

Friendly Societies / Temperance Societies

“Merthyr Express” 9 December 1865

Quarterly Meeting of the Ivorites The Ivorites of this district held their quarterly meeting at the Tredegar Arms, Fleur-de-lis, on Monday last, when delegates from the different lodges assembled in the long room of the above house, D.P. Edward Davies in the chair, the vice being filled by P.D.P. Henry Williams, both of whom ably discharged their duties. After finishing the monetary business of the day, the meeting adjourned to partake of an excellent dinner prepared by mine host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, who deserve great praise for their cordial reception and general kindness to the delegates. We find that this order is increasing in the district by continual accession to their numbers; there was an application also for the opening of a new lodge at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Vochriw, which is to be called the “Flower of the Mountain.” The new lodge is to be opened on the 1st January, 1866. The usual vote of thanks being given the meeting terminated, and all the brothers seemed delighted with the prospects of the order in general, and the success of the district in particular.

“Merthyr Express” 9 December 1871

Ivoritism The quarterly meeting of the Rhymney District of True Ivorites, St. David’s Unity, was held on Monday last at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Vochriw. There was a full attendance of delegates representing 21 lodges, under the presidency of Mr. Thomas Hughes. There were also present Brothers John Fisher, secretary, and John Jenkins, Bute Arms, treasurer. An application was made to open two new lodges at Maescwmmmer, which was granted. There has been during the past quarter eight funerals, but notwithstanding the heavy drain on the funds, they are in a very flourishing state. The district now numbers upwards of 1,200 members, with district funds amounting to nearly £80.

“Merthyr Express” 6 September 1873

The Ivorites The Ivorites held their annual feast at the Mount Pleasant Inn Fochriw on Saturday last.

Good Templars The Good Templars Order, with branches from Fochriw, Pontlottyn and Twyn Caro have paraded the streets of Rhymney led by the Good Templars Drum and Fife Band.

“Merthyr Express” 10 July 1875

Vochriw: Philanthropics The quarterly meeting of the lodges of this order was held on Saturday evening in the Vochriw Inn. Delegates were present from lodges which comprise an area extending from Bargoed to the Rhymney Inn, and number 905 members. The recent stagnation of trade has had a telling effect on the funds, for, notwithstanding that the number of funerals for the term was comparatively small, the expenses of which were more than covered by a levy of 5½d. per member, a decrease of £47-6-8½ had taken place in the total value of the Order. It is gratifying to learn, however, that the lodges are in a healthy condition. The total value is £2,059-14-11½, which amounts to an average of £2-5-6¾ for each member of the district. In connection with the Order there has been established an auxiliary fund, the object of which is to render pecuniary assistance to those brothers and their families who are permanently disabled, and have been dependent on the sick relief of their lodges. Some pressing cases of this kind were considered, but we understand they would not be fully disposed of until a vote of each lodge was taken on the subject. The duties of chairman were performed by Mr. J. Walters, furniture dealer, Pontlottyn, and those of secretary by Mr. E. Evans, also of Pontlottyn.

“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, "Cwymp 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" 28 July 1888

Rehabitism A prosperous juvenile lodge of this order has just been opened at Vochriw, and probably it will be found necessary to open one for the adults shortly.

"Merthyr Express" 3 May 1890

Advertisement To the members of "BLODEUWYN Y MYNYDD LODGE" All members are requested to attend a general meeting to be held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Vochriw on Saturday evening, May 10th when important business will be under consideration.

"Merthyr Express" 22 November 1890

Gelligaer School Board: Letter of Application A letter was read from the secretary of the Vochriw Rechabites asking for a loan of the school at Vochriw for the holding of a concert. This was granted on the usual terms.

"Merthyr Express" 6 December 1890

Order of Rechabites On Thursday evening last, a concert was held at the Board School in connection with the "Blodeuyn Dirwest" Tent of the Independent Order of Rechabites. The schoolroom was crowded, and the concert was a complete success. The members of this flourishing tent are to be congratulated upon the efficient manner in which the arrangements were carried out. Dr. Davies made a most able chairman, and commenced the proceedings with a most stirring address, in which he spoke of the great progress made recently by the order, of which he was an honorary member. Miss E. Kent Jones presided at the pianoforte in her usual able manner. The following programme was gone through: overture, piano, Miss Kent Jones; bass sol, "The bugler," Mr. James Powell; tenor solo, "Bwthyn bach melyn fy nhad," Mr. Wm. Griffiths; treble solo, "Y fam a'i baban," Miss Mary Powell; baritone solo, "Forth to the battle," Mr. Mial Williams; solo, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep," Mr. Ben Lewis, accompanied by Mr. John Randle; duet, violin and piano, Messrs. Isaac Thomas and Ben Lewis; baritone solo, "Can y marchog," Mr. Thomas Evans; solo, "Darby and Joan," Miss Thomas (Penybank School); tenor solo, "Death of Nelson," Mr. Burkley Angell; party, "Blodeuyn bach wyf fi mewn gardd," conducted by Mr. John Jones, A.C.; overture, piano, Miss Kent Jones; bass solo, "Simon the cellarer," Mr. James Powell; treble solo, "The song that reached my heart," Miss Ellen Pugh; baritone solo, "Y morwr a'i fachgen," Mr. Thomas Evans; tenor solo, "O na byddai'n haf o hyd," Mr. Wm. Griffiths; baritone solo, "She must be mine," Mr. Mial Williams; duet, violin and piano, Messrs. I. Thomas & B. Lewis; treble solo, "Angels ever bright and fair," Miss M. Powell; tenor solo, "Baner ein gwlad," Mr. B. Angell; bass solo, "The little hero," Mr. J. Powell; baritone solo, "The village blacksmith," Mr. B. Lewis.

"Merthyr Express" 28 July 1894

Rechabite Demonstration On Saturday afternoon last, the three Rechabite tents of Fochriw - Adult, Female, Juvenile - held a demonstration. The demonstration started from Carmel Vestry in the following order: Heading the procession were Brothers Dr. E. Davies; Rev. J. Jones & Mr. T. Jenkins; then the Fochriw Brass Band; then adults, females and juveniles numbering between 100 and 150. After parading the principal streets, the processionists wended their way to Nazareth Chapel where a tea party was held. The tables were very neatly decorated with flower, and were superintended by the following ladies: Miss Jones and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sibly and Mrs. M. A. Thomas, Mrs. E. James (Guest-street) and Mrs. M. Arthur. Valuable assistance was also rendered by Mrs. G. Pugh, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. E. Jones, Messrs. E. Parry, W. Adams & Rees Thomas. In the evening at 8 o'clock, a public temperance meeting was held, the chair being held by Rev. Evan Morgan, the newly elected pastor of the C. M. Church at Fochriw. The programme consisted of addresses, songs and recitations when the following Fochriw people took part: Rev. T. Jones, W. Adams, James Davies, W. T. Angell, Rhys Jenkins, Rees Thomas, and Misses S. A. Davies, E. Ballard, M. A. Lewis, Martha Davies, Catherine Lewis. After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting terminated

“Merthyr Express” 22 June 1895

Our Brass Band at Welshpool The Fochriw Brass Band competed at the Eisteddfod held at Powis Castle Park, Welshpool on June 13th and 14th, and on Wednesday evening, June 12th. Through the generosity of Mr. Harris, stationmaster, a special saloon carriage was provided for them, and amidst the shouts and well-wishings of the inhabitants, the journey North began under the most favourable conditions and buoyant spirits. On reaching Brecon, their destination for that night, the band played a lively march through the town, and afterwards had some good practice. Next morning there was a further practice before leaving Brecon on the 7.45 a.m. train. At Newtown, they were joined by the celebrated "Newtown Prize Silver Band," who were destined for the same field of action. In the contest, seven bands competed, one, St. Mary's Prize Silver Band, coming from England, as well as five well-known bands from North Wales, and Fochriw. The prizes were: 1st - £20; 2nd - £10; 3rd - £5. The first prize on the "March" went to Oak Alyn of Wrexham, with Newtown second. Fochriw though unsuccessful on the March were strong favourites. In the "Selection," Oak Alyn were again first, with the second prize divided between Fochriw and Wrexham Borough. The return journey was especially pleasant. Having received permission to break their journey at Builth, they spent Friday night there, playing on the "Grove" in the evening to a good audience. Leaving Builth on Saturday morning, a short stay was made at Brecon. The next stop was Dolygaer, where the Fochriw teachers and their friends, and also the members of the Rising Sun Money Club, had their outings. The band joined them, and after a most enjoyable afternoon, the whole party returned home, where the band had an enthusiastic reception.

“Merthyr Express” 1 December 1900

Supper On Saturday evening, a supper in connection with the money club was held at the Rising Sun Inn, when Mr. Howell Thomas presided over a good attendance. Mrs. S. Morgan, the genial hostess, catered excellently, and all enjoyed themselves. After the cloth had been removed, a short programme was gone through, when songs etc. were rendered by Messrs. D. Williams, John Evans, W. Griffiths, John Davies, and D. Prosser, while Messrs. Howell Thomas and Thomas Evans delivered short addresses. The officers for next year are: President – Mr. Howell Thomas; secretary – Mr. John Evans; treasurer – Mr. D. J. Morgan. The next meeting will be held on December 22nd at the same place.

“Merthyr Express” 22 November 1902

Funeral The funeral of Thomas John Thomas took place at Pant Cemetery. Rev. J. Jones officiated, supported by the Rev. R. D Jenkins. Also present were members of the local Rechabite Lodge and the Carmel Choir.

12 September 1908 Temperance Tea and Parade On Saturday afternoon, the members of the Independent Order of the Rechabites and of the International Order of Good Templars, paraded the streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. William Powell. After the parade, a tea was held at Carmel Vestry, to which a large number did ample justice. The tables were presided over and assistance rendered by the following: Misses M. A. Lewis, Catherine Jones, S. J. Lewis, Mrs. Martha Griffiths, Miss Maggie Griffiths, Miss E. Evans, Mrs. I. Roderick, Mrs. David Griffiths, Mrs. H. Howell Thomas, Mrs. S. Ballard, Mrs. Griffiths (Brook-row), Mrs. Howell Thomas, Mrs. Martha Thomas, Mrs. Morgan (Pentwyn). Assistance was also rendered by the following gentleman: Messrs. W. L. Wright, J. Lewis, P. Jenkins, James Williams, S. Lewis, C. Ballard, S. Ballard, and James Davies. An interesting temperance lecturer was afterwards given in the vestry by the Rev. R. S. Rogers, Pontlottyn. Mr. T. Llewellyn, Martin's-street, presided over a large and appreciative audience. The lecturer, who was cordially received, plunged into his subject with real earnestness. He was listened to with rapt attention, and his witty remarks elicited rounds of applause. Votes of thanks to the rev. gentleman and to the chairman brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

“Merthyr Express” 28 August 1909

Luncheon and Parade On Saturday, the members of the Pentwyn Branch of the Bristol and West of England Benefit Society paraded the streets of the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw, headed by the Pontlottyn Drum and Fife Band, who played lively march tunes en route. After the parade, an excellent cold luncheon was taken at the White Horse Inn, the headquarters of the club. Credit is due to the officials and members of the club who work so hard for its success, the club having grown rapidly since its formation a little over 12 months ago.

30 July 1910 Smoking Concert A very successful smoking concert was held at the White Horse Inn on Saturday night last, promoted by the members of the Bee Hive Friendly Society whose club room is at the above inn. A good number were present. An excellent programme of music, etc, was provided, which was contributed to by the following: solos – Messrs. Crad Shankland, William Morris, Tom Harris, and Harry Wilcox; comic songs – Mr. James Healy; duet – Mr. Shankland and Mr. Morris; bone rattling etc. – Mr. James Healy; solo – Mr. Jarman; mandoline solo – Mr. Harry Death; solo – Mr. Griffith Griffiths. This singing, etc, was of a very high standard throughout. The secretary was Mr. Evan Morgan Davies, Pentwyn, who, in the absence of Mr. W. Thomas, occupied the chair. Mr. Thomas Baldwin was the treasurer.

30 September 1911 Clothing Club Supper The annual Clothing Club Supper held by Mrs. Lewis Davies, tailor, Bedlinog, was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, on Tuesday. After the meal, the members and friends enjoyed themselves with a concert. Mr. A. F. Evans, Fochriw, presided. The programme was as follows: gramophone solo – Mr. Wm. Morgan Davies, Fochriw; songs, Mr. Truran and Mr. Morgan Jones, painters, Merthyr; song, Mr. Morgan Jones; solo, Mr. Wm. Jones; gramophone solo; piano overture, Mr. Edward Protheroe; comic, Mr. Truran; song, Mr. Morgan Jones; solo, “The Farmer’s Boy,” Mr. Slimmons, Song, Wm. Jones; song, David Prosser; imitated soprano solo, “Marguerite,” Mr. Tom Jones; comic, Mr. Truran; gramophone solo, “Treorchy Fair.” Mr. Protheroe, Bedlinog, was the accompanist.

11 November 1911 Merthyr Mutual Investment and Loan Society It is essential that business of a personal financial nature should be transacted quickly, privately, and at low cost. The Society is prepared to grant loans to tradesmen, artisans, and others, at short notice and on most favourable terms, as will be seen on perusal of the prospectus which is sent post free on receipt of your request to the Secretary, at Post Office Chambers, Merthyr Tydfil.

10 February 1912 It Occasionally Happens that a person wishes to make a purchase of some special article or small property. Sometimes bargains in this way are offered to people, but owing to lack of the necessary capital, it is impossible to take advantage of the offer. If you should at any time require temporary financial assistance, the Merthyr Mutual Investment and Loan Society will lend you the necessary money quickly, privately, and at a small cost. Write to the Secretary at Post Office Chambers, Merthyr Tydfil, for a prospectus,

24 February 1912 The Insurance Act On Friday evening last, Mr. Howell E. James, solicitor, one of the official lecturers appointed by the Welsh Insurance Commissioners, addressed a meeting convened by the local friendly societies, at Nazareth C. M. Chapel. Dr. E. Davies, J. P., presided. The lecturer covered the general provisions of the Act, and dealt with the position of members of friendly societies and of small societies. Questions were asked and answered, and a vote of thanks was passed on the proposition of Mr. William James, Chief Ruler of the local Tent of Rechabites, seconded by Mr. Evan Morgan, Secretary of the local friendly society.

31 August 1912 Presentation to Mr. Thomas Mantle On Saturday last, a meeting took place at the Rising Sun Inn, the headquarters of the Lily of Fochriw Philanthropic Society, at which Mr. Thomas Mantle was presented with an illuminated address by members of the Society, in token of their appreciation of his services as secretary, which he has capably filled for 35 years. Mr. Mantle has lived in the village for about 50 years, and is an official at Fochriw Colliery. He is a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. Mr. James Lawrence, senior, who presided over the meeting, spoke in praise of Mr. Mantle, as did Mr. J. M. Evans, the newly-appointed secretary, and Mr. W. J. Powell, bandmaster. The address, which bore photos of Mr. and Mrs. Mantle, was presented by the two oldest members of the lodge, Mr. T. J. Morgan, landlord of the Rising Sun, and Mr. Edwin Evans, with the address being read by Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street. Solos were rendered by Messrs. Wm. H. Jones, sd. Henry Evans, Charles Payne and Wm. Evans. A solo was also sung by Mr. Myall Williams, Dowlais, the words of which were composed by himself for the occasion. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem by Mrs. Williams.

28 September 1912 Supper At the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, the annual Clothing Club supper was given by Mrs. Lewis Davies (tailor), Bedlinog. Messrs. Roger Vaughan and George Davies were the caterers. The rest of the evening was spent in song, the accompanist being Mr. Geo. James, Fochriw. A few selections on the gramophone were given by Mr. John Redrick, Fochriw. Mr. John Williams sang 'Mae hen Wlad fy Nhadau.'

12 October 1912 Luncheon Members of the Bristol and West of England and South Wales Operatives Trade and Provident Society (Lodge No. 3 of the District of Pontlottyn), whose place of meeting is the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, were provided with a spread at the White Horse on Saturday evening last. The branch is very strong for a small district, the members numbering 144. Before the supper, a procession was formed, and headed by the Pontlottyn Silver Band playing appropriate music, under their conductor, Mr. Wm. Mantle, the members paraded the streets of Pentwyn and Fochriw. After supper, a capital programme was gone through. The Chairman, Mr.

Edwin Beddoe, Pontlottyn, said that he was vice-president of the district, which comprised 54 lodges. He had always taken a great interest in the society, and was the founder of the No. 3 lodge. The society was second to none. They belonged to a society which was one of the best in South Wales for the working man. The society was one of the best in South Wales for the working man. He complimented the local secretary, Mr. David John Thomas, on the quality of the books kept, which were in every way excellent. The programme which followed was as follows: solo, "The White Squall," Mr. Isaac Martin, Pontlottyn; piano overture, Mr. Robert Williams; comic song, "My Husband left me again," Mr. O. A. Beddoe, Rhymney Bridge, encore, "Bazoon Song;" song, "Volunteer Organist," Mr. Griffith Griffiths, Rhymney; euphonium solo, "The Village Blacksmith," Mr. Ben Hughes, Pontlottyn; comic songs, "Macnamara's Band" and "I wish you a merry Christmas," Mr. Howell Thomas, Fochriw; solos, "Shall I be an Angel Daddy?" "Our hands have met," and "The Veteran Song," Mr. G. Griffiths, Rhymney. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the host and hostess on the motion of Mr. Ernest Price, seconded by Mr. D. J. Thomas.

15 November 1913 Smoker A smoking concert was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn on Saturday evening by the 'Nibs Slate Club.' Mr. Stephen Phillips, secretary, and Mr. John Williams, described the occasion as never-to-be forgotten.

29 November 1913 Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge At this lodge on Wednesday evening, seven brothers were raised to the second degree. Also, several new members were initiated, among them, Bro. J. C. Payne, licensed lay reader to Pentwyn Church. Henceforth, he will take on the duties of chaplain to the lodge. He received a most hearty welcome. An interesting evening was brought to a close in the usual Buffalo manner, with a link of 48 members.

31 January 1914 R.A.O.B. A smoking concert was held at the White Horse Inn Club Room on Wednesday, promoted by the Cwlwm Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes. There was a large attendance, over which Bro. Zetterstrom, Provincial Grand Secretary, Merthyr, presided. Mr. Crad Shankland and Mr. Howell Thomas, Fochriw, contributed to the programme. The Chairman referred to the orphanage maintained by Buffaloism, and the great good that had, and was being done, to sick members, and deceased members' dependents, throughout the country. There was a good spread provided by the host and hostess, Bro. W. Price and Mrs. Price.

21 March 1914 R.A.O.B. The weekly meeting of the 'Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth' Lodge of the R.A.O.B. was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Wednesday. There was a large number present. The Lodge was opened by Bro. David Jenkins, W. P. Solos were rendered in good style by the following: Bros. Arthur Coggan, W. H. Jones, Ben Thomas and Joseph Evans. Bro. E. Cumpstone was at the piano. Bro. J. C. Payne, Chaplain, read a paper on 'Character.' Primo W. Price presided.

On Thursday, the Lodge paid a regalia visit to the Duffryn Lodge, Pontlottyn, and an enjoyable time was spent. On Saturday afternoon, a large number journeyed to Deri, where they joined the officers and brothers of the Unity Lodge in a church parade. The church was packed. An appropriate sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. Davies, chaplain of the Unity Lodge, Bro. Payne assisting in the service. The procession was headed by the band under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Powell, some of the hymns in church also being accompanied by the band.

23 May 1914 Smoker A smoking concert, promoted by the Bristol and West of England Society, was held at the White Horse, Pentwyn, on Saturday. Mr. Edwin Beddoe of Pontlottyn took the chair. After the chairman's address, Mr. N. J. Pullin of Ferndale, addressed the meeting on the benefits of the Society. The following programme was given: song - Mr. W. H. Evans, Pontlottyn; solos - Mr. Gwilym P.

Jones, Dowlais, Mr. Walter Jenkins, Dowlais. There were contributions also from Mr. C. R. Mill, Pentwyn, Mr. J. Healey, Pontlottyn, and Mr. Evan Morgan, Pentwyn, and finally, a duet from Messrs. G. P. Jones and W. Jenkins.

6 June 1914 R. O. A. B. A very successful church parade promoted by the brothers of the 'Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth' Lodge No. 1754, took place on Whit Sunday afternoon. A large number were present, including many from other lodges in the locality. The Lodge, which is just over a year old, is in a flourishing state, meetings being held weekly at the lodge-room in the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. The weather was very favourable for the parade, the first of its kind in Fochriw. The procession was headed by the Deri Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Powell. The principal streets of Fochriw and Pentwyn were visited, appropriate march tunes being played en route. The service took place at St. Andrews Church, Pentwyn, the building being packed to the doors. Bro. J. C. Payne, chaplain of the Lodge, preached the sermon, mentioning that one of the chief objects of Buffaloism was philanthropy. Pure and undefiled religion before God, he said, was 'to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, to comfort and relieve all distressed and helpless persons.' Buffaloism was practising this religion. He referred to the orphanage at Aldridge, Staffs., where noble work was going on. At present, 30 boys and 20 girls were in residence, and cared for in every respect. At the time of the Senghenydd disaster, when a large number of brothers lost their lives, a fund was opened, and the substantial sum of £732. 4s. 8d. was raised. He impressed all brothers present to continue the good work. The service was taken by Mr. C. Greening, Pontlottyn, with Mr. C. Ballard reading the lesson. Mr. Brown presided at the organ.

22 August 1914 Supper On Saturday evening, the members of the White Horse Inn (Pentwyn) Money Club sat down to a supper. It took the form of a cold collation. There were a good many present. The tables cleared, an excellent entertainment was given. The chair was occupied by Mr. John Edwards, Fochriw. After votes of thanks to the chairman, the host and hostess, the evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

12 September 1914 R.A.O.B. The weekly meeting of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge was held at the White Horse Inn on Wednesday evening. The Lodge was opened in due form by Bro. Ben Evans. During the evening, the following contributed to the programme: solos - Bro. H. Brown; recitation - Bro. Jos Evans; solos - Bro. A. Coggan; solo - Bro. Ben Evans. A short address was given by Bro. J. C. Payne. Bro. Brown gave several selections on the piano during the evening.

24 October 1914 R.A.O.B. A very successful meeting of the lodge was held at the White Horse Inn. Bro. Kinsey Llewellyn presided. Bro. H. Brown was at the piano.

12 December 1914 R.O.A.B. A very successful meeting of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. was held at the lodge room, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Monday evening last. The lodge was opened in due form by Primo David Jenkins. There was a very large number present, including some from the Duffryn Lodge, Pontlottyn. The Unity Lodge Deri also paid a regalia visit, a good number being present. During the early part of the evening, five brothers were raised to the rank of primo by Provincial Grand Lodge officers. They were Bros. Edward Morgan, H. C. Seaborne, Henry Brown, Joseph Evans, and J. C. Payne. Bro. F. H. Beswick, K.O.M., presided. After the ceremony, an excellent programme was contributed to by the following: pianoforte solo - Bro. H. Brown; solos - Bro. Charlie Mills, Bro. Geo. Goddard (Deri); recitation - Primo James Jones (Deri); solo - Bro. A. Coggan. Bros. H. Brown and Wm. Jenkins presided at the piano. The National Anthem concluded the evening's programme.

6 February 1915 R.A.O.B. The weekly meeting of the Lodge took place at the Lodge room, Pentwyn, on Wednesday. The lodge was opened in due form by Primo Edward Morgan. During party the evening the royal chain was occupied by Primo Brother J. C. Payne, the worthy chaplain of the lodge, who stated that he was leaving for St. Mark's Church, Gelli, in the parish of Ystradfodwg. Therefore, he wished to resign his office as chaplain. He delivered an interesting and touching address, speaking highly of the Order and its good objects, and wished the Order and all its members a bright and successful future. Addresses were then delivered by several of the brethren, all of whom spoke in glowing terms of Brother Payne and services he had rendered to the Lodge as chaplain. His departure would be an immense loss to them. They asked him to continue to be their chaplain, and passed a unanimous resolution to that effect. Brother Payne responded, and thanked them for their kind words and confidence. He promised to continue in his office and to do his best. Several members contributed to a most enjoyable programme, and the meeting was brought to a close by the National Anthem.

31 July 1915 R.A.O.B. On Sunday afternoon, the members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, met at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, for a Church Parade. A procession was formed and then paraded the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw. The procession was large and was marshalled by Primos H. C. Seaborne and Ben Evans, and was headed by the Rhymney Brass Band. Members from Deri, Bedlinog and the Pontlottyn Lodges were present. The service was held at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, where Bro. J. C. Payne, chaplain of the lodge, preached an eloquent sermon, the Church being filled.

7 August 1915 Lily of Fochriw Philanthropic Society Disbanded The Lily of Fochriw Philanthropic Society has been disbanded after being in existence since 1866. The funds were equally divided between the members on the 30th July, 1915, the proposition having been carried by a large majority to that effect. The officers of the society were: chairman – Mr. Thomas D. Thomas; trustees – Messrs. James Lawrence, Walter Walters, David R. Jones;

16 October 1915 R.A.O.B. A benefit concert took place on Wednesday at the Cosy Cinema, Pontlottyn, in aid of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge, Fochriw, of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes. The Fochriw Brass Band, under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell, accompanied by the Brothers of Pontlottyn, paraded the streets, before going to the Cosy Cinema. The place was crowded long before the curtain rose to commence the concert, which was one of the finest ever produced, and was much appreciated by one and all. Thanks are due to Brother Francis of the Blast Furnace Hotel, for his kindness in granting such a fine benefit for the Lodge.

26 February, 1916 Presentation A well attended the meeting of the members of the Bristol and West of England Society was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Friday evening week, when Mr. W. Price, treasurer, was presented with the society's certificate to mark his retirement from the office of treasurer which she has held for the last nine years. The presentation was made by Mr. H. C. Seaborne, vice-president, who spoke of the untiring efforts of Mr. Price during the last nine years to build up the lodge to its present membership of 150 people. Messrs. R. Thomas, W. S. Williams and D. J. Thomas also spoke of Mr. Price's good work. It was decided by a large majority to transfer the lodge from the White Horse to the Rising Sun Inn.

4 March 1916 Presentation An interesting presentation took place at the White Horse Inn on Monday evening, when Mr. William Price, late treasurer of the Bristol and West of England Society, was made the recipient of a silver-mounted walking stick, a meerschaum pipe and tobacco pouch full of tobacco, subscribed for by the

members as a token of respect for services rendered as treasurer for the last nine years. The chairman was Mr. H. S. Seaborne, who spoke of the good work done by Mr. Price in building up the society. Mr. D. J. Thomas presented the walking stick, and Mr. W. S. Williams presented the pipe. Both made speeches, and Mr. Price thanked the members. Songs were sung by Messrs. John Evans and M. Jones. An exhibition of club swinging was given by Mr. W. S. Williams, which was much appreciated.

11 March 1916 R.A.O.B. A raising meeting of took place at the White Horse Inn, on Wednesday week, when three of the brothers were raised to the third degree, and one to the second degree. The names of the brothers raised to the Knighthood were: Brothers Ben Evans, W. Price, and David Hughes. The guard of honour was formed by the following brothers: W. Evans, S. E. Phillips, J. Williams, H. Morgan. Brother J. W. Zetterstrom presented the three knights with their jewels. Musical items were given by Brothers Morgan Jones and Bowen. Brother W. S. Llewellyn was raised to the second degree.

27 May 1916 R.A.O.B. A pleasant evening was spent at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Wednesday week when the headquarters of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, was transferred from the White Horse Inn to the Mount Pleasant Inn. The room had been artistically renovated by the landlord Mr. David Jones who is also a Buff.

10 June 1916 Presentation Meeting A pleasant evening was spent at their Rising Sun Inn on Wednesday week, when the members of the Bristol and West of England Society gathered together to present Mr. Morgan Morgans, Rising Sun Inn, on behalf of the Society, with a collarette and jewel on his becoming an honorary member of the society.

22 July 1916 R.A.O.B. The annual Church Parade in connection with the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes took place last Sunday. The members met at the Lodge room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, and headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, paraded the streets of the village before entering St. Mary's Church, where the service was held. The lodge, which is in a very flourishing condition, was augmented by members from several other lodges, making the procession a large and imposing spectacle. The service at the Church was conducted by Brother J. C. Payne, who took his text from 1 Peter, 3, 8, and preached a powerful sermon, exhorting the brothers to love one another, to succour the sick, to care for the fatherless and widows, and so fulfil the proper duties of a true Buff. He also gave some striking figures in connection with the work the order is doing throughout the country. The band accompanied some of the hymns.

22 July 1916 Parade On Saturday week last, a parade in connection with the Bristol, West of England and South Wales Operatives' Trade and Provident Society, Branch 2 (Fochriw) District of Pontlottyn, took place, followed in the evening by an excellent cold lunch and "smoker." The procession, which was a fine spectacle, and composed practically all of young men, reflected great credit on the Society. The Fochriw Brass Band headed the procession. Afterwards, an excellent entertainment took place. During the evening, Mr. D. J. Thomas, secretary, gave a detailed account of the branch work since its opening in 1907. The figures given for the nine and a half years were very interesting, and show the branch to be in a very good financial position. The Branch at present numbers 150 ordinary benefit, and 190 National Insurance members. In addition to the above, there are 30 members serving with the Colours. Mr. William Price, president, presided at the smoker. 124 persons partook of lunch.

2 December 1916 Money Club On Saturday evening last, a very pleasant time was spent at the Rising Sun Inn, when a repast was provided for the members of the Money

Club by Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. An excellent programme of music was contributed to by Messrs. Howell Thomas, J. Evans, W. Francis and others, who sang solos. Mr. J. Evans presided at the piano. Hearty votes of thanks to the host and hostess and artistes brought the meeting to a close. Mr. D. R. Jones presided.

30 December 1916 R.A.O.B. A smoker was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Wednesday week. The chair was taken by Brother W. Price. The following brothers and gentlemen assisted: Brothers Howell Thomas, Morgan Jones, P. Vines, Tom Rees, D. C. Jones, J. Evans, and H. Wilcox. The accompanists were Brothers D. Cole Jones and J. Evans. Two brothers of the Gwent Trio Company, of Bargoed, entertained to the great delight of the audience.

5 May 1917 Smoking Concert A smoking concert in connection with the "Cwlwm y Brodorïaeth" Lodge of the R.A.O.B. was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Wednesday evening, Mr. S. E. Phillips presiding. A very able address on Buffaloeism was given by Mr. Zetterstrom, which was well received. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. Morgan Jones, Phillip Vines, T. Rees J. N. Zetterstrom, W. Evans, T. Jones. Mr. D. C. Jones presided at the piano. An exhibition of club swinging was given by Mr. W. S. Williams.

2 June 1917 R.A.O.B. A very interesting "raising" ceremony took place at their Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Lodge at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Thursday last, when Brothers H. C. Seaborne and Edward Morgan had the honour of being raised to the third degree. Brother W. Price installed the two brothers to the degree of knighthood. Brothers S. E. Philips and W. S. Williams were the sponsors. There were a good number of visitors present from other lodges.

7 July 1917 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The members of the Cwlwm y Brodorïaeth Lodge held their annual Church parade on Sunday. They met at their headquarters, the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, where large number assembled, including many members from surrounding Lodges. They were headed by the brass band under their conductor Mr. W. J. Powell. They paraded the principal streets, and then proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where the service was conducted the Rev. John Francis who preached a powerful sermon on the motto of the order, "Justice, Truth, and Philanthropy." He pointed out that the greatest of all philanthropists was Jesus Christ, and exhorted all to follow His example, whose life was one of good works.

20 July 1918 Parade On Saturday, a parade was held under the auspices of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Lodge, in aid of St. Dunstan's. The parade was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band and was composed of the R.A.O.B., the Fire Brigade, and St. John Ambulance. A collection was made by the ladies and £9 3s will be forwarded to this deserving cause. Thanks are due to all.

21 September 1918 Sports An excellent programme of sports took place at the Primrose Field on Saturday in aid of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Welcome Home Fund. The Fochriw Brass Band played throughout the evening. The events were as follows: 80 yards handicap - 1. Ernest Prosser, 2. W. Pellard, 3. D. Jones; 220 yards handicap - 1. Ernest Prosser, 2. W. J. Thomas, 3. Lewis Jones; wheelbarrow race - 1. Fred Prosser and D W Morris; tug-of-war - the Deri team.

5 October 1918 Church Parade The annual Church parade of the members of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes took place on Sunday afternoon. The brethren assembled at the Lodge room, Mount Pleasant Inn, and afterwards marched to Noddfa Chapel, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band. An impressive service was conducted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, pastor.

12 July 1919 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes On Saturday afternoon the members of the Fochriw Lodge held their annual Church parade. Headed by the

Fochriw Brass Band, a procession was formed and marched through the streets, marshalled by Knights of the Order Ben Evans and H. C. Seaborne. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, the Reverend John Francis officiating. Mr. Berkley Angell was the precentor, whilst Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

27 September 1919 Sports A grand programme of sports, under the auspices of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, was held at the Primrose Field, Fochriw, kindly lent for the occasion by Brother Slimmons. The winners of the chief events were as follows: Boys' race: 1. Williams, Pontlottyn; 2. W. J. Griffiths; 80 yards open handicap: 1. David T. Davies; 2. Archie Howells, Bedlinog; 3. W. A. Jones; 220 yards open handicap: 1. W. A. Jones; 2. Ernest Prosser; 3. Archie Howells; tug-of-war open: 1. Bargoed; 2. Quarry Team, Fochriw; tug-of-war (R.A.O.B. lodges only): Quarry Team, Fochriw. The officials were: handicappers – Messrs. Watkin Williams and S. E. Phillips; starter - Mr. H. C. Seaborne; treasurer - S. E. Phillips; sports secretary – Mr. C. R. Mills, Pentwyn; assistant secretary, Mr. H. C. Seaborne, Pentwyn; chairman, Mr. W. Price; and vice-chairman, Mr. D. Jenkins. Judges were: Messrs. W. Price, S. E. Phillips, T. Sims, Sergeant Williams, Sergeant Clinch, and Sergeant D Jones.

21 August 1920 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes: Cwllwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge The Annual Church Parade of the Lodge took place on Sunday afternoon. They assembled at the Lodge room, and headed by the Fochriw Brass Band paraded the streets of the village before going into St Mary's Church for service, which was conducted by the Reverend Samuel Evans, chaplain of the order, who delivered an appropriate address. Mr. Angell conducted this singing, and Mr. Richards presided at the organ.

28 August 1920 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes A well-attended presentation meeting was held at the Lodge room, Mount Pleasant Inn, on Saturday evening last, when Knights H. C. Seaborne, W. Price, and B. Evans were presented with fine jewels for their excellent services rendered to the Order. An additional jewel was presented to Knight Seaborne for propaganda work. The presentations were made by Knight D. Sullivan, P.P.G.P., Merthyr Vale, who gave a very able address. The chair during the evening was occupied by Knights S. Phillips and L. D. Jones. The following contributed to a fine programme of music: Brothers C. Davies, T. Healy, Harrington, C. R. Mills, I. Powell, I. Rees, Fred Hughes. The accompanist was Brother W. J. Davies, Rhymney Bridge. The singing of the National Anthem brought a pleasant evening to a close.

25 December 1920 Smoking Concert A smoking Concert was held at Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday last, under the auspices of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes. Mr. Thomas Sims, M.E., presided over the evening. The following contributed to a fine musical programme: solos, Messrs. Lewis Lewis, Harry Wilcox, Tom Rees, Tom Jones, Fred Hughes, Ivor Davies, Mr. Bowen, Thomas Jones, W. Powell; mouth organ selections, Mr. David Davies. The accompanist for the evening was Mr. W. Cole, assisted by Mr. Gilbert Harris. During the evening, Mr. H. C. Seaborne presented Mr. C. R. Mills with a jewel for services rendered on behalf of the Lodge. The evening closed with the usual votes of thanks.

13 August 1921 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The members of the Cwllwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge, held their annual Church parade on Sunday afternoon. They assembled at the Lodge room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, and headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Bandmaster Coombes, paraded the streets, the Band playing appropriate music. Included in the procession were two children from the Orphanage Home in connection with the Order, who are here on holiday. They are the children of the late Brother Marriott, Deri. After the parade the

members went to St. Mary's Church for service, Rev. J. C. Payne preaching a striking sermon. He gave many examples of the work carried out by the noble Order, at the orphanage etc. Members from Pontlottyn and Dowlais were present.

1 October 1921 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes On Saturday evening, at the Lodge room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, a very interesting raising ceremony took place, when 14 of the brothers were promoted. The room was crowded, several brothers from surrounding Lodges attending. The chair was occupied by Brother Tom Jones. The following were raised to the Third Degree: W. S. Llewellyn, William Lewis; Second Degree: David Harris, W R Lewis, W J Davies, Tom Jones, Rees Jenkins, (all from Fochriw), as well as three from Pontlottyn, two from Troedfhiwfuwch, and two from Pantywaun. The following were presented with miniature K.O.M collarettes: H. C. Seabourne, J. A. Evans, Edward Morgan, Tom Jones, S. E. Phillips, Ben Jones.

6 May 1922 Presentation On Saturday evening, under the auspices of the R.A.O.B. at the Lodge Room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Bro. David Jones was presented with a jewel for services rendered. Several brothers from the adjoining lodges were present. All enjoyed a pleasant evening brought to an end by the singing of the National Anthem.

29 July 1922 R.A.O.B. A meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday evening, when the brothers of the Caiach Lodge, Trelewis, were present. Bros. Coles, James, Josephs, Jackson, Mantle, Miles and Gilbert Harris provided the entertainment.

14 October 1922 R. A. O. B. A very interesting ceremony took place at the Lodge Room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday evening last, when the following brothers were raised to the 2nd degree: Stewart V. Jones, John Kendrick, John Jones and Mumford, Rhymney Bridge. This was followed by a musical programme with the following contributors: J. Johnson, T. Trollope, Tom Jones, C. R. Mills, C. P. W. Cowan, T. Thomas, Bro. Gilbert Harris with Bro. W. Lewis as the accompanist.

18 November 1922 Co-op Election A very keen election took place at the Co-op Rooms on Monday. Mr. H. C. Seahorne's position on the Management Board was challenged by two members, but Mr. Seaborne was re-elected.

7 April 1923 R.A.O.B. Smoker On Saturday evening, a smoking concert was held at the Lodge Room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn. A large number was present. Mr. S. E. Phillips presided, and gave an excellent address. This was followed by a musical programme: overture – Mr. Bryn Davies; trio of Welsh melodies - Messrs. Davies, Thomas and Powell; solos - Messrs. Bryn Davies, L. Thomas, W. Powell, C. Andrews, Tom Powell, Jack Jones, George Morris, Cyril Jenkins, Gilbert Harris, L. Thomas, Tom Rees; monologue – Mr. Wm. Powell; duet - Messrs. L. Thomas & Bryn Davies. Mr. Percy Mantle is vice-chairman, and Mr. H. C. Seaborne the secretary.

19 January 1924 R.O.A.B. An emergency lodge was held on Saturday at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, when six brothers were raised to the Second Degree.

25 April 1925 Flag Day A successful flag day was organised on Thursday last in aid of the Railway Benevolent Institution.

13 June 1925 Whist Drive and Dance Held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday under the auspices of the R.O.A.B.. It was very well attended. Mr. D. J. Thomas was M.C. for whist, and Messrs. Davies and Price for dancing.

8 August 1925 R.A.O.B. On Sunday, a church parade was held in connection with the "Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth" Lodge, when a large number turned out. The parade was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle. After the parade, they went to St. Mary's Church for divine service, and address being delivered by Rev. R.C. Evans, B.A. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

19 February 1927 Co-operative Society A meeting was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, with Mr. W. Jones in the chair. An address was given by Mr. Sam Jennings,

who outlined the early stages of the movement to the present day. A musical programme was also given.

18 June 1927 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes A very interesting ceremony took place at the Lodge Room of the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday evening, when Brothers H. O. Goddard, W. J. Davies, J. Lloyd Jones and D. J. Davies were raised to the second degree. The ceremony was performed by Kt. Edwin Vaughan, the P. G. P. of the Merthyr province.

The many friends of Brother J. Evans, Guest-street, who has been sent to "Woodford," Weston-super-Mare, (the R.A.O.B. Convalescent Home), to regain his health, wish him a speedy recovery.

24 March 1928 Lantern Lecture A very interesting lantern lecture was given at the Church Hall on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Dowlais Co-operative Society Ltd. The lecturer was Mr. W. J. Owen, Blaina, who gave a very interesting lecture entitled "The History of Co-operation." The chair was occupied by Mr. H. Seaborne.

31 March 1928 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes A very interesting ceremony took place at Pantywaun Lodge on Saturday, when 26 members sat down to an excellent supper, catered for by the worthy host and hostess (Brother G. Jenkins and Mrs. Jenkins). After the excellent repast, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the host and hostess. Knight H. C. Seaborne, the chairman, then gave a very interesting address on the work of the noble Order, which was greatly appreciated. A musical programme was contributed to by Brothers D. G. Jenkins with Bro. J. H. Richards at the piano; Bros. P. Hedges, A. C. Marshalsea, A. Jenkins, E. Thomas, J. Morgan, W. H. Jones, T. Williams, S. Williams, D. Stead, and T. Thomas,

12 May 1928 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes At the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday, fifty brethren sat down to an excellent supper provided by the host, Knight L. D. Jones. The Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, presided at the concert, and after giving an appropriate address, he called upon Brother G. Harris to render an overture. The following contributed to the programme: Brother C. R. Mills, Knight Thomas Jones, Brother D. J. Griffiths, Primo W. J. Davies, Brothers C. Tyler, F. Dummett, E. Hiscox, Primo Thomas Jones, Messrs J. J. Lewis, J. Harding, G. Rees.

18 August 1928 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Fochriw Buffs spent a very happy time on Saturday, when they met to pay tribute to Brother Rev. Samuel Evans, who is leaving the district. Since his initiation, the reverend gentleman has acted as chaplain of the Order. Knight Tom Jones presided. The stars of the evening were Messrs. Fred Richards, Merthyr; Harry Richards, Rhymney; W. Richards, Bedlinog; and Wilcox and Harrington, Deri. Others who assisted were Brothers E. Hiscox, W. Davies, C. R. Mills, F. Dummett, D. Thomas and James Williams. Brother David Thomas gave an item in Welsh which was highly appreciated. Prior to "The Toast to Absent Brethren" being sang, it fell to the Secretary, Knight H. C. Seaborne, to read a letter of appreciation to the guest of the evening. This was then handed to the presiding officer, who after making an appropriate speech, presented it together with a silver mounted walking stick (suitably inscribed) and a mounted cigarette holder, to Brother Samuel Evans. The recipient thanked one and all for their kindness to him. Speeches were made by Knight D. Jones and Primo P. Mantle. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

13 October 1928 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes One of the most successful ceremonies in the history of the lodge took place on Saturday, when, in the presence of the over 60 members, Brother William Price K. O. M., (the founder of the lodge and the treasurer since its inception), was exalted to the fourth degree. The installing officer was the ever popular secretary of the Merthyr Provincial Grand

Lodge, Brother J. N. Zetterstrom, who was assisted by the P.G.L. officers, whilst Knight L. D. Jones and Knight Tom Jones acted as sponsors. Introducing Brother Price, Brother Tom Jones said that Bro. Price's good works were well known throughout the province: Brother Price was worthy of the honour. After his exaltation, Brother Price expressed his thanks. The ceremony of raising Primos Percy Mantle and Charles Mills to the third degree was carried out with decorum and efficiency. Knight Tom Jones performed the ceremony. The P.G.P., assisted by his officers, then carry out the exaltation ceremony of raising Brothers Harry Lloyd Jones, Alfred Gwynne and Fred Dummett to the second degree. Visiting brothers from Pantywaun, in charge of Host Gwilym Jenkins, provided the lodge with the musical programme, and much thanks had due to Messrs. Whelan, Wilcox and Harrington for the part they played. Knight George of Merthyr drew attention of the members to the whist drive and dance which is being organised by the benevolent committee, and urged them to support it. Brother Lewis announced that the Rev. J. C. Payne is about to return to the village. The Rev. Payne was at one time chaplain of the local branch. His brother Buffs promise him a very hearty welcome when he visits the lodge.

13 October 1928 Meeting On Tuesday evening at the Co-op Room, a well-attended meeting was addressed by Mr. Claude Denscombe. Mr. Tom Jenkins presided.

20 October 1928 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes On Saturday at the "Pantywaun" lodge, in the presence of 77 members, Brother Seaborne Williams, secretary of the lodge was exalted to the third degree. Brothers Edward J. Stead, John Bradley, and Aneurin Jenkins were raised to the second degree.

19 January 1929 R.A.O.B. Mr. H. C. Seabourne was installed Provincial Grand Primo of the Province at a meeting of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes at the Cowbridge Arms, Merthyr, with all the ceremonies attached to the office. Mr. Seabourne has been secretary of the Cwlwn y Brodoriaeth Lodge for many years. Also, he is president of the Knights' Chapter, and president of the Certifying Council.

25 May 1929 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Rev. J. C. Payne was installed City Chaplain of the lodge.

2 November 1929 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes On Saturday, at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, a concert was held, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Bro. T. E. Phillips presided. Bro. S. Phillips spoke of the new scheme the lodge had in hand for the children of brothers. The programme was as follows: overture, Mr. S. Jenkins; song, Mr. Willie Evans; mandoline solo, Mr. D. J. Galliford; song, Mr. R. Hughes; song, Mr. A. J. Penny; song, Mr. W. M. Davies; comic song, Mr. Cyril Jenkins; song, Mr. W. Evans; comic song, Mr. C. Wigley; song, Mr. F Dummett.

26 April 1930 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes A most enjoyable evening was spent at the lodge room, Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday evening by the brothers of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge, when a large numbers sat down to an excellent supper, prepared by the genial host, Mr. Llewellyn D. Jones. Afterwards, a first class concert was given. The chair was occupied by Mr. P. Mantle, K.O.M.. The duties of vice-chairman were carried out by Mr. John Phillips. The following were the artistes for the evening: pianist, Mr. David J Davies; Messrs. H. Davies, L. Small, Wm. Pope, H. Barnard, C. Tyler, R. Jones, D. Llewellyn, E. Thomas, J. Jones, W. M. Davies, J. Harrington, T. Jones. The singing of the Welsh National Anthem by Mr. D. J. Davies brought a pleasant evening to a close.

4 October 1930 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The children of the brothers of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge, were taken by train on Saturday to Talybont-on-Usk, where they spent a most enjoyable day.

29 August 1931 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes A most enjoyable time was spent on Saturday by the children of the members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge at Abergavenny, where they were taken by buses. The children's wants were well-attended to at the Castle Grounds. The arrangements were in the capable hands of the secretary, Mr. C. R. Mills. A number of adults also took advantage of the trip.

3 October 1931 Clothing Club Supper At the Mount Pleasant Hotel on Saturday, a happy event was held in connection with Mr. Aeron Parry's Clothing Club. Thirty members sat down to an excellent supper prepared by the genial host, Mr. L. D. Jones. The tables were laden with good things, the following ladies being in charge: Mesdames Roberts, C. R. Mills, S. V. Jones, and Stanley Jones. Afterwards, a first class concert was given by eminent artistes. Mr. C. R. Mills presided.

27 August 1932 Outing On Saturday, the children of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B., visited Abergavenny, where they spent a very happy day. The secretary was Mr. C. R. Mills.

26 March 1932 Meeting At the Old Reading room on Monday evening, a public meeting was held in connection with the Dowlais Co-operative New Members Campaign. The Chairman was Mr. William Evans, Dowlais. A striking address was given by Mr. W. Williams, Co-operative Organiser, Manchester. He gave an interesting account of the aims and growth of the Co-operative movement.

11 March 1933 Co-operative Society A well attended meeting of the members of the Co-operative Society took place at the Old Library on Tuesday evening, to elect a member for Fochriw on the management committee. Mr. Daniel James was duly elected. The retiring member is Mr. H. C. Seaborne.

5 August 1933 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The annual supper of the Lodge was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday, when a large number sat down to an excellent meal prepared by the genial host, Mr. L. D. Jones. An interesting programme followed, Mr. B. A. Thomas, Ogilvie, presiding.

25 November 1933 The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The Brodoriaeth Lodge is still carrying on, though not so strong in membership as years ago. On Wednesday evening last, a right royal night was spent at the Lodge Room of the Mount Pleasant Inn. The occasion was a regalia visit of the Sir William Lewis Lodge, No. 327, of the Merthyr District Province. It was a grand muster, under the control of Bro. J. Jones, W.P., K.O.M. A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close with a link of forty-one brothers, and concluded with a rendering of the National Anthem. It is hoped that the occasion will be the means of many brothers returning to the fold. The secretary is Brother C. R. Mills.

17 March 1934 Concert Under the auspices of the local branch of the R.A.O.B., the New Hall was crowded on Thursday when a concert, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, was given by the Merthyr District Buff Concert Party. Councillor A. T. Minhinnick presided.

1 September 1934 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Celebration The Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge held a celebration on 25th August, on the coming of age of their Lodge, when some 40 members sat down to a supper prepared by Brother Ll. D. Jones, assisted at tables by Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. C. R. Mills. At the concert that followed, Brother Ben Thomas presided. A city waiter's jewel was presented to Brother Ben Evans for his 21 years service. An excellent musical programme followed.

18 May 1935 R.A.O.B. On Tuesday, at the Rising Sun Inn, a new Lodge was opened, known as the "Brynderwyn" Lodge. The Provincial Grand Officers performed the ceremony.

18 May 1935 R.A.O.B. Ceremony A very striking ceremony was performed at the Rising Sun Inn on Tuesday evening, when the Grand Lodge officers assembled, with many brothers from various lodges of the Order, to open the new Lodge, known as the Brynderwen Lodge 7284. Before the consecration of the room, the dispensation was read by Brother J. N. Zetterstrom, and the consecration ceremony was conducted by Brother J. Whelan, assisted by the Brothers J. N. Zetterstrom, J. Jervis, A. S. Morgan, J. A. Jones, & E. Price. Following the ceremony, the following were initiated into the order: Messrs. J. J. Lewis & W. A. Thomas. After the election of officers, Mr. Eddie Price took over office and gave some excellent advice to all the brothers assembled. Musical items were given by Brothers J. A. Jones, J. Whelan, A. S. Morgan, George Davies, J. J. Lewis and Eddie Thomas, with Brother J. Slimmonds at the piano. The founders of the lodge are Messrs. S. Williams, T. Jones, V. Wood, A. H. Wood and T. J. Jones (host).

21 September 1935 R.A.O. B. Outing The annual outing of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge took place on Saturday to Abergavenny. The party numbered 93 in all, and each child was given 9p. At Abergavenny, the children were entertained in the grounds of Neville Hall. Mr. Stephens catered, assisted by Messrs. C. R. Mills (secretary), William Lewis, Ben Evans, and E. Puddle. The party arrived home at 10pm. Credit is due to the following: Messrs. C. R. Mills, L. D. Jones, S. Phillips, P. Mantle, E. Puddle, and Ben Evans.

9 November 1935 R.A.O.B. Visitation At the lodge-room of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge on Saturday evening, a visit was paid by the St. John Evans Lodge, Onllwyn, who entertained the local members to a musical programme. It is planned to re-pay the visit in the near future.

16 November 1935 R.A.O.B. Supper The Lodge held their annual supper on Saturday. Mr. W. H. Knibbs presided. Brother D. J. Davies and Mr. Llew Jones were the pianists, and Bros. E. Thomas, A. Selwood and F. Dummett gave solos.

14 December 1935 R.A.O.B. At the Rising Sun Inn on Thursday, the home of the Brynderwen Lodge, the following brothers were raised to the second degree: Messrs. James J. Lewis, A. E. Jones, E. E. Cumpstone, D. D. Thomas, W. Pegg and W. A. Thomas. This ceremony was conducted by Brother H. Edwards, K.O.M., assisted by the G.I. officers. A musical programme followed the ceremony.

4 April 1936 Order of Moose A dance under the auspices of the Loyal Order of Moose was held at the New Hall on Monday. Music was supplied by the Arcadians' Dance Band and the M.Cs. were Mr. Idris and Arthur Cumpstone. The winners of the spot dance prizes were Miss Megan Meredith, Dowlais, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Sheen, Fochriw.

23 May 1936 Supper and Presentation At the Rising Sun Hotel, the headquarters of the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. on Monday, a supper and presentation took place. A musical programme followed the supper, and later presentations were made of silver cigarette cases to Kt Vincent Wood, and Primos Ernest Jones and T. L. Jones, active members of the Order, on their departure from the district. The presentations were made by Mr. John Lloyd Jones and the recipients responded. The chairman was Mr. William Price. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. J. J. Lewis, Tom Powell, Eddie Thomas, W. J. Davies, G. Llewellyn, C. Shankland and Ieuan Griffiths. Mr. D. J. Davies was the accompanist and the secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. Seaborne Williams.

30 May 1936 R.A.O.B. Meeting A meeting of the Brynderwen Lodge took place at the Rising Sun Hotel on Monday. Mr. W. T. Pegg presided. A report of the Provincial

Grand Lodge was given by Kt H. C. Seaborne. The Lodge has made steady progress with Mr. S. Williams as secretary.

8 August 1936 R.A.O.B. Outing The members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. organised a trip to Hereford on Tuesday, taking a large number of children. The party numbered about 60. Dinner and tea were taken at the Garrick Hotel, the party returning home via Monmouth. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. C. R. Mills, secretary.

3 October 1936 R.A.O.B. Supper The annual supper of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth lodge was held at the Mount Pleasant Hotel. Mr. B. Thomas, Ogilvie, occupied the chair, with Mr. P. Mantle as vice-chairman. The following took part: Bros. E. Thomas, D. D. Thomas, C. Tyler, F. Dummett, H. Thomas, J. Bevan, Tom Lewis, Dan Thomas, I. Griffiths, S. Sims. The secretarial duties were carried out by Bro. C. R. Mills.

26 December 1936 R.A.O.B. Mr. Tom Jones presided at the Brynderwen Lodge at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, when it was decided to hold the annual outing for children on 30th January.

13 February 1937 R.A.O.B Children's Treat On Saturday, the children of members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge were taken on a visit to Cardiff to see the pantomime. Each child received a gift from the lodge, and also from Mr. E Pritchard of the Rising Sun Inn. The children were in the charge of Messrs. Wm. Whitby, Gomer Williams and W. Watkins.

20 February 1937 Children's Treat: Correction It was the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. and not the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth that took members children to the Cardiff pantomime, "Jack and the Beanstalk."

27 March 1937 R.A.O.B. Concert A concert was held by the Brynderwen Lodge at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, when the visitors were the Pencoedcae Lodge, Rhymney. Mr. H. Wood presided and the following took part: Messrs. T. Jones, D. Tyler, D. Watkins, J. J. Lewis, S. Williams, H. Thomas, J. Bevan, David Davies, W. Powell, E. Thomas, J. Price, T. J. Harris, F. Dummett, G. Harris. The accompanist was Mr. W. J. Davies, and the secretary Mr. S. Williams.

15 May 1937 R.A. O. B. Supper The annual supper of the Brynderwen Lodge was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday. This supper was prepared by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pritchard. The tables were presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Prynne, Mrs. Trevor Davies, Mrs. Harriet Lewis. The musical entertainment which followed was presided over by Mr. T. Jones. The following artistes took part: solos: Messrs. C. Davies (Rhymney), Tom Powell, Alfred Jenkins (Pontlottyn), J. J. Lewis, H. Turner (Rhymney), F. Dummett, A. Jenkins (Pontlottyn), Tom Lewis and W. Crump (Rhymney). The accompanists were Messrs. D. J and T. Davies.

24 July 1937 R.A.O.B. A "Go-as-you-please" competition and concert took place at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, under the auspices of the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. Mr. D. J. Davies presided and Mr. Gilbert Harris was the pianist. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. Seaborne Williams, lodge secretary.

7 August 1937 Annual Outings The annual outing of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B. took place on Monday to Swansea by charabanc, when 55 adults and 27 children enjoyed the day at the seaside. Dinner and tea was served. The secretary was Mr. C. R. Mills. The members of St. Mary's Church Sunday school had a trip to Barry Island on Tuesday. Carmel chapel Sunday school had a trip on Tuesday evening around the Gower Coast with their superintendent Mr. David Lewis. The secretary and treasurer are Messrs. Wm. Griffiths and John Davies.

7 August 1937 R.A.O.B. Supper The annual supper of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge took place at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday, when 61 members attended. Supper was prepared by the hosts, Messrs. Ll. D. and L. M. Jones. A concert followed, presided over by Mr. Percy Mantle, with Mr. Edward Puddle as vice chairman. The following rendered items: Brothers D. D. Thomas (pianist), J. Harrington, F. Dummett, J. J. Lewis, D. D. Thomas, Morgan, G. Mantle, C. Tyler, D. Tyler, E. Thomas, T. R. Lewis, Idris Williams.

4 September 1937 Children's Outing The children of members of the Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. were conveyed by charabanc on Tuesday to Gilwern. They were accompanied by Messrs. D. J. Davies and E. Puddle, as well as a number of parents. The children were provided with dinner, tea and one shilling each. The secretary is Mr. Seaborne Williams.

4 December 1937 R.A.O.B. Competition A "Go-as-you-please" competition under the auspices of the Brynderwen Lodge in aid of the Widows and Orphans Fund, took place at the lodge-room of the Rising Sun Inn on Monday. The chairman was Mr. David J. Davies, and the adjudicator was Mr. James J. Lewis. Mr. Gilbert Harris was the accompanist. The winners were: 1. Mr. W. J. Davies, Bedlinog; 2. Mr. Eddie Thomas and Mr. R. J. Price (equal); 3. Mr. Goronwy Tyler.

1 January 1938 R.A.O.B. "Go-As-You-Please" Concert Under the auspices of the Brynderwen Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, a concert was held in the Lodge room of the Rising Sun Inn on Christmas Eve. Mr. Tom Jones presided. Mr. J. J. Lewis was the adjudicator, and Mr. D. J. Davies the pianist. The following artistes took part: Messrs. Goronwy Tyler, W. J. Davies (Bedlinog), Harry Jones (Rhymney), David Tyler, Fred Way, Alfred Dummett, Eddie Thomas, Llew Small, Gordon Price, Fred Dummett, Tudor Evans. The first prize was awarded to Mr. Eddie Thomas, the second to Mr. W. J. Davies, and the third was divided between F. Dummett and David Taylor.

23 July 1938 R.A.O.B. Supper The annual supper of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge (No. 1754) took place last Saturday at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn. The host, Knight Ll. D. Jones, Primo Lewis M. Jones, and Mrs. Roberts, carried out the arrangements. Mrs. C. R. Mills, Mrs. S. V. Jones, Miss M. J. Evans, and Miss M. Jones waited at the tables. After supper, a musical programme took place presided over by Primo E. Puddle, with Mr. Ray Clark as vice-chairman. The accompanists were Primo D. Thomas and Mr. D. Jenkins. The following artistes assisted: Messrs. D. Jenkins, R. Tenby, Ed. Thomas, C. & D. Tyler, Stan Jenkins, W. Lynch, and A. Dummett.

3 September 1938 R.A.O.B. Children's Trip On Saturday last, the children of the members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes were taken by motor coach to the Brecon show.

17 September 1938 R.A.O.B. Meeting Members of the Brynderwen Lodge met on Tuesday evening at the Rising Sun Inn, when the officers and brothers of the Wimborne Lodge, Dowlais, paid a regalia visit. The following artistes assisted in the harmony: Brothers James Evans, T. J. Lewis, J. O. Donald, W. Watkins, Howell Thomas, George Davies, Evan Evans, W. J. Howells, Benjamin Williams. The accompanists were Brothers Gilbert Harris and Richard Lewis, Dowlais.

8 October 1938 R.A.O.B. Raising The Brynderwen Lodge of the R.A.O.B. held a raising ceremony at the Rising Sun Inn on Monday, when Bros. W. J. Watkins and Wyndham Morgan were raised to the second degree. Bro. W. E. Earle, R.O.H., P.G.P., Tredegar, presided, supported by Bros. J. S. Jones, Merthyr, Ben Smith, Merthyr Vale, D. Evans, Ystrad Mynach, J. Jones, Tredegar, J. Sullivan, Merthyr, and H. C. Seaborne. The sponsors were Bros. J. J. Lewis and Seaborne Williams.

12 November 1938 R.A.O.B. Pantywaun Lodge held a church parade to St.. David's Church on Sunday. The sermon was given by Rev. J. C. Payne, chaplain of the Order. Mr. Williams conducted the singing, with Mr. Kings as organist.

2 September 1939 R.A.O.B. The children of members of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge were entertained to a treat on Saturday when they were conveyed by charabanc to Porthcawl. Dinner and tea were served and a happy time was spent.

29 August 1942 R.A.O.B. Lodge A special meeting of the "Brynderwen" Lodge was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday last when a visit was paid by members of the Pantywaun and Ogilvie Lodges. Bro. E.D. Jones, C.P., presided and Bro. D.G. Evans, D.P.G.P. of the Merthyr Province was also present. The following brothers added to the harmony: Bros. Sawday, J. Richards, T.D. Morgan, T. Richards, D.G. Evans, S. Williams and A. Marshalsea. The accompanist was Bro. J. Richards, C.P., and the secretary, Bro. Seaborne Williams, K.O.M. The next meeting of the Lodge will be held on Monday at 6 o'clock, and all brothers are invited.

7 November 1942 R.A.O.B. Visit An enjoyable time was spent at the Brynderwen Lodge on Friday last, when some of the members of the Ogilvie Lodge paid a visit. A new member was also initiated. The following contributed to the harmony: Bros. G. Williams, J.J. Lewis, W.J. Watkins, S. Williams, A.H. Wood, C.G. Hann. The pianist was Bro. Dan Jones. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday when all brothers are invited.

26 December 1942 R.A.O.B. Ceremony An enjoyable time was spent in the Pantywaun Lodge on Saturday night, when three brothers of the lodge were raised to the 2nd degree. They were Brothers Jenkin Richards, Wm. J. Bradley and Wm. H. Sawday. The ceremony was conducted by P.P.G.P. T.J. Jones, and P.G.P. D.G. Evans. There were 50 brothers present. The following contributed to the harmony: Bros. D.G. Evans, S. & D. Bowen, C.G. Hann & Keefe, Ogilvie Lodge; Oakley and Sage, Sir D. Thomas Lodge; H. Thomas & Bevan, Pencoedcae Lodge; R. Morgan, Geo. Davies (Dowlais), S. Williams, J. Morgan, W.H. Sawday, A.H. Wood, W.J. Watkins, Pantywaun Lodge. The pianists were Messrs. J. Richards, Fochriw, and D. Jones, Deri. The secretary is Bro. S. Williams. Bro. E.D. Jones presided.

23 January 1943 R.A.O.B. Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge, Pentwyn, met on Saturday at their headquarters the Mount Pleasant Inn, presided over by Bro. Wm. Lewis. During an initiation ceremony, five new members were enrolled, including three brothers, Messrs. Ralph, Lindsay and Vernon Coggan. Bro. Lewis handed over control of the Lodge to the father of the three sons, Primo Arthur Coggan, who conducted the ceremony. Later, harmony was provided by several of the brothers, with Primo D.D. Thomas as accompanist.

13 February 1943 R.A.O.B. Lodge An enjoyable evening was spent at the Brynderwen Lodge last Tuesday evening, when brothers from the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge paid a visit. Among those who contributed musical items were Bros. J.J. Lewis, Ken Owen, D.J. Jones, C. Tyler, G. Williams, S. Williams, Geo. Williams, A.H. Wood, S. Bowen, J. Bowen, Len Bowen, Deri. The pianists were Bros. Baden Bowen, Deri, J. Harding and D.J. Davies, Fochriw. The meeting was presided over by Primo A.H. Wood. The Lodge meets every Tuesday at 6.30p.m. and the secretary is Bro. S. Williams.

13 March 1943 R.A.O.B. Lodge An enjoyable evening was spent at the Pantywaun Lodge on Saturday when the officers and brothers of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth and Ogilvie Lodges paid a visit. The following brothers contributed to the harmony: Primos J.J. Lewis, A.H. Wood, Brothers Kwn Owen, B.J. Jones, D. Harries (Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth); Bro. C. Tyler, A. Williams, L. Richards, I. Davies, I. Morgan (Ogilvie);

Bros. Len Brown, John Bowen, Primo W.H. Sawday, Primo T.D. Morgan, Bross. J. Morgan, J. Rees, D.J. Thomas, D. Williams. The pianists were Primo Dan Jones, Deri, and Bro. D. Thomas. The next rally of the four lodges will be held at the Ogilvie Lodge, Deri, on April 3 when all brothers are heartily invited to attend.

15 May 1943 R.A.O.B. The combined lodges met at the Brynderwen Lodge room at the Rising Sun Inn last week. With the Brynderwen Lodge were the following lodges: Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth, Pentwyn, Pantywaun and Ogilvie. Primo A.H. Wood presided. A visit was paid by D.P.G.P. J. Graham, Merthyr, who gave an address. Another visitor was R.O.H. George Jones, Bargoed. The brothers contributed to the harmony. The secretary of the Brynderwen Lodge is Mr. Seaborne Williams.

5 June 1943 R.A.O.B. An enjoyable time was spent at the "Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth" Lodge on Saturday evening, when five lodges were represented in the rally. Pantywaun and Brynderwen Lodges were introduced by Br. T. Williams, K.O.M.; Ogilvie Lodge by Bro. C. Golding Hann, K.O.M.; Sir Roger Thomas Lodge by Bro. G. Jones, R.O.H.; Beech Tree Lodge by Bro. D.G. Evans, R.O.H., P.G.P., & Bro. O. Morris, K.O.M.. Bro. Joseph Graham, R.O.H., D.P.G.P., and Bro. Les Major, K.O.M., P.G.Con., were also present. More than 60 members registered during the evening, Thanks were accorded the visitors by Bro. C. Rowlands, W.P., and Bro. E. Puddle, C.P..

19 June 1943 R.A.O.B. A raising ceremony took place at the lodge room of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge at the Mount Pleasant Inn. The Lodge, now in its 31st year, paid tribute to two of its oldest members, by raising them to the Fourth Degree. They were Bro. Ben Evans and Bro. W. Lewis, present secretary. The installing officer was Bro. W. Earle, R.O.H., Tredegar. Two brothers who were raised to the Third Degree were Bros. T. Jones and E. Puddle. The installing officers were Bros. D.G. Evans, R.O.H., supported by the D.P.G.P. J. Graham. There was also a raising to the Second Degree of Bros. D. Tyler, T.J. Powell and G. Williams. The P.G.P. carried out the ceremony. Many brothers from other lodges attended.

3 July 1943 R.A.O.B. Rally At the Pantywaun Lodge on Saturday last, brothers from the following lodges paid a visit: Sir Roger Thomas, Ogilvie, Brynderwen, Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth, and the Sir David Thomas. Harmony was rendered by the following: Sir Roger Thomas, R.O.H. Saunders, R.O.H. G. James; Ogilvie K.O.M. W Rees, Bro. A. Williams; Cwlwm, K.O.M. T. Jones; Sir David Thomas, Bro. Oakley; Pantywaun, K.O.M. S. Williams, Primos T.D. Morgan, W.H. Sawday, Bros. J. Richards and J. Rees. The pianists were Bro. D. Thomas. R.O.H. Saunders, P.G.P. of the Monmouth Province, was also present. The lodge secretary is Bro. S. Williams.

4 September 1943 R.A.O.B. Lodge An enjoyable evening was spent at the Brynderwen Lodge on Saturday, when Brothers from the following lodges were present: Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth, Pantywaun, Roger Thomas and Ogilvie Lodges. The meeting was presided over by Primo D. Harris. The following brothers contributed to the harmony: R.O.H. C. Baker, Primos J.J. Lewis and A.H. Wood, W. Rees, S. Williams, Ken Owen, D.J. Jones, T. Evans and L.D. Mantle. The accompanists were Bros. J. Richards, D.J. Davies and D. Thomas. Mr. Seaborne Williams is the secretary.

23 November 1946 Social at New Hall: Employee Honoured A social was held at the New Hall on Wednesday by local branch members of the Co-operative. The guests of the evening were Mr. Purcell (late manager of the C.W.S. Stores), Mrs. Purcell and family, Mrs. Shankland (secretary of the Dowlais Women's Guild), and Mr. Williams (new manager). The guests were welcomed by Mr. B. Rees, chairman. Mr. Purcell was presented with a canteen of cutlery by Mr. John Evans, Aelybryn, one of the oldest members of the movement, for 10 years of faithful service. Mr. & Mrs. Purcell responded suitably. Mrs. Shankland spoke and said that they were sorry to part with

Mr. Williams, the new Fochriw manager, from Caeharris, and asked the people to give the same loyalty and support to the new manager as they had given the old, and he would do his best among them. At the concert which followed, solos were given by Mesdames Mattie Lewis, and H.C. Davies; recitations by Mrs. Shankland (Dowlais), Messrs. T. Walters and B. Rees; a reading by Mr. J.H. Evans; followed by a "Yes" and "No" quiz conducted by Mr. Rees, with Mr. G.H. Evans as timekeeper. The organisers were Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Walters, Mr. David Harris, Mrs. Millward (secretary), and also an energetic committee. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Madam H.C. Davies.

24 January 1948 R.A.O.B. Raisings At raising ceremonies held by the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes at the Royal Arms, Pantywaun, on Saturday, Bro. E.D. Jones, W.P., welcomed the P.G.P. Bro. J. Lloyd, R.O.H., and Grand Lodge officers. Later, Bro. John Owen, R.O.H., as the installing officer, exalted Bro. Evan D. Jones to the third degree (K.O.M.), the sponser being Bro. Seaborne Williams, K.O.M. Later, Bro. Wm. Lewis, R.O.H., was the exalting officer for the raising of Bro. Seaborne Williams to the fourth degree (R.O.H.), the sponser being Bro. Sam Morgan, K.O.M. Harmony was rendered by Bros. D.G. Evans, W. Sawday, J. Rees, D. Jones, B. Evans, and Rees Morgan. Refreshments were provided by Bro. T.J. Turner, and many lodges were represented. The arrangements were carried out by Bro S. Williams, K.O.M., secretary.

13 May 1950 Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Celebrating the 37th anniversary of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge of the R.A.O.B., 42 brethren sat down to supper prepared by Mrs. M.A. Davies. Conduct of the Lodge was handed over to Bro. Collins, who was assisted by Bro. J. Graham. An open evening followed, presided over by Bro. G. Williams. Several Brothers contributed to the harmony. Bro. J. Harding was the pianist.

24 June 1950 Bufs Honoured A presentation and concert took place at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday, when tow brothers of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge were presented with a smokers' outfit - a token of appreciation for their long and meritorious service. Brother Ben Evans, R.O.H., who has been an active brother for 37 years was presented with his gift by Bro. A. Coggan, C.P. Bro W. Lewis, R.O.H., who has served the Order for 34 years, and is at present lodge secretary, also received his gift from Bro. Coggan. Congratulatory speeches were made by Bro. J.J. Lewis, and a visiting brother, Bro. O. G. Williams.

25 May 1963 Fiftieth Anniversary The 50th Anniversary of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes was held on Saturday last. There were 23 brothers present for supper. The secretary of the lodge, Bro, Wm. Lewis, R.O.H., outlined the history since its commencement. Among those present were Bro. Benjamin Evans, R.O.H., who had served the lodge since its foundation; Bro. Albert Evans, a Trustee for 48 years; Bro. Wm. Lewis, secretary, 47 years; and Bro. Wm. Powell, treasurer for 14 years. Entertainment was provided by Bro. Weaver and Bro. Davies. The chairman was Bro. Goronwy Tyler.

2 November 1963 R.A.O.B. On Saturday, the Cwlwn-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge R.A.O.B. enrolled Rev. Evan Sedgemore as a member of the lodge. The initiation ceremony was conducted by Mr. William Lewis, R.O.H. The vicar was appointed chaplain of the lodge.

4 July 1964 R.A.O.B. At a recent meeting of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, Dilwyn Evans and Ivor Bradley were raised to the second degree by P.G.P. Sid Pritchard, and his officers. Among those present were the Chaplain, Bro. Evan Sedgemore, and the

Provincial Grand Secretary, T.J. Jones, R.O.H., of Nelson, both of whom addressed the Lodge.

1 August 1964 Presentation The Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth R.A.O.B. made a presentation recently at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, to two members who successfully passed their examination at Merthyr Provincial Lodge. Bro. Dilwyn Evans was presented with his C.P. jewel by Bro. Bert Evans, R.O.H., and Bro. Ivor Bradley was presented with his C.P. jewel by Bro. W. Lewis, R.O.H., C.Sec.