entries: winner Mr. J. Orton Jones, Ebbw Vale. Chief Choral "Efe a Ddaw" - 1st prize £20 and silver medal to successful conductor - 5 choirs took the stage - Fochriw United (Mr. Daniel Jenkins), Pontlottyn United (Mr. J. Evans), Bedlinog United (Mr. R. C. Powell, Dowlais Music Lovers (Mr. Evan Thomas), Rhymney Music Lovers (Mr. Wm. Price). The Rhymney choir was the winner, the adjudicator stating that "It was the nearest rendering to perfection that he had ever heard." Duett: "Bydd

bur i Gymru fad" - 10 entries: winners Messrs. Tom James and Jas. Evans, Dowlais; Soprano solo- 9 entries: winner Mrs. Kate Williams (Llinos Gwalia), Rhymney; Awdl - prize of £3 3s and a handsome oak chair - 9 entries: winner Mr. T. Twynog Jeffreys. In Mr. Jeffreys absence, his son-in-law, Mr. David Jones, was chaired on his behalf. The Brass Band played "See the conquering hero comes." The chairing song was beautifully sung by Miss E. Jones, Brynmorlais.

25 September 1909 Hengoed Eisteddfod: Success for Juvenile Choir There was an excellent competition between Deri and Fochriw. The prize was awarded to Fochriw, conductor Mr. David John Thomas. Mr. Gabriel, the adjudicator, said this was a choir of excellent voices. The blend in certain parts was almost perfect, expression most effective, the attack clear and bright, and the whole choir under splendid control.

30 October 1909 Eisteddfod at Carmel An Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday week, and there was a large attendance. The officials were: president, Rev. D. Hughes Jones; conductor, Mr. Evan Evans; adjudicators - music, Mr. David John Thomas; literary, Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Penyardren; drawing, Mrs. Edith Cole Jones and Miss Elizabeth Jones; accompanist, Miss Lilian Williams. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn; Mr. Thomas Lewis acted as treasurer. Awards: solo for girls 8 and under - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; solo for boys 8 and under - Master David Robert Jones, Pantywaun; recitation under 14 - Miss May Rowlands; free hand drawing (brushwork) - Master Tom Jones, Pentwyn; solo for girls under 14 - Miss Mary Jane Richards, Pantywaun; best letter from a prodigal to his old minister - Mr. David Morris, Pant; Solo for boys under 14 - Master Thomas Howell Jones, Fochriw; pianoforte solo under 14 - Miss Annie Evans, Fochriw; soprano solo "Y Deryn Pur" - the Miss R. Jones, Pontlloftyn; tenor solo - Mr. William Edwards, Penywern; recitation - Mr. David Evans; bass solo - Mr. Crad Shankland; contralto solo - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; congregational hymn tune for those over 40 - Mr. Crad Shankland and Mr. John Evans; best verses of eight lines on "Brithdir Ucha Farm" - Mr. James Williams; mixed choir - "Sweet Songsters" conductor Mr. W H Jones.

16 October 1915 Local Eisteddfod A very successful eisteddfod, under the auspices of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T., took place at Carmel Congregational chapel on Thursday last. After the opening speech of the president, the competition started. The following were winners: children's solo - 1. Ceinwen Ballard, 2. Mary J. Cole and Mary Jones; recitation - 1. Ceinwen Ballard, 2. Mary Jones; children's solo - Stella Cole; girls' solo - 1, Mary J. Cole; best verses on eisteddfod - Mr. Sam Lewis; recitation - Ceridwen Thomas, Brynteg; best bag - divided between Elsie Griffiths and Annie G. Thomas; unpunctuated reading - divided between Myfanwy Cole and May Rowlands; tenor solo - Mr. Thomas Walters; best essay - Mr. William Thomas Jones; soprano solo - Miss Ceridwen Thomas, Martin-street; recitation - Mrs. C. Walters; bass solo - Mr. Moses Williams; best letter - Miss Maggie Griffiths; children's choir - Young Beginners, conductress, Miss Florrie Williams; quartette - the Martin-street quartet. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. Tom Jones, Pontlloftyn; recitations - Mr. David Jones, headmaster of Ystrad Mynach School; prize bags - Mrs. E. Cole Jones, headmistress of Fochriw Infants' School; conductor - Brother Moses Williams; president - Brother Charles Payne; treasurer - Brother W. T. Jones; accompanist - Brother J. E Davis; secretary - Brother Thomas Walters.

15 April 1916 Eisteddfod An eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday we under the auspices of the I.O.G.T. A large number of entries had been sent in, and the place was crowded. The president was Mr. Charles Payne, and the conductor Mr. Moses Williams. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. John Thomas, Penywern; recitations - Rev. Fred Jones, Rhymney; prize bags - Mrs. Isaac Roderick; adjudicators of the preliminaries - Revs. D. Hughes Jones and Isaac Roderick; accompanist, Messrs. O. Richards and W. A. Davies; treasurer - Mr. W. T. Jones; secretary - Mr. Thomas Walters. Awards: sole, "Knocking, Knocking, who is there?" -1. Gwenda Thomas, 2. Lala Cole; recitation, "Yr Ysgoler" - 1. Jack

Thomas, 2. Mary Jones; solo, "Will You Meet Me At The Fountain?" - 1. divided between Edith Evans and the singer from Treharris, 2. divided between Miriam Thomas and Mary Cole; recitation, "Vanity of Riches," - Stella Cole, Florrie Cole, and Delcie Turner; pianoforte solo - Aneurin Thomas; love letter - divided between Mrs. Cole Jones and Mr. William Jones; soprano solo - "Y Deryn Pur" - Mrs. Hannah Davies; novice tenor solo - Robert Thomas and John Davies; recitation - Mrs. Blanche Thomas, Penywern; contralto solo, "Flee as a bird," - Miss H. Davies; poem, "The Forest," - Rev. I. Roderick; tenor solo, "Paham y sefi draw?" - Mr. Edward Lewis, Dowlais; essay, "Habits" - Mr. T. H. Jones; baritone solo - Mr. Tom Jenkins; debate - Mr. Thomas and son, Bedlinog; trio - Mrs. Rachel Williams, Mrs. H. Davies and Miss M. A. Walters; prize bags - Mrs. Blanche Thomas; children's choir - School Children conducted by Miss M. Davies; mixed choir - Aelybryn Choir, conducted by Mr. W. J. Jones; open recitation - Mrs. C. A. Weeks, Abertysswg.

20 May 1916 Eisteddfod A very successful eisteddfod was held at St. Mary's Institute on Thursday week, when there was a record number of entries. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. W. Jenkins, Penywern; recitations - Rev. Isaac Roderick; preliminary music - Mr. David Davies, (Pencerdd Morganwg); mining - Mr. John Bevan, M.E., Fochriw; accompanist - Mr. Octavius Richards. The secretarial duties were performed by Mr. M. Evans, and Mr. H. Edgar was treasurer. The president was Mr. John Bevan, M.E.. Awards: Chief choral, Fochriw United, Mr. John Evans, conductor; soprano solo, Mrs. Hannah Davies, Fochriw; contralto solo, Miss Hitchings, Dowlais; tenor solo, Mr. James John Lewis, Dowlais; bass solo, Mr. J. Brown, Deri; solo for children, Miss May Powell, Treharris; recitation for children, divided between Deslie Turner and Gwenda Thomas; solo for children, Miriam Thomas; recitation for children - John O. Thomas, Bedlinog; pianoforte solos - Robert J. Evans; violin solo - Frances Wilton; open recitation - Archie Powell, Penydarren; prize bags - Mrs. George Way, Aelybryn; pair of knitted gloves - Miss J. A. Angell, Fochriw; essay - Mr. Dan Williams, Pontlottyn; essay - Mr. Harold Richards, Rhymney; novel Love Letter - Mr. J. James, Deri.

18 November 1916 Chairing Ceremony The chairing ceremony of the Reverend Isaac Roderick took place at Nazareth Chapel, Fochriw, on Friday evening week. Councillor John Jones presided, and the bards of Fochriw and district were present in large numbers. Reverend Roderick won the chair at an Eisteddfod held a few months ago at Fochriw. The bardic chair did not reach the Eisteddfod in time, and thus, the ceremony was postponed until last week. The subject on which the Rev. Roderick wrote was "A poem in memory of the late Dr. Davies, J.P., Fochriw." There were eight competitors. The chair, given by Dr. Davies's widow, was of solid oak, beautifully carved with the design of the dragon on the back, and decorated with margarite work. The president said he was glad that his own minister had won this distinction for the first time at Fochriw. Miss Katie Jones Davies was the organist, and gave an organ solo after the president's address. The Rev. D. R. Beynon, Pontlottyn, delivered a speech, and Mr. William Morris sang "Baner ein Gwlad" in fine style. Reverend D. Hughes Jones conducted the chairing ceremony. All the bards were called to the platform, and when the winner's name was announced he was led to the platform by two other bards, and the organist played "See the Conquering Hero Comes" as he was marching forward. Mrs. Dr. Davies invested the winner with a rosette. Congratulatory verses were given by the following bards: the Revs. D. H. Jones, J. M. Jones, R. D. Jenkins, D. R. Beynon; Messrs William Jones, James Williams and Sam Lewis. The Chairing Song was rendered by Mr. William Morris. The meeting concluded with the singing off "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau." Congratulatory verses were also sent to the meeting by the Rev. R. W. Dell, and Mr. D. W. Davies, Rhymney, and these were read by the Rev. D. H. Jones.

30 December 1916 Noddfa Chapel A very successful Eisteddfod was held at the above place by the members during the afternoon and evening of Christmas Day. The adjudicators were: singing - Mr. Morris Llewellyn, Rhymney; recitation - Rev. G. Williams, Rhymney; chairman - Reverend Esaiiah Williams. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips. The chief awards were: solo "Dad o'r Nef" - Gwenda Thomas; solo "O, am ras i Garu'r Iesu" - 1. Enid Evans, 2. Phyllis Watkins; solo "Eto mae lle" - divided between Dilys Evans and E. Matthews; solo "Robin Goch" - 1. Enid Evans, 2. D. J. Evans; hen don, Thomas Evans; bass solo "Yr Eryr Mawr" - divided between Thomas Evans and Albert Walters; tenor solo "Hiraeth" - Robert Thomas;

contralto solo "Dacw'r Gwanwyn yn y Gofwg" - Enid Evans; soprano solo "Cartref" - Enid Evans; champion solo "Y Banerwr" - Johnny Williams; recitation, Psalm 104 - Thomas Evans; open recitation - Rees Thomas; children's party, not over 16 years "Bydd Canu yn y Nefoedd" - divided between Mrs. Tom Evans's party and Mr. Tom Evans's party; barddoniaeth, dau bennill i'r "Gyfeillach" - Mr. David Thomas, junior. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Mr. David Thomas, Plantation-street, whilst Mr. Robert Thomas, Dynevor-street, carried out the duties of treasurer.

21 July 1917 Eisteddfod A well attended eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Chapel on Saturday. The conductor was the Rev. Esaiiah Williams; adjudicators - music, Mr. John Thomas and Mr. D. J. Thomas; literary, Rev. D. L. Morris (Llew Ogwy); accompanists, Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Tom Walters; secretary, Mr. Thomas Evans; treasurer, Mr. Albert Walters. Awards: solo, girls under 10, Miss Price, Dowlais; solo, boys under 16, Master Lewis, Dowlais; solo and under 16, Enid Evans; soprano solo, divided between Mrs. Hannah Davies and another; contralto solo, Mrs. H Davies, Fochriw; tenor solo, Mr. Richard Lewis, Dowlais; bass solo Mr. Tom Jones, Dowlais; mixed choir, Dowlais; Juvenile choir, Fochriw, conductress Miss Marsie Davies.

29 December 1917 Noddfa Chapel An eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Christmas night. Awards: solo for girls under 8, Elsa Mathews, Dilys Evans, Hettie Williams; recitation and under 10, 1. Gwenda Thomas, 2. Maggie H. Williams; recitation girls under 16, Enid Evans; contralto solo, divided between Misses E. A. Evans and Enid Evans; bass solo, 1. Mr. Albert Walters, 2. Mr. Aneurin Evans; recitation under 16, 1. Edith Walters, 2. divided between S. L. Evans and Phyllis Williams; solo over 50, Mr. John Evans. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. T. Evans senior; literature Mr. D. Thomas; secretary, Mr. T. Walters; accompanist, Miss H. Phillips. The eisteddfod was followed by a very amusing comedy sketch, characters being represented by Mrs. T. Evans, Misses M. Rees, H. Phillips, I. Phillips, H. Evans, M. Rees, E. A. Evans, E. Phillips.

27 July 1918 Eisteddfodic Success At New Tredegar Eisteddfod on July 20th, out of the eight competitors, the first prize in the Violin competition was divided between Miss Mary Thomas, (10 years old, and daughter of Mr. D. J. Thomas), and Master Hugh Pearce, Abersychan. Warm compliments were paid to the standard of playing in view of the youth of the two competitors.

17 August 1918 National Eisteddfod Success Fochriw was pleased to learn that Enid Evans, daughter of Mr' and Mrs' Thomas Evans, Dynevor-street, was one of the three selected to appear on the stage at the National Eisteddfod Neath, out of 60 competitors. She is not 13 years old yet, and gives promise of a bright career.

4 January 1919 Noddfa A very successful eisteddfod was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day, under the auspices of the Baptist and Methodist Churches. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Evans (jun.), and the organists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Edith Parry and Master Wyndham Lawrence. Solos were rendered by Misses Hilda Davies, Mattie Jones and Enid Evans. Portions of Scripture were repeated at the opening of each service by Misses Gwenda Thomas, Nellie Morris and Master Windsor Rees.

7 February 1920 Pengam Eisteddfod: Master Aneurin Thomas Master Aneurin Thomas, son of Mr. D. J. Thomas, Pleasant-view, was awarded the first prize in the open pianoforte competition, and first prize in the pianoforte competition under 16, at the Pengam Eisteddfod on Monday 2nd February.

12 June 1920 Success Master Aneurin Thomas, 6, Pleasant-view, won the first prize in the open pianoforte competition at the Abertysswg Eisteddfod on Saturday.

2 June 1923 Eisteddfod One of the most successful eisteddfodau held in the village took place in Carmel Chapel on Saturday evening last. Great credit is due to the secretaries, Mr. J. J. Lewis and Mr. W. J. Angell, and also Mr. David Davies, treasurer. Mr. Moses Williams was an ideal conductor, and also chairman of the committee. There were record entries, and the adjudicators gave every satisfaction. The adjudicators were: Music: Mr. Evan Thomas ('Alaw Morlais'); preliminary - Mr. Tom Thomas; literature - Mr. Lewis Jones, Penyardren; accompanists - Mr. T. Walters and Mr. J. Thomas.

Awards: Boys & Girls under 8 - 'Dos Cuddia dy Ofid' - Vernon Davies, Fochriw; Boys and Girls under 10: 'Look and Live' - Penny Roberts, Ystrad Mynach; boys solo under 15 - 'Meet

me at the Fountain' - Jackie Hughes, Bedlinog; girls solo under 15 - Alice Gittens; solo, men over 60 - Richard Thomas, Fochriw & John Skyrn, Abercanaid, divided; recitation under 16 - Gwladys Williams, Penywern & Irene Thomas, Penydarren, divided; solo under 6 - Phyllis M. Davies; open recitation - W. Llew Thomas, Fochriw; contralto solo - Mrs. Hannah C. Jones, Fochriw; soprano solo - divided between Mrs. Blanche Phillips, Dowlais, and Miss Minnie Francis, Treharris; tenor solo - Mr. Richard Lewis, Penywern; baritone solo - Mr. W. D. Bowen, Bargoed; champion solo - T. R. Jones, Dowlais; essay - 'Fochriw's Greatest Requirements' - Thomas Howell Jones; love letter - Willie Adams Jones; children's choir - Bedlinog Boys, conductor by Willie Adams Jones; mixed choir - Music Lovers, conductor Willie Adams Jones.

28 July 1923 Congratulations: Eisteddfod Success Our young conductor, Mr. W. A. Jones, and his choir, scored a brilliant success at the Caerphilly Eisteddfod on Saturday last, winning the chief choral event. There were five choirs competing.

18 July 1925 Congratulations The young Male Voice Party under the conductorship of Mr. W. Angell made a fine impression at the Pontllytyn Eisteddfod on Saturday. Mrs. H. C. Davies won the prize for contralto solo, and Nesta Jenkins won two prizes for reciting.

31 October 1925 Male Voice Success Great enthusiasm prevailed at the village on Saturday evening, when it became known that the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under the able conductorship of Mr. W.J. Angell, had won the premier prize at the Fleur-de-Lis Eisteddfod on Saturday. On the arrival of the party, a large concourse of people had assembled at the station, and the choir gave a rendering of the successful test piece, after which the conductor was carried shoulder high in the chair they had been successful in winning, amidst the cheers of the villagers. The choir is composed of young voices, and a brilliant future is predicted for them.

10 April 1926 Ladies' Choir Congratulations to the Ladies' Choir and their conductor who scored such a striking victory on their first attempt at Mountain Ash Eisteddfod on Easter Monday.

10 April 1926 Male Voice Party Congratulations to the Male Voice Party, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell, who created such a fine impression at the Cardiff Eisteddfod, where they came third out of nine parties. The winners, Wattstown, received 86 marks; Williamstown 85; Fochriw 84.

8 May 1926 First Prize Congratulations to Miss Nesta Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Councillor Tom Jenkins, who added another success to her list of victories as an elocutionist, by winning first prize at the Ystrad Mynach Eisteddfod on Saturday.

17 July 1926 Eisteddfod at Carmel What was acclaimed to be the most successful eisteddfod ever held in the village took place on Saturday at Carmel Chapel. The singing, in the words of the well-known conductor, Mr. Abel Jones, Rhymney, reached a very high standard. Although the competitions were very keen, a happy spirit prevailed. The conductor was the Rev. Ieuan Evans. The proceeds were in aid of the distress funds, and a goodly sum was realised. The winners were: boys' solo - R. J. Price; girls solo - Olwen Chapman; pianoforte solo, Nesta Evans; recitation - Nesta Evans; champion solo - R. J. Price; soprano solo - divided between Madame H. C. Davies and Miss M. Jones; contralto solo - divided between Mrs. H. Evans and Mrs. M. J. Lewis; tenor solo - Mr. Willie Jones; baritone solo - Mr. C. Davies; love letter - divided between Messrs. W. A. Jones and T. Jenkins; prize bags - Mrs. W. H. Jones; hymn tune (over 50 years) - Mr. A. Walters; female choir - "Gentle Saviour, King of Love" - three parties competed, prize won by "Marionettes," conductress, Madame H. C. Davies; mixed choir - prize won by North Staffordshire, conductor Mr. J. J. Lewis; male voice - "Crusaders" - prize won by Plant y Mynydd, conducted Mr. Griffith Jones. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. Abel Jones, Rhymney; literature - Mr. Samuel Lewis, Fochriw; prize bags - Mrs. S. Evans, The Vicarage. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Thomas Walters. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by a Mr. James Gregory.

24 July 1926 Eisteddfod A glowing tribute was paid our young bass baritone singer Mr. Claerwyn Davies, winner of "Y Marchog," by Abel Davies, Rhymney, the adjudicator, at Saturday's eisteddfod. He said "This singer possesses a beautiful voice, rich and refined in colour, with an easy range from G to E, meeting the demands of this song in a masterly way, reminding one of the beginning of some of our most famous singers of today. The patriotic

spirit was caught and a very decided rendering ensued. More should be heard of this vocalist." Another open-air Eisteddfod is to be held on Saturday next in aid of the distress Fund.

31 July 1926 Chair Eisteddfod A successful Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Saturday. The adjudicators were: music – Mr. John Thomas, Penywern; literature – Mr. William Jones, Dowlais. The conductor of the Eisteddfod was Mr. W. J. Payne. The energetic secretary was Mr. James Gregory; chairman, Mr. William Price; accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The awards were as follows: solo, boys under 10 - Vernon Davies; ditto girls - Phyllis Davies; recitation under 10 - Miriam Davies; boys solo under 14 - Vernon Davies; girls solo under 14 - Nesta Jenkins; recitation - Psalm 23 - Morfydd Jones; pianoforte solo - Nesta Evans; Children's Choir "Sweet and Low" - three choirs competing - Pontmorlais (conductress Miss Adelaide Lawrence), Young Musicians (Mr. D. J. Davies), Strike Songsters (Miss Annie Jones)- winners Strike Songsters; soprano solo – Mrs. Margery Lewis; contralto solo – Mrs. H. Evans; baritone solo – Mr. J. Williams; prize bags – Mrs. Doris Thomas; novelty bad prizes - Miss A. G. Thomas and Miss Elsie Griffiths; love letter - Miss Stella Cole. The winner of the chair for the best verses on the Eisteddfod proved to be Mr. Evan M. Davies, who was chaired with the usual ceremonies. Adult recitation – Mr. James Williams; duet - Miss Addie Lawrence and Mr. W. A. Davies; hymn tune – Mr. Joseph Shankland; female choirs - 3 competed - Cor Gwalia (Miss S. Jones), Craig y Nos (Mrs. J. Lawrence), Miss Ceinwen Ballard's Choir - winner, Cor Gwalia; mixed choirs - "O Dduw, rho im' Dy Hedd" - 2 competed - Manchester United (Mr. J. Evans), North Staffordshire (Mr. J. J. Lewis), the latter winning; male voice party - "Tempest and Calm" - 3 competed - Plant y Mynydd (Mr. Griff Jones), Music Lovers (Mr. Willie Roberts), Philharmonic (Mr. Joshua Thomas) - winners, Philharmonic. The proceeds were in aid of the Distress Fund.

7 August 1926 Eisteddfod Honours At the Deri Eisteddfod on Saturday last, chief honours were carried off by the Fochriw Mixed Choir under the conductorship of Mr. James John Lewis; the Fochriw Male Voice Party under the conductorship of Mr. Griff Jones; and the Fochriw Children's Choir under the conductorship of Mr. David J. Davies.

21 August 1926 Eisteddfod A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday and was well attended. The competitions were very keen, and the singing reached a high standard. The conductor for the day was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, who did his work splendidly. The adjudicators were: music – Mr. David Jones, Bargoed; literature – Mr. Isaac Evans, Deri; prize bags – Mrs. Evans and Mrs. J. Llewellyn; preliminary adjudicators – Messrs. W. J. Angell and T. Walters; accompanists – Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Willie Angell. The secretaries were Messrs. J. Gregory and John Walters. The proceeds were in aid of the Distress Fund. The choral competition results were as follows: Children's Choir - Fochriw Music Lovers (Miss Annie Jones); Mixed Choir - North Staffordshire (Mr. J. J. Lewis); Male Voice Party - Penywern (Mr. D. J. Davies).

18 September 1926 Musical Successes At the Rhymney Eisteddfod on Monday, the musical talent of Fochriw was prominent. The Male Voice Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Griffith Jones, carried off premier honours, and the Children's Choir, under the conductorship of Mrs. Annie Jones, won the first prize. Other Fochriw winners were Mrs. Margery Lewis, Mrs. H. Cole Davies, Mr. J. J. Lewis, and Miss Nesta Jenkins.

18 September 1926 Eisteddfod The local entertainment committee is to be complemented on the high standard of the Eisteddfod held in aid of the local distress fund. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. William Jenkins, Pant; literature, Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydaren; conductor, Councillor Tom Jenkins; chairman, Mr. William Price; secretary, Mr. James Gregory. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Awards: solo under 10: 1. Marion Gregory (Fochriw), 2. Eunice Morris (Fochriw); solos under 16: 1. Eirlys Bedw (Bedlinog), 2. Phyllis Davies (Fochriw); recitation, girls under 10: 1. Mattie Jenkins, 2. Eunice Morris (both of the Fochriw); recitation under 16: Nesta Jenkins (Fochriw), Irene Tozzelli (Bedlinog); novice solo: divided between Addie Lawrence and Griff Morris; soprano solo: Miss Margery Lewis (Fochriw); contralto solo: Madame H. Cole Davies (Fochriw); tenor solo: Mr. J. J. Lewis (Fochriw); bass solo: Mr. James Jones (Fochriw); hymn tune: Mr. J. J. Lewis; open recitation: Mr. Stephen Lewis; mixed choirs - 3 competed - Deri, Bedlinog, and Fochriw - winner, Fochriw, conductor Mr. J. J. Lewis; male voice - four choirs entered - the Fochriw

Young Music Lovers, the Fochriw Canteen, Bedlinog Male Voice and Deri Youngsters - winners Bedlinog, conductor Mr. T. J. Rees; children's choir: Fochriw Juvenile Choir (Miss Annie Jones).

13 November 1926 Eisteddfod The winner of the champion solo at the Fochriw Eisteddfod last week was Miss Margery Lewis, Fochriw.

20 November 1926 Eisteddfod A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Noddfa vestry on Thursday last with the members of the chapel, when some splendid singing and keen competitions were the order of the evening. The officers were chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; adjudicators - music, Mr. G. Thomas; literature, the Rev. I. Evans; accompanist, Miss H. M. Phillips. The winners were as follows: girls solo under six: Edna Jones; girls solo under 10: Eunice Morris; girls solo under 14: Iris Evans; boys solo under 10: Tom Jenkins; boys solo under 14: Richard Price; duet: Bethune Gregory and friend; soprano solo: Miss Margery Lewis; contralto solo: Miss Elvis Phillips; tenor solo: Mr. T. J. Jones; bass solo: divided between Messrs. E. Evans and J. R. Walters; Champions solo: Miss Marjorie Lewis and Mr. Tom Wales; impromptu speech: Mr. Crad Thomas; open recitation: Mr. T. J. Jones; duet: Mavis and friend; hymn tune over 50 years: "Siencyn"; male voice: Mr. J. R. Walters' party; ladies Choir: Miss Elvis Phillips' party.

1 January 1927 Eisteddfodau Fochriw was well to the fore in the musical world during the Christmas eisteddfodau at Rhymney and Deri. Amongst the chief winners were Mr. James J. Lewis, Madam H. Cole Davies, Miss Margery Lewis, and Mr. Griff Morris. At Deri, Mr. Lewis divided the champion solo with Mr. D. Bowen. The Fochriw United Choir, under their conductor Mr. James J. Lewis, carried off premier honours at Deri.

26 February 1927 Musical Successes Congratulations to Miss Margery Lewis and Mr. Griff Morris who were successful at the Brithdir Eisteddfod on Saturday.

23 April 1927 Success Mr. Griffith Morris was successful at Mountain Ash Eisteddfod in dividing the prize in the tenor solo.

28 May 1927 Keen Eisteddfod at Noddfa Baptist Chapel A very successful Eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Saturday. The arrangements were well carried out, and reflected great credit on the officers and committee. The adjudicators were: music, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Fochriw; literature, Rev. Ieuan Evans, Fochriw; prize bags, Mrs. Evans, Bryn, and Mrs. Williams, Ivor House. The accompanists were Mr. W. Lawrence, and Mr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. John Bevan was the able conductor. The following were the prize winners: girls solo under 12: Mary Lewis, Pentwyn; boys solo under 12: Granville Bowen, Bargoed; recitation under 12: Winnie Evans and Katie Thomas; girls solo under 16: M. Probert, Bargoed; boys solo under 16: Douglas Bowen, Bargoed; recitation under 16: Myra Evans, Dowlais; pianoforte solo under 11: K. Parfitt, Aberbeeg; pianoforte solo under 13: M. Gill and R. Wheeler; pianoforte solo under 16: M. Williams, Abertillery; essay upon St Paul: Mr. W. T. Davies, Rhymney; open recitation: Stewart Prosser, Abertillery; soprano solo: Miss Margery Lewis, Fochriw; contralto solo: Madame Davies, Blackwood; tenor solo: Mr. Griff Morris, Fochriw; bass solo: Messrs. Claerwyn Davies, Fochriw and G. Isaac, Nantyglo; duet: Dilys and Douglas Bowen, Bargoed; champion solo: Mr. Claerwyn Davies, Fochriw; Children's Choir: Deri; prize bag: Miss Rosie Davies.

11 June 1927 Musical Congratulations to Madame H. C. Davies, who carried off premier honours at the Hirwaun Eisteddfod in the open contralto solo. The Ladies' Choir took second prize in a keen competition.

13 August 1927 Success All friends of Mr. Griff Morris wish to congratulate him on his success at the Troedyrhiw Fete and Gala in dividing the first prize in the open novice solo out of seven competitors.

2 June 1928 Eisteddfod Success Congratulations to Mr. Claerwyn Davies who divided the bass solo prize with Mr. Tom Watkins, Brynmawr, at the Llangynidir Eisteddfod, in the final of the champion solo.

2 June 1928 Successes At the Llangynidir Eisteddfod on Whit Monday, the Fochriw Male Voice Party was successful in winning first prize. The test piece was "Llwyn Onn." The able conductor is Mr. Willie Adams Jones and the accompanist Mr. James Thomas.

21 September 1929 Ystrad Mynach Eisteddfod: October 12 "Dyddiau Dyn" - £10 and Chair. Secretaries: Messrs. W. Owen & W. J. Roberts.

26 October 1929 Musical Congratulations to Miss Margery Lewis, who carried off the soprano solo at Brithdir Eisteddfod on Saturday.

2 January 1932 Vocal Success Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, added another prize to her long list of successes by winning first prize in the girls solo competition at the Rhymney Eisteddfod on Boxing Day.

12 March 1932 Musical At the Deri Eisteddfod on Saturday, the Children's Choir, which had only been formed a week, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Davies, gave a splendid account of themselves. The accompanist is Mr. W. Lawrence. Another successful competitor was Mr. J. J. Lewis ("Ap Morlais").

2 April 1932 Musical Success Miss Mary Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lewis, Pentwyn, won the girls solo competition at Pontypridd on Saturday.

23 April 1932 Musical Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, the well-known girl singer, scored yet another striking success at Llanbradach Eisteddfod on Saturday last in the girl's solo competition.

14 May 1932 First Prize Winners Congratulations to the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. David John Davies, who won first prize at the Treharris Eisteddfod. Also, to Miss Mary Lewis, who was successful in the girl's competition.

2 July 1932 Children's Choir At Bedlinog on Saturday last, the Children's Choir scored a brilliant success in the open singing competition by securing first prize. Mr. David John Davies is the conductor, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence the accompanist.

10 September 1932 Musical Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, carried off the first prizes at the Cefn Forest and Deri Eisteddfodau.

10 September 1932 Juvenile Choir The Fochriw Juvenile Choir, under their conductor Mr. David John Davies and accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, scored a fine success at the Deri Eisteddfod, capturing the first prize in the Juvenile choir competition on Saturday.

10 September 1932 Show Successes At the Blackwood Show, Messrs. David Lewis and William Lewis won the 2nd and 4th prizes in the timbering competition.

8 October 1932 Success Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, won the girls solo at the Abertysswg Eisteddfod.

15 October 1932 Success Miss Mary Lewis scored another success at the Ystrad Mynach Eisteddfod on Saturday last by winning two first prizes.

22 October 1932 Success Miss Mary Lewis scored another success at Bargoed Eisteddfod on Saturday by winning two first prizes - the girls solo under 14 years, and a cup for the solo under 16 years.

29 October 1932 Musical Miss Mary Lewis won the girl solo at the Abertillery Eisteddfod on Saturday.

3 December 1932 Glee Party The Party gave a fine performance at the Bedlinog Eisteddfod on Saturday.

28 January 1933 Choral Success The Fochriw Juvenile Choir, conducted by Mr. D. J. Davies, scored a triumph at the Blackwood Eisteddfod on Saturday last by winning first prize. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

11 March 1933 Children's Choir The Fochriw Juvenile Choir gave an excellent account of themselves at the Blackwood Eisteddfod on Saturday, coming second out of six choirs, and losing first place by a single point. The conductor is Mr. David John Davies, and the accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

11 March 1933 Success Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, was again successful at Blackwood on Saturday, winning the first prize in the girls' solo under 14 years, and second prize in the under 16 years competition. Amongst the winners at Bargoed Secondary School on St. David's Day were Emlyn Evans, Mona Ballard, Mary Lewis, Gwen Mantle, W. D. Howell, Winifred Evans, and P. White.

17 June 1933 Eisteddfod Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, added another success to her long list, by winning first prize in the competition for girls under 16, at the semi-national at Abergavenny.

15 July 1933 Eisteddfod Successes The Fochriw Children's Choir, conducted by Mr. D. J. Davies, scored a great success at Nelson on Saturday by winning second prize in the children's choir contest for the challenge shield, losing by just one point to Mid-Rhondda. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist. At the Tredegar Eisteddfod on Saturday, the well-known tenor, Mr. James John Lewis, divided the prizes in the solo competition.

23 September 1933 Eisteddfod At the Eisteddfod held at the Drill Hall, Merthyr, on Saturday last, the Fochriw Glee Party, under the conductorship of Mrs. Hannah Cole Davies, shared the first prize with the Dowlais Glee Party. Also, the Fochriw Children's Choir, under Mr. David J. Davies, shared second prize with New Tredegar. Miss Mary Lewis gained first prize in the competition for girls under 16 years of age.

7 October 1933 Eisteddfod Success Congratulations to the Fochriw Ladies Glee Party, conductress Mrs. H. C. Davies, who carried off the first prize at the Abertysswg Eisteddfod on Saturday. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

21 October 1933 Musical Success Congratulations to Miss M. Lewis, Pentwyn, who won first prize and a silver cup in the juvenile championship competition at Bargoed Eisteddfod on Saturday last.

4 November 1933 Eisteddfod Success Congratulations to the Fochriw Glee Party, under the conductorship of Madame H. C. Davies, who carried off the first prize at the Pentrebach Eisteddfod on Saturday last. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

11 November 1933 Eisteddfod Success Congratulations to the Fochriw Glee Party who divided the first prize at the Ebbw Vale Eisteddfod on Saturday out of nine choirs. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was accompanist, and Mrs. H. C. Davies the conductress.

25 November 1933 Eisteddfod Congratulations to the Fochriw Ladies' Glee Party, under their conductor and Mrs. H. C. Davies, who carried off the prize at the Deri Eisteddfod on Saturday. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

3 February 1934 Eisteddfod Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, won a silver medal in the juvenile champion solo competition at the Brithdir Eisteddfod.

7 July 1934 Choral Success The Juvenile Choir, under Mr. D. John Davies, competed at the Brecon Eisteddfod on Saturday and gained second prize. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

28 July 1934 Eisteddfod Success Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, added another prize to her long list of successes by winning the first prize at the Nelson Eisteddfod.

15 September 1934 Musical Success Fochriw Ladies' Glee Party won first prize at Aberdare Eisteddfod on Wednesday, and at Pontllytyn on Saturday. The conductress is Mrs. H. C. Davies, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist.

22 September 1934 Accompanist Complemented Mr. Wyndham Price Lawrence was complemented at Pontllytyn Eisteddfod for his excellent playing as accompanist for the Fochriw Ladies Glee Party by Professor Bumford Griffiths and Mr. J. H. Green, Cross Keys, the adjudicators.

6 October 1934 Glee Party The Fochriw Glee Party under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters competed at the Abertysswg Eisteddfod on Saturday, coming fourth out of nine choirs.

20 October 1934 Eisteddfod Success Fochriw Ladies Glee Party, under their conductor Madame Hannah Cole Davies, were successful at Bargoed Eisteddfod on Saturday, when there were four parties, Fochriw coming first. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

3 November 1934 Choir's Success The Children's Choir, conducted by Mr. David J. Davies, was successful at Blackwood Eisteddfod in winning the first prize. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

17 November 1934 Fochriw Eisteddfod Success marked the eisteddfod held at the New Hall, Fochriw, on Saturday, in aid of the Library and Institute. The competitions, which lasted until midnight, were of a very high standard. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. Bumford Griffiths and Mr. D. Lodwick, Dowlais; elocution, Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Fochriw, and Mr. Williams, Rhymney; accompanists, Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The Rev. J. L. White, Vicar, was the President, and the conductor, Councillor W. R. John, Deri. An energetic committee had worked hard to make the event a success, with Mr. T. Puddle chairman, and Messrs. D. J. Davies and D. J. Evans, as joint secretaries.

Awards: Male Glee Party, "The Little Church" - four choirs competed - Penfhiwceiber 86; Fochriw 84; Aberdare 83; Ystrad Mynach 79. With a first prize of £5 was a fine oak chair made by Mr. Vernon Davies, Fochriw, and Mr. T. J. Jones, another old Fochriw boy; Juvenile Choir: "Ymdaith yr Urdd" and "Difyrwech y Brenin" confined to Urdd Gobaith Cymru Choirs: 1. Fochriw; 2. Ystrad Mynach; Boys' and Girls' solo under 14, confined to members of the Urdd - 1. Dilys Uzzell, Deri, 2. Gwyn Arthur, Treharris; Boys' and Girls' recitation under 14 "Gwnewch Bobpeth yn Gymraeg" - 1. Eliza Evans, Fochriw; 2. Mattie Jenkins, Ystrad Mynach; Boys recitation under 14 "Play the Game" - George Turner, Blaenavon; Girls' recitation under 14 "The Watermill" - Marion Frampton, Pontllanfraith; Boys' solo under 16 "Guiding Star" - Leslie Yerbery, Blaenavon; Girls solo under 16 "I Picked a Flower" - Gwladys Arthur, Ebbw Vale; Pianoforte solo boys or girls under 16 - Myra Morgan, Port Talbot; Juvenile champion solo under 16 - Myra Morgan, Port Talbot; Juvenile champion recitation under 16 - Derek Barber, Talywain; Soprano solo "Memories" - Madame Cresswell-Minnett, Bargoed; Pianoforte solos under 17 - Betty Jones, Fochriw; Tenor solo - Mr. Griffith Evans, Treharris; Bass solo, "The Sailor Boy's Dream" - Mr. Morlaisydd Morgan, Dowlais; Champion solo, any voice - Madame Cresswell-Minnett.

30 March 1935 Eisteddfod Winners A large number of members of the Fochriw branch of Urdd Gobaith Cymru attended the Eisteddfod at Aberbargoed on Saturday. The following were winners: first for party of six, under 10 (conducted by Miss Beryl Ballard); first for party of eight under 14 (conducted by Miss Maria Jones); first for party of 12, aged 14 to 18 (conducted by Mr. T. J. Jones). In the simultaneous reciting competition, Brynteg were second and Carmel third. Megan Davies won the singing competition for children under 8. In the reciting competition under eight, Huw Ballard Thomas was second, and Mary Davies was third.

15 June 1935 Please Note Abertysswg Hospital Eisteddfod: Saturday, September 28th.

14 September 1935 Eisteddfod Meeting A meeting in connection with the forthcoming eisteddfod in aid of the Library and Institute was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. It was decided to hold the eisteddfod on December 14th.

21 September 1935 Eisteddfod Success The Fochriw Ladies' Glee Party was successful in winning the first prize at the Aberdare Hospital Eisteddfod on Thursday last, under the conductorship of Madam Hannah Cole-Davies, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist.

5 October 1935 Eisteddfod Preparations A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. A fine programme of events was drawn up and names of adjudicators, etc. was approved.

9 November 1935 Musical Success Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, scored another success by winning of the novice contralto solo at the Dowlais Eisteddfod on Saturday.

21 December 1935 Fochriw Juvenile Eisteddfod: Over Two Hundred Entrants A Juvenile Eisteddfod was held at the New Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the Fochriw Library and Institute. There were over 200 entries, and the adjudicators remarked that of the Eisteddfod had set the highest standard of juvenile performances they ever heard. The president was the Rev. J. L. White, and the conductor was Mr. W. R. John, Deri. The adjudicators were: Music, Mr. Abel E. Jones, Rhymney, and Mr. David Lodwick, Dowlais; Elocution, Mr. Harry Williams, Brithdir; ambulance competition, Messrs. Daniel James and Howell Thomas. The accompanists were Mrs. Uzzell, Deri, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The officers of the organising committee were: Messrs. W. J. Payne (chairman); J. J. Lewis (vice-chairman); Samuel Lewis (treasurer); D. J. Davies and D. I. Evans (joint-secretaries). The list of awards was as follows: solo under 8: Marie Davies, Fochriw; juvenile champion solo under 12: John Nantlais Jones, Clydach; juvenile champion recitation under 12: Nan Lewis, Godregraig; juvenile champion solo under 16: J. N. Jones; girls' solo under 16: Dilys Haines, Deri; boys' solo under 16: divided between Cliff Bumford, Aberfan, and Cliff Edwards, Cardiff; juvenile champion recitation under 16: Nan Tawe Lewis; novice champion solo (male): Mr. Percy Casewell, Dowlais; novice champion solo (female): Mrs. Morris (Deri). Instrumental competition (any instrument): divided between Mr. John Mantle and Mr. Glyn Burrows. Individual cadet competition (practical and theory): Mr. W. Young, Deri. Short addresses were given by the president, the conductor, County Councillor W. J. Kedward (Bargoed) and Mr. W. J. Payne.

4 January 1936 Personal Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac. adjudicated at the Deri Eisteddfod on Saturday. Apart from being a brilliant pianist, he is a musician of note. He is preparing for his finals at Cardiff University.

19 September 1936 Local Adjudicator Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was adjudicator at the Eisteddfod held in connection with the Barry College Summer School held recently. He was accompanist at the Pontlottyn Eisteddfod last weekend.

6 March 1937 Personal Mr. Wyndham Lawrence again this year adjudicated at the schools' St. David's Day Eisteddfod at Rhoose.

5 May 1945 Fochriw Eisteddfod's Record Entry A successful eisteddfod was held at the New Hall last Thursday, when there were a record number of entries. Adjudicators were: music, Mr. Walter Jones, M.A., Bargoed; literature, Rev. A. Edwards, Bargoed. Rev. Eurof Jones was the conductor and the accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., and Mr. Hugh B. Thomas. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., was the treasurer, and Mr. J.J. Lewis secretary. Mrs. Eurof Jones presented the prizes. Awards: recitation under 7: 1. Bessie Williams; solo 7-10, 1. Maldwyn Hughes; recitation 7-10, Audrey Dummett; solo 10-14, Ronwen Thomas, Pantywaun; recitation 10-14, 1. Pat Sullivan; solo 14-16, Gwyneth, Pantywaun; duet for children under 16, Eleanor and Enid; party of 6 reciting the 46th psalm, Glyn's party; children's choir, Carmel, conductor Mr. Bert Cumpstone, who was presented with a baton by Mr. Thomas Walters; veterans' solo, Mr. T. Walters; open recitation, Pat Sullivan; autobiography of a miner, Mr. Sam Lewis; love letter, Mr. Sam Lewis; tenor solo, Mr. T. Walters; baritone solo, Mr. M. Shankland; collection of Welsh proverbs, Mrs. A. Ballard; open duet for adults, Mrs Dilys Edwards & Miss A. Jones; sight music, Mr. T. Jones, Pantywaun; quartette, Mr. Emlyn Evans' party; chief choral, Pentwyn choir, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, who was presented with a baton by Mr. J.J. Lewis. A competition on "A Miner" was won by "Onlooker," and a chair was given by Mr. Dan Jenkins, headmaster. The successful competitor was brought to the platform and was "chaired" in the traditional custom of the National Eisteddfod by Rev. A. Edwards, who acted as Archdruid: and the Rev. Eurof Jones and Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., read bardic verses. Mr. J.J. Lewis rendered the bardic song. A vote of thanks to those who had taken part, and also to the ladies who prepared the tea, was proposed by Mrs. Sam Lewis and seconded by Mr. T. Ballard.

19 May 1945 Chaired Bard The chaired bard at the recent eisteddfod held at the New Hall, Fochriw, was Huw Ballard Thomas ("Onlooker"), only son of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Thomas, "Bryngwyn," Aelybryn. Mr. Thomas, who is 17, wrote a poem on "The Miner." The following were the winners at the eisteddfod: solo, under 7, Mair Jones, Pantywaun; solo, 7-10, Bertie Cumpstone and Billy Thomas; 10-14, Margaret Jones; recitation, under 7, Edith Thomas and Mair Jones; 7-10, Michael Evans; 10-14, Jean Hopkinson and Hugh Jones.

15 September 1945 Veterans' Solo At Pontllanfraith Eisteddfod, Mr. J.J. Lewis (Ap Morlais) tied for first prize in the veterans' solo with the well-known singer, Mr. John Broad.

4 May 1946 Eisteddfod Results A grand eisteddfod was held at the New Hall on Thursday last. The Rev. Eurof Jones was the conductor, and the adjudicators were: music, Mr. T. Idris Morris; literature, Rev. Bowen, Moriah, Rhymney. Winning competitors were: solo under 7, Mary Cumpstone; recitation under 7, Mary Cumpstone & Tessie Williams (equal); solo 7-10, Billy Thomas and Phyllis Hughes (equal); recitation 7-10, 1. Shirley Davies, 2. Phyllis Hughes; solo 10-14, 1. Margaret Jones & Lorna Hughes, 2. B. Cumpstone & James Davies; recitation 10-14, 1. Morfydd Owen, 2. Pat Sullivan & Jean Prcie; duet under 16, Eileen & Lorna; party of six, Milly Williams' party; children's choir, Bert Cumpstone's; veterans' solo, Mrs. M. Ballard; open recitation, Milly Williams; soprano solo, Milly Williams; essay, Huw Ballard Thomas; contralto solo, M. Davies; chair poem, Huw Ballard Thomas (the charring ceremony was conducted by Rev. Bowen); tenor solo, Mr. Emlyn Evans; humorous story, Mrs. Eurof Jones; bass solo, divided between D. Kelly and M. Shankland; composition on "Air," divided between Mr. A. Mantle and Mrs. H. Meneer; composing a hymn, Mr. Eurof Jones; open duet, divided between H. Davies & Marie Davies, and Mair Cumpstone & Milly Williams; unpunctuated reading, Mrs. H. Meneer; penillion under 14, Bettie Cumpstone; quartette, Mr. Emlyn Evans' party; penillion over 14, Milly Williams party; chief choral, Emlyn Evans' choir. The

accompanists were Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., and Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas. The officials were: chairman, Rev. Eurof Jones; treasurer, Mr. Sam Lewis, J.P.; secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis.

22 June 1946 Eisteddfod Win The Fochriw Glee Party under the conductorship of Mr. J.J. Lewis, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the piano, won first prize at Deri Eisteddfod on Friday, in their first competition.

31 August 1946 Male Voice Success The Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. J.J. Lewis with Mr. W.P. Lawrence as accompanist, came second at the eisteddfod at Pontllanfraith on Friday. The choir has been formed just six months, and is made up chiefly of young singers. In two competitions they have been placed first and second. The secretary is Mr. D.J. Davies, and the chairman, Mr. D. James.

2 November 1946 Fochriw Male Voice Choir Under the conductorship of Mr. J.J. Lewis, with Mr. W. Lawrence as accompanist, the Choir competed at an eisteddfod at Gandiffaith on Sunday. Although not successful in gaining an award, they gave a good account of themselves.

26 July 1947 Veteran Solo Winner James J. Lewis (Ap Morlais) won the Veterans' Solo at Pontllanfraith eisteddfod on Saturday. He is also a member, and sang the same evening with the winning choir, Bargoed Philharmonic. During his singing career, Mr. Lewis has won numerous prizes as a tenor soloist, and was a member of the famous Dowlais Choir, under the conductorship of the late Mr. Harry Evans, also of Mr. Evan Thomas's well-known choir, and he has been secretary of the Fochriw Silver Band for many years.

27 September 1947 Eisteddfod Winner Mr. James John Lewis (Ap Morlais) won the champion solo, and second prize in the tenor solo, at the Aberdare O.A.P. Eisteddfod on Saturday. Another Fochriw veteran, now residing in Aberdare, won the hymn tune.

13 March 1948 Eisteddfod On Tuesday, an eisteddfod was held at Noddfa, presided over by Miss Edna Jones. The adjudicators were: literature, Rev. Eurof Jones; music, Mr. A. Mantle. The winners were: recitation under 7, 1. Ann Ballard, 2. Willie Edwards; solo under 7, 1. Jeanette Burrows, 2. Divided between Rosemary Jones and Willie Edwards; recitation 7-10, 1. Gaynor Morgan, 2. Margaret Morris; solo 7-10, 1. Phyllis Hughes, 2. Ann Burrows; recitation 10-14, 1. Katie Hughes, 2. Jane Games; solo 10-14 (boys), Brain Pearce; Do. Girls, 1. Katie Hughes, 2. Phyllis Hughes; impromptu speech, 1. Idris Powell, 2. Hugh Jones; whistling solo, 1. Howard Pearce, 2. Brian Pearce; Recitation 14-18, 1. Pat Sullivan, 2. Hugh Jones; party of six, Katie Hughes' party. Adult members also took part: soprano, Mrs. Moira Chapman; contralto, Mrs. Dilys Edwards; duet, Miss Pat Sullivan and Mrs. Chapman; bass, divided between Messrs. R. Jones and B. Edwards; champion solo, Mrs. Mattie Lewis.

12 March 1949 St. David's Day To celebrate St. David's Day, the members of Noddfa Sunday School organised an eisteddfod that was well attended. Adjudicators were: Music - Mr. D.J. Davies; elocution, Mr. T.J. Jones. Miss Edna E. Jones presided, and Mrs. Dilys Thomas and Mr. D.J. Thomas were the accompanists. Recitation under 7: 1. Willie Edwards and Gwyn Hughes; 2. P. Jones & Ann Ballard; Solo under 7: 1. Phyllis Jones; 2. P. Jones & M. Shankland; Recitation 7-10, girls: 1. Mary Cumpstone; 2. Edna Hughes; Solo 7-10: 1. Jeanette Burrows; 2. M. Morris & Edna Hughes; Recitation 7-10, boys: 1. H. Jones; 2. Alan Shankland; Solo 7-10, boys: Shared between W. Ballard, H. Jones & A. Shankland; Recitation 10-14: 1. Muriel Lewis; 2. David Ballard; Solo 10-14: 1. Phyllis Hughes; 2. Brian Pearce and Jessie Ann Davies; Whistling solo: 1. Brian Pearce; 2. Jessie Ann Davies & Phyllis Hughes; Whistling party: Nazareth party; Open Recitation: 1. Muriel Lewis; 2. Herbert Jones; Party of six: Nazareth party; Soprano Solo: Miss P. Jones; Contralto Solo: Miss Edna E. Jones; Duet: Miss S.G. Parry & Mrs. Dilys Edwards; Veteran Solo: Mrs. Lydia Williams & Mr. Ben Thomas; Impromptu Speech: 1. Brain Pearce & H. Jones; Ladies' Party: Nazareth; Essay under 10: Margaret Morris and Mary Cumpstone; Essay over 10: 1. Margaret Morgan; 2. Brain Pearce.

22 April 1950 Eisteddfod Winner At Bedlinog on Saturday, Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Cumpstone, Aelybryn, won the recitation competition, under 12 years.

30 June 1951 Eisteddfod Success Miss Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Cumpstone, has again added to her long list of successes by winning two first prizes at the Llanharran semi-national eisteddfod - under 12 years and under 14 years of age.

21 July 1951 More Successes Mary Cumpstone, the Fochriw elocutionist, has won a number of new laurels during the past two weeks. She had successes at Abertyswg and the

New Hall, Bargoed, in the juvenile competitions, and at the Church Hall, Tirphil, and the New Hall, Fochriw, in the open competitions. She was also successful at Bedwellty Park, Tredegar, in a juvenile event.

3 November 1951 More Successes Miss Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Cumpstone, was again successful at the Rhymney Festival Eisteddfod. She won three events in elocution and one in pianoforte selection.

17 November 1951 Eisteddfod Success Miss Mary Cumpstone obtained first prize at the Workmens' Hall Eisteddfod, Tredegar.

1 December 1951 More Eisteddfod Successes At Deri Eisteddfod, Peter Cumpstone won awards in the recitation and the boys' solo competition. Mary Cumpstone won the first prize and medal for recitation, and second prize in the junior champion recitation. They are children of Mr. & Mrs. A. Cumpstone.

19 April 1952 Eisteddfod Success At the 79th annual eisteddfod at Newport, Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Cumpstone, gained first prize in the under-15 test piece competition, and first prize in the open champion, 16 years and under.

5 July 1952 Eisteddfod First Prize Miss Mary Cumpstone won first prize in the recitation competition under 18 at Pontlottyn Eisteddfod on Saturday.

12 July 1952 Won First Prize At the Glynneath semi-national eisteddfod, Miss Mary Cumpstone won first prize in the recitation under 16.

6 September 1952 First Prize Again Miss Mary Cumpstone gained first prize for recitation under 16 at Llangattock on Saturday.

1 November 1952 Eisteddfod Winner Miss Mary Cumpstone won the recitation (own selection) under 16 years of age at the Wattsville Eisteddfod.

14 March 1953 First Prize Miss Mary Cumpstone, 12 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Cumpstone, won the first prize for elocution (16 years and under) at the Brecon Eisteddfod last week.

9 May 1953 First Prize Mary Cumpstone won the first prize for elocution under 16 at Cwmfelinfach Eisteddfod.

5 September 1953 Eisteddfod Success Miss Mary Cumpstone gained second prize in elocution under 16 years of age competition at the Llangattock Eisteddfod on Saturday.

24 October 1953 Prize Winner In the Youth Eisteddfod at Tylorstown on Saturday, Mary Cumpstone won the first prize for recitation under 14, and second prize in the under 18 section.

5 December 1953 Eisteddfod Success Miss Mary Cumpstone added another first prize to her many successes by winning the recitation competition at the Deri Eisteddfod.

12 December 1953 Prize Winner Miss Mary Cumpstone was again successful at Pontsticill Eisteddfod. She gained first prize in the recitation under 16 set poem, and the first prize in the under 21 years (open).

24 April 1954 Prize Winner On Good Friday, Miss Mary Cumpstone won the championship prize for the juvenile recitation at the 80th annual eisteddfod in Newport.

26 June 1954 First Prize Miss Mary Cumpstone, Aelybryn, won first prize in the open recitation under 21 years at Resolven Eisteddfod last Saturday.

30 October 1954 Eisteddfod Success Mary Cumpstone, Aelybryn, won first prize in the open recitation competition, and shared first prize in the 12-16 years open recitation at Pontlottyn Eisteddfod.

4 December 1954 Eisteddfod Winner At an eisteddfod held at Deri last Saturday, Miss Mary Cumpstone, aged 14, became the juvenile champion and won first prize. She also won the first prize for a test piece, under 26 years, for which she received a medal.

28 May 1955 Eisteddfod Win Miss Mary Cumpstone won first prize at Tafarnaubach Eisteddfod.

6 August 1955 Eisteddfod Winner Mary Cumpstone gained second prize in the recitation (10 to 15) at the Llagattock Eisteddfod on Saturday.

5 November 1955 Eisteddfod Success Miss Mary Cumpstone won two first prizes at Pontlottyn Eisteddfod on Saturday last - Test selection, 12-16 years, and open champion (own selection).

5 May 1956 Eisteddfod Success Mary Cumpstone won two second prizes on Saturday at the Treorchy Eisteddfod.