

“Merthyr Express” 7 January 1956

Pensioners’ Committee Fochriw Old Age Pensioners’ Committee wish to thank the Fochriw Youth Club and Fochriw Boys for their donation of £4 15s 7d, the proceeds of a football match played on the Welfare Ground on Christmas Eve. The secretary is Mrs. Jean Owen, and the treasurer, Miss Shankland.

Late Mr. W.R. Lewis The death has occurred of Mr. William Rees Lewis, 10, Aelybryn. He was 61 years old.

“Merthyr Express” 14 January 1956

Fochriw Enquiry About Land: Proposed Children’s Playground A minute of the parks committee submitted to Gelligaer Urban Council stated that the Surveyor undertook to report on the ownership and possibility of acquiring the plot of land south of the Welfare Football Ground, for development as a children’s playground.

“Merthyr Express” 21 January 1956

Welfare Association: Treasurer Resigns Coun. Payne presided at a special meeting of the Welfare Association and Institute. It was with regret that the secretary, Mr. Iorwerth Evans, presented his resignation. Several members paid tribute to Mr. Evans. Mr. Frank Jenkins was appointed treasurer.

Pontlottyn Court For committing a nuisance at Broad Street, Pontlottyn, Melvyn Jones, aged 20 of Glanynant, Fochriw, was fined 10s..

Late Mr. William Rees Lewis, 10, Aelybryn, aged 61 The funeral of Mr. W. R. Rees took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Rees had lived the whole of his life in the village. Rev. A. S. Edwards officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. The bearers were Messrs. W. Fox, Gomer Williams, John Watkins, Willie A. Davies, Tudor Moon, Mike Soroko. The mourners were: Messrs. Dd. & Tom Lewis (brothers); W. Angell, T. Shankland, Calvin Quick (brothers-in-law); W. Lewis (uncles); Bryn & Graham Cumpstone, Gwyn Angell, Tom Cockran, Harry Evans (nephews); Jack Jones, D. Harris, W. Phillips, A. Rowbottom Thomas R. Lewis, Elfed Lewis, Will & Evan Harris, Tom Rees, Edward Davies, Willie James, Evan Morris (cousins); Jack Jones, David Williams, Jack Long, David Way, Stephen Ballard, Tom Sullivan, Thomas Walters, Aneurin Evans, Walter Jones, Councillors W. J. Payne and S. Lewis, J.P., Messrs. C. Edwards, Baden Bowen, Bert & Willie Evans. At the house: Mesdames Catherine Way, R. M. Cumpstone, Ellen Angell, Elizabeth Shankland, Aurlon Quick (sisters); Edith & Ellen Lewis (sisters-in-law); Bella Harris, Mary A. Lewis (aunts); Joan Cockran, Thelma Evans, Winnie Cumpstone, Joyce Lewis (nieces); Rachel James, Mary Jones, Maggie Rowbottom, Florrie Harris, Susan & Toots Clark, Ivy & Doris Lewis (cousins); Mesdames Long, Fox, Sullivan & Ballard.

“Merthyr Express” 4 February 1956

Ward Meeting A meeting of the Labour Party was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Coun. W. J. Payne presiding. Representatives were present from Deri, Fochriw and Pantywaun.

Late Mrs. Kate Shankland, 16, Guest-street, aged 77 The funeral of Mrs. Kate Shankland, widow of Mr. Caradog Shankland, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last Tuesday. She was a native of Trawsfynydd, North Wales, and had spent the greater part of her life in Fochriw. The Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. T. J. Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. E. W. Jones, E. & R. Gittoes, J. Matthew, D. Evans, T. Owen. The chief mourners were Meirion & Bob (sons); Myrddin (son-in-law); Islwyn, Alun, Michael, Gwyn (grandsons); Tom, Crad, J. Elias, H. Simpson, Idris, Emrys, Clifford, Glanmor, Noel, Will Ross (nephews); Messrs. Evan Morris, J. Jenkins, Idris Griffiths. At the house were: Nellie, Jenny, Bessie, Cassie (daughters); May, Katie, Phyllis, Edna, Ann (grand-daughters); Mesdames Mary J. Edwards, M. J. Owen, T. A. Simpson, Emily, Elspeth, Gwladys, Mavis, Maureen, G. Lewis, M. Mille, M. Hopkins, E. Jones, S. Gittens & E. A. Evans. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Glanynant, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 18 February 1956

Concert On Sunday evening at the New Hall, a grand concert was given by the Duffryn School Choir, National Eisteddfod winners, 1955. The choir and artistes were in excellent form and were encored. The chairman was Mr. David Thomas.

Fatal Accident It was with regret that the people of Fochriw heard that Mr. Thomas Rees Lewis of Lewis-street, Aberbargoed, had met with a fatal colliery accident. He had only removed from the village, where he had lived for many years, a few months ago, to live in Aberbargoed. He leaves a wife and two daughters. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar and the Rev. T. J. Jones officiated. The funeral was a large and representative one.

Collected by Children The amount of £10 14s 4d was recently collected for Dr Barnardo's Day Fund by the following children: Mary Price, Theresa Mantle, Linda Pugh, Jean Davies, Janice Lawrence, May Davies, Malvina Pugh, Ruth Jenkins, David Price, Sandra Gardener, Rosemary Evans, Sandra Marshallsea, Angela Owen, Anette Jones, Huw Watkins. A certificate has been received by the organiser acknowledging the receipt of the money, along with a letter of thanks for the effort made. The organiser, Miss M. Lewis, wishes to add her thanks to those of the secretary of the Dr Barnardo's Day Fund.

“Merthyr Express” 3 March 1956

Golden Jubilee Officers of the Fochriw Ambulance Division are celebrating their golden jubilee on April 7th, 1956. Fochriw was one of the early pioneers in the valley in the ambulance world. A re-union will take place at a supper in the New Hall on April 7. The secretary is Mr. T. Thomas, Dynevor-street.

Welfare Association Coun. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. The treasurer presented a detailed statement of accounts for outdoor and indoor schemes. It was a very satisfactory report and was accepted with thanks. A report was also given of the picture shows held twice weekly. Thanks were accorded for the excellent voluntary services given by the members.

“Merthyr Express” 10 March 1956

Obituary The death has occurred of an old inhabitant of the village, Mr. James Davies, Guest Street.

New Hall Entertainment At the New Hall on Thursday, the audience was entertained to five one-act plays by members of the County Youth Movement. Each of the five companies put on a fine show. The contribution of the Fochriw County Youth Centre was “The Vision at the Inn,” producer Mrs. M. Williams. The chairman, Coun. W. J. Payne, complimented the companies on such excellent performances.

“Merthyr Express” 17 March 1956

To Home Seekers Public Auction sale of the compact leasehold dwelling house No.9, Glen View. Lease 99 years from 24th June 1910. Annual ground rent £1 9s 2d. Sale at the White Horse Inn on Wed. 21st March at 7.30p.m.

“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1956

Late Mr. Tom Jenkins A well known and highly respected person, Mr. Tom Jenkins, Ystrad Mynach, late of Fochriw, where he spent the greater part of his life, has died. Before moving to Ystrad Mynach, he was the secretary of the Fochriw Library and Institute.

“Merthyr Express” 31 March 1956

Late Mr. J. Davies The funeral of Mr. James Davies, 8 Guest-street, took place at Pentwyn Cemetery. The officiating ministers were Revs. T.J. Jones and E. Adams Evans. The mourners were Messrs. W.A. & Burkley Davies (sons); David Morris, Harry Price (sons-in-law); Edward Davies (brother-in-law); Claude Smith, James & Gethin Price, David Morris, Brain & Melvyn Davies (grandsons); W.A. & Burkley Davies, Howell Thomas, W.A. Thomas, William & Burkley Angell, W.J. Vernon, Eddie Llewellyn, Frederick & Alban Way, D.J. Davies, Glyn Thomas (nephews). At the bouse were Mesdames L.A. Flewitt, May Morris (daughters); E. May Davies, M.M. Davies (daughters-in-law); Florence Wayne, Maud Davies (sisters-in-law); Blodwen Davies, Lil Lewis, Doris Jones, Ceridwen Oliver, Eleanor Way, Nurse M. Lewis, . The bearers were Messrs. Wm. Lewis, C. Shankland, T.

Owen, Francis Thomas, R. Gittoes. Messrs. T. Thomas, Walter Jones and a number of other friends also attended.

“Merthyr Express” 7 April 1956

Parish Church The Church was nicely decorated for Easter Day. The preacher and celebrant was the Vicar. In the evening, Mr. John Palmer preached.

Nazareth United services were held on Good Friday. The preacher was the Rev. J.W. Maddocks, Abertridwr. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies.

Convention The annual convention was held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday at the Assemblies of God Mission Hall. The preacher was the Rev. Garfield Vale, Maidstone, Kent. The organist was Miss Mary Lewis.

Palm Sunday Large numbers of people went to the old churchyard at Pentwyn on Sunday to place flowers on the graves of relatives and friends.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided at the meeting at the New Hall on Thursday week. It was with regret that the meeting heard that the secretary, Mr. R. Rees, was resigning at the annual meeting. The audited balance sheet for the year was presented to the meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 14 April 1956

Late Mrs. Margaret Ann Davies The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Margaret Ann Davies, Brook Cottage. Mrs. Davies, who was the wife of Mr. David Davies, was 78 years of age. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard this week. Apart from brief periods at Llandyssul and Aberbargoed, Mrs. Davies lived all her life in Fochriw. Before her marriage, she was organist at Carmel Chapel, and maintained her membership until her death. The Rev. T. J. Jones and the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David Davies (husband); Jack, Roderick, Claerwyn, Islwyn, Garfield and Stuart Davies (sons); Jimmy Davies (grandson); John R. Thomas, Eddie & Elwyn Jenkins, Iorwerth Thomas, Raymond Jenkins, Lynn Evans, Austin Jones, Les Voyle (nephews); John Jukes (cousin); John Slimmon. The bearers were Messrs. Dan Jenkins, Des Kelly, Emlyn Matthews, Gwilym Davies, Ted Williams, Derlwyn Lewis. At the house were Megan (daughter); Mrs. Sarah Jenkins (sister); Mae, Mary, Beryl, Dilys, Merrill (daughters-in-law); Lizzie & Mae Evans (nieces); Fran, Peggy and Joan. Others present were Coun. Sam Lewis, Coun. W. J. Payne, Messrs. Dan James, Thomas Walters, John Roberts, Oct. Thomas, Mervyn Howells, Bert & Cadfan Cumpstone, Harry Jones.

Small Fare Reduction The Omnibus Manager, Mr. W. H. Collins, was asked by Gellygaer Urban Council at its recent meeting for a report on the cost of providing a service over the mountain between Bedlinog and Fochriw. The manager said it had been verified by the Surveyors Department that the distance from Bargoed's Post Office to the railway station at Fochriw was 5.4 miles which would have the effect of making a small reduction in the single and return fares between the two points. In view of the information, the Council decided to request the manager to seek the consent of the Licensing Authority to adjust the fares.

Wedding: Mr. Lyndon Everitt & Miss Lilian Bailey The wedding took place on Easter Saturday at St. Gwladys Church, Bargoed, of Mr. Lyndon Everitt, son of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Everitt of Fochriw, and Miss Lilian Bailey, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Bailey, also of Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of white slipper silk satin. Her full-length veil was held in place by a coronet, and she carried a bouquet of red carnations and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids were Misses June and Janice Everitt, sisters of the groom, who wore blue net dresses over taffeta, and carried posies of lemon and pink tulips. Two smaller bridesmaids, Barbara & Sylvia Bailey, sisters of the bride, wore lemon net over taffeta, and carried posies of sweet peas. The flower girl was Avril Tucker, cousin of the groom, who wore white net over lemon taffeta, and carried a basket of sweet peas. The reception was held at the home of the groom.

“Merthyr Express” 21 April 1956

Easter Vestry The Vicar presided at the Easter Vestry on Wednesday week. The Parochial Secretary, Mr. John Palmer, read the minutes of the last meeting. The Vicar thanked all for their devoted services during the past year. The churchwarden, Coun. Payne, gave the financial report. Officers elected were: Churchwardens, Messrs. W. J. Payne and John Owen; Parochial Secretary, Mr. John Palmer; Auditor, Miss Rosie Davies; Envelope Secretary, Mr. Arthur Palmer. The Parochial Council and Sidesmen were re-elected. A silent tribute was paid to all who had died in the past year.

“Merthyr Express” 28 April 1956

Late Mr. Thomas Rowlands The funeral of Mr. T. Rowlands, who retired last year after many years service as a postman, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard recently. The Vicar and Rev. T. J. Jones officiated.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday. Reports of the financial position and on the progress of the film shows was given.

Railway Trespass For trespassing on the railway between Penybank and Fochriw, George Puddle, aged 38 of Railway Terrace, was ordered to pay 5s. costs.

“Merthyr Express” 5 May 1956

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

Late Mr. Bertie Edwards The death has taken place of Mr. Bertie Edwards, who was 58.

Concert At the New Hall on Thursday, a concert was given by the Tredegar Kentucky Minstrels in aid of the Fochriw Old Age Pensioners Outing Fund. The Hall was full and the party was in excellent form. The Supporters Committee wish to thank all who helped and gave donations. The secretary was Mrs. J. Owen, and the treasurer Miss C. Shankland.

Late Mr. Thomas Rowlands The funeral of Mr. T. Rowlands, husband of Mrs. E. L. Rowlands, 6, Glyn Terrace, took place recently at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating minister was Rev. T. J. Jones, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Mr. & Mrs Tudor Rowlands (son & daughter-in-law); Messrs. Daniel & John Rowlands (brothers); W. Price, Dd. & L. Evans, W. Angell Davies, J. Weston (brothers-in-law); E. Evans, Brinley Cumpstone, Wilfred Hollister, Stanley Watkins, W. A. Davies (cousins). At the house were Mrs. E. J. Rowlands (wife); Mesdames E. A. & Blodwen Evans, E. M. Davies (sisters); Mesdames W. Price, O. Weston, E. Rowlands (sisters-in-law); Teg Cumpstone, A. Morgan, Annie Davies, Annie Evans, M. Watkins, Eunice Rowlands, Connie Evans (cousins); C. Shankland, R. Cole, W. Jenkins, V. Llewellyn. The bearers were Messrs. J. & G. Lawrence, Tuoer Evans, V. Llewellyn, C. & Idris Shankland. Also present were Councillors S. Lewis & W. J. Payne, Mr. Thomas Walters & Mr. Emlyn Evans, Post Office.

“Merthyr Express” 12 May 1956

Ambulance On Saturday May 19, the Fochriw Ambulance Division are to celebrate their golden jubilee by holding a re-union supper at the New Hall, when the Hon. John Bruce and other members of the St. John Ambulance are expected to join in this notable event. Fochriw, one of the oldest divisions in the valleys, has a proud record in the old days for pioneer work in ambulance, and some of the faithful ones are still keeping the flag flying. The secretary is Mr. T. Thomas, 21, Dynevor-street.

Late Mr. Bertie Edwards, Pleasant View The funeral of Mr. Bertie Edwards, husband of Mrs. Dilys Edwards, “The Anchorage,” Pleasant View, took place on Thursday at Glyntaff Crematorium. He was a member of Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel. Rev. T. J. Jones, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Willie Edwards (son); Phillip Jones (nephew); Charles Edwards, Sam Lewis, J.P., Joshua Evans, Sid Phillips (uncles); W. H., J. S. & T. B. Edwards, Connie & Charles Edwards, Tom Mantle, Jack Jones, Tom Sullivan, Dan Williams, M.E., W. Forward, I. Evans, Tom Thomas, D. Joshua Thomas, Bryn Thomas, Will Fox, Frank Jenkins, Windsor Chapman, Emrys Thomas (cousins). Bearers were: Messrs. J. R. Walters, Dan Jenkins, R. J. Price, O. Parry, G. Williams, T. Lewis. At the house were Mrs. Dilys Edwards (wife); Mesdames Mrs. E. A. Evans & Mrs. Edna E. Jones (sisters-in-law); Mesdames M. A. Lewis, A. Thomas, M.

Phillips (aunts); Phyllis Jones, Esther Sullivan, M. Rees, B. Williams, H. Edwards, N. Edwards, R. Fox, W. Jenkins, J. Williams, M. Evans, Nurse P. Thomas (cousins); I. Walters, L. Morris, E. Thomas, W. Evans, Nurse M. Lewis. Others present were: Coun. W. J. Payne, Messrs. J. Lawrence, T. Evans, Gordon Lawrence, Gwilym Davies, Robert & Crad Thomas, Tom Morris, Attwell Woods, Gomer Davies. Mr. Albert Mantle, cousin, was unable to attend due to illness.

“Merthyr Express” 19 May 1956

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Mordecai Williams, 7, Dynevor Street, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday, May 12th. With them were their four children, Mrs. M. H. Morgan, Mr. Windsor Williams, Mrs. Rose Pittaway and Mrs. Kathleen Lewis. Mr. & Mrs. Williams were born and live all their lives in the village. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Williams Evans, and Mr. Williams, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Modercai Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 26 May 1956

In Aid of O.A.P. Outing Fund The Pontlottyn Players entertained most appreciative audiences at the New Hall on Wednesday and Thursday last, in aid of the Outing Fund. The company was excellent; some would have done credit to the professional stage. The officers of the Outing Fund are indebted to all for their kind support.

“Merthyr Express” 2 June 1956

Centenary The Centenary of Bethlehem Baptist Chapel, Pantywaun, will be celebrated on Saturday, June 2, Sunday June 3, and Tuesday June 5. The special preachers are Revs. E. Dulais Jones, Dowlais, B.M. Davies, Troedyrhiw, and T.J. Jones, Fochriw.

Cars Saved A fire broke out on Friday in a garage in Pentwyn road. Thanks to the prompt action of the owners, two cars were pulled out as the fire raged. They were saved from severe damage. Fire brigades from Rhymney and Bargoed were on the scene, and the fire was brought under control.

Labour Party A meeting of the Fochriw Ward Labour Party took place at the New Hall on Monday. Coun. Payne presided. Reports were given by Councillors Poyntz, W. E. Davies, and by secretary, Mr. Frank Jenkins. Discussions followed. The improvement grant was discussed at length. Re-valuation and other matters came up for discussion.

Late Mr. H. Thomas The death has occurred of Mr. Howell Thomas, 8, Station Terrace. He was 82 and one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants. He was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Chapel, and had been a deacon and trustee for many years. He was one of the pioneers of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in the village, and a past member of the Merthyr General Hospital Committee. The funeral took place at Glyntaff Crematorium on Monday. The chief mourners were: Rev. Brython Davies, Mr. F. Chivers, Mr. W. Hughes (sons-in-law); Messrs Dyfan & Caredig Davies (grandsons); Samuel Lewis, T. Walters (brothers-in-law); D.J. Davies, T.F. Thomas, Glyn Thomas, Sydney Lamb, Enoch Lewis, W.J. McArthur, F. Paske (nephews); Mr. R. Jones. The bearers were: Coun. W.J. Payne, Messrs. Ivor Evans, E. Evans, D. Jenkins, Wm. Lewis, T. Morris, Wm. Edwards. Representing the Ambulance brigade were Messrs. J. Evans and D. James. At the house were: Mrs. C. Thomas (wife); Mesdames C. Davies, M. Hughes, M.E. Chivers (daughters); Mrs. C. Walters (sister); Mrs. M.A. Lewis (sister-in-law); Mrs. K. Lamb, Mrs. May Davies (nieces); Mrs. R.M. Cumpstone, Mrs. R. Jones. Rev. C.R. Williams, Pontlottyn, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mr. D.J. Davies, Glanynant, was the undertaker.

Dogs The Police investigated 3,676 attacks by dogs on sheep in England and Wales last year.

“Merthyr Express” 9 June 1956

Late Mr. Charles Hollister The funeral of Mr. C. Hollister, aged 82, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He had lived at Fochriw for more than 60 years, and in his younger days was an active worker at the old Pentwyn Church, and later the Parish Church. He died at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Watkins, Guest Street. Revs. E. Adams Jones and T. J. Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The

bearers were Messrs. H. & F. Bradley, Rufus Dummett, Crad Shankland, Reg Gittoes, Stan Russell. The mourners were: Messrs. Wilfred Hollister (son); Will, Heber & Dai (sons-in-law); Tom Vincent, Charlie Stanley, David, Leslie & Myrddyn (grandsons); Will Cook, Arthur Skidmore (cousins); Dan Rowlands, Francis Thomas, W. A. Davies, David Evans, David Jones, Cyril Cook, Will Davies, Jack Lawrence, Eiros, Arfon & Glyn Jenkins (nephews); Mordecai Williams, Evan Watkins, Rees Kendrick, David Evans, Des Andrews & Fred. At the house: Annie, Morfydd, Rhoda (daughters); Phyllis (daughter-in-law); Bronwen, Eileen, Margaret, Audrey, Megan (grand daughters); Beatrice & Joan (cousins); Elizabeth Ann, Blod, May, Ethel, Annie (nieces); Mary Ann, Lila, Maggie Hannah (friends).

Late Mr. David Oliver Davies The death has occurred of Mr. D. O. Davies, "Bryn Amlwg," aged 57. A native of Rhymney, Mr. Davies was a member of Seion Congregational Chapel, and of the Old Rhymney Male Voice Choir. Since coming to Fochriw 28 years ago, he has been a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were Revs. T. J. Jones, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Brian Davies (son); Evan Davies, T. I. Davies, Cromwell Davies (brothers); T. H. Jenkins, Richard Morgan, Howell Thomas, Wm. A. Thomas, G. Thomas, Robert W. Parry, S. C. Price, C. G. Hann (brothers-in-law); J. Oliver Evans, Ken Morgan, Billie Thomas, Dd. J. Davies, W. H. Davies, Howell T. Lewis, Ronal Lewis, Lynn Price (nephews); Thomas Walters (uncle); Thos. Roberts, Dan Davies, D. W. Jones, D. B. Jones, Pastor David Thomas, Francis Thomas, Willie Angell, Burkley Angell, Will Angell Davies, Tom Davies, Ray Clark, Gwynlais Lloyd (cousins); D. Sallis, Tudor Jones, Bryn Tibbott, Dan Kennedy, Councillors S. Lewis & W. J. Payne (friends). The bearers were Tudor Evans, Tom Jenkins, Will Fox, John Watkins, Lindsay Coggan, Tom Jones, Gordon Lawrence, Gwilym Davies. At the house were: Mrs. May Davies (wife); Mesdames Annie Evans, F. M. Jenkins, Ceinwen Morgan, Gwyneth Neagle (sisters); Miriam & Phyllis Davies, Lil Lewis, Laurie Parry, Ceridwen Oliver, Edith M. Thomas, Margaret Price, Jessie G. Hann, Gretta Thomas, Annie Thomas, Hannah Thomas (sisters-in-law); Maud Davies, Ceridwen Walters (aunts); Mimi Lewis (niece); Laurie Flewitt, Annie Davies (cousins); Liz Jones (friend). The funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

Indecent Language George Puddle, a 28 year old platelayer of Railway Terrace, was fined £1 for using indecent language. P.C. Southwood gave evidence that on Friday, April 6, he heard Puddle use indecent language in Railway Terrace, and that he had been drinking.

"Merthyr Express" 16 June 1956

Greaney – Pollock Mr. Desmond Greaney, son of Mr. & Mrs. B. Greaney, High-street, Pontlottyn, was married, recently at Carmel Chapel, to Patricia, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. B. Pollock, 4, Dynevor-street, Fochriw. Rev. Albert Williams officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of silver lame and carried a shower bouquet of yellow roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Jean Harris, Mrs. Margaret Crane, Miss Lorraine Jones and Miss Diane Price, cousin of the groom. They wore dresses of figured pink brocade with accessories to match, and carried pink and white roses. The best man was Mr. Colin James, and the groomsmen were Mr. Maldwyn Hughes and Mr. Dick Burrows. The reception was held at the New Hall. The honeymoon is being spent in London. The bride travelled in a gold and white brocade coat with stone accessories.

"Merthyr Express" 23 June 1956

Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association Collection At the recent house-to-house collection, the sum of £6 0s 7d was collected. The collectors were Misses Betty Fox, Edith Williams, Pamela Ross, Margt. Morris, Jill Parry, Margt. Jones, Ann Hughes, Jean Owen, Margt. Morgan, Eunice Jones, Elsa Davies, June Everitt, Anthe Watkins, Jill Farley, Joyce Evans, Olive Payne, Mrs. Lilian Lawrence. The organisers were Mrs. L. Lawrence and Miss O. Payne.

Wedding: Evans-Camp Miss Margaret Jean Evans, a sister at Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury, and only daughter of Mrs. A. Evans, and the late Mr. Tom Evans, 3, Moore's-

row, was married at the Abbey Foregate Congregational Church, Shrewsbury, recently to Mr. Bernard A. Camp, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Camp, Bishop's Stortford. Rev. Hector Macdonald conducted the service. Given away by her brother, Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, the bride wore a ballerina length dress of tuquoise brocade with matching accessories and carried a spray of pink rosebuds and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid was Miss Dorothy Rowlands, friend, who wore a ballerina dress of lemon brocade with matching accessories. She carried a bouquet of mixed sweet peas and lilies of the valley. The best man was Mr. R. J. Shepherd. After a reception at the George Hotel, Mr. & Mrs. Camp left for their honeymoon, the bride wearing a honey-coloured tweed suit with a sage green hat and gloves and brown handbag and shoes.

"Merthyr Express" 7 July 1956

Price-Williams The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Graham Price, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Price, 15, Glynmarch Street, Deri, and Miss Jean Williams, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Williams, 25, Rhodfa Ganol, Fochriw. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, with Mr. Norman Palmer at the organ. The bride was given away by her father. She wore a gown of Nottingham lace over white satin, a three-quarter length veil kept in place by a head dress of orange blossom and pearls. The bridesmaids were Misses Marion Jones, Brenda Lewis, Teresa Williams (cousins), and Sylvia Evans, and wore dresses of tulle over blue satin, Juliet caps, and carried baskets of white irises, pink carnations and sweet peas. The reception was at the New Hall. The honeymoon is being spent in London. The bride travelled in a flowered shantung dress and a camel-hair coat with tan accessories.

Damaged Playing Fields Coun. Payne presided over a meeting of the Welfare Association on Thursday, supported by Mr. W. Abbey, secretary, and Mr. Frank Jenkins, treasurer. It was with regret that the committee heard that willful damage had been done to the pavilion on the playing field. Culprits will be prosecuted if detected. Reports on film shows was given, and the treasurer reported on the financial position of both indoor and outdoor schemes.

O.A.P. The members of the O.A.P. Supporters' Committee are grateful for the cheque of 25 guineas presented to the Fochriw & District O.A.P., by the president, Mr. John P. Llewellyn, on behalf of the Deri Amateur Boxing Club.

"Merthyr Express" 28 July 1956

Athletic Success The many friends of Mr. Alan Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Thomas, Williams Row, were pleased with his success at Swansea, when he won the 'putting the shot' event with a throw of 42ft 10ins. He is a pupil of Bargoed Technical School, and represented Glamorgan, helping the team win the 10th Anniversary Welsh Competitions. He is a brilliant all-round athlete.

Pensioners' Outing This took place on Tuesday, by motor coach, to Porthcawl. The weather was fine, and an enjoyable day was spent. Excellent arrangements were made by the Committee.

"Merthyr Express" 4 August 1956

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at the meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. Reports of repairs carried out were received and approved. It was decided to renew the fence around the playing field. Reports on the billiards and the finances were given.

"Merthyr Express" 18 August 1956

Football Fochriw can look forward again to football in the village this season. A good team has been formed and has joined the Rhymney Valley League.

Successful Sports A successful sports was held at the Welfare Ground in aid of the Fochriw and District O.A.P. The Women's Supporters Committee thanks Mr. Delfryn Jones and Mr. Howell Owen for organising the sports, and all who helped to make it a success. The sum of £4 1s 6d was handed to the committee.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. Tenders were received for fencing the football field, and for new gates. The tender of Mr. S.V. Powell was accepted. It was decided to give a donation to the football team.

Late Mrs. M.A. Ballard The death occurred at St. Tydfil's Hospital, on August 5, after a brief illness, of Mrs. M.A. Ballard, wife of the late Mr. Arthur Ballard, headmaster of Penybank School. After a service at the hospital chapel, conducted by the Rev. Brython Davies, Cardiff, and Rev. E. Adams Evans, Vicar, the funeral took place at Glyntaff Crematorium on August 9. The mourners were: Margaret (daughter); Margaret (sister); Tom & Ceredwen (brother & sister-in-law); R. Jones (uncle); Stephen & Celia Ballard, Mrs. B. Davies, E. Cumpstone, Tom Walters, Geo. & Mrs. Walters, John, D.W. & J.R. Walters, R. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Jones (Ynyshir), Mrs. Morgan (Treforest). Miss G. Davies, Idris Jones (Caerphilly), Islwyn Jones (Deri) (cousins); Idris, Nicholas & Bert Cumpstone, W. Ballard, Habucuck Ballard, Leon Price-Davies, W.B. Thomas (nephews). Friends present were: Coun. W.J. Payne, Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., Iorwerth Evans, W.A. Davies, Emlyn Evans, Matron M. Jones, Sandbrook Hospital, Miss Maria Jones, Fochriw.

Late Mr. W. Cook The death has occurred of Mr. Wm. Cook, 15, Aelybryn. He had lived in the village the greater part of his life, and had been associated with many movements in the life of the village. He took an active part in the Miners' Federation in the old days, and was an active worker for the O.A.P. organisation. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, and was a very representative one. Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, assisted by Rev. T.J. Jones. The mourners were: Edgar, Will, Cyril (sons); Tom Raines, Trevor Davies, Jack Lawrence (sons-in-law); John Raines (grandson); Graham Isaacs, Glyn Jones (grandsons-in-law); Geo. Mantle (brother-in-law); John, Tom, Phil, Leslie, Edgar & David Mantle, Wilfred Hollister, H. & S. Watkins, John, Tom & Hugh Mantle, Clifford Mantle, Llew Jenkins, Dick & Ernie Jones (cousins). Mr. A. Mantle (brother-in-law) was unable to attend owing to illness. Representing Old Age Pensioners: Mr. Pritchard, Coun. W.J. Payne, Messrs. Walter Jones, Bert Evans, Steve Ballard, Tom Walters, Dd. Evans (Penybank), Ben Evans (Pentwyn), W. Lewis, A. Marshallsea. At the house: Agnes, Mary Hannah, May (daughters); Sis, Sal, Mary (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Gertrude Jones, Shirley Lawrence (grand-daughters); Mrs. G. Mantle (sister-in-law); Mrs. L. Jones (niece); Mrs. W. Evans, Mrs. H. Watkins (cousins). Floral tributes sent were: Family Cross; Heulwen and Graham.

“Merthyr Express” 15 September 1956

Labour Party Ward Meeting Coun. Payne presided at a meeting of the party at the New Hall on Monday, supported by Mrs. H.L. Farley, secretary. The chairman extended a welcome to Mrs. E.J. Rowlands on her return to the party. The secretary reported that arrangements had been made for members of the Party to visit the Council Chamber on October 2. Reports on Council activities were given by Coun. Payne and a general discussion followed.

Football Fochriw entertained Gilfach Y.M.C.A. at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. A first class game resulted in a win for the visitors by 2 goals to 1.

“Merthyr Express” 22 September 1956

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday afternoon last, Coun. W. J. Payne presiding supported by Mr. W. Abbey, secretary, and Mr. F. Jenkins, treasurer. A letter of thanks was received from the secretary of the football team for the Association's support. The chairman extended a welcome to the committee to P.C. Southward. It was decided to hold a Christmas Snooker handicap, and a committee was appointed to organise the event. It is proposed to hold a series of dances on Friday evenings. Reports were given on the film shows, and the operators were thanked for their services. The pictures are an asset to the village. The work on renewing the fence around the football field will begin next week. The treasurer gave a detailed financial report of the indoor and outdoor schemes and this was very satisfactory.

Deaths Mr. J. Richards, Glanynant, who met with an accident at work at Ogilvie Colliery, has died. Mr. Tom Jones of Hartlebury, and formerly of Fochriw, where he resided for many years, has also died.

“Merthyr Express” 29 September 1956

Driving Offence Eugenies Grabowski, a 30 year old miner of Glanynant, Fochriw, was found guilty at Pontlottyn Court on Friday of driving a motor-car in a dangerous manner, and was fined £10, and his licence endorsed.

“Merthyr Express” 6 October 1956

Inquest Held on Fochriw Man: “Accidental Death” A verdict of “Accidental Death” was returned at the Caerphilly inquest last Wednesday on Jenkins Richards, aged 48, a miner, of Glanynant, Fochriw. Richards, a married man with four children, was struck by a journey of runaway trams at Ogilvie Colliery, Deri, on September 7. He received multiple injuries from which he died at Caerphilly and District Miners’ Hospital, five days later. George Williams, master haulier at the colliery, said he realised something was wrong when he saw a journey gain speed too quickly because a rope had become loose. He ran down to see what had happened, and found Richards lying in the middle of the journey that had stopped. Richard said “I’ve had it pretty bad George.” Daniel Jones, ropeway man, said he heard Richards say he would go on in front after he had helped to get the journey re-started, after one tram had become derailed. Glyndwr Richards, and electric haulage driver, said he received the signal to ‘slack rope’ and the journey move off at a walking pace. Then he saw the rope leave the drum. Dr. June Birch, house surgeon at Caerphilly Miners’ Hospital gave details of Richards’ injuries. The coroner, Mr. Owen Rees, said nobody was to blame for the accident. The men concerned were all experienced workers, and they had no reason to believe the rope would become detached. Neither had Richards taken any suicidal risk in going ahead of the journey as he did.

“Merthyr Express” 20 October 1956

Football Fochriw were at home to McLarens in a cup round on Saturday, and won by 2 goals to 1. Fochriw are making good progress in their first year, and have the makings of a good team.

Late Mrs. C. Walters The death has taken place of one of Fochriw’s oldest and most respected inhabitants, Mrs. C. Walters, wife of Mr. Thomas Walters, Station-terrace. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel.

“The Sunshine Home” A recent house to house collection for the “Sunshine Home” for the Blind realised £10 14s 1d. The organiser, Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, wishes to thank the collectors and residents for their support. The collectors were Mesdames Watkins, Lilian Lawrence, Walters, Southworth, Misses Pamela Isles, Pamela Hughes, Malvina Matthews, Pamela Yeoman and Brenda Small.

“Merthyr Express” 27 October 1956

Pontlottyn Court Isaac Evans, aged 38 of Rhodfa Ganol, Fochriw, was summoned for keeping a dangerous dog. He was ordered to pay £2 19s. costs, and ordered to keep the dog under control. Lawrence Delahey of Glanynant, Fochriw, gave details of the wounds he received when bitten by the dog on Jul 20th, supported by P.C. Southworth.

“Merthyr Express” 10 November 1956

Deaths Mr. David Lewis, former newsagent and greengrocer, and Mrs. Sarah Pryce, Martin Street, have died.

Late Mrs. Ceridwen Walters The death has taken place of Mrs. C. Walters, wife of Mr. Thomas Walters, Station Terrace. She was an old inhabitant of the village, where she had live the whole of her life. She was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. The funeral took place on Thursday at Glyntaff Crematorium. Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, officiated.

“Merthyr Express” 17 November 1956

Llwyn Iago Fireworks Display A fireworks display was held at the Llwyn Iago Estate on Monday, Nov. 5, by the Tenants’ Association. It commenced with a parade by Guy Fawkes,

the children of the estate following. The bonfire was set alight by Guy Fawkes who was the master of ceremonies. A loudspeaker van was used for announcements and music. Mr. A. T. Powell, secretary of the Association, is very pleased with the success of the second annual event, and is indebted to all who helped to making it successful.

British Legion At the annual general meeting of the Pontlottyn and Fochriw Branch, the following were elected to office: secretary, Mr. C. Gardener; treasurer, Coun. H. James; chairman, Mr. S. G. Evans; assistant secretary, Mr. M. Williams; vice-chairman, Mr. T. Tuck; assistant treasurer, Mr. D. Middleton; committee, Messrs. R. Surtees, D. Williams, D. Greaney T. J. Price, D. J. Jones, G. Watkins, C. Murphy, D. Walters. On Thursday next, the first meeting of the women's section will be held at Pontlottyn, and members are urged to give the branch greater support by attending meetings. From our heart deep feeling - from our pockets £5 5s to the Hungarian Relief Fund. This was decided at the meeting. Information about matters affecting ex-servicemen may be had from the secretary, 1. Sunny View, Pontlottyn, or from Mr. R. Surtees, 103, Glanynant, Fochriw. Next meeting, Nov. 24.

Late Mrs. Sarah E. Pryce, 9, Martin Street, aged 63 The funeral of Mrs. S. E. Pryce took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was born in the village, and lived there the whole of her life. Her husband, Mr. Ted Pryce, died some years ago. The funeral was a representative one. The officiating ministers were Revs. David Thomas and Dewi Morgan. The mourners were: Mr. Ronald Pryce (son); Mesdames Mabel Newman, Violet Davies, Jean Miles (daughters); Messrs. Stanley Newman, Isaac Evans, Cyril Davies, David Miles (sons-in-law); Mrs. Ruby Pryce (daughter-in-law); Messrs. Edwin, Freddie, George, Albert, Rufus, Percy & Alfred Dummett (brothers); Mrs. Mary Ann Watkins (sister); Evan Watkins, Ceridwen, Edith, Margaret, Gwyneth & Phyllis Dummett, Roberta Newman, Royston Dummett, Haydn Watkins, Baden Dummett, William Parry, John Rees Thomas, John Yeoman.

“Merthyr Express” 24 November 1956

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at the meeting on Thursday at the New Hall, supported by Mr. W. Abbey and Mr. Frank Jenkins. It was reported that the fencing around the playing field had been renewed, new gates erected, and the pavilion repaired. It was decided to hold a dance in aid of the Hungarian Relief Fund, and a picture show for the old age pensioners' fund. It was agreed to allow the footballers use of the old reading room for indoor exercise. The snooker team is making progress, and it hopes to enter the Welfare competition. A letter of good wishes is to be sent to the caretaker, Mr. C. Edwards, who is ill. The members stood in silence as a tribute to an old inhabitant, Mr. David Lewis, brother to Mr. Samuel Lewis, J.P. The question of planting trees around the playing field was discussed.

Football Fochriw were at home to Bryncoch at the Welfare Ground on Saturday in a Rhymney Valley League match, and won 2-1.

“Merthyr Express” 1 December 1956

New Tredegar Court William Phillips, aged 24, of Hillside, Fochriw, was fined £2 for carrying an insecure load on the back of his lorry.

“Merthyr Express” 8 December 1956

St. John Ambulance It is pleasing to know that the Fochriw Section is getting very active again, thanks to the efforts of the stalwarts of the movement in the village. Meetings are held every Tuesday at Noddfa Vestry, and examinations will be held shortly. A hearty welcome is extended. The secretary is Mr. T. Thomas, Dynevor Street.

Labour Party At the Drill Hall on Thursday, Coun. Payne presided, supported by Mr. Frank Jenkins. A report of Council activities was given by Coun. Davies and discussions followed. It was unanimously decided to nominate Coun. W. J. Payne, the present member, as candidate for the next election.

“Merthyr Express” 15 December 1956

House To House Collection A sum of £13 5s 6d was realised. The organising secretary, Mrs. M. Jenkins, wishes to thank all collectors and those who gave so generously to this worthy cause.

Late Mrs. Jones, Pantywaun The death has occurred of one of the oldest and most highly respected inhabitants of the village of Pantywaun, Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. Evan Jones, aged 73. She had spent the whole of her life in the village. The funeral took place on Thursday at Graig Cemetery, Rhymney, and was a very representative one, showing the esteem in which she was held.

Labour Party The local party members held their meeting at the New Hall on Monday. Coun. Payne presided. Also present was Mrs. H. Farley, secretary. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Evan Jones and family, Pantywaun, in their bereavement. Best wishes for a speedy recovery were extended to Mr. D. J. Thomas. Coun. Payne gave a detailed report of Council activities.

“Merthyr Express” 29 December 1956

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Coun. Payne presiding. The chairman extended a welcome to Mr. A. H. Wood, who was present after his accident. Mr. D. J. Thomas offered his resignation as librarian due to ill health. Tribute was paid to his services. It was decided to advertise the post. Mr. C. Edwards, caretaker, is still a patient in hospital. The treasurer gave the financial report.