

### **“Merthyr Express” 1 January 1921**

Noddfa Chapel On Christmas Eve, a fine Christmas tree had been decorated and loaded with toys, etc. During the evening, the gifts were distributed to all the children present and an enjoyable time was spent.

St. Mary's Church Services were held at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day. They were well attended, the celebrant being Reverend Samuel Evans, the vicar. Mr. Angell conducted this singing and Mr. Richards presided at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. During the evening, an interesting paper was read by Brother H. Thomas, with Brothers Thomas Lewis, Samuel Lewis, Charles Payne, Thomas Walters, Sister Lewis, and Sister Walters commenting on it. A vote of sympathy was passed with Sister Jones on the recent loss of her father.

Funeral: Mr. Simon Jones, Rees-row, Pentwyn The funeral of the late Mr. Simon Jones took place on Wednesday last. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants in the place, where he will be sadly missed. The funeral, which was well attended, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. D. Jenkins Jones officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Henry and William Jones, sons; Frank Jenkins, Tom Jenkins, nephews.

Obituary: Mr. William White, Martin-street The funeral of the late Mr. William White, took place on Friday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was a very old and respected inhabitant of the village. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Samuel Evans, who also officiated at the Church and graveside. Mr. White leaves a widow to mourn his loss. The chief mourners were: Messrs. C. White, R. White, A. Gough, and S. Gough.

School Teas At Penybank School on Thursday, all the scholars sat down to a tea provided by Miss Jones, headmistress, and the staff, to which all did justice. In the afternoon, a Christmas Tree was prepared for them, and each child was presented with a gift from the tree. On Wednesday afternoon, the scholars of the Fochriw Infants' School were provided with the tea, which had been nicely got together by Miss Evans, headmistress, and staff. The little ones enjoyed themselves to their heart's content.

Christmas Tree At Noddfa on Wednesday last, a Christmas tree in connection with the Maternity and Child Welfare had been organised by Nurse Thomas and some friends. The tree was well laden with beautiful gifts for the children, close on 200 presents being distributed. The Welfare is well-organised in the place and is conducted in a very efficient manner. Among some of the untiring workers are Dr. J. Stenner Evans, Nurse Thomas, Nurse Rees, Mrs. Samuel Evans, Mrs. John Bevan, Mrs. I. Evans, Mrs. R Hughes, & Mrs. I. Williams.

Gymanfa Ganu A well attended Gymanfa Ganu was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day, when the members of the chapel and of Nazareth, joined together under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, to sing well selected hymns and anthems. The accompanists for the day were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Miss Enid Evans, Mr. Willie Angell - Davies, and Miss Hilda Phillips. The presidents were the Reverend Esaiiah Williams, Mr. John Jones and Mr. Evan Jones. The singing was of a very high standard.

Carmel Chapel On Christmas Day, under the conductorship of Mr. Evan Thomas, the well-known conductor of the Penywern Male Voice Party, the members of the Carmel Chapel held their annual singing festival, which was much enjoyed by the large number present. The morning service was opened by the reciting of a Psalm by Miss Mary L. Morgan, and the president for the morning was Mr. D. J. Thomas. The afternoon and evening services were opened by Miss Mary Thomas and Mr. Thomas H. Jones, while the presidents were the Reverend D. J. Jones and Mr. Moses Williams. There was a fine orchestra in attendance

under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. Aneurin Thomas and Miss Elsie Griffiths. The following also took part during the day: duet Miss Mary and Miss Jenny Shankland; violin duet, Miss Mary Morgan and Master Windsor Rees; solos, Miss Doris Davies and Miss Lydia Ballard.

**“Merthyr Express” 8 January 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. During the evening, a most edifying paper was read by Brother Walters entitled "Great Minds in Music." The following commented on the paper: Brothers Thomas Lewis, H. Thomas, Sam Lewis, Charles Payne, and David Thomas.

Noddfa Chapel A grand concert was held on Friday last, when the large audience were entertained to a fine musical treat by the renowned gleemen of Troedyrhiw and District, conducted by Mr. Herbert Llewellyn, and assisted by eminent artistes. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., made a very able chairman.

Carmel Vestry A grand social organised by the members of the Christian Endeavour of Carmel Chapel, took place last Thursday. The vestry had been gaily decorated by the members for the occasion. A large number sat down to the good things provided. After tea, a concert was held, presided over by the Rev. D. J. Jones, when a programme of music was contributed, including a musical quartet from the Fochriw Brass Band. The accompanist was Mr. Aneurin Thomas. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss Annie Maud Jones.

Football Fochriw entertained Cyfarthfa in a Welfare League match on Saturday last, and after a keen game, a draw - three goals each - was the result. We would just like to appeal to the rowdy element along the touchline to conduct themselves as sportsmen as there are so many young people present. They should be careful of the language they use, always remembering that the home team have to play away when they remain at home. Fochriw in the good old days was noted for its sporting qualities on the football field. Let the unsporting element take the hint.

Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday, organised by the Fochriw Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, in aid of the widows and orphans of soldiers that made the supreme sacrifice. Refreshments were provided by some of the members of St. Mary's Mothers' Union under Mrs. Samuel Evans. There were games and dancing. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded the vicar and Church people for their kindness in lending the hall and giving their services so freely. It was proposed by Mr. Thomas H. Jones and seconded by Mr. Kinsey Llewellyn. The M.C. scene for the evening was as Mr. T. Puddle, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano, and Master Francis Wilton on the violin. The duties of secretary were carried out by Mr. John Francis.

**“Merthyr Express” 15 January 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. During the evening, Sister Bronwen Davies entertained the members with her dramatic recitals. A vote of sympathy was passed with the Brother Charles Payne and Mrs. Payne on the death of her brother.

Obituary: Mr. Thomas Thomas, Pleasant-view The funeral of the late Mr. Thomas Thomas took place on Monday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased, who had been ailing for a short time, passed away on Thursday at the home of the son and daughter-in-law. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. J. Jones, assisted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Mr. David John Thomas, son; Master Aneurin Thomas, grandson; Messrs. Job and George Thomas, brothers; Messrs. Evan Davies, David Morgan, William Jones, John Jones, brothers-in-law; Mr. Harry Jennings, cousin; Messrs.

Evan Davies, John Morgan, William Edward Jones, John Evans, Thomas John Jones, Harry Weekes, Daniel M James, nephews.

Merthyr Hospital A meeting of the workmen in connection with the maintenance of the Merthyr General Hospital was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening. The chair was occupied by Mr. George Thomas, one of the governors of the Hospital. The chairman gave a brief outline of the object of the meeting, afterwards calling upon Mr. T. Powell, Bedlinog, a member of the executive board of the Hospital, to address the meeting. Mr. Powell gave a very lucid account of the work of the hospital, and said that for the last two years expenditure had exceeded receipts. A new extension was being erected to accommodate an additional 54 beds, (the present beds numbering 42, and this would greatly relieve the waiting list), thanks to the great generosity of Mr. Seymour Berry, who was defraying the cost of building. The furnishing of the same would have to be borne by the various classes of workmen and other organisations. Several questions were put and satisfactorily answered. On being put to a vote, it was unanimously decided to double the present contributions. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Powell and the chairman.

**“Merthyr Express” 22 January 1921**

Pits Idle Both pits were idle on Saturday and Monday last owing to a shortage of wagons.

Obituary We have to record the death of an old and respected inhabitant of the place in the person of Mr. William Lewis, Station-terrace, after a short illness. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. The evening was set apart for the juveniles to entertain, and right royally did they do it. Solos: Ceinwen Cole, Olive May Payne; recitations: M. C. Jones, E. Lawrence, Linda Robert, Olive May Payne; part song: E Lawrence and party; recitations: John G. Lewis, Stella Cole. Great credit is due to the noble workers in the Temperance cause.

**“Merthyr Express” 29 January 1921**

Alleged Burglary at Penybank: Merthyr Police Court At Merthyr Police Court on Friday, Thomas Morgan Davies and Thomas James, defended by Mr. W. J. Canton, were charged with burglary at Penybank Hotel, Penybank, on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and stealing from there money and spirits to the value of £28-11-0. Thomas Lloyd Roberts, the landlord, said that at 10:15p.m. he locked the premises and went to Troedrhifwuch; his father had died, and he went to his house. He was with a man called John Jones, and they passed the defendant Davies and another. Next morning he went to the hotel about 10.30a.m. and discovered the burglary. At once he went to the police station, and two officers accompanied him to the hotel. He made a search and missed from the bar £9-10-0 in Treasury notes, £13 in silver, one sovereign, one half-sovereign, one 5s. piece, one 4s piece, three quart bottles of rum and two bottles of whisky - total value £28-11-0. His wife was not in the house that night: the premises were left unguarded. They went away on account of the death of his father. There had been about a dozen customers in the house that night; it was a big house, but he did only a moderate trade. The money taken included £11 which he placed in the draw for change. From the upstairs, he missed a box containing three-penny pieces and old coins.

William M. Davies, haulier, Penybank, a cousin of Thomas Martin Davies, defendant, deposed that on the night in question they were together for some time after 10 o'clock. Defendant lived at Pentwyn, 800 yards from Penybank. Defendant accompanied him going towards his home. The defendant was intoxicated; witness was not. They met Thomas Lloyd Roberts and John Jones, and he wished Jones good night. Witness went home and went to bed. About one o'clock in the morning, someone knocked at his front door. He went to the window, and found it was his cousin, one of the defendants. He admitted him to the house. He had bottles in his pocket. Witness asked him what he had been doing. He replied, "Shut

up, I am well away; I've been up there in the hotel." He placed four bottles on the table, three of rum and one of whisky. He pulled out a fistful of small silver from one of his pockets and said "I had these, but there were no notes there, or I would have had them." He tried to persuade defendant to take them back to the hotel, but he refused to do so. Defendant remained in the house for about a quarter of an hour, and the witness then told him to clear and take the things with him. He went but left bottles and a fistful of three-penny bits. His wife put the property in the pantry, and later they were handed them to the Serjeant. Defendant was "three parts drunk."

P.S. Edwards said that at 12 noon on the Saturday, from information received, and with P.S. Clinch and Williams and Thomas Lloyd Roberts, he went to the hotel. He found footmarks as though someone had climbed over the wall and dropped on to the stone steps. The pantry window was broken, and it looked as though someone had entered the house that way. He found the house had been burgled as the landlord had described. He made inquiries, and with P. S. Williams he went to No. 10 Chapel Houses, Penybank, where William M. Davies lived. He found a bottle of rum and one of whisky, and 55 three penny pieces, and other money, including one foreign coin. They were all in the pantry on the stone, as stated by the witness. He went to the hotel, and found Thomas M. Davies in custody with P. S. Clinch. Defendant replied, "O well, I see I am in it. I was drunk. Thomas James was there with me, and we shared." He searched Davies and found £2-15-0 in him. He went to see James, told him what Davies had said, and arrested him. He said, "It's a lie; I wasn't near the hotel." He took James to face Davies. The latter said, "Give the money up; it would be easier for us." James said, "I only had 13s. 9d." They took the accused to Pontllynn Police Station. James said, "I want to make a clean breast of it. As he turned coward, so will I. I was drawn into it. There was not £9 there, and no paper money. I got £5 of it. It is in silver, and you will find it in the box in my bedroom window." He went to prisoner James's house at Penybank, and found in the box £4-6-6. On the 16<sup>th</sup> he charged the defendants. James replied, "I plead not guilty to breaking. The door was open when I got there. I've handed over all the money. I wasn't in the house when Tom Davies fetched me, and we went up together. He had been there before me. He brought two bottles of rum, and money to my house." Davies replied, "I don't think all that money was there. I handed over all the money I had. We went there together; me and Tom James." He found a bottle of rum in James's house under a washing board in the passage. £8-3-3½ was found on the defendants. The defendants were committed for trial. Mr. Canton applied for their release on bail. He said that James was an old soldier. He joined up in 1914, and served in France to 1917. His father lived in Dowlais, and would become surety. Davies was also respectably connected. Bail was allowed.

House For Sale - 41, Aelybryn, Fochriw: Apply Rev. R. W. Bell, Nazareth House, Llwynhendy, Llanelly.

Pits Idle Owing to the discovery of a defect in the shaft of the No. 2 winding engine, the majority of the men have been rendered idle until the new draft is put in. A large number of men are engaged, and every effort is made to get it ready as soon as possible.

Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last in connection with the St. Mary's Sunday school. The hall had been gaily decorated for the occasion and looked a pleasing spectacle. All the refreshments had been given and collected by the Church people. The tables were laid for about 200 children. Afterwards they played games etc. The Vicar, and Mr. W J. Payne, superintendent of the Sunday School, addressed the scholars. Miss Nan Prosser gave a solo. At the close, oranges etc were distributed to all scholars. Mr. O. Richards presided at the piano.

Sunday School Last Sunday afternoon, the scholars of St. Mary's Sunday School were awarded prizes for faithfulness and good attendance during 1920. The prizes were confined to the first second and third in each class. The school is in a very flourishing state. Mr.

Charles Payne addressed the scholars, giving a very lucid account of Sunday school work for 40 years at Pentwyn. He also exhibited a first prize book which he secured at Pentwyn Church 40 years ago. The vicar, and Mr. W. J. Payne, also spoke to the scholars. Afterwards they handed the scholars their prizes.

I.O.G.T. Under the auspices of the Independent Order of Good Templars, on Thursday evening last, at Carmel Chapel (kindly lent), a grand dramatic recital was given by Mrs. B. Ballard Davies to a large audience. The chairman was Mr. Charles Payne, who gave a very interesting account of the work of the Order during the last 18 years. All the artistes were faithful members of the Order. The programme was contributed to by Master Wyndham Lawrence, Miss Lydia Ballard, and Mrs. B. Ballard Davies. Brother William Jones proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the chapel for the use of the same, and all who had given their services. This was seconded by Brother Thomas Walters. The evening concluded with the singing on "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Miss Lydia Ballard leading.

Funeral: Mr. Willie Lewis, Station-terrace The funeral of the late Mr. William Lewis took place on Thursday last, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased was a well-known and highly respected person in the village and his presence will be sadly missed. The funeral was at Pant Cemetery. A short service was held at the house, the officiating ministers were the Rev. D. J. Jones, Congregational Chapel, of which deceased was a member, assisted by the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas, David and Samuel Lewis, brothers; Messrs. Gerald MacArthur, Howell Thomas, Daniel Jones, George Jones, brothers-in-law; Messrs. Daniel, Howell, Thomas, John, and Benjamin Jones, Enoch Lewis, MacArthur, Masters Enoch Lewis and John Gwyn Lewis, nephews; Messrs. John Evans and D Jenkins, cousins. Great sympathy extended to the widow, aged mother and relatives in their sad bereavement.

Sergt. Henry Williams, Fochriw: the following was the cameo in Monday's "South Wales News" Police Sergeant Henry Williams, of Fochriw, is not only an officer who has won the esteem of colleagues and citizens, but a man who cherishes a remarkable and, doubtless, a unique record of Christian service. For nearly 40 years he has served in the Glamorgan force, but his sterling work in the cause of the Master covers a span of approximately half a century. On taking up duties at Fochriw over 30 years ago, he found at the Baptist chapel at Penybank, an adjacent village, closed, with a debt of £800. Sergeant Williams set to work with heart and will to remove this burden, and through his zeal and energy the debt was wiped off, and the cause revived. For 20 years, with the assistance of his wife and son, he has kept a Sunday School for some 40 or 50 children at Penybank. His activities, however, have not been confined to Penybank. For over 30 years he has been a deacon of the Noddfa chapel, Fochriw, and the total sums collected by him towards the two causes amount to £3,000. In presenting him with an illuminated address as a little acknowledgement of his services, the East Glamorgan Baptist Association, with its membership of over 80,000, confers honour on itself.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 6 February 1921**

Football Fochriw entertained Penpedairheol in a league match on Saturday last, and gave an excellent account of themselves, winning by six goals to nil.

Carmel Chapel A gramophone recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening. Records of the famous Signor Caruso, the world's best tenor; Galli Curci, Italian soprano; Peter Dawson, Australian baritone; Clara Butt, contralto; Edna Thorton, English contralto; duets and solos by the other famous singers were played. Also, there were violin solos by Miss Elsie Southgate, Miss Edna Burrows, Mr. Latimer Evans, and Miss Doreen Weeks gave a recitation. The meeting was closed by a Welsh Male Voice Party who sang "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" on the gramophone. Mr. Robert Thomas, South Tunnel, manipulated the

gramophone in fine style. The Reverend D. J. Jones presided, and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed.

**“Merthyr Express” 12 February 1921**

Death We have to record the sad death of Mrs. Tom Powell, Aelybryn, on Friday last. Great sympathy is extended to the family.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The following took part: Sister B. Ballard Davies and Sister M. A. Lewis.

Lantern Lecture On Tuesday evening last at Noddfa Chapel Vestry, a very instructive lantern lecture was given to a large audience. A very striking series of pictures was shown, including the "Two Watchers." etc. Reverend Esaiiah Williams proved himself a very capable lecturer, whilst Mr. J. Evans manipulated the lantern in fine style.

Social A social evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening (Shrove Tuesday), when a large number were present. There were games and dancing, and refreshments provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. Ted Puddle was MC, with Mr. O. Richards at the piano.

Christian Endeavour At Trinity Baptist Church, a very enjoyable evening was spent on Wednesday by members connected with the Christian Endeavour. The pastor gave a very true warning to the members, intimating that at present times, it was vital for them to hold to that which was good. More items were rendered by Mrs. Price, Mrs. Rachel Phillips, H. Jones, and Miss Richard, the latter being an old inhabitant who had removed to London, but was now on holiday in the village. Councillor Jenkins presided in his inimitable manner.

**“Merthyr Express” 19 February 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During evening, a presentation was made to Brother and Sister Thomas on the occasion of their marriage. A very interesting programme was gone through, the following contributing: duet, Sisters B. & A. Ballard; solo, Sister Lydia Ballard; recitations, Brother Thomas Walters and Sister B. Davies; flute solo, Brother David Jones. Suitable verses were composed by Brother Samuel Lewis. A short address was also given by Brother Charles Payne.

Funeral: Mrs. T. Powell, Aelybryn The funeral of the late Mrs. T. Powell, wife of Mr. T. Powell, Aelybryn, took place on Wednesday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had not been well for a long time. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. D. J. Jones officiated, assisted by the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, and the Rev. R. D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Mr. Tom Powell, husband; Vivian Powell, son; Messrs. David Jones and Rees Jones, brothers; J. Puddle, T. Thomas, sons-in-law; William Powell, D. H. Thomas, E. Lewis, brothers-in-law; Cyril Lewis, Albert Lewis, W. Williams, Ernest Puddle.

**“Merthyr Express” 26 February 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. An interesting paper was read by Bro. Sam Lewis entitled "The School of Life." Bro. Thomas Lewis commented on the paper. Bro. Payne proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Bro. Thomas.

High-Class Concert The people of Fochriw are indebted to the members of the Nazareth Chapel for providing such a high class concert on Tuesday evening at Noddfa Chapel, kindly lent for the occasion. The evening had been eagerly looked forward to by all music lovers, and the chapel was well filled. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Jones, who proved a very able chairman, and opened the concert with some well-chosen remarks. The artistes were Madam Clee-Williams, Treharris, soprano; Miss Mary Dilys Jones, Penarth, contralto; Mr. Harry Lewis, Nelson, tenor; Mr. L. Powell Evans, Cardiff, bass; accompanist, Miss

Llywela Lewis, Hengoed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes etc. by the Rev. J. Williams, seconded by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins.

**“Merthyr Express” 5 March 1921**

St. David's Day at Fochriw: At the Schools Owing to the sad and fatal accident to one of the older scholars at the school, the original programme had to be modified to be in keeping with the death of the pupil. The evening concert was also postponed until next Monday. It was a sad occasion for the school, both for visitors and pupils. Mrs. Beynon Davies, chairman of the managers, Councillor Morgan Morgan, the vicar, and many local ladies were present. After an address by the headmaster, the scholars gave the rendering of "Yn iach i ti Gymru" and "Y Lili." The Reverend Samuel Evans then gave a very eloquent address, which was appreciated by all present. A few more choruses were sung, including "Can, Aderyn, Can," "Lili Dynner," and "Moliant y Plant." Mrs. Beynon Davies addressed the children on the late Sir Owem M. Edwards and gave a splendid account of his fight against all difficulties, of his love for Wales and all Welsh things. A framed photograph was unveiled, which was quite as impressive as the advice given: take encouragement from the life of a great man and overcome the difficulties that beset us. Councillor Morgan proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Davies, which was seconded by the Vicar. The pupils sang "Cadw Fi" and closed the celebrations with the Lord's Prayer. Much credit is due to the headmaster and teachers for the splendid way in which the children acquitted themselves.

Noddfa Chapel A lantern lecture was given at the above vestry on a Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The sets of slides were entitled "Pig and Pills," "Wet Paint," "Tell-tale Sister," "Agathos," "Christ and Children," "I only take a little Wine." The slides were supplied by City Sale and Exchange, London. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams lectured to the children on the contents of the slides. A very interesting and beneficial evening was spent.

On St. David's night, a social was held at Noddfa vestry. The proceeds were in aid of the sewing class conducted by the Sisters of the Church. Tea also served at 6.30. The tables were attended by the following sisters: Mrs. J. Williams and Miss Rachel Harris; Mrs. Jenkin Rug and Miss Maggie Davies; Miss Afonwy Price and Miss Enid Evans; Mrs. T. Matthews and Mrs. Esaiiah Williams. Assistance was also rendered by Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. Jane Mathews, Mrs. W. Price, Mrs. Tom Evans and Mr. David Thomas. After the tables were cleared, a concert was held and a number of games played. The proceeds were quite satisfactory.

Stop Trucks Both pits of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds were idle on Monday and Wednesday, also the greater part of last week, owing to the great depression in the coal trade.

St. Mary's Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Mary's Church at 8p.m. on St. David's Day, the celebrant being the Vicar. The special Lenten preacher for Thursday evening at 6:30p.m. and also for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30, is the Reverend Dr. Jenner, the Rector of the Llangasty, the well known missionary.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme for the evening was a musical one, the following contributing to the programme: Brothers Francis Wilton, Wyndham Lawrence, Sisters Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard.

Electric Light What all the inhabitants have been looking forward to for many years is a last almost an accomplished fact. Workmen are busy erecting poles and in installing the fixtures in various houses, so at last, we are to have what will be a real boon to the place - electric light. Just a word of praise to our present Councillor, Mr. Morgan, who has been untiring in his efforts to bring this about.

Gymanfa The members of Noddfa and Nazareth Chapel held a united singing festival at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday afternoon and evening last. The chapel was well filled, and the

singing reached a high standard. The conductor for the day was Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, who performed his duties very successfully. Mr. John Jones presided at the afternoon meeting, and Mr. Thomas Evans, senior, at the evening meeting. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Mr. W. A. Davies, and Master Wyndham Lawrence.

Football: Fochriw v Aberbargoed An interesting match was witnessed on Saturday last at Fochriw when the home team received a visit from Aberbargoed in a Glamorgan League fixture before a large crowd. Every praise is due to the Fochriw boys for the exceptionally fine game they played, especially the centre forward, Tom Jones, who scored five goals in great style. Aberbargoed, although defeated by 9 clear goals, were not disgraced, and played gamely to the end.

Abercynon v Fochriw On Monday, the team journey by charabanc to Abercynon to meet the home team in the Hospital Junior Shield and received a good reception from the large crowd present. Fochriw put up a very good show before their heavier opponents. Abercynon, playing a fine game, won by five goals to one.

St. Iltyd's Dowlais v Fochriw In the next round of the Howell Jones Cup, Fochriw will play St. Iltyd's, Dowlais, at Dowlais, when a great game is anticipated.

Motor Accident Quite a gloom was cast over the village on Monday last, when it became known that Morfydd Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, Brynteg, had been knocked down by a motor lorry and killed. It appears that at about 12 o'clock, as the children were leaving school for dinner, the motor lorry belonging to Messrs. Picton and Morris, Dowlais, was coming down the road very slowly, when about 100 yards or so below the school, on the bridge, the little girl was knocked down. The lorry was stopped immediately and the child was picked up and carried into the house of her grandmother, who lived close by. Despite every attention, she breathed her last a short time afterwards. Morfydd was 10 years old and a very bright and intelligent girl. Great sympathy is extended to the grief-stricken parents and family in their severe trial. Sergeant Williams, Dr. Stenner Evans, Mr. Isaacs (schoolmaster), the school nurse, and a host of willing helpers, were immediately on the scene, rendering all the assistance it was possible to give.

EASTER & EARLY SPRING FASHIONS - special displays in all departments. R. T. Jones, Merthyr.

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Meeting A special meeting of the Fochriw Mechanical Section of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain was held at the Lodge room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Tuesday evening, and was well attended, the chief speakers being Mr. W. Hopkins, agent, and Mr. S. O. Davies, B.A., miners' agent.

Obituary Great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Owen Morris and family, Ty Mawr, in their bereavement by the death of a young son. Also, Mr. and Mrs. S. Phillpot, Aelybryn, in the death of a young daughter. Both children were interred at Pentwyn Churchyard.

Noddfa Chapel A well attended lantern lecture was given at the vestry on Wednesday evening, when a number of interesting and instructive slides were shown, much to the delight of the large number present. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams presented slides and Mr. Joshua Evans manipulated the lantern.

Lenten Service A special Lenten service was held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday evening, the special preacher being the Rev. Dr. Jenner, Rector of Llangasty, who preached a very powerful sermon on the Prodigal Son. The Vicar intoned the service, and Mr. W. J. Payne read the lessons. Mr. Angell conducted singing, and Mr. Richards presided at the organ.

Death: Mrs. E. Puddle, Railway-terrace We have to record the death a Mrs. E. Puddle, wife of Mr. Ted Puddle, who passed away after a painful illness at the home of her parents at Sirhowy, where she had recently gone to try to improve her health. The funeral took place

on Saturday at Dukestown and was conducted by the Reverend Samuel Evans. Amongst the floral tributes was a cross from St. Mary's Church, of which the deceased was a member. Sympathy is extended to the young widower and family in their sad bereavement.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The following contributed to a fine programme: Brothers Sam Lewis and Henry Thomas, Sisters C. Jones, B. Ballard, B. Davies, Brothers David Thomas, Sam Lewis, Thomas Walters, Leyshon Rowlands, Sisters Bessie and C. Ballard, Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard, Brother Tom Lawrence, Sister Lydia Ballard. An enjoyable evening terminated with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

St. David's Day at Penybank A Children's Concert in celebration of St. David's Day was given by Penybank School at the Baptist Chapel on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, when the vicar presided. Items in which the children took part were greatly appreciated by the parents, particularly those given by the young children - "Hen Fenyw Fach Cydweli," Pegi Ban," "Doli Fach," and "Cwmni o Fechgyn." Songs, recitations, dialogues, and plays were given by various pupils. Miss G. Jones, headmistress, wore her Welsh costume. Great praise is due to the headmistress and staff for the excellent programme given.

Concert A grand concert in celebration of St. David's Day, which was postponed under painful circumstances last week, was held by the scholars of the Fochriw Mixed School at St. Mary's Hall. The building was well filled, and the chair occupied by the vicar, who opened the proceedings with a very able address. An excellent programme had been prepared by Mr. Isaacs, headmaster and staff. The conducting of the singing was carried out by Mr. Tom Jones, whilst Miss H. Evans was at the piano. An interesting programme was carried through in fine style. The last chorus, "Cadw Fi," was sung with much feeling in memory of the departed pupil, Morfydd Jones. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman, staff, etc., and all who had worked to get the concert to such a success, by the Rev. D. J. Jones, and seconded by Mr. Isaac.

Funeral: Miss Morfydd Jones, Brynteg, aged 10 The funeral took place last week of Miss Morfydd Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jones, who was accidentally killed on her way home from the school, being knocked down by a motor lorry. It was one of the largest funerals seen in the village. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. D. J. Jones, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow on all sides. The coffin was headed by the headmaster, Mr. Isaacs, the teachers and scholars of Standards IV, V, and VI, each carrying a bunch of flowers, which they reverently dropped into the grave. At the graveside, the Reverend D. J. Jones again officiated, assisted by the Reverend Gilbert Williams, vicar of Pontlottyn. The chief mourners were: Mr. Walters Jones, father; Richard and Lewis Jones, brothers; Mr. Richard Davis, grand father; Messrs. D. L. Jones, Evan Jones, Thomas Evans, W. J. Angel, W. W. Jones, J. M. Evans, uncles; Lewis Evans, Owen Evans, John L. Jones, Roderick Jones, Henry Evans, T. J. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, J. H. Evans, L. Evans, W. Angel, L. H. Angell, J. E. Edwards, cousins. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family in their sad and sudden bereavement.

Fochriw Tragedy: A Death Trap Mr. R. J. Rhys conducted an inquiry at Fochriw into the circumstances of the death of Morfydd Jones, daughter of Walter Jones, who died as a result of injuries received whilst returning from school. Walter Jones, father, gave evidence of identification, and said his daughter was active and in the best of health. She was 10 years of age. On the day of the fatality, he was called from work, but his daughter was dead when he reached home. Mary Thomas and Mary Morgan, playmates of the deceased, said they were playing "touch" on the way from school. They did not hear the horn of the car. Percy Edwards said he was standing on the platform of the Fochriw station and saw the car coming down the Pontlottyn road. It was coming down very slowly and he could hear the horn.

Hugh Jones, the driver, said that he was a driver of three years experience. He was driving from Pontlottyn down the hill, with the engine free. The children were coming out of school and he saw the girl falling in front of the wheel of the car without anyone touching her. He pulled up within his own length. P. S. Williams also said the car was going slowly. The coroner remarked upon the dangerous turn in the bridge, which was only 15 feet wide, and then passed a verdict of "Accidental Death," and exonerated the driver from blame.

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Noddfa Chapel On Sunday and Monday last, meetings were held at the above Chapel. The preacher was the Rev. H. Ellis, Dowlais, who preached very powerful sermons to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother Thomas Walters presided. During the evening, a miscellaneous programme was presented, all brothers and sisters taking part.

Football: Fochriw v Dowlais Fochriw entertained Dowlais in a Welfare League match for boys under 21 years on Thursday last, before a fair crowd. Fochriw opened in promising style and seemed the probable winners until the second half, when they fell to pieces with the exception of a few players. Dowlais were winners by four goals to two. A finer, smarter lot of young men one could not wish to find than the Fochriw boys, but if they want to win matches, they must train hard and keep themselves in condition. It is in their own hands to make football a spectacle fit for people to watch.

Fochriw Schoolboys entertained Pantywaun on Thursday last and won by four goals to two.

District Council Election A well attended meeting was held at the other Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening, in support of the candidature of Mr. D. J. Thomas, the Labour candidate (of the Trades and Labour Council), who is contesting a seat for the Fochriw Ward of the Gellygaer Council. The chief speakers were Miss Hettie Jones, Bargoed, and Councillor Sam Jennings, Dowlais, who were well received and gave fine addresses. Mr. Thomas, the candidate, also addressed the meeting and was given a good reception.

**“Merthyr Express” 26 March 1921**

Palm Sunday Palm Sunday was observed at St. Mary's by a celebration of Holy Communion at eight o'clock, and a service, with distribution of palms, at 11 o'clock. At 2:30p.m. there was a service at St. Andrews. The services were conducted by the vicar. Flowers were laid on the graves of the departed.

Lent The special Lenten preacher on Wednesday evening at St. Mary's was the Rev. David Davies, vicar of Bedlinog, who delivered a very inspiring sermon. The service was sung by the Vicar, with Mr. Richards at the organ, and Mr. Angel conducting the singing.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Two papers were read by Brother David Thomas, "The Uncertainties of Life" and "Trust the Pilot." The following commented thereon: Brothers Charles Payne, H. Thomas, Thomas Lewis, David Jones and Samuel Lewis. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Thomas.

Feeding the School Children A meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Monday to discuss the question of the feeding of school children during the depression of trade. Mr. Rees Thomas, chairman, introduced Mr. Isaac, headmaster of Fochriw Infants, and Miss Jones, headmistress of Penybank School. Mr. Isaac addressed the meeting. He said he had been instructed by the education authorities to find out whether there were any needy cases at Fochriw, with the object of putting the Act into force. He admitted it was a very difficult thing to get children to say whether they had come to school without food or not, hence he thought it wise to present the facts to a meeting of workmen. Miss Jones then spoke on the question. She said she knew in her school at Penybank, there was a need for feeding the

children, and she had already, with her staff, taken the initiative, and had fed between 80 and 90 children, and would do the same again. A subscription list was started, but those funds were not intact yet. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the deputation on the motion of Mr. W. J. Payne.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 2 April 1921**

Housing A meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Wednesday evening last, when an excellent address was given by Mr. W. T. Lloyd, Bargoed, on "How to Build Houses on the Labour Policy." Mr. Lloyd dealt very minutely with the subject, and impressed his hearers very much. Mr. D. J. Thomas, the Labour candidate for the forthcoming Council election, also addressed the meeting.

Football Fochriw entertained Penybryn on Saturday in a Glamorgan League match, and one of the pleasantest games played for some time was witnessed, ending in a draw one goal each.

On Friday, Fochriw played Troedrihwfuch away, and a very fast game was seen. One of the features of the game was the stylish exhibition given by Willie A. Jones of Fochriw. The game ended in a 1-all draw.

Easter Day This was celebrated at St. Mary's Church with Holy Communion at 6, 7, and 11 a.m., and was very well attended, a record number of communicants being present. The Vicar officiated. There was a children's service at 3 p.m., addressed by Mr. W. J. Payne, Sunday school superintendent. There was a service at 6:00 p.m., the vicar preaching. Mr. Angell conducted singing, and Mr. Richards was at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. After the ordinary business, a pleasant entertainment was given by Brother Thomas Walters, Chief Templar. In addition to pianoforte and vocal solos, he recited sketches from "Ni'n Dau" (Glynfab), and "Labour" (Carlyle). Two members from the Hope of Merthyr Lodge were present. Bro. Walters was thanked for his excellent programme.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 April 1921**

Strike Items The coal strike is going on very quietly in the village. Every thing is peaceable. During the past week, the workmen have been busily engaged on their respective allotments in readiness for the season. Others are busy searching for coal in the colliery tips, which are once again the scene of much activity. Also a lot of football is being played.

Football Fochriw v St Illtyd's, Dowlais; Fochriw v Nelson Fochriw met St. Illtyd's, Dowlais, on Wednesday. The match attracted a deal of interest, the visitors bringing a large crowd of followers. Fochriw, who were by far the better team, won by five goals to one. On Friday, Nelson were the visitors, and found Fochriw on top of their form. Although there was a high wind blowing, there was some pretty football witnessed. Fochriw won by seven goals to one.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The Merthyr Lodge was present. The programme for the evening was as "A Night with Poets." Sister Ballard took up Wordsworth, and Sister Lewis, Walter Scott. Mr. Jenkins gave a solo.

Gellygaer District Council Great excitement prevailed at Fochriw when it became known that the Labour candidate, Mr. D. J. Thomas, had been victorious at the election. Large crowds of his supporters waited for his return until midnight. When he came, he was given a right royal reception. The car conveying him and a few of his supporters, was stopped and instantly surrounded, and cries for a speech rent the air. After handshaking, and when peace had been restored, the newly elected councillor addressed the large crowd, and thanked all who had worked so hard to return him to the top of the poll. He hoped he would be able to

return the confidence which they had placed in him. The figures of the poll were: Mr. D. J. Thomas, 542; Mr. W. J. Giles, 378; Mr. Evan Hopkins Jones, 97.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter vestry meeting at St. Mary's was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, the vicar presiding. The Vicar opened with prayer, and expressed delight at seeing such a large number present. Mr. W. J. Payne then presented the statement of accounts, which he said was a record one. An up-to-date heating apparatus had been installed, meeting a long felt want. The organ had been removed from the Lady Chapel and rebuilt in the organ chamber. Several other improvements had also been carried out entailing much expense. Nonetheless, there was a very substantial balance on the right side, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Samuel Evans and her faithful band of workers in the Mother's Guild. The sale of work had realised about a £156, and the parochial fund had also been well supported. Total receipts for the year had reached £668-7-6, which showed the Church to be in a very flourishing condition. The number of Easter communicants was a record. The accounts were adopted, and the vicar said that such a satisfactory state should fill them all with confidence for the future. He then thanked all the officers of the Church, individually and by name, for their efforts in the past year, and in particular the Churchwardens, Mr. W. J. Payne at St. Mary's, and Councillor John Edwards at St. Peter's, Deri. He said that they were holding their meeting under the shadow of a dark cloud in the industrial world. Let us pray that it would soon be bright again. Mr. W. J. Payne was unanimously re-elected People's Warden, and the Vicar of re-elected Councillor John Edwards as Vicar's Warden. The following were elected sidesman: Mr. Charles Payne, Mr. F. Baldwin, Mr. J. Morris, Mr. H. Edgar, Mr. E. Lewis, Mr. Owen Morris, Mr. W. Wilton, Mr. R. Evans, Mr. C. Hollister, Mr. W. J. Curtis, Mr. W. Sibley, Mr. W. Hughes; choirmaster, Mr B. Angell; organist, Mr. O. Richards, superintendent Sunday School, Mr. W. J. Payne; Parochial Church Council: Messrs. B. Angell, C. Payne, H. Edgar, J. Morris, W. Hughes, T. Baldwin, C. Hollister, W. J. Curtis. A vote at thanks to the vicar concluded a very pleasant vestry meeting.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 30 April 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During the evening, Tredegar Lodge entertained. A most edifying paper was read by Brother Idris Jones, B.A. The following commented on the paper: Brothers Parson, Sam Lewis, Payne, Jones, Sister B. Davies. Sister Parson also gave a solo. The paper read during the evening was entitled "The History of a Nation." Brother Jones dealt with the Roman Empire.

Mass Meeting On Thursday last, a mass meeting of the members of the South Wales Miners' Federation, was held at the Co-operative Rooms, presided over by the Mr. A. Jones, in the unavoidable absence of the miners' agent, Mr. S. O. Davies, B.A.. Mr. W. J. Payne, the delegate to the Cardiff conference, gave an account in detail of every item that had been dealt with. In his concluding remarks, he said he was delighted with the peaceable way they had conducted themselves during the crisis, and he hoped it would continue to the end. His advice was: Keep peaceable and don't interfere with any persons on the road during the present crisis. Keep away from the colliery premises and do no rash act that would bring discredit on the Federation. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker for his excellent report. Mr. Walter Jones, the delegate of the Caerphilly Divisional Labour Party, then gave a very able report on the doings of that body, which was well received, and for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Distress The Feeding of the School Children Act has not yet been put into force owing to no-one applying for the forms necessary to fill up. This speaks well of Fochriw. A strong committee has been formed to meet distress in any form, with the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, chairman, Rev. Samuel Evans, vice-chairman, Mr. George Thomas, secretary, the Rev. D.

J. Jones, treasurer. Their duties up to the present have been confined to relieving children under five years, and mothers, when necessity arises. This fund is augmented weekly by the good people of the village, who are fortunate enough to be working. A willing band of ladies make a tour of the district and inquire if there are any necessitous cases in each house, to which relief is then given. At a meeting in the Co-operative Rooms on Monday of the members of the S.W.M.F., to deal with the sum of money from the Central Fund, it was unanimously decided, instead of sharing it amongst the members, that it should be handed to the Local Distress Fund.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 7 May 1921**

Cricket A very interesting cricket match was played at Fochriw on Wednesday between a side of old players and new players. The old players won by 30 runs.

Obituary We have to record the death, after a trying illness, of Mrs. Howel Thomas, widow of the late Mr. Howel Thomas, Station-terrace, which took place on Thursday evening.

Distress The local distress fund is still very active in carrying out its duties in relieving distress among the young children. Thanks to the committee and officials, the work is proceeding satisfactorily.

Scholastic The many friends of Mr. Idris Jones, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Central Stores, will be pleased to hear of his recent appointment to Caerphilly Secondary School. He took up his duties on Friday last.

Band Parade On Sunday evening last, the members of the Fochriw Brass Band held a band Parade, playing en route to St. Mary's Church, under the conductorship of Mr. Coombes. At the Church, a service was conducted, the Band blending beautifully with the organ in the playing of hymns. The Vicar preached very edifying sermons. The organist was Mr. Richards.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During the evening, members of the Juvenile Lodge entertained, the following contributing: Sisters Megan Morris, Linda Robert, Olive May Payne, Nellie Morris, Muriel Jones, Dennis Jones, Annie Ballard, Ceinwen Cole, Chrislie Sibley, May Cook, Eiluned Lawrence, Jack Sims, Beryl Ballard. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mass Meeting A largely attended meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Wednesday afternoon presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, addressed the meeting, giving a very able report on the present crisis, and dealing very minutely with the negotiations in London. He also dealt with the question of communal kitchens which they intended opening in Dowlais. Several questions were asked and satisfactorily answered. At the close, a resolution was unanimously carried confirming the action of the delegate.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 May 1921**

Band The Fochriw Brass Band gave open air concert on Thursday evening under the conductorship of Bandmaster G. Coombes. A fine selection of music was played and much appreciated, and there was dancing on the green.

Football Fochriw wound up the season on Friday last by playing Troedrhifwuch in a league game at home, before a very large crowd. The game, which was strenuously contested, ended in a goalless draw.

Distress Fund A meeting of the above took place at Noddfa vestry on Tuesday, presided over by the Reverend Esaiiah Williams. It was announced that £40 had been handed to the fund from the South Wales Miners' Federation, for which they were extremely grateful. The Fund in the past was kept to relieve mothers and children under five years of age. It was now decided to relieve children over that age as long as the finance would allow.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The officers for the coming quarter were installed, most of them having been re-elected. Sister Ballard Davies was appointed Chief Templar for the coming quarter. During the evening there was a miscellaneous concert, the following contributing: Sister Ballard, Brother Lloyd Richards, Brothers Gettins, Owens, Jones, and Sister Ballard Davies.

The Late Mrs. Howel Thomas The funeral of Mrs. Howel Thomas, Station-terrace, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. There was a large attendance. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. J. Jones, Rhys Jenkins, and Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William, Jenkins, Howel, and Thomas Thomas, sons; Mr. Thomas Walters, son-in-law; Messrs. Howel, Willie, Glyn, David, Henry Howel, Howel James, David Glyndwr, Thomas Francis, James J. Lewis, Robert Parry, David Uzzell, David Saunders, grandchildren; Mr. Rees Price, cousin.

Concert A well attended concert wound up a very successful year in connection with the Young People's Christian Endeavour Society. The chairman was the Reverend D. Jenkins Jones. Programme: overture, Mr. James Thomas; recitations, Miss Edna Burrows, Miss Doreen Weeks, Miss Eurona Lewis, Mr. Latimer Evans, Mr. Edmund Davies; solos, Miss Lydia Ballard, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Maggie Lewis, Mr. John Morgan; duets, Miss Edna M. Angell and Miss Eiluned Lawrence; Misses Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard; pianoforte solos, Gwladys Shanblac, Miss Annie Ballard and Miss Bessie Ballard; violin solos, Miss Mary Morgan, Master Windsor Rees. The report of the session's work was written by the secretary of the Guild, Miss Annie Maud Jones, and read by the chairman. The session commenced on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1920, and the meetings were held at Carmel vestry every Wednesday evening at 7:45p.m. There were over 70 members.

Communal Kitchens A well-attended meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Friday last to further consider the question of opening communal kitchens in the village. The meeting was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The chairman stated that up to the present, the people of Fochriw had refused to open a soup kitchen or put into operation the Act of feeding school children, which spoke well of their generosity in such strenuous times. But he hoped the moment kitchens were required, they would be started, for it was their bounden duty to see that the children should not suffer. With regard to Communal Kitchens, he said that a sum of money had arrived from of the South Wales Miners' Federation, and more would follow in due course to relieve distress in their midst. Several persons spoke on the matter, some paying a very high compliment to our local shopkeepers who kept their doors open for the supply of groceries all through the crisis, and while this continued they did not see the need of kitchens. It was a big sacrifice on the part of the grocers, and they were to be admired. A resolution was moved, "that for the present we do not open kitchens," which was carried. It was also resolved that the £40 from the Federation be handed to the Local Distress Fund, with the suggestion that the scope of relief should be extended if possible.

The General Hospital A public meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday evening of workmen-subscribers to the Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Tom Jenkins was voted to the chair. Mr. F. W. Danks, Dowlais, a member of the Executive Board of the Hospital, dwelt at length with the work accomplished during in the last year. The position of executive member called for a considerable amount of sacrifice of time, and various committees were meeting from time to time to deal with the numerous phases of the administration of the Institution. The record of attendances showed that the representatives of the workmen were very attentive indeed to their duties. He said it was very gratifying to know, in the face of the great increase in cost of administration, that the workmen's contributions last year amounted to £3,641-19-0, out of the total income of £5,973-1-1. Mr. Banks pointed out the material benefit to the working men of the district by the erection of

the new wing, which is now in course of building, and which would probably be ready for the reception of patients within a few weeks time. He paid Mr. Seymour Berry the compliment of being in an almost unique position - making money in Merthyr, and spending it there. Such being the case, it was possible for the Merthyr General Hospital to extend its usefulness in Merthyr. Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydarren, another executive member, pointed out that the workmen's representatives have been the cause of increasing the expenditure of the institution in some directions, and he was proud of the fact. He instanced the increase in the salary of the nursing staff, which he maintained was amply justified on the ground of the inadequate salaries paid in the past, and that at all times, their one desire was that the patients should have the best treatment and comfort possible. Both speakers then dealt generally with the efficiency of the hospital in all respects, and gave detailed accounts of the number of cases admitted, and of the number of operations performed, and the gratifyingly low rate of mortality, which reflected considerable credit on the excellent medical staff. The speakers paid a very high compliment to Mr. George Thomas, Plantation-street, Fochriw, their governor, whose term of office had expired. He had served them faithfully for the last six years, and in all his dealings he had been sincere. Mr. William Jones also spoke. Mr. George Thomas was unanimously elected a member of the Executive Board. Mr. W. J. Payne was unanimously elected a governor. Votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 May 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister Ballard Davies presided. The programme for the evening was "Question Night," all members taking part.

St. Mary's Church Services were held at St. Mary's on Whitsuntide and were well attended. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated at 7 & 11 a.m. by the Vicar. A children's service was held at 3p.m., and evensong and sermon at 6p.m., the vicar preaching.

Funeral The funeral of a noted figure in the life of Fochriw was laid to rest on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard in the person of Mr. Thomas Jones ("Tommy Dean"), son of Mr. John Jones, Martin-street. The deceased was known to everybody in the village, and his smiling face will be sadly missed. The cortege was met at the station by a large crowd of sympathisers on its arrival from Penydarren, where he had lived for the last few years.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 28 May 1921**

Exciting Carnival at Fochriw On Thursday last, a very attractive carnival took place under the auspices of the Relief Committee, and was favoured with excellent weather. A large procession was marshalled in the Co-operative Yard. It was composed of representatives, different characters, etc, and paraded the streets headed by the Deri Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell. There was also a comic band under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Davies, and the the Troedrhiwfuwch Jazz Band. The streets en route were lined with huge crowds of spectators and there was a fine display of bunting. Some of the various make-ups were really laughable. Leading the procession were Police Sergeant Williams, Counsellors Morgan Morgan and D. J. Thomas, and the Reverend Esaiiah Williams. They were followed by: the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under Superintendent W. J. Ballard; the Fire Brigade, under the command of Lieutenant W. J. Payne; members of both Football teams in full playing order, and looking eager for the fray; the Jazz Band bringing up the rear.

After the parade, the crowd marched up to the football field to see the much talked of football match, playing as they were for the "Lock-out Cup." Hard training had been put in the day before. There were present several well-known playing managers eager to sign on some of the players. The referee was that well-known sport, Mr. Watkin Williams, who had been busy plotting the war paint on both teams. The linesmen were Messrs. Richard Davis and William Ballard.

The Wolves, captained by Mr. E. Lewis, were the first to leave the dressing room, in full war paint and flying colours. When they reached the playing arena the cheers were deafening. Following closely behind, and looking as fit as fiddles, with their Stars and Stripes flying, were the Spurs, under their captain Mr. John Thomas. Mrs. John Bevan kicked off.

The first part of the game was more or less devoted to Soccer, and a feature was the fine combination between Rees Thomas, Tom Thomas and David Lewis, but all their efforts came to nothing. George Jones, late of Aberaeron, was able to deal with all their shots turning the ball over bar in all directions. He successfully stopped two penalties, one from Bill Gittoes (late Arsenal) being a terrific shot. The Wolves then got going. Captain E. Lewis placed the ball nicely, and set Dan Bach and John Rees off at lightning speed. Ultimately a great shot from John Rees was punched out by Gittoes.

On resuming, Mrs. Hill kicked off. The Spurs got going now in style. James Davies and Tom Jenkins gave evidence that they are still possessed football qualities. Davies, with a fast grounder, scored, deceiving the goalie, who appealed for offside, but the referee was adamant. This dispute brought P. C. Benny Thomas on the scene, who threatened to lock up both goalie and referee.

The whistle then blew for lemons, and Nurse Thomas kicked off this time. Job Thomas, George Shankland and Bill Davies followed up in rare style. The Wolves were penalised for hands in the penalty area. Gittoes was entrusted with the kick. The force of the kick drove both goalie and ball through the net. The whistle was again sounded for lemons. Mrs. Rosser then kicked off, and George Shankland, going alone, beating man after man, scored a beautiful goal. David Lewis was knocked out. The Ambulance Squad were marched up and, after examination he was carried off, the referee protesting. The Wolves, although a beaten side, were playing desperately. Captain Lewis tried to rally his men, and Evan Jones, E. Chaffey, David Harris, and Daniel Jenkins made repeated efforts to score without success. W. E. Jones and David Griffiths now came up in style, but Jones was as safe as houses. Job Thomas then scored the last goal, the Spurs winning by four goals to nil, amid scenes of wild enthusiasm. Dr. T. Stenner Evans presented the cup to the winning captain in a neat speech. The captain responded and was afterwards carried shoulder high to the dressing room. The money taken was handed to the Distress Fund.

Building Land It will be interesting news to the people of Fochriw to know that the Board of Agriculture has granted an enclosure order for thirteen and a half acres of land for building purposes near the new schools at Fochriw. Great praise is due to Councillor Morgan Morgan for the part he has played in bringing this about.

Success The friends of Miss Stella Cole, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Upland Stores, will be pleased to know that she been successful in gaining an entrance scholarship into Hengoed County School; also Master Willie Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, Aelybryn, into Pengam County School. Both are pupils at the Fochriw Council School.

Band The members of the Fochriw Brass Band went on a week's playing tour last week around Brecon and Builth and had a very pleasant holiday. Their playing was admired all along the road, and they received kindness at every place they went to. They returned home looking in the best of condition, after a very enjoyable time. The conductor during the tour was Mr. Albert Mantle.

Communal Kitchen This has been started in the Ambulance Hall under the supervision of the Local Distress Committee, at which two meals a day are provided to families in distress owing to the coal crisis. A kitchen has also been opened at Penybank under the same committee to cater for Pentwyn and Penybank. Large numbers take advantage of these meals. A word of praise is due to the willing band of workers.

Meeting A meeting off the Enginemen's Branch of the South Wales Miners' Federation was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Friday last, presided over by Mr. W. Williams, when several important matters were under discussion. Mr. W. J. Payne, the delegate, gave a brief word on the situation in the coalfield, which he was pleased to say, so far as the spirit of the men was concerned, was very peaceable. A resolution was unanimously carried to send a letter of congratulation to one of their former members, the Reverend J. C. Payne, on his recent admission to Holy Orders.

Social A very pleasant social evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last, when the Church people of St. Mary's, including children, spent an enjoyable evening. Tea was provided by the members, and afterwards games were played. Thanks are due to Mrs. Evans and her faithful band of Mothers' Union and Girls Guild, who attended to the children. Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the piano. During the coal crisis, the vicar and the male members of the Church have been very active preparing and painting in and around the Church. A very early visit of the Lord Bishop of Llandaff is anticipated to complete Fochriw and Deri into a separate parish, for which the consent of the Diocesan Conference was given last November.

Success The numerous friends of the Reverend J. C. Payne will be very pleased to hear that he successfully passed his final examination for the priesthood of the Church in Wales, and was ordained at Llandaff Cathedral on Trinity Sunday by the Lord Bishop. Reverend Payne, until a few years ago, worked as an engine driver at the Fochriw Colliery, devoting his spare time to Church work in the parish. For 14 years he laboured tirelessly as a voluntary lay preacher, having sole charge of St. Andrews, Pentwyn, for five years, where his earnest labours were crowned with success. Having a keen desire to become a priest, he gave up his work at the colliery, which meant a great financial sacrifice, to try and attain his ambition. It is the wish of all his friends that he be spared for many years to carry on the noble work.

Sports On Friday afternoon, a fine programme of sports was held to on the football field, under the auspices of the Distress Fund. The Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell, played a selection of music, and the strong committee carried out the arrangements. The chairman was Mr. Tom Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. Rees Thomas; treasurer, Mr. John Rees; secretary, Mr. James John Lewis. The results were: 1<sup>st</sup> race - 1. Phyllis Davies, 2. Bethune Gregory, 3. Rita Cole; 2<sup>nd</sup> race - 1. Vernon Davies, 2. Tom Jenkins, 3. Graham Wootton; 3<sup>rd</sup> race - 1. Tudor Davies, 2. Myrddin Evans, 3. Rufus Dummett; 4<sup>th</sup> race - 1. Irvona Thomas, 2. Edith Wilton, 3. Rosie Williams; 5<sup>th</sup> race - 1. Emrys Davies, 2. Gomer Davies; 6<sup>th</sup> race - 1. Lena Rees, 2. Olwen Davies; 7<sup>th</sup> race - 1. Bedford Edwards, 2. Richard Jones; 8<sup>th</sup> race - 1. Doreen Weeks, 2. May Angell; 9<sup>th</sup> race - 1. Evan W. Jones, 2. William Thomas; 10<sup>th</sup> race - 1. Sarah Gwen Price, 2. Muriel Jones and Ethel Baldwin. Skipping - 1. May Davies, 2. May Cook; Three-legged race boys - 1. Bryn Davies & Elfed Lewis; girls - Phoebe Cole & Gwenda Thomas; Blind Man's Buff - 1. Iorwerth Evans, 2. Richard Jones; Married Ladies - 1. Mrs. Willie Williams, 2. Mrs. Percy Edwards, 3. Mrs. Tom Jones; Tug-of-War men - Mr. William Gittoes' team; ladies - Mrs. Mordecai Williams' team; young men - Mr. Anthony Morris' team. The tit-bit was the race for men over 16 stone in weight, which was won in exciting fashion by Mr. Benny Jones, with Mr. George Jones second, and Mr. Wm. Gittoes third.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 4 June 1921**

Sports On Friday afternoon at Penybank, under the auspices of their Distress Committee, a fine programme of sports was carried out for children. Some very exciting and laughable events were witnessed.

South Wales Miners' Federation A well-attended meeting was held at the Co-operative Room on Wednesday evening, when the Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, presented the new

proposals submitted by the Prime Minister for a settlement of the present dispute. He dealt very minutely with every clause, after which several questions were put to the agent. It was unanimously decided to reject the terms.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The chief templar Sister Ballard Davies presided. After the usual routine business, the members listened very attentively to a very able paper by Brother Henry Thomas entitled "Smoking and its evil effect." Brothers Charles Payne, David Jones, Thomas Lewis, Sam Lewis and Leyshon Rowlands spoke. A hearty vote of thanks brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Mass Meeting A crowded meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Friday afternoon. Mr. W. J. Payne was voted to the chair. The chairman briefly outlined the object of the meeting before calling upon Mr. S. O. Davies, to address it. Mr. Davies gave an address on the position in general throughout the coalfield, and also touched on other matters of interest.

Relief Workers The local Relief Committee held its weekly meeting at Noddfa vestry on Monday afternoon, the Reverend Esaiah Williams presiding. The secretary and treasurer reported on the state of the funds that had been received from various sources. This was very satisfactory. Additional subscriptions had been thankfully received. Several new names had been put on the list to receive aid. The communal kitchen at the Ambulance Hall is working very smoothly, several ladies and gentlemen attending to the needs of the children in a business like manner.

Concert On Saturday evening, a grand concert was given at the Baptist Chapel, Penybank, in aid of the local Distress Fund. The chapel was well filled. The chair was taken by Miss Jones, headmistress of Penybank School. The artistes were really excellent, encores being the order of the evening. Mr. W. Deri Bowen, who is home on a visit, gave his services for the occasion. The following were the artistes: baritone, Mr. Clifford Davies, Deri; soprano, Mrs. H. C. Davies, Fochriw; baritone, Mr. W. Deri Bowen; tenor, Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw; musical quartet, Messrs. Albert Mantle, Bob Rees, Tom Rees, Ben Shankland. Accompanist, Mr. Bowen, Deri. After the usual votes of thanks, the evening concluded with the singing of " Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Mrs. H. C. Davies taking the solo.

Carnival On Thursday last, another very successful Carnival in connection with the Local Distress Fund was held. The procession was formed up at the Co-operative Yard. The costumes were exceedingly good. The Jazz Band from Pontlottyn evoked a great deal of interest and merriment. The procession was headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. The band was followed by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Fire Brigade, the members of the Deri Gymnastic Team with their instructor, Mr. Henry Hufton, and members of the ladies' football teams. The streets were thickly lined with spectators, and all were thoroughly pleased with the display. After the parade, the crowd made its way to the football field to witness the eagerly anticipated match between Fochriw and Pentwyn Ladies. Both teams were played on to the field by the Band, and were urged on to victory by their hundreds of supporters. Fochriw were captained by Mrs. Chaffey, the team looking very smart in their blue jerseys. Pentwyn were captained by Miss Blodwen Williams, the team looking particularly attractive in their scarlet jerseys. First, P. S. Kinsley Llewellyn and P. S. Tom Jenkins cleared the playing area with their dangerous-looking clubs. Mr. H. Roberts, the referee, in female attire, called the rival captains to toss for choice of ends. Dr. J. Stenner Evans kicked off in the first half, and Councillor Morgan Morgan the second. Despite heroic efforts, and end-to-end football, the game ended in a pointless draw. The Fochriw team were as follows: Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Mrs. James John Lewis, Mrs. Percy Edwards, Mrs. Rees Thomas, Mrs. E. Chaffey, Miss Mattie Jones, Miss Rachel Gregory, Mrs. Fred Wright, Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. Lucy Jones, and Miss Rachel Price. The

Pentwyn team was: Miss B. Williams, Miss Sarah Evans, Miss Alice Mills, Mrs. Tom Rowlands, Mrs. Albert Wright, Mrs. H. A. Williams, Miss E. A. Davies, Miss May Williams, Mrs. Pullen, Miss Polly Jones, Miss Gladys Mills. Trainers: Fochriw – Messrs. W. Gittoes and George Jones; Pentwyn – Messrs. W. Williams and J. Williams. After the match the Deri Gymnastic Team gave a sparkling exhibition for an hour, which delighted the large crowd, bringing round after round of applause. The proceeds were handed to the Distress Fund.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1921**

Preaching Services Carmel Congregational Chapel held their annual services on Sunday and Monday last, and good congregations were present. Very powerful sermons were preached by Rev. I. George, Tredegar. Mr. Walters was the organist, and Mr. David Davies conducted singing.

Cricket Fochriw entertained Bedlinog on Tuesday last in ideal weather, and a very pleasant game was witnessed. Fochriw were winners by 34 runs. On Wednesday, Fochriw entertained of the Blue Birds, and great excitement was witnessed. The merit of the two teams was the chief topic of the day. A great fight was put up by the Blue Birds, who knocked up a nice score of 72 runs, but Fochriw just managed to beat them with their last wicket.

Distress Fund The Local Distress Fund met at Noddfa Vestry on Friday last, presided over by the Rev. Samuel Evans. Several important matters were considered, Mr. George Thomas, secretary giving a review of the situation. Rev. D. J. Jones, treasurer gave the financial position, which was very satisfactory. New cases were added to the aid list. It must be said that the officials and committee have done all in their power to carry on this deserving Fund. Subscriptions are thankfully received.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The chief templar presided. The evening was set apart for papers by Brother L. Rowlands, who read an extract from "Self Help" by Samuel Smiles, and a paper by Brother C. J. Lawrence, entitled "The Sheltering Rock." Brother William Jones, Deri, gave a few interesting words on the papers, as did several other members, including some friends from Gilfach.

Drama The Pontlottyn Dramatic Society gave a wonderful performance of the play "Change" at St. Mary's Hall on Wednesday evening in aid of the Local Distress Fund. The hall was crowded, the chairman for the evening being the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. Votes of thanks were accorded the company for helping the noble cause.

Concert A very successful concert was given in Penybank Chapel on Wednesday evening, June 1<sup>st</sup>, by the members of Carmel Young People's Guild, assisted by a few friends, the chair being taken by Miss Jones of Penybank School. The seating capacity of the chapel was severely taxed, and the following programme was received with much applause: overture, Mr. J. A. Thomas; pianoforte solos, Miss Gwladys Shankland and Miss A. M. Sims; violin selections, Miss Mary Morgan and Master Windsor Rees; recitations, Mr. Latimer Evans; dialogue, Miss Rona Lewis and Miss C. Shankland; solo, "The Sweetest Fairy" - Miss Doris Davies; "Fishes and Wishes" - Miss Agnes Cook; "Darlun fy Mam" - Miss Lydia Ballard; "There is a Land" - Miss M. Lewis. Mr. J. Thomas ably accompanied. A short drama entitled "Yr Hen Scwlin" was performed by members of the Guild, directed by Mr. Tommy Jones. The evening ended in with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," Miss M. Lewis taking the solo.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 18 June 1921**

Miners' Meeting A well-attended open air meeting was held at Fochriw on Tuesday evening last, presided over by Mr. R. Thomas, when Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, addressed the meeting. He submitted a statement of the latest offer, which is to be balloted

upon, dealing very minutely with all the clauses. Several questions were put and satisfactorily answered.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister Ballard Davies presided. The following will read papers: Sister D. Jones, Brynteg, and Sister S. Lewis. The following commented on the papers: Brothers Thomas Lewis, W. Jones, and Charles Payne.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 25 June 1921**

Cricket: Bargoed v Fochriw This Rhymney Valley League game resulted in a victory for Fochriw. Bargoed scored 36, and Fochriw were 43 for 7 when stumps were drawn. C. Thomas took six wickets for Fochriw, and D. Jones was their top-scorer with 17.

Football Fochriw Ladies' Football team entertained Pontlloftyn on Thursday afternoon. The teams were well matched. The final score was Pontlloftyn 2, Fochriw 1.

Cricket Fochriw entertained Pontlloftyn on Thursday last, in glorious weather and before a good crowd. A very keen game was witnessed, Fochriw winning by one run: Fochriw 50, Pontlloftyn 49.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Bro. Thomas Lewis presided. Brother Charles Payne reported having opened a new Lodge at Deri. The programme for the evening was "A Welsh Night." The following took part: readings, Bro. William Jones, Deri, Bro. Leyshon Rowlands; address, Bro. J. Phillips, Deri; readings, Brothers Sam Lewis and Thomas Lewis, Sister Bessie Ballard. The lodge closed with the singing of the well-known Welsh hymn "Mae'r Iachawdwriaeth fel y Mor."

Concert An open air concert was given on Monday evening last by members of the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Coombes. The station yard had been put at the disposal of the concert party, thanks to the kindness of Mr. Lewis, station master. Councillor M. Morgan kindly lent the piano. There was a large crowd present. The chairman was Mr. Charles Payne. The following was the programme: Brass Band; Three Duds; Mrs. Matthews; Mr. Coombes; Mr. Fred Richards; Mr. H. Thomas; Mr. Haydn Hughes. The proceeds were for the Local Distress Fund. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all who took part.

Distress The local Distress Committee met at Noddfa Vestry on Monday afternoon, the Reverend Isaiah Williams in the chair. The secretary gave his weekly report. The contributions which are so kindly given week after week by the people of Fochriw, and also the generous support from kind friends outside the village, make it possible to give a large amount of relief throughout the village. A word of thanks is due to the lady collectors who go week by week to look for needy cases and also solicit donations to the fund. The communal kitchens at Fochriw and Penybank are also in a very healthy state. One good meal is provided every day for children under 14 years of age. A different menu is served every day. A willing staff of helpers attend to the wants of the children each day. Some of the local committee men go up to Penybank every day, and attend, with other helpers, to the needs there. The whole arrangements are carried out in a very systematic manner.

Gellygaer Council Meeting On the motion of Mr. D. A. Hann, it was resolved that the new transformer stations at Fochriw be of concrete.

Conveyance It was decided that a convenience be engaged to convey Dr. Gilmore Cox and Nurse Rees from Fochriw to the Deri clinic.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1921**

Stealing Planks Nathaniel Arnold of Fochriw was summoned for stealing five planks, value £2-5-0, the property of the Guest Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd. Sergeant Williams said that the defendant admitted the theft saying that he wanted the build a shed at the back of the house.

"I have nothing else to do during the strike and I wanted to make a foul cot." Defendant was fined £2 or 31 days imprisonment.

Secondary School Master Enoch Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis; Master Ben Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morgan Davies; and Master Clifford Phillpot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phillpot, have been successful in passing in the examinations for entrance into Bargoed Secondary School. They are all pupils of Fochriw Council Schools.

St. Mary's Church On Sunday last a special form of service was held, when special prayers were offered by the Vicar, the congregation joining very earnestly, for peace in the industrial world and in Ireland, as well as throughout the world. The whole service was very devotional. Mr. Payne read the lessons, Mr. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. Richards was at the organ.

Cricket Fochriw entertained Cwmsyfiog at Fochriw on a very fine wicket. The home team were in fine trim, scoring 124 runs. Dan Jones, the home captain, was not out for 68. The visitors were dismissed for a small score - 7 runs, the bowling of Crad Thomas being unplayable. He captured 8 wickets for 2 runs, and Evan Jones, 2 wickets for 5 runs. The Fochriw team is chiefly composed of young players this season, and many have the making of good cricketers if properly trained.

Bible Students' Association At St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening, Mr. E. M. Richards delivered a very stirring lecture on the subject "The World has Ended: Millions Now Living Will Never Die." Mr. Richards kept his audience very interested throughout, basing all his arguments on prophecy and words spoken by Jesus Christ. Several hymns were sung with much fervour, the Speaker closing with prayer. On Wednesday evening, the subject was "What of our Dead?"

Concert A well-attended concert was held at Penybank Baptist Chapel on Thursday evening in aid of the Distress Fund. The chair was very ably filled by Councillor David John Thomas. The entertainment was first class, the artistes bringing forth round after round of applause. The following took part: Madame H. C. Davies, Fochriw; Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw; Mr. Theophilus Shankland, Fochriw; accompanist, Masters Aneurin Thomas, Fochriw.

Distress Committee The committee met at Noddfa Vestry on Monday afternoon, Rev. Eisaiah Williams presiding. Both the Children's Fund and also the Canteen Fund were in a very flourishing position. During the past week at Penybank and Fochriw canteens, close on 2,000 good meals have been served. Although it entails an enormous amount of work on some persons, it is done willingly. Children's cases were also considered, and reports from collectors, and other matters in connection with the Fund, were discussed.

Football Although rather warm for a football match, the Fochriw Ladies entertained Deri on Monday afternoon. The visitors were winners by one goal to nil. The proceeds were for the Distress Fund.

Success Miss Gladys Lewis, Brynteg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis, station master, has been appointed, from a long list of applicants, for the post of staff nurse at Pontypridd Cottage Hospital. Before this appointment, Miss Lewis held the positions of staff nurse and theatre sister at Hertford County Hospital.

### **"Merthyr Express" 9 July 1921**

Mass Meeting A very well attended open-air meeting was held on Friday to hear the delegates report to the Cardiff Conference. Mr. Rees Thomas was elected to preside. Mr. W. J. Payne, the delegate, gave a very lucid report of the conference. He said that he went there with an open mind, to find out from the National Executive members, the reason for the recent new developments. There had been some very straight talking from a number of delegates, but he was going to admit that under the present circumstances it would be very unwise to prolong the struggle. The report was unanimously accepted by the meeting. Mr.

William Hopkins, agent, then addressed the meeting and dealt at great length with the crisis. He was followed by Mr. S. O. Davies, agent, who dealt in detail with the situation in the light of what had taken place quite recently, leading up to the present situation. Questions were asked and satisfactorily answered. Votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Cricket Fochriw entertained Twynnyrodyn on Saturday last and again played good cricket, winning with five wickets to fall.

Work Resumed Work was resumed at the Fochriw Collieries on Monday last, but owing to the large accumulation of water, and falls, only a very small percentage of the men were able to resume. It is feared some time will elapse before all are able to restart.

Tea Party The annual Sunday school tea party in connection with Carmel Chapel took place on Monday last in glorious weather. An excellent tea had been prepared, after which there were sports, old and young joining in.

Scholastic The numerous friends of Mr. Thomas John Jones, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, will be pleased to hear of his recent appointment to the post of Master of History at Queen's College, Taunton. Mr. Jones is one of the six children, all of whom are in the scholastic profession. Another brother, Mr. Howell Jones, B. A. is pursuing his studies at Oxford.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. After the usual business had been transacted, the members listened to a very interesting paper by Brother Thomas Lewis entitled "The Star of Fochriw and My Personal Experience." The paper was brimful of interest and was very favourably commented on by other members.

St. Mary's Church About 30 members of the St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union had a very pleasant day at Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday for the festival. The branch, under Mrs. Samuel Evans, is in a very flourishing condition, and their services in connection with Church work are very marked. On Tuesday afternoon next, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese will hold a consecration service at St. Mary's to which a hearty invitation is extended to all.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 16 July 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sisters Ballard, Brothers Rowlands, S. Lewis, T. Lewis, Owen, and Richards.

Concert A very interesting concert was held at Penybank Chapel on Thursday last by the scholars of the Fochriw Council School, under the conductorship of Mr. T. J. Jones, Fochriw School. Selections were given of all the National airs by the scholars. Pianoforte and violin solos were also given, together with solos and duets. Dialogues were most effectively given by parties of boys and girls. Mr. Edward Lewis, Fochriw, presided.

Consecration Tuesday was a red-letter day in history of Church work at Fochriw, the occasion being the visit of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to consecrate the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Excellent preparations had been made for the visit. The Church was well filled long before the service commenced. His Lordship, accompanied by his Registrar, was met at Bargoed Station and driven by motor-car, (generously loaned by Mr. Tudor Davies), to Fochriw. There he was entertained at the Vicarage, after which he was driven to the School House. The procession looked very striking. The procession was preceded by the Rev. Luther Evans, vicar of Blackwood, carrying the Pastoral Staff, followed by the Registrar, the Rev. Samuel Evans, (who will be inducted as first vicar of the new parish on July 30<sup>th</sup>), Rev. Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney, Rev. J. C. Payne, (who will shortly take up duties as curate in the new parish), the Rev. W. Brazell, Pontlottyn, the Churchwardens – Mr. W. J. Payne and Councillor John Edwards, and the surpliced choir. At the entrance to the Church, the petition of consecration was handed to the Bishop by the vicar of Pontlottyn, who afterwards directed the Registrar to read the same, after which the Bishop, clergy, and

Churchwardens, proceeded towards the holy table. His Lordship then proceeded to the font, the chancel step, etc. After prayers by the Bishop, the consecration was read by the Registrar and signed by the Bishop. There followed a shortened form of evening prayer led by the Reverend Samuel Evans, the choir singing Psalms 84. The sermon was preached by the Bishop who chose his text from Genesis xxviii, 16 & 17, and gave a very inspiring address. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with both choirs - Fochriw and Deri - being well represented. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ. After the service, Bishop, clergy and visitors were entertained to an excellent spread at the Church Hall. This was prepared by members of the Mothers' Union and Girls' Guild. Children were entertained on the green to a tea. The Church people wish to thank all who worked so hard to make the Bishop's visit the success it was.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 23 July 1921**

Cricket Fochriw entertained Rhymney in a league match on Monday last, before a good crowd, and under ideal weather conditions. Both teams played very good cricket. Dan Jones, the home skipper, again compiled a useful score of 38 runs. Fochriw were winners by 101 runs to 66.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Charles Payne gave a report of the District Lodge held at Gilfach. The programme for the evening was as "Spelling Bee." Sister Bessie Ballard was responsible. Sister Ballard Davies closed the Lodge with a recitation.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 30 July 1921**

St. Mary's The pulpit at St. Mary's Church was occupied on Sunday last by the Rev. W. J. Brown of Blackburn, who preached a very edifying sermon.

Conference Reports A mass meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening, presided over by Mr. Rees Thomas, to receive the report of the Cardiff conference. It was given by the delegate, Mr. Tom Rees, in a very able manner, and accepted

Success The numerous friends of the following will be glad to hear of their recent success at the examination held at Cardiff of the London College of Music. Each of the candidates passed with honours: Intermediate Section - pianoforte playing - Phoebe Cole and Annie Mary Beth; Elementary Section - pianoforte playing - Jane Jones Seaborne; violin - Mary L. Morgan. They were the pupils of Councillor David John Thomas.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. Brother Charles Payne reported on his visit to the Merthyr District Lodge at Bedlinog on Saturday last. The programme for the evening included a reading by a Brother Thomas Lewis. Sister Davies recited "The Heart of a Child."

#### **“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The subject for discussion was "Legends and Superstitions." The following took part: Brothers Sam Lewis, D. Jones, T. Lewis, C. Payne, Sisters B. Ballard and C. Ballard.

Obituary: Mrs. M. A. Richards, Glen-view, Pentwyn It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mrs. M. A. Richards, wife of Mr. John Richards, 7, Glen-view, we passed away on Friday last after a long and painful illness. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house, after which to cortege wended its way to Pentwyn. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Richards, husband; Mr. William Ballard, father; Messrs. W. J., T., S., C., and A. Ballard, brothers; E. Cumpstone, brother-in-law; W. and H. Ballard, I. N., B., and A. Cumpstone, Elwyn and G. Davies, nephews; W. James, T. Sayce, uncles; Watkin James, T. Powell, W. Harding, W. J.

Williams, M. Williams, cousins. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. J. Jones and J. C. Payne.

Personal: Rev. J. C. Payne, the new curate of Deri The large circle of friends of the Rev. J. C. Payne are very pleased to find him amongst them once more taking up duties in the newly-formed parish of Fochriw and Deri. He commenced his duties this week. His labours amongst us in the past need no recommendation as they are well-known. Six years ago, he gave up his duties as an underground engine driver at the Fochriw Colliery, to take up a position as licensed lay reader with Canon Lewis at Ystrad, working at the same time to become a priest of the Church in Wales. He was ordained by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff on Trinity Sunday last at Llandaff Cathedral. During the time he was in charge of St. Mark's, his ministry has been marked with wonderful success. His Church was crowded Sunday after Sunday, and other branches of Church work were equally successful. He preached his farewell sermon at St. Marks on Sunday evening last, and such a scene of devotion will never be forgotten. Before accepting the curacy of Deri, he was offered several very important positions. We wish him and his family a very happy and prosperous time in their important work.

Induction On Saturday evening, at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. Canon Jones, Gellygaer, inducted the Rev. Samuel Evans, as the first the vicar of the parish of Fochriw and Deri. His appointment had been made by the Board of Patronage, and proved very popular. Previously, Rev. Evans had held curacies at Penarth, Cogan, and Studley (Warwickshire), and had also served in the Great War, where he was badly gassed, but from which he is now almost recovered. During his short time at Fochriw, with the aid of his good wife, and willing band of Church people, several improvements have been carried out at St. Mary's. The service was very impressive, and was conducted by Canon Jones, who delivered a very stirring address. He exhorted the people to pray for the new vicar, whose responsibilities were great and his task difficult. After the congregation had left the Church, and the door had been locked, a solemn service was conducted outside. Then the new vicar unlocked the door and tolled the bell. The service concluded with the singing of "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow." Mr. Richards presided at the organ, Mr. Angell conducted singing, and Mr. W. J. Payne read the lessons.

Dr. J. Stenner Evans The numerous friends have of Dr. Evans were delighted to find his name as one of the ten successful candidates at a recent examination for the Diploma in Public Health, granted by the University of Wales. Since coming to Fochriw three years ago, he has worked untiringly for the good of the inhabitants. Although the area is a large and scattered one, Dr. Evans spares himself nothing to meet the numerous calls that come both day and night. That he may achieve further success is the wish of his many friends.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 13 August 1921**

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. Morris, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn after a painful illness. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Biblical Questions," all members taking part.

Cricket Quite a large crowd gathered on cricket ground to see the old rivals play on Tuesday afternoon. Fochriw scored 61 all out, and Pontlottyn 62 for seven wickets.

The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes The members of the Cwlwm 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.

**“Merthyr Express” 20 August 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The subject for the evening was "Town or Country Life," and some very interesting addresses were given. The chair was taken by Brother Thomas Lewis.

Parliamentary Election Great excitement prevails at Fochriw in anticipation of the coming election. The candidates and their supporters are holding meetings, at which large numbers attend. Each of the parties receives a good hearing, and several questions are asked and answered.

Funeral: Mrs. E. Morris, 5, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn The funeral of the late Mrs. Morris took place on Saturday last amidst manifestations of sorrow. A service was held at the houses conducted by the Rev. Rhys Jenkins and Rev. D. J. Jones, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Graig Rhymney Cemetery, where the interment took place. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Morris, husband; Mrs. R. Davis, Rhymney, sister; Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Thomas, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Jones, son-in-law and daughter; Mr. John Morgan, Pentwyn, son-in-law; Messrs. E. J. Thomas, Benjamin Thomas, M. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davies, brother-in-law and sister).

**“Merthyr Express” 27 August 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. After the usual business, the members were entertained to a musical treat by the Bedlinog Lodge. An enjoyable evening was brought to a close by Sister Ballard Davies giving two recitations in her own sweet style. A hearty invitation is extended to all to join the order.

**“Merthyr Express” 3 September 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was supplied by members of the Gwalia Lodge, Troedrhiwfuwch. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the visitors on the motion of Brother Charles Payne, seconded by Brother Thomas Lewis .

Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P. at Fochriw On Monday evening last, the Church Hall was crowded, when Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., paid a visit to thank the people for returning him so magnificently as their Member of Parliament. Accompanying him was his mother, who came in for a fine reception. The chair was occupied by Councillor D. J. Thomas, who gave a very able opening address. He said they were all delighted at such a victory, and he hoped that someday, the M.P. would be reversed to P.M. Mr. Jones was deeply moved at the reception given him, and thanked all those who had worked visibly as well as those who had worked less visibly. Whether people had voted against him, he was still their friend, and he would seek to do all in his power for the best interests of all in the constituency. Coalitionists, as well as Labourites, and all sections of the community - he hoped they would look upon him as their representative, irrespective of party. He gave particular thanks to his mother. Mrs. David Jones, in a neat little speech, presented Mrs. Jones with a handsome bouquet as a mark of esteem. Mrs. Jones feelingly responded in Welsh. The singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," brought the meeting to a close.

**“Merthyr Express” 10 September 1921**

Noddfa The annual Sunday school tea in connection with the chapel was held on Monday last. Ideal weather favoured the event. The wants of the little ones were looked after by the older members of the chapel. After tea games were played.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother D. Phillips presided. The programme for the evening was "A Visit to the Castles of Glamorgan," Sisters M. A. Lewis and B. Ballard taking part.

Football Fochriw opened the season in promising style on Friday last, when they entertained Aberfan in a league match before a fairly large crowd. Fochriw were the better team throughout winning 4 - 0. Pentwyn Football Team played their first home match of the season on Saturday last on the new ground, the visitors being Aberbargoed. The home team put up a good fight, but were beaten 3 - 0.

Nazareth Chapel The annual Sunday school treat in connection with the above Chapel was held on Monday last. The weather was beautiful. They all did justice to the good things which had been prepared for them by the adults. During the evening, a presentation meeting was held, when Miss Annie M. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Central Stores, who is leaving to pursue her studies in the scholastic perfection at the Home and Colonial Training College, London, was presented with a beautiful work basket by the members of the chapel, where she has been faithful member. Master Cyril Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Evans, Guest-street, was also presented with a set of brushes in a case on his leaving for the R.A.F. School at Stratford, Lincolnshire. The presentations were made by Mrs. Budd.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 17 September 1921**

Tea Party The annual tea party in connection with St. Mary's Church Sunday school took place on Monday afternoon in a very favourable weather. The scholars assembled at the Church Hall in large numbers, when the vicar offered prayer and gave a short address. The children sat down to an excellent tea, after which there were sports at Pentwyn. Thanks are due to all who contributed to the success of the day.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 24 September 1921**

First Show of Autumn Fashions and New Goods commencing Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> - R. T. Jones, Market Square, Merthyr.

Noddfa Chapel Special services were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the Rev. D. T. Samuel, preached very edifying sermons to the large congregations present. Mr. Thomas Evans conducted singing, with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the year evening was: "A favourite poem: its history and a short biography of its author." Brother Sam Lewis and Sisters M. A. Lewis, B. Ballard and C. Ballard took part.

Football Fochriw journey to Aberfan on Monday last by charabanc, for a league match. The game ended in a one all draw. Pentwyn also journeyed by charabanc to Aberfan, this time on Friday, but were beaten 4 - 2 in a hard contested game.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 1 October 1921**

Harvest Festival Services at Fochriw Harvest Festival Services took place as follows: St. David's, Pantywaun - Thursday, Holy Communion, 11a.m.; Evensong at 6.30p.m., preacher, Rev J. C. Payne. On Sunday, the preacher was Mr. W. J. Payne. St. Mary the Virgin: Sunday - Holy Communion at 8a.m.; cantata, 11a.m.; solemn evensong, sermon and procession at 6p.m. The Vicar was the preacher throughout. Monday - Holy Communion at 8a.m.; evensong at 6p.m., the Rev. T. Thomas, vicar of Bargoed, preaching. Wednesday - Holy Communion at 8a.m.; evensong at 7p.m., the Rev. Henry James, vicar of New Tredegar, preaching. St. Andrew's Pentwyn: Tuesday - Holy Communion at 11a.m.; evensong and sermon at 6p.m., the Rev. J. C. Payne, curate, preaching. The offertories at all the services were for the parochial quota.

Carmel Chapel Last Sunday, the chapel held its opening services of the new pipe organ recently installed. A festival of song was decided upon, the conductor being Mr. Evan Thomas, Pantywern. The morning service was presided over by Mr. Daniel Davies, the

afternoon by Mr. E. M. Davies, and the evening misses by Mr. W. Moses Williams, all three being deacons of the Church. A striking feature of the evening service was the part taken by Mrs. Davies of Swansea, sister of our late Dr. Eleazer Davies, who opened the services by reading a portion of scripture and leading in prayer. The singing was most beautiful and the new organ was played by Mr. Tom Walters, the church organist.

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 Pontllytyn, two from Troedfhiwfwch, 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.

### **“Merthyr Express” 8 October 1921**

Flag Day Tomorrow is the Flag Day in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Give as much as you can.

Spiritualists A religious service was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Dowlais Spiritualist Church and was well attended. An address on clairvoyance was given by Mr. Spencer of Glasgow.

Football Fochriw entertained Bedlinog in a league match on Friday last and rose to the top of their form. Some of the home players gave an excellent display. Albion Jones at back showed some of the old Hotspur touches which made the team so famous. Another player who caught the eye was Cyril Cook. The final score was Fochriw 8, Bedlinog 1. T. H. Jones scored four goals.

Pentwyn were at home to Cadoxton, Barry, on Saturday, in a 1<sup>st</sup> Glamorgan League match. Although beaten 2 - 1, they gave a good account of themselves. On Monday, they played Rhymney in a league encounter, and were winners 3 - 2.

Presentation On Thursday evening at the Mount Pleasant Inn, a presentation meeting was held to bid God-speed to Mr. Thomas Lewis Griffiths and family, who is leaving for the USA. The event was organised by his friends of the Mechanical section, of which he is an engine driver, to show their appreciation of the high esteem in which he is held amongst them. The chair was occupied by Mr. Tom Sims, M.E., who spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Griffith's character. The presentation was made by the Rev. J. C. Payne, an old engine driver before going in for Holy Orders. A musical programme accompanied the presentation. The duties of secretary were carried out by Mr. Harry Hughes, with Mr. David Harris as treasurer.

### **“Merthyr Express” 15 October 1921**

Women's Meeting A very well attended women's meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday last. A very able address was given by Mrs. Andrews.

Flag Day Flag-Day in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital was observed at Fochriw on Saturday. The arrangements were carefully prepared by Mrs. John Bevan and Nurse Thomas. They were assisted by a willing band of lady sellers. A sum of over £10 was realised.

Football Fochriw away at Tir-y-berth, Pengam, and although the field was very difficult to play on, Fochriw scored four goals. The outstanding player on the field was Ernie Prosser. Fochriw Under 19 team were home to Tredegar Shamrocks and they were also successful. They have the makings of a good team if they keep to their proper positions on the field. Pentwyn were at home to Abervan and a very pleasant game was witnessed, the visitors winning 2 - 1.

### **“Merthyr Express” 22 October 1921**

Football Fochriw boys under 16, entertained Deri boys, on the home pitch, on Saturday, and gave a good display of football, winning 6 - 1. Noah Way scored three goals for Fochriw.

Rate Payers Association A branch of the above has been formed at Fochriw. The meeting was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening, when addresses were given by several of the members of the Association from Pontlottyn.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Antiquarian Remains in Glamorgan."

St. Mary's On Sunday last, the pulpit at St. Mary's was occupied by the Rev. Luther Evans, vicar of Blackwood, who preached very edifying sermons. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Richards was at the organ, and the singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell.

### **“Merthyr Express” 29 October 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a paper entitled "Glamorgan," given by Mr. Idris Jones, B.A. A most interesting evening was spent.

Welfare A committee meeting in connection with the Welfare Distress Fund was held at Noddfa vestry on Monday evening, the Rev. Esaiiah Williams presiding. The subject was to discuss a small surplus of money left in hand. The fund, which had done noble work during the strike, was the means of relieving a great deal of distress in the village and surrounding district. A statement of accounts was read. It was decided that the surplus money be sent to Merthyr General Hospital.

Football A well attended general meeting of the members and supporters of the Hotspurs Football team was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Monday evening last. Mr. W. H. Davies occupied the chair and gave a very encouraging opening speech on the success of the team this season. They occupy the top position in the league table, so far with an unbeaten record, and with very bright prospects of maintaining that happy position. Mr. Jones, president of the team, was also present, and gave an able address and some very sane advice to the players. He also handed them a cheque to swell the funds of the team. A word of praise is due to the energetic secretary, Mr. Thomas Howel Jones, for his efforts on behalf of the club, both as secretary and player.

On Saturday last, the Hotspurs entertained Nelson in a league encounter, and a fine match was witnessed. Fochriw were winners by two goals to nil.

### **“Merthyr Express” 5 November 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis read a most interesting paper entitled "Freedom."

Nazareth Chapel The yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday. The services were well-attended, and much appreciated. The Rev. B. Jones, Ammanford, preached very edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and Mr. Willie Angell Davies was at the organ.

Football A battle royal was witnessed at Fochriw on Saturday, the visitors being Hengoed, who are second in the league table, with Fochriw on top. The visitors brought a crowd of spectators with them, who soon made their presence felt on the field, especially when some of the decisions of the referee were not suitable. The game on Saturday was brought to an end before time owing to darkness setting in. The score was Hengoed 3, Fochriw 2. At a league meeting on Tuesday evening, it was decided that the match should be replayed.

St. Mary's: Proposed Roll of Honour and Memorial On Monday evening, the Eve of All Saints, a well-attended service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the vicar, who preached an appropriate sermon. The choir gave a fine rendering of Sir John Stainer's anthem, "What are these that are arrayed in White Robes?" Mr. Berkley Angell conducted,

and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ. Services were continued on Tuesday, All Saints Day, with the celebration of Holy Communion at 11:00a.m., and an evening service at 6:00p.m., the Rev. David Davies, vicar of Bedlinog, preaching a very powerful sermon. The offertories throughout the service will be devoted to a proposed Roll of Honour and Memorial to be placed in St. Mary's Church, in memory of the fallen of the village during the war. Services were also continued on Wednesday, All Souls Day, with a celebration at 8a.m., and evensong at 6p.m.

**“Merthyr Express” 12 November 1921**

Poppy Day Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, will be observed in the village as Poppy Day, when the sellers will be busy disposing of poppies. It is hoped that everyone will respond when approached in honour of the brave boys who sacrificed so much for us.

Football Fochriw entertained Hengoed in the Under 16s League on Saturday, and some very fine football was witnessed. Fochriw were by far the better side and won by seven goals to nil. The scorers were Aneurin Thomas (3), Johnny Roberts (3) and Noah Way (1).

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was provided by Brother Charles Payne will gave a very lucid account of the Grand Lodge meeting which he recently attended.

**“Merthyr Express” 19 November 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a paper entitled "Why I should be a Total Abstainer ." A prize of 2s. 6d. was awarded Brother Trevor Lawrence for his paper. Brother Tom Phillips presided.

Poppy Day This was celebrated at Fochriw on Friday last, and proved a decided success thanks to the organising ability of Mrs. John Bevan and her noble band of lady helpers. The sum of £14 10s. was realised. After the sale of poppies, the sellers were entertained to an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Bevan. Armistice Day was observed at St. Mary Church with a celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00a.m. The solemn silence was also observed at 11 o'clock in memory of the noble heroes who made the supreme sacrifice.

Obituary: Mrs. Ada Seaborne, Mount Pleasant-row, Pentwyn We have to record the sad death of Mrs. A. Seaborne, wife of Mr. H. C. Seaborne, who passed away after a very painful illness on Thursday morning. The funeral, which took place on Monday last, was well attended. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. J. C. Payne, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. A service was held at St. Andrew's Church conducted by the Vicar, who again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. H. C. Seaborne, husband; Miss Jane Seaborne, daughter; Mr. Philip Seaborne, son; Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. Tom Jones, Miss M. Jones, Miss Jane Jones, Willie Jones, George Jones, nephews; Mr. and Mrs. J. Seaborne, brother-in-law and sister-in-law. There were floral tributes from the Mothers' Union and the R.A.O.B.

Football The Welfare team visited Pentwyn on Wednesday last. After a poor game, Fochriw were winners by the only goal of the match. The Hotspurs visited Hengoed Athletic on Saturday last in a Glamorgan League, Division 2, encounter. Both teams were undefeated up to Saturday. At half-time Fochriw were two goals ahead, and in the second half, they added a third. No one could mistake the visitors superiority, and they fully deserved their victory. Praise is due to Gomer Williams for his brilliant kicking powers on Saturday.

The four teams which comprised the Fochriw Club at all going strongly in their respective divisions. The young boys were unfortunate to go under to Hengoed Albion on Saturday last 3 goals to 2.

**“Merthyr Express” 26 November 1921**

Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Evan Jones, Martin-street, after a long and painful illness. Our sympathy goes out to the widow and six children.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was selections on the gramophone given by Brother C. J. Lawrence, which was much enjoyed.

**“Merthyr Express” 3 December 1921**

Football On Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the Welfare Team were engaged in the return fixture with Pentwyn. It was a close encounter, Fochriw winning by three goals to two. On Saturday last, the Hotspurs were engaged in a match against Dowlais Corries at Dowlais. Both teams were undefeated up to then, and a keen game of was anticipated. Goals from Fred Wright and Prosser gave of Fochriw victory by two goals to nil.

The Hotspurs were also winners the previous Saturday at Tir-y-berth, again by 2 goals to nil.

Summons Edward Parry was summoned for stealing a lump of coal, value 6d., the property of Messrs. G.K.N. Ltd. P. S. Jones stated that he saw the defendant carrying the lump of coal from the direction of the pit. Defendant said that he had picked up the lump during the strike. A fine of 10 shillings was imposed.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The evening was set apart for questions, all present taking part. Brother Thomas Walters presided.

Funeral: Mr. Evan Jones, Martin-street The funeral of Mr. Evan Jones took place on Saturday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had suffered greatly for the last two years. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was well attended. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Esaiiah Williams and D. J. Jones. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas John, Evan William, and Richard Jones, sons; Mr. William John, son-in-law; Mr. John Jones, brother; Councillor D. J. Thomas, nephew; Messrs. Dan Evans, John Evans, David L. Evans, Richard Evans, Walter Thomas, William Jones, D. J. Jones, brothers-in-law; Uriah and Richard Evans, Tom, Aneurin, Emrys, Emlyn and Robert Thomas, Tom Walters, Aneurin Thomas, William H. Jones, Tom Morgan, Thomas J. Jenkins, H. Morgan, Henry Jenkins, Thomas J. Evans, Cyril Llewellyn, nephews.

**“Merthyr Express” 10 December 1921**

Gellygaer Council: Fochriw Light The Clerk, in reply to a question that arose from the minutes, said that that the deputation had seen Mr. Hann of the P. D. Company concerning supplying electricity for Fochriw, and the company were prepared to give the supply The Clerk was awaiting the draft agreement.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Phillips gave the reading entitled "Drink," which was much appreciated by all present.

Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the Rev. W. T. Gruffydd, Bethania, Dowlais, preached powerful sermons to the large congregations present. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ, and Mr. David Davies conducted a singing.

Social A very pleasant children's social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening for the distribution of attendance prizes in connection with the stamp album for attendance at Sunday morning service at St. Mary's. Several children had a full attendance, and the majority had an excellent record. The prizes were distributed by the Rev. Samuel Evans, who spoke very encouraging words to the children. There were games throughout the evening, old and young joining in. Refreshments were provided by the Mothers' Union. During the evening the following contributed to the musical programme: Messrs. Albert Lewis, William Candrick, Cyril Lewis, Percy Jenkins, Tom Jones, Walter Jones. Mr. Octavius Richards was the accompanist.

### **“Merthyr Express” 17 December 1921**

Death We have to record the sad death of Mrs. James, wife of Mr. David Owen James, Martin-street, after a short illness.

Organ Recital A grand organ recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday evening by Mr. W. J. R. Davis, A.R.C.O., Tredegar, on the new organ which has recently been erected. The recital was very well attended and much enjoyed. The artistes were Miss Blodwen Williams, contralto, Dowlais, and Mr. W. J. Jones, tenor, Rhymney. The Rev. D. J. Jones was in the chair.

Promotion A former Fochriw inhabitant, namely, Mr. David Thomas, aged 29, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, Plantation-terrace, has been appointed manager of the Ashburnham Steamship and Coal Co. Ltd., at Machen. At present he is at Ynysybwl, where he has been under-manager and manager during the past two years.

Interment: Mrs. Mary Walters, Brynteg-terrace The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Walters, widow of the late Mr. William Walters, took place on Monday last amid signs of deep sorrow. Deceased was a well-known figure in the village, and her genial countenance will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house prior to interment at Pentwyn Church. All blind were drawn en route as a mark of respect to the deceased. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. J. Jones and Esaiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Walters, John Rhys Walters, sons; Thomas Jones, brother; D. Williams, A. Ballard, sons-in-law; Richard Walters, Albert Walters, Walter Walters, H. Davies, brothers-in-law; David Jones, Rhys Jones, Rod Jones, Jim Jones, D. C. Jones, R. H. Davies, J. P. Jones, William Morgan, D. Wathan, T. J. Davies, Tom Walters, T. W. Walters, J. R. Walters, George Walters, nephews.

Ambulance A meeting was held at the Ambulance Hall on Tuesday evening last, the occasion being to present a long service medals to members of the St. John Ambulance Corps to mark their 15 years service, and also to present first aid certificates to the ladies who had attended the classes. The chair was occupied by the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, who gave a very appropriate opening address. Mr Tudor Davies, M.E., chairman of the Merthyr Centre of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, gave an excellent address and very encouraging advice. Chief Constable Mansell Davies, Commissioner of the Merthyr Centre, then pinned the ribbons, the medals being held over to be presented at a bigger function. The following gentleman received the ribbons: Corps Superintendent W. J. Ballard, Corps Treasurer Daniel Jenkins, Corporals Caradoc Ballard, Harry Hughes, Tom Evans, Privates Stephen Ballard, Tom Jenkins. Mr. John Bevan then presented the following ladies with first aid certificates: Mrs. Ceridwen Walters, Mrs. Sarah J. Jones, Mrs. Annie Evans, Mrs. Bronwen Davies.

### **“Merthyr Express” 24 December 1921**

Fochriw Lads Tamper with Signals At the Merthyr Police Court on Friday, two boys from Fochriw, namely David John Price and Robert Carter, were in the dock on several charges of interfering with the signal lamps on the Brecon and Merthyr Railway between Fochriw and Pantywaun Junction. The defendants pleaded guilty to stealing the lamps and wilful damage, and threw themselves on the mercy of the court. They said "We don't remember anything; we were drunk." For stealing the two lamps they were fined £5 each or 31 days imprisonment, and for wilful damage £2 each or 21 days imprisonment.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a paper entitled "Prevention is better than cure." It was read by Brother T. Phillips. All present joined in the discussion which followed.

Fancy Fair At St. Mary's Hall on Monday last, a very pretty fancy fair and Christmas Tree was held. The hall had been transformed into a veritable fairy land, which delighted all that visited the fair. The fair had been organised to get funds to enclose the Church and grounds with iron railings, the old ones having got into a very dilapidated state. The event had been worked for by the Church people for some time, especially the members of the Girls' Guild and Mothers' Guild under the supervision of Mrs. Samuel Evans. The fruits of their labours were very marked on the day. Before the opening ceremony, the hall was filled with people. Prayers were said by the Rev. J. C. Payne, after which the vicar made a very fine opening address. Mrs. Tudor Davies opened the fair. The stalls were as follows: sweet stall, fancy stall, toy stall, poultry and vegetables stall, refreshment stall, half-pound stall, rug stall, bran tub, hoop-la, weighing machine, fortune teller, Christmas tree, and various sideshows.

Obituary: Mrs. D. O. James, Martin-street We regret having to record the death of Mrs. D. O. James, wife of Mr. D. O. James, which took place on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, after a very short illness. Before coming to of Fochriw, Mrs. James was for many years a faithful member of Gwernllwyn Chapel, Dowlais. The funeral took place on Saturday last from Fochriw to Pant Cemetery, and was private. The Reverend D. J. Jones officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. D. O. James, husband; D. M., and B. R. James, sons; D. P. Llewellyn and David Thomas, nephews; T. Walters, cousins.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 31 December 1921**

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry. After the usual business had been transacted, a very edifying paper was read by Brother David Jones, entitled "Habits," which was well received.

St. Mary's Christmas Day was observed at St. Mary's Church with the celebration of Holy Communion at 6, 7, 8, and 11am, the celebrant and preacher being the Reverend Samuel Evans. At 6p.m., a short service was held, after which carols were sung. The singing was conducted by the choirmaster, Mr. Berkley Angell, Mr. Octavius Richards presiding at the organ.

Gymanfa A singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day, when the members of Nazareth and Noddfa joined together and sang a very fine programme of music, under the conductorship of Mr. William Morris. The chairman at the afternoon service was Mr. David Thomas, and in the evening Mr. Thomas Evans. The singing was of a good standard. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Mr. Willie Davies, and Master Wyndham Lawrence.

St Mary's Church On Christmas morning, prior to the early communion celebration, a very impressive Dedication Service was held by the Vicar, when two brass vases were dedicated to the glory of God. One was in memory of the late Mr. Josiah Richards, a member of St. Mary's Church who laboured very faithfully. The vase was given by his son. The other vase was in memory of a gallant soldier who laid down his life for King and country on the battlefield of France during the Great War, namely Private Evan Evans, Cardiff City Battalion. It was given by his cousin.

Singing Festival The annual Christmas singing festival in connection with Carmel Chapel took place on Christmas Day. The Church was filled. An excellent programme of music had been learned for the occasion, and singing was of the very high standard. The conductor was Mr. J. M. Webber, Merthyr. The chairman for the morning was Mr. Daniel Rowlands, for the afternoon the Reverend D. J. Jones, and for the evening, Councillor D. J. Thomas. The accompanist was Master Willie Angell, assisted by the orchestra, under the conductorship of Councillor D. J. Thomas.

Obituary: Master Glyn Lewis, Martin Street, aged 17 It is our painful duty to record the sad death of Master Glyn Lewis, son of Mr. James John Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, Martin-street, who passed peacefully away at Pontsarn Sanatorium, at the early age of 17 years. Glyn was

of a very loving disposition, and will be sadly missed. The funeral, which took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, was very well attended. The chief mourners were: Messrs. J. J. Lewis, father; Stanley, David James, and William Haydn Davies, brothers; William Thomas, grandfather; Howel Thomas, Glyn Thomas, Willie A. Thomas, Robert Parry, William Williams, Arthur Williams, Walter E. Williams, Dan S. Evans, Thomas Evans, James John, James T. John, uncles and cousins. The officiating minister was the Reverend D. J. Jones, Carmel, Fochriw.