

“Merthyr Express” 3 January 1948

Labour Party The annual meeting of the Fochriw Ward Labour Party was presided over by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P. Reports were given by Councillors S. Lewis and W.J. Payne. The secretary, Mr. Dan Jenkins, resigned his office, which was accepted with regret. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was appointed secretary. Mrs. H.L. Farley gave an area report. The following officers were elected: chairman, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P.; vice-chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; treasurer, Mr. T. Shankland.

Pensioners’ Dance A successful dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday week in aid of the O.A.P. Fund. The M.Cs. were Messrs. B. Pollock and E. Lewis. The secretary is Mr. J.J. Lewis.

Poppy Day The Fochriw British Legion result of Poppy Day, inclusive of collection, Ogilvie and Goesfaen Collieries, Penybank, Pentwyn, Pantywaun and Fochriw, realised £16 17s 6d. The organiser was Mrs. H. Lloyd Farley, who thanks all sellers, helpers and members of the public for their support.

Singing Festival The Christama Gymanfa was held at Carmel on Christmas Day, and was well attended. The singing reached a high standard under the conductor, Mr. W.J. Saunders, A.L.C.M., Abercanaid, with Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., at the organ. The president in the morning was Mrs. Lewis, afternoon, Mr. D. Jones, evening, Rev. Eurof Jones.

Singing Festival The annual combined singing festival of Noddfa and Nazareth, took place at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. W.T. Thomas, and the singing reached a very high standard. Mr. D.J. Davies was the organist. Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the morning service, when the following children took part: Katie Hughes, Muriel Lewis, Margaret Morris, Jessie Ann Davies. In the afternoon service, Mrs. Katie Walters presiding, Hugh [lost]... and Mr. Tom Thomas took the devotional parts, while “Holy Night” was sung by a quartette consisting of Mrs. E. ..[lost].., Mrs. D. Edwards, Mr. J. Williams and Mr. W.A. Davies. Mr. T.J. Jones presided at the evening service, when Mrs. Mattie Lewis took the devotional part, and Miss Millie Williams sang a solo.

“Merthyr Express” 10 January 1948

Death: Mr. Thomas Baldwin, Glenview The death has taken place of Mr. Thomas Baldwin, an old inhabitant.

Fochriw Silver Band The Band, conducted by Mr. Emrys Lewis, carried out their annual programme of Christmas music by playing throughout the village.

Male Voice Party The Party, under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Davies, added to the Christmas programme at Gellygaer hospital, by giving a concert on Sunday. The party was assisted by Miss Marie Jones-Davies, Miss Millie Williams and Mr. W.A. Davies. The accompanists were Mr. B. Rees and Mr. W.A. Davies. Coun. W.J. Payne opened the concert by reading from Scriptures. “The Holy City” was sung by one of the patients, Mrs. Joan Evans, Pontypridd. Thanks to the Party, artistes and chairman were given on behalf of the patients by Miss Eileen Jones and on behalf of the staff by Mrs. Williams and the matron.

Cymdeithas Diwilliadol Carmel This was opened on Monday by Mr. D.W. Davies, district executive officer for Caerphilly and Gelligaer. Mr. Davies took as his subject “Negro Spirituals.” Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., and Mr. W.A. Davies proposed votes of thanks. The chairman was Rev. Eurof Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 17 January 1948

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by the Vicar. The object of the meeting was to hear reports from Councillors W.J. Payne and S. Lewis, J.P., regarding the grant from the Gellygear District Council to the Welfare Association for the outdoor playing fields. The Councillors were thanked for their reports. Councillor Lewis was appointed to the committee.

O.A.P. Entertained A meeting of the O.A.P. Association was held at the Old Library Institute on Tuesday to elect officers for the new year. Mr. Howell Thomas presided. The following were re-elected: secretary, Mr. T. Ballard; treasurer, John Davies; auditors, W. Cook, D. Harris. Last year’s vice chairman, Mr. D.E. Jones was appointed chairman. A telegram was received from the Caerphilly Area secretary stating that he was unable to speak

owing to illness. On the previous Thursday a tea was provided for the O.A.P. by the ladies of the village, and they were thanked by the Vicar, the Rev. Eurof Jones, and the secretary.

Late Mr. Thomas Baldwin The funeral of Mr. Thomas Baldwin, Glenview, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. He was 72 years of age, and had lived the greater part of his life in the locality. He was a staunch churchman. For many years, he had been a member of the Parochial Church Council, had been Parochial Secretary, and was a sidesman of the Parish Church and the old Church at Pentwyn. He had been sexton at Pentwyn until ill-health forced him to retire. The funeral was a very representative one. After a service at the house, burial was at the Church of St. Andrew, where the service was conducted by the vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans and the late vicar, Rev. J.V. Payne, who paid tribute to Mr. Baldwin as a Churchman. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George Baldwin (son); Jack Lewis, David Lewis (brothers-in-law); W. Price, Bryn Lewis, A. Coggan, L. Coggan, V. Coggan (nephews); D.J. Thomas, J. Hughes (friends). Mourners at the house were: Mesdames M.A. Baldwin (wife); A. Gardener (daughter); Mrs. A. Price, Mrs. Morris, W. Lewis (sisters-in-law); A. Coggan, C. White, E. Brangwynne, M. Goddard (nieces); Mrs. Vines, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Small, Mrs. Small. Thanks to all for messages of sympathy, floral tributes etc. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. Vivian Powell, Dynevor-street.

Musical Successes At the recent practical examinations of the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music, and also of the London College of Music, held at Merthyr and Cardiff respectively, the following candidates were successful in pianoforte playing: Idris Powell, Brynteg-terrace (Grade 1 passed with credit); Maldwyn Hughes, Chapel Row, Pantywaun (Elementary, Honours); Michael Evans, Post Office, Fochriw (Preparatory, First Class). They are all pupils of Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., Emlyn House.

Nodda Sisterhood The meeting of members was held on Thursday last, when Mrs. Dilys Edwards, vice president, presided. Devotions were led by Miss Gretta Evans, who also gave a paper on "Sewing Seeds of Kindness." Miss Evans was thanked by Mrs. S. Lewis and Mrs. T. Lawrence. Mrs. Edwards was the organist.

"Merthyr Express" 24 January 1948

Band Dance The Fochriw Silver Band held a dance at the New Hall on Thursday. Music was supplied by the band under the conductorship of Mr. Emrys Lewis, and the M.Cs. were Messrs. Gomer Davies and Cadfan Cumpstone. The secretary is Mr. J.J. Lewis and the chairman Mr. A.H. Wood.

The Pensioners A committee has been formed whose duties will be to organise functions in aid of the O.A.Ps. in the area. It will be known as the progress committee. The following officers were elected: chairman, Mr. Martin Thomas; secretary, Mr. Wm. Ross; treasurer, Mr. Vivian Powell; committee, Messrs. Stan Davies, Bernard Brown, Berkeley Angell.

Nursing Success Nurse Linnie Pritchard, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Levi Pritchard, Aelybryn, was presented with a silver medal and certificate, gained at the recent examination at Redhill County Hospital, Edgware, by the Duchess of Gloucester, at the Guild Hall, Westminster,

Seiat Ymwlyd A special service was held at Nazareth C.M. Church on Monday, the preacher being the Rev. Dr. T.J. Jones, Cardiff, who gave a sermon on the text from the Corinthians "If you are in Christ you are a new Creation." Other speakers were: Mr. J.J. Brown, Deri; Mr. Gomer Jones, Twyn Carno, Rhymney. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

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

many lodges were represented. The arrangements were carried out by Bro S. Williams, K.O.M., secretary.

“Merthyr Express” 31 January 1948

Sudden Death The death has occurred suddenly of a well known resident, Mr. John Williams, Martin-street, at the age of 64.

Whist Winners The first of a series of drives was held at the New Hall on Thursday last in aid of the O.A.P. outing fund. Winners: Mr. A. Cumpstone and Mr. Harding; consolation prize, Mrs. E. Jones; winner of sealed packet, Mr. T. Morris. The M.Cs. were Mr. Brown and Mr. B. Angell.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Edna Jones read the Scripture, and Miss Payne, Dowlais, led in prayer. A solo was given by Mrs. Phyllis Jones, and Miss Payne gave an address. The evening closed with the singing of a hymn and the Benediction.

Silver Band Under the auspices of the Silver Band, a dance was held at the New Hall last Thursday, the Band supplying the music. It is intended to continue with a series of dances. M.Cs. were Messrs. G. Davies and G. Cumpstone. Spot prize winners were Mr. & Mrs. Elwyn Lewis, Rhymney. A cake, given by Edwards Bros., Bargoed, was won by Mrs. Beryl Davies. Spot prizes were given by Mrs. Evans, Post Office, and Mr. J. Morgan, Manager, Morgan-Harris. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Pollock and Davies. On behalf of the Band, the secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis, wishes to thank all for their support.

“Merthyr Express” 7 February 1948

Former Resident The death has occurred of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, Bedwas, widow of Mr. Daniel Evans, late of Fochriw, at the age of 79 years.

Whist Winners In the Whist Drive last Thursday in aid of the O.A.P. Fund, the winners were Mr. D. Way and Mr. Stewart Jones. The sealed packet, given by Mrs. Farley, was won by Mr. T. Shankland. Messrs. Brown and Angell were M.Cs.

Bandmaster Resigns Mr. A.H. Wood presided over a band meeting on Friday, when the resignation of the bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle, was accepted with regret after 43 years as player and bandmaster. This step was brought about on medical advice after a long illness, but Mr. Mantle's health is improving, and it is the hope of all bandsmen in the district that he will maintain his connections with the band. Members present paid tribute to his fine qualities both as a musician and conductor, and expressed the hope of an early recovery. The secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis, has worked in harmony with him for 13 years. The band is now under the conductorship of Mr. Emrys Lewis. The following are the officers: chairman, Mr. A.H. Wood; vice-chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mr. A. Davies; president, Mr. E.T. Pritchard.

Died in Hospital The funeral of Mr. John Williams, Martin-street, who died at Merthyr General Hospital, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Aged 64, he had lived in the village all his life. He was well known locally, and was a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The soloist of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, he was also its vice-chairman. The funeral was a representative one. Revs. T.J. Jones, D. Thomas, E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were Messrs. E. Chaffey (brother-in-law); G. Sibley (uncle); R. Parry, C. Davies, L.W. Evans (nephews); D. Jones, T. Morris (cousins). Mr. Mordecai Williams (brother) is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. At the house were Mrs. Lydia Williams (wife); Gareth G. Williams (son); Mesdames M. Davies, S. Chaffey (sisters); M. Parry, E.J. Williams (sister-in-law); M. Morran, A. Parry, J. Davies (nieces); Mrs. D. Davies, Mrs. M. Robinson (cousins); Mesdames M. Dummett, E. Morris. Mrs. Williams wishes to thank all friends for their messages of sympathy. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. V. Powell, undertaker.

“Merthyr Express” 14 February 1948

Film Lecture At the Church Hall on Wednesday, a lecture was given by Mr. J.R. Bartlett, Postmaster, Bargoed, which was illustrated by sound films. Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The films dealt with the work carried out by the Post Office. The chairman and Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans thanked the speaker.

Sisterhood Meeting The meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday, Mrs. P. Jones presiding. Scripture was read by Mrs. D. Edwards and Miss Greta Evans led in prayer. The speaker was the Rev, Eurof Jones, who was thanked by Misses G. Evans and E. Jones, and Mrs. T. Lawrence. Rev. Jones closed the meeting.

Garage Fire A fire that broke out on Wednesday evening, completely destroyed the garage of Miss A. Lawrence. A car in the garage was also destroyed.

New Officers The annual meeting of the Welfare Association took place at the New Hall on Friday, when Rev. E. Adams Evans presided. The chairman gave a review of the last year's work, and thanked all for their support. Coun. Payne was appointed chairman. The secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies, reported that no applications had been received for the posts of secretary or treasurer, and it was decided to re-advertise. A discussion took place about improving the reading book department, and also about repairs to the children's corner. An appeal is made to protect these valuable assets. The following were elected officers: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. A.H. Wood; secretary and treasurer, to be appointed; committee, Messrs. Con Edwards, B. Brown, J. Lewis, M. Thomas, V. Powell, J.J. Lewis, A. Evans, Crad Shankland, T. Ballard, B. Rees, C. Cumpstone, D. Pritchard, T. Morris, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P.; trustees, Messrs. Dan James, A. Palmer, W.J. Payne, Rev. E. Adams Evans; librarian, Mr. R. Gittoes.

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Children's Home The sum of £4 10s. was sent to the National Children's Home as a result of the recent house-to-house collection. The secretary, Miss E. Ballard, wishes to thank all collectors – Miss Esther Matthews, Miss Betty Fox, Miss Margaret Ballard, and to the residents for their interest in the cause.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Irene Jones read the Scripture and Miss Greta Evans led in prayer. The speaker was Miss Bessie Ballard, who gave an address on "Talents." She was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. D. Edwards.

Whist Winners The winners of the weekly whist were Mr. A. Cumpstone and Mr. M. Williams. The "Snowball" was won by Mr. R. Jones. The sealed packet was given by Mr. J. Morgan, and was won by Mr. J. Harding. Mr. Brown and Mr. Angel were M.Cs. Proceeds are in aid of the O.A.P. Fund.

Cymdeithas Diwilliadol On Thursday, Feb. 25, a Noson Lawen was given by the Carmel Society to the Society of Moriah, Bedlinog. A substantial programme was arranged by Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., who was also the accompanist. The chairman was Rev. Eurof Jones. Items were given by the choir, and individual items were given by Miss N. Shankland, Misses B. Evans and M. Ballard, Messrs. B. Rees, L. Rowlands, M. Shankland, B. Cumpstone, C. Cook, E. Evans, J.J. Lewis; recitations by Mrs. A. Ballard, Miss M. Jones, Miss B. Evans, Mr. Jones, D. James, T. Walters.

Go-As-You-Please The winners of the competition held in the New Hall last Wednesday were: Mrs. Margery Humphries, Pontlottyn; Mr. Harold Barnett, Bargoed, who divided 1st and 2nd prizes. Third was divided between Mrs. Waund, Bargoed, and Mr. Del Jones, Bedlinog. A consolation prize given by Mr. Jones was won by Miss M. Baker, Pontlottyn. Adjudicators were: Mr. G. Jones, Deri; Mr. H. Turner, Pontlottyn; Mr. H. Richards, Rhymney. Accompanist: Mr. Baden Bowen, Deri. Compere: Mr. J.J. Lewis, Fochriw. Chairman, Mr. M. Thomas, Fochriw. Proceeds are in aid of the O.A.P. Fund.

Late Mrs. Hannah Jones The funeral of Mrs. H. Jones, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. Mrs. Jones was 75, and was born in the village and lived there all her life. The funeral was a representative one, the Vicar and the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. The mourners were Messrs. Tom, Rod & Edward (sons); George Mantle (son-in-law); Leslie, Gwyn, Edgar, David, Douglas (grandsons); Ben Evans, Crad Ballard (brothers-in-law); Edward Evans, Derrick Evans, H. Ballard, W. Watkins, W. David, E. Davies, Wm. Davies, Deri, Ivor Morgan, Iorwerth Williams, Glanmor Williams, Wm. Lewis, Glyn Meredith, W.M. Davies, Bryn Davies, W. Pope, W. Parry, Gomer Davies. At the house were: Mrs. Geo. Mantle (daughter); Ruth Jones (daughter-in-law); Lilian Mantle, Cissie Mantle, Mwyneth Mantle, Margaret Jones (grand children); Mrs. Nancy Williams, Mrs. J. Ballard (sisters); Mrs. H. Meredith, M.G. Parry, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Lewis.

Silver Band The annual meeting was held at the Band-room recently. The audited accounts were presented by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, and Mr. Allen Davies, treasurer, and were accepted. During the past year, Mr. Albert Mantle has tendered his resignation, owing to ill-health, after 45 years as a bands-man and conductor. Appreciation of his services to the band was recorded. His place as band-master will be taken by Mr. Emrys Lewis, deputy band-master, who has been most faithful during Mr. Mantle's illness. Mr. Tom Mantle, son of the retired bandmaster, has been appointed deputy bandmaster. The retiring bandmaster was appointed to the committee. The secretary read correspondence from the Brass Band Association, and from the Llanelly Competition committee, at which it was decided to compete in July. Officers elected were: president, Mr. E.T. Pritchard; chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. D.M. Thomas, secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mr. Allen Davies; registrar, Mr. Desmond Pritchard; vice-presidents, Mr. S.C. Farley, Mr. W. Cox, Mr. E. Evans, Post Office.

“Merthyr Express” 6 March 1948

Gift Parcel A Princess Elizabeth gift parcel was received by Mrs. M.M. Morgan, Station-terrace, containing a personal letter from the Princess.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided over the meeting at the Hall on Friday. It was reported that no applications had been received for the posts of secretary or treasurer. The matter was left to the officers and trustees.

Ward Meeting The annual Labour Party ward meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, when representatives from Pantywaun, Deri and Fochriw were present. The following were elected: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; secretary, Mrs. H.L. Farley; treasurer, Mr. Rhys Jenkins.

Nazareth A women's prayer meeting was held under the chairmanship of Miss Doris Davies, who opened the meeting. Mesdames M. Lewis, D. Edwards, E. Jones, and Miss Greta Evans took part. The organist was Mrs. E.P. Lewis. A social evening was held on St. David's Night. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames T. Pugh, W. Morris, G. Edwards, E. Shankland, E. Matthews, E. Lawrence. A concert was presided over by Mrs. E.P. Lewis. The following took part: solos, Phyllis & Katie Hughes, Mrs. M. Lewis; recitations, Linda Pugh, Jessie A. Davies, Muriel Lewis. The organists were Mr. D.J. Davies and Mr. W.A. Davies.

Dydd Gwyl Ddewi A Noson Lawen was held at Carmel to celebrate Dydd Gwyl Ddewi. Folk songs were sung by the choir conducted by Mr. T. Walters. Solos were rendered by Messrs. M. Shankland, C. Cumpstone, C. Cook, J.J. Lewis, E. Evans; penillion singing, Rev. E. Jones & Mr. T. Walters; solo, Mrs. M.A. Ballard and Miss Shankland; recitations, Messrs. D. James, L. Rowlands, Rev. E. Jones, Miss Pat Brown. A sketch was performed by Mesdames Ballard, May Davies, M. Evans, Misses M. Jones and Nellie Shankland. Thanks were accorded by Misses E. Shankland and E. Rees.

“Merthyr Express” 13 March 1948

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

Summer Time Begins Put your clocks on one hour when going to bed on Sunday night, March 13.

“Merthyr Express” 20 March 1948

Royal Parcels Princess Elizabeth gift parcels have been received, together with a personal letter, by Mrs. M.J. Griffiths, Aelybryn, and Mrs. M.M. Davies, Martin-street.

Noddfa Sisterhood At the meeting last Thursday, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided and also read the portion of Scripture. The speaker was Mr. G. Sibley, who was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards rendered a solo.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne, supported by Mr. A.H. Wood, vice-chairman, and the retiring secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies. Mr. Bob Rees was appointed secretary, and Mr. I. Evans treasurer. Billiards, Entertainment and Sports Committees were appointed.

Noddfa A social evening was held at the Vestry in commemoration of St. David. The following ladies presided at the tables: Mesdames D. Edwards, Phyllis Jones, R. Thomas, T. Morris, M. Sheen, C. Ballard, E. Jones, O. Thomas, G. Pearce, assisted by Mesdames B. Evans, A. Jones & S.A. Davies. Games followed supervised by Miss Edna Jones and Mr. T.J. Jones.

Whist Drive A whist drive was held at the New Hall on Thursday last. The winners were: Ladies: 1. Mr. W. Jones, 2. Mr. T. Jones (acting ladies); Gents: 1. Mr. R. Davies, 2. Mr. D. Morris. The sealed packet was given by Mr. D. Lewis and was won by Mr. B. Brown. M.Cs. were Messrs. B. Brown and A. Angell. The proceeds were in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund.

Weekly Winners The winners of the weekly whist drive at the New Hall were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. L.C. Jones, 2. Mr. A. Cumpstone; Gents: 1. Mr. T. Kelly, 2. Mr. L. Burrows. The knock-out competition was won by Mrs. Jones and Mr. D. Ballard. The sealed parcel given by Mrs. J. Davies, Aelybryn, was won by Mrs. Powell. The M.Cs. were Mr. Angell and Mr. Brown.

Late Mrs. B. Jones The funeral of Mrs. Bronwen Jones, wife of Mr. David B. Jones, Geln View, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. Eurof Jones and E. Adams Evans officiating. The mourners were Messrs. D.B. Jones (husband); John Francis (brother); C. Hollister, Richard Evans (uncles); Leyshon, Tom, Dan & John Rowlands, Llewellyn Lewis, Tom Stewart, Will Jones, J. Richards, Lewis Evans, David Evans, W.A. Davies, W.J.A. Davies, Crad Richards, Llewellyn Lewis, Henry Small, Bob Evans, Wilfred Hollister, H. Watkins, W. Evans, T. Evans, D. Gibbons, Eiros Evans (cousins); Sam, Tom & Dick Jones, W. Harris, Wm. Morgan (brothers-in-law); Lloyd Harris, J. Griffiths (nephews); Gomer, Harry, Dick & Tom Jones (cousins); W. Price. At the house were Nan (daughter); Mrs. Amelia Rowlands, Hannah, Mary, Maggie, Katie (sisters-in-law); Elizabeth Ann, Blod, May, Ethel, Edith, Annie, Catherine, Dolly, Annie, Morfydd, Rhoda, Celia, Olwen, Doris (cousins); Mesdames Jones, Cole & Edwards. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 27 March 1948

Late Mrs. Evans The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. Evans, who has lived for many years at Stoney Houses, Penybank, but at the time of her death resided at Pontlottyn.

Unopposed Coun. W.J. Payne has been returned unopposed as a member of the Gellygaer Urban District Council for the Fochriw Ward.

Labour Party Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided over a meeting at the Hall on Friday. Reports were given on Council activities.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jones, Hill-row, Pentwyn, have celebrated their golden wedding. They were married at St. Luke's Church, Hayward, Lancashire, and have lived in this district for the past 45 years. Mr. Jones was a member of the parochial church council, and a sidesman of the Parish Church, and Mrs. Jones is a member of the Mothers' Union. Both are members of the British Legion, and to mark the occasion, they were entertained to supper by the Women's Section, of which Mrs. Jones is one of the oldest members. As a mark of appreciation on behalf of the members, Mrs. F. Lewis presented Mrs. Jones with a woollen scarf. Mr. & Mrs. Jones gratefully responded. All members joined in wishing them many more years health and happiness. The secretary is Mrs. J.J. Harding.

“Merthyr Express” 3 April 1948

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, celebrated their golden wedding on Monday. They were married at Merthyr. Mrs. Evans was born at Fochriw, where she has lived all her life. Mr. Evans was born at Dowlais, but moved to Fochriw when he was

very young. They have a number of grown up children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the Band-room last Friday, Coun. Payne presiding. The Bandmaster reported on the progress of the Band.

Good Friday Services Services under the auspices of the Full Gospel Hall were held at Nazareth on Good Friday. Mr. T. Lawrence presided in the morning and an address was given by Rev. Eurof Jones. Mr. T. Thomas also took part. The evening service was presided over by Rev. Jones. Miss Edna Jones opened the service, and Mr. T.J. Jones also took part. Rev. Glyndwr Jones, B.A., Dowlais, was the preacher. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the precentor, Mr. W.A. Davies.

Parish Church The three-hours' service was conducted on Good Friday by the Vicar, who was also the preacher and celebrant on Easter Day, assisted by Rev. R.J. Richards, Deri.

Gittens – Davies The wedding took place at Carmel on Easter Day of Miss Eira Davies, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. David Davies, Dynevor-street, and Mr. John Gwyn Gittens, son of Mrs. Gittens, and the late Mr. Edward Gittens, Guest-street. The service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Rev. Eurof Jones, with Mr. T. Walters at the organ. The bride was given away by her father. She was dressed in blue with rose accessories. She was attended by Misses E. Evans, E. Davies and Betty Gittens as the bridesmaids. The best man was Mr. Roy Evans, and the groomsmen were Mr. Roy Evans and Mr. D.A. Evans. The reception was held at the home of the bride, and a large number of guests attended.

Noddfa to Benefit On Tuesday last at the New Hall, Zoar Dramatic Society, Pontlottyn, gave a performance of the drama "The Dark Little People," in aid of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The company deserves the highest praise for their performance. The party was presented by Mr. T.J. Jones, who presided. The Rev. J.A. Thomas thanked the audience.

"Merthyr Express" 10 April 1948

"The Ideal Life" The meeting of the Sisterhood was held on Thursday last at the Vestry. Mrs. P. Jones presided, and also read the Scripture. Mrs. S. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, gave a paper on "The Ideal Life." Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Irene Jones and Miss Evans. Miss Gretta Evans gave a solo. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Maternity Home A well attended meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday in connection with the scheme for a new maternity home to be provided at Caerphilly by the Caerphilly and Gellygear Council. Councillors Lewis, Payne and Bate were present and explained the scheme. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Coun. Payne; treasurer, Coun. Lewis; secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins; assistant secretary, Miss M. Jones. It was decided to hold a mil-of-pennies collection on Friday, April 16; and to make a house-to-house collection afterwards. The area was split up into districts and lady stewards appointed for each district. The cause is a deserving one and an appeal is made to the public to give generously.

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Smith – Evans The marriage took place quietly at Avenue Church, Southampton, of Mr. T.J. Smith, elder son of the late Mr. Geo. Smith and Mrs. Flewitt of Fochriw, and Miss Joan Evans, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Evans of Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight. The honeymoon is being spent in Holland.

Runaway Victory Fochriw entertained Caerphilly on Saturday at the Welfare Ground in a Rhymney Valley Junior League game, and were winners by 7 goals to 1, so strengthening their position at the top of the League. Scorers: M. Edwards (3), E. Shankland (2), S. Watkins, J. Ballard.

Whist Drive The winners of the weekly whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday were: Ladies: 1. Mrs. L.G. Jones, 2. Mrs. D. Brown;; Gents: 1. Mrs. Powell, 2. Mr. J. Ballard. The K.O. competition was won by Mrs. Evans and Mr. W. Jones. The sealed packet given by Mrs. Evans, Post Office, was won by Mrs. J. Gittens. The secretary is Mr. W. Ross.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of the Parish of Fochriw and Deri took place at the Parish Church on Wednesday. The Vicar presided, and thanked all for their support during the past year. Members stood in silence in memory of parishioners who had died during the past year. Mr. Payne, churchwarden, gave the financial report, stating that they had met all

their liabilities and a small credit balance remained. During the coming year, due to the increased quota, much more money would have to be found. Officers elected were: churchwarden, Coun. W.J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. John Owen, Deri; auditor, Miss Rosie Davies; organist, Mr. W.P. Lawrence; parochial secretary, Mr. J. Palmer; envelope secretary, Mr. A. Palmer; parochial council, Mesdames E.A. Evans, S.A. Payne, E.J. Lawrence, R. Davies, G. Llewellyn, Palmer, Messrs. J. Lawrence, A. Palmer, T. Jones, E. Pritchard, G. Lawrence, N. Palmer, B. Rees, G. Baldwin, W. Way; sidesmen, Messrs. D. Tyler, Ray Davies, V. Powell, W. James, C. Cumpstone, W. Rees, D. Lloyd Jones, G. Evans, G. Tyler, Tudor Evans, D.J. Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 8 May 1948

Maternity Home In aid of the Maternity Home, the women were busy on Friday when a “mile-of-pennies” was organised and the public made a splendid response. The sum of £12 17s was realised. The next effort is the house-to-house collection, which will be made on Friday. Mr. H. Evans the death has occurred of Mr. Harry Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans, Dynevor-street, and husband of Mrs. Evans of Pontllytyn. The death occurred at Stoke. The funeral will be at Pentwyn Churchyard.

New Caretaker Mr. Tom Shankland has been appointed caretaker of the Fochriw Institute out of six applicants.

Late Mr. H. Evans The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday of Mr. Harry Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, and husband of Mrs. Evans, Pontllytyn. Aged 46, Mr. Evans died at Stoke, where he was employed. The body was brought back to his parent's home. The officiating ministers were Revs. Eurof Jones, E. Adams Evans, and Pator David Thomas. The chief mourners were Messrs. Oliver Evans (son); Thomas Evans (father); David L. Evans, Wm. Evans (brothers); T. Owen (son-in-law); Ben Evans, Wat Jones (uncles); W.R. Hewins, Terence Kelly (brothers-in-law); D. Hewins (nephew); Rod Jones, M. Williams, Lewis Evans, E. Evans, John H. Evans, T. Sullivan, Enoch Rees. Tom. Mourners at the house: Mesdames K. Evans (wife); Joan Owen, Joyce Evans, Betty Evans (daughters); M. Evans (mother); E.A. Hewins (sister); B. Evans, M. Evans, M. Rees (sisters-in-law); E. Sullivan, S.A. Dawkins, G. Bennett, N. Huzell, M.H. Morgan, M.J. Davey, Eirwen Harris.

“Rodric's Household” On Thursday at the New Hall, the Brithdir Welfare Players gave an outstanding performance of “Rodric's Household,” producer Mr. Stan Williams. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. A.H. Wood, vice chairman of the Institute, seconded by Mr. Iorwerth Evans, treasurer.

“Merthyr Express” 15 May 1948

Bishop's Visit On Sunday afternoon, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff will visit the Parish Church to hold a Confirmation Service.

Late Miss C. Lloyd The death has occurred of Miss C. Lloyd, Guest-street, at the age of 62. She was well known in the locality, and a faithful member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The funeral, which was private, took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, the Rev. T.J. Jones officiating.

Whist Drive The winners of the whist drive held last Thursday were: Mrs. T. Jones, Mr. D. Way, Mr. S. Jones. Knock-out: Mrs. D. Brown and Mr. Watkins. The proceeds were in aid of the O.A.P. outing fund. The M.Cs. were Mr. B. Brown and Mr. B. Angell. The secretary is Mr. W. Ross.

Maternity Ward A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday. Coun. Payne presided. The various collectors gave their reports of amounts collected at house-to-house collections, and the response has been splendid. Among other events arranged are a drama, dance and community singing, and a “Mile of Pennies.”

Conductor Resigns Mr. Wm. Thomas presided at a meeting of the Silver Band at the Band-room on Friday. The secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis, and the treasurer, Mr. Alan Davies, were also present. The meeting was called to receive the resignation of Mr. Emrys Lewis, bandmaster. This they did with regret. Mr. Lewis had given much to the training of young members who had made fine progress. A deputation was appointed to wait on Mr. A. Mantle, late bandmaster, appealing to him to take over the band again. Owing to a long illness, he

resigned sometime ago. Mr. Mantle has agreed to give it a trial for one month, with the first practice on Friday evening. It is hoped all members will be present.

“Merthyr Express” 22 May 1948

Confirmation Service The Bishop of Llandaff, Dr. John Morgan, confirmed about 40 candidates at a service at St. Mary's on Sunday. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, and Rev. H.T. Richards, curate, assisted. The Bishop gave an address and attended the evening service at St. Peter's Church, Deri, where he read the lessons and preached the sermon. The service was taken by Rev. H.T. Richards, with Mr. John Owen as organist and conductor. The choir rendered the anthem “Peace I leave with you,” Mr. Ivor Jones taking the solo.

Late Mr. David Powell The funeral of Mr. Dd. Powell took place at Rhymney Cemetery on Thursday last. The Revs. Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney, and E. Adams Evans, vicar of Fochriw, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David H. Powell (son); Tom, Arthur, W. Powell (brothers); David Thomas (nephew); Masters David & Richard Bowen. At the house: Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Power (Monmouth) and friends from Pentwyn.

Died in Hospital: Mr. David C. Bowen The funeral of Mr. David C. Bowne took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. He was 51 years of age. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: David, Thomas & Richard Bowen (sons); Thomas Bowen (brother); Walter Pritchard (brother-in-law). At the house: Mrs. Bowen (widow); Ruby and Nita (daughters); Mrs. Margaret Bowen (sister); Mrs. Ida Pritchard (mother-in-law).

Soccer Club Meeting Mr. W.A. Davies, chairman of the Fochriw A.F.C., presided at a meeting on Tuesday, when the balance sheet was presented, which showed a profit of £35. Income was £80 2s 6d, whilst expenditure was £45 2s 6d. It was decided to apply for membership of the Rhymney Valley Senior League next season, and a welcome was extended to all who wish to become members. Election of officers: president, Mr. Pritchard; vice-president, Mr. Farley; chairman, Mr. W.A. Davies; treasurer, Mr. C. Edwards; secretary, Mr. L.G. Jones, 29, Martin-street; committee, Messrs. Rufus Dummett, J.E. Edwards, H. Woods, W. Williams, G. Taylor, Ivor Morgan and Cadfan Cumpstone.

“Merthyr Express” 5 June 1948

Nazareth The annual services were held on Sunday last when the preacher was the Rev. Gray Edwards, Skewen. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. D.J. Davies was organist.

Noddfa Sisterhood A prayer meeting was held on Thursday, in conjunction with the evangelical campaign being held by the Baptist churches of the Rhymney Valley. Mrs. Dilys Edwards, vice president, presided. Mrs. M.A. Evans read the Scripture, and the following sisters took part in prayer: Mrs. D. Edwards, Mrs. I. Jones, Mrs. M. Lewis, Miss G. Evans. Miss Edna Jones gave the Benediction.

For Maternity Ward Community hymn singing was held at Noddfa on Sunday evening, and a collection was taken for the maternity ward. Mrs. M.A. Lewis presided and read a portion of Scripture. The conductor was Mr. M. Shankland, and the singing reached a high standard. The organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas, and the secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins. Rev. Eurof Jones accorded thanks.

Flag Day In aid of S.S.A.F.A., a flag day was held. A sum of £3 10s 1d was realised. The sellers were Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Coggan, Mrs. Davey, Mrs. Edwards, Misses Shirley Lawrence, Ray Hurley, Betty Fox, Sylvia Evans, Lorna Rees, Dora Cumpstone, Jean Wood, Eileen Millward.

“The Man from Toronto” Last week, a performance of “A Man from Toronto” was given at the New Hall by the Pontlottyn Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Group in aid of the Nursing Association. Mrs. S. Lewis presided. Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, chairman of the Pontlottyn and District Nursing Association, proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Havard and her party, seconded by Rev. Eurof Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 12 June 1948

Carmel The yearly services were held on Sunday, when Rev. T. Huw Griffiths, Barry, was the preacher. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, and Mr. M. Shankland conducted the singing.

In Aid of O.A.P. The winners of the weekly whist drive on Thursday were: Ladies: 1. & 2. divided between Mrs. L.G. Jones and Mrs. John Gittens; Gents: 1. Mr. D. Way, 2. Divided

between Mr. M. Williams & Mr. A. Blow. Knock-out winners were Mr. R. Gittoes and Mr. G. Griffiths. The proceeds were in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the Band-room on Friday, Coun. Payne presiding. The late bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle, had undertaken the conducting of the band for the last month. A special appeal is being made to all members to attend practices. It was decided that Mr. A.H. Wood would take over the training of young members.

Ambulance Competition Under the auspices of the Riches Corps, a competition was held at Fochriw on Saturday. This was the first of a series to be held in the area over the coming months. Result: 1. Bargoed, 2. Bargoed A, 3. Bargoed B. 4. Brithdir, 5. Fochriw. Adjudicators: practical test, Mr. E. Jones, Abertysswg; theory, Mr. Stockton, timekeeper, Mr. J. Ings, Pontlottyn. Corps. Supt. T. Jones, Deri, was in charge of the competition. A vote of thanks was proposed to both adjudicators by Cadet Officer Idris Jones, Brithdir, seconded by Dic. Supt. T.J. Powell, Fochriw.

Late Mr. Bert Wellings The death has occurred of Mr. Bert Wellings, Railway-terrace, at the age of 47. He was a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, where he had been a patient for several weeks. He was the son of Mr. J. Wellings and the late Mrs. M. Wellings, 112, Heath Wood Gardens, Charlton, London. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday, the officiating ministers being Revs. E. Adams Evans, Eurof Jones and Dd. Thomas. The mourners were Messrs. L. Pritchard, D. Pritchard, Eddie, Edwin, John, Elwyn, Stanley, Merddyn Gittins (brothers-in-law); Cyril & Idris Wellings (cousins); G .Watkins, D. W. Morris, Desmond Evans (nephews). At the house were Mrs. M. Wellings (wife); Mary (sister); M. Gittins (mother-in-law); Sal, Maggie, Beryl, Gladys, Hettie, Sarah, Joan (sisters-in-law); Doris, Phyllis, Annie (cousins); Clarise, D. Pritchard (nieces); Sarah (aunt); Annie (cousin); Norma, Yvonne.

“Merthyr Express” 3 July 1948

Obituary The death has occurred after a very painful illness of Mrs. Rowlands, wife of Mr. T. Rowlands, Rees-row, Pentwyn. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday and was for gentlemen only.

Sisterhood The meeting took place on Thursday at the Vestry. Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided. A portion of Scripture was read by Miss D. Davies, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Davies, Ystrad Mynach, past president of the South Wales Federation of Sisterhoods, who was thanked by Mrs. M. Lewis and Mrs. J. Jones. On Saturday, the Sisterhood went on their annual outing to Aberystwyth.

Annual Outings Members and friends of Nazareth Sisterhood held their annual outing on Saturday, when they travelled by bus to Aberystwyth. Carmel Sewing Class members and friends travelled to Tenby on Saturday.

“Merthyr Express” 17 July 1948

To Cheddar The Sewing Class journeyed to Cheddar on Saturday last.

Former Resident A well-known personality in the village before her removal to Gilfach, Bargoed, some years ago, Mrs. Price, wife of Mr. Wm. Price, was buried last week at the age of 75.

London Ahead The football season is keenly anticipated in the village. Teams have been entered in the Rhymney Valley League, and some fine games are looked forward too on the new Welfare Ground.

Male Voice The Male Voice Party is still active under its conductor Mr. D.J. Davies. They are busy rehearsing new pieces for their various programmes. The secretary is Mr. Eddie Davies. A welcome is extended to new members. The accompanist is Mr. W.A. Davies.

St. David's Pantywaun Special services were held on Sunday last. The preacher in the evening was Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. A new organ has been installed which will be greatly appreciated. The choir, under its conductor, Mr. W.H. Williams, rendered the anthem, “Jerusalem.” The organist was Mr. A.J. Kings.

Maternity Home As a result of the Mile of Pennies, the sum of £10 was realised for which the officers wish to thank the ladies at the tables and public for their generous support. Officers: chairman, Coun. Payne; treasurer, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P; secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins; assistant secretary, Miss M. Jones.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss Edna Jones read the Scripture and Mrs. Evans led in prayer. An address was given by Miss Greta Evans who also gave a solo. Thanks were accorded by Miss Doris Davies and Mrs. Joshua Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The service closed with the Benediction.

Welfare Association A meeting was held on Thursday at the New Hall, Coun. Payne presiding. Mr. E. Davies, Welfare Officer, was present, and several questions were put to him relating to the Hall, the playing field and children's corner. The Welfare Officer was thanked for his visit.

Academic Success Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas has graduated in arts at the University College, Cardiff, with Honours in Welsh language and literature, together with Finals in Philosophy. Mr. Thomas, who is 20 years of age, is an old student of Lewis' School Pengam, where he took the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate, being subsequently awarded a Glamorgan County Scholarship, and a Welsh Church scholarship. During the past year, he has been chairman of the University Church Society, and chairman of the College Philosophical Society. Mr. Thomas hopes to read for a further degree in philosophy next year, before entering upon his training for the priesthood in the Church in Wales. He is an Associate of the Royal Institute of Philosophy, and a member of the Royal College of Organists.

“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1948

Sunday School Outings On Saturday last, the Sunday Schools of Carmel, St. Mary's, Noddfa and Nazareth journeyed to Barry Island.

B.Sc. Degree Mr. P. Ballard, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Ballard, Plantation-terrace, obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science with Honours at University College, Cardiff. Mr. Ballard will shortly take up the post of assistant metallurgist at the Warrington (Lancs) Works of the British Aluminium Co. Ltd.

“Merthyr Express” 31 July 1948

Gospel Hall Outing The members and scholars of the Gospel Hall travelled to Barry by motor car on Saturday for their outing.

Mothers' Union Members journeyed to Swansea on Saturday for their outing.

Sisterhood Sunday Mrs. Phyllis Jones, president, presided over the meeting on Sunday. The preacher for the three services was Miss Payne of Dowlais. On Thursday, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Dilys Edwards, vice-president. Miss Greta Evans read a portion of Scripture, and also led in prayer. The speaker was Miss Hancock, Pontlottyn, who gave a paper on “Wisdom.” She was thanked by Mrs. Joshua Evans and Miss Evans. Mrs. M. Lewis closed the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Edwards was the organist.

Late Mr. T.F. Shankland The death has occurred of a prominent inhabitant of the village, Mr. Thomas Francis Shankland, 3, Aelybryn, at the age of 34 years. Some months ago he was appointed caretaker of the Library and Institute by a ballot of members. The funeral, for gentlemen only, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, and was a very representative one. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones. The mourners were Messrs. Alan, Michael, Terrence (sons); Meirion, William, Bob (brothers); Myrddin, William, Wyndham, Glanmor (brothers-in-law); Tom, Crad, Idris, Glanmor, Clifford, John Elias (cousins); Howel, David Charles (uncles); Trevor, Morgan, Edward, Elwyn, Fred, Griff, Pugh (cousins); Windsor Powell, Evan Morris, Owen Owen (friends). Mourners at the house were Mesdames Ceridwen Shankland (wife); Kate Shankland (mother); Nellie, Jennie, Cassie, Bessie (sisters); Mary, Lily Mat, Gwyneira, Violet (sisters-in-law); Rachel, Lou, Mary, Gwenda (aunts); Maggie Jane, Mary Jane, Emily, Elspeth, Gwladys, Maureen, Irene, Jane (cousins); Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cumpstone (friends).

President Honoured At a meeting of the Fochriw Ambulance Division at Headquarters, Coun. W.J. Payne, the president, was presented with a warrant and badge of office. This is the first time a president has been appointed in the Fochirw Division. The Division was formed 43 years ago, and Coun. Payne was one of the members in the brigade at that time. The presentation of the warrant and badge was made by Supt. T.J. Powell, who said it was a great pleasure for him to make the presentation to Coun. Payne as their first president. Corps

Insp. of Stores T. Evans also added a tribute, and Coun. Payne responded, recalling some of the early days when he was a member of the Brigade. Coun. S. Lewis and Mr. E. Pritchard have been appointed vice-presidents, and have received their warrants and badges of office. The members of the Fochriw Ambulance Division wish to record that for the first time in the 43-years history of the Division, three people from the village have had the honour of being appointed.

Ambulance Re-Exam The following members of the Fochriw Ambulance Division were successful in their annual re-examination. Supt. T.J. Powell, Amb. Officer D. James, Capt. L.D. Mantle, Hon. Sgt. Div. Sec. T. Thomas, S.M. James, Idris Williams, Ronald Lewis, Glanmor Williams, Cadet Supt. I. Morgan, Corp. Insp. of Stores T. Evans. The re-examination was conducted by Dr. W. Monnelly, Divisional Surgeon. It is proposed to send six boy cadets to the St. Athan Camp for a week's holiday during the last week of August. The cadets will be in charge of Ambulance Officer D. James, together with other officers of the local division.

“Merthyr Express” 14 August 1948

Ward Meeting A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday week, presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne. Reports of Council activities were given by Councillors S. Lewis and Bate.

Pensioners' Outing On Wednesday last, four motor coaches conveyed the O.A.P. and friends travelled to Swansea. For some months, events have been organised to finance the event. Apart from the free coach ride, each pensioner was handed the sum of 9s. on the morning of the outing. The following are the officials of the committee: chairman, Mr. Martin Thomas; secretary, Mr. W. Ross; treasurer, Mr. V. Powell; committee, Messrs. Stan Davies, B. Brown, B. Angell.

Maternity Ward A meeting of the committee was held at the New Hall. The chairman, Coun. Payne, said that they had exceeded their target and thanked all for their support. The secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins, gave a report of all events and house-to-house collections that had taken place and all amounts raised. The winner of the lady's handbag was Mrs. Thomas, Railway-terrace. The handbag was made and given by assistant secretary, Miss M. Jones. Mr. D. Jenkins and Mr. A. Ballard were appointed auditors. The amount for Fochriw and Pantywaun was £84 16s 3d.

“Merthyr Express” 28 August 1948

Personal Amongst those invited to take part in a conference on Christian Sociology to be held at Llandaff during September is Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas, B.A., Bryn Gwyn, Aelybryn.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting at the Vestry on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. S.A. Davies, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. The meeting took the form of a Bible quiz. Hymns were rehearsed for the singing festival to be held on September 28 at Hanbury-road Church, Bargoed.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. The Welfare Association has agreed to the painting and repair of the billiards hall, and painting of the pavillion at the playing field, and the contract has been given to Mr. V. Powell. It was agreed in response to Miners' Welfare Secretary, to enter a team for the billiards competition. Details are to be left to the billiards committee.

First Game Fochriw played their first League game on Saturday, when they were away to Phillipstown. What promised to be a good game was abandoned after each side had scored a goal. Fochriw have the making of a splendid team.

“Merthyr Express” 11 September 1948

Keen Game Fochriw entertained Jubilee in a league match at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. Jubilee were winners 1 – 0.

Free Churches Council Presentation to Rev. Eurof Jones At the united prayer meeting of the Free Churches on Monday evening at Nazareth, a presentation was made to the Rev. Eurof Jones on his departure to Cilfynydd. Mr. Jones has given faithful service to the Council as its secretary, and is mainly responsible for its existence. The devotions were taken by Mrs. S. Lewis and Mr. W. Davies. The presentation of a collection of books was made by Mr. T. Lawrence, chairman of the Council.

“Merthyr Express” 18 September 1948

Ten Goal Win Fochriw entertained Brithdir in a league match at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. They were in brilliant form, winning 10 – 0.

Annual Inspection Members of the Fochriw St. John Ambulance Brigade and Cadets attended the annual inspection at Caerphilly Castle on Saturday. The inspection was carried out by Capt. W.J. Canton, Commissioner.

Whist Winners Winners of the weekly progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday were J. Evans, Penybank, Terence Kelly, W. Morgan, Mrs. H. Morgan, Deri. Knock-out: Robert Thomas and Tydwyn Llewellyn.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. Olwen Thomas and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. Nurse Ballard Davies was the speaker. She was thanked by Mrs. M. Lewis and Miss Evans. The meeting closed with the Benediction. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Carmel Presentation On Wednesday week, a presentation meeting was held at Carmel in honour of Rev. Eurof Jones who is leaving for Cilfynydd. Mr. Thomas Ballard presided, and in the absence of Mrs. S.A. Cole, presented Mr. Jones with a clock and cheque. Solos were rendered by Mr. M. Shankland, Mr. J.J. Lewis and Mrs. M.A. Ballard. A quartette was given by Mr. & Mrs. Cook, Mr. M. Shankland and Mr. B. Evans. Nurse Davies recited and suitable verses were read by Miss Maria Jones. The speakers were Nurse Davies, Mrs. B. Ballard, Mr. David Lewis, Vicar Evans, and Mr. W.A. Davies. All testified to Mr. Jones’ abilities as a preacher and minister. Mr. T. Walters was the organist. Mr. Jones thanked all for the kindness shown to him and his family during his stay at Fochriw. On September 7. Mrs. Jones and Baby Rhian received gifts from the Women’s Sewing Guild. Tea was provided. Mrs. Nellie Evans, chairman, made the presentation.

“Merthyr Express” 25 September 1948

Over 400 Children Hop Picking: Committee to Prosecute Parents: Conditions are Atrocious Gellygaer and Caerphilly Divisional Executive Committee, meeting at Ystrad Mynach on Monday, decided to take Court proceedings against the parents of 411 children alleged to have gone hop picking in Hereford, instead of attending school.

“Merthyr Express” 2 October 1948

Football Fochriw were away on Saturday to Penallta in a League match and won 5 – 1. Scorers: D. Dummett (2); B. Griffiths (2), R. Morgan.

Whist Drive The winners of the weekly progressive whist drive at the New Hall on Thursday were: 1. Mr. E. Puddle; other prizes, Mr. J.R. Thomas and Mr. E. Puddle; knock – out: Mr. J.R. Thomas and Mrs. G. Burrows.

Teaching Post Miss Adelaide Lawrence, Pleasant View, domestic science teacher at the Deri Mixed and Tirphil Primary Girls’ Schools, has been appointed permanent domestic science mistress at Cwmaber Girls’ School, Abertridwr. The appointment was made by the Caerphilly and Gelligaer Divisional Executive on Monday night.

Ward Meeting The meeting of the Labour Party was held at Pantywaun on Wednesday, Coun. Payne presiding. He gave a report on Council work, as did Mrs. Farley, ward secretary. The following names were sent in for co-opted members on the Health Service: Mesdames Farelly, Rowlands and Turner.

Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The preachers on Sunday were: Vicar (morning); H.B. Thomas (afternoon); Rev. G. Hopkins (evening). On Monday, the preachers were the Vicar and Rev. S.J. Wall. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus.Bac.

Late Mr. G. Davies The death has occurred of Mr. Gwynfor Davies, only son of Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Davies, Dynevor-street, and husband of Mrs. Elizabeth Davies. The funeral took place at Graig Cemetery, the officiating ministers being Revs. G.R.M. Lloyd, B.A., Penuel, Eurof Jones, Fochriw, T. Griffiths, Pontlottyn, and A. Morgan, Carmarthen. Bearers were Messrs. E. Davies, Glyn Moore, L. Beddoe, T. Richards. The mourners were: Mrs. Elizabeth Davies (wife); Mr. & Mrs. W.G. Davies (parents); Mr. & Mrs. T. Williams (father-in-law & mother-in-law); Mary Ann (aunt); Henry Albert, David Daniel, Sidney (uncles); Alice, Blod (cousins); D. Griffiths, E. Williams (uncles); Mrs. Cole, Alice (aunts); Will, Cassie Williams,

Nan, John, Ken, Hannah, Eddie, Alice, Jim, Cyril, Betty, David Barnard (brothers & sisters-in-law); Bernard, Doreen, Ruth, Sarah, Phoebe, Rachel George, David George, Esther & Arthur Roach, Evan Beynon, Tom Williams.

Late Mrs. C. Saunders The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mrs. Ceridwen Saunders, aged 50, of Martin-street. She was a faithful member of the Mission Hall, and had lived in Fochriw all her life. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and those who officiated were: Mr. E. Clement Davies (Dowlais); Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar; Pastor W. Griffiths (Siloh, Penybank). Mourners were: Mr. D. Saunders (husband); Messers. I. Saunders (son); L. Coggan (son-in-law); D. & H. Thomas (brothers); D. Uzzell, H. Saunders, R.A. Evans, T. Thomas (brothers-in-law); H. Thomas, T. Richards (uncles); Lewis John, H. & Latimer Evans, J.J. Lewis, R.W. Parry, Ken James, Dennis Davies (cousins); J.G. Uzzell, G. Thomas, M. Weaver, Mel & Gwynlais Lloyd, John Horton, Micky Shaw (nephews); A. Coggan. At the house were: Mesdames Mary Thomas (mother); Glenys (daughter); Peggy. Mag, Annie Gwen (sisters); Rose, Lilian, Lizzie Olwen, Saddle (sisters-in-law); Ceridwen, Catherine (aunts); Polly, Mary Jane, Greta (cousins). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 9 October 1948

Negro Spirituals At Carmel on Thursday, a recital of negro spirituals was given by Mr. D.W. Davies, B.A., to an appreciative audience. Nurse Ballard Davies gave a recitation and Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

Male Voice Choir The Fochriw Male Voice Party, under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Davies, competed at the N.C.B. Eisteddfod at Porthcawl on Saturday, and although not successful among the prize-winners, gave a fine performance.

Football Fochriw Seniors met Abertridwr at Aber in the S.W. and Mon. Cup first round on Saturday, and the result was a draw, 3 – 3. Fochriw scorers: G. Dummett (2), Roy Morgan. The Juniors met Troedrhwiwgwair in their first league match at Fochriw, and won by 5 goals to 2. Fochriw scorers: Gwyn Davies (2), Emrys Shankland (2), M. Edwards.

Male Voice Concert A first class concert was held at Noddfa on Tuesday by the Fochriw Male Voice Party, under their conductor Mr. D.J. Davies, accompanied by Mr. W.A. Davies, and augmented by some of the members of the well-known Rhymney Male Voice Party. The soloists were tenor, Mr. Dan Thomas, Rhymney; bass, Mr. Bryn Jones, Rhymney; with their accompanist, Mr. John. Miss Mary Cumpstone was the elocutionist. The chairman was Coun. Payne. Votes of thanks were accorded the chairman, the Noddfa deacons, the choir and artistes, ticket sellers and all others who helped by Mr. D.J. Davies

“Merthyr Express” 16 October 1948

The Chairman The name of Mrs. M.A. Lewis, who presided at the recital of Negro Spirituals given by Mr. D.W. Davies, divisional executive officer, was omitted from last week's account. A vote of thanks was proposed by Nurse Ballard Davies and Mrs. D. Lewis.

Whist Winners Mr. M. Williams, Pentwyn, and Mrs. B. Hughes, Deri, shared the first and second prizes at the weekly progressive drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening. Other prizes were won by Mrs. M.H. Morgan and Mr. Terence Kelly. The knock out was won by Mr. Ted Puddle and Mr. David Morris.

Harvest Festival of the Free Church Council This was held at Noddfa Chapel on Monday and was well attended. The service was taken by Mr. T. J. Jones and the special preacher was the Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, late of Carmel, Fochriw. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, with Mr. D.J. Thomas at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 23 October 1948

School Hockey Following a recent trial match of the East Glamorgan Secondary Schools, Miss Enid Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Idris Cumpstone, Glyn-terrace, and a pupil of Bargoed Grammar School, has been chosen to represent East v West at Bridgend today.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. D. Edwards presided at the meeting on Thursday. Devotions were conducted by Miss Doris Davies. Mrs. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, gave an address, and was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Miss Greta Evans. Mrs. Edwards was the organist.

Whist Drive At the New Hall on Thursday, the winner of the chief prize was Mr. Arthur Cumpstone. Mr. Ceri Edwards was second, and Mr. H. Ballard and Mr. Burrows, third and

fourth. Mr. Leslie Jones and Mrs. L.G. Jones won the knock-out. A £5 drive will be held on November 4. Make it a date.

Junior Football The Fochriw Juniors were at home to Cascade, Pengam, on the Welfare Ground, in a league game. The result was a draw, 3 – 3.

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Whist Drive First and third prizes were won by Mr. A. Cumpstone at the weekly progressive drive. Mr. B. Marsh, Deri, came second, with Mrs. M. Pritchard, Fochriw, in fourth place. The knock-out winners were Mr. Stuart Jones, Pentwyn, and Mr. Ronald Llewellyn.

“Merthyr Express” 6 November 1948

Public Meeting On Sunday, a well-attended meeting was held at the New Hall, when Coun. W. J. Payne presided. The speakers were: Mr. A. J. Champion, M.P. for South Derbyshire, and C.C. W.J. Kedward, J.P. Also present were Mr. D. J. Jones (Area Organiser), and Mrs. Farley (Ward Secretary) and Coun. Sam Lewis. Mr. Champion dealt with the work of the present Government. C.C. Kedward gave a review of County Council work, and dealt with the charges in hospital administration. He also answered several questions.

Whist Drive The progressive drive held on Thursday was won by Mrs. S. Jones, Pentwyn. Mrs. T. Llewellyn was second, and Mr. A. Ballard third. The knock-out was won by Mr. H. Jones and Mr. A. Cumpstone.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at the meeting at the New Hall on Friday. Two representatives were appointed on the Welfare group: Mr. A.H. Wood and Mr. R. Rees. It was reported that the repairs were proceeding satisfactorily on the children’s corner. Some repairs will be carried out on the football field. It is regretted that the committee will have to pay a bill from the County for readers books not returned. Will any reader in possession of books kindly return them. Work is now proceeding with the cleaning and colouring of the Hall in readiness for the forthcoming drama.

“Merthyr Express” 13 November 1948

Poppy Day The local Poppy Day organiser wishes to thank sellers and the public for their loyal support again this year.

Fatal Accident Mr. Thomas Evans, 3, Moore’s-row, met with a fatal accident whilst following his employment at the Bargoed Colliery. Mr. Evans was one of the foremost St. John Ambulance men in the Rhymney Valley. He is survived by a wife and grown up family.

Soccer Win Fochriw met Aberbargoed on Saturday in a South Wales and Monmouthshire Cup round, and were winners by 3 goals to 2. Fochriw scorers: G. Dummett, Roy Morgan, Jack Davies. Fochriw now meet a Cardiff team.

Remembrance Service An impressive service was held at the Parish Church conducted by Rev. E. Adams Evans, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the organ. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial Window by the men’s and women’s sections of the British Legion, Mothers’ Union and members of the families of the fallen.

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Soccer Wins Fochriw’s Senior team played Hendre Boys’ Club at Caerphilly on Saturday in the Rhymney Valley Senior Cup. Fochriw won 6 – 2. Scorers for Fochriw were: W. Grist (2); R. Dummett (2); B. Griffiths, J. Davies. The Juniors were at home to Troedrgiwgair in the Rhymney Valley League. Fochriw were winners 7 – 0. Scorers: J. Morgan (3); D. Hollifield (3); G. Davies.

Former Resident The death has occurred of a well-known former resident, Mrs. E. Lloyd Evans. She had been headmistress of the Fochriw Infants’ School. In recent years she had lived at Cardiff.

Late Mr. T. Evans The funeral of Mr. Thomas Evans, 3, Moore’s-row, took place on Monday at Glyntaff. Mr. Evans was one of the leaders in ambulance work in the Rhymney Valley. He held the rank of Corps Inspector of Stores. He was 61. He is survived by his wife and a grown up family. His daughter is a nurse at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, and both sons are school teachers. Prior to the cortege leaving the house, a service was conducted by Rev. T.J. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans. At the Crematorium were the Revs. T.J. Jones and G.R.M. Lloyd of Rhymney. The bearers were Assistant Commissioner W.J. Skyrme, S.B., Corps Supt. T.J. Jones, Corps Sec. W.H. Jones, Div. Supt. T. Powell, Div. Ambulance Officer

D. James, Div. Sec. T. Thomas (all of the Order of St. John). Mourners: Messrs. Emlyn, Gwynne (sons); Messrs. Aneurin & Emlyn Evans (brothers); T. Davies, J. Francis, Rowland Jones, Emlyn Jones, Caredig Jones (brothers-in-law); R. Evans, A. Jones, D.J. Thomas (uncles); J.I. Davies, Ivor & Emlyn Morgan, R. Llewellyn, J. & H. Evans, Tony Jones (nephews); Crad Robert & John Thomas, T.J. & Evan W. Jones, T.J. & Sidney Evans, Aneurin Jenkins, Tom Jenkins, Dan Jenkins, A. Davies, L. Jones, A. Thomas, W. Bowen, Re. G.J. Matthews, Rev. Griff Jones, Lawrence James (cousins); Rev. Eurof Jones, Messrs. Joshua Evans, H. Hughes, Joshua, Bryn & Gwilym Thomas, Emlyn Evans, T.J. Morgan, V. Howrie, W.H. Jenkins, Idris Jones, B.A., L.R. Baillieux, B.Sc. (representing Caerphilly Boys' Grammar School). At the house: Annie (wife); Margaret (daughter); Maggie, Liz, Hannah (sisters); Mrs. Mary Jones (mother-in-law); May Evans, Maggie Jones, Violet Jones (sisters-in-law); Tydwen Llewellyn, Bertha Evans (nieces); Mesdame Matt Lewis, D.J. Thomas (aunts); R. Jones, E. Rowlands, Margaret Thomas, Irfona Vaughan, Edith Thomas, Gwenda Pearce, M.A. Davies, S. Jones, E.A. Williams (cousins).

“Merthyr Express” 27 November 1948

Soccer: A Dozen Fochriw were at home to Caerphilly at the Welfare Ground on Saturday, and were again in scoring mood, winning 12 – 1.

Labour Party Meeting Coun. S. Lewis presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. Reports of Council activities were given.

New Stationmaster A welcome is accorded to Mr. A. G. Boobyer, the newly appointed stationmaster of Fochriw. He is the son of the late Mr. E.G. Boobyer, who was for many years, stationmaster at Bargoed. Mr. T. Evans, former stationmaster at Fochriw, has been promoted stationmaster at Deri.

Whist Drive Mr. Emlyn Morgan was the chief prize winner at the progressive whist drive held at the New Hall on Thursday evening. Other prizes were won by Mr. Walter Jones and Mr. Evan W. Jones. The knock-out was won by Maldwyn Williams, Pentwyn, and Mr. J.R. Thomas. Mrs. M.H. Morgan was another winner.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. The exterior of billiard hall and pavilion have been painted and repaired, and the interior of the hall has been re-decorated.

“Merthyr Express” 4 December 1948

Whist Drive The local progressive whist drive held at the New Hall was won by Mrs. L. Powell. Mr. H. Ballard and Mr. Maldwyn Williams were second and third respectively. Knockout winners were Mr. D. Moore and Mrs. E. Fisher. Mrs. M.H. Morgan was another winner.

“Merthyr Express” 25 December 1948

Whist Winners The weekly progressive drive held at the New Hall on Thursday was won by Mr. D. Way and Mr. Jim Harding, who shared the first and second prize. Other prizes were won by Mr. D. Pritchard, Mrs. E. Jones and Mrs. Gwen Jones. The knock-out was won by Mr. D. Way and Mr. D. Morgan, Deri. Mr. Iorwerth Evans was M.C.

Former Resident The death has occurred of Mr. Jas. Gregory who was well known at Fochriw where he lived for many years before removing to Bedwas some years ago. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday where many old friends met.

Pensioners' Draw The Christmas Draw organised by the O.A.P. Supporters took place last week. Winners have been notified. The officers and committee wish to thank the donars of the prizes: The Rhymney Valley Building Supply Company; The Emporium, Bargoed; Roath Furnishing Company, Bargoed; Mrs. H.L. Farley, Fochriw; and also the public and ticket sellers for their support.