

“Merthyr Express” 7 January 1922

Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw The last meeting of the old year was held on Thursday, 29th December, 1921. Programme: 2 solos by Br. T. Rowlands & Sister L. Ballard and duets by Sisters L. & C. Ballard.

Operetta: “Mayday on Welladay” This was held at St. Mary’s Hall, and was performed by the children of Noddfa Sunday School, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Evans. The accompanist was Miss Hilda Phillips and the conductor, Councilor D. J. Thomas. Characters:- Annette - Miss E. Phillips; Sue – Mrs. Tom Evans; Christine - Miss Gwen Matthews; Iris - Miss Maggie Rees; Ella - Miss Edith Walters; Elene - Rachel Gregory; Penelope - Miss L. M. Jones; Pansy - Miss M. Lewis; The Beadle – Mr. Tom Walters; Grannie – Mrs. L. Williams; Granfer – Mr. Tom Evans; Hodge – Mr. Joshua Thomas; Jarge – Mr. Robert Thomas; Jerry – Mr. E. Jones; Jim – Mr. Emrys Evans; Naomi – Mrs. W. J. Williams; Mike – Mr. D. G. Parry; Crier – Mr. T. J. Jones; Fairy Flora - Miss A. M. Sims; Fairies - Gwen Thomas, D. Evans, Elsa Matthews.

Gelligaer Council: Notice of Motion Councillor D. J. Thomas moved that in view of the inconvenience of the pupils attending Bargoed, Pengam & Hengoed County Schools from Fochriw, and also to the general public through lack of a train services, the Council request the railway authorities, to extend the newly augmented service between Bargoed and Deri on to Fochriw. Cllr. Thomas said this matter should be considered by the Council to enforce the railway authorities to bring the need about. As there was no train, pupils attending these schools had to return to Fochriw via Pontlottyn. This matter had been moved for a number of years and the pupils at County schools had increased immensely. Mr. Hammond seconded. The Clerk was directed to write to the railway authorities.

“Merthyr Express” 14 January 1922

Farewell Presentation At Noddfa Baptist Church, a presentation was made to Rev. Esiah Williams, Mrs. Williams and family, who are moving from Fochriw after nearly eight years to take charge of Seion Welsh Baptist Church, Cefnmawr, North Wales. There has never been a more popular minister: always endeavouring to do service as a public man, always ready and willing to help in any cause for the welfare of the place. Rev. Williams was presented with an illuminated address. There was a case of cutlery for Mrs. Williams and books for the 3 children. There were speeches on behalf of all the various places of worship in Fochriw: from Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar; Rev. J. D. Jones, Carmel; Sergeant H. Williams, Noddfa. There were also many clergy from all denominations from the surrounding areas.

‘The Railway Troupe’ Concert At St. Mary’s Church, in aid of church funds, a concert was given by ‘The Railway Troupe.’ Every artist had some railway connection. The event was arranged by Mr. Ernest Lewis, Stationmaster.

“Merthyr Express” 21 January 1922

Messrs Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds New Scheme Messrs. G.K.N. are progressing with important colliery developments in the Fochriw and Dowlais area. At Fochriw, two drifts are being driven to four house coal seams of excellent quality, and in each of the drifts, one seam of nearly a yard thick has been reached. It is anticipated that the undertaking will be completed within two years, and will yield an output of about 1,500 tons daily, and provide employment for 2,000 men.

The Fochriw drifts are one or two miles from Deri, where the Powell Duffryn are forging ahead with the sinking of their new and up-to-date colliery which is expected to yield eventually, about 2,000 tons of coal per day.

“Merthyr Express” 28 January 1922

Lecture At the Co-op Reading Room, an interesting address, ‘Pictures of Parliament,’ was given by Mr. Morgan Jones M. P.

Reading Room The annual meeting was held on Tuesday evening and was very well attended. Officials: Mr. Edward Lewis - Chairman; Mr. Willie Cook - Secretary; Mr. D. L. Jones - Treasurer. A large hut has been purchased, which will be erected shortly, and a few billiard tables installed. The Institute is flourishing. The chief officers were re-elected. Committee: Messrs. D. J. Evans, S. Ballard, Walter Jones, H. H. Davies, E. M. Roberts, John Morgan, John Walters, W. Smith, E. M. Davies, Jesse Williams, E. Cook, Howell Thomas,

W. A. Jones, E. J. Jones, Richard Evans.

Infant Welfare Centre On Thursday evening last, a tea was given to mothers and children under 5 who attend the Clinic. Ladies at the tables were: Nurse Rees, Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. S. Evans (vicar's wife), Mrs. R. Hughes, Mrs. J. Francis, Mrs. Edith Thomas and Miss Edith Walters. Tea was followed by a musical evening, accompanist, Master Aneurin Thomas. Amongst the visitors were: Cllr. D. J. Thomas, Cllr. Morgan Morgan, Nurse Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. John Beavan, Rev. D. Jenkin Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Isaac, schoolmaster, Miss Davies, schoolmistress.

Obituary Mrs. Angell, Guest-street, died on Sunday last. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard. For many years she had carried out the duties of nurse. She was 81 years of age. A short service was conducted at the house by Rev. D. J. Jones, after which the cortege moved to Pentwyn, all blinds being drawn as a mark of respect. Revs. D. J. Jones and R. D. Jenkins officiated at the graveside. The vicar, Rev. S. Evans, was also present.

“Merthyr Express” 4 February 1922

Independent Order of Grand Templars: Star of Fochriw Lodge The meeting held at Carmel Vestry. Br. William Jones of Deri presided over a programme of readings, Br. Sam Lewis and others taking part.

Obituary The oldest inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Sarah Evans has died. She was 90 years old and could read and sew with the aid of glasses. She was familiarly known as Grannie Evans. Her husband, Henry Evans, died 42 years ago. Rev. S. Evans officiated. The burial took place at Pant Cemetery. Mourners: (sons) John, David, Henry, Thomas & Benjamin; (son-in-law) Thomas Edwards; (grandchildren) Edward Evans, David Lewis, Henry Thomas, John William & Edgar Evans; (great grandchild) John Mantle; (nephew) Henry Evans; also Jack Dawkins, Roderick Williams, Will Smith, W. J. Payne, Meth Evans, Price Davies, Will Bennett, Will Smith, Mordecai Williams, Percy Edwards, Tom Jones, and Thomas Bailey.

Obituary Mrs. Carter, wife of Mr. Tom Carter, Pleasant View, has died. Sympathy is extended to all the bereaved.

“Merthyr Express” 11 February 1922

Independent Order of Grand Templars: Star of Fochriw The meeting was presided over by the Chief Templar, Bro. Thomas Walters. The subject of the evening was ‘Topical Talks.’

Hotspurs A.F.C. After an interval of 7 or 8 weeks, the Hotspurs resumed their fixtures. They journeyed to Brithdir last Saturday for the first round of the Knockout Cup Competition of the Glamorgan League. It was a keen game as the Brithdir boys hold second place in the first division. There was no score in the first half, but in the second Fochriw scored three times. Final score: Fochriw 3 Brithdir 0. Great praise is due to Gomer Williams who time after time kicked well and played a grand defensive game.

“Merthyr Express” 18 February 1922

Death of Two Old Inhabitants We have to record the deaths of Mrs. Lewis Jones, Brook-row, and Mrs. Mary Lewis, 2, Brynteg.

Ratepayers Association A meeting of the Fochriw Ward Association took place at Noddfa Chapel Vestry on Tuesday. Mr. George Sibley presided and gave an account of the work accomplished by the Association of the Gelligaer Area. Meetings are held monthly in the chapel vestry: treasurer, Mr. W. J. Angell; secretary Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

Funeral The death has occurred of Mrs. Carter, wife of Mr. Tom Carter. The interment took place at Thomastown, Merthyr, Rev. J. C. Payne taking the service. The chief mourners were: Thomas Carter (husband); Bob Carter (son); Mr. & Mrs. George Carter, Mr. David Carter, Messrs. David Walters, Thomas Walters, Mrs. Kate Shankland, Mr. & Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 25 February 1922

Death Roll at Fochriw Death has been very prominent in the village these last few days. This week we have the painful duty to record the funerals of three old and respected inhabitants:- Mrs. Margaret Jones, Brook-row; Mrs. Mary Lewis, Brynteg-street; and Mr. Griffith Pugh, Guest-street.

Funeral: Mrs. Margaret Jones The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Jones took place on Thursday amidst manifestations of sorrow of Pant Cemetery. Mrs. Jones was 78 years of age. A short

service was conducted in the house by Rev. R. D. Jenkins, who again officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were:- Messrs. David L. Jones, Walter Jones, Evan Jones and Walter Jones (sons); Tommy Evans, John M. Evans, Willie J. Angell (sons-in-law); John Lewis Jones, Roderick Jones, David T. Jones, Willie J. Jones, Lewis Evans, Owen Evans, Richard Jones, Lewis Jones, David L. Evans, Hy. Evans, Thos. J. Evans, Edgar Evans, Willie Evans, Latimer Evans, Willie Angell, Lewis Angell, John E. Edwards (grandsons); Willie Jones, David J. Jones, Thomas Jones, Thomas Wathan, Benjamin Wathan, Thomas Thomas, John Thomas.

Funeral: Mrs. Mary Lewis The funeral of Mrs. Mary Lewis took place on Saturday last at Pant Cemetery. The deceased who was in her 80th year, was hale and hearty up to a week or so before her death, and her genial countenance will be missed by a large circle of friends. A short service was held at the house before moving to Pant Cemetery. Rev. R. D. Jenkins and Rev. Isaac Roderick officiated. The chief mourners were:- Messrs. Thomas Lewis, David Lewis, Samuel Lewis (sons); Gerald McArthur and Howell Thomas (sons-in-law); Enoch McArthur, Willie McArthur, Enoch Lewis, John Gwyn Lewis (grandsons); W. J. Phillips, Dd. J. Evans, David Evans, and John Evans (Bargoed). Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

Funeral: Mr. Griffith Pugh The funeral of Mr. Griffith Pugh took place on Tuesday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased was 73 years of age and had been ailing for a long time. He was a faithful member of Nazareth C.M. Chapel, and was senior deacon. He will be sadly missed. The chief mourners were:- Messrs. Thomas Pugh, Richard Pugh (sons); William Pugh (brother); Evan Jones, David Jones, George Watkins, David Davies (sons-in-law); Richard Pugh (North Wales) and David and Ellis Roberts (nephews); E. J. Jones, W. Jones, G. C. Jones, J. Edgar, J. Powell, E. Rees, Masters G. Pugh, J. Adams Jones, Evan Watkins (grandchildren). Great sympathy is extended to the family in their trouble.

New Train A new train has recently started to convey pupils attending Hengoed, Pengam and Bargoed County Schools. This is in response to Cllr. D. J. Thomas motion reported in the Merthyr Express of the 7th January, 1922.

Performance "Golden Hair and the Three Bears," was performed by children of St. Mary's Church. The choir was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell. Characters: Golden Hair - Miss Doris Davies; Woodland Queen - Mrs. Hannah Cole Davies; The Bard - Mr. Willie H. Davies; Big Bruin - W. J. Payne; Mammy Muff - W. N. Hughes; Tiny Cub - Master Percy Gwynne; Faithful Miss - Miss L. J. Jenkins; Lightfoot - Miss Sybil Gwynne; Frailty - Miss Myrtle Harris; Airy - Addie Baldwin; Will o'the Wisps - Ivy Curtis. Accompanists - Mr. Octavius Richards and Mrs. Everett. The orchestra was conducted by D. J. Thomas. Everyone was thanked for their efforts by Rev. J. C. Payne.

"Merthyr Express" 4 March 1922

Concert A first-class concert was given at Noddfa Chapel on Thursday last by the Cymric Glee Party, assisted by the following artistes: Soprano, Miss Dorothy Davies, Newbridge; contralto, Madame Parry-Evans, Oakdale; tenor, Mr. John Lloyd James, Pontlottyn; bass, Mr. John Lewis, Newbridge. The Party and artistes were in excellent form and the verdict of all was that they had had a fine musical treat. The accompanist was Miss Kate Roberts, Pontlottyn, who performed her part well, whilst Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster, proved a fine chairman. Votes of thanks brought a fine concert to a close.

Whist Drive A very successful whist drive and dance took place at St. Mary's Hall on Friday last. The event had been well organised by the headteachers and staff of the local Council Schools. The Hall had been beautifully decorated for the occasion and there was a large gathering present. The dancing M.C.s were Messrs. T. H. Jones and W. A. Jones; games, Mr. G. Thomas; pianist, Mr. D. T. Davies, Rhymney. The following ladies assisted at the tables: Mrs. G. Way, Mrs. R. Evans, Mrs. D. Evans, Mrs. W. Thomas, Mrs. W. Cole, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Morris and Miss B. Rowlands. The arrangements worked without a hitch. The secretarial duties were carried out by Misses S. Cole Jones and E. M. Thomas.

Hotspurs A.F.C. : Fochriw v Gelligaer Fochriw journeyed to Gelligaer last Saturday to play in the second round of the Knock-out Competition (Glamorgan League). Keen interest was taken in the match as the Spurs had managed only a draw with the Gelligaer Reserves the

previous Saturday. The match result was however a win for Fochriw by 2 goals to 1.

Fochriw v Pengam: Fochriw 15 Pengam 1. The Spurs have an unbeaten record with a goal average of 45 goals for and 10 against in twelve matches.

“Merthyr Express” 11 March 1922

St. David’s Day at Fochriw Council Schools At the Infant Department the morning was devoted to folk-songs, nursery rhymes, games and dances suitable for the children. The performance was entirely in Welsh. Great praise is due to the headmistress and her staff for the excellent training of the little ones. As usual, March 1st was a special day in the history of the Mixed School. The event had been eagerly anticipated by both the parents and children, but owing to the structural arrangements of the building, the parents were not invited to the performances. There were three distinct performances at the Mixed School. Under the supervision of Misses S. Jones and H. Phillips, the youngest classes gave splendid renderings of penillion singing, Welsh character representations, and Welsh country dances. The intermediate scholars were under the guidance of Misses H. Evans and A. Evans. “Ffynon Gras,” a play for girls, was very successfully performed. Folk-songs were sung and many Welsh dances were executed. The senior classes, under the charge of Mr. T. J. Jones and Miss E. M. Thomas, acted an original play entitled “Gruffydd ap Llewellyn.” The characters were in costume. The singing of Welsh folk songs, which has always been a feature of the schools, was very well done. The headmaster and staff are to be complimented on their successful work in instructing the children so well. At Penybank School, the day was celebrated in the usual way. Stories of St. David and great Welshmen were given by the teachers, after which the whole school assembled to spend the later part of the morning in singing, reciting etc. The headmaster gave an address on St. David; then the old Welsh hymns were sung: “Beth sydd imi yn y byd,” and “O Frynau Caersalem.” Solos, recitations, plays, dialogues etc. were given by the various scholars. “Hen Fenyw Fach Cydweli,” was played very well by the Infants. The morning was closed by singing “Hen wlad fy Nhadau,” and “God Save the Queen.”

“Merthyr Express” 18 March 1922

Fochriw Football Notes The Spurs were the visitors at Garden Village, Pengam, on Saturday last. The homesters, it seemed, were out to wipe out the heavy defeat sustained the previous Saturday. Ideal weather conditions prevailed, but there was a poor crowd present. Football was not of a very high standard, and a rather uninteresting game resulted in Fochriw winning by 3-0. Howell Jones scored the three goals. On Monday last, the Juniors (under 18) were engaged in a replay of the 1st Round “Football Favourite” Competition, their opponents being Dowlais Stars. The previous game had been drawn. Goals were scored by Thomas John Morgan, T.H. Morgan and E. White. Result: Fochriw 5, Dowlais Stars 1. On Tuesday last, the Spurs journeyed to Nelson being engaged in a Glamorgan League encounter. Keen interest was evinced in this match, and a good crowd assembled on the lines. Fochriw fielded their best eleven. It seemed as if Nelson were all out to break the Spurs unbeaten record. Play was not of the best during the game, and Nelson indulged in very bustling tactics. The conduct of some of the players was greatly resented by the crowd. The game was fast and furious, and rather exciting from a spectator’s point of view. Nelson were early rewarded with a goal. From a lovely corner, one of their inside men snapped up the opportunity and netted. Half time arrived with Nelson one up. The second half was marked by continual infringements and fouls. Play was full of thrills, however, each goal being visited in turn, but Walters was sound. Nelson were unlucky not to register a second point, but the ball hit the post with the goalie well beaten. Fochriw’s forwards now began to make headway, and gave the defence a hard time, and as a result of the visiting forwards efforts Willie Cook scored a pretty goal. Thus the game ended in a draw of one goal each. Still the Spurs have once again managed to maintain their record. P. Clifford and Wright continue to figure prominently for the Spurs.

British Legion Ex-Servicemen will be glad to know that a branch of the British Legion has been established in the village. The meetings are arranged on Saturday evenings at the White Horse Inn. Periodical Press announcements will appear with reference to the branch.

Ratepayers’ Association A special meeting of the Fochriw Ward Ratepayers’ Association

was held on Wednesday at Noddfa Chapel Vestry. The chairman, Mr. George Sibley, gave immense satisfaction in announcing the Association's plan to nominate a ratepayers' candidate for the forthcoming Board of Guardians election. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., proposed that "the Association nominate and pledge to support ex-Police Srgt. H. Williams." Dr. Stenner Evans had great pleasure in seconding so suitable a candidate. The proposal was carried unanimously.

"Zurika, the Gipsy Maid" at St. Mary's Hall The famous operetta entitled "Zurika, the Gipsy Maid," was most successfully played by the children and members of Carmel Chapel, and held at the Church Hall. The performance was conducted by Mr. W.J. Angell, accompanied by the orchestra under Mr. D.J. Thomas. The pianists were Mr. James Thomas and Mr. Willie Angell. For four successive nights the performances were greatly appreciated by a crowded and most enthusiastic audience. Requests arrived from all quarters to have the performance repeated, and these were granted. The leading characters are natives of Fochriw, and members of Carmel Chapel. They are Miss Doris Davies, Miss A. Maude Jones, Mr. Harry Hughes, Mr. Howell Thomas, Mr. Henry Evans, Mr. Berkley Davies, Mr. Johnnie Lewis and Mr. Latimer Evans. The singing of the choir and the scenery, which was almost sufficient in itself, filled the audiences with wonder and admiration.

Early Spring Fashions Special Show of the Newest Styles commencing Friday, March, 14th - R.T. Jones & Co. Merthyr.

"Merthyr Express" 25 March 1922

Fatal Accident A fatal accident occurred at Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds' Fochriw No.2 Colliery on Tuesday morning, whereby Mr. Edward Prosser, Dowlais, met his death in the course of his employment. the pit ceased work when the sad news was made known. Deceased was well respected amongst his fellow workers. He had been on active service all through the war.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, and was presided over by Bro. T. Lewis. After the ordinary business of the Lodge had been transacted, speeches were made by Bros. C. Payne and T. Phillips. A most enjoyable time was spent. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. Lewis and family on the death of their mother.

District Council and Guardians We are now assured of an election in the Fochriw Ward. The retiring member of the Council is Councillor Morgan Morgans, whose seat is to be challenged by Mr. Phillips (Deri), the Labour nominee. The retiring Guardian is Councillor John Edwards (Deri), who is to be opposed by Ex-Sergt. Williams (Fochriw). Meetings are already in progress, and an exciting contest is anticipated for both seats.

"Merthyr Express" 1 April 1922

Fochriw Council Elections: Mr. Morgan Morgan the Favourite It is generally agreed that Mr. Morgan Morgan has proved to be an excellent representative of the neighbourhood on the Gelligaer Council. Not only has his attendance been exemplary, but he has shown an exceptionally keen interest in all transactions of the Council, and there is special value attached to his services inasmuch as he is a genius for economy, and this is a capacity not given to everybody. There are any amount of people on local authorities who can talk glibly, but they have not the faintest idea of what is meant by practical economy.

Football: Fochriw Juniors v Aberbargoed The Juniors journeyed to Aberbargoed with a depleted team and were trounced.

Fochriw Spurs v Dowlais Corries (Glamorgan League) Result: Fochriw 1 Dowlais 0.

The Spurs v Treharris (Glamorgan League Knockout Cup) Result: Fochriw 3 Treharris 0.

"Merthyr Express" 8 April 1922

Nazareth An interesting musical and humorous treat was given by Prof. W. Miles under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. on Wednesday last. The Chairman was Mr. J. Bevan.

I.O.G.T. Weekly Meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge Held on Thursday last in Carmel Vestry with Bro. T. Walters presiding. A paper was given by Mr. Arthur Lloyd of Bedlinog - "This Man or Barabas." Comments were made by Miss H. Evans, Bro. T. Ballard and Sister B. Ballard.

“Merthyr Express” 15 April 1922

I.O.G.T. Weekly Meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge Held on Thursday last at Carmel Vestry, presided over by Bro. Thomas Lewis. Several members from the Bedlinog Lodge were present for a musical programme, which included contributions from Sister Mrs. C. Walters, E. M. Jones, Dilys Evans, Bro. David Thomas, Bro. Richards (Bedlinog). Brothers Davies and Slimmon (Bedlinog) addressed the meeting.

Palm Sunday Large numbers visited Pentwyn Churchyard on Sunday. Services at St. Mary's were conducted by Rev. S. Evans: Holy Communion at 8a.m.; Anti-Communion 11a.m.; Evensong and Sermon at 6p.m. Mr. O. Richards was at the organ and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angel.

Public Lecture at Penybank School On Monday evening, under the auspices of the Glamorgan Education Committee Rural Library Scheme, Mr. Saunders Lewis, the County Librarian explained the rural library scheme. The Library service would start in about a fortnight.

“Merthyr Express” 22 April 1922

Fatal Accident It is with feelings of deep regret that we record the fatal accident which befel Mr. David Hitchens, Dowlais, whilst following his employment at Fochriw No.1 Pit on Tuesday morning. To the bereaved we extend our sincere sympathy.

“Star of Fochriw” Lodge At a meeting held in the lodgeroom on Thursday, April 15th, the Senior Lodge was entertained by the juveniles, the following taking part: Tom Davies, Maggie Ellen Thomas, Dilys Evans, Olive May Payne, Rosy Williams, Eirwen May Jones, Nesta Evans, Beryl Ballard, Lena Rees, M.H. Williams, May Cook, Mary Lewis Thomas, Ceinwen Cole. The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed.

Easter Day Services Despite the unfavourable elements, the services at St. Mary's were well attended. Holy Communion was celebrated at 6, 7, 8 & 11a.m.; children's service at 3p.m.; evensong and sermon at 8p.m., the celebrant and preacher throughout being the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, B.A. The Church had been very nicely decorated by the ladies with a profusion of spring flowers. The singing was particularly beautiful at the choral celebration. Throughout the day the conductor was Mr. Berkley Angell and Mr. O. Richards was the organist.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry in connection with St. Mary the Virgin was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. J.C. Payne and a large number of parishioners. The Vicar opened with prayer, after which he gave a very inspiring address and referred to the great amount of work done during the year, which he said had been a very trying one owing to industrial dispute. Yet, as a church, they had many things to be thankful for; one was the formation of the new parish, St. Mary's. The churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, presented the statement of accounts for the past year, and said that in spite of all the difficulties, the accounts revealed a good deal of activity and self-sacrifice on the part of the church people. He was pleased to say that there was a balance on the right side in each account. The auditor, Mr. T. Baldwin, then gave his report. Mr. W.J. Payne was re-elected people's warden, and Mr. Charles Payne was appointed Vicar's warden. The following were elected sidesmen: Messrs. Frank Way, Willie Morris, H. Edgar, Sydney Way, Horace Evans, Evan Morris; parochial council, Messrs. T. Baldwin, W. Wilton, W. Sibley, W. Hughes, John Morris, Berkley Angell; (ladies) Mrs. Evans (Vicarage), Nurse Thomas, Mrs. W.J. Payne, Mrs. James Davies, Mrs. R. Hughes, Mrs. J. Baldwin. The choirmaster, Mr. B. Angell, and the organist, Mr. O. Richards, were re-elected. A tribute was then paid to the Vicar, who was presented with a cheque as an Easter offering. The Vicar thanked the people for their gift. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Rev. J.C. Payne was carried with acclamation. Rev. J.C. Payne responded to the vote of thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 29 April 1922

Football Notes Last week, the Hotspurs played at home and away to Trelewis. At home Fochriw were victors by 3 goals to nil, the goal scorers being D.J. Davies and W. Cook. The return match was played at Trelewis on Saturday last in brilliant weather. A fairly large crowd assembled, and a keen and thrilling game was witnessed. Will Cook scored from a long drive just after the start. A little later, D.J. Davies met a centre from Thomas and scored

a pretty goal. A peculiar incident happened at this juncture. The two available balls burst, and as a result, the game was delayed for some time until another ball was produced from the village. It was clearly noticeable that Fochriw's forwards controlled the ball with greater accuracy and precision than the homesters, but they failed to add to their two goals before half time. On resuming, Trelewis attacked hotly, Fochriw facing a hot, glaring sun. During this half, Trelewis did all the attacking. They might have scored, but their forwards shot too weakly. Ill-luck seemed to dominate their efforts. Praise is due to Jack Walters in goal, who time after time, saved wonderfully from difficult shots, and always clearing well. Trelewis were later rewarded with a goal, which was well deserved. The game from now until the end was extremely keen, exciting and full of thrills. Prosser was rather unfortunate in not scoring on one or two occasions, but when in the act of shooting a practically certain goal, was brought down by the back. Fochriw's defence was superb, and they kept their goal intact. The game ended with the score, Fochriw 2, Trelewis 1. The Hotspurs now hold the cherished position of League leaders, having played 18, won 14, drawn 4; goals for 33, goals against 11, with 32 points to their credit.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. T. Walters presided. The evening was an instrumental one. Bro. Phillips took the chair. Items were ably given by Bro. Walters, Sister Ballard, Bro. S. Rowlands and Bro. Enoch Lewis. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Payne, and seconded by Bro. S. Lewis, and the meeting was close in the usual manner.

Presentation An interesting presentation took place at Bargoed Police Station on Friday last, when Police Sgt. Hy. Williams of Fochriw was the recipient of a handsome ebony, silver-mounted, inscribed walking stick. It was given by his colleagues to mark the occasion of his retirement, and as a token of esteem. Supt. T. Williams and Inspector Herbert Evans paid glowing tribute to Mr. Williams, and thereby expressed the sentiments of all those present at the felicitous function.

Easter Vestry The Easter Vestry in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, in the Parish of Fochriw and Deri, took place on Friday evening, and was presided over by the Vicar, supported by the churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne. The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. Arthur Davies, which proved very satisfactory. The Vicar gave an address and thanked all for their work during the last year.

Lecture At Carmel Chapel (kindly lent), a lecture entitled "Abraham Lincoln," was given by Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., in aid of the Russian Famine Relief Fund. The chairman was Mr. John Jones, who gave a very appropriate opening address. Mr. Jones' lecture was brimful of interest. The audience was delighted for two hours, and much appreciated what proved one of the finest addresses given in the village. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer on the motion of Mr. Walter Jones, seconded by Mr. E.M. Davies.

Mechanical Workers On Tuesday evening at the Lodge Room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, Mr. D.B. Jones (agent) delivered one of his famous addresses, entitled "The Future of the Mechanical Union." The chairman of the Branch, Mr. Harry Hughes, presided, and extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones said that he was pleased to be amongst them again, and that he had very pleasant recollections of meetings held at Fochriw in the past. This was his 45th public address throughout the coalfield since his return amongst them. He dealt lucidly with the affairs of the coalfield since March 31st, 1921, through the crisis, until the present day, dealing very minutely with the failure of the Triple Alliance to function, the fallacy of the destruction of the mines' policy during the crisis, and a number of very interesting events which led up to the Mechanical Union breaking from the South Wales Miners' Federation. He was very pleased to say that since the breakaway, the Mechanical Union was in a more highly organised state today than ever he remembered. He then dealt with the future programme of the Union through the National Union of Enginemen, Boilermen and Mechanics, to which they were affiliated. He appealed to those who were still outside to join up, because their future salvation lay in their organisation. Others who spoke were Messrs. W.J. Payne, J. Evans and H.C. Seabourne. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker for his excellent address, and also to the chairman.

"Merthyr Express" 6 May 1922

Presentation On Saturday evening, under the auspices of the R.A.O.B. at the Lodge Room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Bro. David Jones was presented with a jewel for services rendered. Several brothers from the adjoining lodges were present. All enjoyed a pleasant evening brought to an end by the singing of the National Anthem.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting The meeting was held on Saturday evening, and was presided over by Bro. T. Walters. Programme: "Surprise Night" with Sister C. Ballard in charge. Sister C. Ballard, Anne Ballard, L. & C. Ballard, and Sister B. B. Davies contributed, as did the children of the Juvenile Lodge. Votes of thanks were proposed by Sister Lewis, seconded by Bro. C. Payne.

"Merthyr Express" 13 May 1922

Nazareth The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday, when Rev. W. Nantlais Williams of Ammanford, preached most edifying sermons to large congregations. Mr. Willie A. Davies presided at the organ and Mr. Wm. Morris conducted the singing.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting At Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The Bedlinog Lodge entertained, and the programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

"Merthyr Express" 20 May 1922

Cricket: Fochriw v Argoed In a Rhymney Valley League match, Fochriw entertained Argoed on Saturday. The visitors batted first and compiled a splendid score of 75. Fochriw then batted and scored 80 for the loss of 6 wickets. The features of the match was the batting of D.J. Thomas for Argoed, and Dan Jones and George Evans for Fochriw, and also the bowling of F. Dummett, Fochriw, who took 5 wickets for 4 runs.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Fochriw Lodge of the I.O.G.T. was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, and was presided over by Bro S. Lewis. The programme for the evening was a paper by Mr. Cyril Evans entitled, "The Growth of the British Navy." It was a most interesting paper, thoroughly enjoyed by those present. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. C. Payne, and seconded by Bro. T. Lewis, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Children's Social Evening A very pleasant evening was spent at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening last in connection with the Sunday School Prize Day. A large number of children and adults had gathered together, and a jolly time was spent with games etc. Refreshments were served by members of the Girls' Guild, under the supervision of Mrs. Evans. Before the musical part of the programme, Rev. S. Evans, B.A., vicar, gave an address to the children, as did Mr. Payne. The following contributed: Miss Prosser's class, Freda Evans, Olive M. Payne, Miss Nan Prosser, Eirwen Jones, and Addie Baldwin. The accompanist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The singing of "God Save the King" brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

"Merthyr Express" 27 May 1922

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, and was presided over by Bro. S. Lewis. The following contributed to the programme: Bro. Walters, recitation and pianoforte solo; Sister Ballard-Davies, recitations. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mechanical Workers A meeting was held at the Co-op Rooms on Friday evening last, with the object of forming a branch of Mechanical Workers in connection with the South Wales Miners' Federation. The chairman was Mr. John Walters, and the speakers were the mechanical agents of the S.W.M.F., Mr. Wm. Hopkins and Mr. J.W. Grant, who delivered able addresses. Several questions were asked and answered at the end of the addresses.

"Merthyr Express" 3 June 1922

I.O.G.T. The "Star of Fochriw" weekly meeting was held on Thursday evening, May 25th. The programme for the evening was "Musical," the following taking part: Bro. T. Walters, pianoforte solo; Bros. Rowlands, Walters, S. Lewis and Howell Thomas, solos; Bros. L. Rowlands, S. Lewis and T. Lewis, trio, accompanied by Bro. T. Walters; Sister Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard, duet; Sister Lydia Ballard, sol. Bro. Payne proposed and Sister Mrs. Davies seconded a vote of thanks to all taking part.

Jumble Sale A very successful jumble sale was held in the Church Hall on Friday evening last in connection with St. Mary's Church. A large number of articles had been collected and

were eagerly bought up, the stallholders having a busy time for a few hours. The stalls included: jumble stall, sweet stall, fancy stall, mat stall, hoop-la, refreshments, electric battery, etc. The stallholders were members of the Mothers' Union and Girls' Guild, under the supervision of Mrs. S. Evans. The Vicar and men of the church assisted.

Fire A disastrous fire broke out at the motor garage of Mr. David Davies, Brook Row, on Thursday morning last. It appears that the fire was seen about 3a.m. by one of the men at the colliery who gave the alarm. A willing band of workers were soon on the scene. They assisted the fire brigade but owing to the hold the fire had obtained and the inflammable contents of the garage, their efforts were futile. Great sympathy is extended to the owner in his severe loss.

“Merthyr Express” 10 June 1922

Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last. Very large congregations attended. The preacher was Rev. Hugh Hughes, Llandudno, who preached striking sermons, which were much appreciated. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies (“Pencerdd”), with Mr. T. Walters presiding at the organ, assisted by the orchestra, which greatly added to the beautiful music.

St. Mary's Church Whitsunday was observed at St. Mary's with celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 11a.m., all of which were well attended. The 11a.m. service was fully choral. The Vicar celebrated at all services. At 2.30 the Sunday School was catechised. There was evensong and sermon at 6 o'clock, the Vicar preaching a very instructive sermon. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and the singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The services were continued on Monday and Tuesday morning with Holy Eucharist at 7 o'clock.

“Merthyr Express” 17 June 1922

Retirement of Sergeant P. S. H. Williams: Services Recognised There was a large and representative attendance at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday evening to recognise in a fitting manner, the services of ex-Sergeant Williams, after 49 years in the Glamorgan Constabulary, 33 years of which were spent in Fochriw. The chairman was Mr. John Bevan. There were musical contributions from Mr. Gwilym Price Jones, Madame H. C. Davies, Lydia and Ceinwen Ballard, Miss Doris Davies, Miss Elvis Phillips, and Mr. James J. Lewis. Inspector Canton of Bargoed paid glowing tribute to Sergeant Williams, and other speeches were made by Mr. Thomas Evans, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. David Thomas, and Mr. T. Sims. Mr. Williams was presented with a magnificent gold hunter watch and chain, subscribed by his many friends in Fochriw and district. The presentation was made by Mr. John Thomas, Brook Row, one of the oldest inhabitants of Fochriw.

Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last with large congregations. The preacher was Rev. Hugh Hughes, Llandudno. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies (“Pencerdd”), with Mr. T. Walters at the organ, and assisted by the orchestra, which added greatly to the beautiful music.

St. Mary's Church Whit-Sunday was observed with the normal services with the Vicar presiding. The lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Payne (churchwarden) and the singing conducted by Mr. Angell.

Annual Ambulance Conference This was held at Dowlais. Mr. J. B. Lewis (checkweigher) and Mr. Sims, assistant colliery manager, were the Fochriw representatives.

“Merthyr Express” 24 June 1922

Missionary Exhibition This was held at the Church Hall, and organised by Rev. F. H. Somerville who had been an Indian Missionary, and also, Chaplain at the Buenos Aires Anglican Cathedral. Rev Somerville's lecture was brimful of interest.

Mothers' Union The members of the St. Mary's Mothers' Union journeyed to Bargoed on Tuesday evening to hear an address by Mrs. Digby Rees. The Fochriw Branch is growing into a very strong, useful and energetic body of workers.

Obituary It is a sad duty to report the death of Mr. Benjamin Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Station-terrace, after a painful illness. Also, P. C. Perrott, Aelybryn, passed away on Wednesday morning, after years of suffering. The village will miss him as he was always devoted to his duties.

Success The numerous friends of Thomas Jenkins, Guest-street, will be pleased to hear of his recent success in the examination held under the Glamorgan Education Committee. He passed in mining (4th stage), mining surveying (3rd stage), mining drawing (2nd stage), and practical mathematics (2nd stage). Mr. John Walters, Railway-terrace, was also successful at mining (3rd stage), mining drawing (1st stage), and practical mathematics (1st stage).

Ratepayers' Association This Association held a meeting on Tuesday evening at Noddfa Vestry., under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Sibley. Rev. S. B. Samuel of Pontlottyn attended for the purpose of infusing a little more enthusiasm into the members and explained the great work that was being done by the Association in the Gelligaer area.

Funeral We have to record the death and funeral of Mr. Llewellyn Waite, Railway-terrace. After a short service in the house, the body was interred at Pentwyn Churchyard, with a large attendance. The mourners were: Messrs. Herbert Walters (brother); S. Lewis, Mr. Jones, Dennis Connelly (brothers-in-law); I. Jones, Simon Lewis, D. Lewis, W. Lewis, J. Lewis, Percy Crumpstone, Thomas Thomas, Brindley Crumpstone, William Lewis (cousins); Brynmor Jones, W. B. Jones (nephews). To the wife and child who are left to mourn their loss, great sympathy is extended.

Three Months Hard Labour John Morgan Davies was charged with stealing 17 shillings in money from the till at Royal Arms Inn, Pantywaun, and also with taking two little ornaments and two handkerchiefs, the property of Mrs. Jones, the landlady. Mrs. Jones said she missed the 17s. after hearing a smash in the bar, and the till was open. Thomas Thomas, collier, Dowlais Top, the landlady's brother, said that he saw the defendant with the ornaments in his pocket. P. C. W. Howells arrested the accused at Fochriw. He had 12s. 6½d. in his pocket. Defendant said he took the ornaments but not the money. The defendant had been before the court on previous occasions, once for larceny. He was sentenced to 3 months in prison with hard labour.

"Merthyr Express" 1 July 1922

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting Held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. During the evening, a most edifying and interesting paper entitled "Prohibition in America" was read by Rev. D. J. Jones. It was much appreciated by all present.

Noted Visitor Mr. Edward Mostyn Davies, who left Fochriw 43 years ago, is home on a visit to the old country. He is staying with his nephew, Mr. John Mostyn Evans, Railway-terrace.

Work Resumed Work was resumed at the Fochriw No.2 Pit on Tuesday evening after the breaking of the winding rope on Wednesday morning. Fortunately, only coal-winding was in operation at the time. The loss of wages to the men and the heavy expenditure in repairs has been great.

Ambulance At the recent Ambulance Inspection held at Merthyr, we were very pleased to see the following recipients of long-service medals who were members of the Fochriw Corps: Corps Supt. W. J. Ballard, Corps Treasurer Daniel Jenkins, Corpl. Harry Hughes, Corpl. Tom Evans, Corpl. Caradoc Ballard, Pte. Stephen Ballard, Hon. Sergeant Tom Jenkins. Certificates of thanks for services rendered during the war were awarded to Pte. Edwin Davies and Nurse Mary Hughes.

Obituary The funeral of Mr. Ben Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Jones, Picton House, took place on Thursday last amidst scenes of deep sorrow. The deceased, who was only 20 years old, gave promise of a brilliant career in the scholastic profession. Before his illness he was a teacher at the Deri Council School, and was about to enter college. He was one of four brilliant brothers and two sisters, all of whom had gained distinction in their profession. One brother, Mr. Hywel Jones B.A., was sitting for his final examinations at Oxford, the week his brother passed away. Another brother, Mr. Thomas John Jones B.A., holds the position of master at Taunton. During the war, three of the brothers served with the Colours, Lieut. Hywel Jones being wounded in France. Mr. Dan Jones served abroad throughout the war. The deceased was of an amiable and cheery disposition and had endeared himself to a large circle of friends. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. Prior to the removal of the body, a short service was held at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Fochriw Station for interment at Pant Cemetery, all blinds being drawn en route. The

officiating ministers at the house and graveside were Rev. D. J. Jones and Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins. The chief mourners were Mr. Hywel Jones (father); Messrs. Dan Jones, Hywel Hones, Tom Jones (brothers); Daniel Jones, Benjamin Jones, David Jones, Walter Walters, Evan Jenkins, Wm. Morgan (uncles); Thos. George Davies, John Walters, Thomas Howell Jones, George Walters (cousins). Floral tributes were sent by the following: Mam, Dad and family; Aunt Jennet and Uncle Ben; Mrs. Kenrick and family; Deva (Aberystwyth); Mr. Idris Jones and Miss A. M. Jones; Mr. Lewis H. Jones; Mrs. Lawrence (Talybont); Fochriw Cricket Club; Fochriw Council Schools; Deri Council Schools; Bedlinog Council School; Penybank Council School; etc.. Great sympathy is sent to the bereaved in this their heavy trial.

Police Constable's Funeral The funeral of P. C. Sidney Perrott took place on Saturday amidst signs of deep sorrow. The deceased had been stationed in the village for just over 11 years, and had won the respect of all classes by his devotion to duty. During the blizzard of March 1916, he played a very prominent part in rescuing those who were lost on that never-to-be-forgotten night. Immediately the alarm was given that some people were lost in the snow, P.C. Perrott was soon organising search parties, toiling throughout the night until they were rescued. From the effects of that night, he never really recovered, and for the last few years he suffered untold pain, but he bore it with great courage and fortitude, carefully nursed by his loving wife. The end came suddenly, just when we thought he was getting well again. He was only 37 years of age, and leaves a wife and one son to mourn his loss. He was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church, and was a Sunday School teacher until his health failed him. He also performed the duties of sidesman. Rev. Samuel Evans conducted a brief service at the house at which the family were all present, after which the cortege wended its way by road to Aberdare Cemetery. Escorting the body from the house was a contingent of Glamorgan Constabulary. Meeting the cortege at Aberdare was another body of police. The vicar very feelingly officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mrs. Perrott (widow), Master Fred Perrott (son), Mr. Fred Perrott, Mr. Robert Perrott (brothers), Miss Florrie Perrott (sister), Mr. Ted Perrott (uncle), Mr. & Mrs. Moon and son Alfred, Mr. & Mrs. Baker; ex-Inspector Canton, ex-Sergeant Williams, Sergt. Thomas, Sergt. Howells, P.C. Bridges, P.C. Jones, P.C. Cocker, etc. There were many beautiful floral tributes. We tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

Tea The annual Sunday School tea of St. Mary's Church took place on Thursday last and passed off very successfully. The usual band and procession through the village was dispensed with this year as a token of respect to P. C. Perrott who passed away the previous Tuesday, and the funeral of Mr. Ben Jones which took place the same day. There was tea, for children first, and then for adults. Afterwards, the children were then taken up to Pentwyn for sports under the care of the vicar, Rev. S. Evans, and Messrs. W. J. Payne (Superintendent), Horace Evans, T. B. Edwards, Percy Jenkins, Tom Jones, W. Morris, S. Way, and O. Richards. The latter part of the evening was devoted to dancing in the hall.

“Merthyr Express” 8 July 1922

Success Mr. Horace Evans, son of Mr. Mordecai Evans, Brook-row, has been successful in passing the preliminary certificate of the Board of Education.

Death The death has occurred after a long illness, patiently borne, of Mrs. Evans, wife of Mr. Edwin Evans, Aelybryn. It occurred on Saturday last.

Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. It was presided over by Bro. Sam Lewis, C.T. Bro. Leyshon Rowlands was in charge of the programme. The following contributed: pianoforte Bro. T. Walters; solos, Bros. Rowlands, Uriah Evans, Howell Thomas.

Nazareth Tea The annual tea was held on Monday last in good weather. All the children of the Sunday School, with their teachers and adult members of the chapel, sat down to an excellent tea which had been prepared by an earnest body of workers. The tray-holders were Mr. David Lewis, Mrs. Lee, Misses Doris Davies, Katie Davies, Zenith Davies, Maggie M. Jones, Mattie Jones assisted by Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Budd, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Morris, Mr. A. Slimmons, Mr. C. J. Lawrence, Mr. Isaacs, Mr. W. A. Davies.

Childrens' Annual Treats These were held here last Monday in connection with the various

denominations. The children of Carmel and Noddfa, with the Sunday School adults, made a demonstration through the village singing en route. Before parting to their respective churches, appropriate songs were sung whilst waiting near the Post Office. Messrs. Thomas Evans, Noddfa, and David Davies, Carmel, jointly conducted the singing. After tea, the usual sports were held.

“Merthyr Express” 15 July 1922

Wagon Stoppage Both the Pits of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds were idle on Monday and Tuesday because of a shortage of wagons.

Nazareth The pulpit at Nazareth was occupied last Sunday by Rev. David Davies of Cardiff who gave very edifying sermons which were much appreciated.

Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw The weekly meeting took place on Thursday. A programme of solos and readings was given by the brothers and sisters.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July 1922

Gellygaer School Managers At the previous meeting, attention of the Managers was drawn to the fact that the attendance of certain children whose parents were in receipt of poor law relief was very low. It was decided on the suggestion of Mrs. Beynon Davies, Pontlottyn, to ask the Merthyr Board of Guardians to restore the custom of providing certificates which would show the attendance of children, and cause inquiries to be made in this connection if necessary. The Guardians had replied stating that they would take no action in the matter.

Boots and Mitching Scholars During the reports of the attendance officer, it transpired that lack of boots was the great complaint put forward by parents for the non-attendance of their children at school. Mrs. Beynon Davies suggested that in many cases it was no use paying too much regard to this story. It was common knowledge that children were about the roads doing mischief, in ponds and rivers and on tips, and in all sorts of dirt, and it would therefore be much better if they were at school without boots.

“Merthyr Express” 29 July 1922

R.A.O.B. A meeting was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday evening, when the brothers of the Caiach Lodge, Trelewis, were present. Bros. Coles, James, Josephs, Jackson, Mantle, Miles and Gilbert Harris provided the entertainment.

Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw Weekly Meeting Held on Thursday when Bro. T. Walters was responsible for the evening's entertainment.

Social A social was held at St. Mary's Hall under the auspices of the Mothers' Union.

“Merthyr Express” 5 August 1922

Fochriw Shopkeeper's Death Coroner R. J. Rhys, held an inquest on Tuesday at the Merthyr Infirmary into the death of David ap Jones, 59, of the Supply Stores, Fochriw. Mrs Mary L. Jones, widow, said the deceased had not complained of anything on the night of July 21 when he went to bed. At 6 o'clock next morning, she heard him call from the next bedroom, and going in, he said “I have taken something from the bottle.” There was a bottle on the washstand and there was the smell of ammonia in the room. She immediately gave him a drink of milk and sweet oil, and he vomited very quickly. She then sent for the doctor. The bottle of ammonia, the witness said, was usually kept in the bathroom. He had been in the habit of taking for his heart, small quantities of the spirit of ammonia (sal volatile), which he usually kept downstairs. He tried to say something to her, but she could not understand, and he also made an effort to write, but without success. He was an active man and treated his business worries very lightly. He was the last man who would have taken his life intentionally. He was the son of Rev. John Jones, Aberdare. Dr. S. Evans said there were corrosive marks about the mouth and throat from the effects of swallowing the raw ammonia. Bronchial pneumonia developed, and he ordered his removal to the Merthyr Infirmary. The direct cause of death was pneumonia, following the dose of ammonia, which had got into the lungs. The Coroner, who returned an open verdict, said that there was no definite evidence as to whether the ammonia was swallowed intentionally or by mistake. It was difficult to decide in such cases, so the deceased shall have the benefit of the doubt.

“Merthyr Express” 19 August 1922

The Late Miss Angell A large congregation of sympathisers attended the funeral of Miss Nan Angell, daughter of Mr. William John Angell, Glyn-terrace, on Thursday at Pentwyn

Cemetery. She was just 19 years of age, and was one of the teachers at Gilfach, Bargoed School. A short service was held in the house before the cortege moved to Pentwyn, all blinds being drawn as a mark of respect. Rev. D. J. Jones, Carmel, officiated, the deceased being a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. The chief mourners were: W. J. Angel (father); Willie and Lewis (brothers); Berkely Angell, Ishamel Harris, William Thomas, Elias Davies, John Davies, D. L. Jones, W. Jones, Evan Jones, Thomas Evans, James Davies, J. J. Lewis, W. Jones, W. Davies (uncles); D. L. Evans, Richard Jones, Lewis Jones, Lewis Evans, Owen Evans, J. H. Evans, L. Evans, John Davies, W. J. Angell, T. Angell, W. Angell, Willie Davies, John Jones, Berkely Davies, B. Shankland, R. Davies, G. Smith, R. Jones, H. Thomas, J. Jones, D. J. Davies, Henry Evans, T. J. Evans, E. Evans, W. Evans, D. Jones, W. Jones, R. Parry, E. Hiscox, D. J. Davies, Haydn Davies, Stanley Lewis, D. J. Jones and others.

The late Mr. David ap Jones, auctioneer The funeral was held at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters. The Rev. Samuel Evans, vicar, conducted the service.

“Merthyr Express” 2 September 1922

Nurse 30 applications were received for the post of Nurse, in succession to Nurse Thomas. The successful applicant was Nurse F. Jones of Aberdare who will take up her duties at the beginning of September.

Electric Light The inhabitants of the village were naturally delighted when the electric power was switched on for the first time last week. It has been the dream of many years to see either gas or electricity installed. Now it is an accomplished fact.

Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting Held on Thursday, the 14th August. Bro. T. Lewis gave a reading entitled “A Question of the Day,” and Sister Ballard Davies recited “Cleon and I,” and “The Arrow and the Song.”

Departure of Nurse Thomas There was widespread dismay in the village when it became known that Nurse Thomas had decided to leave the place and go to live in Cardiff after 7 years of faithful service in Fochriw. Never was a nurse more devoted to her duties. She has endeared herself to the hearts of all her patients. Her heroic duties and self-sacrifice during the blizzard of 1916 will live long in the minds of local people. She was always interested in any good work for the welfare of the village, and her loss will be keenly felt on all hands.

“Merthyr Express” 9 September 1922

Noddfa The pulpit was occupied on Sunday last by the late pastor, Rev. Esaiiah Williams who preached stirring sermons to large congregations. In the afternoon, several were baptized into membership. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans with Miss Hilda Phillips at the organ.

Fatal Accident A fatal accident befell Mr. D. J. Burns of Dowlais who met his death by a fall of roof at No.2 Colliery Fochriw on Friday morning last. As is the custom with a fatal accident, the pit stopped work for the day.

Independent Order of Grand Templars Star of Fochriw Lodge Weekly Meeting Bro. S. Lewis took the chair. Sister B. Ballard gave a paper on “Character,” which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and Sister Davies recited the poem “The Dream of Pilate’s Wife.”

Presentation Nurse Thomas was presented with a handsome gold wristlet watch, which had been given by the officials and workmen in connection with the Doctor’s Fund. The presentation took place at Nurse Thomas’s home. Mr. E. M. Davies, Mr. Walter Jones and Mr. W. J. Payne were appointed to make the presentation.

“Merthyr Express” 16 September 1922

Fochriw Football Notes Pentwyn played their first home match of the season on Saturday before a good crowd of men and girls. The visitors were Merthyr Vale who decided to defend the Fochriw end in the first half. T. H. Jones set the ball rolling for the homesters and some very pretty play was seen. The game was played in a good spirit throughout. T. H. Jones led the line well, while Crad Thomas, J. A. Garrett and T. J. Morgan contributed some nice movements. Vale scored first but Pentwyn equalised with a fine goal from W. T. Morgan. Pentwyn were penalised but Vale failed to score. Goals from both sides then followed. The game ended as a draw, two goals each.

Independent Order of Grand Templars, Star of Fochriw Lodge, Weekly Meeting Members of both Troedrhwyfwuch and Merthyr Lodges, as well as a few from Bedlinog Lodge, attended for a programme of entertainment largely provided by Troedrhwyfwuch members. A highly enjoyable evening was spent.

Fochriw School Awards Awards for perfect attendance were presented last Monday to many scholars in both departments by Mr. Morgan Morgans, the local representative of the Gellygaer School Managers. The awards were: One year - Dilys Evans, Willie J. Gittoes, Olive May Payne, Maggie Cor. Jones, Eirwen Walters, Jessie Thomas, Gertie May Cook and Leslie Jones. Two years - Dorothy Everett, John Gwyn Lewis, Spencer Lewis, Margaret Ellen Thomas. Three years - Cassie Shankland, who was the winner of the silver medal presented by the Glamorgan Education Committee.

Social A very pleasant social evening was held on Friday night at the Church Hall. Games and dancing were enjoyed by all. Mr. L. B. Edwards was M.C. with Mr. Octavius Richards at the piano and Mr F. Wilton at the violin.

“Merthyr Express” 23 September 1922

Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. During the evening, some choice pieces of literature were read by Bro. H. Thomas, which drew comments from several brothers and sisters.

Funeral The funeral of Mr. Thomas William Jones, 11, Railway-terrace, (his home throughout his life), took place on Wednesday. He had been ill for just a day or so before his death. Rev. D. J. Jones officiated at the house and at Pentwyn Churchyard. He leaves a wife, children, an aged father and a brother to mourn his loss. Chief mourners were: Mr. Thomas Jones (father); Miss Mary Jones (daughter); Mr. Clifford Jones (son); Rees Jones and Mrs. E. Morgan (brother and sister); Mr. Rees Jones & Mr. Thomas Owen Jones (nephews). Great sympathy is extended to the family.

Hospital A meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital was held at the Co-operative Rooms on Tuesday evening, Mr. Tom Rees presiding. The Chairman explained the object of the meeting, after which Mr. W. J. Payne, a work-mens' governor, gave a very able report on the doings and the work accomplished by the institution. He was very pleased to say that at the present time there seemed to be perfect harmony existing between the matron, nursing staff, medical staff, patients etc. at the hospital. It was proposed to open Mrs. Berry's ward with 20 beds in the next wing next month, and the other ward, as soon as funds would permit for furnishing it. The erection of the new wing, which cost about £11,000, is the handsome gift of that great benefactor Mr. H. Seymour Berry J.P. Several events had been successfully organised to add to the furnishing of the new ward. After questions, the meeting ended.

“Merthyr Express” 30 September 1922

Death It is our painful duty to record the death, on Monday morning, of Mrs. Aneurin Shankland, Aelybryn, who has been ailing for a long time.

“Star of Fochriw Lodge” At the meeting on the 21st, the Deri Lodge were the visitors, and the Fochriw members were successfully entertained by them.

Obituary The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Llewellyn, relict of the late Mr. Thomas Llewellyn, grocer, Dynevor-street, and eldest daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Evan Kinsey, Nantyffin Farm, took place on Saturday last amidst signs of deep grief. The deceased had lived in Fochriw for more than 40 years. She had suffered greatly recently, but bore her suffering with great Christian fortitude. She was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. Rev. D. Jenkin Jones officiated at the house, after which the cortege moved to the station en route for Pengam, and thence to Gellygaer for interment. All blinds were drawn en route as a mark of respect. At the old Churchyard, Canon Jones conducted a very impressive service. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, Samuel Gethin, Kinsey, Edwin Reece, Sylvan Evans, and Howell Idris Llewellyn (sons); Miss Maude Llewellyn (daughter); Mr. Thomas Kinsey (brother); Mr. George Goldsworthy, Messrs. Richard and Wyndham Kinsey, Morgan Llewellyn, D. J. Llewellyn, Gwilym Llewellyn, William Llewellyn, Wm. Robert Thomas (nephews).

“Merthyr Express” 7 October 1922

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. The meeting was set aside for ode practice, Bro. Thomas Walters being responsible for the highly enjoyable programme.

St. Mary's Well-attended services were held on Friday last, the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, beginning with early celebration at 8 a.m.. The preacher in the evening service was Rev. J. C. Payne, Deri. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ and Mr. Berkley Angell prepared the singing.

Scholastic We are pleased to learn of the success of Mr. Vincent Sibley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sibley, Station Stores. He has qualified in physical training at Sheffield, and has been awarded a first class diploma. He is now physical instructor and games master at Devizes County School, Wiltshire. Miss Crisley Sibley has been awarded a scholarship at Hengoed County School. Mr. Brinley Sibley has just returned to Aberystwyth College after a successful first year.

Obituary Mrs. Shankland was laid to rest at Pentwyn on Saturday last. Rev. D. J. Jones officiated at the house and graveyard. Chief mourners were: Aneurin Shankland (husband); Master Teddy Perrott, Messrs. Wm. Price, John Price, James Price (brothers); Sergt. Bore, Messrs. John Jones, David Herbert, Elias Protheroe, Sam Evans, Joseph Shankland (brothers-in-law); John Jones, Tom Jones, Wm. Denner, Tom Protheroe, David Protheroe, Lewis Jones, B. Shankland, Dd. John Shankland, Caradog Shankland, John E. Davies, David Edwards, M. Shankland, Willie J. Lewis (nephews); Theophilus Shankland, George Shankland (cousins).

“Merthyr Express” 14 October 1922

Social At the Church Hall on Thursday evening last, with dancing, games etc.; T. B. Edwards, M.C.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The evening was devoted to “Ode Practice,” Bro. Walters directing the programme.

R. A. O. B. A very interesting ceremony took place at the Lodge Room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday evening last, when the following brothers were raised to the 2nd degree: Stewart V. Jones, John Kendrick, John Jones and Mumford, Rhymney Bridge. This was followed by a musical programme with the following contributors: J. Johnson, T. Trollope, Tom Jones, C. R. Mills, C. P. W. Cowan, T. Thomas, Bro. Gilbert Harris with Bro. W. Lewis as the accompanist.

“Merthyr Express” 21 October 1922

Bankruptcy At Merthyr Bank Court on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Canton, solicitor, appeared for David ap Jones, H. Lloyd Jones and John Lloyd Jones, the Supply Stores, grocers, Fochriw. The examination was adjourned for the debtors to furnish an account of debts to the estate. Mr. H. A. Oliver, Merthyr, was the debtors accountant.

Wireless Society The weekly meeting of the above society took place at Noddfa Vestry on Wednesday. Most of the evening was given over to instruction on Morse Code.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Sister C. Ballard was responsible for the main programme, after which ode practice was held.

Mechanical Workers' Union A meeting of the above union was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Thursday. Mr. W. J. Payne reported on the flourishing state of the union and he also dealt with the recent increase in the standard rate.

“Merthyr Express” 28 October 1922

A Cardiff Journey 40 to 50 members of the Mothers' Union visited the Cory Hall, Cardiff, to hear an address by Mrs. Hubert Barclay. A special train, arriving back at 8.45p.m., and with a special fare, was made available through Mr. Lewis, stationmaster.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The programme was given by Mr. Lewis of Abertysswg, assisted by his daughter Gladys, with the accompanist being Miss H. Evans, Aelybryn.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in St. Mary's on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The church was beautifully decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers. Afterwards, these were distributed to the sick and needy and to hospitals.

“Merthyr Express” 4 November 1922

Obituary Mrs. Jane Wright, Aelybryn, widow of the late William Wright, died on

Wednesday after a trying illness.

Social A well attended social and dance was held last Thursday at St. Mary's Hall. Mr. T. B. Edwards acted as M. C., Mr. O. Richards as pianist and Mr. F. Wilton as violinist.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge On Thursday last at Carmel Vestry, Mr. J. P. Isasacs, schoolmaster, gave a paper on "Old King Coal."

Nazareth C. M. The annual services took place last Sunday and Monday and brought together large congregations. The preacher was the Rev. D. C. Davies, Cardiff, who many years ago commenced his ministry at Nazareth Chapel.

St. David's Pentwyn Harvest festival services were held at Pentwyn on Sunday and Monday last.

"Merthyr Express" 11 November 1922

Obituary It is with great regret that we record the death of one of the oldest inhabitants of the village, Mrs. Sarah Cole, Bryngoleu.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The chief business of the evening was the election of officers, the following being elected:- C.T. - Bro. Sam Lewis; V.T. - Sister Mrs. Lewis; F. Sec. - Bro. Howell Thomas; treasurer - Bro. Sam Lewis; chaplain - Bro D. Jones; P.C.J. - Bro T. Walters; marshall - Bro. Howell Thomas; deputy marshall - Bro. T. Lawrence; organist - Bro. Howell Thomas; E. S. - Bro. Wm. Jones; S.J.W. - Bro T. Lewis; D.G.C.T. - Bro. C. Payne; Sec. - Sister Ballard, Aelybryn. Bro. Payne, L.D., duly installed the officers, Sister Mrs. Ballard-Davies and Sister Lydia Ballard acting as installing marshall and deputy respectively.

Funeral The death has occurred of Mrs. Jane Wright, aged 70 years. She leaves a large grown-up family. Rev. D. Jenkin Jones officiated at the house and at Pant Cemetery.

"Merthyr Express" 18 November 1922

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Bro. Jones, Bargoed, delivered a speech, and Sister Davies and Bro. Walters recited poems.

Co-op Election A very keen election took place at the Co-op Rooms on Monday. Mr. H. C. Seahorne's position on the Management Board was challenged by two members, but Mr. Seaborne was re-elected.

Whist Drive and Dance Held at St. Mary's Hall on Monday, with Messrs. T. B. Edwards and O. Morris as MCs.

Smoker A very pleasant smoking concert was held at the White Horse Hotel on Saturday evening last in connection with the Penybank A.F.C. The entertainment included club swinging. Mr. W. Price presided.

Funeral Mrs. Sarah Cole was laid to rest in her 83rd year. She was a native of Penrith, Pembrokeshire. She moved to Fochriw 55 years ago, and had been a faithful member of Carmel Chapel for that period. Although old, her death was unexpected. She had been carefully nursed and attended to by her devoted daughter, Mrs. E. Cole Jones, headmistress of Ystrad Mynach Girls' School. Many clergy, both Non-conformist and Anglican were present at the churchyard.

"Merthyr Express" 25 November 1922

St. Mary's Hall A social and dance was held at the Hall on Monday evening last. The Hall was nicely decorated for the occasion. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Church. The duties of M.C. were ably carried out by Mr. T.B. Edwards. Mr Octavius Richards was the pianist, and Mr. F. Wilton the violinist.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening last, and was opened in due form by Bro. Sam Lewis, C.T. Sister (Mrs.) B. Davies was responsible for entertaining the Juveniles with recitations. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the same.

Carmel A very pleasant and interesting evening was organised under the auspices of the Guild of the above Church, and turned out a decided success. Mr. D. Jenkins Jones is the respected pastor. The tables had been gaily decorated and laden with good things to make a happy feast. The tea commenced at 4.30 and for some hours afterwards, the cutters etc. were kept going at full pressure. After all had done justice to the good things, a first class concert was held, Mr. James John presiding. Each artiste met with a cordial reception.

Whist Drive A whist drive in connection with the Fochriw Council School was held at the Infant's School on Friday evening last. The school had been well decorated for the occasion, and quite a representative gathering was present. During the evening, light refreshments were provided. Great credit is due to Mr. J.P. Isaac, headmaster, and Miss Davies, headmistress, and all the teachers, who worked so hard to organise the event. The M.C. was Councillor D.J. Thomas. The winners were: Mrs. Isaac (gents) and Miss M. Thomas (ladies).

“Merthyr Express” 2 December 1922

Social and Dance At St. Mary's Hall on Monday. O. Richards, pianist, F. Wilton, violinist.
I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge Held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday, Bro. Sam Lewis presiding. The programme was musical with the following contributing:- pianoforte solo Bro. T. Walters; violin solo Miss A. Cooke; mandoline solo Bro. H. Thomas; pianoforte duet, Bros. T. Walters & E. Lewis.

Obituary James Lawrence, Brynteg-terrace, was laid to rest at Pentwyn on Monday last. He was 62 and had resided in Fochriw for 45 years. He was a faithful member of Nazareth C.M. Church. His wife died 20 years ago. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, David, James and Tom Lawrence (sons); Harry, Robert and Alfred Burrows (sons-in-law); Daniel Lawrence (brother); Thomas Davies (brother-in-law); Mrs. E. Davies (sister-in-law); Charles, James and Jack, Trevor and Wyndham Lawrence (grandsons); John Lawrence, Richard David, John Davies, D. J. Lawrence, Mrs. C. Jones, Mrs. M. J. Davies, Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Mr. & Mrs. C. Kyte (nephews & nieces); John Davies (cousin); Mr. C. Payne, Rev. J. C. Payne.

“Merthyr Express” 9 December 1922

Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The preacher was the Rev. P. Gough of Landore, Swansea.

Personal Miss Gladys Maud Lewis, daughter of Mr. Ernest Lewis, stationmaster, has been admitted to the College of Nursing.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge At the meeting Bro. Thomas Lewis read a most interesting paper.

Whist Drive and Dance Held on Thursday in connection with the Penybank School.

Obituary The death has occurred of Master John Raymond Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Davies, Guest-street, at the early age of 12 years, after a short illness. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday and was largely attended. The cortege was led by St. John's Ambulance Cadets, of which the deceased was a member, also his class from school, and a large concourse of people.

“Merthyr Express” 16 December 1922

Social and Dance On Monday evening at the Church Hall, an excellent social and dance was held under the auspices of the M.U and Y.C.W. in aid of Mr. David Lewis (ex-Serviceman) who has been unable to work for the last few years. The Hall had been nicely decorated and a very large crowd assembled. Refreshments were provided and the tables were attended by the good ladies of the church. Octavius Richards was accompanist, F. Wilton violinist, and the M.Cs. were J. Edwards and O. Morris.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held on Thursday with the subject for the evening being “Customs of other Nations.” The contributors were Bro. Trevor Lawrence, Bro. H. Thomas and Sister M. A. Lewis.

Football Penybank School Boys and Deri Boys met at Penybank on Saturday morning before a good crowd. Both teams are at the bottom of the league table. Penybank were forced to play many reserves through illness etc., but nonetheless, were victors by two goals to one. The Penybank team was I. Morgan, A. Llewellyn, Walter Williams, W. James, D. J. Williams, John P. Llewellyn, Lewis, Evans, Small (captain), R. Jones and Tyler.

Presentation On Thursday evening, a very pleasing function took place at the Church Hall, when Nurse Thomas of Cardiff, late of Fochriw, was the recipient of some beautiful presents which had been given by local people in appreciation of her faithful service. The chair was occupied by the vicar who spoke highly of Nurse Thomas's excellent qualities. Dr. F. Stenner Evans then made the presentation of a beautiful solid silver teapot and cream jug. There followed a duet from Messrs. Aneurin Thomas and Francis Wilton, and solos from

Madame H. C. Davies, Miss Doris Davies, Mr. Henry Evans, and Mrs. Bronwen B. Davies. The accompanist was Mr. Aneurin Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 23 December 1922

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held on Thursday with Sister Ballard giving a paper that was very well received.

Death Mrs. Jones, wife of Mr. Peter Jones, Guest-street, passed away on Wednesday morning.

Old Inhabitant's Death Mrs. Pugh, Dynevor-street, passed away on Wednesday evening, aged 83, at the home of her son, Mr. J. Griffiths. The interment was at Pant Cemetery. Chief mourners were: John, James and David Griffiths and Jenkin Pugh (sons), Thomas Evans (son-in-law), Dd. James Griffiths and Ieuan Griffiths (grandsons), Thomas, W. J., Sydney, A. and Fred Wright (nephews), Rev. D. Picton Jones, Rev. Ben Davies, Richard White, Howell J. Griffiths, David Griffiths, W. D. James, W. G. Davies, Phillip Williams (cousins).

“Merthyr Express” 30 December 1922

St. Mary's Hall A social and dance was held on Monday evening last.

Christmas Fair Held at the Church Hall on Friday evening last. It was opened by Mrs. R. Hughes.

Singing Festival The annual singing festival was held at Carmel on Christmas Day. The morning service was presided over by Mr. J. J. Lewis and the afternoon service by Mr. Daniel Rowlands and the evening by Rev. D. J. Jones. There was a good congregation throughout the day. The conductor was Mr. Webber (Merthyr), and the organists Messrs. T. Walters and W. Angell.

Noddfa Chapel The United Singing Festival in connection with Noddfa and Nazareth chapels was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. There was a large attendance, the conductor being Mr. Thomas Evans (junior), and the organists Miss Hilda Phillips, Messrs. W. Lawrence and I. Thomas. The morning service was presided over by Mr. Idris Jones; the afternoon Mr. T. Evans (senior); evening Mr. Evan Jones.

Whist Drive A highly successful whist drive was held at the Infants School in connection with the Infants' Department. Mr. J. P. Isaacs, headmaster was M.C. The prizewinners were: Ladies: Miss E. A. Thomas; Gentlemen: Mr. Husband.

Obituary The funeral of Mrs. Jones, Guest-street, took place on Saturday. The deceased had been ailing for a long time. The service was for men only and took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. Rhys D. Jenkins, Rhymney, officiated. The chief mourners were: Peter Jones (husband), W. H. Cleeves (son-in-law), Edward Jones, John M. Jones, Pryce Jones (brothers-in-law), Willie O. Jones, Teddy Jones, Sam Jones, Stanley Jones (nephews).

New Library The new Library Hut, which has been erected by the library committee to serve as a recreation room, was opened on Friday. It has entailed a great deal of labour and sacrifice on the part of the members who have given their own time and labour for the purpose. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs. John Bevan before a large crowd. Mr. Edward Lewis, chairman, gave Mrs. Bevan, a handsomely inscribed key to commemorate the event. Mrs. Bevan unlocked the door and the crowd went inside where a first-class musical programme had been arranged. There were speeches from Dr. Stenner Evans and Mr. John Bevan M.E., the latter reporting that Mrs. Bevan and Mrs. Payne had done their best in collecting for the Hospital, and with that night's proceeds, it would swell the amount from Fochriw. After the musical programme, the evening was given over to a social and dance. The M.C. was Mr. Danny Lewis, accompanist Mr. O. Edwards, violinist Mr. F. Wilton. The accompanists for the opening ceremony were Messrs. T. Walters and Aneurin Thomas.