

“Merthyr Express” 3 January 1920

Dressmaking – We have recently made a change, and the workroom is under new management. We respectfully and confidently invite a trial order. R. T. Jones, Merthyr.

Noddfa Vestry A Christmas Tree was held at the Vestry on Christmas Eve and was largely attended. The tree was prettily decorated with presents and toys for the children and adults.

Singing Festival The united singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day, Noddfa and Nazareth chapels joining together in the festival. The singing was of a very high standard, the conductor being and Mr. W. Morris. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips, Messrs. W. Davies and W. Lawrence.

St. Mary's Church Services were held at St. Mary's Church on Christmas Day, with Holy Communion at 6, 7, 8 and 11a.m. Evensong and carol singing were at 6p.m. The Reverend Samuel Evans officiated. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

Wedding: Davies-Davies A pretty wedding was solemnised at Pontmorlais Chapel, Merthyr, on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Mr. Evan Davies, son of Mr. Edward Davies, Aelybryn, and Miss Margaret Davies. The best man was Mr. Thomas Davies, Deri, brother of the bride. Mr. Edward Davies and Mrs. Thomas Davies were also present at the ceremony. The Rev. Isaac Roderick, formerly of Fochriw officiated.

Tea and Christmas Tree A tea and Christmas tree were held at St. Mary's Hall on Christmas Eve. The tables being cleared, attention was drawn to a beautiful Christmas tree, which had been nicely decorated with presents for the children and adults. During the evening solos were given by Miss Nan Prosser, Miss Rowena Harris, and Miss Addie Baldwin. Thanks are due to all who helped in decorating the hall, and assisted in other ways to make everything such a success.

R. T. Jones & Co. THE GREAT WINTER SALE commences next Friday, January 9th. Genuine bargains in all departments and showrooms.

“Merthyr Express” 10 January 1920

New Year's Eve The passing out of the old year and the coming in of the new was celebrated by the holding of a social evening in St. Mary's Hall, and a watch night service in St. Mary's Church. The service was conducted by the Vicar.

Success At a recent examination of the London College of Music held at Cardiff, Master Windsor Rees, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Rees, 32, Aelybryn, and Mr. Walter Birch, Railway-terrace, Cwmbargoed, obtained first class in violin playing, primary section. The former obtain 94 marks and the latter 88. Both are pupils of Mr. David J. Thomas, Fochriw.

Social and Dance These were held at St. Mary Hall on Friday evening in aid of Private E. H. Lewis, who is still in hospital suffering from wounds received on active service in France. The arrangements were carried out in a very able manner by the Church people of St. Mary's. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. Fred Puddle, with Mr. Octavius Richards as the pianist. At the close of the evening, Mr. W. J. Payne, in a very encouraging address, presented Private Lewis with £20, the result of the evening's takings.

Mining Success The many friends of Mr. David Thomas, the son of Mr. Rees Thomas, Plantation-terrace, will be delighted to hear of his brilliant success in acquiring the distinction of Mining Engineer, under the tutorship of Mr. Williams, F.R.G.S., Llanishen. Great praise is due to him for his achievement at the early age of 26. He has laboured incessantly, for, in addition to passing all his examinations, he followed his daily occupation at the colliery. He has now been appointed manager of collieries at Ynysybwl.

St. Mary Hall The usual entertainment was held on Monday evening, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. The following contributed to a musical programme: Sylvia Adams, Ceinwen Cole, Eiluned Lawrence, Dennis Edwards, Rona Lewis, Nesta Evans, Addie Baldwin, Tom Davies, Edna Edwards, Vera Wilton, Sybil Gwynne, Olive May Payne,

Leonora Jenkins, Megan Morris, Willie Roberts, Lorne Slimmons. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch, of the following taking part: of Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Morris, H. Harris, S Way, A. Gwynne, P. Gwynne, Addie Baldwin, Sybil Gwynne.

New Year's Eve at Noddfa Chapel A social was held on New Year's Eve at Noddfa Vestry. The tables were attended to by Mrs. Jenkin Pugh and Miss Maggie Rees, Miss Elizabeth Gwen Jones and Mr. James Jones, Mrs. Tom Evans and Miss Hannah Evans, Mrs. L. Williams and Misses Lizzie Thomas and E. A. Evans. The meat was supplied by Mr. Tom Matthews, and the groceries by Mr. Sydney Phillips, Pentwyn. After the clearing of the tables, the time was beguiled by the rendering of solos and recitations and games. At the striking of the hour of 12, all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," and "O Fruniau Caersalem." The secretary and treasurer were Mr. William Price and Mrs. Jenkins Pugh.

Obituary: Mrs. John Morgan, Hill-row, Pentwyn The funeral of the late Mrs. John Morgan, took place on Monday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was quite a young woman, had been ailing for a long time, and she leaves a widower and a number of young children to mourn her loss. The officiating ministers were Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and Rev. Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Mr. John Morgan, husband; Mr. Idris Morgan, son; Mr. Edward Morris, father; Mr. David Morgan, father-in-law; Messrs. John Thomas, Tom Jones, James Howells, Tom Davies, Thomas Thomas, George Thomas, Job Thomas, David T. Morgan, Harry Weeks, W. Middleton.

Noddfa Chapel A league of young worshippers has been formed by the young people of Noddfa Chapel, to be held every week on Thursday at 7:00p.m.

Fochriw Sailors' and Soldiers' Fund A very pleasant evening was spent at Noddfa on Monday evening last under the auspices of the Fochriw Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund, when close on 200 ex-servicemen were presented with walking sticks as a souvenir of the Great War. Photo-frames were also presented to some of the children in memory of their fallen fathers. Suitable souvenirs will also be made to the widowers and mothers of the fallen. During the evening, Mr. Charles Payne presented Miss Hannah Evans, secretary of the fund, with a very suitable present for services rendered. He spoke very highly of Miss Evans' qualities as secretary. Mr. Kinsey Llewellyn then presented her with a suitable present on behalf of the ex-servicemen, and in a neat little speech thanked her for the good services she had rendered. Miss Evans suitably replied. Mr. George Sibley then presented Mr. W. J. Payne, treasurer of the fund, with a presentation on behalf of the fund for his untiring efforts. Mr. Payne thanked them for their kindness. During the evening a musical programme was contributed to by the following artistes: Mrs. H. C. Davies, Miss Enid Evans, Miss Addie Lawrence, Mr. David Griffiths. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips. A hearty vote of thanks to all was carried unanimously. Mr. John Jones presided.

"Merthyr Express" 24 January 1920

Pits Closed Both pictures were rendered idle at Fochriw on Monday last because of a shortage of wagons.

Social and Dance A very successful social and dance was held at St. Mary's Hall on the Thursday last. There was a large attendance. Mr. T. Puddle acted as M. C., whilst Mr. O. Richards provided the music.

Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday evening last. Several contributed to a musical programme. During the evening, a singing competition was held, the adjudicators being the Vicar, and Mr. Berkley Angell. The first prize was won by Addie Baldwin, the second prize divided between Sybil Gwynne and Morfydd Williams.

"Merthyr Express" 31 January 1920

Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Monday evening, presided over by the Reverend Samuel Evans. Many contributed to a musical programme.

The evening finished with a laughable sketch, the following taking part: Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Morris, H. Harris, R. Harris, W. Jones, A. Gwynne, P. Gwynne and S. Way.

Social and Dance A social and dance was held at St. Mary's on Thursday last, organised by the members of their Touring Club, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Church. The masters of ceremonies were Messrs. T. Puddle and S Jones. Mr. O. Richards was the pianist.

Funeral: Mrs. W. J. Angel, Supply Stores, Fochriw The funeral of Mrs. W. J. Angel took place on Monday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was quite young, had suffered greatly, but had borne her illness patiently. She leaves a widow and four children to mourn their loss. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was one of the largest that has left the village. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The Reverend Rhys Jenkins and the Reverend M. S. Young officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. W. J. Angel, husband; Willie and Lewis Angell, sons; David Jones, Walter Jones, Evan Jones, Wat Jones, brothers; Messrs. Thomas Evans, J. Evans, Ishmael Harris, Berkley Angell, Elias Davies, John Davies, James Davies, William Thomas, brothers-in-law; Messrs. Roderick Jones, John Lewis Jones, David T. Jones, Willie Jones, David Lewis, Henry T. John, Willie and Edgar Evans, Lewis Owen, John Henry and Latimer Evans, Richard and Lewis Jones, Willie and Berkley Davies, Tom Angell, Howell and Willie Thomas, John and Berkeley Davies, Haydn Angell, James Jones, Richard Davis, Johnny Griffiths, Robert Parry, David Lewis, Jim Davies, James J. Lewis, John James, nephews.

“Merthyr Express” 7 February 1920

Pengam Eisteddfod: Master Aneurin Thomas Master Aneurin Thomas, son of Mr. D. J. Thomas, Pleasant-view, was awarded the first prize in the open pianoforte competition, and first prize in the pianoforte competition under 16, at the Pengam Eisteddfod on Monday 2nd February.

Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall on Thursday evening last under the auspices of the Mothers' Union. Mr. T. Puddle acted as M.C., and Mr. O. Richards was at the piano. Master Francis Wilton assisted on the violin.

Entertainment The usual entertainment was held at St. Mary Hall on Monday evening last, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The following contributed to musical programme: Megan Price, Eirlys Jenkins, Sybil Gwynne, Morfydd Williams, Addie Baldwin, Annie May Morgan, Nesta Evans, Maggie Davies, Carada Adams, Sylvia Adams, Robert Wilton, Jesse Davis, Frances Wilton. The evening concluded with a laughable sketch.

“Merthyr Express” 14 February 1920

Obituary: Mrs. David Williams, Brook-row, aged 79 We have to record the death of Mrs. David Williams, Brook-row, which took place on Monday. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village.

Wedding: Davies-Gittens A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Mr. George Davies, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Davies, Glyn-terrace, and Miss M. Gittens, Pontlottyn. The bridesmaid was Miss Emily Davies, sister of the bridegroom, and the best man, Mr. William Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 21 February 1920

Baptism Special services were held at Noddfa Baptist chapel on Sunday evening last, when the Reverend Esaiah Williams, pastor, baptised 21 persons.

Mission On Friday last, the Travelling Exhibition Van of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel visited St. Mary's Hall, and exhibited a large number of curios, etc. from foreign parts. The Reverend White, missionary, gave some very interesting experiences of his travels in connection with his mission work in foreign parts. Several tableaux were presented by the Girls' Guild, who had been trained by Mrs. Samuel Evans. Their acting was

greatly admired. Children also sung Eastern melodies, and had been trained by Mr. Berkley Angell. The accompanists were Messrs. O. Richards and Willie Hughes.

I.O.G.T Under the auspices of the Star of Fochriw Lodge, a dramatic recital was given by Sister B. Ballard Davies, at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister Davies proved to be an excellent elocutionist. She recited 16 pieces, and was relieved at intervals by Sister Ruth Griffiths, who sang, and Brother David Thomas, who played a pianoforte solo. Sister Davies greatly impressed the large audience present. The meeting was presided over by Brother David Thomas, chief templar. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Brother Charles Payne, seconded by Brother Thomas Lewis.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mrs. David Jones, Brook-row, took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was nearly 80 years of age, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the place. The place of interment was Pant Cemetery. The officiating ministers were Rev. R. D. Jenkins, and the Rev. J. Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William and Jesse Williams, sons; Mordecai Williams, Richard Davis, the Reverend Bell, Emlyn and Trevor Davies, Johnny Williams, Horace Evans, grandsons; Octavius Richards, William Thomas, Willie Evans and Johnny Evans.

Socials On Monday evening, a children's social was held at St. Mary's Hall, when a large number of children were entertained to games, tea, etc, which had been provided by the Church people.

A dance and social were held at St. Mary's Hall on Tuesday evening to wind up a successful series of dances. During the evening, the Reverend and Mrs. Evans were the recipients of a magnificent cupboard which had been presented by the class and church friends as a mark of appreciation. Reverend Evans afterwards handed it over to St. Mary's Church as a gift. The presentation was made by Mr. Puddle. Mrs. Way then presented Reverend and Mrs. Evans with books, after which Mrs. James Davies presented the three children with books. Refreshments were provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. T. Puddle acted as M. C., Mr. Octavius Richards as pianist, and Master Francis Wilton played the violin.

“Merthyr Express” 28 February 1920

Obituary: Mrs. Eli Worman, Upland Stores We have to record the death, on Saturday, of Mrs. Worman, Upland Stores, after a short illness.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. It was presided over by Brother D. Thomas.

Lecture On Monday last, Dr. D. M. Phillips, Tylorstown, delivered a very powerful lecture, the subject being "Yr Iaeth Gymraeg." The chairman for the evening was Mr. John Jones, Central Stores.

“Merthyr Express” 6 March 1920

Socials Social and concerts were held at Carmel, Noddfa, and Nazareth chapels, to commemorate St. David's Day.

Social A very pleasant social evening was spent at the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday evening last under the auspices of the Independent Labour Party. A large number sat down to a fine spread. During the evening a fine programme of music, etc., was given, and greatly enjoyed.

I.O.G.T The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The following contributed to a musical programme: Brothers Thomas Lewis, Samuel Lewis, Sister Ballard. Brother Lewis spoke some very encouraging words about Brother J. C. Payne, on his recent success.

Presentation Mr. J. D. Jones, headmaster of Fochriw Council School, left on Friday to take up duties at Gorseinon Boys' School. As a token of the sincere regard in which he was held by the people and staff of Fochriw, he was presented with a neat and useful bureau. He has been headmaster at Fochriw for ten-and-a-half years and during that time he has done

excellent work in the school, and has associated himself with every local official movement. We wish him every success in his new sphere.

St. David's Night On Monday evening, an entertainment was given by the Mixed School Children in St. Mary's Hall. A very good programme had been prepared, and was successfully carried out. The chief items were: "Cewri Cymru"; "Plas Gogerddon": " Pont Orewyn" - Welsh plays. The folk songs were well rendered. The conductor was Mr. T. J. Jones, the chairman, Mr. J. Jones, grocer, whilst Mr. Howell Thomas manipulated the scenes, and rendered the other valuable assistance. The teachers wish to thank all who kindly assisted to make the evening a success.

Ordination The numerous friends of the Rev. J. C. Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, Glyn-terrace, will be pleased to hear of his recent success in his examination for ordination to the Church. He was a well-known figure in the district before leaving about five years ago to take charge of St Mark's Church, Gelli, under Canon Lewis. His labours of love for the Church in the parish of Pontlottyn will never be forgotten. He worked unceasingly for 14 years as a voluntary layman, with sole charge of St. Andrews, Pentwyn, for five years. He was ordained last Sunday by the Bishop of St David's at the Parish Church, Abergwili.

Wedding: Davies-Thomas A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday, the contracting parties being Mr. Price Davies, Fochriw, and Miss Jennie Thomas. The bride looked charming in a navy blue costume and hat to match. She was attended by her sister, Miss Gladys Thomas, who wore a navy costume with pink hat. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. D. W. Thomas. Messrs. W. Davies and Edwin Davies, father and brother of the bridegroom, were also present. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bridegroom, where large numbers sat down to breakfast. The officiating minister was the Reverend Esaiiah Williams.

St David's Day The day was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Infants Council School. The Central Hall was suitably decorated with banners bearing Welsh emblems. The programme included Welsh airs, Welsh folk songs, games, dances to the music of Welsh rhymes, historical plays, recitations, dialogues and tales bearing on St. David and Welsh patriots. The school was crowded with parents and friends among them being Rev. Esaiiah Williams and Rev. Samuel Evans. A very pleasant and inspiring morning session was brought to a close with the usual votes of thanks, given in eloquent terms. Great praise is due to Mrs. E. Cole Jones and her staff for the excellent way they had trained the children.

Funeral The body of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Worman, Upland Stores, was reverently laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The deceased was one of the oldest inhabitants of the village, where she had lived for the last 54 years. She was 79 years of age. The chief mourners were: Mr. Eli Worman, husband; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cole, nephew and niece; Florrie and Stella, grandchildren; Mr. Whale, brother-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. J. Moore, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. G. Moore, Mrs. Drage, Mr. and Mrs. Cop, Mrs Griffiths, Mr. and Mrs. W. Morris, nieces and nephews. Mr. Ben Jones, Bargoed, assisted by Mr. W. A. Hancock Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and graveside.

St. Mary's Hall On Saturday, the members of the Fochriw Ambulance Dramatic Society gave an excellent performance of the Welsh drama "Y Ferch o Cefn Ydfa" at the above Hall to crowded audiences. The whole performance was magnificent. The characters were ably sustained by the following: Harry Hughes, Dan Jenkins, Dan James, W. Hughes, Mr. G. Cole, J. Morgan, C. Ballard, J. Morgan (Pentwyn), J. and T. Evans, S. Wright, Mrs Thomas, M. A. Walters, A. Thomas, M. Cole, M. Jones, M. MacArthur, A. Llewellyn, S. Jones, E. A. Jones. Stage-managers: Messrs. T. Jones and W. J. Ballard. Scenic artists: Howell Thomas and David Harris. Pianist, Miss H Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 13 March 1920

Special Lenten Services Special services were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday last, when the Rev. T. H. Pountney, Gilfach, was the special preacher, giving a very inspiring address.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Reviewing the evening, Bro. Sam Lewis gave a fine reading, Bros. Thomas Lewis and David Thomas commenting on it. Bro. Charles Payne proposed a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Sister B. Davies.

Distinguished Services The numerous friends of Mr. Albion Jones, son-in-law of Mr and Mrs. W. S. Roberts, 4, Glyn-terrace, will be pleased to hear of his gallant and distinguished services in the field. He joined up at the commencement of the war, with the D.C.L.I., and saw a great deal of active service abroad at Salonika and other places. This week he received the following certificate from the Secretary of State for War with the following: "The war of 1914-18, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, No. 15930, Pte. A. Jones was mentioned in a Dispatch from Lieutenant General G. F. Milne, C.B., D.S.O., dated 29th March, 1917, for gallant and distinguished services in the Fields. I have it on command from the King to record his Majesty's high appreciation of the services rendered. Secretary of State for War."

“Merthyr Express” 20 March 1920

Special Lenten Services Special services were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday last, when the Reverend J. C. Payne was the special preacher, given a very inspiring address. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. O. Richards presiding at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams delivered a very edifying address on "Religion."

“Merthyr Express” 27 March 1920

Obituary: Mr. Trevor Lewis, Railway-terrace, aged 24 We have to record the death of Mr. Trevor Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, after a painful illness. Mr. Lewis buried his eldest son just a few months ago. Great sympathy is extended to the family in their sad trial.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. A most edifying paper was read on "The life of Robert Louis Stevenson" by Mr. Arthur Ballard.

Special Lenten Services Special services were held at St. Mary's Church on Thursday last, when the Rev. Samuel Evans, preached a very appropriate sermon.

“Merthyr Express” 10 April 1920

Y.M.C.A. Mrs. George Phillips, president, has received a letter from the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., thanking her and all helpers for the splendid way in which they organised the Flag Day at Fochriw. The amount was £4-5-0.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Many members spoke of the good work done by the lodge during the last 17 years, and hoped it would be continued for many years to come. Brother H. Thomas gave selections on the mandoline.

St. Mary's Services were held at St. Mary's on Sunday week. At the evening service, conducted by the Vicar, the sermon was preached by the Rev. W. I. Brown, late chaplain to His Majesty's Forces in France. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, and Mr. Octavius Richards presided at the organ.

Easter Sunday Services were held at St. Mary's Church on Easter Day. Celebration of Holy Communion was held at 7, 8, and 11:00a.m. at St. Mary's. Evensong was sung at 6:00p.m. by the Reverend Samuel Evans. The sermon was preached by the Rev. W. I. Brown.

Celebration of the Holy Communion was held at 6a.m. at St Andrews, Pentwyn, the vicar celebrating.

Gymanfa The annual singing festival in connection with Carmel Chapel was held on Sunday last. The sacred edifice was filled on each occasion. The singing reached a very high standard, which reflects great credit on the conductor and choirs. The special conductor for the day was Mr. Evan Thomas (Alaw Morlais, Penywern), the well-known male voice conductor. Assistance was rendered by the Fochriw Orchestral Band, under their conductor Mr. D. J. Thomas, whose playing was greatly admired. The accompanists were Messrs. T. Walters, A. Thomas, W. Angell, and Miss Elsie Griffiths. The following also took part: Stanley Lewis, Lewis H. Angel, Mary Jones, Mary J. Cole, Lydia Ballard, Ruth Griffiths, and Ceridwen Thomas. The presidents were: morning – Mr. D. J. Thomas; afternoon – Mr. M. Williams; evening – Mr. E. M. Davies.

The late Mr. Trevor Lewis The funeral of the late Mr. Trevor Lewis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was only 24 years of age, was well-liked throughout the village, and his early death caused universal sorrow. Only four months ago, his brother, aged 27, was buried. Sympathy is felt for the family in their sorrow. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard, and the funeral was one of the largest seen in the village. The deceased had served in the Army during the war, and was also a member of the Ambulance Brigade. Heading the solemn cortege were the members of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, followed by the St. John Ambulance Brigade of Fochriw and district. After the burial, the "Last Post" was sounded over the grave. The officiating minister was the Reverend Rhys Jenkins. The chief mourners were: Mr. Edward Lewis, father; Emrys Lewis, brother; Mr. John Walters, brother-in-law; Idwal Walters, nephew; Messrs. Thomas Davies, D. Morgan, H. Morgan, David Griffiths, J. Lewis, D. Jones, Thomas Evans, W. Griffiths, W. Lewis, J. Morgan, J. Evans, uncles; W. J. Jones, Arthur Jones, T. L. Griffiths, W. T. Lewis, D. Lewis, J. Lewis, B. Lewis, D. Lewis, F. Lewis, E. T. Lewis, T. G. Morgan, Ambrose Jones, H. Harry, E. Burrows, cousins.

“Merthyr Express” 17 April 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Brother David Thomas, chief Templar, presided. During the evening the chief Templar gave an excellent address.

St. Mary the Virgin The annual Vestry meeting in connection with St. Mary's was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday evening, the vicar presiding. In his opening remarks, he spoke about the change brought about by the Disestablishment Act, and said it would alter the nature of vestry meetings for the future. Church matters would henceforth be dealt with by the Parochial Council, which would be chosen that evening. Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, before presenting the accounts, gave a very able address on the effects of the Disestablishment Act. He pleaded for closer co-operation in future, and felt convinced that the new Welsh Church would become a greater power than ever. The accounts showed a balance on the right side. After they had been adopted, the vicar paid a magnificent tribute to Mr. Payne for the way he kept the accounts and for his untiring work in connection with the Church. He also paid a high compliment to Mr. Berkley Angell, choirmaster, Mr. Octavius Richards, organist, Mr. Payne, Sunday school superintendent, and also the sidesman, teachers, collectors, and all would worked so hard during the past year. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected People's Warden. Councillor John Edwards was appointed vicar's warden, with Mr. B. Angell, choirmaster, Mr. O. Richards, organist, and Mr. Payne, Sunday school superintendent. Sidesman: - Messrs. C. Payne, Richard Evans, Slimmonds, E. Lewis, H. Edgar, W. Wilton, T. Baldwin, W. Hughes, John Morris, W. Sibley. Parochial Council: Messrs. T. Baldwin, Charles Payne, William Wilton, George Henry Slimmons, William

Hughes, and Caradoc Ballard. Mr. W. J. Payne, on behalf of the people, then handed the vicar an Easter offering of £54 for which he thanked them all very much. Votes of thanks to the chairman, Church wardens and Mrs. Evans, brought a pleasant evening to a close.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was humorous readings. Many took part.

Pentwyn Building Club The members of this club sat down to an excellent supper at the White Horse Inn on Saturday evening. The tables had been beautifully decorated and laden with all the good things necessary to make a good supper. Thanks to the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Vines. Afterwards, Mr. Evan Jones delivered a very able address.

“Merthyr Express” 1 May 1920

Obituary It is our painful duty to record the death of Mrs. William Lewis, Railway-terrace, on Tuesday evening, and also the death of Mrs. Addis, Stoney Houses, Penybank.

Confirmation The Lord Bishop of Llandaff will visit St. Mary's Church on Friday, 30th April, at 5p.m. to hold a confirmation service. His Lordship's visit has been looked forward to for a long time. The Vicar, the Reverend Samuel Evans, extends a hearty invitation to all clergy and friends to be present. Tea will be provided for the visitors.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. During the evening, an excellent paper was read by the Brother Jenkins, Merthyr. The following also spoke: Brothers David Thomas, Thomas Lewis and Charles Payne. Sister Mrs Davies recited "Alaska." A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Carmel Chapel A bachelors' tea and entertainment was held at the above on Tuesday evening. A very large number of people assembled. Tea was served at the vestry and the entertainment was held at Chapel, where the following took part in the programme: piano selection, Mr. Thomas Walters; violin solos, Miss Miriam Thomas and Miss Morgan, Aelybryn; solos, Mr. James John Lewis, Miss Ballard and Miss Cook; duets by Miss Ceinwen Ballard and her sister, and Masters Stanley Lewis and Lewis Angell. Recitations were delivered by Mr. James Williams, Pentwyn, and Mrs. Bronwen Davies. A choir of the church members gave several renderings under the leadership of the Mrs. M. A. Davies. Mr. David Griffiths, junior, sang "Hen Ffon fy Nain" in a very striking manner, and was greatly admired by all the old folks present. Mrs. Bronwen Davies very ably presided at the entertainment, whilst the Reverend D. Jenkins Jones, who has answered the church's call to become their minister in the near future, gave a short and encouraging address. The evening terminated with "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

Special Exhibition of Summer Fashions in all departments commencing Friday, May 7th. R. T. Jones, Merthyr.

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“Merthyr Express” 8 May 1920

Musical Successes The following have been successful in passing in pianoforte playing - London College of Music: Master Wyndham Lawrence, pass (senior); Miss Edith Walters (first class elementary), Miss Gwladys Shankland (first class elementary), Miss Marjorie Lewis (first class primary). The above are pupils of Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M.

Band Parade On Sunday last, the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. W. J. Powell, together with members of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, St. John Ambulance Brigade, members of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes, and other public bodies, paraded the streets of the village, afterwards visiting St. Mary's Church for a service. The Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, took the service, and the Rev. Edward Fowler, Deri, preached the sermon. The hymns were effectively played by the Band.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Members of the Merthyr Lodge entertained. Brother Payne proposed a hearty vote of thanks, seconded by Sister Jones.

Obituary: Mrs. Lewis, Railway-terrace, aged 65 The funeral of the late Mrs. Lewis took place on Saturday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral was for gentleman only, and was well attended. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was 65 years the age. The chief mourners were: Stephen and David Lewis, sons; Messrs. Jones and Llewellyn, sons in-law; William and Prince grandchildren; Tommy and David Hughes, Steve Jones, Mr. Daniel, Mr. David, Mr. Jones Lewis, Aelybryn and sons, David Lewis, Thomas Thomas, William Lewis, Thomas R. Lewis. The officiating ministers were Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and Rev. Esaiiah Williams.

Confirmation On Friday evening last, the Lord Bishop of Llandaff visited St. Mary's Church and held a confirmation service. The sacred edifice was packed. The United choirs of St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Deri, joined together under the conductorship of Mr. Berkley Angell and Mr. John Owen, and gave fine renderings. The Preface was read by the Rev. Samuel Evans, Vicar, after which the Bishop gave a very inspiring address on duty. Afterwards, the Bishop confirmed 59 persons. The singing of "Oh! Jesus I have Promised" brought a memorable service to an end, with the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ. Also present were the Revs. E. Fowler, Deri, J. C. Payne, Rhondda; Dewi Williams, vicar of Rhymney. Tea was provided in the hall by the good ladies of the Church for all visitors. There is a great deal of work going on now at St. Mary, amongst which is a new heating apparatus, which is being fixed by the Messrs. Musgrave and Co., Belfast, and which has been badly needed for some time. The ladies are also busy getting ready for a bazaar in the near future.

“Merthyr Express” 15 May 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Officers for the coming quarter were elected. An instrumental programme was gone through, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

“Merthyr Express” 22 May 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Harry Thomas, Chief Templar, presided. After the ordinary business of the lodge had been transacted, a number of members who joined during the last quarter by obligation only, were fully initiated along with two members. The ceremony was enjoyed by all.

Football On Wednesday afternoon, the Fochriw Schoolboys, winners of the Rhymney Valley Schools League Shield, for season 1919-1920, played the Rest of the League on their home ground, before a record crowd, thus completing a most successful season. The game was very interesting to watch, some of the boys playing brilliant football, considering the heavy state of the ground. Fochriw, the better team, won by two goals to one. The scorers for Fochriw were Johnny and Willie Roberts. The referee was Mr. John Francis. Great praise is due to Mr. Tom Jones, certificated teacher at Fochriw School, for his untiring efforts with the boys to build up such a fine team.

Presentation: Rhymney Valley League Schools Shield, 1919-1920 to Fochriw School A.F.C. On Wednesday evening at the Council Schools, a very interesting presentation meeting was held to present the Rhymney Valley Schools League Shield to Fochriw School A.F.C., the winners for season 1919-1920. They have a splendid record for the season: they have lost only two matches out of 20 played, drawn two, and scored 68 goals against 16. A very able address was given by the chairman, Mr. J. R. Williams, Pontlottyn, chairman of the Rhymney Valley Schools League. Councillor Tudor Davies, agent of Messrs G.K.N. Ltd. made the presentation. In the course of an interesting address, Mr. Davies referred to the

Welfare Scheme adopted by the company, and suggested that with the active co-operation of the townspeople, a Recreation ground and Pavilion were possible to Fochriw in the near future. Votes of thanks brought to a close a very happy evening.

“Merthyr Express” 5 June 1920

Obituary We regret to record death of an old inhabitant in the person of Mr. John White, Brook-row, after a short illness.

Obituary We have to record the death of the oldest inhabitant of the village in the person of Mrs. Ann Evans, Moore's-row. Deceased had been ailing for a very long time, and passed away on Tuesday evening.

Carmel Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, the Rev. E. Keri Evans, Carmarthen, preaching very appropriate sermons to large congregations. Mr. Thomas Walters presided at the organ, whilst Mr. David Davies conducted the singing.

Nazareth Chapel The annual meetings in connection with the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday last, and were well attended. Rev. B. Watkins, Ferndale, preached very edifying sermons throughout. Mr. W. A. Davies presided at the organ, whilst Mr. William Morris conducted the singing.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. During the evening, a very edifying paper entitled "A Line of Thought," was read by Mr. Tom Walters. Sister Jones and Brother L. Rowland commented on the paper. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Walters by Brother Charles Payne, seconded by Sister M. A. Lewis.

A Dead Hero - Mr. Tom Harris, Aelybryn: Allowance to Family and Memorial Certificate from the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust As reported in these columns on January 6th, 1919, an accident occurred at the Guest Keen Colliery, Fochriw, which resulted in the death of a pitman, Mr. Tom Harris, Aelybryn. It may be recalled that the knocker broke, and the deceased's fellow pitman, Mr. Wyndham Edwards, was knocked off the top of the cage into the pit, but succeeded in gripping a guide. He shouted to Harris, who was in safety, to let him know where he was suspended, saying he could not hold on much longer. The next thing, Edwards saw Harris's lamp and body passing him. He presumed that Harris lost his grip of the guide rope in trying to effect the rescue of his fellow pitman. This is the sequel. The matter was taken up by Mr. Fred J. Wotten, and reported to the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust. The trustees of this fund have decided to place the name of the deceased on their roll of heroes, in recognition of his heroic action. In addition, they unanimously agreed to grant his widow an allowance of 20 shillings weekly for herself, and 3s. 6d. weekly in respect of each of her three children under 14 years of age, together with a memorial certificate.

“Merthyr Express” 12 June 1920

Success Master Aneurin Thomas, 6, Pleasant-view, won the first prize in the open pianoforte competition at the Abertyswg Eisteddfod on Saturday.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening at Carmel Vestry. During the evening, a very edifying paper on "The Peril of Wealth" was read by Sister B. Davies. Sister Davies also gave a recitation, "The Leak in the Dyke." Bro. W. Jones proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Bro. D. Jones.

Funeral: Mrs. Ann Evans, Moore's-row The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Evans took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended, the place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Rhys Jenkins, and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams. Deceased was the oldest inhabitant of the village. The direct living descendants of the deceased consist of 3 sons, 2 of whom are living in Australia, 3 daughters, 10 grandsons, 17 grand-daughters, 6 great-grandsons, and 11 great-grand-daughters - a total of 52. The chief mourners were:

Messrs. David, John and James Evans, sons; T. Ballard, E. James, sons-in-law; W. J. Harris, S. Harris, David Evans, G. Evans, G. Evans, A. Prosser, grandsons; S. Ballard, E. Gittings, W. H. Davies, grand sons-in-law; Masters Edmund Davies and Ronald Gittings, great-grandsons.

Funeral: Mr. John White, Brook-row, aged 69 The funeral of the late Mr. John White took place on Thursday last, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The place of interment was Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased, who was 69 years of age, had been ailing for a long time. He leaves a widow and six children to mourn the loss. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Herbert, Charlie, Robert and Ernest White, sons; Mr. Edwin Tippings, son-in-law; Mr. William White, brother; Mr. Robert Richards, brother-in-law. The Reverend Esaiiah Williams officiated at the house, and the Reverend Samuel Evans, Vicar, at the Church and graveside.

“Merthyr Express” 19 June 1920

Sports Scheme Mr. Edward Lewis presided at a meeting held at the Church Hall, Fochriw, when Councillor Tudor Davies, and Mr. W. Rees, Dowlais, outlined the sports scheme for the village. An enthusiastic committee has been formed, and the scheme is to include cricket and football grounds, bowls and tennis courts, and an open-air swimming baths. An institute is also to be built by the Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Company, containing reading room, billiards, gymnasium and dressing rooms.

“Merthyr Express” 26 June 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. During the evening, a very edifying paper - "Man's Disposition," - was read by Sister Jones.

Sergeant Honoured At a recent meeting of the Glamorgan Baptist Association, held at Abercanaid, Police Sergeant H. Williams, Fochriw, was presented with a beautiful illuminated address. Sergeant Williams has rendered faithful service at Penybank for about 20 years. The presentation was made by the Rev. W. C. Thomas, Dowlais, who referred to the excellent work done by the recipient. It was chiefly through the activities of Sergeant Williams that the cause at Penybank was kept open for so many years, and he was also instrumental in raising about £1,000 towards the debt, which is now cleared. His activities at Fochriw have been highly appreciated by the denomination.

Funeral: Mr. Benjamin Whitby, Guest-street The funeral of the late Mr. Benjamin Whitby, husband of Mrs. S. Whitby, took place on Monday, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. The place of interment was Pant Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Mr. William James Whitby, son; Mr. William Whitby, brother; Mrs. Jones, sister; Mrs. Jones, cousin; Messrs. David R. Jones, Edward Jones, William H. Jones, Richard Pugh, Howell Jones, and Mr. Mutlow, brothers-in-law; Mr. David J. Whitby, nephew; Messrs. George Jones, E. O. Jones, David Jones, M. W. Thomas, George H. James, William Thomas, cousins; Messrs. Sims and sons, W. J. Payne, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, Tom Jones, David H. Jones, Edward Brown. The Rev. Esaiiah Williams officiated at the house and at the graveside, assisted by the Rev. Lloyd, Dowlais.

“Merthyr Express” 10 July 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The Rose of Sirhowy Lodge entertained.

Chapel Teas The annual tea parties in connection with Carmel, Noddfa and Nazareth took place on Monday last. The weather was not very favourable. Carmel Sunday school paraded the streets, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, the children looking a very pleasing sight in their various dresses. Each Sunday school partook of tea at their various vestries, to which justice was done. After tea sports and games were played.

Induction to Carmel Chapel: Rev. D. Jenkin Jones The induction service of the Reverend D. Jenkin Jones, formerly pastor of Gendros, Forestfach, Swansea, as pastor of the Church at Carmel, took place on Thursday afternoon. Despite the inclement weather, a large congregation attended. The meeting was presided over by Mr. D. H. Edwards, President of the North Glamorgan Congregational Association. The opening service was conducted by the Rev. Morris of Brynmawr, who read a portion of Scripture, and the Rev. D. R. Williams of Beaufort, who led the prayers. The chairman preferred to numerous letters received from friends of the pastor explaining inability to attend, and referring to the exemplary character and faithfulness of Mr. Jones. Mr. E. M. Davies, secretary of Carmel, gave a brief and interesting account of Carmel's history, and extended a cordial welcome to the new pastor. A significant feature of the meeting was the presence of a large number of Mr. Jones's former members from Swansea, who had come up by charabanc to do honour to their late pastor. Able congratulatory addresses followed from layman and ministers of the different denominations in Fochriw and District, and a special prayer upon the union was offered by the Reverend Jones of Deri. The Rev. D. Jenkins Jones, who was visibly affected, briefly thanked those who had attended to do him honour. In the evening, excellent sermons were delivered by the Rev. D. Hughes Jones, a former pastor of Carmel, and the Rev. J. P. Evans of Penygraig, Carmarthen.

Sale of Work at Fochriw Under the auspices of the Mothers' Guild and Girls' Guild connected with St. Mary's Church, a very highly successful sale of work was held at the Church Hall on Thursday and Friday last. The members of the both Guilds, of which Mrs. Samuel Evans is president and organiser, had worked assiduously in the last winter months in anticipation of the event, and the success which crowned a splendid effort is a tribute to their businesslike and efficient preparations during the past months. The funds of the Church will benefit to the extent of £150. Since the advent of the vicar and his wife to the parish 12 months ago, their untiring efforts for the Church have realised large sums of money, which have been spent improving the Church. The opening ceremony of the sale, was performed by the Reverend Canon T. J. Jones, R. D., Gellygaer.

Stalls and stall-holders: Mothers' Guild Stall - Nurse Thomas, Mesdames R. Hughes, B. Angell, Gwynne, E. M. Roberts and Morgan (Penybank); Girls' Guild Stall - Miss E. Way, Mrs. T. J. Evans, Misses Nan Prosser, Elsie Wood, Maggie Prosser, May Williams, Muriel Baldwin, Gladys Watkins, Dolly Evans, Amy James, Sarah Morris, Ethel Watkins, M. S. Martin, and Morfydd Hollister; Sweet Stall - Mrs. S. Evans, Misses Fanny Grimmer, Morfydd Thomas, Mildred Hughes, Ivy Curtis, Maggie Griffiths, Claudia Edwards, Lucy Prosser, Jane Seaborne, Eleanor A. Davies, Elsie Jones, Leonora Jenkins, Maggie Morris, and May Davies; Refreshment Stall - Mesdames W. J. Payne, Davies, Lawrence, Prosser, Wilton, and R. Evans; Pound Stall - Mesdames S. Way, G. Way, Perrott, Edwards and Kendrick; Book Stall - Rev. Samuel Evans, Miss R. Davies, Miss Ceinwen Williams; Fruit, Flowers and Vegetables Stall - Mesdames E. Davies, T. Baldwin, D. Jones, I. Jones, Seaborne, Ballard, W. Jones and I. Way; Bran Tub - Mesdames Taylor and James; Hoop-La - Messrs. Wilton and Sibley; Lavender, Sweet and Flower Vendors - Misses Charlotte Evans, Freda Evans, Olive May Payne, Cissie Evans, Addie Baldwin, Ivy Taylor, Sybil Gwynne Myrtle Gwynne, Nancy Davies, Dennis Edwards, Glynwen Edwards, Cissie Jones; Hat Trimming - Mr. C Ballard; Palmistry, Gypsy Dress - Mrs. W. Hughes, Mrs. W. Thomas. The secretarial duties were ably carried out by Nurse Thomas, and Mrs. R. Hughes was treasurer. At the close of a day, the vicar proposed a vote of thanks to the Rural Dean, who had so willingly come to open the sale of work, and also he thanked all those who worked so hard to make the day a success. Mr. W. J. Payne seconded. Valuable service was rendered by the following gentleman: Messrs. W. J. Payne, John Morris, Charles Payne, Thomas

Baldwin, Willie Hughes, Willie Curtis, Octavius Richards, Willie Morris, W. Thomas, A. Gwynne and Mrs. M. Morris, caretaker.

Fochriw Police Sergeant's Splendid Record: P.S. Henry Williams Honoured by Baptist Association The record of Police Sergeant Henry Williams, who has just been presented with an illuminated address by the East Glamorgan Baptist Association in recognition of his long, faithful, and fruitful service to the cause, is somewhat unique. He has served for 38 years in the Glamorgan Police Force, and on being stationed at Fochriw, over 30 years ago, he found the cause at Siloh, in the adjacent village of Penybank, closed, with the burden of £800 debt. Setting to work with exemplary zeal, Sergeant Williams was instrumental in collecting the amount required and in reviving the cause. For 19 years he has kept the Sunday School for some forty or fifty children at Siloh. During the whole period, he has been equally active in the interest of Noddfa Church, Fochriw, where he has been a deacon for about 30 years. For the two chapels, he has been mainly responsible for collecting the magnificent sum of £3,000. The address presented to Sergeant Williams was entirely in Welsh.

“Merthyr Express” 17 July 1920

Pulpit The pulpit at St. Mary's Church was occupied on Sunday by the Reverend J. C. Payne. Mr. Angell conducted the singing, with Mr. Richards at the organ.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brithdir Lodge entertained, and Brother West presided. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Brother Charles Payne for the splendid programme, seconded by Brother David James.

Wedding: Davies-Lewis A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday, the contracting parties being Miss Mary Alice Davies, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evan Morgan Davies, Glyn-terrace, and Mr. William Rees Lewis. The bride looked charming in a navy blue costume, with champagne hat. The bridesmaid was Miss Ceridwen Davies, sister of the bride, who also wore a navy blue costume with champagne hat. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. Gilbert Harris. The wedding breakfast was taken at the home of the bride. After the ceremony, the wedding party left for Aberdare. They were the recipients of numerous presents.

Obituary: Mr. Frank Small, Penybank The funeral of the late Mr. Frank Small, husband of Mrs. Small, took place on Monday, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The funeral was well attended, the officiating minister being the Reverend Esaiiah Williams. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Llewelyn, James Henry, and Lewis Small, sons; Messrs. Richards, Willie Small, Charles Small, George Way, David Evans, brothers and brothers-in-law; Messrs. D. Evans, S. Ballard, W. H. Davies, W. Candrick, G. Price, Syd Way, Gomer Evans, Edmund Davies. Great sympathy is extended to the widow and family in their sad bereavement.

“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The juveniles entertained, the following contributing: Wyndham Lawrence, Muriel Ballard, Annie Ballard, Lydia Ballard, Maggie Ballard.

Scholastic Success The friends of Howell Jones, B.A., and Thomas John Jones, B.A., sons of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, and Mr. Idris Jones, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, Central Station, will be glad to hear that they were successful candidates at this year's final examination at Aberystwyth University. They obtained degrees in Arts. They attended the ceremony at Bangor last week, when the degree was conferred upon them. Fochriw is a noted village for pupils in the scholastic profession.

“Merthyr Express” 31 July 1920

London College of Music At an examination held in Cardiff on 17th July, the following candidates were successful: Elementary stage with honours - Annie Mary Sims, pianoforte; Phoebe Cole, pianoforte; Walter Birch, violin; Windsor Rees, violin; Primary stage, first class - Jane J. Seaborne, pianoforte; Mary Lewis Morgan, violin. All are pupils of Mr. D. J. Thomas, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 14 August 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A very intelligent paper entitled "Influence" was read by Brother Sam Lewis, and was very much enjoyed.

“Merthyr Express” 21 August 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A very interesting paper was read by Sister Ballard on "Louisa Allcott." Sister Davies gave a recitation entitled "The Woman of Mumbles Head." The officers of the previous quarter were re-elected.

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

“Merthyr Express” 28 August 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The following contributed to the programme: Wyndham Lawrence, Lydia Ballard, Enid Evans, Ceinwen Ballard, Agnes Cook, and Stanley Lewis.

A Fine Sprint Mr. W. A. Jones, son of M. and Mrs. Evan Jones, Guest-street, accomplished a fine feat on Monday last at the Cardiff Stadium Sports, by winning the 100 yards handicap. The win was a very popular one, the large crowd cheering to the echo.

Singer's Success The numerous friends of Mr. W. Edgar, son of Mr. Herbert Edgar, Guest-street, will be pleased to hear of his rapid promotion in the world of song. Only a short time ago, he left the village, where he worked in the mines of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, to join of the O'Mara Opera Company. On Monday next, he makes his appearance as principal tenor in the Carl Rosa Opera Co., at the Boro' Theatre, Stratford.

Tea Party The annual Sunday school treat in connection with St. Mary's and St. Andrew's Sunday schools, was held on Thursday last. A service for the children was held in St. Mary's at 11 a.m., conducted by the Vicar. At 3 p.m. the children assembled in S. Mary's Hall, and afterwards formed a procession headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, conducted by Mr. Hanney, and paraded the streets, looking a very pleasing spectacle in their various colours. On returning to the hall, an excellent tea was provided. After tea, sports and games were played at Pentwyn.

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

“Merthyr Express” 11 September 1920

Vegetable and Flower Show The Annual Vegetable and Flower show in connection with the Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybanc allotment holders, took place at the Church Hall on Saturday last, when a fine collection of vegetables, flowers etc were exhibited. We hope to give a detailed account of prize winners next week.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A very edifying reading was given by Brother Thomas Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 18 September 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A few members from the Merthyr Lodge were present. The programme was a musical one, the following contributing: pianoforte solos, Brothers Thomas Walters and Wyndham Lawrence, Sisters Bessie and Annie Ballard; mandoline solo, Brother H. Thomas; mouth organ solo, Brother Leyshon Rowlands; dramatic recital, Sister B. Davies. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Obituary: Mr. William Wright, Aelybryn, aged 69 The funeral of the late Mr. William Wright, husband of Mrs. J. Wright, took place on Monday amidst signs of deep sorrow. Deceased, who was 69 years of age, had been ailing for a long time, but bore his sufferings very patiently. His familiar figure will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral, which was for gentleman only, was well attended, the place of interment being Pant Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas John, William James, William James Sydney, Alfred, and Fred, sons; Mr. Jones, son-in-law; Messrs. James and John Griffiths, Richard White. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. J. Jones, Congregational minister.

Funeral: Mr. Thomas Thomas, Guest-street Mr. Thomas Thomas, husband of Mrs. G. Thomas, was laid to rest on Tuesday last, amidst manifestations of deep sorrow, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased had served for many years with the South Wales Borderers, having served in the Zulu Kaffir Wars in the years 1877, 1878, and 1879, for which he received a medal. During the last Great War, he again joined the Colours with the 5th Welsh and was afterwards transferred to the Defence Corps. The funeral, which was a public one, was well attended. Heading the solemn procession was the Fochriw Brass Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, who played the "Dead in March" along the route. Then followed the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors under the command of Mr. Willie A. Jones. Representatives were also sent down from the Brecon Depot of his old regiment, including a bugler, who sounded "The Last Post" at the graveside. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams, after which the body was conveyed to St. Mary's Church, where the service was conducted by the Vicar, who again officiated at the graveside, with the band playing "Lead, kindly Light." Afterwards the shrill notes of "The Last Post" were sounded by the regimental bugler from Brecon. The chief mourners were: Mrs. G. Thomas, widow; Rachel, Esther, and Mary Thomas, daughters; Mr. David Daniel Thomas, son; Mr. David Thomas, brother; Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas, brother and sister-in-law; Mr. T. Rees, brother-in-law; Messrs. Jones, Matthew Thomas, Thomas J. Thomas, William Thomas, nephews; Miss Ann Edwards, niece; Mrs. Thomas, aunt; Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs Parfitt, cousins.

Fochriw and District Annual Vegetable and Flower Show The above show was held on Saturday, September 4th, the flower and vegetable section in the Church Hall, whilst the rabbit section, a new feature in connection with the show, was held in the Ambulance Hall. The judges were: vegetables and flowers – Mr. C. Blake, F.R.H.S., Tredegar; rabbits – Mr. F. Tuckwell, Dowlais. Committee: Mr. W. Griffiths chairman; Mr. Evan Jones vice-chairman; Mr. Robert Jones, treasurer; secretaries, Messrs. T Baldwin, J Walters, and Edward Lewis; who are to be commended for arranging such a successful exhibition. Councillor Tudor Davies, M.E., Dowlais, the President of the show, in his address, paid a

glowing tribute to the excellence of the exhibition - the exhibits being much better than in previous years. In a few words of praise and encouragement to the allotment holders, he said that every man should have a garden; it was really necessary, as a shortage of potatoes was predicted for the coming winter. In proposing a vote of thanks to the judge, he said that Mr. Blake had had a difficult task, but had given great satisfaction. The fact that he had been invited here for the third time was ample proof of his ability. He also thanked Nurse Thomas, who had kindly consented to open the show. The prize winners were as follows:

Section A - Open: Collection of vegetables (six varieties) - 1. J. A. Tamlin, Bargoed; 2. E. Oliver, Deri; 3. J. Bowen, Deri; Collection of potatoes (dish of round and dish of kidney) - 1. J. A. Tamlin; 2. F. C. Brooks, Bargoed; 3. J. Acreman, Rhymney; Celery - 1. J. Bowen, Deri; 2. T. Jenkins, Fochriw; Long Carrots - 1. J. Bowen, Deri; Short Carrots - J. Bowen; 2. J. A. Tamlin; Parsnips - 1. F. Jones, Fochriw; 2. J. A. Tamlin; Leeks - 1. J. A. Tamlin; Spring-sown Onions - 1. E. Oliver, Deri; J. A. Tamlin; Autumn-sown Onions - 1. E. Oliver; 2. J. A. Tamlin; Long Beet - 1. J. Jones, Deri; Turnip Beet - 1. J. Lewis, Pontlottyn; 2. J. A. Tamlin; Runner Beans - 1. J. A. Tamlin; 2. J. Prosser, Deri; Peas - 1. J. Lewis, Pontlottyn; 2. Ll. Whiting, Pontlottyn; Broad Beans - 1. J. Prosser; 2. E. Oliver; Cauliflower - 1. T. Jenkins; 2. J. Bowen; White Cabbage - Ll. Richards, Pontlottyn; 2. F. C. Brooks, Bargoed; Red Cabbage - 1. J. A. Tamlin; 2. J. Jones, Deri; Shallots - 1. J. Jones, Deri; 2. D. James, Pontlottyn; Swedes - 1. J. A. Tamlin; White Turnips - 1. James Lewis; 2. J. Prosser; Parsley - 1. E. Oliver; Lettuce - 1. J. A. Tamlin; 2. Job Thomas, Fochriw.

Cottagers: Section B - Open to Fochriw and District: Collection of acts Vegetables - 1. H. Roberts; 2. John Walters; Kidney Potatoes - 1. Job Thomas; 2. H. Roberts; Round Potatoes - 1. J. Walters; 2. T. Baldwin; Long Carrots - 1. H. Goddard, Nantyllyn; Short Carrots - 1. T. Baldwin; Leeks - 1. T. Jenkins; Parsnips - 1. H. Roberts; 2. Geo. Jones; Peas - 1. W. J. Jones; Runner Beans - 1. H. Goddard; Broad Beans - 1. A. Mantle; Short Beet - 1. H. Roberts; White Turnips - 1. T. Baldwin; White Cabbage - 1. Geo. Jones; Rhubarb - 1. H. Roberts; Spring Onions - 1. T. Baldwin; Parsley - 1. Job Thomas; Shallots - 1. H. Roberts.

Section C - Confined to Fochriw and Pentwyn Allotments Collection of Vegetables - (1st & 2nd prizes given by Mr. Burkle, Bargoed, value in seeds) 1. & 2. T. Jenkins; 3. W. Lewis; Round Potatoes - 1. Walter Walters; 2. T. Baldwin; Kidney Potatoes - 1. R. Morgan; 2. D. James; Celery - 1. T. Jenkins; 2. Wm. Lewis; Long Carrots - 1. T. Jenkins; 2. T. Baldwin; Short Carrots - 1. T. Baldwin; 2. Walter Way; Spring Onions - 1. T. Baldwin; 2. Ted Lewis; Autumn-sown Onions - 1. E. Everett; 2. C. R. Mills; Parsnips - 1. T. Baldwin; 2. Ted Lewis; Broad Beans - 1. A. Mantle; 2. T. Jenkins; Leeks - 1. T. Jenkins; Peas - 1. Ted Lewis; 2. W. J. Jones; Long Beet - 1. Bob Jones; Turnip Beet - 1. D. James; White Turnips - 1. R. Morgan; 2. Tom Jones; Shallots - 1. Walter Way; 2. J. M. Davies; White Cabbage - 1. W. Walters; 2. W. H. Davies; Red Cabbage - 1. T. Baldwin; Parsley - 1. R. Morgan; Swedes - 1. Morgan Parry; Cauliflower - 1. E. Cumpstone; 2. T. Jenkins; Lettuce - 1. John Baldwin.

Flower Section Asters - H. Goddard; Dahlias - H. Goddard; Window Plant - 1. J. M. Davies; 2. Mrs. S. Way; 3. G. Way; Hanging Plant - 1. H. Goddard; 2. Wm. Wilton; 3. Mrs. Shankland.

Best and Neatest Allotment in Fochriw and Pentwyn Allotments: 1. T. Baldwin; 2. Walter Way; 3. T. Jenkins.

Rabbit Section: Best Marked Adult - 1. C. Hollister; 2. Wm. Sibley; Best Marked Under 5 Months - 1. Barlow, Dowlais; 2. E. Dummett; Best Unmarked Adult - 1. Willie Watkins; 2. Willie Watkins; Best Unmarked under 5 Months - 1. C. Hollister; 2. J. R. Davies; Best Pair of Rabbits - 1. Barlow, Dowlais; 2. E. Dummett; Best Rare Bred - 1. Baker, Merthyr; 2. Brown, Bedlinog; 3. C. Hollister.

“Merthyr Express” 25 September 1920

Flag-Day Flag Day in aid of the National Institute for the Blind was observed on Saturday last. Miss Kate Davies, Honorary Secretary, had been busy in getting a willing band of young ladies to dispose of the flags. It is hoped that a fine sum has been realised for such a deserving cause.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. During the evening, a very edifying paper entitled "Recreation and Amusement" was read by Sister M. A. Lewis.

Success The following have been successful in passing their Central Welsh Board Examinations: Higher Certificate - Miss Ceridwen Thomas; Senior - Miss Annie Maud Jones, Miss Annie Jones, Miss Morfydd Thomas, Miss Elizabeth Mary Lawrence, Master Brinley Sibley, Master Willie Davies; Supplementary - Miss Elizabeth Ann Angell; Junior - Miss Ceinwen Ballard, Miss Maggie Thomas, Master Emrys Evans, Masters Aneurin Thomas. All are pupils at Pengam and Hengoed County Schools.

Outing A charabanc outing to Cheltenham, organised by the Independent Labour Party, took place on Saturday, September 18th. The party, numbering 29, left Fochriw at 8a.m., arriving at Cheltenham at 1p.m. The party returned from Cheltenham at 5p.m. Arrangements were in the capable hands of Comrades Simmonds and Jenkins, who are to be highly commended for the way everything was carried out.

Autumn Fashions - Special display of new goods in all departments commencing Friday October 1st. R. T. Jones, Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 2 October 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was a devotional services, the following taking part: flute solo, Brother David Jones; reading, Sister J. Jones; speeches, Brothers Sam Lewis, Leyshon Rowlands, Charles Payne.

Football On Monday last, at Fochriw, under the auspices of the Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Welfare League, an interesting match was played, the visitors being Bedlinog, who are going strong in the League, but who found Fochriw a team to be reckoned with. Fochriw won by four goals to nil. On Tuesday at Fochriw, another Bedlinog team were the visitors to play the firsts. After a very stubborn game, the final whistle sounded with the score 1-1.

Harvest Festival Services These were held at St. Mary's Church on Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and at St. Andrew's, Pentwyn, on Monday evening. The churches had been beautifully decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. At St. Mary's on Sunday, the vicar preached very edifying sermons, the Church being full. The choir, under the conductorship of Mr. Angell, rendered the anthem "Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving." Mr. O. Richards was at the organ. At St. Andrew's on Monday, the preacher was the Reverend J. D. Hughes, vicar of Porth. At St. Mary's on Tuesday evening the preacher has the vicar, and on Wednesday evening, the Reverend J. W. James, vicar of Cwmcarn. All preached powerful sermons throughout the festival services.

“Merthyr Express” 9 October 1920

Football A very interesting football match was played on Tuesday at Fochriw in connection with the Welfare League. The visitors were Pantywaun. Fochriw, who are going strong this season, won 6 - 1.

Flag Day As a result of the recent Flag Day in aid of the National Institute for the Blind, the sum of £7 was realised.

Obituary: Mrs. W. R. Evans, Aelybryn, aged 22 It is our painful duty to record the death of Mrs. W. R. Evans, Aelybryn, at the early age of 22 years. Deceased passed away on Saturday last. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the families in their sad bereavement.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A paper "The Consecration of Youth," was read by Bro. Arthur Lloyd, Bedlinog. The following commented on the paper: Bros. T. Lewis, H. Thomas, Sam Lewis, Sisters Walters and Lewis. Sister B. Davies give a few recitations. A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. H. Thomas, seconded by Bro. Howell Thomas.

Presentation On the Thursday, at Noddfa vestry, the Fochriw Touring Club held a social and presentation. Mr. Richard Jones, one of the members, is leaving to take up studies at Bristol College, and he was presented with a beautiful dress case and wristlet watch, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the members. Before the presentation, a social was held, when each member of the club invited a friend, about 90 partaking of the spread. After the tables had been cleared, the following contributed to an excellent programme of music: solos, Messrs. Jas. J. Lewis, Theo. Shankland, Mrs. H. Davies, Misses Enid Evans, Doris Davies, Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard; recitations, Mr. Rees Thomas; duet, Messrs. Lewis and Shankland. Mr. Aneurin Thomas presided at the piano. Mr. William Evans, secretary, made a presentation. Mr. Matthew Thomas proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the trayholders, artistes, chairman and accompanist, seconded by Mr. Stanley Jones. The chairman for the evening was the Reverend Esaiiah Williams, and the tray holders were Mrs. Price Jones, Alf Evans, Rees Thomas, John Thomas, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Evans; cutters, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Evans. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Mr. Jas. J. Lewis.

Marriage: Lewis-Lewis On October 4th at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, a very pretty wedding was solemnised, the contracting parties being Mr. Sam Lewis, son of Mrs. Lewis, Brynteg, and Miss M. A. Lewis, daughter of Mrs. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. Rev. Rhys Jenkins, assisted by Rev. D. Jenkins-Jones, officiated.

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Social The members of the St. Mary's Church Girls' Guild, held a very pleasant social evening on Monday last. An excellent spread had been prepared. Games etc. were played, the M.C. being Mr. Ted Puddle, with Mr. O. Richards as pianist.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. A presentation was made to Brother David Thomas. The following contributed to a musical programme: Brother Wyndham Lawrence, Sister Lydia Ballard, Misses Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard, Sister B. Davies. The presentation was made by Sister B. Davies. Brother Thomas Lewis spoke a few words. Brothers Charles Payne gave a report on his visits to Merthyr, Dowlais and Bedlinog, with the Grand Secretary, who is now visiting the Merthyr district.

Presentation: Ambulance and Home Nursing Certificates A very well attended meeting was held at Noddfa vestry on Tuesday evening to make presentations to the successful candidates in the Ambulance and Home Nursing Classes. The chair was occupied by the Reverend Esaiiah Williams. Others present on the platform were Mr. and Mrs. John Bevan, M.E., and Mrs. Arthur Lewis, West Bromwich, late of Dowlais. Between the musical programme, Mrs. John Bevan made the presentation of certificates to the following: Messrs. Sydney Wright, Josiah Evans, Thomas Thomas, William Angell, Emlyn Evans, Daniel Jenkins, Harry Hughes, Thomas Jenkins, J. R. Walters, D. Rees, G. Cole, B. Shankland, Misses E. M. Thomas, Doris Davies, A. M. Jones, Maggie Evans, Mrs. M. A. Ballard, J. M. Lawrence, E. Cole Jones, Annie Evans, S. J. Jones. After the usual votes of thanks, Mr. Theo. Shankland led the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" which brought the evening to a close.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. W. R. Evans, Aelybryn, took place on Thursday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased, who passed away at the early age of 22 years, was of a very genial disposition: she will be sadly missed in the locality. The funeral

was one of the largest that has left the village. A short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. All blinds en route were drawn as a mark of respect. The procession included the members of the Ambulance Brigade, the Home Nursing Brigade (of which the deceased was a member), and the teaching staff of Penybank School (where the deceased had been a pupil). The chief mourners were: Mr. W. R. Evans, husband; Mr. and Mrs. S. Cole, father and mother; Mrs. Sarah Morris, Phoebe and Ceinwen Cole, sisters; Megan Morris, niece; Mr. and Mrs. T. Evans, father-in-law and mother-in-law; Miss Hannah Evans and Miss Maggie Evans, sisters in law; Mr. G. Evans, brother-in-law; Mrs. E. Cole Jones, Mr. and Mrs. William Cole, Mr. T. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Davies, Mr. G. M. Evans, Mr. David Jones, uncles and aunts; Mr. and Mrs. T. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Jones, Mr. Lodwick Davies, Miss Evelyn Davies and Miss Doris Davies, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Bevan, Mr. Wm. Lewis, Mrs. Tydfil Jones, Mrs. Beere, Johnny and Jim Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Messrs. Lewis Pritchard, Llewellyn, Tom, Stuart, Glyn Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jenkins, cousins. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. Jenkin Jones, assisted by the Rev Rhys Jenkins and the Rev. Esaiiah Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 23 October 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother T. Lewis presided.

Obituary: Mr. Edward Rees Wellings, Plantation-street, aged 32 We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward Rees Wellings, who passed away on Saturday night. He had been on active service throughout the Great War. He leaves a widow and two young children and parents to mourn the loss.

Social A very enjoyable social and dance was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last and was well attended. Refreshments were provided by members of the Mothers' Union. Mr. Ted Puddle was the master of ceremonies, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano.

“Merthyr Express” 30 October 1920

Obituary We have to record the sad death of Mrs. Seaborne, Stoney Houses, Penybank, after a long illness.

Football A very interesting football match was played on Saturday last in connection with the Glamorgan League, the visitors being Fair View, Pengam. The visitors won 2 - 1.

Independent Labour Party At the Co-operative Rooms on Thursday last, Councillor Morgan Jones of Bargoed, addressed a large gathering of people. His speech was much appreciated by all present. Mr. Tom Jenkins presided.

Harvest Festival This service was held at St. David's Church, Pantywaun on Thursday evening last. The service was intoned by Mr. W J. Payne. The Reverend Samuel Evans preached a very edifying sermon.

Social A dance was held at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last. The Mother's Union provided the refreshments. The M.C. was Mr. Ted Puddle, and the pianist Mr. O. Richards.

Mothers' Union On Monday last, the members of the St. Mary's Mothers' Union journeyed to and Newport to attend a large meeting at St. Mark's Schoolroom. Amongst the principal speakers were Mrs. Digby Reed. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Samuel Evans.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Lewis presided. The usual business was put aside for the evening, and the Reverend D. Jenkins Jones was then called upon to deliver an address to the meeting. He took as his subject "The Good Man," which was really an impression of a remarkable portrait he had seen when a boy. The address was remarkable for its intense abundance of capital illustrations which even the very youngest could not fail to understand. Everyone present seemed overjoyed with the address, and Brothers T. Lewis, W. Jones and

Charles Payne thanked the lecturer. A recitation was given by Sister B. Ballard Davies, who recited "The Dream of Pilat's Wife," in Welsh.

Funeral The funeral of Mr. Edward Rees Wellings, Plantation-street, were laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Public interest and deep sympathy were very much in evidence. The deceased joined His Majesty's forces early in 1915, and was drafted out to France the same year. He was engaged in much fighting until he was gassed at Ypres in August 1918. Afterwards, he was sent to hospital at Northampton, and other hospitals, before being demobilised in 1919. He was again admitted to hospital at Whitchurch a few months ago, and returned home a fortnight before his death. His illness was a very severe one, but he bore it with great fortitude, patience, and the same courage that he displayed on the field of battle with his old regiment. He was only 32 years of age. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar. Afterwards, the solemn cortege, which has about the largest that has left the village, and was a military one, headed by the Fochriw Brass Band, members of the Discharged Soldiers and Sailors, representatives from the Brecon Depot of the the South Wales Borderers, wended its way to St. Mary's Church, to which the deceased belonged, for a service. At the graveside, the vicar again officiated, and at the close, the shrill notes of the "Last Post" were sounded. The large gathering then felt that a brave soldier had been laid to rest. The chief mourners were: Mr. George Wellings, father; Mr. Bert Wellings, brother; Master Vernon Coggan, nephew; Messrs. James Higgins, William Wellings, and David Williams, uncles; Mr. John Davies, Mr. L. Richard, Mr. Thomas Williams, brothers-in-law; Messrs. Josiah Williams, Evan Jones, D. J. Williams, Richard Williams, Thomas J. Williams, cousins. Great sympathy is extended to the young widow, the two little children, and the family in their sad bereavement.

"Merthyr Express" 6 November 1920

Vicar's Lecture On Tuesday evening, at the Church Hall, the Reverend Samuel Evans read a very interesting and edifying paper are on "The Life of Henry IV."

Social On Friday last a social and dance are held at St. Mary's Hall. Mr. Puddle was M.C., and Mr. Richards was at the piano.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother W Jones presided. The following officers were installed by Brother Charles Payne: chief Templar - Brother Thomas Walters; vice-templar - Sister B. Ballard; secretary - Brother W. Lawrence; financial secretary - Sister T. Walters; chaplain - Brother D. Jones; treasurer - Brother S. Lewis; marshal - Brother C. J. Lawrence; deputy marshal - Sister L. Ballard; guard - Brother H. Thomas. A short a reading was given by Brother Sam Lewis.

Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Seaborne took place on Thursday last, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, who again officiated at the Church and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. Jane Morgan, Masters Wyndham and Doris Morgan, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. D. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jones, Messr. W. J. Jones, Tom Jones, William Jones, Mrs. P. Jones.

"Merthyr Express" 13 November 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was readings by Brothers David Thomas and Sam Lewis. The evening closed with prayers led by the chaplain.

"Merthyr Express" 20 November 1920

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Walters presided. The programme for the evening was "Question Time" all present taking part.

Reading Room A general meeting in connection with the above was held at the Reading Room on Friday night, with Mr. E. Lewis presiding. Several important matters were discussed, including a billiard hall. It was agreed to proceed with the work at once.

Juvenile Temple The weekly meeting of the Juvenile Temple of the Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry, when the following contributed to the programme: Sisters Glenys Jones, Olive May Payne, Lalla Cole, Eiluned Lawrence, Christey Sibley, Stella Cole, and Brother W. Williams. The meeting was closed by singing and repeating "Our Duty Lesson" with the vice templar.

Football On Monday last, before a large crowd, Fochriw entertained Pantywaun in the Welfare League Under 18s. Fochriw, who are going great guns this season, soon asserted their powers. Goals were scored by Thomas John Morgan - 3, and Edward John Morgan - 3, leaving Fochriw winners by six goals to nil. A word of praise is due to Bertie Way for his excellent display.

St. Mary's Debating and Dramatic Society On Thursday, a very pleasant evening was spent at the Church Hall, the subject for discussion being "Socialism." The chair was occupied by the President, the Reverend Samuel Evans, Vicar. Mr. Albert Lewis took up the affirmative, and Mr. Willie Hughes the negative, both having very interesting papers, which were well received. The vicar and Mr. W. J. Payne took part in the discussion. On being put to the vote the affirmative carried.

Funeral: Mrs. Charles Edwards, Glen View, Pentwyn, aged 47 The funeral of the late Mrs. Charles Edwards, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place on Monday last amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Deceased was 47 years of age. The funeral was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating minister was the Reverend Esaiiah Williams, assisted by the Reverend D. J. Jones. The chief mourners were Mr. Charles Edwards, husband; Master Glyndwr Edwards, son; Messrs. Harry John and Lewis Richards, brothers; Messrs. T. J. Evans, Sydney Evans, John Rees Davis, nephews; Messrs. David Evans and Thomas Edwards, brothers-in-law; Messrs. John S. Edwards, W. H. Edwards, Cornelius Edwards, Bertie Edwards, T. B. Edwards, Charlie Edwards, Albert Mantle, nephews, Messrs. W. Connell, W. J. Wilde, Lewis Wilde, Fred Jones, Bert Turner, Sam Lewis, David Roberts, cousins.

"Merthyr Express" 27 November 1920

Football On Saturday, Fochriw played Hengoed in a Glamorgan League match. The game was evenly contested throughout. Final score: Hengoed 2, Fochriw 1.

Lecture On Wednesday evening, the members of the St. Mary's Debating Society spent a very pleasant evening in the Church hall. The evening had been set apart to hear an address from Mr. W. J. Payne, who, being a member of the Diocesan Conference, chose as his subject "My Impressions of the Diocesan Conference."

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Your Favourite Hymn." The following took part: Brothers H. Thomas, Sam Lewis, David Jones, Thomas Walters, Charles Payne, Thomas Lewis, Sisters M. A. Lewis, Ceridwen Thomas, and Charles Payne. The weekly meeting of the their Juvenile Temple of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday, when a very fine miscellaneous programme was contributed to by Gomer Davies, Glenys Jones, Lala Cole, Stella Cole, Iris Evans, Nesta Jenkins, Tudor Davies. The meeting was closed in prayer by the chaplain.

"Merthyr Express" 4 December 1920

St. Mary's Hall On Thursday last at the above Hall a fine social in connection with the children of St. Mary's Church was held. Quite a large number of children were present. Many games were played. Mr. Willie Hughes was the pianist.

Private Christmas Greetings Cards New and excellent designs; sample box now ready. Order at once for foreign mails. Also a fine selection of calendars and diaries for 1921. H. W. Southey & Sons, Express Office, Glebeland St., Merthyr.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Brother Thomas Walters presided. The following contributed to the programme: Brothers Wyndham Lawrence, H. Thomas, David Jones, Sister L. M. Davies, Mrs. David Jones, Sisters L. Ballard and C. Walters. Addresses were given by the Brothers Thomas Walters and Charles Payne. During the evening a presentation was made by Brother William Jones to Brother and Sister Sam Lewis on the occasion of their marriage.

Juvenile Temple On Thursday last at Carmel vestry, the Juvenile Temple Lodge held their weekly meeting, the following taking part: Sisters Megan Morris, Nesta Evans, Iris Evans, Eiluned Lawrence, Phoebe Cole.

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“Merthyr Express” 11 December 1920

Grand Concert A grand concert was held at Carmel Chapel on Thursday last, presided over by the Reverend D. Jenkins Jones. The following contributed: soprano, Mrs. H C Davies; alto, Mrs. Ceridwen Walters; tenor, Mr. James J. Lewis; elocutionist, Mrs Bronwen Davies; accompanist, Mr Thomas Walters.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. Sister E. Thomas read a paper.

“Merthyr Express” 18 December 1920

Lecture A lecture was given at Carmel Chapel on Tuesday night by the Councillor Morgan Jones who took for his subject "Gaulbird."

Football Fochriw entertained Cyfarthfa in a Welfare League match on Saturday last and after a good game run out winners by three goals to one. The outstanding player on the field was the home centre-forward, T Jones, who gave as usual, a brilliant display.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Thursday evening last at Carmel Vestry. The programme for the evening was "Quotations and Proverbs."

“Merthyr Express” 25 December 1920

Deaths We have to record the deaths of two old inhabitants of the village, in the persons of Mr. Simon Jones, Rees-row, Pentwyn, and Mr. William White, Martin-street.

Billiard Handicap The billiard handicap in connection with the Fochriw Reading Room created great enthusiasm, some very close finishes being witnessed every evening during the week. The final was a very close finish between Messrs. Tom I. Evans and Brinley Sibley. Sibley, who received 25 start, won a very exciting finish.

Organ Recital On Thursday evening last at St. Mary Church, a grand organ recital was given by Mr. E. R. Lewis, of the Memorial Hall, Cardiff, assisted by the Miss Jenkins, soprano, and Miss Mabel Welch, contralto, both of Cardiff. The organ, which is a magnificent instrument by the well-known makers, Brackett and Howden, Newcastle, has been entirely rebuilt. It has been removed from the Lady Chapel to the organ chamber, where it now presents a striking appearance. The playing of Mr. Lewis delighted the crowded congregation, and the singing of the artistes was much enjoyed. At a close of the programme, the vicar pronounced the blessing.

Smoking Concert A smoking Concert was held at Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday last, under the auspices of the Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes. Mr. Thomas Sims, M.E., presided over the evening. The following contributed to a fine musical programme: solos, Messrs. Lewis Lewis, Harry Wilcox, Tom Rees, Tom Jones, Fred Hughes, Ivor Davies, Mr. Bowen, Thomas Jones, W. Powell; mouth organ selections, Mr.

David Davies. The accompanist for the evening was Mr. W. Cole, assisted by Mr. Gilbert Harris. During the evening, Mr. H. C. Seaborne presented Mr. C. R. Mills with a jewel for services rendered on behalf of the Lodge. The evening closed with the usual votes of thanks.

Meeting: Proposed Sale of Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Houses to Tenants A well-attended meeting was held at the Church Hall on Wednesday evening last in connection with the sale of the houses belonging to Guest Keen and Nettlefolds to the tenants. The chair was occupied by Councillor Tudor Davies, who outlined the scheme in a very lucid manner, both from the employer's point of view, and a workman's point of view. He called upon Mr. Isaac Edwards, Merthyr, to give them some information regarding the disposal of the houses. Mr. Edwards said he was very glad to see so many old faces present, faces that were known to him from years ago. He then gave a very detailed account of the proposed disposal of the houses, and recommended the scheme as a very good one, one which the tenants should take up. There were many advantages in connection with the properties. The houses were generally in very good condition, the rateable value was very low, ground rent was very low, and the scheme for purchasing very easy. Several questions were asked, which Mr. Davis and Mr. Edwards answered satisfactorily. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded both gentleman.