

“Merthyr Express” 6 January 1934

Our Fochriw Correspondent is Mr. W. J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace. Sales agent: Mr. D. Lewis.

Appointment Dr. W. Monnelly has been appointed to the honorary medical staff of Merthyr Hospital.

Obituary The death has taken place of Mrs. Sullivan, Stoney-houses, Penybank, after a long illness.

Omission The name of Mr. Cyril Cook (cousin) was omitted from the list of mourners at the funeral of Mr. T. J. Morgan, Pentwyn.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel Vestry and was presided over by the chief Templar. The programme consisted of solos, readings and recitations.

New Hall A social evening was held at the New Hall on Monday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Ladies' Glee Party. Mr. D. J. Davies was the M.C. for whist and the winners were - ladies: 1. Miss M. Ballard, 2. Mr. Vivian Powell; gents: 1. Mr. Sullivan, 2. Mr. G. Watkins. Music for dancing was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. Albert Mantle conducting. The M.C.s were Messrs. T. Puddle and D. J. Davies. The winners of the spot dance competition were Mrs. Lewis and Mr. Hartwell Wood. Refreshments were served by Mrs. H. C. Davies and members of the choir.

Obituary: Mr. John Jones, Pit-row On Saturday, the funeral of Mr. John Jones, Pit-row, took place. Deceased met with an accident 13 years ago and had been confined to his bed until his death. After a short service in the house, conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, the solemn cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Wm. Jones (son); Willie J., Eddie, David and Griff Jones (grandsons); Emlyn Rees, Morgan and Thomas Jones (brothers); John Thomas, Joseph Rees, Ll. James (brothers in-law); John, Edward and William Lewis, W. Griffiths, John Morgan, Morgan David, Joseph Morgan, David T. and Thomas Jones, Simon Clark, W. T. and Johnny Lewis.

Laid To Rest: Mr. George Smith, Guest-street, aged 46 The sudden death of Mr. George Smith, Guest-street, has taken place at the age of 46. He was held in high esteem. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Rd. Evans officiating. The bearers were members of the British Legion. At the graveside, the "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler Bob Rees. The chief mourners were: Masters Claude and Tom Smith; Messrs. W. Smith (brother); Walter Way, James and William Davis, Willie, Bertie, Albert and Noah Way, Willie Angell, James Davies, Berkley Davies, D. Morris, Harry Price, Tudor Evans, Elias and John Davies, Berkley and W. J. Angell, Berkley Davies, Willie and Berkley Angell, James Jones, James Davies, W. J. Angel, Oliver Davies, E. Hiscox, Robert Parry, W. E. Jones and D. J. Davies.

Noddfa Operetta On Thursday and Saturday, the Noddfa augmented Sunday School Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, gave performances of the operetta "The Enchanted Glen." The production was in the hands of Mrs. Tom Evans, with Miss Mona Ballard as the accompanist. The characters were taken by the following: Miss Iris Evans, Miss Mary Lewis, Miss Phyllis Davies, Miss Thelma Thomas, Miss Margaret Evans, Miss Gwnfil Harris, Mrs. M. Shea, Misses Nellie Dummett, Frances Adams, Winnie Evans, Lily Thomas, Edna Jones, Tidwen Morgan, Pearl White and Sally Jones. The scenic artist was Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, and Mr. J. Thomas was in charge of the scenes and effects

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Omission The names of Messrs. Charles White, Ernest White (cousins), Glyn Thomas and D. T. Thomas were omitted from the list of mourners at the funeral of Mr. George Smith.

Noddfa Guild A meeting of the Guild of took place on Wednesday. Mr. Joshua Evans presided. A paper on "Yesterday and Today" was read by Mr. J. J. Davies, head teacher of Bargoed Secondary School.

Carmel The annual services in connection with Carmel Congregational Church were held on Sunday and Monday. The special preachers were the Revs. Gwilym Rees and R. B. Jones. This singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters and the organists were Mr. Walters and Miss Mona Ballard.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. A social evening was held, when Sisters S. J. Jones and Bessie Ballard acted as M.C.s. Sisters Oliver (Caerphilly) and Margaret Barnard (Frome) and Brother T. Pope (Dowlais) were welcomed. After partaking of refreshments and fruit, games and music were indulged in. Choruses were sang conducted by Brother Walters. The singing of the "Auld Lang Syne" brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

Social Centre At the annual meeting of the Social Centre, presided over by Mr. Ted Puddle, the following officers were elected: chairman, Mr. D. Martin Thomas; vice-chairman, Mr. Fred Prosser; treasurer, Mr. Ernest Prosser; secretary, Mr. Ray Clark; committee, Messrs. Tom Shankland, Sid Way, Bob Carter, Tom Pugh, Noah Way, Peter Jones, Bryn Jones, Ted Puddle; auditors, Messrs. Jenkin Williams and D. H. Thomas. The financial statement showed a balance on the right side. There is now a membership of over 100 subscribers.

Laid To Rest: Mrs. May J. Sullivan, Penybank The funeral of Mrs. Mary J. Sullivan, Penybank, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. A short service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. J. Sullivan (husband); William, T. J., and Richard Sullivan (sons); R.J. Bishop, Edwin Bishop, S. M. Bishop (brothers); H. Addis (brother-in-law); S. Roberts, William Cochlin, J. Cochlin, S. Roberts (nephews). At the house the mourners were: Misses Johanna, Mary and Norah Sullivan (daughters); Mrs. Richards (mother); Mrs. William Price, Mrs. Addis (sisters); Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Lewis.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the weekly meeting of the branch on Monday. Arising from the report of the district committee, which was given by a Mr. J. Lloyd, the agenda for the forthcoming Wales' area conference was reviewed. Gratification was expressed when it became known as that Mr. F. C. Miller (Dowlais) and Mr. Crad Jenkins (Pontlottyn) were again being nominated for a seat on the Wales Area Council. A "surprise packet" given by Mr. J. Prowse was won by Mr. W. Sullivan, who handed it back for the future benefit of branch funds. All members were agreeably surprised at the success of the treat given to the children during the festive season. The officers of the branch and members of the women's section laboured very hard. At the conclusion of the event, the branch treasurer gave each child pocket money.

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Musical Success Miss Mair Evans, Ivy Cottage, has been successful in gaining her certificate in violin playing and theory of music at the College of Violinists, London. Mair is a product of the Fochriw School Orchestra.

Noddfa Young People's Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, Mr. Walter Parry presiding. A most interesting paper was read by Mr. Thomas entitled "Nurse Cavell."

British Legion A supper was held on Wednesday at the Old Library by the women's section. There was a good attendance of members, including Mrs. Lloyd Jones (President) and Mrs. W. J. Payne, one of the branch vice presidents.

Football The many friends of Mr. Willie Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, Glyn-terrace, were delighted with his display at back for Bristol City. He is playing excellent games for the City each week and all join in wishing him the best of luck.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Brother D. Jones presided. In the absence of Mr. T. H. Jones, Bro. D. Jones provided a programme. Solos and short readings were given by Sister Jones, and a biography of Abraham Lincoln was

read by Brother D. Jones. Sisters Beryl Ballard and Sister C. Jones proposed and seconded a vote of thanks.

Library The annual meeting of the Library and Institute was held on Tuesday at the New Hall, when Mr. J. Idris Williams presided, and reviewed the work of committee during 1933. The auditor's report was given by the Mr. Vernon Davies (senior auditor) and confirmed by Mr. D. Emlyn Evans (junior auditor). The financial position was on the right side. The officials and committee for 1934 are as follows: chairman, Mr. Raymond Clark; secretary, Mr. D. I. Evans; treasurer, C.W.S. Bank; librarian, Mr. H. Ballard; committee, Messrs. A. Jones, T. Pugh, T. Tewkesbury, W. M. Davies, Hartwell Wood, John Lewis, Edward Puddle, David Jones, Leslie Dayton, Thomas J. Evans, Iorwerth Evans, Sidney Lewis, E. J. Jones, Griff Thomas, Tom I. Evans.

Employment Wanted A public meeting was held at the New Haw to protest against the method adopted by the Gellygaer Urban District Council in selecting men to work on the Pentwyn road. Councillor Johns (Deri) was present, and Mr. Ted Puddle presided. Councillor Johns stated that the men who were working were selected from lists supplied by the Labour Exchange, and he maintained that the men with the longest period of unemployment had been started. He also stated that the Labour Exchange was prepared to come to a meeting to substantiate the correctness of the list. Mr. R. Clark, in reply, stated that the unemployed of Fochriw were prepared to prove that the list was not correct, in as much as large numbers of men with long periods of unemployment were not on the list. It was agreed that the Secretary (Mr. R. Clark) be instructed to write to the persons concerned, accepting the offer to come to Fochriw and meet the unemployed, and to make arrangements for the meeting. Mr. D. M. Thomas moved a vote of thanks to Councillor Johns and this has seconded by Mr. A. Way. The chairman then stated that the meeting had also been called to select a candidate for the next District Council election. Several speakers stated that it was time that Fochriw had a local candidate. It was moved and seconded that Mr. R. Clark should be the candidate. Mr. Clark thanked the meeting for the confidence they placed in him. He also stated he would be only too pleased to stand down in favour of any other person would be prepared to stand, and he would do all in his power to secure that person's return.

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I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Brother Bob Rees gave an account of his trip to Australia in 1914.

Noddfa Young People's Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, when Miss Phyllis Davies presided. A paper was read by Mrs. Tom Thomas.

Hospital The many friends of Mr. Doris Briffett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Briffett, Brook-row, will regret to hear she is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Meeting The first meeting of the new committee of the Fochriw Library and Institute was held on Monday, when Mr. Raymond Clark presided. Mr. E. Puddle was appointed vice-chairman for 1934. The chairman also reported that Councillor Johns, Deri, had presented a book to the library.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru On Friday, a meeting was held to discuss the prospects of forming a branch of the above at Fochriw. Mr. H. D. Jones, County School, Pengam, and Mr. David Jones, head teacher of the Ystrad Mynach School, addressed the meeting. A committee was formed, and it was decided to ask Mr. T. J. Jones, and his teaching staff, to make further arrangements. Mr. Sam Lewis, who presided, thanked the visitors for their splendid addresses.

Welfare The annual meeting of the Fochriw Welfare Association was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, and Mr. T. J. Jones presided. He reviewed the work done during 1933, and paid a high tribute to the officers and committee for their loyal support. The auditor's report was given by Mr. W. J. Williams. Mr. J. I. Williams, treasurer, give the financial report, which was very satisfactory. Mr. W. A. Davies, secretary, read the correspondence, after which the election of officers and committee for 1934 took place. The chairman paid a compliment to the retiring treasurer, Mr. J. I. Williams, who had left the district. The following officers were appointed: chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-

chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; secretary, Mr. W. A. Davies; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Williams; Committee, Councillor A. T. Minhinnick, Messrs. Arthur Jones, Archie Bates, W. S. Rowlands, D. Lawrence, W. J. Williams, D. R. Jones, John Lewis, Edward Lewis, Albert Mantle, C. Edwards, E. J. Williams, Howell Thomas, Daniel James, J. Gregory, I. Evans, Evan W. Jones, James Davies, J. J. Lewis, D. J. Griffiths, P.C. J. Samson, D. I. Evans, Aneurin Jones, S. Lewis, T. J. Jones; collector, Mr. D. I. Evans.

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Football Fochriw Schoolboys visited the Pentwyn Boys on Saturday, and won by seven goals to two.

Eisteddfod Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, won a silver medal in the juvenile champion solo competition at the Brithdir Eisteddfod.

Netball Keen interest was taken in the schoolgirl's netball match on Saturday on the Welfare Ground, when the Fochriw defeated Aberbargoed 9 - 3.

Personal The many friends of Mr. James Williams, now of Wednesfield, and formerly an official under Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd, Fochriw Colliery, will regret to learn that he is seriously indisposed.

Noddfa Young People's Guild The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, when Mr. D. G. Parry presided. A paper on "Florence Nightingale" was read by Miss Iris Evans. She was heartily thanked.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the weekly meeting of the Fochriw branch on Monday. It was announced that another sum had been received from the Relief Fund, and that the Benevolent Committee would be duly convened to deal with applications for assistance therefrom.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The evening's programme consisted of impromptu speeches. Sister Bessie Ballard was awarded the prize. Brothers Walters and D. Jones thanked Brother Sam Lewis for organising the evening.

Obituary: Mrs. Catherine May Thomas, Aelybryn, aged 55 Mrs. Catherine May Thomas, aged 55, wife of Mr. Gwilym Thomas, was buried on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She came to Fochriw 21 years ago. She is survived by her husband and one son, to whom much sympathy is extended. A short service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, and the Rev. R. W. Bell. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Gwilym Thomas (husband); Nehemiah D. Thomas (son); J. G. Davies (nephews); W Williams, Jess Williams, John Bevan (cousins); Benjamin Thomas, John Jones (brothers-in-law); Lewis Morris, T. Walters, Ronald Walters, Mordecai Evans, Loyal Evans, Richard Davis (cousins).

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Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. Daniel Evans, Penybank, after long and painful illness.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Bro. G. Thomas presided. Bro. Sam Lewis was responsible for the programme, reading a very interesting paper.

Social Centre A meeting was held at the Social Centre on Wednesday evening, Mr. Raymond Clark presiding. County Councillor W. Kedward, Bargoed, gave a report of the work done by County and District Councils during the last 12 months. The chairman then gave a report of the deputation to the Councillors concerning the Pentwyn road. It was decided to ask the Gellygaer Urban District Council to receive a deputation from Fochriw unemployed concerning this matter.

Carmel Vestry On Sunday evening, the children of the primary department of Carmel Chapel gave a splendid rendering of the sacred cantata "Messiah y Plant." The following recited: Betty Jones, Margaret Rowlands, Frances Strang, Betty Evans, Jennie Davies, Eliza Evans, Howell Lewis, Ivor Davies, Evan M. Lewis, Willie Walters. The singing was ably conducted by Miss Maria Jones, and a chant was rendered by Mr. T. Walters and friends. Mrs. B. Rees and Miss Mona Ballard were the accompanists. An interesting

feature was the presentation of a hymn book to Ivor Davies, aged 11, who has completed to years full attendance at Sunday school.

"East Lynne:" Revival of Old Favourite at Fochriw St. Mary's Dramatic Society staged a notable success with their production of the world famous stage-play "East Lynne." In selecting this play, Mr. W. J. Payne, the producer, has chosen one of the most difficult plays to stage in the restricted accommodation at his disposal, and the success of the performance reflects great credit on the company. From the first act to the final curtain, the acting was of a standard rarely attained by amateurs, and so well were some of the most poignant scenes played, that the whole audience was deeply moved. By capturing the right atmosphere at the outset, the company prepared the way for a polished interpretation of the play, which earned the unstinted praise of the large audience present. Those taking part were: Mr. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Lena Morgan, Miss Betty Edwards, Miss Ursula Harris, Miss Rose Williams, Miss Wynda Edwards, Miss Jessie Williams, Mr. George Williams, Mr. Crad Ballard, Miss Jessie Llewellyn, Mr. Gordon Lawrence, Mr. Windsor Rees, Mr. Crad Williams, Mr. D. J. Williams, Mr. George Baldwin. The stage manager was Mr. Chas. White, the pianist Mr. O. Richards, the organist Mr. W. White, and Mr. W. J. Davies assisted with stage effects.

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Urdd Gobaith Cymru On Friday, a singing practice in preparation for the Cymanfa Ganu at Bedlinog was held. Mr. T. J. Jones, head teacher, was the conductor, and Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., was the accompanist.

Noddfa Guild Mr. Joshua Evans presided over the weekly meeting of the Guild on Wednesday. Rev. H. Morgan, Hengoed, gave an address. The devotional part was taken by Messrs. D. G. Parry and T. J. Jones.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel on Tuesday. The chief Templar presided. The programme consisted of solos and readings.

Supper The annual supper of the Fochriw branch of the Mothers' Union took place on Tuesday at the Church Hall. Mrs. White, the enrolling member, assisted by a number of members, attended at the tables. Short addresses were given by the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. White, and the churchwarden, Mrs. W. J. Payne. Games and singing concluded the evening. Mr. William White was the accompanist, and the M.C.s for games were Mrs. S. A. Jones and Mr. W. J. Payne.

Obituary: Mr. Daniel Evans, Penybank, aged 74 The funeral of Mr. Daniel Evans took place on Wednesday. He was 74 years of age. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Joseph, Thomas, Albert J. and Daniel Evans (sons); G. Greening, A. Martin, E. Lewis, E. Thomas, T. Uzzell (sons-in-law); Emlyn and Fred Uzzell, A. Martin (grandsons). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Daniel Evans (widow); Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Greening, Mrs. Thomas Lewis (daughters); Glenys and IvWilliams (granddaughters); Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Smith (nieces); Mrs. A. J. Evans, Mrs. Jos. Evans, Mrs. D. L. Evans (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Darter (friend).

Operetta Two performances of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" (G. F. Root) were given at the New Hall on Wednesday and Thursday by the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, conducted by Mr. J. Davies. Choir and soloists responded excellently to his baton. The singing and dancing were good. The scenery, dresses and decorations were excellent, and the dancing of the Fairies was well done. The characters were ably portrayed by: Miss Mary Lewis, Madame H. C. Davies, Mr. Edmund Davies, Mr. James Jones, Miss Muriel Davies, Miss Winnie Evans, Miss Edna Jones, Master Tom Smith, Master Ewart Davies. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas were the accompanists, and the stage managers were Mr. R. Evans and Mr. Tom Thomas. Mrs. Jones (Post Office) presided on Wednesday, and Mr. T. J. Jones (chairman of the Choir) on Thursday. The performances reached a high standard, were well worthy of the praise of the audience.

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Concert Mr. T. J. Jones presided over a concert at New Hall on Thursday given by the the "Jolly Boys Concert Party," of Bargoed, in aid of the local branch of the British Legion.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The programme was a devotional one, arranged by Brother Thomas Walters. Prayer was offered by Brother D. James and Brother Walters gave readings. Brother Sam Lewis and Sister Rees proposed and seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Brothers James and Walters.

Band The annual meeting of the Fochriw Silver Band was held at the bandroom on Friday, when Police Constable Sansom presided. The auditor's report was given by Mr. Tom Mantle, and showed a balance on the right side. Thanks were accorded the general public who had contributed towards the purchase of instruments, and also to the officers and committee. The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mr. A. T. Minhinnick; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. J. Jones, R. Slimmons, Inspector Davies (Pontlottyn), Mr. W. J. Williams; chairman, P.C. Sansom; vice-chairman, Mr. David Griffiths; treasurers, Messrs. W. J. Payne and W. Price; secretary, Mr. Bob Rees. Mr. Albert Mantle was appointed Bandmaster, with Mr. Bob Rees as his deputy. Committee: Messrs. John Phillips, David Rees Jones, D. M. Thomas, James Tewksbury, Job Saunders, W. S. Llewellyn, Willie A. Thomas, James J. Lewis, R. Evans, E. Lewis; trustees, Messrs. Seaborne Williams, T. Jones, P. Mantle; auditors, Messrs. G. Mantle and T. H. Jones.

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Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Fochriw Silver Band on Tuesday. A promising season is anticipated.

Obituary: Mr. Albert Williams A funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday of Mr. Albert Williams, a former inhabitant of the village. He was a well-known member and outstanding player in the Fochriw and Deri Silver Bands.

Football At Fochriw Ground on Saturday, the local schoolboys played Bedlinog, Fochriw won 6 - 1.

St. Mary's The preacher at the Lenten weekly service on Wednesday was the vicar. A very fine font has been erected in the parish Church. It is the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Llandaff. Before it was given, it was in of the Lady Chapel at Llandaff Cathedral.

Hospital The following poplar Fochriw people are at present in the Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. J. Llewellyn, Pentwyn; Messrs. Syd. Davies, Plantation-terrace; Hob. Ballard, Railway-terrace; Steve Jones, Council Houses.

Ambulance The G.W.R. Divisional Ambulance Competition (Senior Section) of the Cardiff Valleys, was held at Cardiff on Tuesday, when the Fochriw Station Team were awarded fourth place. Each man was presented with a case of fish knives and forks. The team members were: Rufus G. Wood (captain), L. F. Bell, T. J. Jones, R. J. Jones, B. J. Thomas.

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw lodge met at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, when the juveniles gave a musical programme. A duet was given by Rene Angell and Winnie Evans, and a reading entitled "The Grace Darling of Australia," was given by Willie Walters. Solos were given by Gwyn Davies, Betty Edwards, Jenny Davies, Hywel Lewis, Gladys Harris, Muriel and Ewart Davies, and Betty Simpson. Recitations were given by Maude Jones, Betty Simpson, Liza Evans, and Mair Cumpstone. Sister Lewis proposed and Brother Davies seconded a vote of thanks to the juveniles.

Obituary: Mr. John Griffiths, Aelybryn, aged 73 The death has occurred of Mr. John Griffiths, Aelybryn, at the age of 73 years. He had lived for the greater part of his life at Fochriw, and was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral on Saturday was well-attended, and after a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The mourners were: Messrs. David Ieuan Griffiths (son); James Griffiths, Jenkin Pugh (brothers); T. F. Collins, W. E. Fox (sons-in-law); Thomas Evans, J. Davies, S. Jones (brothers-in-law); David Griffiths, E. J. Evans, Jack Davies, E. Davies, Thos. Dean, W. G. Davies, Syd

Wright, W. J. Wright, Albert Wright, Ray White, D. Pugh Williams (nephews and cousins).

Laid To Rest: Mrs. Jessie Davies, Plantation-terrace, aged 62 Mrs. Jessie Jane Davies, wife of Mr. Elias Davies, died on Friday, aged 62. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, and will be sadly missed by a large circle of friends. The funeral took place on Tuesday. A service was conducted at the house by the Reverend Richard Evans. At the graveside, reference was made to deceased's Christian qualities and devotion. The mourners were: Messrs. Elias Davies (husband); John Davies, Willie A. Davies, Burkley Davies (sons); James Jones, David J. Davies (sons-in-law); Ewart Davies, Burkley Davies (grandsons); Burkley Angell, Alfred Angell, Willie J. Angel, (brothers); William Thomas, John Davies, James Davies (brothers-in-law); Burkley Angell, Willie Angell, W. J. Angel, Will Angell, Howell Thomas, Willie Thomas, Glyn Thomas, Willie A. Davies, James A. Davies, Burkley Davies, James Davies, J. Elias Davies, James Cole, John Griffiths, E. Hiscox, J. J. Lewis, Robert Parry, Oliver Davies, Sam Price, David J. Davies, Haydn Davies, David Morris, Harry Price, Harry Simpson, David Davies, Daniel Davies, Roger Vaughan, Haydn Jones, David Jones.

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Netball An interesting game was played on Saturday last at the Welfare Ground between the Fochriw Schoolgirls and Bedlinog Schoolgirls, which ended in a victory for Fochriw by 18 goals to one.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. A vote of condolence was passed with Bro. Berkley Davies in his recent bereavement. The programme was a Welsh one in celebration of St. David's Day, and consisted of short histories of Welsh interest, readings, songs, and canu penillion.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru On Friday night, the Fochriw section held a competitive meeting for children over and under 9. The winners were: rhigymau, David Evans and Betty Bailey; recitations, Betty Evans, Margaret Evans, Willie Walters, Betty Jones; singing, Willie Jones, Jenny Davies, Betty Simpson; duet, David J. Lewis and Tom Smith; reading, Hannah Mantle and J. Lester. The adjudicators were Messrs. J. J. Lewis and T. J. Jones, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters. "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" was sung by Mr. J. J. Lewis.

The Late Mr. Simon E. Cole, 24, Aelybryn, aged 65 Mr. Simon Cole died last week after a very painful illness. Deceased was 65 years of age, and had lived the greater part of his life in Fochriw. Before the closing of the collieries, he was an official in the employ of Messrs. G.K.N. where he was held in high esteem. The funeral, on Monday, was well attended, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating minister was the Rev. D. Jones, Deri. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George Cole (son); William Cole (brother); T Millward and W. R. Evans (sons-in-law); Master L. Cole Millward (grandson); Messrs. T. Lloyd Evans, T. Jones, W. G. Davies, David Davies (brothers-in-law); James Jones, David Cole Jones, John Cole, James Cole John R. W. Jones, Gwynfor Davies, Tom Davies, James Turner, Lodwick Davies (nephews); J. Lewis, J. Williams, J. E. Williams (cousins).

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Netball Fochriw Schoolgirls met Gilfach School on of the Welfare Ground on Saturday and lost 13-3.

Obituary We regret to record the death of Mrs. Muriel Lewis, wife of Mr. Syd Lewis, Guest-street, after a long illness.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Bro. Gomer Evans was responsible for the programme - a spelling test. Sisters Lewis and Ballard were the winners.

Merthyr General Hospital S.O.S. Thanks to a willing band of lady workers with Mrs. W. J. Payne as secretary and Mrs. Howell Thomas as treasurer, the sum of £6 8s 9d was realised for the hospital.

Nazareth A successful social was held on Tuesday, when the tray holders were Mrs. E. P. Lewis, Mrs. G. Evans, Miss D. Davies, Miss Z. Davies, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. W.

Morris, Miss E. Lawrence, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. S. Lee, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. T. Pugh, Miss M. Pugh.

Football Smoker A smoking concert was held at the Mount Pleasant Inn on Saturday under the auspices of the Pentwyn Football Club. Mr. C. R. Mills presided. Among those who took part were: Messrs. George Williams, G. Tyler, D. Tyler, C. Tyler (Pentwyn); Eddie Thomas (Penybank); M. Slimmons, Master R. Price, Messrs. D. D. Jones (Fochriw), J. R. Davies, D. O. Thomas, W. Jones (Bedlinog). Mr. Gilbert Harris was the pianist.

Concert Under the auspices of the local branch of the R.A.O.B., the New Hall was crowded on Thursday when a concert, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, was given by the Merthyr District Buff Concert Party. Councillor A. T. Minhinnick presided.

Band A public meeting in connection with the Fochriw Silver Band was held at the Old Library, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The chairman said the past year had been one of progress, and he wished to thank the bandsmen for their loyalty, the general public who had subscribed for the clearing of the debt on the instruments, and the officers and committee for their good work. The secretary's statement showed that £99 8s. has been paid for instruments; public subscriptions amounted to £43 15s 9½d ; band members collections, £23 15s 4d ; engagement money, £41 0s 10d. The auditors were Mr. Tom Mantle and Mr. Tom Baldwin. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. T. Jones and family in their bereavement.

Important Sale of the Properties at of Fochriw For Sale by Public Auction, at the Empire Rooms, Masonic Street, Merthyr Tydfil, Wednesday 28th March, 1934, at 7:30p.m. Lot 12: Leasehold Dwelling house, No. 7, Plantation-terrace, let at an inclusive rental of £1 13s 0d per lunar month. Lease: 99 years from 25th March, 1911; ground rent £1 9s 8d. Lot 13: Leasehold Dwelling house, No. 7, Glenview-terrace, Pentwyn, let at an inclusive rental of £1 18s 0d per lunar month. Lease: 99 years from June 24th, 1910; ground rent £1 6s 10d.

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Netball At the Welfare Ground on Saturday Fochriw schoolgirls defeated Deri by 13 - 5.

St. Mary's The special preacher at the Lenten service last week was the Rev. C. A. Davies, Trelewis.

Ambulance Mr. J. Morgan has been promoted by the Dowlaid Corps to be Corps Treasurer, and Div. Sergeant Howell Thomas to be Divisional Superintendent.

The Late Mr. J. Davies, Cwm Farm The funeral of Mr. James Davies, Cwm Farm, took place on Thursday. Deceased was well-known in the locality, where he was held in high esteem. The place of internment was Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated.

Election Candidates A contest is anticipated in the Fochriw and Deri Ward on March 26. The retiring member, Mr. A. T. Minhinnick, M.E., who has served the ward for the last six years, will be opposed by Mr. Raymond Clark.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, the chief Templar presiding. The programme for the evening was "Easter Thoughts." Sister Beryl Ballard was the soloist. "Easter Thoughts and Legends" were read by Sisters Lewis, Jones, Ballard and Sam Lewis.

British Legion Mr. L. Phillips presided at a meeting of the branch on Monday. A report was given by Mr. E. Puddle. It was announced that clothing had been received from the Headquarters of the Women's Section, and a further sum had been authorised under the Relief Fund. A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs. Lewis, Guest-street. It was decided to ask Mr. Morgan Jones, MP, to urge that the "cuts" be restored to the unemployed from the anticipated surplus in the National Budget.

S.O.S Collections Thanks are accorded the following for their services in the S.O.S. collections for the Hospital: Miss Iris Evans; Mrs. Dainton and Miss Ursula Harris; Mrs. Jessie Llewellyn; Miss Wynda Edwards; Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Jones; Miss I. and Miss L. Thomas; Miss Phoebe Jones and Miss K. Williams; Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Morgan; Miss Eironwen Richards. A total of £6 8s 9d was collected.

The Late Mrs. M. J. Lewis, Guest-street, aged 26 The funeral of Mrs. Muriel Jones Lewis took place on Thursday last. Deceased was 26 years of age. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, where she will be sadly missed. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, and the officiating minister was of the Rev. Richard Evans. At the grave-side, the Ladies' Party, conducted by Mrs. H. C. Davies, sang very feelingly. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Syd Lewis (husband); Evan J. Jones, W. Adams Jones, Griff Jones (brothers); John Adams Jones (nephew); D. Lewis (father-in-law); T. and R. Pugh, D. Thomas, G. Watkins, D. Davies (uncles); Griff Pugh, Evan Watkins, Dan Jones, (cousins); John, Leslie and Idris Lewis (brothers-in-law); H. Bowen, T. Howell Jones, D. Edwards.

Drama A successful performance of the drama of "Ishmael" was given by the Fochriw Dramatic Party at the New Hall on 15th March. Proceeds were in aid of the local Ambulance Fund. Mr. T. Jones presided. The characters were well portrayed by the following: Miss S. Jones, Miss Elsa Matthews, Mr. Eynon Thomas, Mrs. D. James, Mr. A. Morris, Mr. W. Angell, Mr. T. J. Jones. The drama was produced by Mr. T. J. Jones and the stage managers were Messrs. W. Parry and D. James. Mr. W. Angell was responsible for the lighting effects.

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Omission The name of a Private Walter Parry, who has been promoted as Divisional Inspector of Stores by the Fochriw Ambulance Division, was inadvertently admitted in last week's report.

Palm Sunday Crowds of people visited the old church on the hill, St. Andrew's, on Sunday, to visit the resting place of loved ones. The graves had been well cared for and covered with an abundance of flowers.

Election The election for a seat on the Fochriw Ward of the Gellygaer Urban District Council took place on Monday, and resulted in the returning member, Mr. A. T. Minhinnick, being re-elected by 830 votes to 600 for his opponent Mr. Raymond Clark.

Ambulance The first of the series of ambulance competitions in connection with the Dowlais Corps League, was held at the Old Library on Saturday. Six teams entered the competition. The winners were Penydarren B with 128 points.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. The programme for the evening was a discussion entitled "Which is the more essential, salt or sugar?" The leaders in the discussion were Sister S. Lewis and Sister Ballard.

St. Mary's The patronal festival services were held on Sunday, and were well attended. The special preacher was the Rev. D. Robinson Hughes, vicar of Cyfarthfa, who addressed the Mother's Union in the afternoon, and preached at the evening service. The lessons were read by Mrs. W. J. Payne. Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the singing, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ.

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Obituary We regret to record the sudden death of Colin Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn. Sympathy is extended to the family.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The programme took the form of a competition for the juveniles. The prize-winners were Eliza Evans and Ewart Davies.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the bandroom on Tuesday, presided over by P.C. Samson. The secretary, Mr. Bob Rees, stated that the band had been engaged for the Merthyr General Hospital fete on Whit Tuesday. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. John Phillips in the loss of his brother.

Wedding: Williams-Williams At Noddfa Chapel, on Monday, the marriage took place a Miss Phyllis Mary Williams, only daughter of the late Sergt. and Mrs. Williams, and Mr. John Nicholas Williams, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Prince Uchaf Farm, Princetown, near Tredegar. The bride was attired in a powder blue georgette and lace dress, with picture hat and shoes to match. She was given away by Mr. Seaborne Williams. The bridesmaids were Miss Beatrice Williams (sister of the bridegroom), Miss A. M. John (friend), Pontlotty, who were attired in pink satin dresses, with hats to

match, and Miss Magdalen Pugh, who wore a floral georgette dress, with hat to match. The Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, officiated. The reception was held at the bride's home. The happy couple have been the recipients of many presents. The honeymoon is being spent at Bournemouth. The bride travelled in a brown and mustard swagger two-piece costume, with hat and shoes to match.

Wedding: Adams-Walters St. Mary's Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Saturday last, the contracting parties being Miss Ivy Maud Adams, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Guest-street, and Mr. John R. Walters, son of the late Mr. Albert Walters and Mrs. Walters, Pleasant View, Fochriw. The Vicar officiated. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards. The bride was charmingly attired in a satin dress, with bridal veil and train, and carried a bouquet of red carnations and maidenhair fern. She was given away by her father. She was attended by Misses Frances Adams, Joan Adams, Gertie Adams, Thelma Thomas, and Avriel Jones (cousins of the bride). Two bridesmaids were dressed in pale pink georgette, and the others wore pale blue georgette, with silver headgear, and carried bouquets of tulips. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Everitt (sister and brother-in-law of the bride); Mrs. Everitt, Essex; Nurse Blanche Gross and Nurse A. Grinnett, Ilford; Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Merthyr (aunt and uncle); Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Powell (cousins), Merthyr. The reception was held at 42, Aelybryn, Fochriw, the future home of the bride and bridegroom. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents. Later in the day they left for Swansea, the bride travelling in a brown and green dress of swagger style.

“Merthyr Express” 14 April 1934

Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Violet Palmer, Council Houses, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Obituary We have to record the death of Mr. Jenkin Pugh, Aelybryn, who passed away after a few days illness on Tuesday. Formerly, he was a winding engineman at the Fochriw collieries. Another well-known resident in the village passed away on Wednesday morning in the person of Mrs. Isaac Jones, Brynteg.

Welsh Drama Carmel dramatic Society scored a striking success on Wednesday and Thursday week, when they performed "Y Pwylogorddyn." It was evident that the utmost care had been taken to produce the drama, reflecting great credit on the producer, Miss Bessie Ballard. The cast was as follows: Mr. Willie Angell, Miss B. Ballard, Master David Cole, Mr. Gwilym Davies, Mr. Thomas Walters, Mr. G. Evans, Mr. David Lewis, Miss M. Lewis Thomas, Miss Jessie Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Dan James. The chairmen were: Wednesday, Mr. Thomas Ballard; Thursday, Mr. Sam Lewis.

The Late Master Colin Jones, Glen view, Pentwyn The funeral of Master Colin Jones, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jones took place on Thursday week. A service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney. He also officiated at the graveside in Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Stanley Jones (father); William Price (grandfather); Glenville Price, Roy Griffiths, Wyndham Hook, Roy Davies (cousins); Charles Jones, Bryn Price, Leslie Jones, George Collins, Horace Eddy, Rufus Jones, Morris Davies, William Hook, Harry Jones, Trevor Davies, Harry Hamer, Samuel Case, Rees Jones (uncles). The bearers were Messrs. John Lloyd Jones, D. B. Jones, Roy Cook and Patsy Keane. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. Stanley Jones (mother); Mrs. William Price, Mrs. N. Jones (grandmothers); Mrs. D. Morris, Mrs. H. Eddy, Mrs. E. Price, Mrs. C. Jones, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. England, Mrs. Hogg, Mrs. Pierce (aunts).

St. Mary's Church Easter Vestry The annual Easter vestry was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday evening, the Rev. J. L. White, vicar, presiding, supported by the Rev. L. J. Jones, curate, Mr. W. J. Payne, church-warden, and Mr. Tom Jones, parochial secretary. The vicar said that during the past year times had been very depressing owing to unemployment, but they have much to be thankful for. The accounts showed a balance on the right side. He wished to thank all who had so loyally worked during the year. They had rebuilt the organ, and in a new font had been erected. There was much more to be done. The accounts, as audited by Miss Rosie Davies, were accepted. Miss Davies

was re-elected auditor. The following were elected members of the Parochial Council: Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Llewellyn (Pentwyn Farm), Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. W. D. Davies, Charles White, Tom Jones, Jack Lawrence, Frank Way, O. Richards, T. Baldwin, C. Ballard and A. Palmer. Mr. W. J. Payne was re-elected People's Warden, and Councillor John Edwards, Deri, vicar's warden. The following sidesmen were appointed: Messrs. Tom Jones, C. White, Ernest Jones, A. Palmer, J. Lawrence, William Morris, W. D. Davies, L. Deighton, F. Way, C. Ballard, T. Baldwin and the D. Way.

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For The Blind Thanks to Mrs. S. J. Jones, Awelfan, and a willing band of women workers, the S.O.S. in aid of the blind realised £3 3s 51/2d.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge held at Carmel Vestry on Tuesday. The chief Templar presided. Solos and readings were given by Sister Beryl Ballard, Brother D. James and Sister M. A. Lewis.

Hospital Mr. John White, the Vicarage, is at a nursing home in Cardiff, and Mr. Crad Ballard is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Band of Hope Operetta On Thursday at the Church Hall, "Aladdin" was performed by St. Peter's Church, Deri, Band of Hope. Mr. W. J. Payne presided.

Funeral of Late Mrs. M. A. Jones, Brynteg The funeral of Mrs. M. A. Jones, widow of the late Mr. Isaac Jones, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev Ieuan Evans officiated. The mourners included: Messrs. D. and W. Peters (brothers); Mrs. M. H. Powell, Rachel Jones (sisters); Mr. and Mrs. R. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lewis (nephews and nieces). Mr. Islwyn Jones, son, was unable to be present as he is on active service in Egypt.

The Late Mr. Jenkin Pugh, "Gwynfe," Aelybryn, aged 67 The funeral of the late Mr. Jenkin Pugh took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. He had resided in the village for the greater part of his life. He was a deacon and treasurer of Carmel Congregational Church, where he will be sadly missed. The officiating ministers were: Rev W. E. Jones, Dowlais; Rev D. Jones, Deri; Rev. J. R. Salmon and Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn, who paid testimony to deceased's beautiful character. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Evans, John Rees, James Griffiths (brothers-in-law); D. Pugh Williams, T. J. Matthews, Sydney Phillips, Rees Jones, S. Jenkins, S. Evans, W. Williams, D. Roberts (cousins); D. and W. Rees, W. Robinson, D. Parry, R. Parry, J. Williams, L. Evans, E. Jones, E. Matthews, I. Griffiths, W. Fox, W. J. Wright.

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Hospital Mr. George Way, Aelybryn is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, and Miss Thelma Thomas, Brynteg, and Miss Mary Lewis, Station Stores, are patients at Gellygaer Hospital.

Welfare Association Mr. T. J. Jones presided over a meeting at the Old Library, when it was decided to employ men once again in order to carry out the scheme.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel vestry Tuesday. The chief Templar presided. The following took part: Brothers James and Walters; Sister Beryl Ballard; Sisters Bessie Barnard and Lewis. Sister Ballard's song "Bouquet of Spring Flowers," won the prize. Brother B. Davies and Sister Jones proposed and seconded thanks to all who took part.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru A gymanfa ganu was held at Carmel on Thursday by the Fochriw section. Scriptures were recited by Betty Jones, Betty Simpson, Mair Morgan and Elizabeth Evans, and Betty Evans recited a short prayer. The singing was conducted by Mr. T. J. Jones, and Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist. Solos were rendered by David J. Lewis, William J. Jones (Fochriw); John Jones, Myfi Roberts (Bedlinog); Betty Jones, Elizabeth Evans, Thelma Way (Fochriw); duet, Masters Tom Smith and David J. Lewis (Fochriw). The meeting was presided over by the Rev H. D. Jones (Hengoed). Mr. H. D. Jones, Pengam, and Mr. David Jones, Ystrad Mynach, thanked all who had assisted.

Wedding: Davies-Davies A pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church on Wednesday, the contracting parties being Miss Gwenllian E. J. Davies, daughter of Mrs.

Davies, White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, and Mr. Ivor D. P. T. Davies, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Davies, Lewis Street, Bedlinog. The service was fully choral, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden" was sung as they entered the Church. The Vicar conducted the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. T. D. Davies (Bath), was attired in pale lemon floral georgette, picture hat, and carried a bouquet of pink and red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Lewis (niece of the bride) and Miss Zenith Jones (niece of the bridegroom), who wore pink pale crepe-de-chine dresses with hats to tone, and carried bouquets of mauve tulips. Misses Mary Davies and Jenny Davies (sisters of the bridegroom), wore dresses of brick colour ray-de-chine, trimmed with fawn, with fawn hats, and carried bouquets of pink tulips. The reception was held at the White Horse Inn. The honeymoon is being spent at Llandrindod Wells.

"Merthyr Express" 5 May 1934

Smoking Concert A "smoker" was held at the Mount Pleasant In on Saturday last, under the auspices of the members of the Football Club. The chairman was Mr. Albert Mantle, and the following artistes contributed to the programme: elocutionist, Mr. D. Jones, Bedlinog; solos, Messrs. Wilfred Jones, Ken Osborne, Eddie Thomas, David Tyler; whistling solos, Mr. Iorwerth Williams.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the branch meeting on Monday. A letter from the women's section was read concerning the summer outing for the children, and it was agreed to co-operate in the work. An invitation was extended to the Employment Officer and Pensions Officer, Wales Area, to visit the branch. The chairman made reference to the sad passing of Comrade J. M. Thomas, Penybank. Mr. E. Puddle will act as delegate to the District Committee meeting at Treharris on the 2nd May. Mrs. S. Jones presided over the half-yearly meeting of the Benevolent Committee. The disposal of an award from the Relief Fund was proceeded with, and relief afforded to 33 cases. The Secretary (Mr. J. Lloyd Jones) stated that since 1st October, 1933, a large number of men, women and children suffering ill-health had been assisted by the United Services Fund, resulting in expenditure of £60. From the area special relief fund and regimental associations £16 had come in. Grants from the poppy fund totalled £40. In a number of cases, useful hospital and other clothing had been supplied, while several children attending the secondary schools were provided with clothes and mid-day meals. Mrs. S. Jones congratulated the secretary on his work, and this was supported by Messrs. R. C. Wood and W. Sullivan. The committee were pleased to know that Mr. G. F. Cooksey, Deri, was making wonderful progress at Papworth Village Settlement, Cambridge.

Laid To Rest: Mr. George Way, Aelybryn, aged 73 Another well-known and highly respected inhabitant, in the person of Mr. George Way, was laid to rest on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. He was a member of St. Mary's Church, and a sidesman for many years. After a short service at the house, the solemn cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Church, where the service was conducted by the Vicar. The coffin was later carried out by the sidesman, and the organist played the "Dead March." The Vicar again officiated at the graveside. The mourners were: Messrs. Sydney Way (son); Frank, Walter and Fred Way (brothers); Douglas Price (grandson); David, Frank, James, Willie, Albert, Bert and Noah Way, Stewart Jones, W. Way, Gomer Evans, David Evans, Tudor Evans, Edmund Davies, W. H. Davies, Stephen Ballard, Fred C. Way, Willie Way, Arthur Way, Rufus Wood, Vincent Wood, Hartwell Wood, B. Yeo, W. Hill, Llewellyn Small, William Davies, H. Small, F. Small, B. Hill (brothers-in-law). The mourners at the house were: Mesdames G. Way (widow); E. Price (daughter); Ellen Wood (sister); David Evans, Rufus Wood, Vincent Wood, Miss Elsie Wood, Mrs. E. J. Hill, Mrs. Lena Davies, Mrs. W. H. Davies, Mrs. Nellie Yeo, Mrs. Gertie Smith, Mrs. E. A. Evans and Mrs. Browning.

Hospital The following our patients at Gellygaer Hospital: Ronnie Lewis, Evelyn Angell, Milly Williams. We wish them a speedy recovery

Colliery Accident All friends of Mr. William Pope, Pentwyn, join in wishing him a speedy recovery after an accident sustained at Ogilvie Colliery.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme for the evening was so "A Mock Trial." Brother G. Thomas was responsible.

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Nazareth The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. Trevor Lawrence.

Hospital Mrs. Slimmons, Fochriw Farm, is a patient at Merthyr Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Juvenile Choir The Fochriw Juvenile Choir, under the conductorship of Mr. David John Davies, won first prize in the Children's Choir competition at Treharris on Saturday.

College of Music Mr. D. Joshua Thomas, 20, Brook-row, obtained first class in the senior section, piano forte playing.

I.O.G.T. A meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday. The programme was a Welsh spelling test, Brother Berkley Davies being responsible. Sisters Jones and Ballard thanked Bro. Davies.

Silver Band The Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, paraded the streets on May Day and played a fine selection of music.

Obituary: Ernest John Wilton, Guest-street We have to record the death of Ernest John Wilton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilton. The funeral took place on Thursday. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside, the place of interment being Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Mr. Frank Wilton (father); Mr. William Wilton (brother); Mr. Ernest Sibley, Mr. Frank Strang, Mr. William Wilton (uncles) Mr. Hubert Wilton, Mr. William Sibley, Mr. Dan Jones (cousins); Mr. Ivor Brown.

British Legion A meeting of the branch was held at the Library on Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. Mr. E. Puddle gave a report of the district committee meeting. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones will represent the branch at the National Conference at the Weston at Whitsuntide. An invitation has been extended to the local members on the North East Glamorgan War Pensions Committee to visit the branch. The chairman stated that on July 4th, a number of area officials would visit Fochriw. A "surprise packet" donated by Mr. W. H. Thomas, was won by Mr. T. Beale. The proceeds will augment the children's outing fund.

"Merthyr Express" 19 May 1934

I.O.G.T. Brother D. James presided at the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday. The programme was ode practice conducted by Brother Thomas Walters.

The Late Mr. John Jones The death has occurred of a former well-known inhabitant, Mr. John Jones, who lived for many years at Pentwyn before moving to Deri. He was laid to rest at Pant Cemetery on Tuesday.

Nazareth The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday. Rev. W. Davies, Cardiff, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. William Morris, with Messrs. Wyndham Lawrence and Willie A. Davies as organists.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru An all-Welsh entertainment was given on Thursday by the pupils of the primary department of Fochriw School. The following contributed: Marie Davis, Margaret Davies, Bronwen Hollister, Enid Davies, Gwyneth Jones, Eira Davies, Doris Bailey, Dorothy Way, Nancy Morgan, Len Davies, Gwyn Davies, David J. Evans, James Price, Selwyn Hughes, Dennis Slimmons, Glyndwr Edwards. The pupils did their work most efficiently. Miss E. A. Lewis, head teacher, and staff, were heartily thanked for their efforts. The accompanist was Miss Beryl Barnard. Mr. Sam Lewis presided.

British Legion A branch general meeting was held on Monday, the branch President, Mr. I. J. Jones, in the chair. A survey of the activity in of the branch was made. The vice-chairman, Mr. R. G. Wood, and Mr. W. Sullivan were deputed to control membership and propaganda work, and also to collaborate in the work of registering unemployed ex-servicemen in the area administered by the branch. The committee approved of Mr. A. Morris as a new member, and also accepted Mr. W. J. Payne as an honorary member. The President gave an outline of the work done by the footwear committee under the auspices of the Glamorgan Education Authority. It was gratifying to know that all

applications from necessitous persons had been met. The Branch will be allowed two representatives on this committee.

Hospital Meeting A meeting in connection with Merthyr General Hospital was held at the Old Library on Friday, the vicar presiding. A report was given by Mr. W. J. Payne, who said the hospital was maintaining the highest possible standard of efficiency, but was struggling with an overdraft of about £5,000, brought about chiefly by the industrial depression. More revenue was urgently needed. Mr. Payne gave a list of patients admitted and treated for one month only, to give the meeting an idea of the great work carried on. Several ways of raising revenue was suggested, including the holding of community singing on Sunday evening. Such an event will be held on Sunday May 27th, at 8pm, led by the Fochriw Silver Band, when Mr. Thomas Walters will conduct, and the Vicar will preside. The chief stewards will be P.C. Sansom, P.S. Jones and Mr. W. J. Williams. A further meeting to organise another event will be held in a fortnight.

“Merthyr Express” 26 May 1934

British Legion Mr. John Lloyd Jones, secretary of the Fochriw branch, represented the branch at the National Conference at Weston-super-Mare.

Special Services At Siloh Chapel, Penybank, special services were held on Sunday, the preacher being Mrs. Richard Lewis, Abertysswg, whose sermons were much enjoyed.

Silver Band The Band played a fine programme of music at the Merthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala on Whit Tuesday, and also at the Pontlottyn Church Tea on Whit Monday. The bandsmen are chiefly young men.

Annual Outing The annual Sunday School outing took place to Barry Island on Whit Tuesday, when several hundred scholars made the journey. Mr. W. Davies, stationmaster, made the train arrangements, which were splendid. The train left at 8am, and returned from Barry at 8pm. A large number also journeyed to the Merthyr hospital fete.

Lest We Forget In aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, a community singing concert will be held on Sunday at 8pm.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru A very enjoyable evening was spent on Thursday last. The programme was prepared by Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster, and staff. Recitations were given by Eliza Evans, Marion Sullivan, Betty Jones, Ada Gregory; solos, Marion Sullivan and Betty Evans. A few Welsh airs were rendered in fine style by scholars of the upper school classes. Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening, and was presided over by the chief Templar. The programme was a paper entitled "Music," given by Mr. David Jones, Bargoed. Sisters Lewis and Ballard thanked Mr. Jones for such an edifying paper.

Band Concert The large audience that filled the New Hall on Sunday evening was entertained to a rich musical treat, when a first class concert was given under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle. The chairman was Mr. T. J. Jones. The band was assisted by local artistes and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

Wedding: Richards-Jones The wedding took place at Severn Road, Congregational Church, Canton, Cardiff, on Saturday of Mr. T. Hywel Jones, only son of Mr. and Mrs. David Jones, Anwyllfan, Bryteg, and Miss Mary Richards, Rhymney. The Rev. Ben Davies, pastor of the Church, officiated. The bride, who was unattended, wore a delphinium blue ensemble with picture hat to match. Mr. Brinley Richards, brother of the bride, was best man. The reception was held at the Angel Hotel. After the reception, the happy couple left for their honeymoon in the Isle of Wight. Among the presents was a Westminster chiming clock from the head teacher and staff of the Deri Mixed School, where Mr. Jones has been a popular member of staff for the last 14 years.

Wedding: Saunders-Shankland At St. Mary's Church on Whit Monday, the wedding was solemnised of Mr. Morris Meirion Shankland, eldest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Crad Shankland, Guest-street, and Mr. Lily May Saunders, youngest daughter of Mrs. Thomas, Williams-row. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. J. H.

Saunders, Gilfach, was charmingly attired in a dress of pink floral georgette, with hat and shoes to match, and carried a bouquet of carnations and maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids were Misses Olga and Millie Chapman (Fochriw), R. Powell (Pontlloctyn), nieces of the bride, and Mair Evans, Fochriw. They looked charming in pink-and-blue georgette lace dresses. The little flower girls were Audrey and Marion Saunders, nieces of the bride, who were attired in pink satin, and they carried pink and mauve tulips. The Vicar officiated. The duties of best man were ably carried out by the Mr. John H. Evans, Fochriw, and Mr. Octavius Richards played appropriate music. A large number of relatives and friends attended the wedding breakfast, including Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Fochriw, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman (bungalow), Mrs. Saunders, Gilfach, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, Pontlloctyn, Mrs. H. D. Evans, Manchester, Miss Phyllis Evans, Fochriw, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. G Jones, Fochriw, Messrs. Tom and William Shankland, brothers of the bridegroom. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents.

Pontlloctyn Police: Bound Over Caradoc Shankland, aged 19, of Fochriw, was summoned for being drunk in Broad Street, Pontlloctyn. Police Sergeant Watley proved the case, and on account of his youth, the defendant was bound over. Also, Thomas Shankland and Clifford Lewis of Fochriw were summoned for using indecent language, and were bound over.

“Merthyr Express” 2 June, 1934

Obituary Mrs. T. Thomas, Guest-street, passed away on Monday.

Pupil's Success Miss Betty Hiscox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hiscox, has gained entrance to Hengoed County School.

Personnel Mr. & Mrs. James Williams, Wendsfield, former residents in the village, have both recovered, and contemplate a visit shortly.

Whist and Dance A whist-drive and dance under the auspices of the Library Committee took place. The music was supplied by Ace Band, Tredegar, whose playing was much enjoyed. Mr. John Lewis and Mr. Gwynfor Morris were M.C.s for dancing, and Mr. T. Jones for whist.

Benevolent Committee The committee met on Monday under the chairmanship of Mrs. A. H. Jones. Forty one cases were considered under the B.L. Relief Fund, and awards were made in all necessitous cases.

Hospital Committee The Rev. J. L. White presided over a meeting at the Old Library on Friday in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital Committee. It was decided to postpone the community singing until 10th June. P.C. Sansom suggested a Glamorgan County Police cricket match at Fochriw to help the hospital. It was decided to write to the chief constable to try to bring this about. A drama or sketch competition is also to be considered.

British Legion Mr. R. G. Wood presided over the branch meeting on Monday. The proposed changes in the methods of the administration of the funds that are at the disposal of the British Legion was made known. A hearty welcome was accorded Comrade Crad Ballard, who is making good progress after a very serious illness.

Laid To Rest: Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Evans, 2, Martin Street, aged 69 Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Evans, wife of Mr. Henry Evans, has passed away at the age of 69. The funeral took place on Tuesday. A short service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, after which the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Henry Evans (husband); Edward Evans (son); David Hopkin Williams (brother); David Albert Williams (nephew); James Evans, Richard and Emlyn Williams, John and Griff Davies, J. D. Hill, D. Evans (cousins); John Davies, T. Edwards, T. Evans, Benjamin Evans (brothers-in-law).

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Fochriw Mourns Death of Well-Known Residents: Mrs. Martha Slimmon, Fochriw Farm, aged 58 Mrs. Martha Slimmons, wife of Mr. Robert Slimmons, has passed away. Her brother-in-law, Mr. James Slimmon, was lying dead in the same house. Mrs. Slimmon, who with her husband had kept the Fochriw Farm for over 30 years, was held in high esteem. She was a faithful member of Nazareth Chapel, and of the Fochriw

branch of the Mothers' Union. The funeral took place on Tuesday. After a short service at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the solemn cortege preceded by road to Pant Cemetery. At the graveside the vicar and the Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Robert Slimmons (husband); Willie, Matthew, Johnny and Alfie Slimmons (sons); W. Edwards (son-in-law); Morgan Morgan (brother); W. J. and Daniel Jones, Willie Slimmons, Alfie Wood, Lewis Watkins, Gwilym Llewelyn, John, Alvin and Ronald Llewelyn, Trevor Evans, Evan E. Evans (nephews); Geoffrey Burke (cousin). Mourners at the house were: Mrs. Maggie Lewis, Mrs. Sophie Lee, Miss Addie Slimmon, Mrs. Grace Edwards (daughters); Margaret Slimmons, C. J. Slimmon, Glyn Edwards (grand-children); Mrs. Pellard (sister-in-law); Mesdames S., M., L., and M. Slimmon (daughters-in-law).

Mr. James Slimmon, Fochriw Farm, aged 79 The death occurred at Fochriw Farm of Mr. James Slimmon. For many ears, he had kept Pwllglas Farm. After a service at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the cortege proceeded to Pant Cemetery. The service at the graveside was conducted by the Vicar. The chief mourners were: Mr. Roberts Slimmon (brother); Messrs. William, Matthew, Johnnie, Alfie, and Johnnie Slimmons (nephews); Alfie Wood, Robert James, W. E. Slimmon, Lewis Watkins (nephews); Mr. Gwilym Llewelyn, Messrs. John, Alvin and Ronald Llewelyn, Mr. Will Edwards, Messrs. Evan, Edgar and Trevor Evans (nephews); Mr. David Jones (cousin).

Mrs. Gwenllian Thomas, Guest-street, aged 75 Another well-known citizen was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday in the person of Mrs. Gwenllian Thomas. Deceased was a member of St. Mary's Church. There was a short service at the house, after which the cortege proceeded to St. Mary's Church for a service, and then to Pentwyn, the Vicar officiating throughout. The chief mourners were: Mr. David Daniel Thomas (son); Miss M. E. Thomas (daughter); Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Lewis (daughter and son-in-law); Master T. J. Lewis (grandson); Mr. David Thomas (brother-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. Rees Thomas (brother-in-law and sister-in-law); Mr. T. J. Thomas, Mr. D. Bowen (nephews); Miss R. Williams (niece); Mr. and Mrs. Jones (nephew and niece); Miss M. Edwards (niece).

Mr. Thomas Williams, Dynevor-street, aged 45 The death took place last week of Mr. Thomas Williams. After a short service at the house conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard. At the graveside Rev. Evans bore testimony to the deceased's fine character. The chief mourners were: Messrs. G. Williams, Port Talbot; John Williams, Talylyn; James Williams, Cardiff; Allen Williams, Reggie Williams, W. Williams, Abergavenny; Rees Roderick, Talybont; D. Jones, Deri; Viv Powell, Fochriw. Mourners at the house: Mrs. M. A. Williams, widow; Mrs. Price, Longton, sister.

Silver Band P.C. Sansom presided over a meeting of the Band on Tuesday. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Robert Slimmons on the death of his wife.

Appointment Miss Addie Lawrence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence, Pleasant View, has been appointed domestic teacher for Roose and Cowbridge. She studied at Cardiff Domestic College.

British Legion Members of the women's section attended the Fochriw branch on Monday, when Mr. J. Melville Davies, Cardiff, the employment officer for the Merthyr area, gave an address. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided. Votes of condolence were passed with the relatives of Mrs. Slimmon and Mrs. E. A. Evans, both of whom were associated with the work of the Legion.

“Merthyr Express” 16 June 1934

Carmel Special yearly services were held on Sunday and Monday and were well-attended. The special preacher was the Rev. D. J. Davies, Neath, and the organist and conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters.

To Aid the Hospital A very interesting event is being organised in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital on June 25th, when the "F" Division of the Glamorgan Police will send a strong team of cricketers to play the local team, who will be captained by Mr. T. I. Evans. A keen game is anticipated.

I.O.G.T. On Tuesday, the juveniles have their annual tea, when about 50 were present. The Sisters of the adult Lodge saw to all the wants of the juveniles. A miscellaneous concert was much enjoyed. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible for the programme, and Brother Sam Lewis presided.

Urdd Sketch On Thursday, in very humorous sketch entitled "Gofid Hen Lanc" was produced by Mr. Willie Angell, Mrs. Nellie Evans, Misses Iris Edwards, Jessie Thomas and Eirlys Jenkins, and was much enjoyed by the large audience present. Mr. Sam Lewis presided, and Mr. Thomas Walters was the accompanist.

Community Concert A large crowd attended the community singing concert at Fochriw on Sunday in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters with accompaniment from the Fochriw Silver Band. The chairman was the Vicar and he was supported by Mr. W. J. Canton (chairman of the Executive Board), Alderman Lewis Jones, Miss M. Richards, Mrs. Canton, Miss Canton, Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. Howell Thomas. The singing was most inspiring. The sum of £5 1s 3d. was realised. The arrangements for the evening were in the capable hands of P.S. Jones, P.C. Sansom and Mr. W. J. Williams, with members of the Fochriw Ambulance Brigade on duty in uniform, under the command of Corps Treasurer John Morgan. Thanks are recorded to the "Western Mail and Echo" for hymn sheets.

The Late Mr. Thomas Jones, 9, Brynteg, aged 71 years Another well-known inhabitant of the village has passed away, in the person of Mr. Thomas Jones. Deceased had resided in the village for the greater part of his life. Before the closing of the collieries, he was an official of Messrs. G.K.N. at the Fochriw Colliery, and was held in very high esteem. Mr. Jones was the pioneer of ambulance work in the district, and had been connected with the Order for 34 years, and held the rank of ambulance officer. He was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Church, where he will be sadly missed. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the cortege wended its way to Pentwyn Churchyard. The representative gathering included a large number of St. John Ambulance men, in uniform, from Fochriw, Dowlais, Penydarren, Bedlinog, Pontlottyn and Deri. They were under the command of Corps Treasurer John Morgan. At the graveside, eloquent testimony was paid to the deceased's fine character. The chief mourners were: Messrs. James, David C., and John R. Walters Jones (sons); V. Davies and Glyn Jones (grandsons); Tom Davies (son-in-law); Evan Rees Jones (brother); William Cole, Henry Davies, T. Lloyd Evans (brothers-in-law), as well as numerous friends and representatives.

Cricket Fochriw Schoolboy's beat Derry Schoolboy's on Monday, the scores being 24 and 17.

Hospital The many friends of Miss Betty Edwards, Brook-row, Miss Ethel Lewis, Penybank, Annie M. Price, Dorothy and Phyllis Wilton, all patients at Gellygaer Hospital, join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Omission We regret that the name of Mr. Lonnie Slimmon (son) was omitted from the list of mourners at the funeral of both his mother and uncle last week.

Silver Band P.C. Sansom presided at a Band meeting on Monday. An application from the Women's Section of the British Legion for the services of the band for a concert for the Children's Welfare Fund was agreed to.

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Hospital Concert A concert in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital will be held at Fochriw on 27th June, when some of the finest artists in Wales will appear. Funds are urgently needed.

Death of Former Tradesmen: Mr. W. J. Jones, late of Glenview, Pentwyn The large circle of friends of Mr. W. J. Jones, who kept a general store until he left for Bristol six months ago, will regret to learn that he has passed away.

Ambulance Inspection Fochriw Section of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under the command of Superintendent Howell Thomas, journeyed to Pentrebach on Saturday for the annual parade and inspection of the Taff Cynon Corps by the Hon. John Bruce, Commissioner for Wales.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru On Thursday, the scholars of Form 1, conducted by Miss Maria Jones, gave a programme of recitations and plays. Miss Jones and the children were heartily thanked on the motion of Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. A. Ballard. Mrs. S. Lewis presided.

Star of of Fochriw Lodge Brother Bob Rees, Chief Templar, presided at the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday. Bro. Rees and Sister Mary Morgan were responsible for the entertainment, consisted of duets and solos on the violin and cornet. They were thanked by Bro. Sam Lewis and Sister M. Ballard.

Scholastic Success Master Tom Smith, son of Mrs. George Smith, was successful in the entrance examination to the Smith Junior Nautical College, a department of Cardiff Technical College. He will take up a three years engineering course, with the object of adopting marine engineering. He is a pupil in Fochriw Council School.

In China Mr. William Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sullivan, Terrace Bungalow, Pontlottyn, who joined the South Wales Borderers in 1926, and was drafted to China, has finished his army service and has joined the Civil Police at Kawloon, Hong Kong. His father is an old soldier, who saw active service with the 3rd Welsh Regiment throughout the South African War. During the Great War, he was again on active service with the Welsh Horse and R.W.F. He was badly wounded in Palestine in the battle of Gaza, and was invalided home with spinal injuries in 1918.

Siloh Concert A concert was held on Sunday, Councillor A. T. Minhinnick presiding. The programme was given by the the Fochriw Juvenile Choir, conducted by Mr. D. J. Davies, and the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. They were assisted by Mr. A. Jenkins, Deri; Miss Muriel Davies, Miss E. Evans, Master Burkley Davies, Winnie Evans and Betty Jones. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. Proceeds will in aid of the British Legion Welfare Fund. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, gave a short address, thanking all who contributed. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs. Stanley Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 30 June 1934

Mothers' Union About 40 members visited Llanishen on Wednesday, accompanied by the Vicar and Mrs. White. A sermon was preached by the Diocesan Missioner, Canon R. W. Jones. Afterwads tea was provided, followed by a concert.

Good Templars The lodge met at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Sister C. Jones arranged the programme. Sister Lewis, Brother Davies took part and Sister Jones read a paper on "Naaman's Captive Maid."

Urdd Gobaith Cymru On Thursday, at the Council Schools, Welsh dances were given by young members, under the direction of Miss Ballard, who also gave a short address on "Great Welshman." A biography of Ceiriog and some of his poems were given by Betty Evans, Betty Jones, Betty Simpson and Howell Lewis. Mr. Thomas Walters conducted the singing.

Personal Service League The following ladies were busy on Friday and Saturday last selling flags for the above League: Mrs. Joshua Evans, Mrs. Laurie Parry, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Pullen, Mrs. Wyndham Hughes, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Daiton, Misses Mary Morgan, R. Harris, Jessie Thomas and Nellie White. The organisers were Mrs. Sam Lewis, Mrs.. J. L. White, and Mrs. D. Jones.

British Legion Councillor A. T. Minhinnick, M.E., addressed the Fochriw branch on Wednesday. Mr. Syd Phillips presided. The branch committee met on Monday, when the secretary gave a report on the Legion's activities locally.

“Merthyr Express” 7 July 1934

Fochriw Hospital Concert Fochriw music lovers were given a rare treat at the New Hall on Wednesday when a concert was held in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. W. J. Canton, chairman of the Hospital Executive Board, presided, supported by Alderman Lewis Jones, secretary of the hospital. The artistes were: soprano, Miss Megan Davies, Pontlottyn; contralto, Madam Olwen Jones-Price, Merthyr; elocutionist, Mrs. Flossie Jones, New Tredegar; tenor, Mr. Haydn Thomas, Bedlinog; violinist, Mr. W. J. Parry, Dowlais; accompanist, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., Fochriw. Mr. Canton

thanked the artistes for their excellent services, and spoke of the great needs of the Hospital. Both he, and Ald. Lewis, thanked the people of Fochriw for their support. Mr. W. J. Payne and Mr. T. J. Jones proposed and seconded votes of thanks to artistes, chairman and secretary. The concert closed with the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Miss Megan Davies.

Choral Success The Juvenile Choir, under Mr. D. John Davies, competed at the Brecon Eisteddfod on Saturday and gained second prize. The accompanist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

N.S.P.C.C. Outings The committee and friends of the local branch journeyed by charabanc to Cheltenham on Saturday. Also, the members of the Nursing Class visited Abergavenny and Gilwern. An enjoyable day was spent in each case.

Musical Success Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., has passed his Inter. Mus. Bac. examination.

Cricket Fochriw and Deri Schoolboys met at Fochriw on Thursday before a large crowd. Deri were dismissed for eight runs. Fochriw knocked up a total of 67.

Arts Degree Congratulations to Miss Phyllis Evans, Bryn Corwen, Fochriw, who has passed her Bachelor of Arts examination, with honours, at Cardiff University. She is a former pupil of the Fochriw Council School and Bargoed Secondary School.

Good Templars The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, Brother Griff Thomas presiding. The following contributed to the programme: Sisters Bessie Ballard, Mary Morgan, Beryl Ballard and Catherine Jones, and Brother Gomer Evans. The Chief Templar thanked all who contributed.

Nursing Successes Miss Rosella Williams, Dynevor-street, has passed the probationers examination for the Merthyr General Hospital, and Miss Ceinwen Cole, daughter of Mrs. Cole, Aelybryn, has passed her final state examination at Monsall Hospital, Manchester, where she has trained for three years.

To Be Ordained Friends of Mr. George White, son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, the Vicarage, Fochriw, will be pleased to know that he has passed his finals at King's College, London, where he has been preparing for holy orders. He will be ordained at Derby in September, where he will commence his duties as a curate.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Monday. The Secretary concluded his report of the proceedings at the National Conference. Comrade Caradoc Barnard, who is a patient at the British Legion Convalescent Home, Wenvoe, sent thanks for the help given him. The branch appointed Mr. Evan Davies as delegate to the District conference. The meeting concluded with a discussion of the advisability of establishing a British Legion Club in the village.

Pontlottyn Police: Fochriw Neighbours Annie Mary Evans of Fochriw was summoned for using insulting language to a neighbour, Mrs. Taylor. The latter said the defendant called her indecent names, and said she had seen her husband leave her (complainant's) house early in the morning, when her husband was at work. Defendant, who denied using insulting language, was bound over and told to pay five shillings costs.

"Merthyr Express" 14 July 1934

Personal Police Constable Sansom has left for Pontygwindy, Caerphilly. He took an active part on the Welfare Committee, the Silver Band (as chairman), and in cricket.

Scholarship Results The following scholars of Fochriw Council School were successful in passing the entrance examination for secondary schools: Willie Walters, Norman S. Palmer, David L. Jones and Ivor Davies.

Musical Success Miss Mair Evans, Ivy Cottage, aged 12, has been successful in obtaining the third grade certificate, with distinction in theory of music and violin playing, at the College of Violinists, London.

Silver Band A meeting was held on Tuesday presided over by Mr. David Griffiths. Regret was expressed at the loss to the Band by the departure of P.C. Sansom. Mr. W. Payne was appointed chairman.

Wedding: Cumpstone-Chaplin St. Mary's Church was the scene of a pretty wedding on Monday. The contracting parties were Mr. Frank Chaplin and Miss Lydia Mary

Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn. The Vicar officiated. The service was fully choral, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in an ice satin dress with coronet of orange blossom and bridal veil, and shoes to match, and carried a shower bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her sisters, Margaret and Tegwedd, and her cousin, Gwyneth M. Davies. They wore lemon floral georgette dresses with hats and shoes to match, and carried bouquets of roses. The flower girls were Betty, Enid and Mair Cumpstone, nieces of the bride, and they were attired in pale green-and-pink frilled net in Victorian style, and carried posies of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Idris Cumpstone, and the groomsmen, Mr. Arthur Cumpstone, brothers of the bride. The breakfast was held at the home of the bride, where large number of guests assembled. The happy couple later left for Barry, the bride travelling in a blue costume with white hat. They were the recipients of numerous presents, and will make their future home at Slough, Buckinghamshire.

“Merthyr Express” 21 July 1934

Boy's Death We regret to record the death of Ronald Games, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Games, 33, Aelybryn, who passed away at Isolation Hospital. Much sympathy is extended to the family.

Fire Brigade Success Fochriw section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade competed at a national competition at Maesteg on Saturday. They were successful in obtaining third prize in the two-man horse cart competition.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the Band on Thursday evening last. The secretary, Mr. Bob Rees, dealt with the correspondence, and a discussion took place on the question of equipping bandmen with uniforms. It was decided to invite a representative from a well-known firm to visit Fochriw to discuss the matter.

Cricket Match The Divisional Police cricket team visited Fochriw on Monday to play the home cricket team in a match to aid the funds of the Merthyr General Hospital. The game proved to be very entertaining. The police total was 48, and the Fochriw total 91. The chief for Fochriw were Mr. T. J. Jones and Mr. I. Evans, both of whom scored 25.

Good Templars The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Brother G. Thomas presided. The programme was "A Night of Song," to which the following contributed: Brothers Thomas Walters, Dan James, Sam Lewis, Sisters E. Ballard, A. Ballard, M. Morgan and Beryl Ballard. Brother Carpenter, Bargoed, gave a humorous recitation. Brothers D. James and G. Thomas were chosen to represent the lodge at Brithdir.

Urdd Branch A large number of members from the Fochriw branch journeyed to Deri on Thursday evening last, and joined in the united gymanfa ganu, with Mr. Thomas Walters conducting. Several solos and recitations were given by the members. The Fochriw branch is in a very flourishing condition, with Mr. Sam Lewis as secretary. Recitations were given by Betty Jones, Eliza Evans, Thelma Way and Betty Evans; solos by David J. Lewis, W. J. Jones; duet by D. J. Lewis and Tom Smith.

British Legion A meeting of the Fochriw branch was held on Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. Mr. Evan Davies gave a report of the district meeting. Mr. E. Puddle was deputed to canvass those who desired the establishment of a British Legion Club in the village. The branch committee reported on co-operating with the women's section in furthering in Children's Welfare Fund. The report was confirmed. A vote of condolence was passed with Comrade Games whose child passed away recently.

Helping the Hospital Mr. T. J. Jones presided at a meeting of the Hospital Committee. A statement of accounts of the concert was presented, and thanks to a splendid united effort a sum of £10 3s. was handed to the hospital. Mr. W. J. Payne thanked the Committee on behalf of the Hospital Board, and he also thanked Mr. J. J. Lewis (Ap Morlais) who had been so successful in getting together a first-class variety of artists, who had given their services willingly. The auditors appointed were Mr. Howell Thomas and Mr. W. J. Payne. A hearty welcome was extended to P.C. Wadley who was present in place of P.C. Sansom who has left the district.

“Merthyr Express” 28 July 1934

Eisteddfod Success Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, added another prize to her long list of successes by winning the first prize at the Nelson Eisteddfod.

Welfare Activities Mr. T. J. Jones presided at a meeting of the Welfare Committee on Tuesday at the Old Library. Mr. W. M. Davies reported that the Children's Corner had been improved by sowing grass and planting trees. It was decided to ask for the co-operation of volunteers to complete the football ground.

Uniforms For Band Mr. T. J. Jones presided at a meeting of the Fochriw Silver Band. A representative from Messrs. Boosey and Hawkes attended. It was decided to purchase uniforms.

Good Templars The chief Templar presided at the weekly meeting of the lodge on Tuesday. The programme was a competitive one, and five members competed. Brother Thomas was the winner.

Teacher's Appointment Miss Olive May Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Payne, has been appointed to the teaching staff of the Bargoed Girls' School. She is an old pupil of the local school and of Bargoed Secondary School. She was trained at Barry College. Miss Payne has been on the teaching staff of Albion-road, Girls School, Dagenham, for the past two years.

The Late Master Ronald Games The funeral of Master Ronald Games took place at Pentwyn cemetery last week. Deceased died at Gellygaer Isolation Hospital. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Billy Games (father); Oliver Griffiths, David Griffiths (grandparents); David Games, Lewis Griffiths, Alfred Games, Samuel Smart, Daniel Davies (uncles); Willie Davies, John Cheap, Jim Ashton, Teddy Davies, Willie J. Angell, Evan Davies, Bryn Jones, David Davies (cousins).

British Legion's Protest The executive of the Fochriw Branch met on Monday, Mr. T. Phillips presiding. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, stated he had attended the official opening of the new offices of the Welsh Area at Cardiff on Saturday. Alarm was felt when it was further announced that headquarters proposed that as and from October 1st next, the Benevolent Department of the British Legion (Wales Area), and the administration of the United Services Fund, was to be removed to Bristol. An effective resolution is being framed for submission to the Wales Area Council, calling them to do all in their power to prevent such a move. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. John Phillips whose wife has passed away. Members of the women's section were then received, and further progress made in the matter of the children outing fund.

“Merthyr Express” 4 August 1934

Welfare Meeting Mr. T. J. Jones presided at a meeting of the Welfare Committee on Tuesday, when the financial statement was given by Mr. W. J. Williams, treasurer. Several important items were dealt with, including the tarmacing of part of the ground. It was decided to open the ground for the school holidays.

Benevolent Committee The committee met under the presidency of Mrs. Jones, Glenview. A grant under the B.L. Relief Fund was dispersed. The Secretary reported on assistance rendered since their last meeting.

The Late Mrs. Catherine Phillips, 9, Dynevor-street, aged 69 Mrs. Catherine Phillips, wife of Mr. John Phillips, has passed away. She had resided in the village for the past 57 years. She was a faithful member Carmel Chapel. After a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, the cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The mourners were: Messrs. John Phillips (husband); C. Pugh (brother-in-law); Rees Jenkins, F. Strang, J. Evans, D. H. Phillips, J Power (nephews); D. Strang, A. Gwynne, J. Bounds, Ishmael Williams, H. Turner, Goronwy Tyler.

Wedding: Small-Ballard The wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church of Mr. Stephen Ballard, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Ballard, and Miss Celia Small, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Small, Tymawr. The Rev. J. L. White, vicar, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Ll. Small, wore a blue floral georgette dress with a navy hat. Miss Olwen Small (sister) was bridesmaid, and was dressed in a maroon dress with brown hat. The best man was Mr. G. Evans. Mr. A. Barnard, brother of the bridegroom, and Mr. Idris Cumpstone, nephew, were also present

at the wedding. Immediately after the ceremony, the happy couple left by car for a motor tour of the Wye Valley.

Ambulance Exam The result of the re-examination of the Fochriw Ambulance Division was as follows: Labels: Supt. H. Thomas, Corps Treasurer J. Morgan, Ambulance Officer T. Evans, Sergeant D. James, Corporals E. Lewis, W. Parry, H. Thomas (jun.), Privates T. Thomas (secretary), W. H. Parry, H. Barlow, E. Lewis, L. James, G. Baldwin, W. Thomas, Bryn Price, Daniel Jenkins; Vouchers, Ivor Morgan, R. Gittoes, Bryn Cumpstone, G. Grimmett. The examination was conducted by Dr. D. C. Williams.

Wedding: Havard-Cook A very pretty wedding was solemnised at Soar Chapel, Merthyr, on Saturday, Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, and the Rev. J. T. Rogers, Merthyr, officiating, when Mr. C. T. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook, Aelybryn, was married to Miss Gwyneth V. Havard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Havard, Pontlottyn. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by her cousin, Miss L. M. Evans. The reception was held at the Peter Pan, Merthyr. Later, the happy couple left for Swansea for their honeymoon. They were the recipients of many presents.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at Monday's meeting of the Fochriw branch. The main item was a report on the District Committee (General Purposes Committee) meeting that was held at Treharris. This was given by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, who commented on the energetic way all the branches had responded to the call for action against the proposed move of the Benevolent Dept. from Cardiff to Bristol. It was reassuring to know that the contemplated move had been frustrated as the chairman of the British Legion, Major Featherston-Godley, aware of the prevailing antagonisms in the matter, had decided to forego the action. The branch general committee minutes when then read, and the recommendation to form a Savings' Association was adopted. To augment the Children's Welfare Fund the Women's Sections were holding a tea party. At the close of the meeting, a grant under the B.L.R.F. was distributed to unemployed members.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru The Fochriw and Ystrad Mynach sections met on Saturday for a picnic on Gellygaer Mountain. The young members indulged in games, and a 'rounders' game resulted in a win for Fochriw.

I.O.G.T. Brother Berkley Davies was elected Chief Templar. The programme for the evening was arranged by Brother Thomas Walters.

For The Hospital As a result of the cricket match played between the Glamorgan Police and Fochriw, the sum of £5 1s 10d was realised for the Hospital. Thanks are due to the local community, the police and the home team for providing such a splendid day, which was witnessed by a large crowd.

Woodwork Exam Mr. Vernon Davies, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davies, Brynteg, has passed an examination in woodwork of the City and Guilds. Mr. Davies is a fine athlete.

Musical Success Miss Betty Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, Rising Sun Hotel, has passed first class in the examination in pianoforte playing (primary section).

"Merthyr Express" 11 August 1934

Students Success Master Norman G. Thomas has passed the entrance examination to the Junior Technical School, Bargoed.

Full Gospel Hall The annual convention took place during the week. A baptismal service was held when a large number were baptised by Pastor David Thomas.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided over Thursday's meeting. Mr. Bob Rees reported on the new uniforms.

Good Templars The meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel on Tuesday. A paper was read by Mr. J. J. Evans, Rhymney, entitled "Henry Richard, the Welsh Apostle of Peace." Brothers Sam Lewis and Thomas Walters proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to Mr. Evans.

British Legion A tea was held at the Old Library on Thursday in connection with the women's section of the Legion, with the object of augmenting the Children's Welfare Fund. The tray holders were members of the branch. The secretary is Mrs. S. Jones, with Mrs. Tom Jones as treasurer.

Concert A concert was held at the New Hall on Sunday evening under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. The bandsmen appeared in their new uniforms. The chairman was Mr. Willie Adams Jones. The Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, played the following selections: "The Typhoon," "Dawn of Spring," "Country Life," "Echoes of Spring," "Royal Artillery," "Eventide." The band was assisted by Mrs. Marjory Humphreys, Pontlottyn, soprano; Mr. James John Lewis, Fochriw, tenor; Miss Megan Jones, Pontlottyn, elocutionist; accompanist, Mr. Thomas Walters. Mr. William Price moved a vote of thanks to the artistes, chairman and band.

Wedding: Evans-Owen The wedding was solemnised on Monday at the Parish Church of Mr. Edward Owen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Owen, Pontlottyn, and Miss Phyllis Evans, elder daughter of Mr. Mordecai Evans, Fochriw. The Vicar officiated. The father of the bride presided at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. H. D. Evans (Manchester), wore a gown of beige crepe suede, with hat to tone, and carried a bouquet of pink and red carnations. She was attended by her sister Mair and Miss M. Owen, sister of the bridegroom. Little Pat Evans of Manchester was flower girl.

"Merthyr Express" 18 August 1934

Annual Outing The Fochriw Pals Outing Club visited Blackpool during the past week. The club secretary is Mr. T. Idris Evans, and Mr. W. Way is treasurer.

Hospital Friends of Mr. Leslie Mantle, Pentwyn, who is in Merthyr Hospital undergoing an operation, join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Good Templars The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Thursday evening. Brother Berkley Davies was installed as chief Templar. The programme was "A Night with Tennyson," for which Brother Walters was responsible. He read a biography of Tennyson, and also commented on his chief poems. Sisters Ballard and Jones thanked Bro. Walters for the interesting paper.

Band The band paraded the village on Wednesday for the first time in their new uniforms. A meeting of the band was held on Tuesday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The band-master reported that the band intended competing at Rhymney on 1st September.

Glee Party Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the Old Library of the Glee Party. Mr. Hartwell Wood, secretary, dealt with correspondence in connection with the piano and other matters, including the financial position, which was supported by the treasurer, Mr. John Phillips. They were complimented on their services. It was decided to reform the party, and to compete at the Abertysswg Eisteddfod. A selection committee was appointed as follows: Messrs. Thomas Walters, D. Joshua Thomas, D. J. Davies, along with the chair chairman and secretary.

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St. Athan's Camp Four boys from the village proceeded to camp on Saturday for a week's holiday.

Good Templars At the weekly meeting, Brother James was responsible for the programme.

British Legion The general committee of the branch met on Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. Progress was reported on the Children's Welfare Fund, and a donation recorded from the Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co.Ltd. The branch Savings Association was dealt with, and the following appointed as officers: chairman, Mr. G. Wood; secretary, J. H. Jones; treasurer, Mr. S. Phillips. All those intending to be members should speak with one of these three.

Glee Party At a meeting at the Old Library presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, members of the Party selected Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., as conductor. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., and Mr. David Joshua Thomas were appointed accompanists. Mr. Hartwell Wood, secretary, and Mr. John Phillips, treasurer, were the other appointments.

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I.O.G.T. The lodge of the Good Templars met on Tuesday evening, Brother G. Thomas presiding. Brother D. James gave a reading, and the brothers and sisters joined in the singing of favourite odes, Brother Thomas Walters conducting.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Monday. The secretary reported on actions regarding outstanding pension cases. Several members enrolled with the branch Savings Association. A surprise packet, donated by Mr. R. G. Wood, was won by Mr. A. H. Plaine, and the proceeds therefrom were devoted to the Children's Fund.

Lost Tobacco Box While road excavation was being carried out in Railway-terrace for the purpose of brass laying relief drains, a tobacco box engraved "Howell Thomas, P.A.V." was found by Mr. J. Lawrence, the Gellygaer Council road foreman. Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, who was standing by promptly claimed it. He recollected his father losing it about 30 years ago. The box was in perfect condition and will now be a prized possession.

Blind Welfare Week A meeting in connection with the above was held at the New Hall on Thursday evening last. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, explained the object of the meeting was to see if something could be done to help the Blind Welfare Week effort. Mr. W. J. Payne was appointed chairman, and on taking the chair he appealed to all present to give of their best to help financially such a deserving cause. Several schemes were discussed, and it was decided to hold a community singing festival at Carmel Chapel on September 2nd at 7.30 p.m. The conductor will be Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, with Mr. Thomas Walters as organist, and Mr. W. J. Payne as chairman. Mrs. S. J. Jones was appointed treasurer.

Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Celebration The Cwlwm y Brodoriaeth Lodge held a celebration on 25th August, on the coming of age of their Lodge, when some 40 members sat down to a supper prepared by Brother Ll. D. Jones, assisted at tables by Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. S. Jones and Mrs. C. R. Mills. At the concert that followed, Brother Ben Thomas presided. A city waiter's jewel was presented to Brother Ben Evans for his 21 years service. An excellent musical programme followed.

Tea and Baby Show The annual tea in connection with the Parish Church took place at the Church hall on Thursday afternoon last. Prior to the tea, the baby show was held, the judges being the Matron of Merthyr General Hospital, Mrs. Musgrove, and Mrs. Canton, Penyarden. The awards were as follows: Babies under nine months: 1. Glanville Greening; 2. Patricia Sullivan; Babies up to eighteen months: 1. Raymond Davies; 2. Dorothy Williams; consolation prize, Margaret Owen. The awards were received with much satisfaction. The tea followed. The prize cake given by the Royal Stores, Fochriw, was won by Mr. Vivian Powell, Fochriw. The tray holders were: Mrs. T. Jones, Mrs. W. D. Davies, Mrs. T. Baldwin, Mrs. C. White, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. E. Jones, Pearl White, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Miss Ethel Lewis, Mrs. W. Morgan, Mrs. M. A. Edwards, Mrs. O. Richards, Mrs. Pritchard and Mrs. B. Edwards. The cutters were Mrs. White, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. Jones, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. H. Thomas, Miss Olive Payne and Miss Mills. After tea, community singing was indulged in, with Mr. Octavius Richards as accompanist.

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M.P.'s Visit Mr. Morgan Jones, M.P., visited Fochriw on Tuesday evening and addressed a meeting at the Old Library. The chairman was Mr. Sam Lewis.

Band's Success The Fochriw Silver Band, under Bandmaster A. Mantle, entered their first competition on Saturday last, and gave an excellent account of themselves. They were awarded third prize.

Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening. The programme for the evening was based on "Holiday Experiences," and was arranged by Sister Beryl Ballard.

Fire Brigade The Fochriw section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade, at the annual competitions held on Saturday at Gellygaer, secured first prize in the four-men hydrant drill; second prize in the four-men hose-running obstacle competition; second prize in the four-men turnout drill. The team members were: D.O. Ben Evans, S.O. William Thomas, E. Jones, P. Edwards, Wm. Edwards.

British Legion A joint meeting of the Fochriw branch committee and the women's section committee was held on Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, gave his report on the position of Children's Welfare Fund. Sir Robert J. Webber, Cardiff, had sent a donation, and Mr. H. Smith, public works contractor, Newport, had sent a cheque. It was agreed to take the children to Abergavenny on September 15th. A delegate was appointed to attend the meeting of the District Committee at Treharris.

Mother's Union Visit About 40 members of the Fochriw branch journeyed by charabanc to St. George's-super-Ely, on Thursday last, at the invitation of Mrs. Evans, who for many years was enrolling member of the Fochriw branch. The Rector, Rev. Samuel Evans, conducted an impressive service at the Church. Afterwards, the visitors were entertained to tea at the Rectory.

Efforts For The Blind The community service of song was held at Carmel chapel on Sunday evening in connection with the Merthyr Institute for the Blind. The weather was very bad and marred the attendance. The singing reached a high standard. The chairman thanked the officers of the chapel. A collection was taken on behalf of the Institute.

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Personal Mr. Bedford Edwards, Brook-row, was taken to Merthyr Hospital on Sunday for the operation.

Weight-lifting At the New Hall on Monday, members of the Merthyr Ex-Servicemen's Club gave demonstrations of weightlifting, posing, and boxing.

Death of Mr. J. Adams The death has occurred of Mr. Jack Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, Guest-street. Deceased was 20 years of age.

Colliery Accident Mr. James Cole, Brynteg, was taken to Merthyr General Hospital last week after an accident at Groesfaen Colliery.

Noddfa Church Special services were held on Sunday and Monday, when the preacher was the Rev. J. C. Evans, Pontlottyn. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans and Mr. D. J. Thomas was the organist.

Musical Success Fochriw Ladies' Glee Party won first prize at Aberdare Eisteddfod on Wednesday, and at Pontlottyn on Saturday. The conductress is Mrs. H. C. Davies, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist.

Templars The weekly meeting was held at Carmel on Tuesday. An address was given by Mr. Hill, Abertillery. Sister Ballard proposed and Sister Morgan seconded a vote of thanks.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided over the meeting on Monday. The Secretary announced the arrangements for the trip to Abergavenny, when approximately 180 children will be catered for. He was pleased to acknowledge a donation of £5 from the Dowlais Collieries Ltd. A surprise packet won by Comrade E. Puddle was donated by Messrs. W. H. Way and W. Jones. Branch correspondence included an important circular dealing war orphans over the age of 21 who were permanently incapacitated, and great progress was being made on their behalf as a result of the negotiations between the British Legion and the Ministry of Pensions.

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Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday. An account of the "Mabolgampau" was given by Brother Lewis, with songs and recitations from other members.

Accompanist Complemented Mr. Wyndham Price Lawrence was complemented at Pontlottyn Eisteddfod for his excellent playing as accompanist for the Fochriw Ladies Glee Party by Professor Bumford Griffiths and Mr. J. H. Green, Cross Keys, the adjudicators.

Laid To Rest: Mr. John Adams, Guests-street, aged 19 Amidst manifestations of sorrow, Mr. John Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adams, was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Deceased would have been 20 years of age on the day his burial. The funeral was well attended. A service was conducted at the house by the Vicar, who also officiated at St. Andrew's Church and the graveside. Sympathy is extended to

the family. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur Adams (father); John Walters (brother-in-law); William Curtis (New Tredegar), William Thomas, Thomas Jones (Dowlais), Fred Webb (Merthyr), James Curtis (Pontlottyn) (uncles); Gerwyn Thomas, Nelson Curtis (New Tredegar), Reg Curtis (Pontlottyn), R Williams (Tirphil), E Powell (Merthyr) (cousins).

Carmel Chapel The annual tea party took place on Monday. The tray holders were Mesdames G. Cox, E. Cumpstone, M. A. Ballard, E. A. Evans, M. Alice Lewis, A. Davies, May Davies, Miss Iris Edwards. The working committee were: Mesdames M. Walters, E. Jenkins, E. Hughes, M. Griffiths, E. Jones, D. Lewis, A. Jones, S. Lewis. The following rendered assistance: Messrs. D. Rowlands, T. Ballard, John Davies, E. M. Davies, S. Lewis, G. Evans, Howell Thomas, O. Davies, Mesdames A. Jones, E. Lewis, M. A. Ballard, E. Cumpstone, E. H. Evans, N. Evans, M. James, S. Davies, B. Jones, M. Strong, Miss Maria Jones. The secretary was Mr. Arthur Ballard. A miscellaneous concert followed the tea, Mr. D. Rowlands presiding. The following took part: solos, Messrs. L. Rowlands, M. Shankland; trio, T. Walters, L. Rowlands and M. Shankland; recitation, Miss Mary Morgan; story, Mr. George Sibley, Southampton; surprise item, Mr. Sam Lewis; variations on organ, Mr. T. Walters; recitations, Mrs. Sam Lewis and Miss Mary Morgan. In a sketch "Gofid Hen Lanc," the following were the players: Mr. Willie Angell, Mrs. Nellie Evans, Miss Eirlys Jenkins, Miss Iris Edwards, Mrs. Jessie Thomas. The accompanist was Mr. T. Walters.

British Legion Outing On Saturday, an outing was organised by the Children's Welfare Fund Committee when 159 children accompanied by adults, journeyed to Abergavenny. The children were afterwards treated to a matinee performance at the Colosseum Cinema, where Mr. Walters, the manager, had arranged a special programme. Mr. Graham, secretary of the Abergavenny Branch of the British Legion, said that fruit would be distributed to the youngsters. Games were afterwards played at the Castle grounds. The transport arrangements were in the hands of Messrs. Red and White Services Ltd, Chepstow. Mr. Sydney Phillips, branch chairman, accompanied the party, and was supported by Mrs. Wood, vice-chairman women's section, Mrs. M. H. Jones, treasurer, and several members of the branch committee. The stewards were: Mr. A. H. Plaine, Pantywaun; Messrs. Phillips and Prowse, Pentwyn and Penybank; Messrs. J. Lloyd Jones and E. J. Williams, Fochriw. Messrs. R. G. Wood, E. Davies and W. T. Pegg rendered valuable service in marshalling the children. The Welfare Committee wish to express their appreciation to all subscribers - a sum of £18 19s 11d was collected. Mr. B. Freedman, Dowlais, sent a cheering message to the party, and also a donation.

Silver Band At the New Hall last Friday, a dance was held under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. The band provided the music. The M.C. was Mr. D. J. Davies.

Scholastic Successes Students from Fochriw and Pantywaun who passed the Central Welsh Board examinations are: Annie Morfydd Jones, Douglas James Small, J. E. Tibbott, R. I. Mitchell. David Emlyn Evans obtained his Higher Certificate.

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Silver Band At the New Hall on Monday, a dance was held under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band, the M.C. being Dr. D. J. Davies.

Sheep Sale The annual Welsh mountain sheep sale took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn. Many buyers were present, and a fine class of ewes, lambs and rams was sold.

Hospital Mr. George Evans, Aelybryn, is in hospital at Merthyr. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Blackpool Trip A special train was run from Fochriw on Friday night in connection with the Blackpool illuminations. Fortyone made the journey, the return train arriving on Sunday afternoon. Arrangements were made by Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster.

Good Templars At the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, Brother G. Thomas presided. The programme was entitled "Autumn Thoughts." The Sisters were responsible for readings and poems, and autumn odes were sung. The Sisters were thanked by Brothers Walters and James.

Miners' Meeting County Councillor W. J. Kedward, Bargoed, presided at the New Hall on Wednesday, when addresses were given by Mr. James Griffiths, president of the South Wales Miners' Federation; Mr. Albert Thomas, J.P., miners' agent; and Mr. W. H. Crews, Llanbradach, Executive Member of the S. W. M. F..

Bible Society A meeting of the various churches was held at Nazareth Church on Sunday in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society. Arrangements were made for the secretary, Rev. Crwys Williams, to give an address at Nazareth on 10th October. The local secretary is Mr. William Morris, Brynteg; and the late treasurer was Mr. Jenkin Pugh, whose death has removed a zealous worker for the cause.

British Legion On Wednesday, a meeting of the Branch and Section Committees took place. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided. Tributes were paid to all who assisted in making the children's outing to Abergavenny a success. A gift of sweets from Messrs. Glenross, Rhymney, was accepted with thanks. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mr. A. Adams, whose son has died, and Mrs. S. J. Jones, whose husband is in ill-health. The committee concluded by discussing the promotion of a drama and decided to seek the advice of Mr. W. J. Payne. At the meeting of the branch on Monday, the Secretary gave a report on the proceedings of the district committee. Mr. T. Puddle was elected delegate to the annual meeting of the district committee. The chairman referred to the disaster at Gresford Colliery, and it was decided to send a message of sympathy to the Gresford Branch of the British Legion.

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Glee Party The Fochriw Glee Party under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters competed at the Abertysswg Eisteddfod on Saturday, coming fourth out of nine choirs.

Library Dance At the New Hall on Monday under the auspices of the Library and Institute Committee, a dance was held. The music was supplied by Mr. H. Salmon's (Rhymney) Band. Mr. John Lewis was M.C.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Sister Morgan was responsible for the programme, which consisted of a history of Cardiff, and some recitations. She was thanked by Brother Lewis and Sister Jones.

Ordination Service On Sunday, Mr. George L. White, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, Fochriw, was ordained at Derby Cathedral, and was afterwards licensed to serve the curacy of the Normanton, Derby. He was trained for the ministry at Ystrad Meurig, and afterwards at King's College, London.

Welfare Association Mr. T. J. Jones presided over a meeting on Friday. A report was given of the public meeting held the previous week, when the majority voted against voluntary labour, which means that the football and cricket ground will be held up until a further grant comes through. It was decided to improve portions of the children corner, and get some seats.

Harvest Festival Services Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The preachers on Sunday were: morning, Rev. H. Lewis, Rhymney, and Rev. L. J. Jones, Deri; afternoon, Mr. W. J. Payne; evening, Rev. W. N. Peregrine, vicar of Penydarren; Monday, the Dean of Llandaff; Tuesday, the Rev. E. Illtyd Jones, Rector of Dowlais. The choirmaster is Mr. Berkley Angell and the organist Mr. Octavius Richards.

N. S. P. C. C. A concert was held and at the New Hall on Wednesday, the proceeds being devoted to the Fochriw Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. Mr. S. Lewis presided, and the programme was provided by the Fochriw Ladies' Glee Society under the conductorship of Madam H. Cole Davies. Mrs. Tom Evans (secretary) arranged the programme. The artistes included Mr. T. Cymro Thomas, Rhymney, National winner; Mrs. H. Pugh, Rhymney, soprano; Mr. Haydn Thomas, Bedlinog, baritone; Mr. Merddyn Morris, Cardiff, elocutionist; Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, A.L.C.M., Fochriw, accompanist. The president, Mrs. Matthews, proposed a vote of thanks to the artistes and choir, and this seconded by Mrs. M. Jenkins, secretary of the Ladies Committee.

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College Success Miss Margaret Ellen Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howell Thomas, Station-terrace, has passed the Bangor College examination. She has taken up a position at Manchester.

Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday. The Bandmaster gave his report. The financial position was given by Mr. John Phillips and Mr. Bob Rees.

Library Dance At New Hall on Monday, under the Library and Institute Committee, a dance was held, the music being supplied by Mr. H Salmon's Band. Mr. John Lewis was the M. C..

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held on Tuesday. A paper on "St. Francis of Assisi" was given by Sister Ballard. She was thanked by Brother James and Sister C. Jones.

University Students Mr. David Emlyn Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Evans, Moore's-row, has taken up residence at Aberystwyth University. He is a product of the local Council School, and Bargoed Secondary School. Mr. Glyn Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Station-terrace, has entered Cardiff University.

Pontlottyn Police Court: Fochriw Youth's Quarrel David W. Strange of Fochriw, was summoned by Mervyn Thomas for using insulting language. Complainant said the accused used most terrible words which witness had written on paper. Doreen Thomas, his sister, corroborated. Defendant put the blame on the complainant. He said that Thomas challenged him to fight, and used bad language. A witness bore out the statement. The Stipendiary said "It is nothing but a foolish quarrel between these two boys. The case is dismissed."

"Merthyr Express" 20 October 1934

Hospital Mr. Sidney Evans, Rees-row, Pentwyn, is making satisfactory progress at Merthyr Hospital, where he has undergone an operation.

Dance At the New Hall on Monday a dance took place. The music was supplied by Mr. H. Salmon's Band, Rhymney, and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

Harvest Festival Services were held at Siloh, Penybanc, of Sunday, when the preacher was the Rev. T. E. Williams, Rhymney. Mr. E. Cumpstone was the organist.

Nazareth The annual meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev. J. Green, Twrgwyn, Cardigan, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. W. Morris, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ.

Eisteddfod Success Fochriw Ladies Glee Party, under their conductor Madame Hannah Cole Davies, were successful at Bargoed Eisteddfod on Saturday, when there were four parties, Fochriw coming first. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

Harvest Services At Nazareth chapel on Monday, Harvest festival services were held, when the Rev. Richard Rees, pastor, was the preacher. Mr. Wm. Morris conducted the singing and Mr. Tom Davies was at the organ

Carmel Harvests services were held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, when the conductor and organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

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Library Dance A large number attended the dance at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. H. Salmon's Band provided the music, and Mr. John Lewis and Mr. Ted Puddle were the M.Cs.

Hospital Mr. Seaborne Williams, The Villas, is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, and Mr. George W. Wood, late of Aelybryn, is a patient at Middlesex Hospital.

Good Templars The meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Sister Lewis arranged the programme, which consisted of biographies of two Fochriw notables, Dr. Eleazer Davies, and the Rev. James Jones.

Glee Party Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the Old Library, when it was decided to hold a concert on 11th November, in the aid of the Gressford Fund. The Party, under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters, is making splendid progress.

British Legion The following have been elected to represent the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion and the United Services Fund Benevolent Committee for 1934-1935: Messrs. E. J. Williams, T. J. Evans, R. G. Wood, W. Sullivan, W. H. Way, S. Ballard,

and Evan Davies. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Monday. Votes of condolence were passed with Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Cooksey, Deri, and with the relatives of the Private R. Price, who died at Catterisk Camp. Mr. E. Puddle gave a report of the district committee, and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones was congratulated on again being selected to this committee. The members discussed the question of acquiring their own premises as headquarters, and it was suggested to inaugurate a building fund.

“Merthyr Express” 3 November 1934

Choir's Success The Children's Choir, conducted by Mr. David J. Davies, was successful at Blackwood Eisteddfod in winning the first prize. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the accompanist.

Hospital Master Claude Smith, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and Miss Irene Barlow is at Pontsarn Sanatorium. Their many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Library Dance A large number attended the dance at the New Hall on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis and the music was provided by Mr. H. Salmon's band.

Scholastic Success Miss Jessie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Plantation-terraces, has won an entrance scholarship to Bargoed Secondary School

Good Templars The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Brother D. James presided. Sister D. Jones was responsible for the entertainment, and she was thanked by Brothers Evans and Lewis.

Band Meeting The monthly meeting of the band took place at the band headquarters on Thursday evening last, Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman, presiding. Arrangements were made for the parades on Armistice Sunday and for the band tea and social. The host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones were thanked for their interest in the band.

British Legion The Women's Section held their annual meeting on Wednesday evening last, Mrs. S. J. Jones presiding. The balance sheet, audited by Mrs. Sam Lewis and Miss Rosie Davies, was adopted, and the auditors thanked for their services. The secretary, Mrs. S. Jones, gave a report of the work achieved during the last 12 months. The following were elected officers and committee: president, Mrs. M. Lloyd Jones; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. J. Payne and Mrs. (Sergeant) Jones; chairman, Mrs. S. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mrs. G. Wood and Mrs. L. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. M. H. Jones; secretary, Mrs. S. Jones; committee: Mesdames T. I. Evans, S. Haines, D. Lewis, D. Williams W. Mills, J. Morgan, W. Way, Small; members of the Benevolent Committee: Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. R. Wood, Mrs. M. H. Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 10 November 1934

Good Templars At the lodge meeting on Tuesday, Brother James read a paper entitled "Some Reflections on the Event of a Silver Wedding."

Hospital Mr. W. T. Williams, Penybank, and Mr. W. Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Library Dance A large number attended the dance at the New Hall on Monday. Messrs. John Lewis and Ted Puddle were the M.Cs. and the music was provided by a Rhymney band.

The Late Mr. James Williams The death has occurred at Wednesday of Mr. James Williams, who was clerk at the Fochriw Collieries of Messrs. Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds for many years. He was a faithful member at Noddfa Baptist Church and took an active interest in all affairs relating to the welfare of the village.

Wedding: Ballard-Watkins The wedding took place at Merthyr on Saturday of Miss Dwynwen Ballard, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crad Ballard, Brynteg, to Mr. William John Watkins, son of Mrs. Watkins and the late Mr. Watkins, Pentwyn. The bride was attired in blue with hat and shoes to match, and was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Mary H. Ballard, her sister, and Misses Lizzie and Hilda Watkins, sisters of the bridegroom, who were attired in grey velvet with hats and shoes to match. Mr. Robert Jones was the best man. The wedding breakfast was held at the bride's home. They received numerous presents.

“Merthyr Express” 17 November 1934

Fochriw Eisteddfod Success marked the eisteddfod held at the New Hall, Fochriw, on Saturday, in aid of the Library and Institute. The competitions, which lasted until midnight, were of a very high standard. The adjudicators were: music - Mr. Bumford Griffiths and Mr. D. Lodwick, Dowlais; elocution, Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Fochriw, and Mr. Williams, Rhymney; accompanists, Mr. Thomas Walters and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The Rev. J. L. White, Vicar, was the President, and the conductor, Councillor W. R. John, Deri. An energetic committee had worked hard to make the event a success, with Mr. T. Puddle chairman, and Messrs. D. J. Davies and D. J. Evans, as joint secretaries.

Awards: Male Glee Party, "The Little Church" - four choirs competed - Penfhiwceiber 86; Fochriw 84; Aberdare 83; Ystrad Mynach 79. With a first prize of £5 was a fine oak chair made by Mr. Vernon Davies, Fochriw, and Mr. T. J. Jones, another old Fochriw boy; Juvenile Choir: "Ymdaith yr Urdd" and "Difyrwch y Brenin" confined to Urdd Gobaith Cymru Choirs: 1. Fochriw; 2. Ystrad Mynach; Boys' and Girls' solo under 14, confined to members of the Urdd - 1. Dilys Uzzell, Deri, 2. Gwyn Arthur, Treharris; Boys' and Girls' recitation under 14 "Gwnewch Bobpeth yn Gymraeg" - 1. Eliza Evans, Fochriw; 2. Mattie Jenkins, Ystrad Mynach; Boys recitation under 14 "Play the Game" - George Turner, Blaenavon; Girls' recitation under 14 "The Watermill" - Marion Frampton, Pontllanfraith; Boys' solo under 16 "Guiding Star" - Leslie Yerbery, Blaenavon; Girls solo under 16 "I Picked a Flower" - Gwladys Arthur, Ebbw Vale; Pianoforte solo boys or girls under 16 - Myra Morgan, Port Talbot; Juvenile champion solo under 16 - Myra Morgan, Port Talbot; Juvenile champion recitation under 16 - Derek Barber, Talywain; Soprano solo "Memories" - Madame Cresswell-Minnett, Bargoed; Pianoforte solos under 17 - Betty Jones, Fochriw; Tenor solo - Mr. Griffith Evans, Treharris; Bass solo, "The Sailor Boy's Dream" - Mr. Morlaisydd Morgan, Dowlais; Champion solo, any voice - Madame Cresswell-Minnett.

Band's Busy Day The Fochriw Silver Band led the Armistice parades at Rhymney, Fochriw and Pontlottyn.

Institute Dance At the New Hall on Monday, under the auspices of the Library Institute, a dance was held. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

Mothers' Union An enrollment service was held on Tuesday at St. Mary. New members were enrolled by the Vicar.

Nazareth On Sunday evening, the preacher was Mr. Trevor Lawrence. Mr. Willie Angell Davies was at the organ, and Mr. William Morris conducted the singing.

Cinematograph Entertainment A fine programme of talking pictures was shown at the New Hall on Tuesday by Messrs. W. D. and H. O. Wills. The programme included comedy, drama and musical reels.

Good Templars At the meeting on Tuesday, a scene from "Macbeth" was played. Brother Lewis and Sister Jones proposed and seconded a vote of thanks to all taking part.

Poppy Day The following sold poppies on Friday and Saturday: Mesdames Lewis, Morgan, Pullen, Small, Wood, Lee, Williams, Evans, Sullivan, Davies, Mills, Fred May, and the Misses Wynda and Iris Edwards. An amount of £7 17s 8d was realised

Armistice Parad On Sunday, a Remembrance Service was held at the Parish Church, the Rev. J. C. Payne, vicar of Ystradowen and Welsh St. Donat's officiating. The parade formed at the Legion Headquarters and it was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle. The procession included members of the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion, St. John Ambulance, Cadets, etc. After the parade, a most impressive service was held in the Church. Wreaths were laid at the foot of the Memorial Window by the the British Legion Men's and Women's Sections, St. Mary's Branch of the Mothers' Union, and relatives of the fallen. The Last Post was sounded and the organist played "The Dead March" in "Saul." The two minute silence was observed at the Parish Church of Sunday morning, when the vicar officiated.

A Girl from Fochriw: London Life 'Turned Her Head' Doris Wright, a 19 year old domestic servant, was charged at Wimbledon on Monday with stealing a silver cigarette case, and a George I five shilling piece, worth together £5, from her employer, Mrs. Sheppard of Wimbledon. Mrs. Sheppard said that the girl's head was turned by the gaiety

of London life after the quiet of her Welsh home town. The girl, whose address was given as Hill-row, Fochriw, said that she saw the case, and as she was going out, she wanted to take it to 'swank' when she saw the name engraved on it was the same as hers. She intended to return it, but she either dropped it, or had it stolen from her by some boys she met on Wimbledon Common. She denied taking the coin. She was bound over for a year on condition she returned home to Wales.

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Church Hall A children's entertainment took place at the Church Hall on Friday, the vicar presiding. The children contributed an interesting miscellaneous programme.

Deaths The death has taken place of Mr. Thomas Thomas, Williams-row; also of Mrs. Cecilia Davies, late of Fochriw, now of Pengam; and also of Bertha E. Dummett, Council Houses.

Institute Dance A dance took place at the New Hall on Monday, under the Library and Institute Committee. Music was supplied by Mr. Jack Jones' Band, Rhymney, and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

Personal Nurse Phoebe Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Plantation-terraces, has been appointed to a post at the North London Nursing Home, Finsbury Park. She received her training at Merthyr General Hospital.

Labour Party At the meeting on Monday at the Old Library, when Mr. Tom Jones, Caerphilly, organiser, was present, the following officers were appointed: chairman, Mr. Sam Lewis; secretary, Mrs. S. J. Jones; treasurer, Mr. T. Shankland.

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The Late Mrs. Celia Davie The death has taken place of Mrs. Celia Davies, widow of the late Mr. Benjamin Davis, who had spent the greater part of her life at Fochriw before removing to Pengam, where her death took place. The funeral on Tuesday, at Pentwyn Churchyard, was met at Pentwyn by a large number of Fochriw friends.

Presentation To Signyman A pleasant function took place at the Rising Sun Hotel on Thursday, when a presentation of an oak timepiece was made to Signymen Rees Jones on his retirement as a signymen after 34 years service. The presentation was made by Mr. Walter Davies, stationmaster, on behalf of the railway staff and friends. He spoke of Mr. Jones fine qualities, and wished him every happiness in retirement. Mr. Jones returned thanks. Other speakers were Mr. John Jones, Mr. W. J. Williams, Mr. B. Cowling, Mr. F. Sweetland. The musical programme was contributed to by Mr. Cyril Jenkins and Mr. H. C. Jenkins, Pontlottyn, were gave selections on the pianoforte accordion, and Mr. D. Jones and Mr. H. Jones, Bargoed, humorous monologues. Mr. G. R. Williams, stationmaster, Darren, presided.

Drama Performances Fochriw Dramatic Party added to its reputation on Wednesday and Thursday of last weeks in performances at the New Hall in aid of the Ambulance Division of the "The Rotters" (by F. H. Maltby). The acting was good and the presentation generally surpassed the usual amateur stand it. Much credit is due to Mr. T. J. Jones, the producer. The chairman on Wednesday was Mr. A. Ballard, and on Thursday, Mr. Sam Lewis. Members of the cast were as follows: Mr. W. Angell; Miss S. Jones; Miss E. Matthews; Miss Rita Cole; Mr. E. Thomas; Miss M. Morgan; Mr. V. Davies; Mr. A. Morris; Miss E. Lawrence. The stage manager was Mr. W. Parry. Corps Treasurer John Morgan thanked the party.

Legion Women's Supper At the annual supper on 24th November at the New Hall, Mrs. S. J. Jones presiding, the guest of the evening was Mrs. Essie Harris, Swansea, national vice-chairman. Mrs. Harris was supported by Mrs. Lloyd Jones, president of the branch, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. J. Bevan, Mrs. A. Jones (vice-presidents), Mr. F. C. Miller (Dowlais), Mr. John Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. W. Williams, Mr. Lloyd Jones and Mr. Sydney Phillips (secretary and chairman of the local branch), Mrs. S. Jones (secretary), Mrs. M. H. Jones (treasurer). Solos were rendered by Mr. J. Jenkins, Bargoed, the accompanists being Mr. Tom Walters and Mr. Herbert, Deri. Much assistance was rendered by Mrs. G. Woods, Mrs. L. Thomas and the band of helpers. Mrs. L. Thomas proposed and Mrs. G.

Wood seconded a vote of thanks to Mrs. Harris and the guests. The sealed packet winner was Mrs. Jenkins, Pontlottyn.

Funeral of Mr. Thomas Thomas, 2, Williams-row, aged 56 A large gathering attended the funeral of Mr. Thomas Thomas at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Deceased had lived in the village all his life and was highly respected. He was the son of the late Mr. Howell Thomas, an official at the Fochriw collieries. The Rev. Richard Evans officiated. The deceased leaves a wife and grown-up family to whom sympathy is extended. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Howell J., David G., and Thomas F. Thomas (sons); Mr. D. Cheese, Nantyglo (son-in-law); Messrs. William, Jenkin and Howell Thomas (brothers); Thomas Walters, Charles Hollister, W. H. Edmonds and E. J. Rees (brothers-in-law); T. Francis, L. Davies, Daniel Rowlands (cousins); C. Rees, Howell Thomas, Willie Thomas, J. J. Lewis, R. Parry, D. G. Davies, H. Oliver, S. Price, David Thomas, H. Thomas, D. Uzzell, D. Saunders, W. Edmonds, T. Edmonds, W. Garbett, David Evans (nephews).

Local Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. John Lewis was M.C. and the music was supplied by Mr. Jack Jones's band.

Funeral: Bertha E. Dummett, Council Houses The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday of Bertha Dummett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Dummett. The Rev. W. Brazell, vicar of Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and graveside.

Train Facilities The public of Fochriw will be pleased to know of the additional train facilities commencing forthwith. Accommodation for the general public will be provided in the workmen's trains between Bargoed and Dowlais Top. This will be a great convenience, a good service of trains being available.

I.O.G.T. A vote of condolence was passed with Brother and Sister Walters in their recent bereavement. Sister Ballard was responsible for the programme, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Margaret Williams, Pentwyn, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, wish her a speedy recovery.

Entertainment At the Church Hall on Friday evening, a children's concert was held, presided over by the Vicar. The programme consisted of solos, recitations and competitions.

Good Templars The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening, Brother Gomer Evans being responsible for the programme.

Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday and on Wednesday, under the auspices of the Library and Institute Committee. Music was supplied by Mr. Jack Jones' Band, and Mr. James Lewis was the MC.

Tea and Social On Thursday last, at the New Hall, a tea and social, under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band, took place to celebrate the occasion of the royal wedding. In the afternoon, a tea was held, and in the evening a musical programme was given by the band under Mr. Albert Mantle. Messrs. D. John Davies and Elwyn Lewis were the M.Cs. The programme opened by playing "God Save the King." The winner of the prize cake, given by the Royal Stores, was Mr. Windsor Rees. The chairman thanked all who helped in making the event such an outstanding success.

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Entertainment On Friday night a children's entertainment was held, the vicar presiding.

I.O.G.T. Sister C Jones was responsible for the programme.

Institute Dance A dance was held on Monday evening. Mr. John Lewis was the M.C. and the music was provided by Mr. Jack Jones's band.

Cymanfa Ganu On Sunday night at Carmel Chapel, a rehearsal was held in preparation for the Christmas cymanfa ganu. Mr. Thomas, Clydach-on-Tawe, was the conductor, with Mr. Tom Walters and Miss B. Ballard organists.

Silver Band Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting of the band on Thursday. Arrangements were made for the Christmas engagement. Mr. Bob Rees, secretary,

reported that the "Princess Marina Dance" proved a success. The Bandmaster presented a satisfactory report.

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Urdd Gobaith Cymru The Fochriw branch met on Wednesday when Mr. W. Lewis gave an address on "Cranogwen" and also read some of her poems.

I.O.G.T. Brother Thomas Walters was responsible for the programme.

Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday, Mr. John Lewis as M.C., and the music provided by Mr. Jack Jones' Band.

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Silver Band The band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, played throughout the district of Christmas Day.

Deaths The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas James, blacksmith, and of Mr. George W. Wood, son of the late Mr. John Wood and Mrs. Wood, Aelybryn, and the husband of Mrs. Wood, London.

Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. John Lewis was the M.C., and the music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band.

Carmel Concert At Carmel Vestry on Friday, the children were entertained to a concert. The Christmas tree had been tastefully decorated. Mr. Sam Lewis, assisted by Mr. Arthur ballad, took the role of Father Christmas, and Miss Maria Jones conducted the singing.

Cymanfa Ganu The singing festival in connection with Nazareth and Noddfa chapels was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day, Mr. D. J. Thomas, Swansea, conducting. Miss Katie Davies presided in the morning; Mr. T. Evans in the afternoon; and Mr. John Jones in the evening. The accompanists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Miss Katie Davies.

Cymanfa Ganu The annual cymanfa ganu in connection with Carmel Chapel was held on Christmas Day, Mr. W. H. Thomas, Swansea, conducting. Miss B. Ballard and Mr. Tom Walters were the accompanist. Mr. A. Ballard presided in the morning, Mrs. D. Lewis in the afternoon, and Nurse Ballard Davies and Rev. B. Davies took part in the evening. The following took part: Miss Mary Morgan, Betty Jones, G. Harris, E. Evans, M. Davies, B. Evans, D. Alban Evans, D. Cole. The afternoon session was commenced by Mrs. H. Mantle, and the evening session by Mr. John G. Lewis.

Wedding: James-Davies The wedding was solemnised at Merthyr on Saturday of Miss Maggie May James, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan James, 25, Guest-street, and Mr. James Alfred de Davies, second son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davies, 28, Guest-street. The bride, who was given away by our father, was attired in brown. Mr. James Davies, father of the bridegroom, attended the ceremony. The wedding breakfast was at the home of the bride's parents. The happy couple will make their home at 25 Guest-street.

Ambulance: Presentation of Awards at Fochriw The local division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade held their annual presentation of awards at the New Hall on Wednesday. Mr. Sam Lewis presided. He emphasised the good work the ambulance men were doing throughout the country, and appealed to the young men present to take up the work. Fochriw Male Glee Party, under Mr. Tom Walters, rendered "Oes Mae Gwlad," followed by a solo by Mr. Wilfred Jones, Bedlinog, which was encored. A recitation was given by Mr. Derlwyn Jones, Bedlinog, which was also encored; Glee Party, "The Little Church;" solo, Mr. M. Shankland. Then followed the presentation of warrants of appointments and promotion by Mr. W. J. Payne. He said ambulance was a noble work, and he was pleased to see stalwarts of the movement on the platform. He appealed to the young people to join the Cadet movement and equip themselves to be of service. He then presented warrants of appointment and promotion to Mr. John John, Corps Treasurer, Mr. Howell Thomas, Divisional Superintendent, Mr. T. Evans, Ambulance Officer, Mr. Dan James, Sergeant, Mr. Howell Thomas Corporal, Mr. Walter Parry (Inspector of Stores and Corporal). Mr. Brinley Cumpstone and Mr. G. Grimmett were awarded certificates. The following winners of the cadet team were presented with a fountain pen and pencil case; Mr. Tudor Rowlands (captain), Mr. Tom Smith, Aneurin Morgan and Jack Evans. A record of the brigades work for the last three months was read by Mr. George Grimmett as follows: street accidents - 30; colliery accidents - 60; public duties -

25. Mileage incurred in removal of patients - 55. The musical entertainment then continued as follows: solo, Mr. Tom Jones; solos, Mr. Windsor Jones; recitation, Mr. D. Jones; choruses, the Glee Party. Mr. Sam Lewis moved a vote of thanks to all for their help and services, and this was seconded by Corps Treasurer John Morgan.