

“Merthyr Express” 6 January 1923

Obituary Mr. John Llewellyn, who has been ailing for a long while, has died aged 80 years.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The programme was entitled ‘Round Table Talks.’ Sister Ballard Davies and Bro. Sam Lewis entertained the Lodge.

Operetta At St. Mary’s Hall on Friday and Saturday, a humorous and romantic French Fairy Operetta, ‘Barbette,’ was performed by members and children of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. Mr. Thomas Evans (Junior) was the conductor, and was supported by the Fochriw String Orchestra, under their conductor Cllr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. William John of Pontlottyn was stage manager, and Mr. D. J. Shankland taught the Tars the Hornpipe Dance. The chief characters were: Barbette - Miss Elvis Phillips; Lucie - Mr. Robert Thomas; Madame Dulac - Mrs. Tom Evans; Prof. Dubois and Monsieur Le Maire - Mr. T. J. Jones; Charles Hawthorne - Mr. T. Walters; Le Capitaine Curious - Mr. J. Williams; Valun - Mr. D. Rees; Suzette - Mrs. H. Jones; Leonce Durie - Mr. J. Thomas; Uncle Sam - Mr. D. Thomas; Lisette - Mrs. J. Williams; Marie - Miss Maggie Rees; Julie - Miss E. A. Evans; Cecile - Miss R. Gregory; Harcot, Junot, Pierrot, Jack, Bill and Joe - Messrs. C. Thomas, E. Jones, E. Evans, J. Thomas, D. G. Parry and T. Thomas; Queen of Fairies - Miss Phyllis Williams; Sylvana - Miss Margery Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 13 January 1923

New Library Hut A Social and Dance was held at the Hut on Tuesday evening. Mr. D. Lewis was M.C., with Mr. O. Richards at the piano.

Whist Drive and Dance Held at St. Mary’s Hall on Monday in aid of St. Dunstan’s. The M.C. for the whist drive was Mr. T. B. Edwards, and for the dance Mr. J. B. Edwards. The pianist was Mr. A. Thomas.

Obituary The funeral of Mr. John Llewellyn, Pentwyn, was held on Thursday. He had lived in the neighbourhood for the last 70 years, and for the greater part of that time he was employed by Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefold as a winding engineman. He could give interesting accounts of the development of the village over the past 60 years. After a service in the house conducted by Rev. D. J. Jones, the solemn cortege wended its way to the station and thence to Pant Cemetery.

“Merthyr Express” 20 January 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Jones, G. C. T., visited the Lodge and gave an address. Sisters L. & C. Ballard gave a duet.

‘Cinderella and the Princess’ The Carmel Juvenile Operatic Society under their conductor Mr. W. J. Angell gave a performance of the above. Mrs. H. C. Davies took the leading part of The Fairy Godmother. Mr. James Thomas was the accompanist.

Subsistence Wage: Buxton Award Settlement : Payment for Sunday Night Work and Overtime An explanatory circular dealing with recent decisions in regard to the payment of the subsistence wage to lower paid day wage men who work overtime, and in relation to the Sunday night shift, has been issued by the South Wales Miners’ Federation. One of the main points of controversy - payment for the Sunday night shift - has now been disposed of. Under the employers’ interpretation of Lord Buxton’s award, a man who worked the Sunday night shift, would have received only 1s. 9d. more than those who worked five nights. It has now been arranged that payment for this shift will now be made in full, that is 6s.4.8d per shift. Also, men whether employed in the morning, afternoon or night shifts, will not be deprived of the subsistence allowances for working overtime. Total wages for a workman employed on the morning shift who works a full week with overtime - 52s.6.4 d; for afternoon and night shift workmen - 52s.7.2d. Payments made under these provisions will be made retrospective - from November 12th, 1922.

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Social At St. Mary’s Hall. Mr. A. Thomas was M.C.

Obituary Mr. David Jones, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn, died on Tuesday.

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

Fochriw Development: Employment for a Thousand Men in Two Years Within the last few weeks, a new winder has been installed at the No.1 Pit, a head gear has been re-inforced and various other improvements are in progress with a view to new facilities for increase in output. Trial drifts have been driven at four points on the face of the mountain between Fochriw and Pontlottyn, and have proved satisfactory. House coal veins, particularly the Brithdir seams, have been found intact and are

of excellent quality. Slants will be driven into the mountain and a bridge will be erected over the railway line for dealing with coal. Sidings will open at the north end towards Fochriw Colliery and about 800 - 1,000 men will be employed over the next two years. Two new drifts have been driven in the direction of Dowlais from Fochriw Colliery, and a number of workable seams have been intercepted. These will be worked at the same time as the drift face is being driven forward. In view of the developments, it is difficult to understand the attitude of the Ministry of Health in sanctioning the removal of 40 Fochriw Houses to Bargoed, when no difficulty exists to interfere with their erection. If Gellygaer Council is not careful, and the local members are not alive to the interests of the locality, the remaining 12 houses - a quite inadequate allocation - might also go to Bargoed.

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I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. T. Walters was responsible for the programme.

New Library Hut A Social and Dance was held on Tuesday evening.

Funeral Mr. David Jones of Mount Pleasant Inn, Brother and Host of the noble Order of the R.A.O.B. has been buried. Rev. Gilbert Williams officiated.

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Funeral The late Miss Sarah Jones, 18, Hill Row, Pentwyn, has been interred at Pant Cemetery.

Library Hut: Social and Dance Mr. D. Lewis was M.C., with Mr. O. Richards at the piano.

Noddfa Chapel Under the auspices of Nazareth Chapel, a humorous, dramatic recital was given by Prof. W. Mills. The chairman was Mr. J. P. Isaac (headmaster).

Fochriw Wireless Society A concert was given under the auspices of the above society at Noddfa Vestry, and was presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by Rev. S. Evans. Dr. T. Stenner Evans accompanied the audience in the singing of the National Anthem.

St. John's Ambulance Brigade Three new cadet divisions - the Mardy Cadet, the Fochriw Cadet, and the Tumble Cadet - have been formed recently, as young people are becoming keenly interested in all parts. Enrolment is open to boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 18.

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New Library Hut A Social and Dance was held on Tuesday last. Mr. D. Lewis was M.C., and Mr. O. Richards was at the piano.

St. Mary's Hall A social evening, with dancing and games, was held on Shrove Tuesday evening. The M.C. was T. B. Edwards with A. Thomas at the piano and F. Wilton on the violin.

Drama On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Fochriw Ambulance Dramatic Society presented 'The Gipsy King.' The players were: Messrs. H. Hughes, S. Lewis, C. Ballard, J. Jones, Stanley Lewis, J. Morgan, W. Hughes, T. Evans, D. Jones, J. Morgan, G. Davies; Misses A. M. Jones, M. McArthur; Mrs. A. Ballard. The accompanist was Mr. T. Walters, the stage managers, Mr. T. Jones and W. J. Ballard, and the scenic artists, Messrs. D. Harris and H. Thomas.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The topic for the evening was 'Temperance Reform.'

Social A social evening took place at Carmel Vestry on Monday for the gentlemen who had helped in connection with the cantata 'Cinderella and the Prince,' recently held. After tea, there was a musical evening, presided over by Mr. Moses Williams. The following contributed to the programme: Messrs. J. J. Lewis, L. Rowlands; Misses D. Davies, A. Cook, E. Angell and friends, L. Roberts and friends, B. Morgan, M. H. Thomas, R. Lewis, T. Cumpstone. Walking sticks were presented by Mr. W. J. Angel, the cantata conductor, to Messrs. W. J. Beery, G. Dean, Ivor Morgan, J. Coates (Dowlais), Daniel Morgan (Rhymney), and Albert Mantle.

Fochriw Wireless Society There was a large gathering at Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday evening. Mr. C. H. Keen, of the family Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds, and a vice-president of the Fochriw Society, brought his own, self-made set to the gathering. Mr. W. J. Payne presided. The whole of the Cardiff Broadcasting station was picked up quite clearly. Paris, Birmingham, Newcastle and Petrograd were also picked up and heard quite distinctly. Mr. J. P. Isaac, headteacher, proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by ex-Sergeant Williams. The energetic secretary of the society is Mr. Idris Jones, B.A. The society possesses a very fine receiving set of its own.

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

Whist Drive A whist drive in aid of the Fochriw Council Schools was held at the Infant Department. The M.C was Cllr. D. J. Thomas.

Concert A concert had been held in aid of Mr. Tom Wilcox, South Tunnel, who has been unable to work for three years through illness.

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Library Hut A social and dance was held at the Hut on Tuesday evening, when there was a large attendance. The M.C. was Mr. D. Lewis, and the accompanist was Mr. O. Richards.

Carmel A very interesting bachelors' tea was held at Carmel Vestry on St. David's night, when a large number attended and did justice to the good things provided. After tea, a very pleasant musical programme, suitable for St. David's Day, was enjoyed by all.

Lecture Mr. Davies, librarian of the Workmen's Institute, Bargoed, gave a lecture entitled 'From Bargoed to Italy,' at St. Mary's Hall on Friday evening. Rev. S. Evans, vicar, was in the chair.

Penybank School The usual celebrations were observed on St. David's Day. A full programme of Welsh choruses and folk songs was performed, with the parents of the children present.

Noddfa A very pleasant social evening was held at Noddfa to welcome Rev. Ieuan Evans who is taking up the pastorate. Mr. T. Evans, senior deacon, gave an encouraging welcome to Rev. Evans. An excellent tea was provided, and this was followed by a musical programme with items from Mr. T. Evans, Mr. D. Thomas, Mr. J. Jones, Miss May Morgan and Mrs. W. H. Jones. The latter part of the evening was devoted to games.

Nazareth C.M. A social evening was held at Nazareth on St. David's night, when a large number gathered together. The tables had been nicely decorated and filled with good things. After food, a musical evening followed, presided over by Mr. Idris Jones, B.A. The following contributed: recitations - L. Roberts, P. Evans, I. Evans, A. Slimmons, Hilda Morris, E. Pugh, J. A. Jones, T. Evans; violin solo - Jenny Jones; solos - Misses M. Jones, N. Morris; Mrs. J. Lewis; Messrs. W. A. Davies, I. Jones; duet - Muriel Jones and Nellie Morris; Lynda Roberts and P. Evans; quartette - Messrs. W. A. Jones, W. A. Davies, D. J. Davies and B. Davies. The accompanists were Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Davies, Miss Katie Davies and Mr. Idris Jones.

St. David's Day St. David's Day was celebrated in the usual manner in the Infants' Department of the Council Schools. The little children gave a fine display of dancing, and also sang folk songs and performed Welsh plays. The parents were present for the concert. In the Upper Department, an original play, 'Taliesin,' was acted. Welsh airs were sung and a selection was given on the gramophone. A special feature of the celebration was the making public of a gift of Mr. Clark, late of Talygarn and now of London, who generously handed back to the school, the gift of a mallet and trowel that his late grandmother, Mrs. C. H. Clark of Dowlais, had received from the contractor, when she had laid the foundation stone of the old school in 1863.

Fochriw Houses: Meeting of Gellygaer Council At a previous meeting of the Council, a letter was read from the District Valuer, stating that the Bute Estate was prepared to sell the land required at the rate of £40 per acre plus costs, and suggesting that the Council should negotiate for a reduction in the price of £50 per acre. In a reply to Rev. Gilbert Williams, the Clerk stated that the matter was proceeding satisfactorily, and that he thought the outcome would be favourable.

“Merthyr Express” 17 March 1923

New Library Hut The usual social and dance was held at the Hut on Tuesday evening.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The evening was devoted to discussion.

Singing Festival On Sunday evening last, members of Noddfa & Nazareth carried out an excellent musical programme at Noddfa. The singing reached a very high standard and was most inspiring. Mr. Thomas Evans, junior, was the conductor, and the accompanists were Miss Hilda Phillips and Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Joshua Thomas.

Whist Drive and Dance At the Fochriw Ballroom on Friday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Touring Club, a first class whist drive and dance was organised in aid of the funds of the Library. The room had been specially decorated for the occasion. The duties of M.G. were ably carried out by Mr. Wm. Evans, whilst the M.Cs were Messrs. W. A. Jones and W. A. Thomas. Mr. H. Salmon of Rhydney was the accompanist.

Noddfa Chapel On Wednesday last, crowded congregations assembled at Noddfa, including visitors from Treharris, Aberdare etc. when the induction of the new pastor, Rev. Ieuan Evans took place.

Rev. Evans comes from Talybont, Cardiganshire, where he was in charge of a very flourishing church. Rev. R. Hughes, Pontllytyn, extended a hearty welcome to Rev. Evans on behalf of the Rhymney Valley Baptist Association, followed by Mr. Thomas Evans, senior deacon, who also extended a very warm welcome to their new pastor. Amongst the many clergy was Rev. S. Evans, the vicar of Fochriw. There were letters of welcome from former pastors: Rev. Esaiiah Williams and Rev. Moses Young. The evening service was a memorable one, the sacred edifice being well filled. The preachers were Revs. George Griffiths, Rhymney, and W. Jones, Treharris, who preached appropriate and edifying sermons. Mr. Thomas Evans (junior) conducted the singing, and Miss Hilda Phillips was at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 24 March 1923

Lecture At Carmel Chapel on Tuesday under the auspices of the Dowlais Co-operative Society Ltd., the Rev. Ben Wilson, a famous American preacher, delivered an interesting lecture entitled ‘Co-operation and the New Human Brotherhood.’ The lecturer impressed the audience with his outspoken remarks, and a return visit would be welcomed. The chair was occupied by Cllr. Sam Jennings.

Social A very pleasant children’s social was held at St. Mary’s Hall on Friday evening last, when the children were entertained to tea by the good people of the Church, after which, stamp albums were distributed, the prizes in connection with Sunday morning attendance at Church. The vicar gave a short address.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. T. Walters presided. Bro. Lewis gave a very interesting reading and solos were given by Bro. Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 7 April 1923

Cosy Cinema, Penyardren Tonight, a very special programme - ‘Habit,’ - featuring Mildred Harris-Chaplin. Next Monday, a stupendous comedy-drama entitled ‘Easy to Earn Money.’ Next Thursday, the colossal drama ‘Hail the Woman’ - packed with gripping interest.

Dance A long dance was held at the Fochriw Ballroom on Tuesday evening. The M.Cs. were Messrs. Dan Lewis and George Cole. Mr. Octavius Lewis was at the piano, and Mr. Francis Wilton was the violinist.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Isaac Evans, the district secretary, gave a paper entitled ‘Life and How to Live It.’

St. Mary’s Four services were held at St. Mary’s on Good Friday: first at 8a.m.; next, a children’s service at 10a.m.; a three hours devotion from noon to 3p.m.; an evening service at 7p.m.. All services were well attended. The vicar was the preacher and the celebrant. The church had been beautifully decorated with spring flowers and Easter lilies.

R.A.O.B. Smoker On Saturday evening, a smoking concert was held at the Lodge Room, Mount Pleasant Inn, Pentwyn. A large number was present. Mr. S. E. Phillips presided, and gave an excellent address. This was followed by a musical programme: overture – Mr. Bryn Davies; trio of Welsh melodies - Messrs. Davies, Thomas and Powell; solos - Messrs. Bryn Davies, L. Thomas, W. Powell, C. Andrews, Tom Powell, Jack Jones, George Morris, Cyril Jenkins, Gilbert Harris, L. Thomas, Tom Rees; monologue – Mr. Wm. Powell; duet - Messrs. L. Thomas & Bryn Davies. Mr. Percy Mantle is vice-chairman, and Mr. H. C. Seaborne the secretary.

“Merthyr Express” 14 April 1923

Obituary An old inhabitant of Fochriw, now of Abertysswg, Mr. John Aneurin Jones, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday.

St. Mary’s Hall A successful social and dance took place at St. Mary’s Hall on Friday last. The M.C. was Mr. T. B. Edwards and the music was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestra under their conductor Cllr. D. J. Thomas.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme which included ‘Incidents in Daily Life,’ and a poem entitled ‘The Convicts Reform,’ was given by Sister Ballard Davies. Bros. Payne, D. Jones, T. Lewis and Sister Jones took part in the discussion.

Whist Drive and Dance At the Ball Room on Monday, a whist drive and dance in aid of St. Dunstan’s was held, and an enjoyable evening was spent. The M.Cs. were Messrs. D. Lewis and T. H. Jones. Mr. Octavius Richards was at the piano and Mr. F. Wilton was the violinist.

Easter Vestry Rev. S. Evans, vicar, presided at the annual Easter vestry at St. Mary's on Wednesday evening. There was a large attendance. The financial statement was given by Churchwarden W. J. Payne and this proved very satisfactory. Electric light had been installed in the church and hall, and this had filled a long-felt want. The hall had been re-floored, and this too was a great improvement. The parish had paid its quota in full last year, and also had made an increased donation to A.C.S. W. J. Payne was re-elected people's warden, as was Charles Payne as vicar's warden, Octavius Richards as organist and Berkley Angell as choirmaster. A strong parochial church council was elected, of which Mr. J. Lloyd Jones was appointed secretary.

“Merthyr Express” 21 April 1923

Social and Dance A social and dance was held at the Church Hall on Monday evening. Mr. T. B. Edwards was M.C., Mr. A. Thomas the pianist, and Mr. F. Wilton the violinist.

Social and Dance Held at the Ballroom on Tuesday night. Mr. D. Lewis was M.C., with Mr. O. Richards presiding at the piano.

“Cinderella and the Prince” The Carmel Operatic Society played the above operetta at the Miners' Hall, Merthyr, on Thursday last. The crowded and most appreciative audience were well-pleased. All the artistes excelled themselves and enjoyed themselves immensely. The Committee wish to thank all who contributed to the success of the evening.

Obituary We have the sad duty to record the death of Selwyn, the young son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Jones, Martin-street, who died at King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, after an operation. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, where the little body was reverently laid to rest. The Rev. D. J. Jones officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. R. Jones (father); Mr. J. Hughes (grand father); Messrs. H. Hughes, W. Hughes, Wyndham Hughes, D. J. Jones, E. Jones, Nicholas Hughes, Ness Price and Lewis Evans.

Obituary We also have to record the death of David Edwin Evans, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans, Brook-row, who passed away at Gellygaer Hospital on the same day as he was admitted. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Bert Evans (father); Mr. David Davies (grand father); Messrs. A. Evans, Price Jones, David J. Davies, Tom Davies, Ben Davies, Dan Davies, Stanley Jones, Eddie Jones, Cyril Evans, B. Jones.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Payne read a chapter from 'The Pearly Gates.'

“Merthyr Express” 28 April 1923

Train Fare Reduction The Dowlais Chamber of Trade has been notified that the return fare to Dowlais on Saturday has been reduced to 1 shilling from May next.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was “Ode Practice.” Bro. T. Walters was responsible for the meeting which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Cantata: “The King and the Cobbler” A successful performance of the cantata was given at the Church Hall on Thursday evening by the children of St. Peter's Church, Deri. Mr. Charles Payne was the chairman.

Whist Drive and Dance A most successful whist drive and dance was held at the Ball Room on Friday evening in aid of the funds of the Merthyr General Hospital. The room had been gaily decorated and a large and representative gathering was present. The event had been originated by the lady collectors, who approached the Touring Club to carry it out. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestra under Cllr. D. J. Thomas. Mr. William Howells was M.C. for whist, and Messrs. Danny Lewis and George Cole for dancing. No correct guess was made for the guess cake, so it was put up for auction, Mr. George Sibley proving a most capable auctioneer. Mr. John Bevan, M.E., thanked all for their contributions to the success of the evening.

“Merthyr Express” 5 May 1923

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

St. Mary's Hall On Friday evening, an excellent fancy dress social was held at the Church Hall. It was very well-attended. The Hall had been decorated beautifully for the occasion. The winners of the fancy dress were: Ladies – Mrs. W. Hughes; Gentlemen – Mr. Harry Evans. Mrs. J. Bevan and Mrs. A. Jones were the judges, and their decisions were well received. The Fochriw Orchestra supplied the music, and Mr. T. B. Edwards was a very capable M.C.

“Merthyr Express” 12 May 1923

Obituary The death has taken place of Mrs. Sarah Tyler, the young wife of Mr. Charles Tyler, Ty Mawr, Penybank, who passed away on Saturday last, after a painful illness, patiently borne. To the bereaved we tender our sincere sympathy.

Whist Drive A first-class whist drive took place at the Ball Room on Thursday last in aid of the Fochriw Reading Room. Mr. W. Howells was M.C.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. T. Lewis presided. ‘Building up Manhood,’ was the subject of a paper given by Bro. Richards of Merthyr.

Welsh Drama The inhabitants of Fochriw were given a rich treat on Friday and Saturday last, when the members of Noddfa Dramatic Society performed the Welsh drama ‘Jac Martin.’ in excellent style and to large audiences. Leading members of the cast were: Mr. Gomer Williams, Mrs. Lydia Williams, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Mr. T. Evans, junior, Mrs. A. M. Evans, Mr. T. J. Jones, Mr. T. Walters, Mr. J. R. Walters, Mrs. Tom Evans, Mrs. Seaborne Williams, Mr. E. Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 19 May 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. S. Lewis presided. The programme was ‘A Humorous Evening,’ Sisters B. Ballard Davies and L. Ballard taking part.

Whist Drive and Dance A very successful evening was held at the Church Hall under the auspices of the Fochriw Orchestra. There was a large attendance. The Orchestra supplied the music for the dance.

Sudden Death We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Carter, Pleasant-view, who passed away with dramatic suddenness on Thursday morning as he was getting up. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. C. Payne officiating both at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. Robert Carter (son); Mr. & Mrs. James Carter, Mr. & Mrs. George Carter, Mr. & Mrs. John Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Jas. Cook, Mr. & Mrs. T. Ellis, Mr. J. Jenkins, D. George, Jas., J. H., and W. A. Carter (nephews).

Interment The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Tyler, wife of Mr. Chas. Tyler, Ty Mawr, Penybank, and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Morris, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard amidst manifestations of deep sorrow. Mrs. Tyler was a faithful member of St. Mary’s Church. She passed away peacefully on Saturday at the age of 21. There was a short service in the house, followed by a service at the old church at Pentwyn. Rev. S. Evans, vicar, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. C. Tyler (husband); Mr. & Mrs. J. Morris (parents); Mr. W. Morris (uncle); Mr. D. Tyler, Mr. & Mrs. W. Lewis (uncle & aunt).

Presentation A presentation to Miss Doris Davies, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lodwick Davies, under-manager of G.K.N. Fochriw Colliery, took place at Carmel on Thursday night. Miss Davies is leaving the village to take up the nursing profession. She is the possessor of a very rich musical voice, and her services were in constant demand for concerts, cantatas etc. She was given a handsome, gold, wristlet watch subscribed by the inhabitants of the place and presented by Mr. W. J. Angell, and a handsome Bible given by the chapel, which was presented by Mr. Moses Williams, superintendent of the Sunday School. The presentations were part of a fuller evening of solos, recitations, instrumental contributions, and speeches.

Merthyr General Hospital The first Fete and Gala is to be held on Saturday, 7th July, 1923.

“Merthyr Express” 26 May 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last week, when the programme was ‘A Recital.’ Bro. Thomas Walters and Sister Lydia Ballard were responsible. Each contributor gave an excellent rendering.

Half-Yearly Meetings The half-yearly meetings at Nazareth C.M., were held on Saturday night and Sunday last, when Rev. Wm. Adams, Abercarn, preached edifying sermons to large congregations. Messrs. W. A. Davies and W. Lawrence presided at the organ, and Mr. W. Morris conducted the singing.

St. Mary’s On Whit Sunday, the services at the Parish Church were well attended, and the church was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 6a.m, 8, and 11 a.m., Choral Sunday School was at 2.30, evensong and sermon at 6 p.m. The Vicar officiated throughout the day.

Obituary Amongst the beautiful floral tributes at the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Tyler, was one from the Mothers' Union at St. Mary's, of which she was a member. The following mourners were present: Mr. & Mrs. Daniel E. Evans, Bedlinog; Mr. & Mrs. Hughie Lewis; Mr. Wm. Evans, Ystrad Mynach; Mr. Arthur Evans, Rhymney; Mrs. Owen and daughter; Mr. David Williams.

St. Mary's Church The annual Sunday School treat of St. Mary's was held on Tuesday. The children assembled at the Hall, where the vicar gave a short address, after which they formed in a procession, and were headed by the Pontllytyn Church Lads' Brigade Bugle Band, and paraded the streets of the village with their banners flying. After the parade, they sat down to an excellent tea, and subsequently went to Pentwyn, where a programme of sports was enjoyed by all. After this, games and dancing were enjoyed in the Hall. The pianist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and the violinist Mr. F. Wilton. Mr. T. B. Edwards was M.C. The day was a great success and thanks are due to all who helped.

Merthyr Police Court Fred Evans of Fochriw was summoned for loitering at Brook Row for the purposes of street betting, on the 11th May. P.C. Edwards Davies said that he kept the defendant under observation and saw a man hand him what appeared to be a piece of paper and some money. The witness arrested the defendant, and found on him £1-1s-2d, 9 betting slips with 37 horses names running that day at the races, and one paying-in book. Defendant did not deny the charge, and was required to pay £10, or 31 days in gaol.

Mr. Winston Churchill is on the short list of Liberal candidates for the Caerphilly Constituency.

Ambulance Competition at Dowlais On the Committee was Mr. Dan Jenkins of Fochriw, and amongst the stewards was Mr. H. Thomas, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 2 June 1923

Obituary We have to record the death of Mrs. A. Morgan, wife of Mr. T. Morgan, after a long and painful illness.

St. Mary's Hall A social evening was held at the Church Hall on Friday evening last. The music for the dancing was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestral Society. Refreshment was provided by the ladies. The master of games was Mr. T. B. Davies.

Fochriw Ballroom A successful whist drive was held at the Ballroom last Thursday, and was very well attended. Mr. W. Howells was M.C.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. The subject for the evening was 'The Triumph of Woman in Art, Music and Travel,' Sister B. Davies being responsible.

Eisteddfod One of the most successful eisteddfodau held in the village took place in Carmel Chapel on Saturday evening last. Great credit is due to the secretaries, Mr. J. J. Lewis and Mr. W. J. Angell, and also Mr. David Davies, treasurer. Mr. Moses Williams was an ideal conductor, and also chairman of the committee. There were record entries, and the adjudicators gave every satisfaction. The adjudicators were: Music: Mr. Evan Thomas ('Alaw Morlais'); preliminary - Mr. Tom Thomas; literature - Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydarren; accompanists - Mr. T. Walters and Mr. J. Thomas.

Awards: Boys & Girls under 8 - 'Dos Cuddia dy Ofid' - Vernon Davies, Fochriw; Boys and Girls under 10: 'Look and Live' - Penny Roberts, Ystrad Mynach; boys solo under 15 - 'Meet me at the Fountain' - Jackie Hughes, Bedlinog; girls solo under 15 - Alice Gittens; solo, men over 60 - Richard Thomas, Fochriw & John Skyrn, Abercanaid, divided; recitation under 16 - Gwladys Williams, Penywern & Irene Thomas, Penydarren, divided; solo under 6 - Phyllis M. Davies; open recitation - W. Llew Thomas, Fochriw; contralto solo - Mrs. Hannah C. Jones, Fochriw; soprano solo - divided between Mrs. Blanche Phillips, Dowlais, and Miss Minnie Francis, Treharris; tenor solo - Mr. Richard Lewis, Penywern; baritone solo - Mr. W. D. Bowen, Bargoed; champion solo - T. R. Jones, Dowlais; essay - 'Fochriw's Greatest Requirements' - Thomas Howell Jones; love letter - Willie Adams Jones; children's choir - Bedlinog Boys, conductor by Willie Adams Jones; mixed choir - Music Lovers, conductor Willie Adams Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 9 June 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday. Miss M. A. Williams, Headmistress, Graig, Bedlinog, was responsible for the programme. Miss Williams read an entertaining paper entitled 'The Moving Finger Writes, and having writ, moves on.'

Carmel Chapel The annual meeting was held on Sunday and Monday last. The Rev. Evan Jones, Bargoed, preached appropriate sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. D. Davies, with Mr.

Thomas Walters at the organ.

Obituary Miss Hettie Ann Wood, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Wood, Aelybryn, Fochriw, passed away on Thursday after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. Deceased had been confined to bed for the passed twelve years. She was only 29 years old. A service was held in the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. Rev. J. C. Payne officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Wood (father), George, William, Rufus, Vincent and Hartwell (brothers), J. Wood and F. Way (uncles), Gwilym Llewellyn (brother-in-law); Alfin, John, Alfred (nephews); W., F., Willie J., David, Arthur and Sydney Way (cousins); William Thomas (friend). We send our sympathy to the bereaved ones in their sorrow.

The Late Mrs. Morgan The funeral of Mrs. Ada Morgan, wife of Mr. Thomas Morgan, took place on Saturday. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Ieuan Evans, before the cortege moved to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Tom Morgan (husband), Thomas Henry Morgan (son), R. Clarke (son-in-law), Henry Jones (brother) and Thomas J. Jenkins (brother-in-law).

“Merthyr Express” 16 June 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. A gramophone entertainment was given by Sister M. Jones.

Fochriw Ballroom A whist drive and dance took place last Thursday in connection with the Wireless Society, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Councillor D. J. Thomas was M.C. for whist, and the M.C.'s for dancing were Mr. W. A. Evans, and Mr. W. A. Thomas. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Orchestra, conducted by Coun. D. J. Thomas. Mrs. E. C. Jones presented the prizes to the successful whist winners, and Mr. W. J. Payne thanked all who had taken part.

“Merthyr Express” 23 June 1923

Cricket: Fochriw v Abertysswg Fochriw entertained Abertysswg on Saturday last in a Rhymney Valley League fixture. There was added interest in the fixture since these were the only undefeated teams in the League. Fochriw won the toss and elected to bat. Steadily, they reached a total of 90. Abertysswg also opened steadily, but were dismissed for the meagre total of 32. For Fochriw Crad Thomas took 7 wickets for 19 runs, and W. A. Jones 2 for 12. For Abertysswg, G. Lodwick took 6 for 20, and Hallett, 4 for 38. Topscorer for Fochriw was T. I. Davies with 22 not out. Totals: Fochriw 90; Abertysswg 32.

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

“Merthyr Express” 30 June 1923

The Ballroom A very successful whist drive was held last Thursday, and was very well attended. Mr. S. Jenkins was M.C.

Personal The numerous friends of Miss Ceridwen Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Howell Thomas, Brynteg Terrace, will be pleased to hear of her recent success at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, where she passed the degree of B. Sc.

“Merthyr Express” 21 July 1923

Fochriw Ballroom A most successful whist drive was held on Friday evening. There was a large attendance. Mr. W. Howells was M.C.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis, Chief Templar, presided. The evening was set apart for Biblical question.

Obituary It is with a feeling of deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Thomas Walters, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Walters, Pleasant View, Fochriw. He was engaged as foreman electrician under the Gellygear Urban District Council. It appears he had been working on an electric standard near Ystrad Mynach, and had unbuckled his safety belt prior to descending. By some means he fell, and received severe injuries from which he died some hours later. The news cast quite a gloom over the village and valley. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon, and was for gentlemen only. It was one of the largest funerals ever seen in the village. He was a keen footballer, being one of the Hotspurs team when they were at the height of their glory. The service at the house and at Pentwyn was conducted by Rev. Ieuan Evans, Noddfa, of which chapel, the deceased was a faithful member. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Albert Walters (father), David and John (brothers); Richard Walters (Rhymney), Walter Walters (Fochriw), Edward Jones (Bargoed), William J. Jones (Cardiff), Alfred Evans (Bailey's Arms, Deri), D. R. John and Dan Edwards

(Aberbargoed), John Walters (Old Mill, Bargoed), T. D. Morgan (Dowlais Top), uncles. Among the floral tributes were ones from Noddfa Baptist Church Sunday School, the Fochriw Cricketers, the Fochriw Footballers, and the Gellygaer U.D.C. Electricity Department.

Gellygaer Council: Fochriw Houses The Clerk reported that the first and second tenderer for the erection of twelve houses at Fochriw had withdrawn their tenders, but that the third, from Mr. Williams, Dowlais, had been accepted by the Ministry.

“Merthyr Express” 28 July 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme was a paper by Sister B. Ballard, and this was much enjoyed by all present.

Congratulations: Eisteddfod Success Our young conductor, Mr. W. A. Jones, and his choir, scored a brilliant success at the Caerphilly Eisteddfod on Saturday last, winning the chief choral event. There were five choirs competing.

Funeral The funeral of Vera, the young daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Watkins, Hill Row, Pentwyn, took place on Tuesday afternoon at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. J. C. Payne officiated. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

Brilliant Success Fochriw is naturally proud of the recent success of Mr. H. Jones, B.A., second son of Mr. & Mrs. George Jones, Station Terrace, who at the recent examination at Oxford passed his Bachelor of Civil Law degree with honours. He is an old Lewis School Pengam boy. During the Great War, he saw active service, and held the rank of lieutenant in the Yorks and Lancs. He was wounded in France. Last year, he was president of the Cambrian Society at Oxford. He also captained last year's football team at Oxford. All the family are in the scholastic profession and hold important positions.

“Merthyr Express” 4 August 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme was ‘Recitation Night for Volunteers.’

“Merthyr Express” 11 August 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Short readings were given by Bros. L. Rowlands, S. Lewis, and T. Lewis.

Wedding: Lewis-Thomas A pretty wedding was solemnised at Soar Welsh Congregational Church, Merthyr, on Tuesday last, by Rev. Jenkin Jones, minister of Carmel, Fochriw. The contracting parties were Miss Maggie Lewis, second daughter of Mrs. Lewis, and the late Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn, Fochriw, and Mr. James Arnold Thomas of Bargoed. The bride was attired in a dress of silver grey satin and morocain with hat to match, and carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Edna Thomas, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Annie Morgan, cousin of the bridegroom, both prettily attired in dresses of fawn morocain and rose silk, with black picture hats, and carried bouquets of sweet peas and cream roses. Also, Misses Elspeth and Auna Lewis, sisters of the bride, both prettily dressed in white silk and carrying sprays of sweet peas. The reception was held at the bride's home. The couple left later in the day for Weston-super-Mare, the bride wearing a travelling costume of navy garbedine and autumn hat. They were the recipients of many valuable presents.

“Merthyr Express” 18 August 1923

Marriage: Davies-Davies The marriage took place on August 4th at Bethel Chapel, Pontlottyn, of John, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Elias Davies, Fochriw, and Blodwen, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Davies, Penygraig, Pontlottyn. Rev. S. B. Samuel officiated.

Obituary It is our painful duty to record the sudden death of Mrs. Ann Thomas, wife of Mr. John Thomas, Brynteg, who passed away on Tuesday morning.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. An excellent miscellaneous programme was given.

“Merthyr Express” 25 August 1923

Personal P. C. Bloomer, who was transferred from Bargoed to Fochriw, was the recipient of a wallet and cigarette case from the local Press, as a mark of esteem and appreciation for his services. He had been stationed at Bargoed for over eight years. He is a painstaking and conscientious officer, and is well known and highly respected in the district.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. Bedlinog Lodge was due to entertain, but, owing to the bad weather, they

were unable to turn up. Instead, Bro. W. Jones, who was on a visit from Deri, addressed the meeting.
Funeral The funeral of the late Mrs. Ann Thomas took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was held in the house conducted by Rev. Ieuan Evans, pastor of Noddfa, where the deceased was a faithful member. Rev. Evans also officiated at Pentwyn. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Thomas (husband), David and Walter Thomas (brothers), Dan Evans and Joshua Evans (brothers-in-law); David Jas., Thomas, Uriah Evans, Lewis Thomas, Richard Evans, Crad Thomas, Robert Thomas (nephews). Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

“Merthyr Express” 1 September 1923

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

St. Mary’s Mothers’ Union On Wednesday, about 40 members journeyed to Caerphilly. They were entertained to an excellent tea by Mrs. Wadley Underwood, after which several places of interest were visited including the castle. Mrs. Evans, the Vicarage, arranged the visit. The members returned with the 9 p.m. train.

“Merthyr Express” 8 September 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was ‘Riddles’ - all having to respond.

Recreation A letter was read from the Dowlais Miners’ Welfare Scheme on Tuesday evening, intimating that they were prepared to grant a certain sum to Fochriw for the purpose of providing a recreation ground. It was decided to defer the matter pending some definite information with regard to the Bedlinog Welfare Scheme.

M.P.’s Visit On Monday evening, Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P. for the Caerphilly Division, paid a visit to Fochriw and addressed a meeting at the Co-operative Rooms. Mr. Jones, who was accompanied by his wife, was given a very cordial reception. He dealt very fully with the doings of the House of Commons during the last session. His speech was well received. Councillor D. J. Thomas was in the chair.

Organ Recital On Thursday evening, at St. Mary’s Church, an excellent organ recital was given by Mr. T. Parry Edwards, organist and choirmaster of St. Martin’s Church, Caerphilly. He was assisted by two eminent artistes in the persons of Madame H. C. Davies and Mr. W. A. Davies. The Vicar delivered an appropriate opening address, after which the hymn ‘All people that on earth do dwell,’ was sung with much feeling. The organist then gave the following in fine style: ‘Festal March’ (Elvey); ‘Allegretto Grayices’ (Tours); ‘Minuet from Samson’ (Handel); ‘Melody in F’ (Rubinstein); ‘Festive March’ (Smart); ‘Hallelujah Chorus’ (Handel). Then, the soloists, singly, and finally together, gave excellent renderings of their repertoire. The evening ended with the singing of the hymn ‘Jesu, lover of my soul.’

“Merthyr Express” 15 September 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The brothers and sisters of Bargoed Lodge entertained with a musical programme.

Obituary The funeral of Miss Agnes May Tyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Tyler, Pentwyn, took place on Saturday amidst manifestations of sorrow. Deceased, who was 21 years of age, had suffered much recently, but bore her pain cheerfully to the end. A short service was conducted at the house by Rev. J. C. Payne, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The vicar, the Rev. S. Evans, officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Albert Tyler (father); Charles and David (brothers); Emlyn Evans (brother-in-law); Arthur Tyler, Christopher Tyler, Thomas Owen, Lewis Williams (uncles); David Williams, Charles Tyler, William Jones, Harry Hughes (cousins). Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Obituary Another familiar figure was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday in the person of Mr. Thomas David, 10, Glyn-terrace. He was in his 81st year. He had lived in Fochriw for over 50 years. Rev. Ieuan Evans officiated at the house and graveside. As the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn, blinds were drawn as a mark of respect. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John, William, David, Richard and James Davies (sons); T. C. Davies, J. M. Davies, Tom Davies, D. T. Davies (grandsons); D. W. Lewis (son-in-law); Job Davies (brother-in-law); W. Evans, B. Evans, W. Sheedy, R. Greening (nephews). Sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

Wedding: Hughes-John A pretty wedding was solemnised at Zoar Chapel, Merthyr, on Tuesday, the contracting parties being Miss Olwen Hughes, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, Martin-

street, Fochriw, and Mr. Harry John of Llandebie. The bride was attired in a nigger brown costume with hat to match. The best man was Mr. Harry Hughes, brother of the bride. Rev. D. J. Jones officiated. The breakfast took place at the bride's home, after which the happy couple left for Porthcawl where the honeymoon is being spent. They were the recipients of numerous presents.

Fochriw Houses Quite a busy sight was witnessed at Fochriw this week, with the commencement of building operations for the erection of 12 Council Houses. Councillor D. J. Thomas has worked hard under trying circumstances to bring this about.

Congratulations Evan Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lodwick Davies, and Cyril Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Evans, have passed the Central Welsh Board examinations with distinctions. Both pupils are at Bargoed Secondary School.

“Merthyr Express” 22 September 1923

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother T. Walters presided. The programme for the evening was ‘All Responsible.’ Bro. T. Walters gave two pianoforte solos, Sister L. Ballard and Bros. L. Evans and Emrys Jenkins gave a song, Bro. Prosser, Bargoed, an address and a monologue. Bro. T. Walters ended the evening with a solo.

G.W.R. Saftey and First Aid A class in connection with the above has been formed at the Fochriw Station. The lecturer is Dr. Stenner Evans, and the instructors Mr. A. Purnell, Rhymney, and Mr. T. Jones, Fochriw Ambulance Station. At the recent examination, all members succeeded in satisfying the examiner, Dr. McClelland, Dowlais. The successful candidates were: Messrs. A. Purnell, who passed for label; S. Thomas, P. Jenkins, B. Thomas, J. Thomas, A. Lewis, T. Jones, P. Mantle, J. Jones, D. J. Kings, W. Jones, E. Lewis. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. E. Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 29 September 1923

Special Show of Autumn Fashions, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 5 & 6 - R. T. Jones, Merthyr.

Pits Idle Owing to the shortage of wagons, both pits of Messrs. G. K. N. were idle on Wednesday and Thursday.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother T. Walters presided. The programme for the evening was ‘Spelling B,’ Bro. T. Lewis being responsible.

Spiritualism The Bargoed and District Spiritualist Society, Mr. E. Cleverley, president, has created quite a successful activity in the village. Meetings held at the Co-operative Hall have attracted large numbers.

Noddfa Special services were held at Noddfa on Wednesday, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone. The united choir gave a very fine rendering of ‘By Babylon's Waves,’ under the conductorship of Mr. W. A. Jones. The pastor, the Rev. Ieuan Evans, then preached a very powerful sermon. The choir sang the ‘Hallelujah Chorus,’ and the pastor thanked conductor and choir. Miss Hilda Phillips was at the organ, and Mr. Thomas Evans conducted the singing. Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist for the choir.

Charlie Chaplin ‘The Pilgrim’ at ‘The Palace,’ October 1st to 6th.

“Merthyr Express” 6 October 1923

Two Properties with Vacant Possession Messrs. Phillips and Jones are instructed to sell by auction at the Rising Sun Inn, Fochriw, on Monday, October 15th 1923, at 6 p.m., the undermentioned valuable leasehold properties:

Lot 1: the Dwelling House No. 13 Brynteg Terrace, Fochriw: term of lease, 99 years from March 25th 1911, annual ground rent £1-4s-4d.

Lot 2: the commodious Dwelling House, Brynamlwg, with shop premises, UPLAND STORES, adjoining with 35 feet of frontage to New Road, Fochriw: lease 99 years from March 25th 1905, ground rent £1-17s-0d.

To view apply to auctioneers at 15 High St. Bargoed.

St. Mary's Church Harvest services were held this week. The celebrant was the Vicar, and the special preacher the Rev. J. C. Phillips, vicar of Penydarren. Mr. W. J. Payne read the lessons, Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. O. Richards was at the organ.

“Merthyr Express” 13 October 1923

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister Lewis took the chair. Bro. Williams, Troedrhifwuch, was responsible for the programme. A number of the Troedrhifwuch members helped him. Sister Ward was the pianist for

the evening. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Bros. S. Lewis, C. Payne and T. Walters thanked them for entertaining the lodge. The meeting was closed in the usual manner.

“Merthyr Express” 20 October 1923

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, presided over by Bro. Sam Lewis. A paper entitled “The French Revolution” was read by Mr. Cyril Evans.

Nazareth C.M. The annual meetings of the chapel were held on Sunday and Monday, the preacher being the Rev. J. Roberts, M.A., Cardiff.

Induction Service On Tuesday afternoon at Nazareth Chapel, the Rev. Richard Evans, Treorchy, was inducted to the charge of Nazareth (Fochriw) and Ysgwyddgwyn (Deri). The Rev. R.M. Harris, Troedyrhiw, presided. Mr. John Jones, deacon of Nazareth, and Mr. K.P. Jones, deacon of Ysgwyddgwyn, extended a hearty welcome on behalf of both chapels to Mr. & Mrs. Evans. Mr. John Jones said that the call was unanimous. Mr. R.F. Jones, Deri, also spoke. The Rev. T.E. Davies, Treorchy, and the Rev. Mr. Jones, Aberavon, on behalf of the Rhondda Monthly Meeting, bore excellent testimony to the qualities of Mr. Evans as a Christian. Deacons, on behalf of Gosen, Treorchy, paid tribute to the work done by Mr. & Mrs. Evans. Amongst others who spoke were Revs. W. Arthur Jones, D.G. Evans (Merthyr), D.J. Jones (Carmel, Fochriw), S. Evans, B.A. (Vicar of Fochriw and Deri), Ieuan Evans (Noddfa, Fochriw), Mr. Isaac Morgan, Cardiff. The Rev. Richard Evans spoke a few appreciative words of thanks. The visitors were entertained to a good tea at Noddfa Vestry, provided by the good people of Nazareth and Ysgwyddgwyn. At 6p.m. at Nazareth, the Rev. T.E. Davies, Treorchy, preached a very powerful sermon. The Rev. Isaac Roderick closed the meeting with prayer. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 27 October 1923

Obituary We have to record the sad death of Mr. David Jones, 1, Glen View, Pentwyn, who passed away peacefully on Saturday night.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Lewis presided. Brithdir Lodge was unable to attend due to the bad weather. Sister Mary Jones filled the gap with gramophone entertainment.

Social A very pleasant social evening was held at St. Mary’s Hall on Friday evening last, and was well attended. There were games and dancing as well as refreshments provided by members of the Mothers’ Union. Mr. Willie Hughes was M.C., and Mr. O. Richards the pianist.

Welsh Shirting Flannel (fawn grounds) 1/4½d. per yard - R. T. Jones & Co. Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 3 November 1923

Social A social evening was held on Friday at St. Mary’s Hall. The M.C. was Mr. Willie Hughes and the accompanist Mr. Octavius Richards.

Hospital The numerous friends of Mr. Percy Edwards, Brook Row, and Mr. Gilbert Harris, Aelybryn, will regret to hear that they are in hospital at Merthyr. We wish then both a speedy return to health.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. Sister Lewis gave a reading entitled ‘Getting up in the Morning,’ and Bro. Lewis a reading entitled ‘Cheerfulness in the Homes.’

Rehearsal On Sunday evening at Noddfa Chapel, the Fochriw United Choir under Mr. W. A. Jones gave a first class programme of music. Rev. Ieuan Evans, pastor, presided. Among other things, the choir sang the test piece at the semi-national in Newport, ‘By Babylon’s Wave.’ They also sang ‘Hallelujah Chorus’ and ‘Ar Lan’r Iorddonen Ddofn.’ Solos were rendered by Mrs. H. C. Davies, Mrs. C. Walters, Miss E. Phillips and Miss Marjorie Lewis. Recitations were given by Mrs. B. Davies. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, Miss Hilda Phillips and Mr. Jas. Thomas.

Obituary The funeral of Mr. David Jones, 1, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place on Thursday. Deceased was 55 years of age, and in his younger days had been a keen athlete. A service was held in the house conducted by Rev. D. J. Jones, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for the interment, all blinds being drawn en route as a mark of respect. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Edward Thomas and Roderick Jones (sons); George Mantle (son-in-law); Edward Morgan (father-in-law); John Jones (brother); D. Lloyd Evans, T. J. Morgan, Habacuc Morgan, B. Evans, C. Ballard, J. Williams, and W. T. Morgan (brothers-in-law), as well as numerous

friends.

“Merthyr Express” 10 November 1923

Idle Pits Owing to the shortage of wagons, both pits of Messrs. G. K. N. were idle on Monday last.

Mothers’ Union A special service was held at St. Mary’s on Tuesday evening, and was well attended, the preacher being Rev. J. R. D. Williams, vicar of Rhymney.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. Bro. Lewis gave a reading entitled ‘The Diary of Daniel Quorn.’

Children’s Social On Wednesday evening, a children’s social was held in the Church Hall in connection with St. Mary’s church. Quite a large number of children and several adults were present. Prizes were given for the best fancy dressed boy and girl, the Vicar adjudicating. Tea was provided by the Mothers’ Union. Mr. Willie Hughes was M.C. for games, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the piano.

Obituary On Monday, Mrs. Hannah Roberts, wife of Mr. Thomas Roberts, 31, Aelybryn, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard. Deceased was 57 years of age. The funeral, which was for gentlemen only, was attended by a large assembly of sympathising friends. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. D. J. Jones, and he was assisted by Rev. Ieuan Evans at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Roberts (husband), John, Tom and David Thomas (brothers), as well as numerous nephews, cousins and friends.

Death of Old Inhabitant Yet another of Fochriw’s oldest and most respected inhabitants has gone from our midst, in the person of Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas, wife of Mr. John Thomas, Brook Cottage, who passed away after a lingering illness patiently borne. She had lived in Fochriw for 68 years, the last 60 in the same house. She had been married over 53 years, and leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Monday and was conducted by Rev. D. J. Jones in the house, and he was assisted by Rev. R. D. Jenkins, Rev. Gilbert Williams (vicar), and Rev. Jones, Deri, at the graveside. All blinds were drawn en route as the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. John Thomas, husband; D. H. Thomas, E. L. Thomas (Porthcawl) sons; Mr. & Mrs. Dd. Davies, Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Jenkins, daughters and sons-in-law; Mr. Gerald McArthur, Newport, adopted son; Messrs. John R. Thomas, Jack, Claerwyn, Iorwerth, Islwyn and Garfield Davies (grandsons); Miss Liliam Thomas (grand daughter); Mr. George Jukes (brother-in-law); Mrs. Tom Jones, Mrs. David Thomas (sister-in-law). Great sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

“Merthyr Express” 17 November 1923

Obituary We have to record the death of another old resident in the person of Mrs. Richards, Llwynceilyn, Brook-row, widow of the late Mr. Josiah Richards, who passed away peacefully on Monday morning after a long and painful illness.

Personal Coun. George Street was unable to appear at a special meeting of Gelligaer Council on Wednesday evening when a discussion on officials’ salaries took place. He was required, in his capacity of Secretary, to attend an important meeting of the South Wales Quarries’ Association at Bristol.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Sister S. Lewis presided. Sister B. Ballard was responsible for the programme of two readings, namely, an extract from ‘David Copperfield,’ and ‘The Invention of Roast Pig.’

Poppy Day The day was observed at the village last Friday when a number of ladies were busy selling Flanders Poppies. The event had been carefully arranged under the direction of Mrs. J. Bevan, with a band of willing sellers, who were untiring in their efforts. The sellers were: Mrs. J. Bevan, Nurse Jones, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. R. Hughes, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. D. J. Williams, Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. J. Lawrence, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Jones, Miss R. Gregory, Miss P. Cole, Miss E. Griffiths and Miss F. Cole. The sum realised was £12-10s-6d.

Church in Wales Temperance Society A Band of Hope in connection with the juvenile section of the above was started with the children at St. Mary’s Church on Wednesday evening, when quite a number of children were enrolled. For the present, it is intended to meet every Wednesday evening at 5.30, when the children will be instructed and different classes formed. The Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, and Mr. W. N. Hughes were in charge.

Fochriw Pit Tragedy On Friday morning last, at No.1 Fochriw Pit, Isaac Jones, 54, labourer, married, of 14 Brynteg, Fochriw, lost his life. Injuries were sustained by Wm. B. Mason, haulier of

Penydarren, R. Connors, haulier of Penydarren, and David Wm. Lewis (slight injuries). Mason and Connors were conveyed to the Merthyr General Hospital, and Lewis to his home.). Mr. R. J. Rhys, coroner, held an inquest at the Rising Sun Hotel on Monday. Mr. Tudor Davies, M.E., agent, and Mr. J. Bevan, M.E., Fochriw Colliery, represented the Company, Mr. M. Hughes for the Home Office, and Mr. S. O. Davies, miners' agent, Dowlais, for the relatives. Robert Jones, brother of the deceased, gave evidence of identification.

Richard Price, timberman, said he was in charge of a number of men who were doubling timber on a double parting in the lower 6-foot seam on the east side of No.1 Pit. They had put up two arms, and when they were in the act of lifting the collar, when a fall of roof occurred, and some timber was discharged. This was without warning. Witness said that at this spot, the roof was a little treacherous, as there were balls of mine in the roof. Deceased and the three men were caught by the fall, deceased being buried outright. He was dead when extricated. Thomas Jenkins, fireman, corroborated this evidence. Mr. Tudor Davies said that the ground at this spot was subject to heavy crushes and that although the timber had been doubled, they had some trouble with it. It was revealed that the deceased was not killed by the fall, but was suffocated before being released. A verdict of 'Accidental Death' was recorded.

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Idle Pits Owing to the shortage of wagons, both pits of Messrs, G. K. N. were idle on Saturday and Wednesday last owing to a shortage of wagons.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother S. Lewis presided. The programme was 'Humourous Evening.' The following members took part: Bro. L. Evans, solo; Bro. T. Lawrence, Bro. S. Lewis, Bro. C. Payne. Sister B. Ballard, sister M. Jones and Sister M. Ballard. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Meeting A largely attended meeting was held in the Library Hut on Tuesday evening in support of Mr. Morgan Jones, the Labour candidate. The chair was occupied by Mr. E. M. Davies, who gave a short opening address. Mr. Morgan Jones was given a hearty reception, and his speech listened to attentively. Several questions were asked and answered satisfactorily. A hearty vote of confidence was carried in support of Mr. Morgan Jones.

Election Quite a stir has been caused in the village by the elections. Meetings have already been held by the various candidates. Mr. Gwilym Rowlands, the Conservative candidate, addressed a well-attended meeting at the Church Hall on Thursday evening. The chair was occupied by the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, who gave an appropriate opening speech. Mr. Rowlands then gave a fine address which was well received. Several questions were asked, and satisfactorily answered. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker at the close of the meeting.

Obituary The funeral of the late Mr. Isaac Jones, 14, Brynteg, who was accidentally killed by a rock fall at Fochriw Colliery, took place on Wednesday last. Deceased, who was of a very quiet disposition, was well known and highly respected, and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The news of his death cast quite a gloom over the village. Prior to the removal of the body, a short service was held in the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. At the graveside, the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Noddfa, and the Rev. Richard Evans, Nazareth, again officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Robert Jones (brother); Master Islwyn Jones (son); Messrs. Edward Parry (brother-in-law); R.W. Parry, George Evans, S.O. Davies, D. Lewis, D. Peters, W. Peters, H. Roberts, E.M. Roberts, Rees Thomas, D. Thomas, M. Thomas, T.J. Thomas, D. Williams, E. Williams, T. Powell, T. Williams, T. Peters, Wm. Peters, F. Peters, W.J. Davies, E. John, J. Powell. To the bereaved wife and children heartfelt sympathy is extended in their sad hour of trial.

Death of Old Inhabitant Another well known figure in the life of the village was reverently laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last in the person of Mrs. Josiah Richards. Deceased, who had passed the allotted span of three score years and ten, had suffered much, but bore her sufferings patiently. She had been a faithful member of the old Church at Pentwyn, and afterwards at St. Mary's, where her son, Mr. Octavius Richards is the organist. The funeral was for gentlemen only. There was a large attendance. Rev. Gilbert Williams conducted a short service at the house, after which the solemn cortege wended its way to St. Mary's Church for a service in Welsh, at which Rev. Gilbert Williams and the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans, officiated. The chief mourners were: Mr. Octavius Richards (son); Mr. David Evans, Cardiff (brother); Messrs. W.J. Barry, Dowlais, Wm. Richards

(Bedlinog), J. Williams, W. Williams, R. Davies, D. Ricahrds and J. Richards.

G.W.R. First-Aid Class On Tuesday evening at Noddfa Vestry, a first-class concert and presentation was held in connection with this class. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. J. Bevan, the chair was taken by Mr. Lodwick Davies. The following sung in fine style: Mr. J. J. Lewis, Mrs. H. C. Davies and Miss Marjorie Lewis. The chairman then called upon Mr. Davy, Cardiff, to present Dr. T. Stenner Evans, Mr. T. Jones and Mr. A. Purnell with walking sticks, each suitably inscribed. Dr. Evans and Mr. Purnell responded suitably. Mrs. J. Bevan then made a short speech and presented the following with certificates: Messrs. E. Lewis, W. Jones, T. Jones, J. Jones, A. Lewis, D. J. Kings, P. Mantle, J. Thomas, P. Jenkins, S. Lewis and B. Thomas. Mr. Davy then presented Mr. Purnell with a gold medal for 15 years service. The usual votes of thanks and the singing of "Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau" concluded the proceedings, Mr. J.J. Lewis taking the solo. The accompanist was Mr. Aneurin Thomas. The energetic secretary is Mr. E. Lewis, stationmaster.

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I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Brother S. Lewis presided. The programme for the evening was 'Ode Practice.' Bro. T. Walters was responsible.

Election Enthusiastic meetings in support of the Labour candidate were held at the Library Hut on Monday and Wednesday evenings last, when Mrs. Andrews (Rhondda), and Mrs. Hettie Jones (Bargoed), and several others, addressed the meetings. At the Council School on Monday evening, a meeting in support of the Liberal candidate, Mr. S. R. Jenkins, was held, when the meeting was addressed by the candidate and others.

Nazareth A pleasant social evening was spent at Nazareth on Wednesday evening, to welcome the new pastor, Rev. Richard Evans and his family. There was a large number present. An excellent spread had been prepared by the good people of the chapel. After tea, a first class musical programme was given. The chairman was Mr. J. P. Isaac, headmaster, who gave an appropriate opening address, followed by Mr. John Jones, who spoke encouraging words to the new pastor. Mr. Wm. Morris then sang a tenor solo in fine style; recitation by Mr. Thos. Walters; solo, Mrs. J. Walters; solo, Miss Muriel Jones; recitation, Mrs. B. B. Davies. At his juncture, the Rev. Rd. Davies gave a fine address which was much appreciated. The accompanists were Mr. I. Walters, Mr. W. Davies, and Mrs. M. Lewis.

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Women's Meeting At St. Mary's Hall on Monday afternoon, Miss Lindsay of Ystrad Mynach, addressed a meeting of women, dealing with a number of present day subjects. Rev. S. Evans was in the chair. Miss Lindsay was heartily thanked at the close of her address.

Election Each of the three candidates has addressed enthusiastic meetings in the village during the week. All have been well attended. Quite a number of questions have been put to the candidates and satisfactorily answered. A pleasing feature of all the meetings is the peaceful way they are conducted, every speaker having a perfect hearing.

Whist Drive and Dance At the Church Hall on Thursday evening last, under the auspices of the staff of Penybank School, a first class whist drive and dance took place, and was well attended. The Hall had been gaily decorated, and looked a pleasing sight. The M.C. for whist was Coun. D. J. Thomas and the M.C. for dancing was Mr. T. H. Jones. The accompanist was Mr. H. Salmon, Rhymney, and Mr. F. Wilton, the violinist. The prize-winners were: Ladies, Mrs. W. Edgar; gents, Mr. W. Evans.

Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday last, when the special preacher was the Rev. T. Bryn Thomas, Ferndale. All the services were well attended, with very powerful sermons preached throughout. On Sunday morning a most effective service took place, when, before a large congregation, Rev. Thomas installed five new deacons - Messrs. Wm. J. Angell, Wm. Griffiths, George Sibley, James J. Lewis and Jenkin Pugh. In effecting the sacred charge, Rev. Thomas preached an appropriate sermon which was listened to with rapt attention. The singing was conducted by Mr. David Davies (Pencerdd Morganwg), and Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., presiding at the organ.

Nazareth C.M. An interesting lecture was held on Thursday evening last, when Dr. D. M. Phillips

of Tylorstown delivered a lecture entitled 'Twyll Ysprydegiaeth' to the large number present. Dr. Phillips dealt with his subject in a masterly way, and kept his audience in excellent spirit. Rev. D. J. Jones thanked Dr. Phillips, seconded by Rev. Ieuan Evans. Rev. Isaac Roderick, Merthyr, also spoke, and composed some appropriate verses for the occasion. Rev. Rd. Evans, Nazareth, presided. The singing of a hymn closed the proceedings.

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. The programme was 'Juveniles to Entertain.'

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Accident An alarming accident took place on Monday afternoon at Fochriw, when Glyn Williams, 11 years of age, son of Mr. & Mrs. Williams, Dynevor-street, was run over by a motor lorry and very badly injured. He was taken home in an unconscious condition, and received very careful attention and medical aid. He was later removed to Merthyr General Hospital, where he still lies in a very precarious condition. It is stated that he was riding behind a van when one of the back wheels ran over him. He was taken home in an unconscious condition, and is suffering from a fractured skull.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the "Star of Fochriw" was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last. Bro. Lewis took the chair. The programme for the evening was "Readings," the following taking part: Sister M. Ballard on "Angling," Bro. T. Lewis on "Courage," and to wind up the entertainment, Bro. L. Evans gave a solo, "Dyma Feibl Anwyl Iesu." The meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Bro. Payne, Bro. Walter, and Bro. Jones thanked those who had taken part.

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Barclay's Bank Attention is drawn to the fact that a new sub-branch will be opened on Tuesday next, January 1st, at No. 6, Station-terrace, Fochriw. The branch will be under the management of Mr. W. Scott, also manager of the Bargoed branch. The hours of business will be from 10a.m. to 1p.m..

I.O.G.T. Star of Fochriw Lodge The weekly meeting was held at Carmel Vestry on Thursday last, when Sister Lewis took the chair. Bro. T. Lewis gave a reading entitled 'Glad Tidings,' and Bro. Jones and Sister Lewis also spoke.

St. Mary's Church Christmas Day was observed at St. Mary's with the celebration of Holy Communion at 6a.m., 8a.m. and 11a.m., and carol service at 6p.m.. The church had been nicely decorated in keeping with the festive season. The celebrant and preacher throughout the day was the Vicar, Rev. S. Evans. Mr. B. Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist.

Carmel The annual singing festival took place on Christmas Day and was well attended. The conductor for the festival was Mr. Evan Thomas, Penywern, who performed his duties in first class style. At the morning service, the Rev. D. Jenkin Jones presided. Mr. James John Lewis presided in the afternoon and Mr. Daniel Rowlands at the evening meeting. The accompanists were Mr. T. Walters, Mr. Willie Angell and Mr. Aneurin Thomas.

Noddfa The annual united singing festival in connection with Nazareth and Noddfa Churches took place on Christmas Day at Noddfa Chapel. All the services were largely attended. The conductor for the festival was Mr. Willie Angell Davies. Mr. Thomas Evans, senior, presided over the morning service, Rev. Ieuan Evans over the afternoon and Rev. R. Evans over the evening. The accompanists were Miss Hilda Davies, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. Joshua Thomas.

Winter Sale commences on Friday next, January 4th, R. T. Jones & Co. Merthyr.