

“Merthyr Express” 3 January 1942

Parish Church Services were held on Christmas Day. The preacher and celebrant was the Rev. J. L. White (vicar) and the organists were Mr. W. P. Lawrence (Mus. Bac.) and Mrs. Norman Palmer.

Musical Success Brynmor Jones, son of Mr. T. H. Jones, 3, Upper-row, Pantywaun, was successful in passing the Advanced Intermediate Examination in pianoforte playing at the recent examination of the London College of Music held at Cardiff.

Singing Festival The united Christmas singing festival of Nazareth and Noddfa Baptist Churches was held at Noddfa Chapel on Christmas Day and a high standard of singing was attained. The conductor was Mr. D. J. Thomas, and the organists were Mrs. Katie D. Walters and Mr. D. J. Davies. Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided in the morning session which was given over to the children, and the devotional part was taken by Moira Ballard and Margaret Davies. The afternoon president was Mr. W. H. Jones, with the devotional part taken by Jas. A. Price. The evening president was Mr. T. J. Jones. The devotional part was taken by Miss Edna Evans Jones.

Carmel Chapel On Christmas Day the usual cymanfa ganu was held when the conductor was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. with Mrs. Annie Davies the organist. The singing was of a high standard the choir responding well to the conductor. The morning was devoted to the children and was introduced by Mr. S. Lewis. The devotional part was taken by Nan Jones and Amy Thomas; solos were rendered by Eleanor Davies and Huw B. Thomas. Recitations were given by Megan and Amy Thomas. The afternoon service was introduced by Mrs. A. Ballard, and the evening service by Mrs. S. Lewis. At each of the services the singing was most inspiring. The presidents were: Morning, Mr. T. Ballard; afternoon, Mr. A. Ballard; and evening, Mr. Dd. Lewis.

London Welsh Wedding: Worman-Cole The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Hammersmith, of Mr. William David Worman, youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Worman, Pretoria, Heol y Deri, Rhiwbina, Caridff, and Miss Rita Blanche Cole, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Cole, late of Brynteg, Fochriw, now in London, W. The bridegroom, who is serving as a lieutenant in the Forces (and who is shortly leaving for active service abroad) is well known and popular figure in the Caerphilly district. The bride is a native of Fochriw and was educated at Hengoed County School. She is now an active member of the Hammersmith Civil Defence Corps and intends continuing as a voluntary A.R.P. warden. The parents of the happy couple are well known in the Caerphilly and Bargoed Districts. The reception was held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, from whence the couple left to spend their honeymoon in Norfolk. Among the many guests were the bride and bridegroom's parents, and Nurse F. E. Cole, the eldest sister of the bride.

Engagement: Thomas - David The engagement is announced between Egryn Thomas, youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Thomas of 6, Dynevor St., Fochriw, and Nurse Joan Davies, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Davies, 43, Brynteg Terrace, Merthyr Vale.

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Wedding: Wheeler-Evans The wedding took place at St.. Mary the Virgin, Fochriw, on Saturday, of Signalman Christopher Robert Wheeler of the Royal Navy, son of Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Wheeler of Auckland, New Zealand, and Miss Doreen Evans, only child of Mr. & Mrs. John Llewellyn Evans, Bailey Arms, Deri. The vicar officiated, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The bride was dressed in a powder blue two-piece, trimmed with dyed squirrel, brown accessories and a bouquet of carnations. The bridegroom was serving in a corvette with a Rhondda boy and spent his leave in the Rhondda, thereby meeting his bride.

Fochriw Properties for Sale by Public Auction at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dowlais Lot 4 Leasehold Dwelling house “Brynderwen,” Melindwr Place, Fochriw, held for 99 years from 25th March, 1904, for annual ground rent of 2 3s. 11d. Vacant possession on completion. Lot 5 Leasehold Dwelling house “Brynawel,” Melindwr Place, Fochriw, held for 99 years from 25th March, 1904, for annual ground rent of 1 3s. 2d.. Vacant possession on completion.

Snooker The Fochriw Institute team played Brithdir away on Thursday and lost 8-4. Fochriw: Messrs.. Clifford Davies, Rufus Demmett, Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes, R. Jones and Bryn Rees.

Institute and Library Mr. H. Thomas presided over a meeting on Thursday and was supported by Mr. D. J. Thomas (secretary) and Mr. J. H. Evans (treasurer). Reports from the caretaker and treasurer were received, and correspondence dealt with. It was decided to call a special meeting to discuss important matters of general concern.

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Pastor’s Death: Rev. Richard Evans It is with deep regret that the village has heard of the death of the Rev. Richard Evans. Those who knew him - and he was widely known - have lost a great friend. His familiar figure and cheerful countenance will be missed, and the members of his churches have suffered a great loss. On August 19, 1923, Mr. Evans took the pulpit of Nazareth C. M. Chapel for the first time as joint pastor of Nazareth, Fochriw, and Ysgwydd Gwyn Chapel, Deri, and has remained for nearly 19 years. During these years - and some of them have been lean and difficult years - Mr. Evans moved amongst his flock and inspired them with his cheerful personality. During his illness, anxious inquiries were made by all kinds of people because he had won the respect of all. A strong preacher and a sound theologian, Mr. Evans was well known throughout Wales, especially at the district and monthly meetings of the Presbytery. His passing has dealt a severe blow to the small churches under his care, but his memory will live to uphold them for many years to come. Those who knew him intimately feel that he has left them something that will be an inspiration and a treasured memory to the end of their lives. The sorrow of his relatives is shared by many.

Children Entertained An enjoyable social and tea were given to the children of Fochriw, including both evacuated and local children, at the Council School on Friday afternoon. The function was organised by the co-operated efforts of the local billeting committee and members of the school staff. Those in attendance were Coun. S. Lewis (school manager and chairman of the billeting committee); members of the school staff; Mr. Idris Cumpstone (secretary of the billeting committee); Mesdames A. Ballard, W.J.A. Davies, E. Thomas, and D. Jenkins (members of the billeting committee); B. Angel, J. Jones, and I. Cumpstone. Members of the school staff were Misses M. Richards, H.E. Lewis, M. Jones, S. Jones, E. Owen (Cardiff), Mrs. T. Lawrence and Mr. D. Jenkins.

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Late Mr. Sam Miles The death has taken place of Mr. Sam Miles (72), late of Dynevor-street. His wife died twelve months ago. Both were well known in the village and highly respected. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Cemetery. The Revs. J.C. Payne, vicar of Penydaren, and J.C. White, vicar of Fochriw, officiated.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Association at the Library on Thursday, supported by Mr. H. Thomas, vice-chairman, Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary, and Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer. Matters to be placed before the annual meeting were discussed. It is expected that the repairs to the hall as promised by the Welfare Organisation will be carried out now. The contractor has visited the buildings. A letter was also received by the Secretary from the Welsh Association stating that orders had been given to carry out the work. This will be a big improvement in the circumstances. Were it not for the war, Fochriw would be enjoying a long-felt need in a new hall.

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In Hospital Mr. John Baldwin, Dynevor-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. His friends hope he will soon be well.

Snooker The Fochriw Institute team journeyed to Brithdir on Thursday and won by seven games to five. Team: Gomer Evans, Owen Jones, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Leighton Millward.

Trespass For trespassing on the railway between Deri and Fochriw, Glanmore Williams of Fochriw was fined 5s. at Pontlottyn on Friday, and Wm. Gittens, Wm. Hervins, Fredk.

Amos, Vernon Llewellyn & Stanley Gittens, all of Fochriw, were each ordered to pay 4s. costs.

Burial of Brian Gwynne The funeral of Brian Gwynne, son of Mr. & Mrs. P. Gwynne, 9, Glen View, Pentwyn, took place on Wednesday of last week at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. L. White, vicar, officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Percy Gwynne (father); Mr. J.E. Davies, Bedlinog (grandfather); Messrs. A.J. Gwynne, Wm. Thomas, A.E. Morgan and D.J. Price (uncles). At the house were: Mrs. P. Gwynne (mother); Irene & Marlene (sisters); Mrs. Gwynne (grandmother); Mrs. A. J. Gwynne, Mrs. A.E. Morgan, Mrs. R. Osborne (aunts); Glenys Davies, Georgina Davies (Bedlinog), Iris & Margaret Morgan (cousins) & Mrs. Lewis (Pentwyn).

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Snooker The Institute team entertained New Tredegar B on Thursday in an Upper Rhymney Valley League game. Fochriw won by eight games to four, and were represented by G. Davies, R. Gittoes, O. Jones, B. Rees, R. Dummett, & L. Millward.

Welfare Association A meeting was held of the local association at the Old Library on Thursday, presided over by Coun. W. J. Payne, supported by the vice-chairman, Mr. H. Thomas, and Mr. D. J. Thomas, secretary. The chairman reported on the visit of the contractor for building repairs and of Mr. Trailer, the architect of the Welfare organisation. It was reported that work was to be started in a week's time and arrangements were made to get the building ready for the work to commence.

“Merthyr Express” 21 February 1942

To Close an Estate and by Other Directions: Two Separate Sales at Fochriw and Bedlinog: Twelve Dwelling Houses Mr. W. Melville Berryman will sell by Public Auction on Tuesday, the 3rd of March, 1942, at 6p.m. at the Mount Pleasant Inn, Fochriw, and at 7p.m. at the Station Hotel, Bedlinog, the following: At Fochriw:- Lot 1 13 Glenview Rental 1-18-0 per lunar month; Lot 2 14 Glenview Rental 1-18-0 per lunar month; Lease 99 years from June 24th, 1910: annual ground rent 3-6-2 which will be apportioned if sold separately. Lot 3 4 Rees Row Rental 7/- weekly; Lot 4 5 Rees Row Rental 7/- weekly. Lease 99 years from November 1st., 1859; annual ground rent 3-12-1 which will be apportioned if sold separately. Lot 5 3 Hill Row Rental 6/0½ weekly; Lot 6 4 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly. Lease 99 years from November 1st., 1859; annual ground rent 2-2-10 which will be apportioned if sold separately. Lot 7 16 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly; Lot 8 17 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly; Lot 9 18 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly; Lot 10 19 Hill Row Rental 6/6 weekly. Lease 99 years from November 1st, 1859; annual ground rent £3-12-1 which will be apportioned if sold separately. For further particulars: Lots 1-4 apply to Martin Evans, Solicitor, High St., Merthyr (Tel. 55); Lots 5-10 W.J. Canton D.L., LL.B., Solicitor, Union Street, Dowlais (Tel. 56); & to the Auctioneer at High Street, Merthyr (Tel. 409).

The Late Mr. G. Evans The death has taken place of Mr. Geo. Evans, aged 24, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans, 41, Aelybryn-street.

League Snooker Fochriw Institute team visited Bargoed on Thursday in the Upper Rhymney Valley League, and lost by 7 matches to 5. Fochriw team: G. Davies, R. Gittoes, R. Dummett, O. Jones, L. Millward, C. Davies.

Late Mr. D. Thomas An old inhabitant of Pantywaun has died in Mr. David Thomas, aged 66 years, of Chapel-street. He had lived the greater part of his life in the village and was well known. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday, when Rev. E. Elias (Dowlais) officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. G.; D. J. E.; I. R.; and A. Thomas (sons); H. Hughes (son-in-law); I. Morgan (brother-in-law); Leonard Thomas & M. Hughes (grandsons); J. W. J. & I. Jenkins (nephews). Among the floral tributes was one from the Pentwyn Lodge of the R.A.O.B..

Hall Renovation It is gratifying to know that work has been commenced on the hall buildings. Were it not for the war, Fochriw would be enjoying a new building today, as

everything was in readiness when the war broke out. We look forward to a hall worthy of Fochriw.

Bible Society The annual meeting of the local branch was held at Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Wednesday. The representative for the society was the Rev. H. Withers, Rector of Llanfabon, whose visit on behalf of the society is always looked forward to. The Rev. J. L. White presided and paid tribute to Rev. R. Evans, who has recently died - a faithful worker for the society for many years. Rev. Withers spoke on the work of the society and thanked them for the excellent report which was given by Mrs. Kate Walters (secretary), and Coun. Sam Lewis (treasurer). Contributions had exceeded all previous years. Mrs. Walters was the organist.

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At Short Notice: Further Properties for Sale at Fochriw Since arranging the sales described on the 21st February, 1942, the auctioneer has been instructed to include in the sale the undermentioned properties: Lot 13 6 Brynteg Terrace Rental 10/- weekly. Lease 99 years from 29th September 1903: annual ground rent 17/5. Lot 14 4 Guest Street Rental 7/6 weekly: Lease 99 years (less 3 days) from July 1st 1865; annual ground rent 17/6.

Obituary The following have died in the district this week: Messrs. J. Baldwin, Dynevor-street; John Evans, Aelybryn; Evan H. Lewis, Station Stores.

The Late Mr. George Evans, aged 23, 41, Aelybryn-street The funeral of Mr. George Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Evans, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Mr. Evans had been ailing for a long time, and previous to his illness had attended the Parish Church and was a member of the choir. The Rev. J.L. White, vicar, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Bert Evans (father); Tudor, Willie, Myrddin, Harry (brothers); D. Davies (grand-father); T.J., D.J., Dan & Gordon Evans, A. Wright, W.M. Davies, Sydney Davies (uncles); V.J. Davies, Alun Davies, Ewart Davies (cousins); Wm. Davies (Deri), W. John (Pontlloctyn), & R. Jones (Dowlais). At the house: Mesdames M.A. Evans (mother); T.W. & M. Evans (sisters-in-law); G. Davies, A. Wright, S. Evans, S. Thomas, D.J. & T.J. Davies & May (aunts); Mrs. Winnie Davies (Deri).

Late Mrs. Elizabeth Davies, aged 51 The funeral of Mrs.. E. Davies, wife of Mr. W.O. Davies, late of Gilfach, Bargoed, who died at Cardiff Hospital, took place from the home of her mother, 8, Glyn-terrace. The vicar officiated. Mourners were: Mr. W.O. Davies (husband); Cyril Davies (R.A.F.), Raymond Davies (R.A.C.), Glenys Davies (children); Lilian Davies (daughter-in-law); Messrs.. W. Smith (brother); Walter Way (father-in-law); William, Bertie, Noah, Albert Way (brothers); Tudor Evans (brother-in-law); Claude Smith (cousin); Mr. Jeremiah (New Tredegar); Mesdames L.A. Smith, B. Way (sisters-in-law); Mrs Lena Davies & Mrs. Yeo. At the house were: Mrs. Smith (mother); Mrs. Lillian Evans (sister); Sylvia Evans (niece); & Mrs. Edwards. The bearers were: Councillors Sam Williams & W.J. Payne, Messrs. Edward Lewis, John Lawrence, David Harris, Wm. Edwards, R. Evans & W. Lewis.

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In Hospital Mr. C. Ballard, South Tunnel Pit, is a patient at Merthyr General.

Omission The following names were omitted from the report last week of the funeral of Mrs. E. Davies: Coun. Sam Lewis, Messrs. H. Thomas & Thos. Rowlands (bearers).

Remembrance Service: Rev. Richard Evans A service, dedicated to the memory of the Rev. Richard Evans, late pastor of Nazareth & Deri C.M. Churches for the past 19 years, was held at Nazareth Chapel on Sunday, conducted by Rev. H.J. Davies (Cwmparc). Mrs. K.D. Walters was the organist and Mr. W.A. Davies conducted the singing.

Late Mr. John Evans, aged 60, Aelybryn The funeral took place last Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. J.R. Salmon officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. A.J. Evans (widow); Miss Betty Evans, D.J. Davies (children); Mesdames Davies & Jones (Kenfig Hill) sisters; Mr. D. Evans (brother); Mesdames Strange (sister-in-law); M. Gwynne & F. Tynley (nieces); Mr. & Mrs. Rogers (New Tredegar), Mrs. A. Morgan (cousin), Mrs. Mantle, Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Davies.

Late Mr. John Baldwin, aged 72, 1, Dynevor-street The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Baldwin had died at the Merthyr General Hospital. He had lived at Fochriw for 59 years, and had been a fireman at the Fochriw Collieries, and latterly, at Groesfaen Colliery with the Powell Duffryn Company. The Vicar of Fochriw officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Thos. Baldwin (brother); Ralph Lindsay John & Vernon Coggan (grand-children); G. Baldwin (nephew); Arthur Coggan, P.S. Brangwynne, C. White, W. Faulkeren, S. Adcock, A. Spencers (sons-in-law); Philip Rowlands, G. Smith (Hereford) brothers-in-law); W. Jones, R. Jones (Treharris) cousins. At the house were: Mrs. M. Baldwin (widow); Sarah, Ann, Elsie, Muriel, Violet, Winifred (daughters); Mrs. Millie Plater, Misses Pearl & Betty White, Hilda, Lorna, Melville Brangwynne (grand-children); Mesdames M.A. Baldwin, - Baldwin (Cardiff) sister-in-law; Mrs. Goddard & Ethel (Cardiff) nieces; Mesdames J. Jones, M. Jones (Treharris), J. Coggan, A. Davies, R. Evans.

Late Mr. E.H. Lewis, aged 52, Station Stores The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Lewis had lived at Fochriw for the whole of his life. He served in the Great War in the Welch Regiment and was badly wounded in France. He was an elder and secretary of the Pentecostal Gospel Hall. The service was conducted at the Hall by Pastor David Thomas, Messrs. C. Morgan, T. Williams Jones (Dowlais) & Williams (Abertridwr). Mr. Sanders was at the organ. The bearers were: Messrs. Dewi Morgan, Sunders Iles, H. Jones, T. Williams, W. Hughes, A. Williams, T. Williams (Dowlais). The mourners were: Mrs. E.H. Lewis (widow); Ronald & Mary (children), Mrs. M.A. James (sister); Mr. Daniel Rees Lewis (brother); Mesdames Williams (Ynyshir), Talbot (Pontypridd), & D.R. Lewis (sisters-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Davies, Mr. & Mrs. J. Williams (Dowlais) uncles and aunts; Mr. & Mrs. T.J. James, Mr. & Mrs. D. James, Miss Maureen Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Lewis, Messrs. Sul. James, Williw & Elwyn Lewis (nephews & nieces); Mrs. Owen, Messrs. Jack & Edgar Davies, Jack Jones, Lily, Elsie & Mabel Davies, Miss Annie Williams (cousins).

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Snooker Fochriw entertained St.. Dingat’s (New Tredegar) in a Rhymney Valley League match on Thursday, the visitors winning by 7-5. Representing Fochriw were: G. Davies, R. Dummett, Cliff Davies, Reg Gittoes, Edryd Jones, L. Millward.

Late Miss Eira Sharpe, 24, Martin-street The funeral of Eira Sharpe, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Sharpe, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. The Rev. David Thomas officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. A. Sharpe (father); W.D. Davies (grand-father); R. Gittoes (cousin). At the house were: Mesdames N. Sharpe (mother); W.D. Davies (grand-mother); Gittoes (aunt); E. Jones (cousin); S. Phillips & D. Harris.

Welfare Association The annual meeting of Fochriw Welfare Association was held at the Old Library on Wednesday, Coun. W. J. Payne presiding. He said that this was the first annual meeting since the amalgamation of the indoor and outdoor committees, who were now working under one committee and officials. He felt that much was to be gained with co-operation from all sources. He regretted that the new hall would not come until after the war. However, they were proceeding with the next best thing - the renovation of the present buildings, now proceeding, and costing between £450 and £500. Some of the work was part of the plan drawn up in 1939. They were all grateful to the Welfare Association Headquarters for their splendid support. He referred to the book department which had been well patronised during the past year. Copies of the financial statement, audited by Mr. T.D. Evans, were circulated, and showed a very good state of affairs. The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. Howell Thomas; treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans; secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas; trustees, Coun. Sam Lewis, Messrs. D. Jenkins, T.I. Jones, & E. Lewis. The committee were: Messrs. H. Wood, C. Shankland, Dan James, J. Lewis, B. Brown, W. Parry, Robert Thomas, Bryn Rees, W. Evans, A. Mantle, Job Thomas, D. Harris, T. Jones, Job Saunders, Rd. Evans, R. Parry, E. Davies, K. Owen; librarian, Mr. R. Gittoes; assistant, Mr. A. Way.

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South Wales Miners' Federation Meeting On Tuesday, the annual meeting of Ogilvie Lodge was held at Noddfa vestry. Mr. D.J. Davies presided, supported by Mr. F. Vrooks, secretary. The auditor's report was given by Mr. Albert Mantle. The following representatives for the Fochriw Lodge were appointed: Mr. A. Mantle and Mr. R. Thomas.

Carmel On Sunday last, a singing festival was held. The conductor for the day was Mr. Emlyn Evans (Post Office), and the organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. The morning session was for children, Coun. Sam Lewis presiding. The following children took part: reading, Nan Jones; prayer, Doreen Clarke; recitations, Amy Thomas, Megan Thomas; solo, Elinor Davies. At the afternoon service Mr. W.A. Davies presided, and at the evening service Mr. David Lewis.

Snooker Matches Fochriw played a home match against St. Gwladys' Bargoed in the Rhymney Valley League on Thursday. Fochriw won by 10 games to 2. The Fochriw team was: Rufus Dummett, L. Millward, Reg Gittoes, Clifford Davies, Jack Davies, Cyril Lewis. On Thursday, members of H.M. Forces played a team from the Fochriw Institute, and the match ended in a draw, 6-6. the Fochriw team was: Levi Pritchard, Claude Smith, Douglas Clark, C. Cumpstone, D. Pritchard, A.H. Dummett. The local juniors entertained Rhymney Guild on Monday, the visitors winning 8-4. The Fochriw team was: Tom Watkins, Glanmor Dummett, M. Davies, Stan Watkins, D.A. Evans, Desmond Kelly.

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Snooker Matches Fochriw played Pontlloftyn away on Thursday last in the Rhymney Valley League. Fochriw won 7-5, and were represented by: Gomer Davies, R. Dummett, C. Davies, Reg Gittoes, Edryd Jones, Cyril Lewis. The Fochriw Juniors played Rhymney Guild on Tuesday at Rhymney, Rhymney winning 7-5. The Fochriw team was: Tom Watkins, G. Dummett, Garnant Jones, D. Clark, E.M. Jones, D. Pritchard.

"Merthyr Express" 4 April 1942

Palm Sunday The old churchyard on top of the hill at Pentwyn was visited by hundreds of people on Sunday, when flowers were laid on the graves of loved ones.

Accident Mr. W. Ballard, Plantation-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident at his work at Ogilvie Colliery on Sunday night. His injuries include a fractured leg.

Snooker Fochriw entertained Rhymney on Thursday last in a Rhymney Valley League match, the visitors winning 8-4. The Fochriw team was: G. Davies, R. Dummett, Cliff Davies, Edryd Jones, R. Gittoes, Cyril Lewis.

Parish Church The day of national prayer was observed at the Parish Church last Sunday. In the morning, the service was attended by officers and members of H.M. Forces. At the evening service, Rev. J.C. Payne was the preacher. All the services were well attended.

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Snooker Fochriw entertained Pontlloftyn in a Rhymney Valley League match on Thursday at the Institute. Fochriw won 7-5, and were represented by Gomer Davies, Rufus Dummett, Cliff Davies, Edryd Jones, Reg Gittoes and Cyril Lewis.

Parish Church The celebrant and preacher at the Easter services on Sunday was the Vicar. There was an array of spring flowers and Easter lilies. The children's service in the afternoon was taken by Churchwarden W.J. Payne. The organists were Mr. W.P. Lawrence and Mr. Norman Palmer. Mr. Palmer is leaving to join H.M. Forces on Thursday.

Carmel At Carmel on Sunday afternoon, a missionary programme was given by the children. The elocutionists were Phillip Cotterell, Doreen Clark, Valerie Jones and Barbara Jones. A drama, "The Adventure," was performed by Huw B. Thomas, Howard Morgan, Eleanor Davies, Gwenfil Thomas and Enid Cumpstone. "The Life and Adventures of David Livingstone" was depicted in the form of a drama. Those taking part were Huw B. Thomas, Len Walker, Carwyn Evans, Desmond Kelly, Amy Thomas, Doreen Clark, Mary Rheins and Valerie Jones. The accompanist was Huw B. Thomas. Mr. Sam Lewis thanked the teachers and children for the interesting programme.

Jones - Williams The wedding took place at the Parish Church on Sunday of Mr. John Lloyd Jones and Mrs. C. Williams, Aelybryn. Mr. Jones is well known in the district in connection with the British Legion, being secretary of the local branch. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. John Richards, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. J. Richards. Mr. Harry Jones, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Also present were Mrs. M.L. Jones (mother of the bridegroom), Mrs. Farley (sister), Mr. Farley, and Mrs. L.G. Jones (sister-in-law). The Rev. J.L. White officiated. Mr. & Mrs. Jones will make their home at Aelybryn.

Orpheus Choir The Fochriw Orpheus Choir staged another first class concert at Noddfa Baptist Chapel on Good Friday, this time in aid of the Fochriw Ambulance Comforts Fund. The choir, under their conductor, Mr Thomas Walters, was in excellent form, as also were the artistes. The accompanist was Mrs. A. Davies. The chairman was Comm. Capt. S.B. Turner, Bargoed, who was accompanied by Mrs. Turner, lady commissioner, and the matron of Gellygaer Hospital. The soloists were Madam H.C. Davies and Mr. Tom Lewis; Nurse B. Davies, elocutionist; quartette, Mrs. M. James, Mrs. S. Millward, Mr. B. Davies and Mr. Emlyn Evans. Before the choir sang "The Cross," L/Cpl. Driver Brown spoke on the theme of the story of the Cross. At the close, a vote of thanks was accorded to all by Div. Supt. T. Evans, and was seconded by Div. Sec. T. Thomas (member in charge of medical home comforts depot).

"Merthyr Express" 18 April 1942

Firewatchers' Meeting A meeting was held at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday, Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., presiding. The Assistant Chief Fireguard, Mr. A.S. Williams, J.P., gave an explanation of the duties of the firewatchers, and answered several questions.

Hospital Mrs. J.R. Walters, Pleasant View, and Mr. Tom Shankland, Aelybryn, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, and are progressing favourably after operations. Mrs. M. Sheen, Dynevor-street, and Mr. R. Thomas, Moore's-row, have returned home from hospital.

Welfare Association Coun. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the hall on Thursday. A report was given on the visit of Mr. Daniel, Welfare Organiser, to Fochriw. The repairs to the building are proceeding satisfactorily. A sub-committee was appointed to deal with work to be carried out on the children's playground. The Treasurer gave the financial report, which was satisfactory. The caretaker reported, and this was accepted.

Easter Vestry: St. Mary's The Vestry meeting in connection with the Parish Church took place at the Church Hall on Monday. The vicar presided supported by the churchwarden, Coun. Payne and the parochial secretary, Mr. T. Baldwin. The vicar reviewed the past year and referred to the members serving in H.M. Forces. The Sunday School secretary, Mr. J. Lawrence, and the assistant organist, Mr. N. Palmer, had recently left for the Forces, with other men and women. They all wished them a safe return. The vicar paid tribute to the work of the churchwardens, Mr. W.J. Payne and Mr. John Owen, Deri. He thanked all for their work during the year. Mr. Payne reviewed the year and gave the financial report which was accepted. Election of officers: people's warden, Coun. W. J. Payne; vicar's warden, Mr. J. Owen; Miss R. Davies, auditor; parochial council - Mesdames White, W.J. Payne, E. J. Lawrence, G. Llewellyn, T. M. Evans, Miss R. Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, T. Baldwin, E. I. Griffiths, Edgar Prichard, W. H. Way, T. M. Evans, Bryn Rees, A. Palmer, G. Baldwin; sidesmen - Messrs. David Tyler, D. C. Jones, Thos. Jones, Geo. Evans, G. Lawrence, Willie James, D. Jones, C. Cumpstone, Tudor Evans, T. E. Davies; parochial secretary, Mr. T. Baldwin.

Wedding: Thomas-Tyler The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Miss Doris Tyler, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. A. Tyler, Pentwyn, and Mr. Frederick John Vaughan Thomas of Homelands House, Rhiwhina, and Porthleven, Cornwall. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. D. Tyler, wore a dress of white lace with lovers' knots in white satin, and a white embroidered net veil with coronet of orange blossom. She also wore a string of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. She carried a sheaf of

lilies. This, together with the bridesmaids' bouquets of pink and red carnations and fern, were placed on the grave of the bride's parents. The bridesmaids were Miss Elizabeth Thomas, sister of the bridegroom, who wore an ankle length dress of ice blue satin and shoulder length veil of blue net; Miss Alice Watkins and Misses Thelma and Margaret Tyler, nieces of the bride, wearing ankle length dresses of blue and mauve net over satin slips of the same shade, with shoulder veils, and wreaths of flowers of the same shade. They wore gold crosses and chains, the gift of the bridegroom. The service was fully choral, conducted by the vicar, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. A reception for a large number of guests was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. The honeymoon is being spent in Cornwall, the bride travelling in a clover dress, grey coat and hat. They will make their future home in Whitchurch.

"Merthyr Express" 25 April 1942

Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. S. Lewis, Glyn-terrace; Mrs. J. Lewis, Aelybryn; Mrs. R. James, Railway-terrace.

Death of Former Headteacher The death has taken place of Mr. J. D. Jones, headteacher of Fochriw Council School until taking the headship of Gorseinon Boys' School.

Snooker Fochriw played Pontllytyn at home in the Institute on Thursday, the match ending in a draw, 6-6. The return game was played at Pontllytyn on Monday, Fochriw losing 10-2.

"Merthyr Express" 9 May 1942

Hospital Mr. Bedford Edwards, Brook-row, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, as a result of an accident at his work at Rhymney. Mr. Evan Watkins is also a patient as a result of an injury at work at Bedlinog. Their friends wish them a speedy recovery.

British and Foreign Bible Society Result of Collection: Mesdames Evans & A. Wright - £1 13s. 2d.; Miss & Mrs. R. Rees - £1 19s.; Messrs. J. Lawrence & B. Davies - £2 11s. 2½d.; Misses R. Davies & E. Morgan - 9s 7d.; Pentecostal Church - £1 1s.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes The house-to-house collections resulted as follows: Mrs. W. Edwards & Mrs. C. Perkins, £1 14s 9½d; Mrs. T. Rowlands, 14s 6½d; Mrs. C. Shankland, 11s 2d; Mesdames I.& B. Cumpstone, 16s. 10d.; Misses Betty and Ray Farley, £1 4s 11d; Misses R. Davies & E. Morgan, 7s 9d; total £5. The organiser was Mrs. G. Walters, Glyn-terrace.

"Merthyr Express" 16 May 1942

Late Mr. W.H. Jones The death has taken place at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. W.H. Jones, Martin's-street, after a short illness. He was one of the faithful stalwarts of Noddfa Baptist Chapel, where he will be sadly missed. His only son, Pte. David Lloyd Jones, has arrived home.

Airman's Death: Sergt-Pilot Philip D. Seaborne It is with regret that the large circle of friends of Sergt-Pilot Philip D. Seaborne, son of Mr. Harry Seaborne, and the late Mrs. Seaborne, Pentwyn., will know that he was killed in an air accident in Scotland. He had been there for a fortnight after being home on leave.

Welfare Association On Thursday evening, Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a crowded meeting of the Fochriw Welfare Association and Institute, supported by Mr. H. Thomas, vice-chairman, Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary, and Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer. The chairman gave a report on the work of repair and renovation of the building, which would soon be completed soon. The heating installation had been completed. The two rooms in the centre would be an asset and a great convenience. Members inspected the building at the close of the meeting. It was with regret that the resignation of Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., one of the trustees, was accepted. Mr. Dan James was appointed trustee. Mr. Reg Gittoes, librarian, reviewed the work of the book department, and stated that a number of county books had not been returned by readers. The committee appealed to readers to return books by the proper time. A book committee was set up, and it was decided to allocate a sum of money for the purchase of new books. A report on the children's corner was given. All the equipment had been painted and the ground improved. It was opened on May 1 to the delight of the children. The caretaker's report was given and several members spoke of his splendid

services as caretaker and member of the Buildings Committee. It was decided to increase his wages as a war bonus. The Treasurer gave the financial report of both indoor and outdoor schemes, which was satisfactory. A discussion on future work on the outdoor scheme took place.

“Merthyr Express” 23 May 1942

A.R.P. Lecture On Tuesday, a lecture was given at the A.R.P. Post was given by Police Sergt. A. Hanney, Pontlottyn, on “Gases.” He dealt with his subject in an able manner, and the lecture was most instructive.

Flag Day A flag day in connection with the Sailors, Soldiers’ and Airmen’s Association was held last Friday organised by Coun. W.J. Payne. The following were the sellers: Mrs. Ruth Fox and Mrs. G. Williams, £1 4s 2½d; Miss Betty Jones and Miss G. Saunders, £1 2s; Mesdames J. Davies and G. Bengough, £1 0s 3½d; Mrs. L. Smith and Miss Margaret Edwards, 10s 6d. The organisers wish to thank the sellers and public for their support.

Services Recognised On Monday at Noddfa Chapel, Mr. Thomas John Jones, a student for the ministry, and treasurer for the Chapel, was presented with a set of books in recognition of his devoted service to Noddfa, and his advent into the ministry. The presentation was made by Mr. Thomas Evans, senior deacon, who paid tribute to Mr. Jones. Others who spoke were Mr. J. Evans, secretary, Mr. W.H. Jones, deacon, Mrs. (Capt.) Edwards, Mrs. Matthews and Mr. David R. Jones. Mr. Jones thanked them for their kindness and good wishes.

Late Mr. W.H. Jones The funeral of Mr. W.H. Jones, aged 55, of 11, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Jones was a deacon of Noddfa Chapel. He saw service in the Great War, and his only son is now serving in the Army. The following ministers officiated: Revs. David Thomas, T.J. Jones and Glyn Jones, Pontlottyn. The mourners were: Pte. David Lloyd Jones (Mons. Regt.), son; Messrs. David Rees Jones, Bryn Rees, W. Morgan, I. Hopkins, John Matthews (nephews); Messrs. W.J. Payne, M. Williams, E. Davies, A. Price, Fred Price, Ben Morris, Thomas Davies, Morgan Davies, Hayden Davies (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. Sarah A. Jones (widow); Mesdames Sarah Pugh, Janet Jones, Beatrice Mutlow (sisters); Miss Rosie Davies (sister-in-law); Mesdames S.A. Payne, Miriam Morris (cousins); Mesdames Hopkins, Matthews, Lena Morgan, Evan Rees, Olga Rees (nieces); Mesdames G. Davies, A. Davies, W. Davies, A. Price, D. Griffiths, Deri. There were numerous floral tributes (listed).

“Merthyr Express” 30 May 1942

Maintenance Arrears Brynmor Lewis, colliery engineman, Fochriw, was summoned by his wife, Amy Lewis, of Pleasant-view, Tirphil, in respect of £98 16s. arrears said to be due under a maintenance order. Lewis did not appear. Mrs. Lewis said the order, made on April 26, 1940, was for £1 per week, and she had only been paid £1 since the order was made. Lewis was committed to prison for three months, which will be suspended whilst he pays 5s. per week off the arrears.

“Merthyr Express” 6 June 1942

A.P.R. Lecture At the warden’s post on Tuesday evening a lecture was given by Sergt. Wm. Blackler, chief A.R.P officer of the area, which was interesting and instructive.

In Hospital Mr. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn-street, and Mr. W.T. Morgan, Williams-row, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, and Mr. A. Kent, Martin-street, at Pontsarn Hospital. All are making satisfactory progress.

Presentation Meeting A pleasant function took place at Carmel Vestry on Thursday evening, organised by the members of the local British Legion (men’s and women’s sections), to mark the occasion of the marriage of the secretary, Mr. John Lloyd Jones. The women’s section of the Legion had prepared tea and the tables were attended to by the members of the branch. Mrs. Jones, accompanied her husband, was given a hearty welcome. Also present was Mr. Jones’ twin sister, Mrs. Farley, who apologised for the absence of her mother because of an accident. After tea, the presentation meeting was presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne, chairman of the Legion Benevolent Committee, and who has known Mr.

& Mrs. Jones for many years. In honouring their secretary, the Legion were honouring themselves. Mr. Jones had been their secretary for the last 15 years, and was also a county officer for the North-East Glamorgan Association. He had devoted much of his time to the Legion and had been instrumental in obtaining many benefits for its members. He appealed to all ex-servicemen to join the Legion, whose services would be needed more in the future than in the past. The chairman called upon Mr. Idris Cumpstone, chairman of the branch, to present Mr. Jones with a cheque subscribed by his many friends of the Legion. Mr. Cumpstone paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Jones' untiring efforts on behalf of the Legion. He wished Mr. & Mrs. Jones every happiness and on behalf of the Legion members handed him the cheque as a token of their esteem for him and his wife. Mr. Jones, responding, said it had been a surprise to him, but on behalf of his wife and himself he thanked them. He dealt with some of the events that had transpired at the Legion conference in London during the Whitsun week, to which he was a delegate, and also, with Legion work in the district. He appealed to all members to renew their membership with the Legion. Mr. Sidney Phillips, an ex-chairman of the Legion, spoke in high praise of the work of Mr. Jones, and of the numerous cases for which he had obtained benefits. He read some verses he had composed for the occasion. Other speakers who paid their tributes were Mrs. Phillips, chairman, and Mrs. Thomas, vice-chairman of the women's section, and Mr. Tom Jones, Pentwyn, who appealed for an increase in financial members. Also present were Mrs. S. Jones, secretary of the women's section, and Mr. W. Pegg, treasurer of the men's section.

"Merthyr Express" 13 June 1942

Fochriw Brothers in "Specials" Five brothers from Fochriw are serving as special constables in the Pontlottyn division, which is the charge of Inspector Seth. Pugh. They are Nicholas, Bertie, Arthur, Idris and Cadfan Cumpstone. They are motor mechanics and farmers. Two of the brothers served in the last war and one has served in the present war.

A.R.P. Lecture A lecture was given at the warden's post on Tuesday evening on "Gas Masks," by Sergt. Blacker, chief A.R.P. officer.

Carmel Congregational Church Half yearly meetings were held at Carmel on Sunday last. The Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, gave sermons to large congregations. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., and the singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland.

"Merthyr Express" 20 June 1942

A.R.P. An instructive lecture entitled "Decontamination" was given at the warden's post on Tuesday by Sergt. W. Blacker, chief A.R.P. officer.

Nazareth The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Isaac Evans, Deri. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies, and Mr. W.A. Davies conducted the singing.

Death The death has taken place of Mr. Edward Lewis, 12. Railway-terrace, at the age of 72 years. He was one of the founders of ambulance work in the district.

Bus Service Fochriw will enjoy the privilege of a bus service. The service will commence on Friday, and will run on Friday and Saturday. It should prove a boon to the inhabitants.

Mothers' Union Members of the St. Mary's Branch, with their enrolling member, Mrs. White, The Vicarage, journeyed to Llanbradach on Wednesday, to take part in the festival service held at the Parish Church.

Flag Day The flag day in aid of the St. John and Red Cross funds took place on Friday. The organiser was Supt. Tom Evans of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and the sellers were Messrs. Tom Evans, Dd. Mantle, Dan James, Tom Thomas, S. James, D. Evans, V. Llewellyn and G. Williams. The sum of £3 13s 6d was realised, and the organiser wishes to thank all for their support.

N.S.P.C.C. A flower day collection was held on the 30th ult., when £3 15s 6d was collected, which makes a splendid addition to the local funds. A letter from headquarters has been received thanking all who gave valuable support to the funds. Those who sold emblems were Mesdames I. Cumpstone, G. Jones, G. Walters, T. Evans, C. Way and D.J. Jenkins.

Welfare and Institute Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting on Friday. The chairman reported on the visit of Mr. Traylor, architect, and Mr. Moore, builder, who had inspected

the alterations carried out, and arrangements were made for opening the same. The correspondence was considered. The financial report was accepted. Messrs. H. Wood, C. Shankland and K. Owen were added to the outdoor welfare committee, and Mr. David Harris was appointed collector. A further meeting was held on Tuesday, Mr. H. Thomas, vice chairman, presiding. Arrangements were made for removing the book department to the new hall, and workmen were selected to carry out the work in the yard around the building.

“Merthyr Express” 27 June 1942

Thomas – Davies The wedding took place at the Welsh Baptist Chapel on Saturday of Miss Joan Davies, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D.R. Davies, 43, Brynteg-terrace, Merthyr Vale, to Mr. Egryn Thomas, youngest son of the late Mr. & Mrs. W. Thomas, 6, Dynevor-street, Fochriw. The bride was dressed in a white silk gown with bridal veil. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations, and was attended by Miss Gwnefil Harris, niece of the groom, who wore a long pink frock and silver shoes, with head-dress of pink flowers. The other two bridesmaids wore lemon and pale green, with shoes and head-dresses to tone. All carried bouquets. The flower girls, cousins of the bride, were dressed in pink and blue with shoes and head-dresses to match, and carried bouquets of lemon roses. The page-boys were Howard Pearce, nephew of the groom, who was clad in white satin with white shoes. The reception was held at the home of the bride. The best man was Mr. John Thomas.

Late Mr. E. Lewis The funeral of Mr. Edward Lewis, 13, Railway-terrace, took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was a representative one. Mr. Lewis was 72 years of age, and one of the oldest inhabitants of the place. He was a member of Carmel Chapel and a founder member of the St. John Ambulance in the district. He was also a trustee of the Welfare Association in the village, and was also connected with the village Old Age Pensioners' movement. Rev. J.R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Emrys Lewis (son); John and W. Lewis (brothers); H. Morgan, Dd. Griffiths, Jack Evans (brothers-in-law); John Walters, C. Pugh, Owen Jones (sons-in-law); Idris & Idwal Walters (grandsons); E. & G. Burrows, H. Harris (Bedwas), Thomas J. & Ivor Morgan, Arthur & Ambrose Jones, Wm. Cook, Bob Rees, Tom Pope, Bernard Brown, Wm. Humphries, John & W.T. Lewis, W. Thayers (Gilfach). At the house were: Mesdames M.A. Walters, Doris Pugh, Gwladys Jones (daughters); Megan Morgan and Misses Mair and Eirwen Walters (grand-daughters); Mesdames M. Evans, M. Griffiths, J. Evans (sisters); S.A. Griffiths (sister-in-law); Mesdames Morse, Whitcombe, A. & Ambrose Jones, Bob Rees, T. Pope, B. Brown, C. Ballard, M. Jones (nieces); L. Thomas.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. George Sibley, 43, Aelybryn-street, celebrated their golden wedding on June 11, 1942. They were married at the English Congregational Church, Merthyr, in 1892. They have five children and four grand children. Mr. Sibley is a native of Somerton, Somerset, and came to Fochriw 54 years ago. His wife, Mrs. Emma Sibley, is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Evan Williams, under-manager of the Fochriw Collieries. Mr. Sibley, although an Englishman, always attended Carmel Welsh Congregational Chapel where he held the positions of deacon, trustee and treasurer. Their eldest daughter married Mr. Dan Jones, headmaster of Brithdir Boys' School. Previous to that she was on the staff of Fochriw Council School. The second daughter, May, is the wife of Mr. Wm. Evans, supt. of the Refuge Assurance Company, Newport, Isle of White. The third daughter, Crisley, married Mr. Lewis Angell, M.A., Welsh master at the County School, Rhyl. Previous to her marriage she was on the staff of the Southampton Central School. Their son, Mr. G. Vincent Sibley, is director of physical education at Loughborough College. Before his present appointment, he was lecturer at Cardiff University. Another son, Mr. E. Bryn Sibley, B.A., is general inspector of schools for the county of Surrey. Before this appointment he was county inspector of physical education for Surrey.

“Merthyr Express” 4 July 1942

A.R.P. Lecture Another lecture was given at the headquarters on Tuesday evening. P.S. W. Blackler was the lecturer. Also present was the chief warden Coun. R. Williams, Tirphil,

who put several questions to the members. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., thanked Sergt. Blackler for his most instructive address, and also Coun. Williams for attending the evening.

Medical Comforts Depot The committee in charge of the Fochriw Medical Comforts Depot met at Brigade Headquarters on Tuesday to discuss the question of running the depot to the best advantage of the inhabitants of the village. It was decided that in future no article would be given out unless the application is made on the official medical certificate. These may be obtained from any of the following persons: For Fochriw: Dr. W. Monnelly, Ivor House; Nurse Ballard Davies, The Villas; Div. Supt. T. Evans, 3, Moore's-row; Sub-Officer D. James, 14, Aelybryn; M. James, Brynteg-street; Pte. W.H. Parry, Dynevor-street; Cadet Supt. J. Morgan, 3, Railway-terrace. For Pentwyn: Copl. T.J. Powell and Pte. G. Baldwin. It was also decided that every article given out from the depot will be given free for the first four weeks, after which a charge of 3d. per week, or part of a week will be made. This will be collected by members of the brigade each week. It should be borne in mind that should any articles be damaged in any way, the matter will be put before the committee and dealt with accordingly. The committee is composed of the following: Supt. T. Evans; Div. Sec. T. Thomas; Sun-Officer D. James; Cadet Supt. J. Morgan; Sergt. W. Parry; H. Thomas & D. Jenkins.

“Merthyr Express” 11 July 1942

Ambulance Medal Congratulations to Divisional Superintendent T. Evans, Fochriw Ambulance Division (Riches Corps), on being awarded his fourth bar to the long service medal of the Order of St. John, for 35 years' efficient service as a member of the Order. Very few members have the honour of holding the long service medal and four bars. Div. Supt. Evans is the only one in this area.

Concert To celebrate the opening of the New Hall after renovation by the Welfare Association, a concert was given by the Fochriw Orpheus Choir, under their conductor Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., and their accompanist, Mrs. A. Davies. They were assisted by the following artistes: Madam H.C. Davies, soprano; Nurse B.B. Davies, elocutionist; Mr. Tom Lewis, bass; Mr. W.A. Davies, tenor. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne, chairman of the Welfare organisation. Mr. Payne gave an outline of the work that had been carried out to the buildings. Were it not for the war, Fochriw would have had a new building now, but they had assurance that this would follow after the war. Under the circumstances, the best had been done for the time being. He welcomed the choir and conductor. The choir then rendered the following programme: “Blodeuyn Bach;” “Holy City;” “Enaid Cu;” “Lord of the Changing Year;” “Mannheim;” “Blessed Jesus;” “Finlandia;” “Behold the Lamb of God.” Madam H.C. Davies rendered “Paham y Sefl Draw?” and “Nant y Mynydd.” Mr. Tom Lewis “Arm, Arm, ye Brave,” and “Because.” Nurse Davies in her recitations was in excellent form.

“Merthyr Express” 18 July 1942

In Hospital The following are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, and we wish them a speedy recovery: Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn; Mr. A. Ballard, Brynteg-street; Mr. R. Thomas, Plantation-street; Mrs. M. Sheen, Dynevor-street.

Children's Outings The various churches in the village took their Sunday School scholars for a day's outing to Brecon on Saturday. The churches taking part were Gospel Hall, Noddfa Baptist, Carmel Congregational, Nazareth C.M, and the Parish Church. The journey was made by train and the children had a happy time.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding. The chairman reported that the Outdoor Committee had decided to commence work on the playing field on Monday. The Librarian was requested to make the purchase of new books for the reading department. The chairman and secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas, were appointed to interview Mr. W. Daniel, welfare organiser, on important matters. The Treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans, gave a detailed report on both indoor and outdoor schemes, which was very satisfactory, and also reported on the recent concert, which was very

successful. Reports from the caretaker and librarian were also given and were very satisfactory.

For The Hospital Last Thursday evening at the New Hall, a concert was given in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The event was a local ward effort and the response was excellent. The party was that of Miss Isabelle Lambert's revue, "The Fleet's in Port," with music by Mrs. Protheroe, presenting the New Isabelle Juvenile in ballet, tap dancing, songs, comedy and sketches, with Gwen and Miss C. Brain, T. Jones and John Box. The party were in excellent form and came in for rounds of applause. Great credit is due to the producer, Miss Lambert, who is only 17 years of age. This was her 90th show for charity. Coun. Payne, member of the Hospital Board, introduced the chairman, Coun. S. Lewis of Trelewis. He also welcomed Coun. Edgar Phillips, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., and Coun. Lewis Jones, secretary of the hospital. Coun. Williams appealed to all to continue their support for the Hospital as funds were urgently needed to maintain it. Coun. Lewis Jones spoke in the interval. Coun. Payne thanked Miss Lambert and her company for their performance and also a willing band of workers for their support. Miss Lambert thanked them for the splendid reception they had been given. The secretary was Mrs. W.J. Payne and the treasurer Mrs. H. Thomas.

"Merthyr Express" 25 July 1942

In Hospital The following are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, and we wish them a speedy recovery: Mr. Lewis Jones, Mount Pleasant; Mr. Idris Thomas, Aelybryn.

W.V.S. Lecture An excellent lecture was given on Monday evening by Dr. Monelly. Mrs. M. Jenkins presided. Dr. Monelly was thanked by the Misses S. Jones and E. Morgan.

A.R.P. Examination Eighteen members of the Fochriw A.R.P. wardens, underwent an examination on Tuesday at the A.R.P. Post. The examiner was Mr. W.J. Skyrme, head warden of the Powell Duffryn Colliery Company. Also present was Coun. R. Williams, head warden of the Gellygaer area.

District Nursing Association The contributions for the year 1941-42, and the special effort, amounted to £3 19s 8d. The collectors were Mesdames P. Jones and Way, Miss Mair Morgan, Mrs. T. Pugh, Miss A. Lawrence and Mrs. J.M. Lawrence. The organiser for the special effort was Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, Emlyn House.

Former Resident's Death It is with deep regret that we heard of the sudden death of Mr. Rd. Jones, aged 26, of Gilfach, late of Fochriw. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Jones, late of Fochriw. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, the Rev. J.L. White officiating. A number of Fochriw friends attended the funeral.

H.G. Tests W.M. Davies, the officer commanding D Company, 19th Battalion (Glamorgan) Home Guard (Fochriw), has received the results of the classification tests for signallers held at Caerphilly, and hearty congratulations have been extended to the signallers concerned from the Battalion Signals Officer. The results are: Corporal N.G. Thomas: Passed: buzzer, 100%; lamp, 100%; flag, 100%; passed in pair work and procedure; Private W.E. Jenkins: Passed: buzzer, 100%; lamp, 99%; flag, 100%; passed in pair work and procedure; Private Alan Davies: Passed: buzzer, 100%; lamp, 100%; flag, 99%; passed in pair work and procedure. In his report, the examiner referred to each of the above as "a capable and keen signaller."

"Merthyr Express" 1 August 1942

Fire-Fighting A lecture was given at the A.R.P. post on Tuesday evening by Section-leader Davies of the National Fire Service, Bargoed.

Hospital Concert As a result of the concert held in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital, £10 2s 6d was handed to the Hospital Committee. Praise is due to those who sold tickets and provided tea for the Party. Thanks are also due to Miss Isabelle Lambert and her party, and to Coun. Williams, Trelewis, who presided and helped the Fund.

M.P.'s Visit Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P., visited Fochriw on Friday evening and addressed a meeting in the New Hall. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., presided. He complimented Mr. Edwards on his appointment to two committees in the House of Commons, but stated he was disappointed that there were not more present. Mr. Edwards, in his address, dealt with the

war and old age pensions. Questions were asked and answered. Coun. Payne said that he hoped Mr. Edwards would not rest until the means test on old age pensions was abolished. Mr. Dan Jenkins congratulated Coun. Sam Lewis on his appointment as a magistrate. Thanks were accorded the speaker.

“Merthyr Express” 8 August 1942

In Hospital Mr. J.J. Lewis, Guest-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital where he is progressing favourably.

Gospel Hall Special services were held at the Full Gospel Hall on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, in connection with the annual August convention. The preacher was Mr. E. Thompson, Hampstead Bible School, London, and the organist was Mr. Saunders.

A.R.P. At the examination held at the warden's post, all members passed. The following were the successful candidates: Messrs. George Walters, Emlyn Evans, T. Lawrence, Dan James, D. Lewis, R. Rees, D.T. Davies, R. Thomas, D. Jenkins, Tom Lewis, J.R. Walters, Tom Rowlands, R. Parry, J. Evans; Mesdames L.G. Jones, M. Evans, K. Walters, Miss S. Jones.

For Good Cause The collections made by the following in aid of the National Air Raid Distress Fund in Fochriw: Collectors: Martin-street, Mrs. B. Harris and Miss E. Evans, 11s 4d; Guest and Dynevor-streets, Mrs. A. Davies and Miss E. Evans, 13s 1d; Lower Fochriw, Mrs. I. Cumpstone and Mrs. M. Jones, £1 4s 7d; Brynteg, Miss S. Jones and Miss E. Morgan: total £3 14s 2d; organiser Mrs. M. Jenkins. Pentwyn and Penybank: Pentwyn, Mrs. A. Jones, £1 2s 6d; Penybank, Mrs. A. Morgan, 7s 11d; total £7 10s 5d; organiser, Mrs. A. Jones. Pantywaun: Misses M. Richards and Gwyneth Thomas, 6s 7d; organiser, Mr. E.D. Jones. The organisers wish to thank all for their splendid cooperation.

“Merthyr Express” 15 August 1942

Legion Meetings Meetings of the Fochriw branch have resumed under the chairmanship of Mr. Idris Cumpstone, and members are delighted at the improvements made at their headquarters. The Welfare Committee was congratulated on their splendid work. Important matters are being discussed and it is hoped all ex-servicemen will join the Legion. The secretary is Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

Benevolent Committee The annual meeting of the British Legion Benevolent Committee took place at the hall on Tuesday. Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The following officers were elected: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice chairman, Mr. W. Sullivan; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. The secretary gave a conference report. The financial statement was accepted. The chairman extended to Mr. Jones and his wife, the best wishes of the Committee on their marriage.

“Merthyr Express” 22 August 1942

Welsh Nationalist Party An open air meeting was held at Fochriw on Tuesday, when the subject was “Must Wales Perish?” The speakers were Messrs. Trefor Morgan, Llandaff, and O.J. Evans, Ystalyfera.

Hospital Mr. Tom Baldwin, Glenview; Mr. John Williams, Martin-street; Mr. T. Price, Aelybryn; & Mrs. L. Hollister, Pit-row, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the Hall on Friday evening, Coun. Payne presiding. It was reported that the new chairs and tables had arrived, and were later inspected by the members present. The new lights had been installed over the billiard tables and were highly praised by the players. It was decided to purchase a further consignment of new books for the reading department. The treasurer gave the financial report for the indoor and outdoor schemes, both of which were satisfactory. Mr. Dan James reported that about 4,060 books were taken out by readers last month. The caretaker's report was accepted.

Ambulance: Long Service Medals This week, two members of Fochriw Ambulance Division, received notification from the Hon. J.H. Bruce, Chief Commissioner for Wales, that they had been awarded long service medals. They are Hon. Sgt. & Div. Sec. T. Thomas, and Corpl. T.J. Powell. Hon. Sgt. Thomas has been awarded a bar to the long service medal,

thus completing 20 years efficient service. He has been secretary of the division for 19 years. Corpl. Powell has completed 15 years service.

Wedding: Thomas-Davies The wedding took place on Saturday at Carmel, of Mr. William Edmund Thomas, an official at Groesfaen Colliery, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Thomas, Cefn-road, Deri, and Miss Phoebe M. Davies, elder daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Davies, 9, Brynteg, Fochriw. Prior to her marriage, the bride was on the staff at Gelligaer Isolation Hospital. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated and Mr. T. Walters was the organist. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in coral, with nigger brown accessories. The bridesmaids were Misses Marie Jones-Davies, Jessie Jones, Margaret Campbell, T. Davies, Mair Rowe & Mrs. Iris Gambling. The best man was Mr. W. Gambling. The groomsmen were Messrs. Alun Davies, W.J. Huxton (Gellygaer), and Bryn Davies. The reception was held at the Vestry, where a large number of relatives and friends were present. The couple later left for Aberystwyth the bride travelling in grey with navy blue accessories. They will make their home at 2, New-road, Deri.

Stay-at-Home Week The committee of the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund carried out an excellent programme for their Stay-at-Home Week. On Tuesday, more than 100 children of Pentwyn and Penybank were entertained to a tea and concert. Each child was also given a bar of chocolate and a penny. The carnival was held on Wednesday and was one of the finest seen in a while. Headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, they paraded the streets of Pentwyn, Penybank and Fochriw, and afterwards, were entertained to tea by the Comforts Committee. The sports were held on Pentwyn Mountain and proved a great attraction. On Sunday evening, an open air community singing was held and was well attended. Music was supplied by the Silver Band. The singing was conducted by Mr. J.J. Lewis and reached a high standard. The committee wish to thank the public for their support and donations. The officers were: Mr. Fred Amos & Mrs. G. Llewellyn (chairmen); Mrs. Davies (treasurer); Mr. C. J. Ham & Mrs. Phillips (joint secretaries). The judges were Sergeant Smith and Corporal Weston of Fochriw, Mrs. W. Watkins, C. Ballard and Tom Powell. Sergeant Smith deserves a special word of praise for his efforts for the Comforts Fund. Coun. Sam Lewis was present at the carnival.

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Pensioners' Meeting A well-attended meeting of old age pensioners was held at the hall on Thursday with the object of re-forming the Fochriw branch. There were present Messrs. J. Reed, Tom Rees, J. Merchant (Bargoed), Rev. Isaac Evans and Mr. W. Hopkins. Mr. J. Reed presided and gave an address on the object of the meeting. The other delegates also spoke. It was decided to re-form the branch. Officers appointed were: chairman, Mr. George Sibley; secretary, Mr. Thos. Ballard; treasurer, Mr. Wm. Cook. An invitation is extended to all pensioners to join and make the movement a success in the village.

R.A.O.B. Lodge A special meeting of the “Brynderwen” Lodge was held at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday last when a visit was paid by members of the Pantywaun and Ogilvie Lodges. Bro. E.D. Jones, C.P., presided and Bro. D.G. Evans, D.P.G.P. of the Merthyr Province was also present. The following brothers added to the harmony: Bros. Sawday, J. Richards, T.D. Morgan, T. Richards, D.G. Evans, S. Williams and A. Marshalsea. The accompanist was Bro. J. Richards, C.P., and the secretary, Bro. Seaborne Williams, K.O.M. The next meeting of the Lodge will be held on Monday at 6 o'clock, and all brothers are invited.

For the Blind A house-to-house collection in aid of the Merthyr Tydfil and Mid-Wales Institute for the Blind was carried out last week. The collectors were: Mesdames I. & Bert Cumpstone, T. Rowlands, C. Shankland, W.J. Payne, S. Lewis, B. Rees, Harry Jones, Misses C. Jones, Eliz. Evans, Master Irfon Davies; Pentwyn and Penybank: Mesdames S. Jones, A. Morgan & Miss Iris Morgan. Collections: Pentwyn & Penybank - 1-3s-6½d; Aelybryn - 1; Council Houses & Pleasant View - 1-0s-9d; Guest-street - 16s-3½d; Brynteg district - 1-17s-4d; Dynevor-street - 13s-3d; Martin-street - 13s-10d; total - £7-5s. Thanks are given to the organiser, collectors and public for their splendid response.

“Merthyr Express” 5 September 1942

Fochriw Prisoner of War Mrs. Davies of Pentwyn Farm has received news that her husband, Gunner Ivor Glyn Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. I. Davies, 58, Garden-street, Llanbradach, who was reported missing in the Middle East on June 20, 1942, is now a prisoner of war in Italy. [With photograph]

Comforts Fund A great effort was made last Friday by members of the W.V.S. in aid of the local Comforts Fund. The women worked hard throughout the day, and the sum of £13 9s was realised. The president was Mrs. (Dr.) Monnelly; chairman, Mrs. M. Jenkins; secretary, Mrs. M. Davies.

Expensive Short Cut For trespassing on the railway at Fochriw on July 1, James Davies and Desmond Pritchard, both of Fochriw, were fined 5s. each at Pontlloftyn Police Court on Friday. Evidence was given by P.C. W. Fox who saw the youths on the railway. When they were told they would be reported, they said they were taking a short cut to work.

Concert For O.A.Ps. On Thursday, a concert was given at the New Hall by the Bedlinog Apollo Gleemen, in aid of the Fochriw O.A.P. Outing Fund. Mr. Albert Mantle presided. The party, under the conductorship of Mr. T.S. Rees, were in excellent form. A vote of thanks to the Gleemen and artistes was proposed by Mr. D.J. Davies, secretary, and seconded by Mr. W. Watkins, treasurer. It is intended to take the pensioners on an outing to Brecon on September 22. Officers of the outing fund are: president, Dr. Monnelly; chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; treasurer, Mr. W. Watkins; secretary, Mr. D.J. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 12 September 1942

Day of Prayer September 3 was observed at the Parish Church with services in the morning and evening that were well attended. The evening service was attended by members of H.M. Forces, and included members of the Regular Army, under the command of Lieuts. McKilroy and Davies, and the Home Guard, under the command of Lieut. W.M. Davies. The service was conducted by the Vicar. The lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne, and the organist was Huw B. Thomas. A collection was taken for the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund.

“Merthyr Express” 19 September 1942

In Hospital Mr. Crad Shankland, Aelybryn-street, and Mr. S. James, Brynteg-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably. Their friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Confirmation A number of candidates from the Parish Church were confirmed at St. Margaret's Church, Gilfach, on Sunday, by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff.

Pensioners' Outing The annual outing of the O.A.Ps. will take place next Tuesday at Brecon, when the party, about 80 in number, will leave by the 9.20a.m. train. As a result of the two concerts held, funds are available to give the aged people a happy day. The secretary is Mr. D.J. Davies with Mr. W. Watkins as treasurer.

The Band Fochriw Silver Band has been reformed. It has a fine tradition for over 50 years. In its balmy days it was one of the leading prize bands in Wales, and after an impass of two years, it has been reformed. The present band comprises a number of promising players with a sprinkling of older members. With Mr. Albert Mantle as conductor and regular attendances at practices, a bright future is in store. At a meeting in the Hall last week, the following officers were appointed: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice chairman, Mr. H. Ward; secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mr. Emrys Lewis; registrar, Mr. D.J. Davies; conductor, Mr. A. Mantle; deputy conductor, Mr. E. Lewis.

Welfare Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding. A deputation of old age pensioners attended, consisting of Mr. George Sibley, chairman, and Mr. Thomas Ballard, secretary, making an appeal for a room to hold weekly Choir meetings. This was granted free of charge. An appeal, from the newly re-formed Fochriw Silver Band, for a room to hold practices was made by Mr. H. Wood. This was agreed to at a reduced fee. A discussion took place on the work on the new playing field which is progressing favourably, and it was with regret that the committee decided to

suspend work in two weeks time owing to the financial position. A report on the progress of the billiards team for the forthcoming Rhymney Valley League competitions was given by Mr. Bernard Brown and Mr. Wm. Evans. The Librarian's report stated that over 400 books had been taken out for the month. The secretary dealt with the correspondence from Mr. Daniel, welfare officer, who will shortly pay a visit. It was stated that the Ministry of Information would show some films at the Hall on September 28. The treasurer gave the financial report of the indoor and outdoor schemes. This was accepted. Mr. David Harris, the outdoor collector, was asked to give his attention to the children's playground.

"Merthyr Express" 26 September 1942

Funeral The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday of an old Fochriw inhabitant (late of Abertridwr) in the person of Mrs. Rachel Davies, widow of Mr. J. Davies. She was 61 years of age. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Harvest Services Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday last. Holy Communion was celebrated on Sunday afternoon by the Vicar. The preacher on Sunday evening was Mr. W.J. Payne. On Monday evening the preacher was the Rev. Adams Evans, Deri. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.H. Williams and the organist was Mr. A.E. Kings.

Pensioners' Outing On Tuesday, the O.A.Ps. of Fochriw and Pantywaun held their annual outing to Brecon. About 80 pensioners journeyed by train from Fochriw Station, the Pantywaun pensioners joining the train at Pantywaun. Accompanying the party were Coun. W.J. Payne, chairman of the Outing Fund Committee; Mr. A. Mantle, vice chairman; Mr. D. John Davies, secretary; Mr. W. Watkins, treasurer; Mr. E. Pritchard, vice president, and members of the committee.

Old Age Pensioners At a meeting last week at the Hall, Mr. George Sibley, chairman, appealed to all pensioners to become members of the newly formed branch, to help improve their position. The following also spoke: Mr. D.J. Davies; Mr. A. Mantle; Mr. T.F. Jones; Mr. J. Morgan; Mr. E. Jones; Mr. George Marshalsea, Pantywaun. A resolution was moved that they communicate with Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P., protesting against the means test, asking him to do all in his power to abolish it, and thanking him for his efforts on behalf of the old age pensioners.

"Merthyr Express" 3 October 1942

In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing favourably: Mr. Daniel Davies, Martin-street; Mr. Ivor Davies, Brynteg-street; Mr. Gwenvil Thomas, Station-terrace. Their friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Prisoner of War Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Chapman, Brook-row, have been informed that their son, Gunner W.J. Chapman, R.A., is a prisoner of war in Japan. Before the war, he worked at Groesfaen Colliery.

Fire-Watchers On Thursday, at the school yard, a lecture and demonstration was given on fire-bombs by Mr. Madley, Bargoed. A demonstration was also given on the putting out of incendiary bombs with stirrup pumps. A number of the audience took part.

Old Inhabitant's Death The burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday of Mrs. Martha Davies, wife of Mr. Sydney Davies, Bedlinog, late of Fochriw. The funeral was met near the church by a number of Fochriw friends where Mrs. Davies had lived for many years before moving to Bedlinog. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Never Before For trespassing on the railway, Griffith Pugh of Fochriw, was fined 4s. at Pontlottyn Police Court. Special Sergeant N. Thomas said that he saw Pugh walking on the railway and told him he would be reported. Pugh said, "I have never walked this way before."

Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday and were well attended. The church had been well decorated. The services were conducted by the Vicar. On Sunday, the preacher was Rev. D.H. Evans, Bargoed. The children's service was conducted by Corpl. J. Brown, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. On Monday, the preacher was the Rev. T.M. Hughes, M.A., rector of Merthyr. The Vicar and the Rev.

Adams Evans conducted the service. The lessons were read by the churchwardens and the organist was Master Huw B. Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 10 October 1942

Parish Church The service on Sunday morning was conducted by the Vicar. On Sunday evening, the preacher was the Rev. M. Carr, Pontlottyn.

Fire Watchers' Lecture On Thursday evening at the Council Schoolyard, another of the series of lectures and demonstrations was held. The lecturer was Warden Madley, Bargoed. A few incendiary bombs were set alight and dealt with. A demonstration of rescuing an insensible person from a room caused by fire was given by Wardens Dan James and D.T. Davies.

Silver Band Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting at the Hall. The chairman welcomed the new committee. It was decided to invite applications for membership of the band.

Carmel On Monday, a tea was held at Carmel to welcome the new minister, Rev. Eurof Jones. The servers were the women members of the young people's guild. After tea, a concert was given, when Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., presided. Selections were given by the Orpheus Choir conducted by Mr. T. Walters. Solos were rendered by Madam H.C. Davies, soprano, Mr. Emlyn Evans, tenor, and Mr. T. Lewis, bass, and S. Millward joined the soloists in a quartette. Recitations were given by Nurse Davies, and Misses Betty Jones and Betty Evans. A choir of school girls also sang. The organist were Mr. T. Walters and Mrs. A. Davies. The Chairman urged all members to co-operate with the minister for the success of the church. He handed the minister a cheque from an anonymous donor for purchasing books for his library. Mr. Jones thanked the members for their support and welcome.

Children's Welcome Tea On Tuesday evening at Carmel, the children were entertained in connection with the coming of the new minister, Rev. Eurof Jones. About 60 children attended, when the following assisted: Misses Betty Jones, Eliza & Betty Evans, Thelma Way, Gwladys Harris, Enid & Megan Davies, Margaret Ballard, Mari & Eira Davies, Elaine Edwards. A miscellaneous programme followed, Rev. Eurof Jones presiding. Solos were given by Raymond & Eleanor Davies, Eunice Spici, Michael Evans, Miss Megan Davies, Philip Cottrell; trio, Miss M. Jones, Mesdames A. Ballard & N. Evans. The winner of the impromptu speech was Mrs. Nellie Evans. Miss Marie Davies was the accompanist and Mrs. A. Davies the secretary.

“Merthyr Express” 17 October 1942

Snooker Fochriw entertained Gilfach on Thursday evening at the Institute in a Rhymney Valley League competition. Gilfach won 7-5. The Fochriw team was: Edryd Jones, Bryn Davies, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Gomer Davies and Bryn Rees.

A.R.P. Lecture A lecture on air raid precaution was given at Noddfa Vestry on Thursday evening last by Mr. W. Madley, Bargoed, and Mr. Lyn Coope, science master, Bargoed. Mr. Coope gave a demonstration of the burning of phosphorous and magnesium bombs. Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided and the lecture was well attended.

Vicar's New Living The Rev. J. L. White, vicar of Fochriw, has been offered the vacant benefice of Tylorstown by the Bishop of Llandaff. He has accepted. The Vicar has been at Fochriw for the past eleven years, and his departure will be regretted by a large circle of friends, who wish him and his family god's blessing in his new sphere of labour.

Carmel Y.P.S. The first meeting of the Carmel Y.P.S. was held on Thursday evening last. The chairman was Mr. W.A. Davies and the meeting was addressed by Rev. Eurof Jones, president. The secretary is Mr. S.H. Davies and the treasurer Miss Betty Jones. The committee comprises Misses Eliza Evans, Betty Evans, Thelma Way, Messrs. G. Cumpstone, D. Kelly and D. A. Evans. A hearty invitation is extended to all. Meetings are held each Thursday at 7 p.m..

Wedding: Deverell - Adams On Saturday at St. Mary's Church, the wedding took place of Mr. Christopher Thos. Deverell, of High-street, Downton, Salisbury, and Miss Florence Gertrude Adams, youngest daughter of the late Mr. A. Adams & Mrs. F. Adams, Guest-

street. The vicar officiated with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. R.J. Walters, and was attired in a white taffeta dress trimmed with orange blossom lace, and bridal veil. She carried a bouquet of red carnations, and was attended by Miss Joan Deverell, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a gold taffeta dress, with accessories to tone, and carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bridegroom's brother, William, was best man. The reception was held at the bride's home. The bridegroom is a member of H.M. Forces serving in the Royal Corps of Signals. The couple will make their home in Salisbury.

British Legion A meeting of the Fochriw branch was held at the New Hall on Monday when Mr. E.J. Cumpstone presided. A report of the county committee was submitted by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones who said vigorous attempts would be made by the Legion to obtain better legislation in the matter of pensions. He prophesied that Welsh branches would be in the forefront of the fight. Men discharged from the forces were not being given a square deal - they were being denied pensions and had no right of appeal. Mothers who had lost sons were subject to a means test, the rigidity of which surpassed anything known even under the Poor Law. There was a great deal of work to accomplish, and the Legion, with its 21 years' experience on all ex-Service problems, placed itself at the disposal of ex-Servicemen and ex-Servicewomen of the Army, Navy and Air Force. The finances of the branch were discussed. It was agreed to hold the annual meeting on Monday, October 16.

“Merthyr Express” 24 October 1942

Sound Films Under the auspices of the M.O.I., a very fine show of sound films was given at the Hall on Thursday evening, to a large audience.

Death of Mr. E. Davies The death has occurred of Mr. Elias Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Davies, Guest-street, at the age of 23 years. Sympathy is extended to the family.

Old Inhabitant's Death The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's highly respected citizens - Mrs. Margaret Williams, Eiranfa, Aelybryn-street, at the age of 83 years. Late of School House, Fochriw, Mrs. Williams was the widow of Mr. Mordecai Williams.

Nazareth The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when Rev. D. Jenkins, Bargoed, preached very edifying sermons to large congregations, which were much appreciated. The organist was Mrs. Walters, and Mrs. Davies conducted the singing.

Miners' Welfare Mr. W. Daniel. Miners' Welfare organiser, visited Fochriw last week, and attended a meeting at the New Hall. Mr. Daniel spoke and expressed pleasure at the improvements he had seen. He was thanked by the committee for his visit and the help he had given. Further improvements are still looked forward to.

“Merthyr Express” 31 October 1942

Fochriw Girl's Child Cora Patricia Small, aged 20, single, of Glen-view, Pentwyn, applied to the Pontllynn magistrates on Friday for an order against Ronald Stanley Clark, a soldier, of York, in respect of her child, born in June, 1941. It was stated that before joining the Army, Clark lived at Deri. Mr. John Evans appeared for Small and said that she and Clark had kept company for a number of years. Mr. Evans read letters from the defendant to the complainant which were couched in affectionate terms. The bench made an order for 10s. a week until the child was 16 years of age, with costs, expenses and advocate's fee.

A.R.P. Lecture A lecture on air raid precautions was given at the Council School, Pantywaun, was given by Warden Trevor Lawrence, Fochriw, which dealt with incendiary bombs and first aid work. Warden D.T. Davies gave a demonstration on how to rescue a person from a smoke-filled room. The lecture was well attended.

Reported Missing Mr. & Mrs. Albert Neade, Hill-row, Pentwyn, have received information that their son, Sergeant Rufus Howard Neade, is missing as a result of air raid operations. Sympathy is extended to the family. Mr. & Mrs. Tom Jones, late of 4, Glyn-terrace, now of Kidderminster, have been informed that their son, A.B. W. Jones, is reported missing on war service.

British Legion The annual meeting of the Fochriw branch was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. Idris Cumpstone presided, and the following officers were elected: President,

Mr. T.J. Jones, Pontlottyn; vice-presidents, Mr. W. Sullivan and Miss M.E. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. W. Pegg; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. E. Puddle; standard bearer, Mr. L. Small; chaplains, Rev. J.L. White and Rev. Eurof Jones. Arrangements were made for Remembrance Day service at St. Mary's on November 8.

Late Mr. Elais Davies The funeral of Mr. Elias Davies, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Davies, Guest-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last, the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. Mourners were: Messrs. James Davies (father); Willie A. & James A. Davies (brothers); David Morris, Henry Price (brothers-in-law); C. Smith, T. Morris, R. Morris, J. Price, G. Price, J. Davies, I. Davies (nephews); John Davies, Wm. Thomas, Edward Davies (uncles); W.J. Angell, B. Angell, E. Parry, P. Hann, W.J. Llewellyn, V. Llewellyn, Eddie Llewellyn, Stuart Llewellyn, D.C. Jones, D.J. Davies, H. Lewis, Thos. Morris (cousins). At the house were Mesdames Davies (mother); Smith, Morris (sisters); W.A. Davies, J.A. Davies (sisters-in-law); J. Davies, E. Davies, M. Davies, E. Jones, E. Llewellyn (aunts); Davies (Cardiff), B. Davies, K. Walters, L. Lewis, J. Jones, Miss Minnie Lewis (cousins).

Late Mrs. M. Williams The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Williams, aged 83 years, of "Eiranfa," Fochriw, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was the widow of Mr. Mordecai Williams who died eight years ago. A native of Penydaren, she had resided at Fochriw for 65 years and was a member of Noddfa Baptist Church. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Mordecai & John Williams (sons); Ernest Chaffey (son-in-law); Clifford Davies, Windsor Williams, Gareth Morris (grandsons); Messrs. George Sibley, Lodwig Davies (brothers-in-law); E.I. Griffiths, Dan Jones. The bearers were Messrs. Thomas Evans, Jenkin Thomas, Joshua Evans, Thomas J. Jones (Noddfa deacons). Also, Councillors S. Lewis, J.P., & W.J. Payne; Messrs. Gwilym Thomas, Wm. Cook, Dan James, Hartwell Wood, Tom Lewis. At the house were Mesdames Margaret Davies, Sarah E. Chaffey (daughters); G. Sibley (sister); E.J. Williams, J. Williams (daughters-in-law); Dan Jones, M.H. Morgan, M. Davies, Miss Kathleen Williams, Mrs. Vida Williams, the Misses Pitton, Penydaren.

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Snooker Match Fochriw entertained Aberbargoed in a League match on Thursday at the Institute. The match ended in a draw, six frames each. Fochriw team: Messrs. Gomer, Davies, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Cliff Davies, Owen Jones, Norman Mills.

Fatal Accident It is with regret we record the death of Brynmor Jones, son of Mr. & Mrs. T.H. Jones, Pantywaun, who met with a fatal accident while following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery. He was 15 years of age. He was an excellent pianist.

In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, and are progressing favourably: Mrs. Farley, Supply Stores; Mrs. A. Palmer, Council Houses; Mr. G. Panned, Brook-row; Mr. W. Ballard, Plantation-street. Their many friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Pulpits The preacher at Nazareth on Sunday was the Rev. Isaac Evans, Deri. The preacher at St. Mary's was the vicar-elect, Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., who will be inducted on November 20. Carmel pulpit was occupied by Rev. R. Edwards, Penywern.

R.A.O.B. Visit An enjoyable time was spent at the Brynderwen Lodge on Friday last, when some of the members of the Ogilvie Lodge paid a visit. A new member was also initiated. The following contributed to the harmony: Bros. G. Williams, J.J. Lewis, W.J. Watkins, S. Williams, A.H. Wood, C.G. Hann. The pianist was Bro. Dan Jones. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday when all brothers are invited.

Remembrance Day A representative meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mr. E.J. Cumpstone. Arrangements for a parade on November 8 were completed. The parade will assemble at Railway-terrace at 2.15 p.m., and headed by the Fochriw Silver Band will march to St. Mary's Church. The officer commanding the R.A.S.C. depot will act as marshall, and contingents from the R.A.S.C. Home Guard and various other bodies will participate. Mr. L. Small and Mrs. Lewis will act as Legion standard bearers.

Chapman – Griffiths The marriage took place at Nazareth Congregational Church, Pontlottyn, on Saturday, of Mr. Windsor W.H. Chapman, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Chapman, 25, Martin-street, Fochriw, and Nurse Morfa M. Griffiths, Gellygaer Isolation Hospital, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fox, Aelybryn, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 14 November 1942

St. Mary’s On Sunday, Rev. J.L. White preached his last sermon after eleven years as vicar of the parish. He hoped they would extend the same help to his successor as they had to him. Huw B. Thomas was the organist and the lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne.

Snooker In a Junior Rhymney Valley League match, Fochriw entertained Rhymney on Wednesday, and won by 7 frames to 5. They were represented by Messrs. G. Dummett, T. Watkins, L. Millward, D.A. Evans, L. Kelly and S. Watkins.

Carmel Y.P.S. The weekly meeting was held on Thursday, Mr. Stuart H. Davies presiding. A musical programme was enjoyed by all under the direction of Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. A number of Welsh songs were sung. The Rev. Eurof Jones accorded a vote of condolence with Mr. Meirion Shankland and family in their bereavement. This was passed in silence.

Civil Defence At the New Hall on Monday, a meeting of representatives of the various civil and military organisations was held to consider a parade and service for Civil Defence Day on Sunday, 15 November. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne, and Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, British Legion. It was decided that a parade comprising all the organisations, and headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, would start at 2.45 p.m., and head to Carmel Congregational Chapel for a service conducted by Rev. Eurof Jones.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting on Friday. The secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas, reported on correspondence received from Mr. Daniel, welfare organiser. Material had arrived for repairing the billiard tables. It was decided to carry out alterations to the caretaker’s room, and the painting of the reading room. Mr. Reg Gittoes reported that the reading department was progressing very favourably. 569 books were taken out by readers last month. It was agreed to call the book committee together to purchase a new consignment of books. The treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans, gave a satisfactory financial report on the indoor and outdoor schemes. It was reported that the next M.O.I. film show would be in early December.

Remembrance Service The Parish Church was filled to capacity on Sunday afternoon for a service of remembrance conducted by the Vicar, Rev. J.L. White. A procession was formed headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, and comprised a military unit under the command of Lieuts. McKilroy and Davies, the Home Guard under the command of Lieut. W.M. Davies, the British Legion Men’s and Women’s Sections, St. John Ambulance under the command of Supt. T. Evans, the Police and the A.R.P. Wardens. Wreaths were placed at the memorial window by the following organisations: Military by Lieut. McKilroy; British Legion Men’s Section by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; B.L. Women’s Section by Mrs. Harding; Mothers’ Union by Mrs. Mantle. The “Last Post” was rendered by Bugler Glyn Burrows. The organist for the service was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

Late A.B. Caradog Shankland We regret to announce the death of A.B. Caradog Shankland, aged 26, who had come home on leave after two years service in the Royal Navy. He was the son of Mrs. Kate Shankland and the late Mr. Caradog Shankland, Guest-street. He was the youngest of a large family. He was ill on returning to his home on Sunday and was removed to Merthyr General Hospital on Wednesday where he died shortly after admission. The funeral took place on Monday with full military honours. The cortege was one of the largest that ever left the district. The procession was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band who played the “Dead March” in “Saul,” followed by the Home Guard under Lieut. W.M. Davies. The firing party was composed of members of the Home Guard under Corpl. Jack Davies. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The “Last Post” was sounded by Bugler Glyn Burrows. The bearers were Messrs. Rufus Dummett, John Adams Jones, Reg Gittoes, Griff Pugh, Albert H. Dummett and Edryd Jones. The chief mourners were Messrs. Meirion,

Robert, William and Tom Shankland (brothers); M. Hughes (brother-in-law); Crad, Tom, David, John & Idris Shankland, H. Simpson, R. & C. Lewis, Ken Owen (cousins). At the house were Mrs. Kate Shankland (mother); Nellie, Jenny, Bessie, Cassie (sisters); Islwyn & Allan (nephews); May, Katie, Phyllis & Edna (nieces); Mesdames M. & T. Shankland (sisters-in-law); Owen, M.J. Edwards, S.A. Simpson, C. Shankland, E. & C. Lewis, Misses M. Lewis, G. Shankland, B. & E. Simpson (cousins); Mr. & Mrs. Morris, Mrs. M. Jones, Mrs. Cumpstone and Mr. Griffiths.

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Parish Church The preacher and celebrant at the morning service on Sunday was Rev. J.O. Williams, rector of Gellygaer. At the evening service, the preacher was the vicar-elect, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. The institution and induction of the new vicar will take place in the Parish Church on Friday, November 20 at 2.45 p.m.

Silver Band A meeting took place at the Hall on Wednesday presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne. The secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis, reported that he had received twelve applications for membership of the band, which were accepted. The bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle, reported on the progress of the band.

Civil Defence Sunday This was celebrated on Sunday with a parade of the streets of Fochriw, marshalled by Lieut. W.M. Davies, and headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle. In the parade were a strong contingent of Home Guard, the Fochriw Ambulance Corps under Supt. T. Evans, the Special Constables in the charge of P.C. Fox, the Air Raid Wardens, members of the W.V.S., the Women’s Section of the British Legion and the National Fire Service. A service followed at Carmel Cong. Chapel, Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. Silence was observed in memory of those who gave their lives in the German air onslaught in this country in 1940-41, and tribute paid to civil defence workers who had withstood the severe ordeal. An appropriate anthem was sung with Mr. Tom Walters at the organ. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., read a message from the Prime Minister. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, organiser, has sent a cheque to the Lord Mayor’s Fund. The amount collected was £4 6s 2d.

Benevolent Committee The annual meeting of the Fochriw British Legion and United Services Fund was held at Fochriw last week, when the following were appointed officers for 1942-43. Chairman: Coun. W.J. Payne; treasurer, Mrs. A. Jones; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. The committee dealt with applications from ex-servicemen and women, and their dependants and administrators, on behalf of the British Legion and United Services’ Fund, Central Relief Committee, London, who also act as a channel of communication between other war charities and regional associations. Cases are dealt with expeditiously and over a very wide field.

British Legion Mr. E.J. Cumpstone presided over a branch meeting on Monday at the New Hall. Several new members were introduced. On dealing with the forthcoming Wales Area Conference of the British Legion to be held in Cardiff, it was decided to promote resolutions on pension (disablement) matters, and to press for the establishment of local appeal tribunals similar to those which operated after the 1914-18 campaign. A report of the benevolent work was given. The branch intends to meet fortnightly at the New Hall, and the next meeting will be held on November 23, when all ex-servicemen and women will be welcomed. Fochriw Poppy Day figures amounted to £16 1s 7d.

Sale of Poppies In compliance with Earl Haig’s British Legion Poppy Day Appeal, the sale of Flanders poppies took place in the village on Friday, and a fine sum of £16 1s 7d was realised, which surpasses all previous records. The amounts were as follows: Pantywaun (Misses C. & M. Thomas) 18s 9 1/2d; Penybank & Pentwyn (Mrs. Morgan & Mrs. Phillips) £2 11s 10d; Upper Fochriw (Mrs. L. Thomas) £2 2s 6 1/2d; Lower Fochriw (Mrs. G. Williams and Miss D. Williams) £2 2s 2d; Brynteg (Mrs. Mantle & Mrs. Evans) £1 8s 3d; donation, St. Mary’s Church £1 5s; wreaths £5 12s. Mrs. M.E. Phillips, organiser, expresses

sincere gratitude for the co-operation of the sellers, general public, and all who assisted towards such a worthy and noble cause.

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New Vicar Inducted at Fochriw On Friday last, the institution and induction of the Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., to the benefice of Fochriw and Deri, was performed by the Lord Bishop of Llandaff, and the Rev. T. Walter Davies, Rural Dean of Caerphilly. The church was well filled and the service was impressive. The churchwardens' duties were carried out by Mr. W.J. Payne and Mr. T.M. Evans, who deputised for Mr. John Owen, who is ill. The Bishop preached an able sermon. The organist was Mr. Huw B. Thomas. A large number of parishioners attended from Fochriw, Deri, and Pantywaun. Among the large number of clergy present were Revs. T.M. Hughes (rector of Merthyr), J.O. Williams (rector of Gellygaer), Dr. Lawrence Thomas (vicar of Bargoed), J.C. Payne (vicar of Penydarren), J.L. White (vicar of Tylorstown), J. I. Jones (vicar of Pontlottyn), T. Davies (vicar of Hirwaun), R.E. Seaton (rector of Mamhilad), E.H. Jones (vicar of Pontycwmmmer), E. Ishmael (vicar of Treharris), Father Row (vicar of Merthyr Vale), Revs. D.H. Evans (Bargoed), E.M. Rees (Gilyfach), W. Mackie (Gelygaer), H. Carr (Pontlottyn). Tea was provided in the Hall for the visitors. The Bishop thanked the ladies who had provided tea – ladies from the various churches in the parish.

Presentation to Old Vicar After tea, a presentation meeting took place, when the late Vicar and Mrs. White were recipients of a walnut china cupboard and a mirror. The meeting was presided over by the new Vicar. The presentation of the cabinet was made by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, who said he had great pleasure on behalf of the parishioners in presenting him with the cabinet as a token of appreciation for 11 years' service to the parish. He wished him and his family God's richest blessing in his new sphere of labour. Mrs. Evans, wife of the new vicar, on behalf of the parishioners, presented Mrs. White with a frameless mirror, and wished her, her husband and their daughter every happiness in their new sphere. The late Vicar responded, thanking them for their kind thoughts. He had spent a happy time at Fochriw and asked all to give their support to their new vicar. Votes of thanks concluded the gathering.

Obituary The death has taken place of Mr. W.D. Davies, 24, Martin-street, at the age of 58, and after a brief illness. Mr. John Griffiths, late of Fochriw, now of Llanelly, has also died. Both were well known in the village and highly respected.

Carmel Y.P.S. The weekly meeting was held on Thursday, and was presided over by Mr. D. Kelly. The programme was arranged by Mr. Bryn Davies, and included a general knowledge bee, a team of girls and one of boys participating. The girls were victors by 12½ points to 11. The meeting was brought to a close with the singing of a number of Welsh songs directed by Mr. T. Walters.

Band Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a Band meeting at the Hall on Monday. Arrangements were made for a dramatic performance. The Secretary reported that the 14 new members would commence their training this week. It was agreed that the Band prepare a programme of Christmas music to play throughout the village during Christmastide. A parade will also take place before Christmas. The Treasurer gave the financial report. Mr. Bob Rees gave a report on the drama performance.

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In Hospital Mrs. L. Evans and Mrs. George Davies, both of Plantation-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and are progressing satisfactorily.

Organist at Cathedral Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., was the organist at Llandaff Cathedral on Sunday last. He is the organist at the Parish Church and is a member of the teaching profession.

Snooker Fochriw entertained New Tredegar in a Rhymney Valley League game on Thursday at the Institute, and won by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was Edryd Jones, Bryn Rees, Norman Mills, Reg Gittoes, Owen Jones, Rufus Dummett.

Silver Band Benefit The Bedlinog Dramatic Society (producer Mr. R. Heath), gave a performance of the comedy, "Too Young To Marry," to a large audience at the New Hall on Thursday evening. The proceeds were in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band which has been reformed. At the close of the performance, Mr. H. Wood thanked the company and all who had assisted and this was seconded by Mr. Bob Rees. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne.

Tea and Presentation At the A.R.P. headquarters on Wednesday evening, a tea and presentation was held to mark the departure of Mr. & Mrs. G. Walters for London. Both are air raid wardens, and have been most active in their duties. Their departure will be regretted. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., presided, and presented cheques on behalf of the wardens, and wished them every success in their new sphere. Mrs. Walters responded on behalf of herself and her husband. Other speakers were Rev. Eurof Jones and Miss Sal Jones who paid tribute to Mr. & Mrs. Jones' splendid qualities. A musical programme was contributed to by Mr. Tom Lewis (bass solo), Mr. Dan Jenkins and Mr. Dan James (recitations). Mrs. G. Jones, Mrs. M. Evans and Miss Sal Jones attended at the tables.

Cadet Competition At the Brigade headquarters (Noddfa Vestry) on Tuesday evening last, an interesting and well-attended competition took place. The competitors were all young boys, ranging from 10 years to 15 or so. In the junior section there were 14 competitors. The winners were: 1. Glyn Parry, Pentwyn; 2. Leslie Hollister. In the second cadet section there were 8 competitors. The winners were: 1. David Mantle; 2. Ronald Lewis. The winner of the senior competition was presented with a silver cup by Div. Supt. Tom Evans, which is retained for one year. The adjudicators for the competition were: test, junior section – Pte. S.M. James; theory – Hon. Sergt. Div. Sec. T. Thomas; senior section, theory - Pte. S.M. James; practical test – Div. Sec. T. Thomas. The time keeper were Ambulance Officers D. James and Sergt. W. Parry. The supervisor was Div Supt. T. Evans.

Late Mr. W.D. Davies The funeral of Mr. W.D. Davies, aged 58, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. He had resided in the village for a number of years. He was an ex-serviceman and a faithful member of the British Legion branch. For many years he was a sidesman and a parochial church councillor of the Parish Church. A service was conducted at the Parish Church by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler G. Burrows. The mourners were: Mr. W.J. Davies (son); Mr. A. Sharpe (son-in-law); Mr.J. Hargest (brother-in-law); Mr. Reggie Gittoes (nephew); Messrs. Len Jones, Deri, Walter Jones and Thomas Evans (cousins). The mourners at the house were: Mrs. M.J. Davies (widow); Mrs. N. Sharpe (daughter); Mrs. Hargest (sister), Mrs. Gittoes (sister-in-law); Mrs. Enid Jones (niece), Mrs. Cumpstone, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Williams.

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In Hospital Mr. Wyndham Hughes, Williams-row, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital and is progressing favourably.

Film Show A well-attended film show was held at the New Hall on Thursday, under the auspices of the Ministry of Information.

For Red Cross On Friday, a flag day was held in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War fund, when the sum of £10 12s was realized. The flag sellers were members of the Fochriw W.V.S.

Local Government and Feeding of School-children At the New Hall last week, a public meeting was addressed by County Councillor W.J. Kedward, J.P., on "Local Government and the Feeding of School-children in the Area." He said that some of the centres were already in operation and others would be open soon. Mr. D. Jenkins presided and was supported by Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P.

Died in Australia The death has taken place at Kurrie Kurrie, Hopetown, New South Wales, of a well known former Fochriw inhabitant, Mr. Myall Williams, aged 76. Mr. Williams emigrated 32 years ago with his family. His wife is the daughter of Mr. Thomas Mantle, Pentwyn. Mr. Williams was well known as a local preacher and a singer of repute.

Ross – Lewis The wedding took place at Cardiff on Monday between Miss Maureen Lewis, only daughter of Mrs. K. Owen, and the late Mr. D.W. Lewis, Dynevor-street, and Corpl. Wm. Ross, R.A.S.C., of Girvan, Scotland. The bride, wore a wine dress with hat and shoes to tone, and was given away by Mr. K. Owen. She was attended by Mrs. Clifford Lewis (sister-in-law) as matron of honour. Mr. Willie Lewis, brother, was best man, and Messrs. Clifford and Elwyn Lewis, brothers, were groomsmen. The reception was held at the bride's home.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting on Friday. The secretary reported that the billiard tables had been repaired, and that the Christmas handicap was progressing favourably. The librarian reported that almost 600 books had been taken out last month and that more new books are to be purchased. It was decided to consider the charges for use of the Hall at the next meeting. A report on the children's playground was given.

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Obituary The death has occurred of a well known inhabitant in the person of Mrs. Mary Walters, Penybank, wife of Mr. David Walters.

In Hospital Mrs. A. Walters, Pleasant-view, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital as a result of an accident. Also, Douglas Beale, Aelybryn, who is progressing favourably. We wish them a speedy recovery.

Parish Church The preacher at the morning service was Mr. W.J. Payne. At the evening service, the preacher was Mr. Vincent Davies, B.A., of St. Michael's College. Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, conducted the services.

Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday, the Rev. Glyndwr Jones, B.A., preaching edifying sermons to the large congregation present. The organist was Mr. T. Walters and the singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland.

Whist and Social A very pleasant evening was spent at the New Hall on Monday, under the auspices of the R.A.S.C. and P.C. The M.C. was Mr. Idris Cumpstone, assisted by Corpls. French and Spice. Winners at whist were Miss Jessie Jones, Mr. B. Rees, Mr. J. Thomas and Mr. David Way.

Snooker Fochriw entertained Deri on Thursday in a Rhymney Valley League match. Deri won 7 – 5. Fochriw were represented by Owen Jones, Edryd Jones, Rufus Dummett, Cliff Davies, Bryn Rees and Jack Davies. Fochriw Juniors entertained Deri Juniors on Monday in a league game and won 9 – 3. Fochriw team: Idris Shankland, T. Watkins, G. Dummett, L. Millward, D. Kelly and S. Watkins. G. Dummett made a break of 29.

Pensioners' Concert The New Hall was well filled on Thursday last when a concert was given in aid of the old age pensioners' fund. The programme was given by the Fochriw Orpheus Choir under their conductor Mr. T. Walters with Mrs. W.A. Davies as accompanist. The chairman for the evening was Mr. George Sibley, chairman of the pensioners' organization, and he gave an address. Both choir and artistes were in excellent form. The artistes were: Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Emlyn Evans, tenors; Madame H.C. Davies, soprano; Madame S. Millward, contralto; Miss Betty Jones, elocutionist. At the close, votes of thanks were moved and seconded by Mr. Thomas Ballard and Mr. Mordecai Evans.

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Snooker Handicap In the final of the Christmas handicap at the Institute, Edryd Jones beat H. Morgan.

Successful Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday evening. Music was supplied by Mr. Alan Davies and his Band.

Band Play Carols On Sunday, the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, played carols and other appropriate music, much appreciated by the villagers.

Exhibition and Sale of Toys At the New Hall on Tuesday, under the auspices of the W.V.S., there was an exhibition of toys made by members. Afterwards, they were sold in aid of the children of Russia and China, and a good sum was realized. Much credit is due to the women.

R.A.O.B. Ceremony An enjoyable time was spent in the Pantywaun Lodge on Saturday night, when three brothers of the lodge were raised to the 2nd degree. They were Brothers Jenkin Richards, Wm. J. Bradley and Wm. H. Sawday. The ceremony was conducted by P.P.G.P. T.J. Jones, and P.G.P. D.G. Evans. There were 50 brothers present. The following contributed to the harmony: Bros. D.G. Evans, S. & D. Bowen, C.G. Hann & Keefe, Ogilvie Lodge; Oakley and Sage, Sir D. Thomas Lodge; H. Thomas & Bevan, Pencoedcae Lodge; R. Morgan, Geo. Davies (Dowlais), S. Williams, J. Morgan, W.H. Sawday, A.H. Wood, W.J. Watkins, Pantywaun Lodge. The pianists were Messrs. J. Richards, Fochriw, and D. Jones, Deri. The secretary is Bro. S. Williams. Bro. E.D. Jones presided.