

“Merthyr Express” 7 January 1928

Library and Institute The annual meeting was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, the chairman being Mr. Sam Lewis, who said he would not be satisfied until a more substantial and commodious building had been erected. The statement of accounts read by the auditor, Mr. Evan M. Davies showed a very satisfactory years working. The librarian then gave an account of the Book Department, and said that nearly 2000 books had been loaned out. The following officers were re-elected unanimously: chairman, Mr. Sam Lewis; secretary, Councillor Tom Jenkins; treasurer, Mr. Stephen Ballard.

Preferment The Rev. J. C. Payne has been offered the living of Burlscombe, Devonshire. He has not yet given his decision.

Social At Noddfa vestry on Monday, a social entertainment was held under the auspices of all the Fochriw Ladies' Choir. The chairman was ex-Sergeant Williams, and the following took part: solos, Miss Maggie H. Thomas, Messrs. W. A. Davies and Griffiths Morris; recitation, Miss M. H. Thomas and Nesta Evans. A humorous sketch entitled "Maggie's Dilemma," the producers being Mr. J. Idris Williams (Pontlottyn), was presented, the artistes being Miss E. M. Lawrence, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. W. A. Davies, Mr. Danny James. The conductor was Mr. D. J. Thomas, the accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, the secretary, Mr. Gwilym Thomas, the treasurer, Mr. Aneurin Jones, and the president, Miss Thomas.

Scholars Honoured A happy time was spent at the Council Schools, when County Councillor W. H. Hopkins presented the attendance prize awards. He was accompanied by Mr. Samuel Lewis, school manager for Fochriw. A most inspiring address was given by County Councillor Hopkins, who stressed the value of school life in the building of character, and the value of regular attendance to the pupil himself, to the teacher, and to the parent. Mr. Lewis also spoke to the scholars. The awards were: seven years perfect attendance (a travelling case), Sinclair Lewis; six years (watch chain) Leslie Jones; five years (watch) John Aldwyn Edwards; four years (work basket) Phyllis Davies; three years (silver medals) Lilian D. Howell, Eifionydd Ballard, Walter John Howell, Sarah Rosella Williams, Esther May Pugh; two years (book value five shillings) James Pax Lewis, Elizabeth C. Pugh, Irfona Thomas, Phoebe M. Davies, Eunice Morris; one year (book value 2/6) Caradoc Shankland, Archie Adams, William Wilton, Cadfan Cumpstone, Glanville Jones, Mair Walters, Myfanwy Davies, Kathleen Williams, Gwenny Puddle, Jessie Jones, Edryd Jones, Betty Jones,. Great credit is due to the headmaster, Mr. J. P. Isaac, Miss Davies, headmistress, and staff, for such an excellent record.

Drama The inhabitants of Fochriw and district were given a dramatic treat during the past week, when members of the Noddfa Dramatic Society staged two excellent dramas entitled "Old Honesty," and "The Factory Girl." The coach was Mr. William John, Pontlottyn, whose name is a household word in the dramatic circle. The following took part: ("Old Honesty") Mr. Alf Morris, Master Windsor Rees, Mr. Bert Edwards, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Master Richard Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Miss Ray Parry; ("The Factory Girl") Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. G. Parry, Mr. Crad Thomas, Mr. Tom Thomas, Miss M. H. Williams, Tom Thomas, Miss P. Williams. The producer was Mr. William John. The scenery was manipulated by Mr. Joshua Evans.

Carmel Chapel A repetition of the Christmas Gymanfa Ganu was held at the above Chapel on Sunday under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Angell. Messrs. T. Walters and William J. Angell were the accompanists.

United Chapels The United chapels, Nazareth and Noddfa produced their Christmas singing festival again on Sunday, under the able conductorship of Mr. Willie Adams Jones, with Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas as accompanists.

I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters presided over the weekly meeting of the Lodge. The winner of the prize for the solo competition was Brother B. Davies. The winner of the

recitation competition was Sister Beryl Ballard. The love letters were read to the amusement of the members, and Sister Ceinwen Ballard and Brother Lawrence shared the prize. The adjudicators were: music, Brother Thomas Walters; literature, Brothers G. Thomas and John Johnston.

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Drama: Omission The name of Mrs. Syl Jenkins was omitted from those who performed in "The Factory Girl."

Perfect Attendance: Omission 7 years: (a travelling case) Spencer Lewis; 3 years: (silver medal) Wm. D. Howells; 2 years: (book 5/-) James P. Lewis.

The Visit of Mr. Morgan Jones M. P. A well-attended meeting was held at the Old Library on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Morgan Jones M.P. delivered a very fine address. The speaker was in excellent form and gave his impressions of America, which he had recently visited. He also spoke on the present position in the industrial world. Mr. T. C. Morris, Welsh National organiser of the Labour Party, also spoke.

“Merthyr Express” 21 January 1928

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. W. J. Payne. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Evans, 2. Mrs. G. Price; Gents: 1. Mr. Dan Evans, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock out: Mr. J. Bishop and Mrs. Morgan.

Pulpit Noddfa Chapel: The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by one of their old pastors, the Rev. Moses S. Young. St. Mary's: Rev. Samuel Evans; Nazareth: Mr. Jones, Trevecca College; Carmel: Rev. G. M. Jenkins, Pontlottyn.

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was very interesting, the following contributing: chairman's address; pianoforte solo, Miss M. Morgan; solo, Brother Johnson; sketch "The Village School" Richard Price; solo, Olga Chapman; recitation, Mimmie Lewis; sketch "Maggie's Basket;" pianoforte solo, Sister Megan Morris; recitation, Maggie Jenkins; pianoforte solo, Sister Nesta Evans; recitation, Jacky Davies. The whole concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "The Story of a Plum Pudding."

“Merthyr Express” 28 January 1928

St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening. The M.C. was Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Evans, 2. Miss E. Herman; Gents: 1. Mr. Evans, 2. Mr. T. Jones. Knock out: Mr. Brangwynne and Mrs. S. Jones.

I.O.G.T. At the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday evening, Mr. Thomas Walters presided. The following contributed to the programme: solos, Richard G. Price and Olga Chapman; recitations, Mattie Jenkins, Jackie Davies, Willie Walters; pianoforte solo, Brother T. Walters; an invitation, Sister M. Morgan accompanied by a chorus; sketch, "Maggie's Basket," Brother Gomer Evans taking his part well as Father Christmas. In a sketch entitled "The Old School," Miss Mary Morgan and Miss Nesta Evans and Miss Megan Morris took the main parts.

St. Mary's Hall: Entertainment A children's entertainment was held at the above Hall on Friday, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to the musical programme: J. P. Lewis, D. J. Davies, K. Brangwynne, Norman Thomas, Arthur J. Price, M. Jones, E. Jones, M. Lewis, Olga Chapman, J. Jones, E. M. Pugh, Cissie Thomas. The winners of the singing competition were Olga Chapman, Cissie Thomas and Cyril Lewis. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch entitled "Wireless," the following taking part: Messrs. D. Tyler, G. Williams, W. J. Payne, J. P. Llewellyn, D. J. Williams, R. J. Price, Windsor Rees, G. Tyler, Tom Davies, Margaret Harris, Ursula Harris, Lena Rees and Mwynwen Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 4 February 1928

Obituary We regret to record the death of a former inhabitant of the village in the person of the Mr. Samuel Davies, late headmaster of Brithdir Schools, from which he recently retired, and went to live at Maescwmmmer.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "A Welsh Night," the following taking part: Sisters Beryl Ballard, Bessie Barnard, Lewis, Brothers Sam Lewis, David Jones, Thomas Walters.

Hospital On Wednesday evening, at the Old Library, a very enthusiastic meeting of ladies took part in connection with the coming Merthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala. There were present: the executive board member (Mr. W. J. Payne), Mr. Howell Thomas (governor), the lady collectors, Mrs. J. Bevan and Mrs. W. J. Payne, and a very representative gathering of ladies. Mr. Payne said that the need of the hospital today was greater than ever. Funds were urgently needed, and he wanted Fochriw to make a special effort, for several patients from the village were treated every week at the hospital. He outlined several schemes which would benefit the funds, and said he had already appealed to the Fochriw Ladies' Choir and the Fochriw Male Voice Party for their assistance in giving concerts. The results of the five previous fetes brought into the hospital £6,257 10s 9d. He hoped that this year would be a still bigger success. Mr. Howell Thomas explained what had already been done in connection with the organisation of the fete. A very pleasant discussion then took place, and it was decided to run a whist drive at the Church Hall on Thursday, February 9th. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Miss Thomas; secretary, Mrs. T. Matthews; treasurer, Mrs. P. Isaac.

“Merthyr Express” 11 February 1928

Burial The burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Mrs. Greening, wife of Mr. Thomas Greening.

I.O.G.T. Brother Charles Payne installed the officers for the quarter.

St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Tuesday evening last. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mrs. Howells; Gents: 1. Mr. J. Bishop, 2. Mr. E. Thomas.

Drama There was a large and appreciative audience at Nazareth Chapel last week to witness the drama "The Bottle" by T. P. Taylor, performed by the Nazareth Dramatic Society under the supervision of Mr. W. A. Jones. The chief characters were played by: Mr. Jack Lawrence, Mrs. David Lewis, Master Harold Barlow, Miss Esther M. Pugh, Miss Jessie Jones, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Griffith Jones, Mr. Griffith Morris, Mr. W. J. Davies, Mr. Evan Davies, Mr. W. A. Jones, Mr. D. H. Lewis, Mr. Tom Davies, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Miss Rona Lewis, Mrs. Evan Davies. Stage manager: Mr. D. H. Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 18 February 1928

Hospital Whist Drive What was acclaimed to be one of the finest whist drives and socials took place at the Church Hall (kindly lent) on Thursday last in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The Matron of the Hospital was present. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss T. Cumpstone, 2. Miss Elsie Woods; Gents: 1. Mr. S. Jenkins, 2. Mr. J. Edwards.

“Merthyr Express” 25 February 1928

Noddfa Chapel The yearly meetings were held at the chapel on Sunday and Monday last and were very largely attended. The preacher was the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, one of the old pastors of Noddfa, now at Cefn Mawr, North Wales. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. Joshua Thomas presided at the organ.

Social At Penybank School, a social evening and whist drive took place, in connection with the Evening Classes. The M.C. was Mr. William Davies, headmaster. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss Sybil Gwynne, 2. Miss Jones, 3. Miss R. Morgan; Gents; 1. Mr. S. Bishop, 2. Mr. D. Lewis, 3. Mr. T. W. Watkins.

Pancake Social At St. Mary Hall on Shrove Tuesday evening, the annual whist and pancake social in connection with the Mothers' Union took place. The enrolling member, Mrs. Evans, and her members, were very busy, and their efforts were crowned with success. The M.C. for whist was Sergeant W. Howells, and for dancing, Mr. Ted Puddle. The accompanists were Mr. Octavius Richards and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, with Mr. Tom Horton as the violinist.

Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Morris, 2. Mrs. Howells, 3. Mrs. Cumpstone; Gents: 1. Mr. Emrys Thomas, 2. Mr. C. Ballard, 3. Mr. W. T. Morgan.

Hospital Whist Drive As a result of the whist drive held at the Church Hall in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, the sum of £15 was raised. Thanks are due to all who worked to make the affair a success. The donors of prizes were Mrs. J. Jones (Manchester House), Mr. Harris Isaac, Mr. Davies, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Freedman. The Ladies Committee was under the chairmanship of Miss Thomas, Mrs. Matthews (secretary) and Mrs. Isaac (treasurer). Thanks were accorded Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. John Morgan, Mr. W. J. Davies, Sergeant Howells, P.C. Brangwynne, Mr. G. Way, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday last, excellent performances of the drama entitled "Little Gerty, the Lamplighter's Darling" (George Lander) were given by the St. Mary's Dramatic Society at the Church Hall to large and appreciative audiences, under the direction of the Mr. W. J. Payne, the producer. The following took part: Miss Lena Rees, Mrs. S. A. Payne, Miss Adelaide Baldwin, Mrs. Annie Wood, Miss Elsie Wood, Miss Margaret Harris, Mr. W. J. Payne, Mr. Harold Harris, Mr. Crad Ballard, Mr. Percy Gwynne, Mr. H. Ballard, Mr. David Tyler, Mr. John P. Llewellyn, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. George Williams, Miss Ursula Harris, Miss Olive M. Payne, and Miss Myrtle Gwynne. Mr. Octavius Richards (pianist) and Mr. Tom Horton (violinist) added greatly to the success of the evening with their fine musical selections. The scenic artist was Mr. W. J. Curtiss, and the lighting effects were carried out by Mr. W. J. Davies, whilst Mr. Charles Hollister and Mr. Charles Payne had charge of the scenery.

I.O.G.T. The musical evening was arranged by Sister Mary Jones, who entertained members to gramophone selections.

"Merthyr Express" 3 March 1928

Obituary Mr. Darter, platelayer, 5, Stoney Houses, Penybanc, passed away with dramatic suddenness on Saturday. To the bereaved great sympathy extended.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sisters Cole, Thomas and Evans were responsible for the programme. The following took part: Sisters M. Morris, Mary Morgan, Thomas, B. Ballard, N. Evans V. Thomas.

Whist Drive On Thursday, under the auspices of the local branch of the British Legion, a whist drive was held at the Old Library. The M.C. was Mr. Ted Puddle. The donors of the prizes were Messrs. Childs and Price, Pontllynn, Mrs. J. Bevan, Mrs. D. Jones and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss T. Cumpstone, 2. Mrs. Howells; Gents: 1. Mr. Stewart Jones, 2. Mr. Haydn Davies.

Election On Thursday evening at the Church Hall, a very enthusiastic meeting in connection with the Glamorgan County Council election took place in support of Mr. W. H. Hopkins, the present member. The chairman was Councillor Tom Jenkins. Mr. Hopkins addressed the meeting and dealt very minutely with the work accomplished by the Council during his term of office. He appealed for support. The Rev. D. M. Jones, Senghenydd, spoke very highly of the qualities of Mr. Hopkins.

British Legion The Fochriw branch is making rapid strides. The membership is nearly 100, and is increasing every week. The weekly meetings are held every Monday evening at 6:00p.m. at the Old Library, and a hearty invitation is extended to all ex-servicemen. The branch has already been successful in obtaining some very excellent grants. At a special meeting last week, Mr. Grad Jenkins, Pontllynn, secretary of the Benevolent Committee, gave a very instructive address. The officers of the branch are: president, the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar; chairman, Mr. Ted Puddle; treasurer, Mr. David Shankland; secretary, Mr. Raymond Clark. At the Mount Pleasant Hotel on Saturday night, a very enjoyable concert was held and a musical programme was contributed to by Mr. Tom Lewis's party of for the

Tirphil British Legion Branch. Mr. Percy Mantle presided. The party was in excellent fettle and delighted the audience.

“Merthyr Express” 10 March 1920

Obituary The funeral took place on Friday last at Cefn Brithdir of Mr. Fred Darter, Penybank, who died with painful suddenness after returning from work as a platelayer on the Great Western Railway. He was an old soldier, having served 21 years with the South Wales Borderers. He saw active service during the South African War. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: the widow and daughter; Mr. A. J. Evans, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Evans.

Cymanfa Successful services were held at Carmel Chapel on Sunday. The morning service was opened by Nesta Jenkins, Mona Ballard and Mr. E. Thomas. A catechism on the "Gymanfa" was conducted by Mrs. S. Lewis. Mr. E. M. Davies was chairman. The afternoon service was opened by the reading of a Psalm by Miss M. L. Thomas. The chairman for the service was Mr. D. Jenkins. The evening service was opened by Mr. David Rowlands. The singing throughout the day reached a very high standard, and was ably conducted by Mr. W. J. Angell. The organists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. W. Angell. A solo was rendered by Mr. C. Davies, and a recitation was given by Nurse Ballard Davies. A feature of the programme was the fine singing of Mr. Claerwyn Davies in "Lead, Kindly light."

Cymanfa At Noddfa chapel on Sunday, the United Choirs of Nazareth and Noddfa gave a fine programme of hymns and anthems under the conductorship of Mr. William Adams Jones. The president for the afternoon was Mr. Thomas Evans, and for the evening, Mr. Evan Jones. The organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. D. J. Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 17 March 1928

Our Fochriw Correspondent is Mr. W. J. Payne 1, Glyn-terrace. Sales agent: Mr. D. Lewis.

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Scholastic Mr. Willie Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan, has taken up his duties as a teacher on the staff of Cwmaber Boys' School. We wish him every success in his profession

In Hospital We wish the following, who are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, a speedy recovery: Mrs. D. J. Shankland, Miss Maggie Thomas, Mr. Thomas Thomas.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "A Welsh Night," and the following contributed to a very fine programme: Sisters Lewis, M. L. Thomas, B. Ballard, M. Jones, N. Evans, Brothers T. Walters, W. Rees, and D. Jones.

Whist Drive A successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Friday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion. The M.C. was Mr. Ted Puddle. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. W. Thomas, 2. W. M. Davies; Gents: 1. G. Davies, 2. T. Jones.

Ambulance Concert On Wednesday evening at Carmel Chapel, a large audience was entertained to a rich musical treat, when Mr. Evan Thomas (Alaw Morlais) with his renowned Dowlais Male Voice Party, assisted by talented artistes, gave a programme of outstanding merit. The concert was in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade of the Merthyr Borough Centre. Dr. T. Stenner Evans presided. The proceedings opened with the choir singing "Tempest and Calm" followed by delightful items from the artistes. In the interval, Mr. W. J. Canton, LL. B., who is vice-president of the Merthyr Borough Centre, addressed the meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1928

Election There are contests in the Fochriw Ward both for the Guardians and the Council. The candidates for the Guardians are Mr. John Bevan, M.E., who is fighting the seat held by Mrs. Bevan, his wife, who is not seeking re-election. The other candidate is Mrs. Kneebone, Deri. On the council, the present member is Mr. Thomas Jenkins, who is being opposed by

Mr. Minhinnick, M.E., Deri. Both the independent candidates (Mr. Bevan and Mr. Minhinnick), held a very enthusiastic meeting at the Church Hall on Monday evening. The Vicar presided. Both candidates addressed the meeting, and a fine band of workers was enrolled. On Wednesday evening, at the Library, a meeting in support of the Labour candidates was held, when Mr. John, headmaster, Tiryberth Schools, and Mr. Hopkins, addressed the meeting, together with the candidates - Councillor Tom Jenkins and Mrs. Kneebone.

British Legion The weekly meeting was held at the Library on Monday evening, when a full agenda of important business was gone through. Mr. Ted Puddle presided. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and Mr. D. J. Shankland gave able reports of the Area Council, which were well received. On Saturday evening, at the Royal Arms Hotel, Pantywaun, the Fochriw branch organised a first class concert, presided over by Mr. Puddle. The following artistes contributed to the programme: Messrs. D. D. Thomas, Fred Dummett, D. J. and Haydn Davies, Aneurin Jenkins, Charlie Tyler and Marshall. The accompanist was Mr. Gilbert Harris, and an address was given by Mr. Eben Thomas. The energetic secretary is Mr. Raymond Clark. On Saturday next, at the Church Hall, Mr. Watkins and Mr. Ivor Lewis (Nelson) will address the meeting on the benevolent work of the Legion.

Male Voice Party On Sunday afternoon, the new conductor, Mr. Willie Adams Jones, took over the conductorship of the Party. Mr. W. J. Payne, the president, in extending a hearty welcome to Mr. Jones, spoke of his past records in the musical world, and appealed for the co-operation of the members, without which no conductor could attain success. Mr. Jones thanked them for their very kind welcome and asked for their wholehearted support. He knew that he was following in the steps of good men: Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. W. J. Angel. It is hoped to compete at Llangynidir and the Merthyr Hospital Fete and Gala. Old members please rally to the cause.

Obituary Quite a gloom was cast over the village when it became known that Mr. David Davies ("Pencerdd Morganwg") Aelybryn, had passed away after a very brief illness. Always of a quiet, genial disposition, he will be sadly missed by a very large circle of friends. For many years he held the position of musical conductor at Carmel Chapel, a post he occupied with great distinction. He leaves a sorrowing wife and one son, Mr. Clifford Davies. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was very well attended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The choir of Carmel Chapel sang well known hymns en route. At the graveside, the service was conducted by the Rev. Jenkins, the Rev. Richard Evans, Rev. J. R. Salmon, and the Rev. D. Jones. Among the large concourse of people were several of his co-workers at the Prudential Assurance Company, of which he was an agent for over 20 years. The chief mourners were: Mr. Clifford Davies (son); Mr. T. G. Davies, Mr. T. Thomas (nephews); Messrs. Mordecai Williams, John Williams, Thomas Lewis (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Tom Davies, W. S. Evans, D. R. Evans, Trevor Evans (nephews); Daniel Jones (cousin); George Morgan, Jack Watkins, Lodwick Davies and ---- Thomas (uncles).

I.O.G.T. A very interesting programme was contributed to by members of the Juvenile Lodge.

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

"Merthyr Express" 31 March 1928

St. Mary's Church A special service was held on Monday in connection with the Mothers' Union, the vicar preaching.

I.O.G.T. On Thursday evening, the weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry and was well attended. Mr. W. A. Davies presided. After the usual business, the ladies of the

lodge presented "The trial of Antonia," from "The Merchant of Venice." The artistes displayed rare ability and gave a polished display. Sister Lewis is to be complemented on her fine production.

Nursing Congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lawrence, Martins-street, who has passed her examination at Cardiff in the nursing profession. She is at present on the staff of the Merthyr General Hospital. Also to Nurse Florence Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Upland Stores, who has passed a clerical examination. She is on the staff of the City Lodge, Cardiff.

Election At the Old Library on Tuesday evening, a meeting took place in support of the Labour candidates for seats on the Gellygaer Council and the Guardians. Both candidates, Councillor Tom Jenkins and Mrs. Kneebone, addressed the meeting. Other speakers were C.C. Tom Evans (Pengam), Mr. Sam Jennings (Dowlais), Mr. Albert Thomas (miners' agent, Bargoed), Councillor John Edwards (Deri), and Mr. Sam Lewis (school manager, Fochriw). At the Church Hall on Monday evening, a very enthusiastic meeting was held in support of the Independent candidates – Mr. John Bevan and Mr. Minhinnick. Both candidates addressed the meeting and were well received.

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

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R. T. Jones and Co. Drapers and house furnishers, Market Square, Merthyr, deliver goods gaily. Carpets and lino laid free.

Accident Mr. Daniel Rowlands was removed to Merthyr General Hospital last week as the result of an accident received at Ogilvie Colliery.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children A well-attended meeting was held at the Church hall on Thursday evening. The chairman was the Vicar, and the speaker was Mr. F. T. Groves of the Society's Central Office.

Election Victories Great enthusiasm was displayed on Monday in connection with the election for a seat on the Gellygaer Council and the Merthyr Board of Guardians. Both sides worked in a very friendly spirit. Mr. Minhinnick succeeded the seat on the Council by 19 votes, and Mr. John Bevan the seat on the Guardians by 10 votes.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday last. The programme for the evening was arranged by Bro. Thomas Walters. The following took part: Bros. Walters, W. A. Davies, H. Thomas, M. Shankland, G. Thomas, B. Davies, G. Evans, L. Evans.

Palm Sunday On Sunday last, the Old Church of St Andrews was visited by hundreds of people who came from near and far to lay flowers on the graves of relatives. At St. Mary's Church, a distribution of palms took place in the morning, and the services were conducted by the Vicar. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne, the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing.

“Merthyr Express” 14 April 1928

St. Mary Church On Easter Sunday, the usual Easter services were held. The Church had been beautifully decorated with a profusion of spring flowers. The celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the vicar.

Funeral: Mr. William Sibley, Guest-street The funeral of Mr. William Sibley, Guest-street, took place on Tuesday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased had resided in the village for a number of years, and was highly respected. He was a sidesman of St. Mary's,

and was a member of the Parochial Council. He was a quiet man, and his unassuming countenance will be sadly missed. To his sorrowing widow and family great sympathy is extended. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment, the vicar again officiating. The chief mourners were: Mr. Ernest Sibley, son; Mr. Frank Wilton, son-in-law; Mr. Edward Sibley and Mr. George Sibley, brothers; Mr. Edward Woodman, uncle; Mr. J. Caple, brother-in-law; Mr. Frank Strang, brother-in-law; Mr. Dan Jones, Mr. I. Burrows, Mr. Glyn Burrows.

Obituary: Mrs. Phoebe Jones, Station-terrace It is our painful duty this week to record the death under tragic circumstances, of one of Fochriw's most respected inhabitants in the person of Mrs. Phoebe Jones, wife of Mr. George Jones, Picton House, Station Terrace. On Thursday evening, she had preceded from her home to Carmel chapel, where a dramatic performance was taking place. Just as she was nearing the chapel, she was taken with a seizure from which she expired without regaining consciousness. The performance, at which two of her daughters were about to take part, was abandoned. She leaves a husband and five sorrowing children, all of whom have had a successful scholastic career, to mourn their loss, and great sympathy is extended to them. The funeral took place on Monday at Pant Cemetery. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. R. D. Jenkins. All blinds had been drawn en route as a mark of respect to the deceased. The chief mourners were: Mr. George Jones, husband; Mr. Daniel Jones, Mr. Howell Jones, B.A., Mr. Thomas John Jones, B.A., sons; Mr. D. Jones, brother; Messrs. Benjamin and David Jones, brothers-in-law; Mr. Tom Walters, Mr. John Walters, Mr. George Walters, Mr. Robert Thomas, Mr. George Sibley, Mr. Evan Jones, Mr. James Jones, Mr. Evan Jenkins.

“Merthyr Express” 21 April 1928

Omission The name of Mr. Thomas H. Jones (nephew) was inadvertently omitted last week from the list of mourners at the funeral of Mrs. Phoebe Jones.

Scholastic The numerous friends of Mr. Bryn Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morgan Davies, Glyn-terrace, will be pleased to hear of his appointment as un-certificated master at Gilfach Boys' School. They all wish him every success in his profession.

Children's Social A very happy time was spent at St. Mary Hall on Friday evening last. During the evening eggs and tinfoil were collected and presented to the Merthyr General Hospital.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Grand Templars was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks," and the subjects of discourse were: "The I.O.G.T. - What it is and What it does," and "Prohibition." All members present took part.

Easter Social On Wednesday last, a very enjoyable social evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall. The first part of the evening was taken up with whist and the latter part with dancing. The M.C. for whist was the Vicar, and for dancing Mr. Ted Puddle. Prizewinners at whist: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Isaac, 2. Mrs. Jones, 3. Mr. G. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. Tim Jones, 2. Mr. Jones, 3. Mr. D. Way. The accompanists were Mr. O. Richards and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, and the violinist, Mr. T. Horton. The refreshments were in the capable hands of the ladies of the Church.

Penybank Council School A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Siloh Chapel, Penybank (kindly lent), on Wednesday, when prizes for perfect attendance were distributed among the scholars of the above school. The head teacher (Mr. W. Davies) presided, and the children gave an interesting programme of songs, recitations, etc., and these were much appreciated by the visitors and parents. Among the visitors were Mrs. David Jones and Mrs. T. Jenkins. Mr. S. Lewis, the school manager, gave an excellent address and dealt with the formation of character. Rev. Samuel Evans followed with a most interesting address advising the children to take full advantage of the facilities of education which now exist. The head teacher then

introduced Mrs. W. H. Hopkins, wife of County Councillor W. H. Hopkins, who presented the prizes. Six years perfect attendance: Thomas Verdun Jones (silver chain); five years: Idris Williams (silver watch); four years: Francis Williams and Ronald Llewellyn (set of mathematical instruments); Jane Ann Thomas (work basket); three years: Albert Williams (silver medal); two years: John Pullen, Robert Llewellyn, Mary Ann Evans (books); one year: Christopher Tyler, Hilda Everitt, Gwyn Mantle, William John Llewellyn, Stanley Jones, Ellis Williams, Annie Jones, Violet Grimmett, Norman Mills, Coral Patricia Small, Evan John Thomas, William Pullen, Catherine Jane Williams (books). Twenty nine of the scholars had gained certificates having made an attendance of 99%, six having made 98% and seven 97%.

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Labour Party A meeting was held at the Old Library on Monday under the auspices of the Labour Party, when the speakers were Councillor Moses Price, Bargoed; Mr. Tom Jenkins, Fochriw; and Mrs. Kneebone, Deri.

Lest we forget! On Friday and Saturday next, the inhabitants will have the opportunity of showing their appreciation for the noble work carried on by the Merthyr General Hospital, when sellers will be busy disposing of forget-me-nots in aid of the Hospital funds. Please help this noble institution.

Ladies' Choir The Ladies' Choir under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas competed at the Cardiff Eisteddfod on Saturday. Although not in the prize list, they gave a fine rendering.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday. The evening was set apart for "Readings." Sisters Ballard, M. L. Thomas and Mary Morgan took part, and Brothers David Jones and H. Thomas commented on the readings.

Personal The many friends of the Rev. J. C. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, Glyn-terrace, will be pleased to know that he was instituted and inducted to the living of Burlescombe, Devonshire, on Saturday. At a public meeting before leaving, Mr. and Mrs. Payne were presented with a wallet of Treasury notes, a dining table, drawing-room cabinets, a coffee table, dressing case, tea cosy, and books for the children - the gifts of the public, members of the Mothers' Union, and other organisations.

Easter Vestry The Easter vestry of the parish of Fochriw and Deri was held at St. Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Churchwardens, Messrs. Charles Payne and W. J. Payne. The People's Warden presented the various financial statements which showed a balance on the right side. The auditor was Miss R. Davies. The vicar thanked all who had contributed to the life of the Church in the past year. A vote of condolence was passed with the widow and family of Mr. William Sibley, who had been a faithful Church worker. Mr. Charles Payne was chosen vicar's warden for the Parish Church, and Councillor John Edwards for St. Peter's, Deri. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected as People's Warden. The following were appointed members of the Parochial Council and sidesman: Messrs. Berkley Angell, Frank Way, Willie Morris, Crad Ballard, Harold Harris, Willie Davies, William Wilton, E. Jones, Walter Davies, O. Richards, William Curtis and William Pope.

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Liberalism At the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, a meeting was held to form a Liberal organisation in the village. The speaker was Mr. Jack Jones, Blaengarw, who gave a fine address, which was well received.

St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening, the M.C. being Mr. W. Brangwynne. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mr. H. Ballard, 2. Miss Lilian Thomas; Gents: 1. Mr. Ernest Jones, 2. Mr. Tudor Jones. Knock out: Mrs. Jones and Mr. David Way.

Lecture A lecture was given at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Labour Party. The speaker was the Rev. Daniel Hughes, Machen. The title of the lecture was "Ten days in jail." The chair was occupied by Mrs. Kneebone, Deri. The lecturer was

accorded a hearty vote of thanks on the motion of Mr. Tom Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Sam Lewis.

Flower Day Flower Day was held at Fochriw on Friday in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital, when a goodly sum was realised. The organisers were Mrs. J. Bevan and Mrs. W. J. Payne. The following ladies were busy throughout the day disposing of forget-me-nots: Misses May Morgan, Gladys Lewis, Iris Edwards, Lilian Way, Rosie Davies, Frances M. Jones, Maggie H. Thomas, Ceinwen Cole, Jessie Thomas, Doreen Weeks, Elsa Mathews, Ray Parry, Maggie H. Williams, Mrs. William Lewis, Miss Tina Harris, Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Lewis.

Drama The Carmel Dramatic Society performed three plays on Friday and Saturday before very appreciative audiences: "Potch," "The Poacher," and "Calonnau Plant." The stage managers were Mr. W. Rees Lewis and Mr. T. Jones, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters. The following were the chief characters: ("The Poacher") Mr. David H. Lewis, Mr. Robert Rees, Miss Sarah Jones, Mr. Cyril Cook; ("Potch") Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Enoch Lewis, Miss Nesta Evans, Miss Beryl Ballard, Miss Maggie E. Thomas; ("Calonnau Plant") Miss Sarah Jones, Mr. Willie Morgan, Mr. Bryn Davies, Mr. Enoch Lewis, Mr. John Gwyn Lewis, Master Vernon Davies, Jessie Thomas, Mary L. Thomas, Maggie H. Thomas, Mary L. Morgan, Beryl Ballard, Ceinwen Cole, Nesta Evans.

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I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Everyone Responsible." The following responded: Brothers Walters, Lewis, David Jones, Griff Thomas, Davies, and Sister Ballard.

Hospital May Queen: Fochriw Representatives The following were selected from Fochriw to appear among the large number of children from the Borough and outlying districts at the Town Hall, Merthyr Tydfil, when the Merthyr May Queen will be selected for the Maerthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala: Misses Gwyneth Evans, Phyllis Davies (Pentwyn), Jessie Llewellyn, and Dwynwen Ballard. Miss Gwyneth Evans was appointed one of the attendants on the May Queen on the day of the fete.

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

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Nazareth Chapel On Sunday last, the half yearly meetings in connection with the chapel were held. Principal W. P. Jones, Trevecca College, Talgarth, preached very edifying and inspiring sermons which were well received by the large numbers present. The singing was conducted by the Mr. William Morris, with Mr. W. A. Davies at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening, presided over by Brother Charles Payne. The evening was set apart for a minstrel troupe, consisting of the members of the lodge, Brother Griff Thomas being responsible. The following contributed to a fine programme: Brother W. A. Davies (master of troop), solo, "Sweet Genevieve;" Brothers G. Thomas, B. Davies, (Sambo and Bones), duet, "John Wesley;" Bro. Sam Lewis (Ned), recitation, "Three Doctors;" Bro. Enoch Lewis (Pasties), speech, "Proverbs;" Bro. M. Shankland (Dixie), solo, "Poor Old Joe;" Bro. T. Walters (Julius), solo, "Laughing Song;" Sis. Beryl Ballard (Dinah), solo, "Lillabye;" Sister M. Ballard (Topsy), "Ukelele Dream Girl;" Sis. A. Ballard (Trixie), solo, "Yellow Rose of Texas;" Sis. Mary L. Thomas (Rosie), speech, "Babies;" Sis. Nesta Evans (Lulu), pianoforte solo and dance; Sis. Mary Morgan, violin solo; cross-talks with Bones, Sambo and Master;

chorus "Nelly was a Lady," and "Swanee River." The troupe rendered "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau," to close a most enjoyable evening.

Hospital Whist and Social On Thursday evening, at the Church Hall, a whist drive and social took place in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, and a large number attended. The MC for whist was Mr. W. J. Payne, and for dancing Mr. T. Puddle. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mr. S. Bishop, 2. Miss Esther Thomas, 3. Mr. F. Way; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Adams Jones, 2. Mr. S. Jones, 3. Mr. W. Howells. The ladies prizes were handed to the winners by Guardian John Bevan, who gave an appropriate speech. Ex-Sergeant Williams handed the gents prizes to the winners, and spoke some encouraging words. The donors of the prizes were Mrs. J. Bevan, Miss Thomas, Mrs. T. J. Matthews, Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. J. Lawrence, and Miss Doris Davies. Splendid services were rendered by the Ladies Committee who attended to the refreshments. The accompanist was Mr. Gilbert Harris. Others who worked hard to make the evening a success were Mrs. Howell Thomas, John Morgan, W. Howells, D. J. Thomas, David Lewis, C. Ballard, Willie Davies, Frank Way, G. Evans, Mrs. Matthews (secretary), Mrs. Bevan, Mr. Thomas, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Mantle, Mrs. Baldwin.

"Merthyr Express" 26 May 1928

Obituary The death of Mrs. Gwen Evans, wife of the Rev. Richard Evans, Calvinistic Methodist minister of Fochriw and Derry, took place at Cardiff Royal Infirmary.

In Hospital Many friends of Mr. Emlyn Evans will regret to know that he is in hospital as a result of accident at Ogilvie Colliery. Messrs. Daniel Rowlands and Edward Parry are also in hospital.

St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive The M.C. was Mr. Brangwynne. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Miss R. Davies, 2. Mrs. V. Woods; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Davies, 2. Mr. Fred Way. Knock-out: Mrs. Lena Rees and Mr. W. Davies.

I.O.G.T. The musical troupe provided the programme and their acting and singing were much enjoyed.

Male Voice Party The Fochriw Male Voice Party under their conductor Mr. W. A. Jones are busy preparing for the competition at Llangynidir on Monday, and Merthyr Hospital Fete on Tuesday. On Sunday evening, they are holding a concert in aid of Merthyr General Hospital at Carmel Chapel, when the party will render the test pieces.

"Merthyr Express" 2 June 1928

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

Outing On Tuesday, the members of Noddfa Chapel journeyed to Penarth for their annual Sunday school outing. On Wednesday, the members of Carmel Congregational Chapel and Sunday school journeyed to Barry Island.

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

I.O.G.T. The programme was a debate on "Adult Suffrage." The affirmative was taken by Sister Beryl Ballard and Brother Berkeley Davies, and the negative by Brother Sam Lewis and Brother Enoch Lewis. The following took part in the discussion: Sisters Bessie Ballard and M. A. Lewis, Brothers G. Payne and Windsor Rees.

Concert On Sunday evening at Carmel Chapel, a concert was held in aid of the funds of Merthyr General Hospital. A high class programme of music was provided by the Fochriw Male Voice Party, assisted by the following artistes: Miss Margery Lewis, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Mr. Claerwyn Davies, Mr. Thomas Walters. In the unavoidable absence of the conductor of the party, Mr. Willie Adams Jones, Mr. Daniel Jenkins filled the post with a credit. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne, who in his opening remarks made touching

references to the passing away of Lord Buckland with such dramatic suddenness. His death was undoubtedly a great loss to Merthyr General Hospital and hosts of other charitable organisations he supported so generously. The concert was opened with the audience singing "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah" to the tune of Cwm-Rhondda; after which the party sang "Oh Peaceful Night." The artistes then made their contributions, all excelling themselves. The singing of Largo al Factotum Della Citta (Rossini) was a masterly performance by Mr. Claerwyn Davies. The party sang "Llwyn Onn" (Ash Grove), and "Martyrs of the Arena." The accompanists were Mr. James Thomas, Miss Katie Beddoe and Mr. Willie A. Davies.

House for Sale: 9, Pleasant-view, Fochriw. Vacant possession. Apply Charles Edwards, 7, Aelybryn, Fochriw.

"Merthyr Express" 9 June 1928

MPs Visit On Thursday, Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., gave a very interesting address on the budget and other topics, at the Fochriw Reading Room.

Burglary On Monday night, burglars succeeded in entering the Co-operative Stores and several articles was stolen. The library hut was also entered this same night. The thieves have not yet been arrested.

Pulpit Carmel Chapel: the Rev. B. M. Davies, Goodwick; Nazareth: Rev Richard Evans; St. Mary's: Rev Samuel Evans, Vicar.

Mothers' Union On Tuesday, several members of the Fochriw Branch of the Mothers' Union journeyed to Llandaff to take part in the dedication service. A very enjoyable day was spent.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening, the duties of M.C. being performed by Mr. Brangwynne. Prize winners: Ladies: Miss Lena Rees; Gents: Mr. D. James. Knock out: Mrs. S. Jones and Mr. W. Davies.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday last, Brother W. Davies presiding. Brother Davies was responsible for the programme, to which the following contributed: pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; readings, Sister Bessie Ballard; solos, Brothers W. A. Davies and B. Davies; recitation, Brother Thomas Walters.

"Merthyr Express" 16 June 1928

Fochriw Charge: Mountain Pony Dying on of the Roadside: Owner Fined A very sad case was heard at Pontlloftyn Police Court on Friday, when George Weaver, aged 36, of Fochriw, was charged with cruelty to a horse by neglecting it. The defendant did not appear, but his wife was present. P.C Brangwynne said that acting on information received, he proceeded to a spot on the roadside near Fochriw, and there saw a pony lying down. It was in such a poor condition that it was too weak to stand, and its bones were protruding. On examination, 17 sores were found on the body. Witness went to the defendant's house and saw his wife. She said, "What has it got to do with you?" Witness instructed the woman to feed the animal, and later Inspector Thomas Barnard of the RSPCA, visited the house and examined the horse. He found the woman had given it some chicken feed since the morning. The following day, James Brown, veterinary surgeon, called in and ordered the horse to be destroyed. Inspector Barnard corroborated the evidence of the police officer. "People bought these mountain ponies," said the inspector, "and then turned them out to the mountains. They might live and they might not. That was a matter for the pony." The woman said that did not apply to them, but the horse had been suffering from kidney trouble. The defendant was fined £3 or 31 days imprisonment.

Liberal Meeting A very enthusiastic Liberal meeting was held at Fochriw on Monday evening, when an address was given by the Mr. T. Williams, Cardiff.

Carmel Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. D. A. Thomas, Brecon, preached edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held at the above Hall on Monday. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mr. Bishop, 2. Mrs. S. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mr. Gilbert Harris.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of Star of Fochriw was held on Thursday evening last. The evening was an educational one. The programme was a paper by Sister Bessie Ballard on the famous English poet, Lord Tennyson.

Funeral The funeral of Elvis Davies, only child of Mr. and Mrs. David Davies, Dynevor-street, took place amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased passed away at the Caerphilly Hospital on Friday morning, having only been admitted on the previous day. The officiating minister was the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn.

Obituary The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of the late Miss Jenkins, Aelybryn, who was in her 89th year. She was the sister of the late Mr. Thomas Jenkins, Dynevor-street, and had lived for the last 10 years with her niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Angell. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Berkley Angell, the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, Messrs. Daniel Jenkins, Thomas J. Jenkins, Janes Budd, Willie Angell, Berkley Angell, Tom Angell, Johnny, William and John Jenkins, Charles Budd, Thomas Jenkins, D. Jenkins, T. J. Jones, Rees Jenkins, Sylvanus Jenkins, Eddie Hiscox, John Griffiths, Tom Jenkins, and Ray Cook. Among the floral tributes was one from the Mothers' Union

“Merthyr Express” 23 June 1928

Ambulance On Saturday last, the local Ambulance Division journeyed to Merthyr Vale for their annual inspection. Both the officers and men looked very smart; they were under the command of Superintendent Mr. John Morgan. The inspection was conducted by Sir Herbert D. W. Lewis, and during the evening the following members were presented with long service bars by the Chief Commissioner: Corps Secretary Daniel Jenkins, Corps Treasurer William John Barnard, Corporals T. Evans and C. Ballard.

Carnival Under the auspices of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel, a very successful Carnival and concert was held on Saturday last. A procession was formed at the station gate, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band. Some of the characters were very finely got up, and amongst the prize winners were: Best Group: Pentwyn Jazz Band. Others who had prizes were: Gerwyn Thomas, Olwen Chapman, Mervyn Davies, Olga Chapman, Magdeline Pugh, Maggie H. Williams, Hilda Morris, Beryl Morris, Idris Parry, J. Lewis (Pentwyn). The stall-holders were: sweet stall, Mrs. Captain Edwards and Mrs. J. Williams; refreshments, Miss Alice Mills. The adjudicators were: Mrs. J. Bevan and Miss Katie J. Davies. Entertainments were given at intervals by the young members of the Guild.

Outing Members of the Fochriw section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade and friends journeyed to Barry Island on Saturday last and spent a very happy time.

Ladies' Choir The choir is busy, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, preparing for the National Eisteddfod at Treorchy and also the Clynderwen Eisteddfod. Judging from their fine singing, they will do excellently.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Brother Thomas Walters gave a recital and Brother Berkley Davies rendered a solo in very able manner.

English Church Union A special service in connection with the English Church Union was held on Thursday evening, the special preacher being the Rev. G. H. Kiff, Pontlottyn, who gave a splendid discourse. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Samuel Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 30 June 1928

Appointment The numerous friends of Mr. Sam Lewis will be pleased to hear of his recent appointment as chairman of the Gellygaer School Managers.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last. The programme was a Welsh evening, the following contributing: Sister Catherine

Jones, Brothers Sam Lewis, David Jones, Gomer Evans, Thomas Walters and Willie Morgan.

Evening Class Students Congratulations to David John Williams, David Hughes Lewis and Maldwyn Williams upon their success in passing Stage 1, Arithmetic of the Royal Society of Arts Examination held last March. These young men are students of the evening classes held at Penybank Council school.

School Governor Congratulations to Mrs. David Jones, who has been appointed a member of the Gellygaer County School Governors. Mrs. Jones, prior to her marriage, was in the teaching profession, and during the war period, she again took up teaching duties. She has three children, all of them being in the scholastic profession.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. George Cole will regret to know that he is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital, as the result of an accident received while working at the Taff - Merthyr Colliery. He is now making satisfactory progress. Mr. Emlyn Evans has undergone another operation at the above Hospital, and Mr. Edward Parry is slowly recovering.

“Merthyr Express” 7 July 1928

Outing The members of the Noddfa Chapel Young People's Guild spent a very happy time at Weston on Saturday.

Male Voice Party The party are busy rehearsing for the Caerphilly and Aberdare Eisteddfodau. We feel sure that under the cable conductorship of Mr. Willie Adams Jones, success will attend their efforts.

Pulpit The pulpit of Carmel Chapel was occupied on Sunday by a well-known Fochriw gentleman - Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, now of Rhymney. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ.

Pigeons Amongst the birds in the great Thurso race were two sent by Mr. James M. Davies, Fochriw. The birds were liberated at 7:20a.m., one arriving at Fochriw at 9:20p.m. Mr. Davies, a great pigeon fancier, has had a very successful year with his birds.

Ambulance In connection with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, a class has been formed, numbering about 30 members, and others are still joining. The instructor is Superintendent John Morgan, whose knowledge of ambulance work is well known. Classes will shortly be held under the charge of Dr. T. Stenner Evans.

Sports Amongst the winners at the Gellygaer Area School Sports held at Pontlottyn on Saturday were the following: girls: Hilda Drage, Megan Morris, Phyllis Davies, Wynda Edwards, Irfona Thomas, Jane A. Thomas, Pearl White, Mavis Pritchard; relay: 1st, the Fochriw team; boys: L. Small, Ralph Cogan and F. Thomas.

Appointment: Rev. Samuel Evans The many friends of the Rev. Samuel Evans, the vicar of Fochriw and Deri, will be pleased to know that he was offered by the Board of Patronage, the living of St George's-super-Ely, which he has accepted. He has been in charge at Fochriw and Deri for the last nine years. During the war, he saw active service in France, where he was badly gassed, from which he has since suffered.

I.O.G.T. A very pleasant evening was spent at Carmel vestry by members of the Star of Fochriw Lodge on Thursday last. A reading was given by Brother Jones on, "The history of Pennsylvania." The members expressed their sympathy with the relatives and friends of the late Brother David Walters of Tredegar who passed away last week. He was a frequent visitor to Fochriw, and an ardent worker in the cause of Temperance.

Children's Social A tea and social evening took place at the Church Hall on Friday. The winners of competitions were Annie Davies, Albert Williams and Kenneth Brangwynne. The following provided the musical programme: Misses Lena Reece, M. and Ursula Harris, Jesse Llewellyn, Olive Payne, Gordon Lawrence. Splendid work was done and by Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mrs. Payne, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Morgan, Messrs. Evans, W. J. Davies, Payne, Richards, S. Lewis and F. Way. The accompanist was Mr. O. Richards.

Mothers' Union On Wednesday, at St. Mary's Hall, the annual supper in connection with the Fochriw branch of the Mothers' Union was held. Mrs. Evans, and a willing band of workers, prepared the meal. A very enjoyable event evening was spent, in which games and dancing were indulged in. The M.C. for whist and games was Mr. W. J. Payne, and for dancing Mr. Ted Puddle. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards. Prizewinners: Ladies: Mrs. Violet Baldwin; Gents: Mrs. George Price.

Hospital On Thursday evening at the Old Library, the annual meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was held, presided over by Mr. Edward Lewis. He emphasised the great work the hospital was doing, and he spoke highly of the services given by Mr. W. J. Payne, the Executive Board member, and Mr. Howell Thomas, the Governor, on behalf of the people. Messrs. Payne and Thomas gave a report on the work done in connection with the hospital, and this was well received. The work in connection with the Fete and Gala was also dealt with, and the splendid work resulted in the sum of £25 15s 7d being handed to the secretary. During the evening, a party of young men from Noddfa Chapel offered to organise a drama in aid of the hospital, which was accepted with thanks. Mr. Howell Thomas, whose term of office as governor expired, was unanimously re-elected.

“Merthyr Express” 14 July 1928

Summons Caradoc Shankland, aged 28, and Robert Carter, also 28, both of Fochriw, were fined 10 shillings each for being drunk and disorderly on 25th June. P.S. Robert Thomas was the officer.

In Hospital The many friends of Mr. Albert Mantle, Pentwyn, will be pleased to note that he is making satisfactory progress at Merthyr General Hospital, where he was taken after receiving injuries at Ogilvie Colliery.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the programme was "Humorous," all members taking part. The following contributed: Brothers Thomas Walters, W. Rees, Sam Lewis, Sisters Ballard and C. Thomas.

Social and Fancy Dress On Friday evening at the Church Hall, a very happy time was spent, when a social and fancy dress competition took place. The winners of the fancy dress were Miss Lena Rees (John Halifax) and Master Lyn Jones (baker). Winners of other competitions were: Miss Irfona Thomas, Windsor Rees and Willie Davies. The musical part of the programme was given by: Margaret Harris, Lena Rees, M. Morris, I. Thomas, V. Harris, D. Gregory, D. Wilton, W. Edwards, G. Lawrence, W. Rees, W. Davies, G. Llewellyn. The accompanist was Mr. O. Richards.

“Merthyr Express” 21 July 1928

A Public Boon: Bus Service for Fochriw A long-felt want in the village was a bus service, which has now become an accomplished fact. A service is run at regular intervals from Fochriw to Pontlottyn, Rhymney, and Tredegar, and back. It is hoped that advantage will be taken of this most convenient service, which has been a very sore need.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry last Thursday evening. Sister Thomas was responsible for the programme.

St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive and Social A whist drive and social was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday, and was well supported. The M.C. for whist was Mr. W. Brangwynne, and for dancing Mr. Ted Puddle. The accompanist was Mr. O. Richards. Prizewinners for whist: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Pryce Jones, 2. Mrs. S. Jones, 3. Mrs. R. Lewis; Gents: 1. Mr. Glyn Jones, 2. Mr. William Howells, 3. Mr. H. Wilton. The refreshments were attended to by the ladies of the Church.

“Merthyr Express” 28 July 1928

St. Mary's Hall At the Church Hall on Monday evening, a whist drive was held, the duties of M.C. being carried out by Mr. W. Brangwynne. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. V. Wood; Gents: 1. Mr. F. Way, 2. Mr. W. T. Morgan. Knock-out: Mr. F. Way and Mrs. Morris.

I.O.G.T. An enjoyable evening was spent at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. Brother Samuel Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was "Impromptu Speeches," and all the members present took part. After a keen competition on various subjects, Brother Sam Lewis was awarded the prize.

Male Voice Party The Male Voice Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Willie Adams Jones, competed at the Liberal Fete at Caerphilly on Thursday last and gave a good account of themselves. Although not the winners, their rendering of "Crossing the Plain" brought forth rounds of applause. Splendid train arrangements were made by Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster.

Children's Social Quite the happy time was spent at the Church Hall on Friday evening, when the children had a good time. Games etc. were played, after which tea was taken. Splendid services were rendered by Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Davies, Miss Rosie Davies, Mr. Walter Davies, Mr. Payne, and Mr. Willie Davies. The accompanist was Mr. W. J. Payne.

Ladies' Choir The Ladies' Choir under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas, entertained the inhabitants of Bedlinog to a very fine musical treat on Sunday evening. They are busy rehearsing for the National Eisteddfod at Treorchy.

Obituary It is our sad duty to record this week the death of Mrs. Jennie Davies, Aelybryn, who passed peacefully away on Saturday night after much suffering, patiently borne. Also, Maynard, the child of Mr. and Mrs. T. Sullivan, of the same address, and nephew of Mrs. Davies, who passed away on Monday morning. To the bereaved we tender our sincere sympathy.

In Hospital The many friends of Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Brook-row, will regret to know he is again a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. Also Glennie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryn Price, Pentwyn, who was conveyed to the Hospital as a result of an accident received on Sunday. Also at the hospital is Mrs. Sofia Edmunds, once an old inhabitant of the village, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Jenkins. We wish them all a speedy recover. Others who are making good progress at the hospital are Mr. Albert Mantle and Mr. Emlyn Evans.

"Merthyr Express" 4 August 1928

In Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Bertie Jones will regret to hear that he has undergone another operation at the Rhymney hospital.

At Oxford Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster and Miss E. M. Thomas of the Fochriw Mixed School, are at Oxford taking a course in the special study of Welsh at Jesus College.

N.S.P.C.C. It is very gratifying to know that through all the efforts of the Fochriw branch, the recent appeal raised a handsome sum of £4 11s 3d. The Secretary and Committee desire to thank those who contributed.

Ladies' Choir The choir enhanced their name on Sunday evening at Rhymney, where they gave a concert at the Victoria Hall to a most appreciative audience. The choir, under their conductor of Mr. D. J. Thomas, were in splendid form. Their performances certainly augered well for their visit to Treorchy for national honours. They were assisted by the following Fochriw artistes: Miss Margery Lewis (soprano), Mr. J. J. Lewis (tenor), Mr. Claerwyn Davies (baritone). Mr. Davies is to broadcast from Cardiff this month. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M.. The chair was ably filled by Mr. Williams, Rhymeny.

Obituary On Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard, the funeral took place of the late Mrs. Jennie Davies, Aelybryn, who died in her 33rd year. Deceased had suffered considerably of late. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, Aelybryn. Her husband, Mr. Philip Davies, was killed at the Fochriw Colliery about 12 years ago. She was a faithful member of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel and of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, who showed their affection for the deceased by attending the funeral, singing appropriate hymns en route to the Churchyard. The funeral was a very large one, added significance being given to the

occasion by the fact that the body of the deceased's nephew, Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sullivan, of the same address, was also conveyed to the churchyard at the same time. Both coffins were covered with beautiful flowers. The officiating ministers were the Revs. Rhys D. Jenkins, Samuel Evans, and Richard Evans. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Edwards and T. Sullivan (fathers); William Henry, Tom, Benjamin, Charlie, John (brothers); William Edwards, Charles Edwards, Henry Evans, Thomas Evans (uncles); D. Evans, Henry Evans, R. B. & G. D. Davies (brothers-in-law); R. & J. Williams, Bertie Edwards, Glyndwr Edwards, J. S. Edwards, Connie Edwards, Arthur Jones, John W. Jones, J. Dawkins, David Lewis, Thomas John Edgar, Willie and William Thomas, Edward Evans, Bedford Edwards, Thomas Benjamin, Harold, Bennett, Meth., Jim, & Price Davies, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, Tom Jones (cousins); J. Davies, David Roberts, W. & P. Sullivan.

Carmel Chapel The North Glamorgan body of Congregationalists met at the above Chapel on Wednesday and Thursday last. On Wednesday evening, a powerful sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Rogers, Merthyr Vale. On Thursday morning, the gynhadled was held, with Mr. Isaac Edwards, J. P., in the chair. A paper was read by the Rev. Aaron Davies, Aberdare. At 2p.m., the meeting was presided over by the Rev. J. T. Rogers; the service was introduced by the Rev. T. J. Euryn Hopkins, Hirwaun, and the Rev. W. Walters, Abernant, delivered a sermon on "His Name, Jesus Christ." A very happy and edifying gyfeillach followed, when the sermon, and the morning paper on "Offeiriadaeth y Credinwyr," read by the Rev. Aaron Davies, Soar, Aberdare, were very warmly commended. At the evening meeting, the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, presided, and the introductory portion was taken by the Rev. D. Jones, Deri, after which the Revs. D. J. Williams, Ystrad Mynach, and W. Davies, Ynysgau, Merthyr, preached very powerful sermons.

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Omission The following names were inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners of Mrs. Jennie Davies, Aelybryn: Messrs. Ford and D. H. Jones.

Personal The many friends of the Rev. J. C. Payne, the Rector of Burlescombe, Devonshire, will be pleased to know that he has been offered the benefice of Fochriw and Deri by the Provincial Board of Patronage.

Musical The numerous friends of the young bass-baritone, Mr. Claerwyn Davies, will be delighted to know that he is to broadcast from Cardiff on the 15th August. It augers well for this young singers that he is one of the youngest bases yet invited to broadcast.

I.O.G.T. There were many members present at the last meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge which was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Sister C. Thomas took the chair. The programme for the evening was "Topical talks," the subject being "The Art of High Living."

Ladies' Choir The Ladies' Choir journeyed to Glynderwen Eisteddfod on Monday. Although not successful, a very enjoyable time was spent. They are competing at the National on Friday, and their many friends wish them luck.

Wedding: Parry-James A very pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday morning, the contracting parties being Mr. Evan J. Parry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Parry, Dynevor-street, and Miss Amy Louise James, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James, Council Houses. Rev. Samuel Evans officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in pale blue crepe de chine trimmed with cream lace, with cream hat with blue flowers, and she carried a bouquet of sweet peas and a gypsy fiddle. She was attended by Miss Margaret James, her sister, who was prettily attired in powder blue georgette trimmed with cream net with hat to match, and Miss Gwyneth Parry, the bridegroom's sister, who was attired in a cream celanise dress with grey hat and grey shoes. The bridesmaids carried bouquets of sweet peas. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. David G. Parry, the bridegroom's brother. The sacred building was full to witness

the ceremony. A reception was held at the bride's home, and was attended by many friends and relatives. They were the recipients of a large number of presents.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel on Thursday last. Sister Bessie Ballard presided, and the following contributed: readings, Bros. Thomas Walters, Sam Lewis, Berkley Davies, Sister Bessie Ballard; duet, Sisters Bessie and Beryl Ballard. The programme for the coming quarter was presented by Brother Sam Lewis and accepted by the members.

Presentation A presentation of a gold albert was made to Mr. S. G. Thomas, late porter at Fochriw, on Wednesday evening at the Rising Sun Inn. The gift, which had been subscribed to by the railway staff of Fochriw station and friends, was presented by Mr. William Powell, Martin-street. Mr. Walter Davies, station master, presided, and he spoke of the sterling qualities of Mr. Thomas as a railwayman. Mr. R. Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, spoke on behalf of the public. Mr. Rees Jones, the veteran signalman, added his tributes. Mr. Thomas returned thanks to all those who had spoken and taken part in the presentation

British Legion: Farewell to Rev. Samuel Evans At the Rising Sun Inn on Friday evening, the Reverend Samuel Evans, Vicar, was the recipient of a beautiful inkstand, subscribed for by his many friends at the Legion, of which he is the president. The chairman was ex-Sergeant Williams, who gave a very appropriate speech. The presentation was made by the chairman of the branch, Mr. Ted Puddle, who spoke very highly of their president. The Vicar very freely responded, and said he would always remember their great kindness and would greatly value their gift. P.C. Brangwynne, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones and others also spoke. The musical part of the programme was given in fine style by Messrs. Fred Dummett, C. Tyler, C. Shankland, D. J. Davies, with Mr. Gilbert Harris as the accompanist.

St. Mary's On Sunday evening, the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation. The Vicar has laboured in the parish for the past nine years, and has done all in his power in the building up of the Church, and for the welfare of the parish. During his discourse, he appealed to them to receive his successor with kindness, and to do all in their power to assist their priest to carry on God's work and the extension of His Kingdom. During the service, Churchwarden Charles Payne proceeded to the altar, and handed the vicar a wallet of Treasury notes subscribe for by the parishioners and friends as a token of esteem.

Mothers' Union Presentation A very happy event took place at the Church Hall on Saturday evening to mark the occasion of the departure of Mrs. Evans, the enrolling member, for St George's-super-Ely. Since the advent of Mrs. Evans to Fochriw, she has worked hard to maintain this branch of Church work, and her efforts have been amply rewarded by the excellent results. The chair was occupied by Mrs. George Way, who spoke very highly of Mrs. Evans's work. The presentation of a beautiful tea service was handed to Mrs. Evans by Mrs. J. Davies, one of the oldest members. Mrs. Evans responded saying that she would always treasure the gift, and she appealed to them all to remain loyal together, and she hoped they would give the same support to the new were enrolling member when she came amongst them, as they had given to her. Others who spoke were Mrs. Curtis and Mrs. Davies. Mrs. Pryce Jones handed Mrs. Evans a beautiful nightdress case as a token of appreciation.

The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Fochriw Buffs spent a very happy time on Saturday, when they met to pay tribute to Brother Rev. Samuel Evans, who is leaving the district. Since his initiation, the reverend gentleman has acted as chaplain of the Order. Knight Tom Jones presided. The stars of the evening were Messrs. Fred Richards, Merthyr; Harry Richards, Rhymney; W. Richards, Bedlinog; and Wilcox and Harrington, Deri. Others who assisted were Brothers E. Hiscox, W. Davies, C. R. Mills, F. Dummett, D. Thomas and James Williams. Brother David Thomas gave an item in Welsh which was highly

appreciated. Prior to "The Toast to Absent Brethren" being sang, it fell to the Secretary, Knight H. C. Seaborne, to read a letter of appreciation to the guest of the evening. This was then handed to the presiding officer, who after making an appropriate speech, presented it together with a silver mounted walking stick (suitably inscribed) and a mounted cigarette holder, to Brother Samuel Evans. The recipient thanked one and all for their kindness to him. Speeches were made by Knight D. Jones and Primo P. Mantle. The singing of the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

Wedding: Lawrence-Williams A very interesting wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, when Miss Elizabeth Mary Lawrence, the elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lawrence, Bank House, and Mr. J. Idris Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Pontlottyn, were the contracting parties. The bride was given away to by her father, and the officiating clergyman was the Rev. Samuel Evans. The service was fully choral, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, brother of the bride, presided at the organ. The bride was attired in an ivory georgette frock, with inlets of Chantilly lace over ivory crepe de chine. Her veil of tulle was held by a coronet of orange blossoms and seed pearls. The bridesmaids were Miss Adelaide Lawrence, the bride's sister, who wore a picture frock of primrose georgette: Miss Olwen Lloyd, the bride's cousin, and Miss Gwennie William, the bridegroom's sister, who wore blue crepe de chine dresses. Each carried a bouquet of sweet peas to match their dresses. The train bearer was Miss Rita Cole, who wore a white frilled crepe de chine dress. The bridegroom's brother, Mr. D. E. Williams, was best man. The reception was at the home of the bride. The happy couple later left for Bournemouth. The bride's going away dress was of rose crepe de chine with a navy charmeuse coat trimmed with grey fox fur with grey hat to tone. The bride and bridegroom were members of the teaching profession at the Pontlottyn Council Schools, and Mr D. W. Jones, headmaster, on behalf of the staff, presented them with a timepiece. They were the recipients of congratulatory messages and a large number of valuable presents.

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Wireless The many friends of Mr. Claerwyn Davies, the brilliant young bass-baritone, were delighted to hear him on the wireless from Cardiff last week.

Gospel Hall Special services are being held this week at the above place, and are very largely attended, the Speaker being Mrs. Williams, Llanelly.

Outing On Saturday last, the Sunday school members and friends of St. Mary's Church and Nazareth Chapel journeyed to Barry Island. Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, was responsible for the excellent train arrangements.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Thursday last, when several members gathered together to further the cause. Brother Davies presided. The programme was "Welsh Night." The entertainment was carried out completely in Welsh.

Labour Meeting On Thursday, a well attended meeting was held at the Old Library under the auspices of the Miners' Federation and Labour Party. Mr. Morgan Jones, M. P., addressed the meeting in a very able manner. He dealt with the rating proposals of the government and other important matters. Addresses were also given by Mr. Bryn Roberts, miners' agent.

Liberal Meeting At the Old Library on Tuesday evening, a well attended meeting was held under the auspices of the Caerphilly Divisional Liberal Association, when the prospective Liberal candidate, Miss Grace Roberts, and Mr. Tom Williams, Cardiff, addressed the meeting. Miss Roberts was in excellent form, delivering a powerful address. She dealt very minutely with the Liberal programme and the party's past record. At the close, several questions were asked and answered.

Fochriw Boy's Post An important appointment has been made for a former Dowlais student, Mr. Horace David Evans, B.A., son of Mr. Mordecai Evans, Ivy Cottage, and an old Dowlais boy. He has been successful in obtaining the appointment of Master of Education at St.

Catherine's College, Manchester, out of 75 applicants, drawn from all over the country. Mr. Evans' family has been connected with the Welsh Church, Dowlais, for many years, and his uncle is at present one of the sidesman and a representative on the Parochial Council. His father will be remembered as a musician of some repute, and as a composer of numerous anthems, hymn tunes, psalms, and chants. Mr. Evans was educated at Lewis' School Pengam, and afterwards at St. David's College, Lampeter, where as senior scholar, he made his mark in Latin and Greek. He also spent some time at Carmarthen College. Last July, he took the diploma in divinity at the Archbishop of Canterbury's examination. We predict a bright future for our townsman.

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Meeting At a meeting on Monday evening at the Co-operative Rooms, County Councillor W. H. Hopkins, Bargoed, addressed a very enthusiastic meeting. He gave a very minute account of his stewardship in connection with various bodies with which he is connected, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of the wife of Mr. D. J. Shankland, who was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The funeral was for gentleman only and there was a large attendance. The coffin was covered with beautiful floral tributes. The officiating minister was Mr. W. A. Hancock, Pontlottyn. Great sympathy is extended to this sorrowing family.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday last, when Brother David Jones took the chair. Brother Samuel Lewis entertained with some unique readings on "Salt, Coal and Ninevah." A healthy discussion took place afterwards, in which Brothers MacArthur, Lewis and Lawrence took a keen part.

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Highly Important Sale of Welsh Mountain Sheep [Messrs Lewis & James Ltd. will run special buses from Deri to the sale at 1:00p.m., returning to Deri immediately after the sale.] John Herbert has been favoured with instructions from the Bedlinog - Fochriw and District Sheep Breeders' Association to sell by public auction on Wednesday, 19 September, 1928, at 2p.m., 1250 sound mountain sheep, 1000 excellent mountain ewes (direct from the actual Breeders), 200 and store wethers and lambs, 50 excellent rams, also, 8 Dozen New Ash Hurdles. The above sheep are guaranteed direct from the principal Breeders of sound mountain sheep in the district, and have been reared on the best and soundest sheep farms and mountains in the country. Special attention is drawn to buyers of Welsh ewes to this genuine and important sale. Further particulars: Apply L. Edwards, Esq., Honorary Secretary, Bedlinog Farm, or The Auctioneer, Cefn Rhos y Bedd, Crumlin, Mon.. Tel. 40

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Thursday last, when Brother Davies presided. The programme for the evening was a musical one, and the following took part: solos, Bro. Lewis, Sister B. Ballard; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters. Brother Willie Davies kept up the high standard of the evening by singing "Rose Eternal" and "Beyond the Dawn." The Lodge was close by singing the closing ode.

Marriage: Lloyd-Evans On Sunday morning, at Soar Congregational Chapel, Merthyr, a very pretty wedding was solemnised between Miss Olwen Lloyd, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Jones, Post Office, and Mr. Emlyn Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Evans, Rhymney. The officiating minister was the Rev. R. E. Peregrine, Rhymney. The bride, who was charmingly attired in an ivory georgette frock embroidered with diamante and picture hat to match, carried a bouquet of carnations and orchids. She was given away by her uncle. Mrs. Aneurin Jones and Mr. James Evans, father of the bridegroom, also attended the ceremony. The married couple left for Weston-super-Mare where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a navy taylor and cream hat to tone. They were the recipients of a larger number of presents.

Pretty Wedding: Davies-Cook The marriage of Mr. Morris Trevor Davies, Lord Nelson Hotel, Pontlottyn, and Miss Agnes M. Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cook, Aelybryn,, took place at Nazareth Chapel, Pontlottyn, on Monday. The Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rhymney, and Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated, whilst Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a beige georgette dress trimmed with Chantilly lace, with hat, shoes and stockings to match. She carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Gertrude M. Cook, sister of the bride, who wore a dress of beige crepe de chine, and Miss Gwyneth Davies, sister of the bridegroom, who was similarly attired. Both carried bouquets of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Cyril Cooke, the bride's brother. Messrs. Morrie Davies and Ivor Davies, Tom Davies and Miss Mafanwy Davies also attended the wedding. The page boy was Master Gordon Leslie Cook, nephew. The reception was held at the bride's home, where a large number was present. The newly-married couple journeyed to Burnham-on-Sea for the honeymoon. The bride's going-away dress was of pink crepe de chine with navy coat and grey hat.

Brilliant Sons The large circle of friends of Mr. G. V. Sibley and Mr. E. R. Sibley, sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley, late of Station Stores, Fochriw, now of Devizes, will be glad to learn of their continued success in this scholastic world. Their father was one of the deacons of Carmel Chapel, and the boys were born in the village and received their early education in the village school. Afterwards, they proceeded to Lewis' School, Pengam, and then to Bangor and Aberystwyth Universities. Mr. G V Sibley was appointed games master and physical instructor at Devizes Secondary School, afterwards leaving to take up a similar appointment at Selhurst Grammar School, Croydon, one of the finest schools in the area. He was followed at Devizes Secondary School by his younger brother, Mr. E. R. Sibley, who held the same position. Mr. G. V. Sibley has now been appointed lecturer in hygiene and physical instructor at Cardiff University, and his late appointment at Croydon will be taken up by his younger brother. Their sister, Miss Crisley Sibley took her Welsh and London Matriculation at Hengoed County School last year, and has now been appointed student teacher at Southbroom School, being too young to enter college. Another sister is Mrs. Dan Jones, who until her marriage was on the teaching staff of the Fochriw Mixed School.

Appointment The numerous friends of Miss E. M. Thomas, will be pleased to hear of her recent appointment as headmistress of Garth School, Maesteg. She commenced duties last Monday.

St. Mary's Church: Whist Drive Held on Thursday, the M.Cs. being Messrs. Walter Davies and C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Slimmons, 2. Mrs. S. Jones; Gents: 1. E. Jones, 2. H. Ballard. Knock-out: Mr. Frank Way and Mrs. S. Slimmons.

Off to College Mr. Enoch Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, is about to enter Caerleon College, after a very fine career at Bargoed Secondary School, where he matriculated last year. He is also a good cricketer.

Cricket Fochriw, who were making a great effort to secure the league championship of the Rhymney Valley, entertained Rhymney on Saturday, and after a fine game ran out winners by 66-51. Mr. John O. Roberts, for the homesters, battled well before being run out the 23.

“Merthyr Express” 15 September 1928

Examination Successes In the recent Central Welsh Board Examinations pass lists, and names of the following successful pupils appear: Miss Mary L. Thomas and Miss Beryl Ballard. Both are students at Bargoed Secondary School.

Labour Party At the Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening, a meeting was held by the Labour Party, when Mr. Walton Newbould delivered an address.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive The M.C. was Mr. C. Ballard. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Slimmons, 2. Mr. H. Ballard; Gents: 1. Mr. Ernie Jones, 2. Mr. Frank Way. Knock out: Miss Lena Rees and Mr. Ernie Jones.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, the works of Handel and Haydn formed one part of the entertainment. Also, Sister Thomas read Mark Anthony's speech from "Julius Caesar," and also "The Fall of Wolsey."

"Merthyr Express" 22 September 1928

Hospital Benefit The inhabitants of Fochriw and District can look forward to a dramatic treat on October 11th and 13th, when Noddfa Dramatic Society will perform "Joan Danvers" in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. This drama was performed at the Treorchy National Eisteddfod.

I.O.G.T. Brother William Davies presided over the weekly meeting of the lodge. The programme was a musical evening, the following taking part: pianoforte solo, Brother Thomas Walters; solos, Sister Beryl Ballard and Brother Berkley Davies. The best wishes of the lodge were offered to Brother Enoch Lewis who is leaving for Caerleon College.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Tuesday evening, the M.C. being Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mr. S. Bishop, 2. Mr. H. Ballard; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Davies, 2. Mr. E. Thomas. Knock-out: Messrs. F. Way and C. Ballard. The secretarial duties for these drives is very successfully carried out by Miss Rosie Davies, and splendid assistance is rendered by Mr. W. J. Davies and Mr. Frank Way.

Scholastic Hearty congratulations to two old Fochriw boys - products of the village school, which has turned out so many brilliant scholars - in the persons of Mr. W. O. Morgan, son of the late Mr. W. O. Morgan, a former headmaster of the Fochriw Council School, and Mrs. M. E. Morgan, Bargoed South Schools, and Mr. Clifford Phillipott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Phillipott, formerly of Aelybryn. Both were successful in gaining the Higher Certificate of the Central Welsh Board at the recent examination. Mr. Morgan intends continuing his studies at Cardiff University, and Mr. Phillipott will study at Caerleon College. We wish them every success in their futures studies.

Fochriw Ladies' Choir: Whist Drive A very successful whist drive was held at the Old Library on Thursday evening last. The duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. D J Thomas, the conductor of the choir. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S Jones, 2. Mrs. Patten; Gents: 1. Mr. T. I. Evans, 2. Mr. T. Davies. The winners of the guess cake were Mrs. David Evans and Mr. Morris. The donors of the prizes were Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Miss S. Jones, Mr. D. J. Thomas. Miss S. Jones was the very energetic secretary. The refreshments were in the capable hands of the committee and choir members. Thanks are due to all who helped to make the drive a success.

"Merthyr Express" 29 September 1928

Sheep Sale On Wednesday, a sale of Welsh Mountain sheep took place at Pentwyn. The auctioneer was Mr. John Herbert, this being the first sheep sale for a long time at Pentwyn.

Whist A whist drive was held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday, Mr. C. Ballard being the M.C.. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. Parkin; Gents: 1. Mr. H. Ballard, Mr. D. Way. Knock out: Mrs. J. Evans and Mr. Tom Davies.

I.O.G.T. Brother Davies presided over the weekly meetings of the lodge. Brother Payne entertained. He opened by reading the piece, "A Dream Picture of Darkest London," followed by another "Regular Meetings." He finished with a short prayer entitled "Thursday evening."

Cricket: Fochriw Champions Enthusiasm prevailed in Fochriw and Deri on Saturday, when a battle royal was expected to decided who should be champions of the Rhymney Valley Cricket League, Fochriw and Deri being the two top teams. The deciding match was played on neutral ground, Rhymney being the venue. Both teams' supporters went over in their hundreds to cheer their pets. Batting first, Fochriw put up a very stern defence. The batting of Iorwerth Evans, Willie Morgan, John O. Roberts, and Harold Harris caused the Fochriw total to be brought up to 66 before the team was dismissed. Deri followed, but the bowling of

Jack Davies and John O. Roberts, coupled with the smart fielding, played havoc with Deri, who were all out for 19. Fochriw thus became champions amidst scenes of great excitement.

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Clean Milk Miss Bowen, the agricultural committee's demonstrators, held a demonstration at Mr. Robert Slimmons', Fochriw Farm, on Wednesday last, when there was a large gathering, including Mr. E. Richards, sanitary inspector, Gellygaer Urban District Council.

Church Hall On Thursday evening, a pleasant whist drive was held, the M.C. being Mr. W. J. Payne. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. T. Puddle, 2. H. Ballard; Gents: 1. Dan Evans, 2. W. Edwards. Knock out: Mr. Willie Davies and Miss L. Rees.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive under the auspices of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir was held at the Old Library on Tuesday evening. Mr. Howells was the M.C. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss G. Davies, 2. Miss E. Griffiths; Gents: 1. Mr. J. Harding, 2. Mr. T. Thomas. The secretarial duties were carried out by Miss S. Jones and Mrs. G. Jones.

I.O.G.T. Brother Willie Davies presided over the weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel Vestry last Thursday. The programme for the evening was "Addresses by some of the Brothers." Brothers Willie Davies and Rees addressed the lodge. Brothers Lewis, Jones and Walters, and Sisters Thomas and Ballard expressed their opinions on the addresses.

“Merthyr Express” 13 October 1928

Mothers' Union On Tuesday evening, the members of the Mother's Union were addressed by Mrs. Jones, The Vicarage, Pontlottyn.

Harvest Thanksgiving Thanksgiving services were held at Carmel and Nazareth chapels during the week, and there were large attendances.

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

Meeting On Wednesday evening, a fine address was delivered to the unemployed at the Reading Room, when the speaker was Mr. Alfred White, missionary, Industrial Christian Fellowship (Cardiff).

Bachelors' Tea At the Co-operative Rooms on Monday evening, the members of the Labour Party held a tea and social evening. After tea, a fine programme of music and games was enjoying by all.

P.C. Brangwynne Leaves for Trelewis The many friends of P.C. Brangwynne and family wish them well in their new home at Trelewis, to where the popular officer has been promoted. During his stay in the village, he has won the esteem of all sections of the community.

Personal The Rev. J. C. Payne has accepted the benefice of Fochriw and Deri offered him by the Board of Patronage. He will be inducted on Tuesday next by the Archdeacon of Llandaff, at the Parish Church at 5:30p.m.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, the programme being arranged by Bro. Berkley Davies.

Personal The many friends of Mr. D. J. Thomas and family wish them well in their new home at Caerphilly where they have removed during the last week. Mr. Thomas is well known in the musical world as a first class adjudicator. He was also the conductor of the noted Fochriw Ladies' Choir, which had been so successful under his leadership.

British Legion An ordinary branch meeting was held on Friday evening, when Comrade Ted Puddle presided. The attendance improves each week, and the "hail-fellow-well-met" spirit prevails. The secretary reported that about 50 members are on the unemployed list, and that the branch committee was arranging interviews with the employers of the district with a view to getting the men absorbed. The branch contemplates holding weekly whist drives, and the first will take place on October 19th. It is now almost a years since the branch was recognised, and despite the depression in the district, the organisation has been very

successful. Comrade Ray Clark is to be complemented for his good work on behalf of the ex-servicemen. The villagers will soon be called upon to purchase poppies, and it is hoped that this year sales will excel all previous efforts. The activity of the branch is extended to Pantywaun, and includes Pentwyn and Penybank. In the area, there are at least 200 ex-soldiers, and they are appealed to enrol under the Legion banner. Someday, the branch may boast its own "lath and plaster" headquarters.

The Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes One of the most successful ceremonies in the history of the lodge took place on Saturday, when, in the presence of the over 60 members, Brother William Price K. O. M., (the founder of the lodge and the treasurer since its inception), was exalted to the fourth degree. The installing officer was the ever popular secretary of the Merthyr Provincial Grand Lodge, Brother J. N. Zetterstrom, who was assisted by the P.G.L. officers, whilst Knight L. D. Jones and Knight Tom Jones acted as sponsors. Introducing Brother Price, Brother Tom Jones said that Bro. Price's good works were well known throughout the province: Brother Price was worthy of the honour. After his exaltation, Brother Price expressed his thanks. The ceremony of raising Primos Percy Mantle and Charles Mills to the third degree was carried out with decorum and efficiency. Knight Tom Jones performed the ceremony. The P.G.P., assisted by his officers, then carry out the exaltation ceremony of raising Brothers Harry Lloyd Jones, Alfred Gwynne and Fred Dummett to the second degree. Visiting brothers from Pantywaun, in charge of Host Gwilym Jenkins, provided the lodge with the musical programme, and much thanks had due to Messrs. Whelan, Wilcox and Harrington for the part they played. Knight George of Merthyr drew attention of the members to the whist drive and dance which is being organised by the benevolent committee, and urged them to support it. Brother Lewis announced that the Rev. J. C. Payne is about to return to the village. The Rev. Payne was at one time chaplain of the local branch. His brother Buffs promise him a very hearty welcome when he visits the lodge.

“Merthyr Express” 20 October 1928

Induction The Rev. J. C. Payne was inducted to the benefice of Fochriw and Deri on Tuesday evening.

I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible for the programme and gave an enjoyable reading.

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

Drama On Thursday and Saturday last, the Church Hall was filled to witness excellent performances of "Joan Danvers," by the Noddfa Dramatic Society who outclassed all their previous attempts, and this was admitted on all hands to be the crowning success of its career. The Rev. J. C. Payne, Vicar, presided, and in some very fitting remarks explained that the performance was in aid of a noble cause - the Merthyr General Hospital. The producer of the play was Miss Hilda Phillips. The scenery, dresses and stage effects added greatly to the success of the performances. During the intervals, Mr. Octavius Richards played very appropriate selections. The characters were played by Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mr. D.G. Parry, Miss Phyllis Williams, Mr. Sylvanus Jenkins, Miss Ray Parry, and Miss Dilys Evans. At the close of Saturday's performance, Mr. Howell Thomas, on behalf of the Hospital Board, thanked the company, and all who had assisted in any way to make the effort a success. This was seconded by Sister Doris Davies, of the hospital staff, who deputised for the matron. The furniture was kindly lent by Mr. B. Freedman, Dowlais.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held last Thursday. Brother William Jones gave a paper on "The Life of Ben Bowen, the famous young Welsh poet."

St. David's, Pantywaun Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday and Thursday, the vicar, officiating.

Whist Drive On Friday evening, at the library, the Fochriw branch of the British Legion held a very successful whist drive which was well attended. Mr. William Howells was M.C. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. W. Jones, 2. Mrs. R Lewis; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Sullivan, 2. Mr. D. Morris.

Presentation of Medals On Monday evening at the library, a whist drive was followed by the presentation of medals to the winners of the Rhymney and District Cricket League. Fochriw proved worthy champions, despite the handicap of the lack of a good pitch. Sergeant Howells presented the medals. The winners at the whist were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. G. Jones, 2. Mr. W. Price; Gents: 1. Mr. Tudor Jones, 2. Mr. Crad Thomas.

Harvest Festival The Harvest Festival Services in connection with St. Mary's Church were well attended. The Church had been tastefully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, and the hearty congregational singing was a feature of the services. On Sunday, the preachers were the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar, and the Rev. John Francis, vicar of Kenfig Hill.; on Monday, Canon J. Richards-Pugh, Rector of Merthyr; Tuesday, Rev. D. R. Williams, Port Talbot; Wednesday, Rev. R. Ward, Rector of Dowlais.

Fochriw Induction: Cordial Welcome to Rev. J. C. Payne On Tuesday evening, the parish Church of St. Mary was crowded to overflowing on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. J. C. Payne to the benefice of Fochriw and Deri. The reverend gentleman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, well-known and highly respected citizens of the village. Mr. Payne was born in the village where he has now been made vicar. As a young man he devoted his life to the cause, and was a voluntary lay preacher for 14 years, toiling Sunday after Sunday throughout the parish of Pontlottyn, and afterwards taking full control of the Church of St. Andrew, Pentwyn, where his ministry was marked with wonderful success. He still followed his daily occupation at the pit as engine driver, and in 1915, he decided to give up the pit and devote his full time to the Church. Since that time, his progress has been rapid. He commenced his career under the great divine, the late Rev. Canon Lewis of Ystradfordwg, whose fatherly care was a great factor in the life of Mr. Payne. He held curacies at Ton Pentre, Deri, and had charge of the Conventional District of Cymmer and Abercregan. He was vicar of Burlescombe, Devonshire until his recent appointment.

The induction was performed by the Archdeacon of Llandaff, with all the customs of the Church. The service was taken by the Rev. Samuel Evans, late to vicar of the parish. The address was given by Canon T. Jesse Jones of Gellygaer, who spoke in glowing terms of their new vicar. He said his task was an onerous one, but he felt sure he would accomplish it with the wholehearted co-operation of the people. He wanted them to look upon their new vicar, not as the lad they used to know amongst them years ago, but as the minister of the mysteries of God. Let them give him their support, and help him to extend the Kingdom of God in the parish. Let them pray for him and his family, so that their ministrations might be blessed. The United choirs of Fochriw and Deri, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell and Mr. John Owen sang the service and hymns in pleasing style. After the service, tea was provided in the Church hall for clergy and visitors, the new vicar and his wife making the acquaintance of a number of old and new friends.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Thursday evening, the duties of M.C. being carried out by Mr. Walter Davies. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss M. H. Williams, 2. E. J. Jones; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Howells, 2. Mr. Pugh. Knock-out: Mrs. Howells and Mr. Harding.

“Merthyr Express” 3 November 1928

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Gleanings from the Quarter's Programme," all being responsible.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening, the M.C. being Mr. W. J. Payne. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. G. Price, 2. Mrs. W. Howells; Gentleman: 1. Mr. W. T. Morgan, 2. Mr. W. Price. Knock-out: Mrs. S. Jones and Mr. T. Jones.

Wedding: Tyler-Watkins St. Mary's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday morning last, the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends. The contracting parties were Mr. David Richard Tyler, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tyler, and Miss Frances May Watkins, second daughter of Mrs. Watkins, and the late Mr. T. Watkins, Pentwyn. The bride was prettily attired in a cream silk dress trimmed with lace, with picture hat to match, and she carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Watkins, the bride's sister, and Miss Ivy Tyler, the bridegroom sister, and Miss Cissie Franketti. They looked charming in green silk dresses with hats to match. The best man was Mr. Richard George Atwell, brother-in-law of the bride. Mr. Albert Tyler, Messrs. Charlie Tyler, Willie Tyler, George Baldwin, Tom Davies and Willie Watkins were present. The Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. After the ceremony, a large number of friends and relatives sat down to the wedding breakfast at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

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Bon Voyage Mr. Tommy Harris, Plantation-street, left for Brooklyn, New York, on Saturday last aboard the "Aquitania."

Poppy Day Poppy Day will be observed in the village on Friday and Saturday. A United service of remembrance will be held at the Parish Church at 3p.m. on Armistice Day.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the lodge, Brother Payne installed the officers for the coming quarter.

Nazareth The half yearly meeting was held on Sunday, when the Rev. E. J. Rees, Pontypridd, preached very edifying sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris and Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and W. A. Davies presided at the organ.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday evening. The M.C. was Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Miss H. Rees, 2. Mrs. W. Howells; gentleman: 1. Mr. W. Price, 2. Mr. Stanley Jones. Knock-out: Miss E. Evans and Mr. W. T. Morgan.

Bible Society A well-attended meeting of the above was held at Nazareth chapel on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. M. Williams, when a very able address was given by the Rev. H. Withers, vicar of the Tylorstown. Rev J. C. Payne, and Rev Richard Evans also spoke.

Obituary The death of Mr. Edward Parry, Brynteg, took place at Merthyr General Hospital. Deceased was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel. He leaves a widow and grown-up family. The funeral took place on Tuesday. A short service was conducted at the house by the Revs. R. Evans and I. Roderick, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Robert W. Parry, son; John Roberts, brother; Morgan Roberts, nephew; George Evans, Sydney Davies, David H. Lewis, sons-in-law; Idris and Emrys Evans, grandsons; Robert Jones, brother-in-law; Rees, Matthew, Thomas, Willie and Howell Thomas.

"Merthyr Express" 17 November 1928

I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was "Topical Talks." Brother Henry Thomas was responsible.

Hospital As a result of the Noddfa Dramatic Society's performance of "Joan Danvers," the sum of £12 9s 6d has been handed to the organiser of the Hospital Fete and Gala.

Lecture A lecture was given by the Rev. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown, the subject being "The Rev. Edward Mathews, the great pulpit genius." The Rev. Richard Evans presided. The Rev. J. C. Payne proposed, and the Rev. Isaac Roderick seconded, and Mr. J. P. Isaacs, headmaster, supported the vote of thanks.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday, Mr. W. Davies being the M.C.. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Stanley Jones, 2. Mrs. Pugh; Gents: 1. Mr. W. Davies, 2. Mr. S. Bishop. Knock-out: Miss Rosie Davies and Mr. S. Jones.

Scholastic Mr. Horace D. Evans, son of Mr. Mordecai Evans, Ivy cottage, has been informed that he was successful in gaining the Board of Education's final teacher's certificate. He is now employed at Manchester.

Obituary: Mrs. M. S. Kelly, Dynevor-street, aged 22 The funeral of the late Mrs. M. S. Kelly, Dynevor-street, took place on Tuesday. Deceased was only 22 years of age. She leaves a husband and two young children to mourn. She was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Evans. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, after which the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The Vicar and the Rev. Richard Evans officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Terence Kelly, husband; Thomas Evans, father; David Lewis, Henry Thomas John, Edgar and William Evans, brothers; David Lewis Jones, Evan Jones, Walter Jones, W. Jones, Rod Jones, John Evans, William J. Angell, Henry Evans, Thomas Edwards, Benjamin Evans, uncles; Lewis Evans, J. H. Evans, Latimer Evans, William H. Edwards, Thomas B. Edwards, Charlie Edwards, Albert Mantle, John Mantle, William T. Morgan, Thomas B. Evans, Roderick Williams, Math. Evans, Price Davies, John Lewis, Tom Jones, David Jones, John Jones, David D. Jones, Thomas Wathan, Frank Taswell, Tom Sullivan, Harold Mordecai Williams, Bedford Edwards.

Emphatic Denial A fine of 10/- was imposed on Artwell Woods, aged 24, for stealing coal value 9d, on Sunday 28th. Woods emphatically denied the charge. P.C. Pugh said he saw the defendant pick up two lumps of coal and hide them in some ferns. Defendant said he had no coal in his possession when stopped by the officer. He was only out for his usual Sunday morning walk.

"Merthyr Express" 24 November 1928

Pontlottyn Thursdays v Fochriw Score: Pontlottyn 2: Fochriw 0.

In Remembrance Flanders Poppies were disposed of in the district. Despite the acute industrial depression, the sum of £4 4s was realised. The organisers were Mrs. S. J. Jones and Mr. Ray Clarke. The following were the sellers: Misses Frances M. Jones, Maggie Thomas, Mary L. Thomas, Magdalen Pugh, Mary Morgan, Ceinwen Cole, Helena Rees, Minnie Price, Doreen Weeks, and Gwenda Thomas.

Personal Mr. A. E. King, Rhymney, has passed an examination under the observation of the Royal Automobile Club examiners as a first class motor driver. He is the organist of St. David's Church, Pantywaun.

Old Library A whist drive was held at the Old Library under the auspices of the British Legion. Mr. S. Ballard was of the M.C. The prize winners were: 1. Miss Evans; 2. Mr. Sullivan, 3. Mr. David Thomas.

St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday, the duties of M.C. being carried out by Mr. C. Ballard. The prize winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. Thomas, 2. Mrs. B. Price; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Jones, 2. Mr. Evans. Knock out: Miss H. Rees and Mr. H. Ballard.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, presided over by the chief Templar. The programme was "A night with hymn writers" Sisters C. Jones, C. Thomas and Bessie Ballard being responsible. Sister C. Jones read a paper on "William Williams, Pantycelyn," Sister C. Thomas on "John Newton," and Sister Ballard on "Ann Griffiths."

Penybank Evening Classes A whist drive was held by the students of the above classes on Friday at Penybank schools. The winners were: ladies: 1. Miss O. Morgan, 2. Miss L Davies; gents: 1. Mr. J. Llewellyn, 2. Mr. A. Morgan. Certificates were presented to Messrs. David John Williams, David Lewis and Maldwyn Williams, who was successful at the examination held by the Royal Society of Arts (mathematics) last March. A short concert followed, solos

and dialogues being given by Miss C. Lewis, Messrs. G. Tyler, D. J. Williams, D. Tyler, W. Watkins and G. Williams.

Distress The local Distress Fund is sparing no effort to relieve the needy cases in the village, of which there are so many. The members of the committee, with their energetic secretary, Mrs. S. J. Jones, are untiring in soliciting gifts of money and clothing. Mr. Richard Bell, J. P., London, has sent on several sacks of clothing in excellent condition, and a good sum of money for relieving sick cases he is closely connected with. He paid a visit to Fochriw this week and had a personal talk with the officials, and promised to go back to London and renew his appeals for more support. Other contributors to the fund are Lord Wimborne, Mr. H. R. Jones, Lord Mayor's Fund, Mr. Morgan Jones, MP, etc. Any donations or gifts of clothing will be thankfully received by the officers of the fund: Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman; Mr. S. Lewis, vice-chairman; Mr. Daniel Jenkins, treasurer; Mrs. S. J. Jones, secretary; and Mr. T. Baldwin, assistant secretary.

"Merthyr Express" 1 December 1928

I.O.G.T. A meeting was held on Thursday presided over by the chief templar.

Obituary The death took place this week of Captain Jones, Llanon, lately of Fochriw, where his genial personality will be missed.

St. Mary Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. H. Ballard. Prizewinners: Ladies: 1. Miss Rosie Davies, 2. Mr. Evans; gents: 1. Mr. J. Harding, 2. Mr. J. Bishop. Knock out: Mrs. B. Price and Mr. Evans.

Benefit Concert On Thursday, a concert took place at Noddfa Chapel (kindly lent) in aid of Mr. Emlyn Evans, who met with a serious accident at Ogilvie Colliery, which necessitated the amputation of his foot. The concert was organised by the Fochriw Made Voice Party, of which he was a faithful member, assisted by eminent local artistes. Mr. W. J. Payne proposed the vote of thanks, seconded by Mr. Willie Adams Jones. The accompanists were Mr. James and Mr. William Lawrence.

"Merthyr Express" 8 December 1928

Obituary The death of Mr. Thomas Evans, senior deacon of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, took place on Monday morning.

In Hospital Mrs. E. J. Williams, Mr. Ernie Jones, Mr. W. Davies, and Master E. Gittens are patients in the Merthyr General Hospital.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday, when the programme was "Bible Readings." The following were responsible: Sisters N. Evans, C. Cole and B. Ballard.

Carmel Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. W. A. Richards, Brynaman, preached powerful sermons. Mr. Thomas Walters was at the organ.

St. Mary's At a special service in connection with the Mothers' Union, the preacher was the Rev. E. J. Edmonds, the vicar of St. Catherine's, Caerphilly.

Obituary: Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins The death took place at Rhymney on Thursday of the Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, pastor of Goshen Welsh Congregational Church. Rev. Jenkins was born in Fochriw. Sympathy is extended to the widow and family.

British Legion At a meeting of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion held at the Rising Sun Inn on Friday, it was decided to elect Dr. T. Stenner Evans, president of the branch, in succession to the Rev. Samuel Evans who has left the district. A grant has been sent from headquarters for unemployed ex-servicemen, and any unemployed ex-servicemen wishing to make an application for a grant, should apply to the secretary of the branch, Mr. Clark.

Social A social evening took place at St. Mary's Church hall on Thursday in connection with the Mothers' Union. The M.C. for whist was Mr. Walter Davies, and for dancing Mr. Ted Puddle. Mr. O. Richards was the accompanist. The winners at whist were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. Howells, 2. Mrs. A. Jones; Gentleman: 1. Mr. S. Bishop, 2. Mr. P. Gwynne.

Wedding: Evans-Dainton At the Parish Church of St. Mary's on Saturday, a very pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Mr. Edward M. Evans, second son of

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Evans, Davies-row, Pentwyn, and Miss Gwenny Dainton, daughter of Mr. Charles Dainton, Abertysswg. The bride looked charming in a beige dress with hat to match. She was given away by her father, and the best man was Mr. David Way. The Vicar performed the ceremony. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of useful presents.

“Merthyr Express” 15 December 1928

Wedding: Davies-Price A pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Wednesday, the bride being Miss May Davies, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, Guest-street. She wore a blue silk stockinette dress with hat to match, and a tailored navy coat trimmed with fur. The bridegroom was Mr. Harry Price, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Richard Price, Pontlottyn. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride's parents, when a large number of relatives and friends gathered together. The happy couple were the recipients of a large number of useful presents.

Obituary: Mr. Thomas Evans, aged 73 The funeral of Mr. Thomas Evans took place on Thursday at Pant Cemetery. Deceased was 73 years of age, and was senior deacon of Noddfa Chapel, where he had taken a prominent part in the musical activities. The officiating minister was the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, former pastor of Noddfa. The chief mourners were: Messrs. J. Evans, son; J. W. Thomas, son-in-law; T. J. Matthews, T. Thomas, D. J. Thomas, B. J. Thomas, J. & T. Evans, nephews; D. Price, brother-in-law; J. King, W. Williams, I. Price, W. T. Price, A. Lewis, W. Phillips, T. Price and E. Price.

Dramatic Performances At Noddfa Vestry on Thursday and Saturday last, a very happy time was spent when crowded audiences were entertained to two sketches, "Poor Ma-in-law," and "The Haunted Bedroom." The performances were under the auspices of the Ladies' Choir. The chairman on Thursday was Mr. D. J. Thomas. The characters were well portrayed and had been carefully coached by the producer, Mr. J. Idris Williams. On Saturday the chairman was ex-Sergeant Williams. In the first play, those who took part were Miss Nest Evans, Mr. Danny James, Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Mr. Bob Rees and Mr. Willie Angell. In the second were Mr. W. Angell Davies, Mr. Thomas J. Morgan, Mr. Willie Morgan and Mr. Berkley A. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 22 December 1928

I.O.G.T. The programme was a miscellaneous one and all present contributed.

St. Mary's Hall: Whist Drive Held on Monday, the M.Cs. being Mr. W. Davies and Mr. C. Ballard. Prize winners: Ladies: 1. Mrs. S. Jones, 2. Mrs. V. Woods; Gentleman: 1. Mr. W. Morgan, 2. Mr. J. R. Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 29 December 1928

Obituary The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants in the person of Mr. David Griffiths, Dynevor-street. He was a deacon of Carmel Chapel where he will be greatly missed.

Personal District Officer W. J. Payne of the Fochriw section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade, on a ballot vote has been appointed Life Governor of the National Brigade Association Widows' and Orphans' Fund. Mr. Payne has been connected with fire brigade work for over 20 years.

St. Mary's Church On Christmas Day at the Parish Church well attended services were held. The Church had been nicely decorated. Holy Communion was administered at 8a.m. and 11a.m., with a carol service which was heartily sung, under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell. The celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the Vicar, Rev. J. C. Payne. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards.

Noddfa Chapel On Christmas Day, the annual singing festival of the joint churches - Nazareth and Noddfa - took place, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans, and reached a very high standard. Several anthems and hymn tunes were sung, including one composed by Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, which was greatly appreciated. The chairmen were

Mr. John Jones, Mr. B. Davies, and Mr. William Davies. The accompanists were Mr. W. Lawrence, and Mr. D. J. Thomas.

Carmel Chapel On Christmas Day, the usual singing festival to place, and as in previous years the singing was of a high standard. The conductor for the day was Mr. Daniel Owen, Rhymney, and the presidents were Mr.T. Ballard, Mr. M. Williams, and Mr. D. Jenkins. Solos were sung by Miss Cole, Miss M. Lewis, Miss I. Davies, and recitations were given by Nurse Ballard Davies and J. P. Lewis. The organists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Miss Nesta Evans and Miss Ballard.