

“Merthyr Express” 1 January 1944

In Hospital Mr. G. Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital and his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Old Inhabitant Dies The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Joseph Shankland of Aelybryn. He was 82 years of age.

Xmas Music Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, played a programme of music throughout the village on Christmas morning.

Champion Cadet The youngest ambulance cadet at Fochriw has won the champion cup. He is Gwynfryn John Powell, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Powell, 3, Glen View, Pentwyn.

In Jap Hands Mr. & Mrs. W. Chapman, 12, Brook-row, Fochriw, after three years, have now received a card from their son, Gnr. W.J. Chapman (R.A.), who is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands. The card was written by him from No.1 P.O.W. Camp, Thailand. He states he is in excellent health.

Singing Festival The united singing festival of Noddfa and Nazareth Chapels was held at Noddfa on Christams Day. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Thomas. The choir responded well and fine singing was heard. Mr. D.J. Davies was the organist. Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the morning service, the Rev. Wm. Thomas in the afternoon and Mr. T.J. Jones at the evening service.

Parish Church A midnight service was held on Christmas Eve and was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Edams Evans, B.A., with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac., as organist. On Christmas morning, the celebrant and preacher was the Vicar. Members of the Services attended the service, the Vicar extending a warm welcome to officers and men. The lessons were read by the churchwarden, Mr. W.J. Payne, and Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist.

Carmel Chapel The Xmas Gymanfa Ganu was held at Carmel on Christmas Day and the singing was again of a high standard. The conductor for this occasion was Mr. Edward Lumley of Merthyr and the organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. The morning session was presided over by Nurse B. Davies, and the following children took part: Doreen Clark, Morfydd Thomas, Roy Morse, Michael Evans, James Davies and John Raines. The afternoon session was presided over by Mr. David Lewis, and the Rev. Eurof Jones presided at the evening service. The conductor for the rehearsals was Mr. Emlyn Evans.

Dances On Wednesday last, under the auspices of the L.E.A. Youth Movement, a dance was held at the New Hall. Music was supplied by Russell Brooks and his band. The M.C. was Mr. Douglas Clark. On Christmas Eve at the New Hall, the Comforts Fund held a successful dance. The music was supplied by Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, and the M.C. was Mr. Idris Cumpstone. On Monday evening, a children's dance was held. The accompanist was Mrs. Walters and the M.C. was Mr. Bob Rees.

Late Mrs. J.M. Morris The funeral of Mrs. J.M. Morris, aged 39, wife of Mr. David Morris, 17, Guest-street, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Cemetery, the Rev. Eurof Jones officiating, assisted by Mr. David Thomas. The mourners were: Mr. D. Thomas (husband); Messrs. Tom & Ronald Morris (sons); James Davies (father); Thomas Morris (father-in-law); W.A. Davies, James A. Davies (brothers); Eben, Tom and Joe Morris, Harry Price and George Dare (brothers-in-law); Claude Smith, James Price, Gethin Price, Vincent Dare (nephews); Evan Morris, John Davies (uncles); Ebenezer & Albert Butts, T.J. Morris, John Clark, Burkley Davies, W.J. Angell, D. James Davies, Howell Lewis, D.J. Davies, Ewart Davies, Geo. Walters, David C. Jones, Percy Hann, W.C. Llewellyn (cousins). At the house were: Miss Thelma & Miss Margt. Morris (daughters); Mrs. E. Davies (mother); Mrs. L.A. Smith (sister); Mrs. M. May Davies, Mrs. Eliz. Dare (sisters-in-law); Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. Helen Jones, Mrs. M. Davies, Mrs. Thomas, Bargoed, Mrs. Butts, Pengam (aunts); Mrs. Lil Lewis, Mrs. Blodwen Davies, Mrs. K. Walters, Mrs. J. Clark and Miss Doris Davies (cousins).

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H.L. Farley, Supply Stores, wishes all customers a Very Happy New Year.

Snooker Match Fochriw played St. Dingat's in a Rhymney Valley League match on Thursday, and the result was a draw, 6 frames each. The Fochriw team was Messrs. Owen Jones, Gomer Davies, Edryd Jones, Bryn Rees, R. Dummett, Reg Gittoes.

Penybank Mission Church A New Year's tea was held on Saturday, when a large number of Sunday school children and adults were entertained. The following were at the tables: Mesdames C.G. Hann, G. Gillard, J. Prowse, T.E. Davies, Knowles (Exeter), Brand, and Garrett (Deri). Mr. & Mrs. Harris (Deri) entertained the children with music and songs. Pastor W. Griffiths and Mr. J. Williams, Bedlinog, were also present.

Late Mr. J. Shankland The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mr. Joseph Shankland, 22, Aelybryn-street, aged 82. He had lived in the village for the greater part of his life. There was a representative attendance at the funeral when the Rev. Eurof Jones, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, officiated. Mourners were Messrs. Ben, Tom, David & Crad Shankland (sons); T.I. Shankland (grandson); Tom & Rees Jenkins, Tudor Adams, Meirion, Tom & Wm. Shankland, John E. Davies, T.J. James, Silvanus James, David & J. Evans, Jack Fisher, M. Hughes, D. Davies (nephews); G. Shankland (cousin). At the house were Mesdames Elspeth & Emily Shankland (daughters-in-law); Gladys Williams and M. Shankland (grand-daughters); Mrs. Kate Shankland (sister-in-law); Mesdames M.J. Edwards, A. Davies, L. James (nieces); Mrs. Cumpstone.

"Merthyr Express" 15 January 1944

In Hospital Mr. Percy Cumpstone, Brook-row, is a patient at Cardiff Royal Infirmary, and speedy recovery is hoped for.

Home On Leave Pte. Joseph Jones, 1st Welch Regiment, arrived home last week after serving throughout the campaign with the Eighth Army. Pte. Jones was wounded in Sicily and arrived home on crutches. Previous to this war, he saw seven years service in India. He had not been home long when he was recalled on the outbreak of war.

Services Recognised At Brigade headquarters (Noddfa Vestry) on Tuesday, Amb. Officer Daniel James, St. John Ambulance Brigade, was presented with a wallet of notes in recognition of his services as treasurer to the Brigade. Amb. Officer James held the position of divisional treasurer for 14 years. The presentation was made by Div. Supt T. Evans, who spoke of Mr. James' faithful service.

Carmel Nativity Play A Nativity play was performed by scholars of Carmel Sunday School on Sunday evening. The performance reached a very high standard. The following were the characters in the play: Violet Abbey, Margaret Davies (Guest-street), Amy M. Thomas, Mary Raines, Roy Morse, Billy Ridley, Billy Thomas, Leonard Evans, James Davies, John Raines, Howard Morgan, Sylvia Evans, Morfydd Thomas, Margaret Davies (Dynevor-street), Pat Brown. Suitable carols were sung by the choir. Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist. The lighting effects were in charge of Messrs. D. Jenkins and R. Rees. The Rev. Eurof Jones introduced the service and also presided.

Silver Band Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a Band meeting last week. An application from the Pentwyn Comforts Fund for the services of the Band for a dance was agreed to. The chairman referred to the death of Mr. Joseph Shankland whose sons and grandsons are members of the band. The bandmaster, Mr. Albert Mantle, said that he had been connected with the band for 41 years, and during that time there had always been a Shankland in the band. The members stood in silence as a token of respect.

Welfare Association A meeting of the Association was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne, supported by Mr. D. Jenkins, vice chairman, Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer, and Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary. Regret was expressed at the resignation of Mr. D.I. Evans, caretaker. The chairman stated that the Institute was losing a valuable servant, who had been helpful in building up a successful Library and Institute. Before taking on the post of caretaker, Mr. Evans was for many years secretary, a position he held with distinction. Others also spoke in praise of Mr. Evans' services. It was decided to advertise the post, applicants to be contributing members. The treasurer gave the financial report of both indoor and outdoor schemes, and it was decided that the accounts be audited by Mr. T.D. Evans, Bargoed. Reports were received from the librarian and caretaker and were accepted.

"Merthyr Express" 22 January 1944

Football Fochriw L.E.A. met Tirphil in a League match on Saturday, when Tirphil won 4 – 2.

Hospital Dance As a result of the dance in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital the sum of £17 1s 6d was realized, for which the Hospital Committee wish to thank all who helped.

Nativity Play The part of "Virgin Mary" in the manger scene was played by Miss Doreen Clark, whose name was omitted in last week's report of the Carmel Nativity play. The part was excellently portrayed.

"Merthyr Express" 29 January 1944

Death of Mr. P. Cumpstone The death has taken place at Cardiff Royal Infirmary of Mr. P. Cumpstone, Brook-row. He was well known and held in high esteem in the district.

Institute Dance Under the auspices of the Entertainments Committee of the Institute with Mr. H. Wood as chairman, a successful dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Music was supplied by Mr. Russell Brooks and his band, and the M.Cs. were Mr. G. Davies and Mr. J. Lewis.

Silver Band Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting of the Band committee at the New Hall on Friday. The secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis, dealt with the correspondence. A letter was read from the secretary of the Merthyr General Hospital thanking the band for their services at the recent dance in aid of the hospital.

Cymanfa Ganu A united singing festival was held at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday. This festival, held on Christmas Day, is the united effort of Nazareth C.M. Chapel and Noddfa Baptist Chapel, and the repetition was a grand success. The gymanfa ganu is a special feature of the village and has been held by the two churches for an unbroken period of over 30 years. This year again, the conductor was a member of Noddfa who brought the singing to a very high standard. He is Mr. D. J. Thomas who has conducted the festival before. The presidents for the services were: Miss Edna Jones, morning; Mr. Trevor Lawrence, afternoon; Miss A. Jones, evening. Items were given by Misses Pat Sullivan, Millie Williams, Shirley Whithard and Master Hugh Jones. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies. It is intended to hold a united children's festival by these two churches in the near future.

"Merthyr Express" 5 February 1944

M.P.'s Visit Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P., visited Fochriw on Friday and addressed a public meeting in the Hall. He was accompanied by County Councillor W.J. Kedward, J.P., and both addressed the meeting which was presided over by Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P. Mr. Edwards dealt with a number of interesting items – explaining numerous points and answering several questions. Both speakers were thanked at the close of the meeting.

In Hospital Mr. Albert Wright, Aelybryn-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Nartin-street, is a patient at Whitchurch Hospital.

Snooker Defeat Fochriw entertained Deri at the Institute on Thursday in a Rhymney Valley league match. The visitors were winners by 7 frames to 5. Fochriw team: Messrs. G. Davies, H. Jones, R. Dummett, R. Gittoes, G. Dummett, Bryn Davies.

Carmel Chapel A monthly children's service was held at Carmel on Sunday. The chairman was Margaret Davies. Scripture was read by Morfydd Davies and prayers led by Doreen Clarke. Hymns were read by Ray Morse, James Davies and Mary Raines. A song was given by the Girls' Party. The collectors were Billy Ridley and Michael Evans. An address was given by the Rev. Eurof Jones. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

A.R.P. Presentation At the A.R.P. post on Wednesday, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Jones, Pentwyn, were presented with cash by the wardens of the post on their departure to Bargoed. Mr. & Mrs. Jones had served at Pentwyn since the outbreak of war. The presentation was made by Warden S. Jones. Mr. S. Lewis, head warden, and Mr. A. Mantle, also spoke. Items were given by Messrs. S. Lewis and D. Jenkins, and by Rev. Eurof Jones. Mr. & Mrs. Jones responded.

Late Mr. P.H. Cumpstone The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Percy Cumpstone, aged 68, of Brook-row. He had lived in the village for many years. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: Mrs. Rachel Mary Cumpstone (widow); Messrs. Brinley and Graham Cumpstone (sons); Mrs. Chaplin (niece); Messrs. Idris Cumpstone, Nicholas Cumpstone, Bert Cumpstone, Arthur Cumpstone, Cadfan Cumpstone (nephews); Rees Lewis, David Lewis, Tom Lewis, W. Way, C. Quick, Tom Shankland (brothers-in-law); David Harris, W. Lewis (uncles); W. Harris. E. Harris, J. Jones, A.

Rowbotham, T. Lewis, E. Lewis (cousins); D. Davies, W. Stilton, W. Slade, David Evans, C. Hayward. At the house were: Mrs. B. Cumpstone (daughter-in-law); Mesdames E. Cumpstone, C. Way, N. Angell, E. Lewis, E. Shankland, R. Quick (sisters-in-law); M. Davies, B. Harris (aunts); I. Cumpstone, M. Jones (nieces); S. Clark, L. Harris (cousins); Mesdames Cole, Hayward, Evans and E.A. Evans.

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Welfare Association A meeting was held at the Hall on Friday, presided over by Mr. D. Jenkins, supported by Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary, and Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer. The Treasurer gave the financial report of the indoor and outdoor schemes. The Librarian's report was also accepted.

Drama Performance Under the auspices of the Welfare Entertainment Committee, a performance of the drama, “The Coming of Simon Eval,” was given by the Bedlinog Dramatic Society at the New Hall on Thursday.

“Merthyr Express” 19 February 1944

Appointment Mr. Owen Jones has been appointed to the post of caretaker of the Fochriw Library and Institute as a result of the recent ballot of members.

Snooker In connection with the Rhymney Valley individual championship, Mr. Edryd Jones, Fochriw, and Mr. T. Moulson, Rhymney, played their round at Fochriw Institute on Monday. Moulson won by two frames.

S.W.M.F. A meeting was held at the New Hall on Sunday presided over by Mr. D.J. Davies. The meeting was addressed by Mr. W. Paynter, miners' agent, who dealt with the recent Porter Award.

Carmel Chapel On Sunday evening, Carmel Congregational Chapel was presented with a hymn-book for the use of the pulpit. The gift was made by Mr & Mrs. John Elias Davies, Port Talbot, late of Fochriw, in memory of their family who were members of the Chapel. Rev. Eurof Jones, minister of the Chapel, accepted the gift and thanked the donors for their kindness. Thanks were also expressed by Mr. Daniel Davies and Coun. S. Lewis, J.P.

For Comforts Fund On Thursday last a dance was held in aid of the Pentwyn Comforts Fund. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band. The M.C. was Mr. Thomas Lewis, Pentwyn. A waltzing competition was won by Mr. & Mrs. I. Lewis, Guest-street. Mr. W.J. Morris, Penydre, Rhymney, and Mr. E.T. Pritchard, the Rising Sun, judged the competition. A silver cup was presented to the lady and a silver medal to the gentleman. Mr. W.J. Morris made the presentation. Winners of the spot prizes were: D. Lewis and Millie Angell, Harry Evans and Mrs. D. Harding. P.C. Cox presented the prizes. Refreshments were served by Mesdames G. Llewellyn, S. Phillips, C. Mills, W. Pope and F. Lewis. The officers responsible for the dance were Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Mr. F. Amos and Mrs. S. Phillips, and these together with the working committee wish to thank the judges. Previous to the competition, Mr. W.J. Morris demonstrated to the dancers the way dancing should be conducted with ballroom manners. Thanks for donations were accorded to Mr. E.T. Pritchard, Mr. W.J. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. Evans the Post Office.

“Merthyr Express” 26 February 1944

Snooker Win Fochriw entertained New Tredegar at the Institute on Thursday in Rhymney Valley League match. Fochriw won by nine frames to three. On Monday, Fochriw played Pontlottyn in a knock-out competition, when Pontlottyn won by eight frames to four. The Fochriw team comprised Messrs. O. Jones, G. Davies, B. Rees, R. Gittoes, E. Jones, G. Dummett.

Silver Band The annual meeting of the Band took place at the New Hall on Thursday. The Band has had a successful year and its services have been given freely to all deserving causes in the village. Credit is due to the bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle, and members of the band, who have maintained a high standard of efficiency, supported by a splendid body of officials and committee members. The auditors report was given by Mr. H. Wood, senior auditor, who paid a high compliment to the secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis, and the treasurer, Mr. Emrys Lewis, on the way the accounts had been kept. The receipts for the year were £112 9s 5d, and the expenditure £69 5s 4d, leaving a balance at the bank of £43 4s 1d. Mr. J.J. Lewis, who has completed ten years as secretary, was praised by several members, as was the treasurer. It was

decided to give an honorarium of £5 to the secretary and £3 to the treasurer in appreciation of their services. Thanks were expressed. Donations were received from Mr. E.T. Pritchard and Mr. E.I. Griffiths. The following officials were elected: President, Mr. E.T. Pritchard; vice-presidents, Mr. E.I. Griffiths, P.C. Cox, Mr. Farley; chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. H. Wood; secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mr. E. Lewis; registrar, Mr. D.J. Davies; bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle; deputy bandmaster, Mr. Emrys Lewis. The committee was re-elected, with Mr. Crad Shankland in place of Mr. Brown.

“Merthyr Express” 4 March 1944

Fochriw Council School Can, “Dewi Sant,” gan James Davies; rhigyman, Shirley Lawrence, Katie Hughes, Jean Watkins a Bertie Cumpstone; can actori, “B’le rych chi’n mynd?” Shirley Lawrence, John Sullivan, Shirley Jones, Roy Dummett, Morfydd Thomas, Leonard Evans, Margaret Davies, James Davies, Ray Hurley, Emrys Price, Shirley Whittard, Billy Rees, Audrey Dummett, Leighton Davies, Jean Watkins, Bertie Cumpstone; adroddian, “Y Gymraeg,” gan Shirley Whittard; drama fe, “Sion a Sain” Margaret Davies, Bertie Cumpstone, Morfydd Owen, Morfyr Thomas, Shirley Lawrence, Shirley Jones, Shirley Whittard, Audrey Dummett, Jean Watkins a Ray Hurley; adroddiad, “Yr Aderyn a’r Plentyn,” gan Morfydd Thomas; can penillion, Pat Sullivan; deuawd, Sybil Jones a Gwenfil Thomas; adroddiad, Doreen Clark; triawd, Lorna Rees, Jean Wood a Pat Sullivan; adroddiad, Raymond Davies; can, Connie Wood. Pleidlais o ddiolch-garwch gan y Parch, Eurof Jones: aratoadau a’r trfenladau gan Miss Maria Jones a Miss Aranwy Jones. The programme was arranged by Mr. D. Jenkins, headmaster.

Penybank School At Penybank School talks were given on celebrated Welshmen and there was singing of Welsh songs and hymns. The children of the Infants class acted short plays, and children of the other classes recited Welsh poems and sang Welsh songs. The programme was arranged by the headmaster, Mr. A. Ballard and staff.

Carmel Y.P.S. The Guild held a “Noson Lawen” on Monday to celebrate St. David’s Day. The programme was varied, including recitations, solos, duets, penillion singing, a party singing Welsh airs, and instrumental solos. An enjoyable time was spent.

Chaired Bard Huw B. Thomas of Fochriw was the chaired bard at the St. David’s Day Eisteddfod at Bargoed Secondary School on Tuesday.

Carmel On Sunday, Carmel held its monthly children’s service. The chairman was D.A. Evans; reading of the Scriptures, John Evans; prayer, Desmond Kelly. Hymns were given by D.A. Evans, W. Abbey, Doreen Clark & Violet Abbey. The collectors were Margt. Davies and Morfudd Thomas. The girls’ party gave a song. An address was given by Rev. E. Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 11 March 1944

Colliery Fatality Mr. Ernest Williams, 4, Martin-street, met with a fatal accident on Thursday whilst following his employment at Groesfaen Colliery. The eldest son is in the Navy.

Siloah Campaign At Siloh, Penybank, a twelve days’ evangelistic campaign is now in progress. The campaigner is Mr. David B. Owen, the youthful preacher.

Church Parade Members of the Forces attended service at the Parish Church on Sunday morning. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar and chaplain. The lessons were read by two of the officers. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac.

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Parish Church The Lenten preacher on Sunday was the Rev. S.J. Beynon, B.A. The lessons were read by the churchwarden. Mr. J. Palmer took part in the service and the organist was Mr. Octavius Richards, Pengam.

“Merthyr Express” 25 March 1944

Snooker Win Fochriw played Pontlottyn at home in a Rhymney Valley League game on Thursday, Pontlottyn winning 9 frames to 3. Fochriw were represented by Owen Jones. Gomer Davies, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes, T. Kelly and T. Shankland.

Killed at Colliery At the inquest on Friday on Ernest Harold Williams, aged 48, of Martin-street, Fochriw, who was fatally injured at Groesfaen Colliery when he was crushed by a balance lift underground. The Coroner, Capt. W.F.T. James, recorded a verdict of “Accidental Death.”

Mr. E.H. Williams' Funeral The funeral of Mr. Ernest Williams, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Aged 49, Mr. Williams had lived in the village for many years. He saw service in the last war. His eldest son, Willie, is in the Navy, and has seen active service for the last few years. Mr. Williams met with an accident at Groesfaen Colliery. The bearers were Messrs. D. Griffiths, E. Uzzell, Tom Jones, Jerry Williams, P. Isles and Gwynfor Evans. Among the colliery officials present were: Mr. T. Farrell, M.E., manager; Mr. I. Thomas, under-manager; Messrs. T. Davies & W. Thomas. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. Thomas and T.J. James. Mourners were: Messrs. Fred & Terence Williams (sons); Albert, Jack & William Williams (brothers); J. Collins (father-in-law); Bill Collins, Jack Davies, Tom (brothers-in-law); C.H. & Charlie Williams (nephews); F. Cody & G. Payne (cousins). The mourners at the house were: Mesdames M.A. Williams (wife); J. Williams (daughter-in-law); J. & A. Williams, M. Davies, N. Smith, Hilda & G. Williams, B. Cody and Payne.

Late Mr. James Jones The funeral of Mr. James Jones, aged 56, of 2. Plantation-terrace, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard and was a representative one. Mr. Jones was well known in the village, where he had lived the whole of his life. He died suddenly while following his employment in a factory in Monmouthshire. He had been one of the stalwarts of the St. John Ambulance for many years and was a member of Carmel Congregational Church. The officiating ministers were the Rev. Eurof Jones and Rev. W. Thomas. The mourners were: Messrs. Dd. C. Jones, E. John, Rees Jones (brothers); Bryn Roberts (son-in-law); Burkley Davies, T.J. Davies, D.J. Davies, John Davies, W.A. Davies (brothers-in-law); Ewart & Elias Davies, W.K. Thomas (nephews); John Davies, W. John Angell, James Davies (uncles); Rees and Tom Jones, Evan Williams, T. Walters, Arthur Ballard, Rees Howells, W.J. Angell, Howell Thomas, Robert W. Parry, James John Lewis, John N. Davies, H. Simpson, John Cole, Geo. Cole, Dd. Cole, James A. Davies, Howell T. Lewis, Percy Hann, Davies, Stephen Lewis. At the house were: Mrs. M.J. Jones (wife); Mrs. P. Roberts and Miss Jessie Jones (daughters); Eira Roberts (grand daughter); Mrs. H.C. Davies and Miss Sal Jones (sisters); Mesdames E. Lloyd Evans, S.A. Cole, E. & J. Davies (aunts); E. Jones, A. Davies, E.M. Davies (sisters-in-law); Mrs. F.M. Thomas, Misses Marie Davies, Muriel Davies, Jessie A. Davies, Mrs. Norma Davies, Miss G. Jones (nieces); Mesdames L.A. Parry, M.J. Edwards, S.A. Simpson, M. Cole and L. Law. There were numerous floral tributes (details given) including ones from fellow workers at the Royal Naval Factory, Caerwent, and the Staff of Gelligaer Hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 1 April 1944

Nazareth On Monday, a special sermon was preached by the Rev. Alun Davies, Aberdare, in connection with the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Rev. Eurof Jones introduced Mr. Davies and Mr. T.J. Jones read a portion of Scriptures and led in prayer. The organist was Mr. Willie A. Davies.

Competitive Concert A competitive concert was held on Friday by Carmel Band of Hope to end the session. The winners were: solos, Kitty Hughes, Michael Evans, James Davies, Eleanor Davies, Lorna Rees, Morfydd Thomas; recitations, Eleanor Davies, Doreen Clarke, Morfydd Thomas, Kitty Hughes, Michael Evans; proverbs, Morfudd Owen, Shirley Lawrence, Morfydd Thomas; parties, divided between parties conducted by Doreen Clarke and Morfudd Evans; best story, Doreen Clarke, Margt. Davies, Morfudd Thomas; general knowledge, Doreen Clarke, Lorna Rees; consolation prizes were given to Billy Rees, Ldona Marshalsea, Pat Brown, Phyllis Hughes, Shirley Wittard. The adjudicators were Mr. Walters and Mr. D. James. The chairman was the Rev. E. Jones, and the accompanist, Mrs. E. Rees. Mrs. S. Lewis and Misses M. & C. Jones assisted.

Children's Servie On Sunday morning, the monthly children's service was held. The chairman was Eleanor Davies; Scripture reading, Nan Jones; prayer, Thelma Way; hymns were read by Eleanor Davies, Gwen Williams, Carwyn Evans, D.J. Evans. The collectors were Margaret Davies and Sylvia Evans. The address was given by Rev. Eurof Jones.

Gellygaer Hut In connection with the Gellygaer Y.M.C.A. Hut effort, the local sub-committee organised the following entertainments: a “go-as-you-please” competition (chairman Rev. Adams Evans), winners: adults, Mr. Huw B. Thomas, children, Morfudd

Thomas. The adjudicators were Miss E. Ballard, Miss O.M. Payne, Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. The guest artiste, Mr. Reg Mears, Pontlottyn, gave a conjuring display, and the school children gave entertainments under the supervision of Miss M. Jones. Donations towards the prize money were given by Misses E. Ballard, O.M. Payne & M. Jones, Mr. T. Walters, Coun. S. Lewis, Rev. E. Jones and Mr. D. Jenkins.

On Wednesday, four one-act plays were performed as follows. "The Sewing Guild," presented by W.V.S. Members (Fochriw); cast included - Miss A. Lawrence, Mrs. Mary Evans, Miss Annie Davies, Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Mrs. C. Walters, Miss M. Jones, Mrs. R. Rees, Mrs. Annie Evans and Mrs. M. Jenkins; producer Mrs. M.A. Lewis. "The Spy," by Miss Aranwy Jones and Miss E. Evans-Jones' party; cast - Misses Aranwy Jones, Edna Evans-Jones, Gwenfil Harris, Lorna Rees, Pat Sullivan, Margaret Davies and Mr. John Evans. "Get it at Denby's," by Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Club (Girls); cast - Misses E. Edwards, L. Mantle, A.M. Thomas, M. Cumpstone, M. Williams, E. Davies, M.J. Evans; producer, Mr. D. E. Evans, B.A. "Birds of a Feather," by the Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Club (Boys); cast - Messrs. Phil Mantle, Howell Lewis, Cyril Davies and Derlwyn Lewis; producer, Rev. Eurof Jones.

On Thursday, the Twyn Carno Dramatic Society, who gave their services free, presented "The First Mrs. Fraser," by St. John Ervine. Ticket sellers were Mrs. Watkins and Miss C. Shankland; Mrs. C. Walters and Mrs. E. Rees; Mrs. E. Rees and Mrs. E. Rowlands; Mrs. E. Thomas and Mrs. I. Walters; Mrs. E. Cumpstone. Much credit is due to the members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and members of the Fochriw W.V.S. for services rendered during the series of performances. The following were the officers of the committee: chairman, Coun Sam Lewis, J.P.; treasurer, Mr. A. Ballard; secretary, Mr. D. Jenkins.

"Merthyr Express" 8 April 1944

In Hospital Mr. Jones, Glen-view, and Mr. L. Small, Tymawr, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital and their friends wish them a speedy recovery.

C.M.B. Success Miss Mimi Lewis, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Lewis, Guest-street, has passed the recent second examination of the Central Midwives Board. Before taking up nursing, she was a pupil at Hengoed County School.

Snooker Fochriw entertained Alex Hall in a Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute on Thursday, the visitors winning by 7 frames to 5. Fochriw team: G. Davies, B. Rees, E. Jones, R. Gittoes, T. Shankland, C. Thomas.

An Old Custom Palm Sunday was observed at the old churchyard of Pentwyn where hundreds made their way to lay flowers on the graves. Daily services are taking place at the Parish Church during Holy Week conducted by the Vicar.

"Aid To China" Flag Day The committee wish to thank all who helped to make the flag day on Friday last a success. The following disposed of the flags: Fochriw - Mrs. W. Evans, Mrs. E. Thomas, Misses M. Ballard, E. Evans (organizer, Mrs. M. Jenkins) £3 8s 11d; Pentwyn and Penybank - Mrs. G. Bengough, Mrs. E. Llewellyn (organizer, Mrs. Llewellyn) £1 4s 3d; Pantywaun - Misses Gwyneth Thomas and Mary Ralph (organizer, Mrs. E.D. Jones) 6s 8d.

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In Hospital Mr. Phillip Rowlands, Dynevor-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. His friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Parish Church On Good Friday, the three hours' service was taken by the Vicar who also took the service on Easter Day. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne, and the organist was Mr. Wyndham Lawrence.

United Services United services were held on Good Friday at Nazareth C.M. Church where members of the following churches joined in and united service: Carmel, Noddfa, Nazareth and Gospel Hall. The services were well attended. The following took part: Revs. Eurof Jones, W. Thomas, T.J. Jones and D. Thomas. The organists were Mrs. Kate Walters and Mr. W.A. Davies.

Cymanfa Ganu The first united children's singing festival of Noddfa Baptist and Nazareth C.M. Churches was held at Noddfa on Easter Day. For over 25 years, these two churches have held an united cymanfa ganu for adults at Christmas time. This Easter, the first venture was made with the children's cymanfa ganu, and it is intended to make this an annual event. It was highly successful and surpassed the hopes of the cymanfa committee. The conductor was

Mr. Trevor Lawrence supported by Mr. Joshua Thomas and Mr. W. Davies at the organ. The presidents were Mr. Richard Jones (afternoon) and Mrs. K. Walters (evening). The singing of the choir was supplemented by the following items: solo, Mrs. Mattie Lewis; recitation, Shirley Whittard; choruses, Nazareth Sunday School children; duet, Mrs. E. Lawrence and Mrs. E. Lewis. The service was opened by Hugh Jones in the afternoon and Cynthia Jones in the evening.

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In Hospital The following are patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. M.A. Edwards, Brook-row; Mr. W. Whitby, Guest-street; Mr. John Williams, Martin-street.

Football Matches Fochriw played Gilfach in a Rhymney Valley League match on Monday, and Fochriw won by 4 goals to 3. Scorers for Fochriw were: P. Mantle (2), G. Dummett (2). On Saturday, they defeated Gilfach at Gilfach 4-2.

New Hall On Wednesday and Thursday last, Carmel Dramatic Society performed the Welsh drama, “Y Dyn Hysbys.” Members of the cast were: Mr. D. Jenkins, Mr. D. Lewis, Mr. S. Lewis, Rev. E. Jones, Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mr. Bob Rees, Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Miss Betty Jones, Miss Maria Jones. The producer was Rev. Eurof Jones. The president on Wednesday was Mr. W.A. Davies, and on Thursday, Mrs. Sam Lewis. The secretary was Mr. W.A. Davies.

Help For Hospital The result of the S.O.S. on behalf of the Merthyr General Hospital is as follows: Upper Fochriw - Mrs. T. Rowlands & Mrs. J. Lewis, £2 16s 10d; Brynteg district - Mrs. T. Lawrence, £2 8s 6d; Aelybryn - Mrs. G. Mantle & Mrs. A. Wright, £2 5s; Pentwyn & Penybank - Mrs. Lewis, £1 9s 3d; Brook-row - Mrs. T. Thomas, 14s 4 1/2d; Pit-row - Miss Elsie Davies, 12s 8d; Tunnel Pit & Cwmbargoed - Mr. Marshallsea, 5s 3 1/2d; total £10 15s 11d. The organiser, Mrs. W.J. Payne, wishes to thank the collectors and contributors for their generous support.

Welfare Association The annual meeting of the Association was held at the hall on Friday. Coun. W.J. Payne presided. He reviewed the last year's work, and said that much had been accomplished. He appealed for care to be taken of the ground and equipment and hoped to see the completion of the football ground. During the year, the caretaker Mr. D.I. Evans had resigned. They wished him well. The services of Mr. Owen Jones had now been secured. The statement of accounts had been audited by Mr. T.D. Evans, Bargoed, and were satisfactory. The chairman thanked all for their cooperation during his term of office. Mr. D. Jenkins then took the chair for the coming year. He thanked the retiring chairman and paid tribute to the fine service he had given the cause. Election of officers was as follows: vice-chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; secretary, Mr. D.J. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans; librarian, Mr. R. Gittos; assistant librarian, Mr. Ivor Morgan; committee, Messrs. W. Evans, H. Wood, R. Rees, A. Palmer, J.H. Edwards, D.M. James, G. Shankland, Bryn Rees, J. Lewis, W.J.A. Davies, D. Emlyn Evans, R. Evans, W. Cook and Rev. E. Adams Evans.

Easter Vestry The annual Vestry meeting was held at the Parish Church on Tuesday. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans presided, supported by Rev. S.J. Beynon, B.A., and Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden. The vicar thanked the people for their loyalty, paying tribute to the churchwarden and his colleagues for their support and help in the parish. They remembered those who had left to join the Forces, wishing them a safe return to their home and church, and those who had died during the past year. They also thought of those in hospital. Mr. Payne presented the accounts. They had met their liabilities, and each account showed a credit balance. The accounts were accepted. Coun. Payne was re-elected people's warden, a position he has held since the parish was formed. The vicar re-elected Mr. John Owen, Deri, as vicar's warden. Other officers were: auditor, Miss R. Davies; parochial council, Mrs. E.A. Evans (The Vicarage), Mrs. W.J. Payne, Mrs. E.J. Lawrence, Mrs. G. Llewellyn (The Farm), Mrs. T.M. Evans, Miss Rosie Davies, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, A. Palmer, T. Baldwin, T.M. Evans, E.T. Pritchard, Bryn Rees, T. Jones, W. Way, E.I. Griffiths, G. Baldwin; sidesmen, Messrs. D. Tyler, D.G. Jones, G. Lawrence, G. Evans, W. James, D. Jones, T. Evans, C. Cumpstone, T.E. Davies, Vyce, V. Powell and B. Edwards; parochial secretary, Mr. John Palmer. Appointments were made to the Rural Decanal Conference, Patronage Board, and Diocesan Conference. A welcome was extended to Rev. S.J. Beynon, B.A.

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In Hospital Mrs. H. Marshalsea, Brynteg-street, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. Her many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Late Mr. W. Smith The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday of Mr. Wm. Smith, elder son of Mrs. Smith and the late Mr. T. Smith. He was 59 years of age and a native of the village.

Parsih Church A National Day of Prayer was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday conducted by the Vicar. In the morning, members of H.M. Forces attended, the lessons being read by one of the officers. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the organist.

Hospital S.O.S. With the addition of the Pantywaun collection of 12s 8d., taken by Misses Mary Ralph and Gwyneth Thomas, a splendid total for Fochriw of £11 8s 7d was achieved. Thanks to all who assisted.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry in connection with St. David's Church, Pantywaun, took place on Thursday evening last. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne and Mr. Arthur Davies (churchwardens), and Mr. A.E. Kings (secretary). The Vicar thanked the people of Pantywaun for their loyalty to the work of the church, and all who had helped to carry on the services. Churchwarden Payne reviewed the work of the church over many years at Pantywaun. The statement of accounts was presented by Mr. A.E. Kings, and was considered very satisfactory. The election of officers was as follows: Mr. Arthur Davies, churchwarden; Mr. A.E. Kings, secretary; Mr. W.H. Williams, treasurer; Messrs. A. Davies, D.J. Davies, A.E. Kings, W.H. Williams, Misses A. Davies, W. Ralph, D.J. Davies and C. Thomas, parochial church councillors.

Carmel Chapel A children's service was held at Carmel on Sunday, Miss Margaret Davies presiding.

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ENSA Concert Under the direction of the National Service Entertainment Party and Miners' Welfare, a concert was held at the New Hall on Monday by the Ensa Entertainment Party. The programme included a Welsh quartette, an accordionist, harpist, comedienne, folk dancing, pianist, etc.

Soccer Games Fochriw boys team, after a goalless draw against Jubilee Thistle at Fochriw on Wednesday, played Deri Buds at Fochriw on Friday. This was another league match, and Deri were keen to win, having lost at home to Fochriw earlier in the season by four goals to one. However, Fochriw were winners by 5 goals to 2. Stan Watkins was the outstanding player. Fochriw played Ystrad Mynach on Saturday and the score was 2 -2.

Blight – Williams At St. Andrew's Church, Cardiff, on Saturday last, The Rev. Percival Jones officiated at the wedding of L/A.C. Horace J. Blight (R.A.F.), of Woodville-road, Cardiff, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Williams, eldest daughter of Mrs. H.A. Williams. 3. Glenview, Pentwyn. The bride was given away by Mr. J. Thomas, Cardiff, and the matron of honour was Mrs. J. Thomas. A guard of honour consisting of A.R.P., Ambulance and others was present at the church.

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In Hospital The many friends of Mrs. L. Hollister, Pit-row, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes An envelope collection on behalf of Dr. Barnardo's Homes was carried out during the week, April 28th. The collectors were: Mesdames I. Cumpstone, R.M. Cumpstone, G. Mantle, Joshua Evans, K. Ficher, D. Brown, S. Lewis, Misses Rose Davies, Doris Davies, Mavis Jones, Betty Jones, Aranwy Jones, Lettie Hollister. The organiser was Mrs. Sam Lewis. The sum of £6 11s 6d was realized. The committee thank the collectors and public for their response.

Silver Band A meeting of the Band committee was held at the Hall on Friday. Coun. W.J. Payne presided, supported by Mr. H. Wood, vice chairman, Mr. Emrys Lewis, treasurer, Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, and Mr. Albert Mantle, bandmaster. Correspondence was dealt with. The band gave their services in the "Salute the Soldier" parade at Bargoed and Deri on Sunday last. The Band is always available for events in the village. It was decided to purchase a stock of music and some new instruments.

Welfare Association Mr. D. Jenkins presided over a meeting of the Association at the New Hall, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne, vice chairman, Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer, and Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary. The question of the playing field was considered, and it was decided to commence work again with the help of the young people of the L.E.A. Mr. E. Evans agreed to see the young men on the matter and Mr. W. Cook will supervise. The financial report was given by the treasurer. The question of improving the Hall stage was also considered.

Community Hymn Singing On Sunday at the Parish Church a community singing festival was held. The conductor was Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac., was the organist. The Vicar, the Rev. E. Adams Evans, B.A., presided. A portion of Scripture was read by Rev. Eurof Jones and the Rev. Wm. Thomas prayed. Solos were rendered by Madam H.C. Davies and Mr. J.J. Lewis (Ap Morlais), and a quartette was given by Mrs. E. Lawrence, Mrs. E. Lewis, Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Burkley Davies. A collection was taken for the "Salute the Soldier" Week by Councillors S. Lewis, J.P., and W.J. Payne. Councillor Payne thanked those who had taken part.

Fochriw Pastor's Bride The wedding was solemnised at Hermon Welsh Congregational Chapel, Treorchy, on Tuesday last week, by the Revs. W.E. Anthony (Hermon), Arthur Williams (Calfaria), and Griffith Jones, M.A., B.D., (Bargoed), of the Rev. Eurof Jones, Rhos, Wrexham (pastor of Carmel Congregational Chapel, Fochriw), and Miss Annie M. Jones, Herbert-street, Treorchy. The bride wore an ice turquoise two-piece with shell pink and silver head-dress and accessories to tone, with a spear of pale pink orchids. She was given away by her father, Mr. Arthur E. Jones, and the best man was Mr. Clifford T. Jones, Rhos, cousin of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid, Miss Sally Jones, sister of the bridegroom, wore a mushroom pink two-piece with nigger-brown hat and accessories with a spear of pink carnations.

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A.P.R. Lecture At the wardens' post on Tuesday, lectures were given by P.S. Rowlands, Pontlottyn, and P.S. Edwards.

In Hospital Mrs. E. Jones of Brynteg-street is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital.

S.S.A.F.A. Flag Day A flag day on behalf of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association was held on Friday and Saturday last. The sellers were Mesdames P. Lewis, £1 9s 3d; D. Morgan and C. Williams, £1 0s 7 1/2d; A. Palmer and T. Thomas, 17s 7 1/2d; Mrs. Jennie Williams and Miss Nancy Palmer, £1 1s 2d; Misses Kathleen Williams and Margaret Rowlands, £1 1s 5 1/2d; Elsie Davies, 17s 5 1/2d; Mary Ralph and Gwyneth Thomas, 6s 5d; total £6 0s 7d. The organiser, Mrs. W.J. Payne, wishes to thank all sellers and the public for their support.

"Salute the Soldier" Under the auspices of the Fochriw L.E.A. Youth Club, under the leadership of Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., and the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, a miscellaneous concert was given at the New Hall on Thursday. Mr. Cyril Davies presided, and the artistes were Misses Amy Thomas, Marie Davies, Elaine Edwards, Megan Thomas and Mr. Huw B. Thomas. Selections were given by the Band, and choruses by the Youth Centre Choir. The accompanists were Miss K. Ballard and Mr. Huw B. Thomas. The shadow competition was won by Miss Olive Payne, who returned the prize towards the effort. Thanks were accorded by Coun. W.J. Payne and Rev. Eurof Jones.

Welcome Home Concert A concert was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Friday last, to welcome home Cpl. T. Knight (Royal Marines) of Rees-row, and A.B. William Lewis of Hill-row, Pentwyn, who returned home after three years service overseas. Lieut. Morton was present and he apologized for the absence of the commanding officer. Mr. Wm. Morgan, Penybank, was in the chair and Mr. Gilbert Harris, Fochriw, was the accompanist. The artistes were: Mr. J.J. Lewis, Fochriw; Mr. Len Thomas, Pte. Peake, Pte. V..... (Pioneer Corps). A presentation was made to Cpl. Knight and A.B. Lewis by the chairman. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. C. Rowlands and seconded by Sergt. Tyler, who also complimented the residents of Pentwyn and Penybank for exceeding their target in their "Salute the Soldier" Week.

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Children's Service On Sunday at Carmel the monthly children's service was held. Scripture was read by Gwen Williams; prayer by Doreen Clarke. Hymns were read by Enid Cumpstone, Margt. Davies, Sylvia Evans and Ray Morse. The address was given by Rev. Eurof Jones. The collectors were Billy Thomas and John Brockell. The chair was taken by Enid Cumpstone.

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Nazareth C.M. Chapel The half-yearly meeting was held on Sunday last, when the Rev. Robert Thomas, Resolven, preached. Mr. W. A. Davies conducted, and Mr. John Davies was the organist.

Wedding Presentation To mark the recent marriage of the Rev. Eurof Jones, a presentation was made by members at a tea and presentation meeting at Carmel on Tuesday. The chairman was Nurse Ballard-Davies who extended a welcome to Mrs. Jones to the Chapel. The presentation was made by Mrs. S. A. Cole, one of the oldest members. Speeches were made by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., and Mr. Dan James. Rev. Jones thanked all for providing such a successful evening. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. A. Davies. The secretary was Mr. Bob Rees.

"Merthyr Express" 10 June 1944

A.R.P. A lecture was given at the Wardens' Post on Tuesday by P.Sgt. A. Edwards.

In Hospital Mr. D.J. Griffiths is a patient at the Merthyr General Hospital, Miss Mary Cumpstone at St. Winefred's Nursing Home, and Miss Gwladys Harris is in Pontsarn Hospital.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the Hall on Friday, Mr. D. Jenkins presiding, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne, vice chairman.

Late Mrs. M.A. Edwards The death has taken place of a well-known inhabitant of Fochriw, Mrs. Mary Ann Edwards.

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Mothers' Union The Fochriw Branch, with the enrolling member, Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, attended the deanery meeting at Llanbradach on Tuesday. An address was given by the Bishop of Llandaff.

In Hospital Mr. M. Baldwin, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. Evans, Martin-street, are patients at Swansea Hospital: Mrs. Perkins, Plantation-street, is at Merthyr General Hospital: and Mrs. Blunt, The Villas, at Gellygaer Hospital.

Carmel The yearly services were held on Sunday, when the Rev. Isaac Thomas, Treorchy, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. Emlyn Evans with Mr. Thomas Walter at the organ.

Stay-At-Home Week A meeting to make arrangements for the Stay-at-Home Bank Holiday Week was held at the New Hall on Monday presided over by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mr. Bob Rees, secretary, dealt with the correspondence. It was decided to hold the ceremony of crowning the Queen and her attendants on Tuesday, July 4, at the New Hall. A fine programme of events has been drawn up for the Holiday Week. Proceeds will be in aid of the local Comforts Fund.

Children's Service A children's service was held on Sunday at Noddfa Baptist Chapel. A portion of Scripture was read by Pat Sullivan and a prayer was said by Hugh Jones. Recitations were given by Leonard Burrows, Pat Sullivan, Hugh Jones and Shirley Jones. Solos were given by Jessie Ann Davies, Ann Burrows, Pat Sullivan and Phyllis Ballard. The hymns were read by P. Ballard, L. Burrows, H. Jones and P. Sullivan. An address was given by Miss A. Jones. Miss E. Evans presided. A collection was taken by John Morgan and Donald Jones. Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist.

Late Mrs. E. Jones The funeral of Mrs. E. Jones, Guest-street, who died suddenly at the house of her friends, Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Lewis, took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday. She was the widow of Mr. Howell Jones who was an official at the collieries. Mrs. Jones was 69 years of age and had lived the whole of her life in Fochriw. She was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel which she had attended on the evening she died. The funeral was private. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated at the house and graveside. Mourners were Messrs. T. & D.J. Thomas (brothers); N. Thomas, S. Russell, T.G. Davies, T. & J. Walters, R. Thomas, T. Jones, V.

Powell (nephews). At the house were Mesdames May & D.J. Thomas, S.J. Jones (sisters-in-law); Cissie, Russell, G. Greenall, Miss E. Thomas, Mary Evans & Edith Thomas (nieces); Eliz. Evans (cousin); David Davies, James John Lewis, Sarah J. Jones, Phyllis Jones, G. Yeoman, Williams and Davies. The bearers were Mr. James J. Lewis, Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., Mr. John Davies and Mr. R. Evans. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 24 June 1944

Fochriw Nurse One of First In France A 24 year old Fochriw nurse, Miss Megan Morgan of Aelybryn, was one of the first British women to land in France on D-Day. She was one of forty British nursing officers who embarked on a cruiser at an English port on Thursday week and competed in a race to be first up the Normandy beaches after landing 12 hours later. “I like it a lot. I feel I am doing a real man’s job now,” Miss Morgan told a newspaperman. “You should have seen the expression on those men’s faces as we drove from the beach to the hospital. They rubbed their eyes as if they were seeing things. None of us was sick coming over and we had fun sliding down a canvas chute from the cruiser to the landing craft.”

A.R.P. A lecture was given at the wardens’ post on Tuesday by P.S. Edwards.

Silver Band On Sunday, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Mantle, the Band played a selection of music at the Corpus Christi procession at Bargoed.

In Hospital Mr. Tom Morris and Mr. Habac. Morgan, both of Guest-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Death In Hospital The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. Wm. Whitby, Guest-street. He was aged 50 years. He had been at the hospital for several weeks. He was a native of the village.

Flag Day A flag day was held on Friday in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Joint War Organisation. The sellers were Misses B. Rees, R.M. Cumpstone, L. Thomas, E. Harris, B. Angell, M.A. Lewis, R. Fox, O. Thomas, M. Davies, L. Evans, M. Lawrence, G. Bengough, Miss S. Jones, Mair Morgan and D. Pullen. The organisers were Mrs. A. Ballard and Mr. Tom Evans, who thank all who helped. The sum of £7 was realised.

Carmel The monthly children’s service was held on Sunday. The chairman was Mary Rains. A portion of Scripture was read by Eleanor Davies and the prayer was offered by Violet Abbey. Hymns were read by Mary Rains, Nan James, Margaret Davies and Doreen Clark. A recitation was given by Pat Brown and the girls’ party rendered a chorus. The collectors were Billy Rees and Lawrence Walker. The Rev. Eurof Jones gave an address.

Wedding Presentation To mark the occasion of his wedding, a function was held at the wardens’ post on Wednesday, when the Rev. Eurof Jones, who is a warden, received a presentation from his fellow wardens. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided, and the presentation was made by Mrs. Mary Evans. Rev. Jones suitably responded. Speeches were made by Messrs. A. Mantle, Dan James and Dan Jenkins, a reading was given by Coun. S. Lewis, and Mr. Tom Jones gave a solo. Tea was provided by Misses G., S., and Edna Jones, and M. Evans.

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In Hospital Mr. D. Evans, Council Houses, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

A.R.P. Lecture At the Wardens’ Post on Tuesday, a lecture was given by P.S. Edwards. A diagram of Fochriw and a demonstration of an incident was carried out by the members of the various services.

Annual Collections The British and Foreign Bible Society have held their annual collection. The collectors were: Mr. Thos. Ballard and Mr. John Davies, £3 3s 3d; Mrs. E. Lewis and Mrs. E. Mathews, £2 5s 4d; Mr. Richard Jones, £1 8s 9d; Mrs. Mantle and Mrs. G. Wright, £1 2s 7d; gift from Full Gospel Mission, £1 1s; total £9 1s 4d. The secretary is Mr. T.J. James, and the treasurer, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., who wish to thank all for the splendid response.

Silver Band Coun. W.J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday, supported by Mr. H. Wood, vice chairman, Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, and Mr. Emrys Lewis, treasurer. The secretary dealt with the correspondence which included a number of applications for the services of the Band. The secretary also reported upon correspondence regarding new instruments. The treasurer gave the financial report. The chairman referred to the death of Mr. Wm. Powell, late bandmaster of Fochriw and Deri Bands, who was held in great esteem for his untiring services. Bandmaster Mantle also paid tribute to the sterling

qualities of the late bandmaster and the secretary also added his tribute. Members stood in silence as a tribute.

Late Mr. W.J. Whitby Mr. William James Whitby, Guest-street, has died at Merthyr General Hospital. He was 50 years of age and a native of the village. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Thursday. The bearers were: Messrs. E.T. Pritchard, Wm. Lewis, Seaborne Williams, John Broom, Evan J. Jones and Thomas Evans. Among the general public were: Messrs. O. Hopkins, T. Thomas, B. Edwards, T. Evans, D. Harris, J. Lawrence, B. Davies, W.A. Davies, W.J. Angell, D. Lewis, T.J. Jones, J. Hughes, T. Pugh, J. Davies, B. Thomas, R. Evans, D. Morris, C. Shankland, J. Davies, D. Davies, B. Lloyd, E.W. Jones. Rev. Wm. Thomas officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David Rees Jones, Edward Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Howel Jones (uncles and aunts); Mr. & Mrs. L. Hopkins, Mr. & Mrs. J. Mathews, Mr. D. Mutlow, Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. Windsor Williams (cousins). Mourners at the house were: Mesdames Sarah E. Pugh, Beatrice Mutlow, S.A. Jones (aunts); S.A. Payne, E.J. Williams, D.J. Whitby, Misses Hannah Whitby, Kathleen Williams (cousins); Mrs. Morgan (Ogmore Vale), Mrs E. Williams, Mrs. M.A. Davies, Mrs. M. Evans (friends). There were many floral tributes.

Bandsman's Death The death has occurred of one of the best-known and respected bandsmen throughout Wales, and many parts of England, Mr. William Powell, Guest-street, Fochriw, at the age of 76 years. He was one of the pioneers of the Fochriw and Deri Silver Bands and was bandsman of both bands for many years. Many can pay tribute to his excellent tuition. Mr. Powell had travelled widely wherever there was a band contest, particularly to Crystal Palace and Belle Vue. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. A number of bandsmen attended to pay their last tribute. The chief mourners were: Messrs. R. Gilbert (brother-in-law); W.J. Gilbert, Vivian Powell, George Coleman, T. Thomas, Wilfred Hitchins, C. Knight, M. Thomas, S. Russell (nephews); John Jones, Snr., John Jones, Jnr., C. Beaumont (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. S.A. Gilbert, Mrs. T.A. Hitchins, Miss Powell (sisters); Mesdames R.A. Coleman, S.E. Lewis, M. Thomas, P. Jones (nieces); B. Hudson, V. Skyrme (cousins). There were numerous floral tributes.

James - Harris The wedding took place on Saturday at Noddfa Baptist Chapel of Mr. Sylvanus M. James, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas John James, Brynteg-terrace, and Miss Gwenfil Harris, daughter of Mrs. T. Morris, School House. The ceremony, which was choral, was conducted by Mr. Thomas J. Jones, cousin of the bride, and Mr. David J. Thomas was at the organ. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, precentor of the chapel. The bride, who wore a gown of white satin, with veil held in place by a coronet of orange blossom, was given away by Mr. Tom Morris. She carried a bouquet of red roses, and was attended by Miss Elsie Evans, cousin of the bride, who wore pink silk, with head-dress of flowers; Miss E. Jones, a friend of the bride, who wore turquoise silk with headress to match; and Miss Jean Paul, who was dressed in a pale pink crepe-de-chine, with a headress of flowers. They carried bouquets of variegated sweet peas. The flower girl, Miss Margaret Morris, sister of the bride, was dressed in blue crepe-de-chine, and carried a basket of mixed flowers. Colin Marshalsea, cousin of the bridegroom, was page boy, and wore a long blue velvet trousers and white crepe-de-chine blouse. The best man was Mr. Egryn Thomas, uncle of the bride, and the groomsman, Mr. Thomas J. James, father of the bridegroom. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with a silver horseshoe by Ann Morris, sister of the bride, Delphine Chapman and Gareth Morris. Over 100 guests attended the reception, which was held in the vestry of the chapel. The honeymoon is being spent at Aberystwyth. The bride's going-away outfit consisted of a brown coat over a pink dress with hat and shoes to tone. They will make their future home at 20, Brynteg-terrace, Fochriw. The bride had been on the staff of the local Co-operative Stores for many years.

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Airman's Thanks L.A.C. William H. Pullen (R.A.F.), son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Pullen, 2, Glenview, Pentwyn, who has been home on leave for three weeks after three years service abroad, thanks his friends and the neighbourhood for their kind reception. He had now returned to duty.

United Service Members of the Free Church Council met at Carmel Chapel for an united service on Monday evening when the Rev. Wm. Thomas presided. The following took part in a very impressive service: Rev. Eurof Jones, Mr. T. Ballard, Mr. T.J. Jones and Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The organist was Mr. M. Shankland.

Flewitt - Smith The wedding took place at Cardiff on Saturday (by licence) of Mr. Wm. T. Flewitt of Liverpool, and Mrs. L.A. Smith, Plantation-street, Fochriw. Mr. Flewitt is chief steward aboard a hospital ship. The bride wore a blue dress with brown coat, hat and shoes to tone, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by Mrs. Alice Price of Bargoed, who wore a navy dress with green coat and hat and shoes to match. The best man was Corpl. Green.

Flag Day Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Pentwyn Farm, organiser for the Toc H flag day, had received a letter from the secretary at Bargoed, expressing thanks for the able way she and her helpers assisted in making the flag day the success it was. The following are the collections: Upper Fochriw district, Miss Doreen Pullen, 19s 9½d & 10s 10d; Pentwyn & Penybank, Mrs Bengough & Miss Tyler, £1 1s 6d; below bridge district, Mrs. A. Wright & Mrs. M. Mantle, £1 8s 10d; total £4 0s 11½d. Mrs. Llewellyn wishes to thank the collectors and all who assisted, together with the public for their support.

Choosing The Queen In connection with the "Stay-At-Home" holidays, the choosing of the Queen and her attendants took place at the New Hall on Tuesday evening, and there was a large entry. The Rev. E. Adams Evans, Vicar, presided. The judges were Miss Parry Jones and Miss G. Cowles, B.A., Bargoed. Selected were: Queen, Miss Megan Thomas; flower girls, Eira Roberts, Gillian Jones, Sonia Catterson, Margaret Raines; attendants, Eillen Millward, Iris Gwynne; page boys, Brian Jones, Geoffrey Tyler; herald, Gerald Gwynne. A vote of thanks was accorded the judges and all taking part was proposed by the Vicar and seconded by Rev. Eurof Jones. The artiste was Miss Walton, New Tredegar, and the accompanist Mr. Hugh B. Thomas. The secretary was Mr. Bob Rees.

Late Mr. P. Rowlands The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant who had lived for many years at Fochriw. He is Mr. Phillip Rowlands, 1, Dynevor-street. Aged 73, Mr. Rowlands was of a quiet, unassuming character. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the Vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Arthur Coggan, Charles White, P.S. Brangwynne, Ralph Coggan, Lindsay Coggan, Vernon Coggan (nephews); William Jones (cousin); Leyshon Rowlands, Tom Rowlands, George Baldwin and Wyndham Edwards. At the house were: Mrs. M. Baldwin (sister); Mrs. S.A. Coggan, Mrs. E. White, Mrs. M. Spencer, Mrs. E. Brangwynne, Winifred, Lorna and Anne, Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. E.A. Evans (cousins); Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Thomas. There were a number of floral tributes.

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In German Hands Mr. & Mrs. G. Vincent, Danybryn, Fochriw, have been officially informed that their son, Reginald V. Smith, is a prisoner in Germany.

Evacuees Arrive On Sunday, 45 children arrived from the London area. They were received at the New Hall by Mr. I. Cumpstone, billeting officer, and Coun. W.J. Payne, a member of the Evacuation Committee. A number of willing ladies were present to take the children to their homes. Mr. Cumpstone rendered splendid service, and the arrangements were carried out satisfactorily.

Old Soldier's Death A well-known local resident, Mr. Thomas James, Penybank, died last week at the age of 76, and was buried with full military honours at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. Mr. James had been on active service in the South African War and the 1914-18 World War. He was a faithful member of the Home Guard and was on duty up to two weeks ago. The funeral was well attended by members of the Fochriw and Deri Home Guard under the command of Major J. Emms, Capt. W.M. Davies and Smith, and Lieut. Bryn Davies. They were led by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. Mantle, who played the "Dead March" at the graveside. The firing party consisted of members of the Home Guard under Sgt. L. Mantle. Bandmaster A. Mantle sounded the "Last Post."

Wedding The wedding took place at Cardiff on Wednesday of Mr. Gomer Davies, youngest son of the late Mr. E.M. Davies and Mrs. Davies, 8, Glyn-terrace, and Miss Jessie Lloyd of Deri. The bride, who wore a dusky pink two-piece ensemble with navy accessories, was given away by Mr. Emlyn Evans, her brother-in-law. She was attended by Mrs. J. Williams, niece of the bridegroom, who wore a green dress, with nigger brown to tone, and Miss Addie Lawrence, niece of the bridegroom, who wore a pale blue dress with navy accessories. The best man was Mr. Bryn Davies, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. & Mrs. Davies left later for Doncaster where the honeymoon is being spent. A reception was held at 8 Glyn-terrace where a large number of guests attended.

Hospital Dance On Thursday at the New Hall, a successful dance in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital was organised by Coun. W.J. Payne with a band of helpers. The Hall was well filled and the music was provided by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, with Mr. John Lewis and Mr. G. Davies as M.Cs. The judges of the waltzing competition were Mr. E.T. Pritchard and Mr. Emlyn Evans, and the winners were Mrs. C. Williams and Mr. C. Tyler, Pentwyn. The judge for the spot dance was Mr. Crad Shankland, and the winners were Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mrs. D. Tyler, who returned the prize for the Hospital. The winners of the competitions were: Silk Stockings (given by the Bargoed Emporium) Gary Llewellyn; Handkerchiefs (given by Mrs. Evans, Post Office), Coral Evans; Wallet (given by Messrs. George Rees and Jones, Bargoed) Pte. Richman; Spot prize (given by Mrs. T. Rowlands & Mrs. Shankland); donation by Mr. E.T. Pritchard. Coun. Payne thanked all who had contributed to one of the most successful dances he had attended - donors of prizes, the ticket sellers, and the ladies who had dealt with the refreshments. He appealed to all to be contributors to such a noble cause. Last year it had cost over £21,000 to run the Hospital. As a voluntary hospital it had to be maintained. Workmen contributed 3d. per week and he would like to see many more following that lead. Anyone desirous of contributing, if not at work or factories, could hand contributions to him or to Mr. J.H. Evans, or the lady collectors. Among the patients in the Hospital that night were a few from Fochriw. There were also a number of soldiers wounded on the Normandy beaches. The organising secretary was Mrs. W.J. Payne, assisted by Mesdames G. Williams, R. Fox, A. Davies, D. Brown, T. Rowlands, C. Shankland, T. Lawrence, G. Edwards, T. Thomas, M. Golden Hann, A. Palmer, A. Evans, Elsie Davies, M. Watkins, ----, Williams, Misses Shankland, D. Pullen, Elsa Morgan, Ira Davies, B. Fox, M. Shankland, J. Slimmonds, G. Thomas, Messrs J.H. Evans, D.T. Davies, J.E. Edwards, A. & J. Palmer, Misses N. Palmer and N. Evans.

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ENSA Concert At the New Hall on Monday entertainment was provided by the Ensa Party composed of a variety of artistes.

Prisoner of War Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Chapman, 12, Brook-row, have received a card from their son, Gnr. W.J. Chapman, who is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands. His card is from No.4 P.O.W. Thailand. He says he is in excellent health.

Children's Service The monthly service was held at Carmel on Sunday. Gwen Williams presided. Prayer was offered by Margaret Davies, and the hymns were announced by Gwynne and Sybil Evans. The collectors were Billy Rees and John Raines. The Rev. Eurof Jones gave an address. The girls' party also sang.

Y.M.C.A. Flag Day The proceeds of the recent flag-day in aid of the Y.M.C.A. amounted to £5 1s 9d. The sellers were Mrs. W.K. Evans and Mrs. R. Parry, 19s 9d; Mrs. B. Angell and Miss E. Angell, 11s 7d; Mrs. L. Thomas and Mrs. B. Harris, 13s 8 1/2d; Mrs. M. James and Mrs. M. Jenkins, £1 13s 4d. At Pentwyn the sellers were Mrs. David Pullen and Miss Doreen Pullen, £1 3s 11 1/2d. The organizers Mrs. S. Llewellyn and Mrs. M. Jenkins wish to thank the collectors and all who assisted for their support.

Cadet's Success Chief Cadet James Price, son of Mr. Henry Price and the late Mrs. M. Price, Brynteg, has won outstanding honours at the Smith Nautical School, Cardiff. The "Cardiff Times" states: "The most coveted award at the school is the King's Medal, which is given by the King, and is awarded annually for the qualities likely to make the best sailor. The award this year went to Cadet James Price, who received it at the hands of Mr. H.C. Bolter at the prize distribution at the Technical College on Wednesday, July 12." He also won the third

place in Britain in the Royal Society of Arts annual cadet course examination. In addition to the above honours, he won every first prize awarded by the school, which includes the Norrie's prize for navigation, the Shipowners' Association prize for seamanship, and several swimming and life saving certificates, including the bronze medal. It can also be added that he has been top of the school throughout the course. He is regarded as one of the most brilliant pupils to have passed through the school. Before going to Nautical School, he was a student at Lewis; School, Pengam.

“Merthyr Express” 29 July 1944

Hospital Dance The sum of £30 1s. was realised as a result of the recent dance in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The money was forwarded to the general secretary of the Hospital, Coun. Lewis Jones, who has acknowledged it with thanks. The price of admission was only 1s. and to make £30 was really magnificent. The Fochriw Silver Band generously handed their playing fee to the cause.

Late Mr. Brinley Jones The funeral of Mr. Brinley Jones, Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 33, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Jones met with an accident while working underground at Ogilvie Colliery. The funeral was a military one as Mr. Jones was a member of the Home Guard. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and there were a number of wreaths. The cortege was led by a large contingent of the Home Guard under the command of Capt. Wm. M. Davies and Lieut. B. Davies. At the graveside, Sgt. Mantle was in charge of the firing party. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Rev. S.J. Beynon, officiated. The mourners were: David R. Jones (son); Len Tyler (stepson); Messrs. Thomas, Harry & Llew Jones (brothers); Charles E. Tyler, David R. Tyler, John Lloyd, Emlyn Evans (Slough), Ben Coleman (Bedlinog), Wm. Watts (Merthyr), W.M. Williams (Deri), John R. Evans (Bedlinog) brothers-in-law; Arthur Tyler (uncle); Thos. Jones, Dan Evans, Cliff Coleman, T. Watts, D. Williams, J. Thomas, M. Jones, C. Tyler, N. Tyler. At the house were: Mrs. Jones (wife) and children; Mesdames Sarah Evans, Esther Watkins, Ellen Coleman, C. Williams (sisters); Annie Jones, K. Jones, C. Tyler, D. Thomas, M. Evans, D. Tyler, Doris Tyler, L. Tyler, E. Tyler (sisters-in-law); Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Price, Misses Mattie Jones, Jane Evans and sister, Mesdames F. Lewis, Llewellyn, B. Jones, Williams, Wheeler, Thomas, E. Coleman, A.M. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 5 August 1944

Nurse In Normandy Another Fochriw nurse has landed in Normandy and is doing splendid work. She is Miss Hannah Mantle of the Queen Alexandra Imperial Military Nursing Service. She is the daughter of Mr. A. Mantle, and the late Mrs. M.S. Mantle, Hill-row, Pentwyn.

Church Parade On Sunday at the Parish Church, members of the Forces attended Divine Service. The Vicar was the preacher. The lessons were read by Lieut. Morton, and the organist was Mr. Hugh B. Thomas. At the evening service, the preacher was Coun. W.J. Payne. The lessons were read by Mr. John Palmer, with Mr. H.B. Thomas again at the organ.

Comforts Fund Dance A dance was held by the Pentwyn and Penybank Comforts Fund at the New Hall on Thursday week. The Fochriw Silver Band provided the music, Mr. A. Mantle conducting. The M.Cs. were Messrs. T.R. & J. Lewis. The waltzing competition was won by Mr. Jack Jones (Council Houses), and Mrs. T. Mantle (Deri). The judge was Mr. W.J. Morris, Rhymney. The spot dance was won by Mr. D. Jenkins and Mrs. Poyntz, Deri. The prizes for this event were given by Mr. W.J. Morris. The officers were Mr. F. Amos and Mrs. G. Llewellyn (joint chairmen); Mr. Davies & Mrs S. Phillips (joint secretaries). The committee wishes to thank all patrons for their support, also, the judge, the band and conductor.

Parade and Tea Headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, Mr. A. Mantle conductor, the Sunday School scholars of Noddfa, Gospel Hall, Carmel and Nazareth, with their respective ministers, paraded the streets of the village. Before the parade, the children were entertained to tea at their respective chapels. Later, the band provided music on the mountain, where games and sports took place.

“Merthyr Express” 12 August 1944

St. Mary's Mothers' Union The members, with their enrolling member, Mrs. Evans (The Vicarage), held their annual outing to Cardiff on Saturday.

Deaths The death has occurred of two well known residents of the village, Mr. Jenkin Thomas, Martin-street, and Mrs. A. Morgan, Stoney Houses, Penybanc.

Gospelk Hall The 13th annual convention was held at the Gospel Hall during the weekend, Monday and Tuesday. The special preacher was Mr. John Carter of Luton.

Parish Church On Sunday morning, members of the Girls' Training Corps, stationed at Cwmbargoed, attended service at the Parish Church. An address was given by Mr. John Brown. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

Carnival Dance On Monday, a carnival dance was held at the New Hall. Music was played by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle, and the M.C. was Mr. Thos Rees, Pentwyn.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the hall on Friday, Mr. D. Jenkins presiding. It was agreed to renovate the stage with a view to holding dramatic performances and concerts. The financial report was satisfactory.

Stay At Home Holiday On Monday, a carnival was arranged in the village for the "Stay-at-Home" holidays. The proceeds were in aid of the local Comforts Fund. The carnival was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. A. Mantle, and included the Queen, Miss Megan Thomas, and her court. The "royal carriage" had been gaily decorated by the ladies of the W.V.S. The court ladies were Ellen Millward, Iris Gwynne, Eira Roberts, Gillian Jones, Margaret Raines and Sonia Catterson; page boys, Brian Jones and Geoffrey Tyler; herald, Gerald Gwynne. The judges were Miss McCarthy and Miss Giles, Deri. After the parade, the crowning of the Queen, performed by Mrs. E. Adams Evans, took place at the Hall, the Rev. E. Adams Evans presiding. An address was given by Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. M. Jenkins (chairman W.V.S.), and Mrs. A. Evans (secretary W.V.S.). The carnival prize winners were: historical character, Enid & Doris Cumpstone; comic character, 1. Ian Oliver, 2. Ivona Marshelsea & Eunice Harris; nursery rhymes, 1. Sybil Jones, 2. Joan Power; the Services, Shirley Lawrence & Billy Rees; individual character, Mrs. Fox & Mrs. Wright; national character, 1. John Williams & John Yeoman, 2. June Games; special prize, Ann Raines; industrial character, Gethin Price & John Morgan; jazz band, Pat Sullivan and friends. The crown was made by Mr. D. Jenkins, headmaster of Fochriw School; the cloak was loaned by Mrs. Rowland Jones, Cardiff. The chairman was the Rev. E. Adams Evans; secretary, Mr. Bob Rees; treasurer, Mr. Arthur Ballard; accompanist, Mr. Bob Rees.

"Merthyr Express" 19 August 1944

Late Mrs. A. Morgan There was a representative attendance at the funeral of Mrs. A. Morgan, Stoney Houses, Penybanc, which took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. Mrs. Morgan was well known in the district being a member of the Parish Church until her illness. She was the treasurer of the women's section of the Fochriw British Legion.

Comforts Fund Children's Dance A children's dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday week. In charge of the games was Mrs. D. Jenkins and the pianist was Mr. H.B. Thomas. The spot prize was won by Haydn Angell and Glyn Jenkins. Refreshments were provided for the children, the helpers being Mrs. M.A. Ballard, Mrs. B. Rees, Misses Mildred Jones, Lorna Jenkins, Eira Cook and Margaret Ballard, Mr. D. Jenkins, headmaster Fochriw School, Mr. A. Ballard, headmaster Penybanc School. Mr. B. Rees was the secretary. The Queen, Miss Megan Thomas, presented the prizes.

Comforts Fund Community Singing This was held at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday. The chairman was the Rev. E. Adams Evans; conductor, Mr. J.J. Lewis; organist, Mr. J. Thomas; soloist, Mr. Crad Lewis, New Tredegar; accompanist, Mr. H.B. Thomas.

Late Mr. J. Thomas The death has taken place of a well known resident in Mr. Jenkin Thomas, 18, Martin-street. He had lived in Fochriw for about 70 years, and was in the Silver Band when they were at the height of their glory in the old days. The funeral took place on Thursday, the Rev. T.J. Jones officiating, assisted at the graveside by Mr. T.J. James. The mourners were: Messrs. David & Howell Thomas (sons); David Uzzell, David Saunders, Bert Lloyd (sons-in-law); Jenkin, George, Glanmor, Emrys, Melwyn, Gwynlais, Morgan and Lindsay (grandsons); Messrs. Howell Thomas (brother); Thomas Walters (brother-in-law); Howel Thomas, J.J. Lewis, R.W. Paarry, E. Oliver Davies, P.G. Hann, Rev. B. Davies,

Messrs. D. Cheese, D. James Davies, Lewis Evans, J.H. Evans, Latimer Evans (nephews); D.J. Morgan, Dowlais, Weaver, New Tredegar, Cheese, Brynmawr, T.E. Davies, Deri. At the house were: Mary (widow); Margaret, Ceridwen, Annie Gwen, Rose, Lizzie and May (daughters & daughters-in-law); Mrs. C. Walters (sister); Miss A.G. Davies, Mrs. C. Thomas, Mrs. S. Thomas (sisters-in-law); Margaret May Weaver, Glenys Coggan (grand daughters); Mrs. J.J. Lewis (niece); Mrs. Cumpstone. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

Carmel The monthly children's service was held last Sunday, when Enid Cumpstone presided. The lesson was read by John Evans, and the prayer was offered by C. Evans. Hymns were sung by E. Cumpstone, A. Dummett and Margaret Davies. The girls' party also sang. Rev. E. Jones, pastor, gave an address and the collection was taken by Leonard Evans and Jas. Davies.

Silver Band At the Band Room last Friday, the Secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis, reported that Mr. Stan Williams had consented to become one of its vice-presidents. Coun. Payne introduced Mr. Williams to the band members, saying that he felt Mr. Williams would be an asset to them. Other speakers were Mr. A. Mantle, bandmaster, and Mr. H. Wood. Mr. Williams replied.

"Merthyr Express" 26 August 1944

Annual Outings Last week, the scholars and teachers, with a number of adults of the Parish Church, held their annual outing, the venue this year being Brecon. On Tuesday, the members of the Fochriw Old Age Pensioners' Association held their annual day's outing, they too visiting Brecon.

Carmel Chapel A children's service was held in the morning when Miss Margaret Davies presided. Miss Sylvia Evans read a chapter and Margaret Jones offered prayer. The address was given by Mr. W.A. Davies. Others taking part were

Band's Benefit

"Merthyr Express" 2 September 1944

Dance A successful dance in aid of the Rhymney Hospital was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the

Sunday School Outings On Saturday, the scholars of Nazareth C.M. Chapel

Wounded in Action Pte. son of Mrs. A. Jones, and the late Mr. W.H. Jones, 11, Martin-street, Fochriw, has been wounded in France,

Silver Band Mr. H. Wood presided at a meeting of the Band at the New Hall on Monday. He was supported by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, and the Bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle, gave the report. A deputation was received from Deri requesting the services of the Band for next Saturday to play for

"Merthyr Express" 9 September 1944

In Hospital Mr. J. Lawrence, Pleasant View, and Mrs. Williams, Aelybryn, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Day of Prayer On Sunday morning at the Parish Church, members of H.M. Forces

A.R.P. Meeting

Football Fochriw A.F.C.

"Merthyr Express" 23 September 1944

In Hospital Mrs. Davies, White Horse Inn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Football Match In a league match at Fochriw on Saturday, Fochriw beat Abertysswg by two goals to nil. Scorers: G. Dummett and E. Jenkins.

Silver Band At the Bandroom on Friday, Coun. Payne presided over a band meeting. The secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis read a letter from the Old Age Pensioners asking for the services of the Band for a dance, It was decided to give their services free of charge.

Harvest Services Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans. The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. S.J. Beynon, and on Monday, the Rev. D. Walter, Pontlloftyn.

Comforts Fund A meeting of the Fochriw Comforts Fund was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Mrs. M. Jenkins, with the secretary, Mrs. A. Evans. A discussion took place on the winter's programme. It was decided that only one committee - known as the general committee - should carry on. It was also decided to engage a dramatic company to

give a drama each month. It was reported that another 10s. had been given to members of H.M. Forces.

“Merthyr Express” 30 September 1944

Fochriw Soldier Who Escaped From Nazis “I was taken to P.O.W. 122 in Rome. The treatment I received from the Germans after questioning was not too bad, but during the questioning, if I did not answer them, they would hit me in the face,” said Pte. Reg. Smith, son of Mr. & Mrs. Vincent, Danybryn, Fochriw, when relating his experiences to a “Merthyr Express” reporter, after escaping from a German prisoner-of-war camp, and arriving at his home on Monday last. “The food was terrible in the camp. Our menu was: Breakfast – nothing to eat; to drink they gave us what they called a cup of tea. It was made of dried grass and clover leaves. Sometimes, a little sugar was in it but most of the time we could not drink it, and we would save the tea leaves to dry, and then smoke them, for we had no cigarettes. Dinner: It was the same every day. They called it cabbage soup but it was water and marigold tops. The first time I ate it it made me sick. Tea: There was a piece of black bread, but it was the best food we received from them. After nearly two weeks in the camp at Rome our Forces were advancing on the city. So the Germans took us to another camp, P. 83 Laterina, South of Florence. During the trip from Rome to Laterina, we were without food for three days, and we had very little water. The Germans would not let British prisoners work outside the camp because they were frightened they would beat up the guard and escape. Time passed and our Forces were coming up Italy. We were all in high spirits because we thought the Germans would leave us and retreat. They did retreat but they took us with them. “It was during the march that I made my escape. We left camp sometime during the afternoon on a Saturday. We went through a town called Monteverich and it was beginning to get dark, so I thought the time was getting ripe for a break. I looked behind to see where the guard was. He was about three to five yards behind with his rifle ready. The one in front was about three yards away, so I walked up in the ranks behind him and gave him a hefty push. He fell over as I was hoping he would, and I ran like the wind. The Jerry shouted something in German, and then the fun started. They started to fire after me, but in the growing darkness, I was not a very good target. I managed to get into the wood, where I hid in the bushes until they got tired of looking for me. I stopped the night in a chicken-house alongside the main road. In the morning, before it was light I made my way to a house where I got some “civvy” clothes in exchange for my battle dress. After that I joined a band of partisans, where I carried on helping to destroy all the Germans we came across.” Pte. Smith joined the Army in March, 1940, and went overseas in January, 1942. He was with the Forces that invaded

“Merthyr Express” 7 October 1944

Soccer Win Fochriw entertained Gellygaer in a league match on Saturday and won by six goals to one. Scorers for Fochriw were: G. Dummett (2); M. Neade (2); G. Jones; V. Hollister.

Noddfa The annual meetings were held on Sunday last when Rev. J.J. Lewis, Hebron, Dowlais, preached to large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. David J. Thomas at the organ.

In Hospital Mr. Albert Mantle, bandmaster of the Fochriw Silver Band, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, as a result of an accident whilst working at Ogilvie Colliery. Also, Mr. Wm. J. Llewellyn is a patient there, again as a result of an accident at Ogilvie Colliery.

United Service A well attended united service was held at Noddfa Chapel on Tuesday, presided over by Rev. W. Thomas. The service was opened by Rev. Eurof Jones and Mr. Thomas J. Jones preached the sermon. Mr. David J. Thomas was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 14 October 1944

Home From Hospital Commando David Lloyd Jones, son of Mrs. S.A. Jones, and the late Mr. W.H. Jones, Martin-street, Fochriw, is home after being in hospital. He went over to Normandy on D-Day and did much fighting before being wounded. He joined up in January 1940.

Library and Welfare A meeting of the Library and Welfare Institute was held at the Hall on Friday. Mr. D. Jenkins presided, supported by Coun. W.J. Payne, vice chairman, Mr. D.J. Thomas, secretary, and Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer. An application was received from the

L.E.A. youth movement for the use of the Hall on Monday evenings for physical training. Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., warden of the movement in the village, said they were very fortunate to have Mr. Bruce Campbell as their instructor. It was agreed to grant the Hall, subject to making arrangements with the Silver Band, whose practice is on Mondays. Complaints were received about damage done to equipment and fencing at the children's playground. A large sum of money has been spent on developing the children's corner and an appeal is made to parents to help the committee to protect the property. Otherwise, the committee will be compelled to take proceedings against the culprits. Mr. D. Harris was asked to carry out the repairs and keep an eye on the ground. The financial reports of the indoor and outdoor schemes was given by the treasurer. It was decided to promote a shooker handicap for Christmas.

"Merthyr Express" 21 October 1944

Football Match Fochriw played Rhymney Juniors at Rhymney on Saturday and won 9 – 2. Scorers for Fochriw were: Len Brookes (5), Mel Neade (2), G. Jones, G. Dummett. Last week, Fochriw defeated Abertysswg in the first round of the S.W. & Mon. Cup by 5 – 1.

Snooker League Fochriw entertained Phillipstown in a Rhymney Valley League match at the Institute, and the game ended in a draw, 6 – 6. Fochriw were represented by O. Jones, B. Rees, R. Gittoes, R. Dummett, T. Watkins and Glanmor Dummett.

Killed in Action Mr. and Mrs. David Williams of Mount Pleasant-view, Pentwyn, have received official notification that their son Pte. Ellis Williams, has been killed in action in North West Europe. He joined the South Wales Borderers in the early days of the war. He was 27 years of age and before enlisting was employed on the surface of Ogilvie Colliery, Deri.

In Aid of Pensioners A dance in aid of the Fochriw and District Old Age Pensioners' Christmas Fund was held in the New Hall last Thursday. The music was played by the Fochriw Silver Band, conductor Mr. Emrys Lewis. The M.Cs. were Messrs. J. Lewis, C. Cumpstone and David J. Davies. The winners of the waltz competition were Mrs. Pinch and Mr. Fred Bowen, and the winners of the spot prizes were Miss Iris Cullinane and Mr. Trefor Golding, all of Deri. The promoters were Mesdames Ruth Fox and Rachel Williams, who were also in charge of refreshments.

"Merthyr Express" 28 October 1944

Football Fochriw entertained Blackwood in a League match on Saturday, and were winners by 6 goals to 2.

Snooker Match Fochriw played Tirphil on Thursday in the Rhymney Valley League, and won by 7 frames to 5. The Fochriw team was: Messrs. Owen Jones, Bryn Rees, Reg Gittoes, Rufus Dummett, Tom Watkins and G. Dummett.

Carmel Y.P.S. The season was opened with a lecture by the poet-preacher and Archdruid of Wales, Crwys, on "An Autobiography of a Poet." Appreciative remarks were made by the Rev. Griffith Jones, Bargoed, Mr. H. Evans and Miss Kathleen Williams. Rev. Eurof Jones was the chairman.

Late Miss G. Harris The death has occurred of Miss Gladys Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Harris, 17, Brynteg-street. She was 18 years of age and was well known and held in high esteem. She was a faithful member of the youth movement and also a member of Carmel chapel. She was employed at a Dowlais factory. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, the Revs, Eurof Jones and E. Adams Evans officiating. The bearers were members of the Youth Movement: Messrs. H. Lewis, T. Williams, D. Harding, J. Price (M.N.), Glyn Edwards and Jack Davies. The chief mourners were: Messrs Gilbert Harris (father); Harold, George, William Martin, Bryn Morgan, Gomer, Bert, William Lewis, Willie Morris, Morgan Williams (uncles); Jack, Alun, Ivor, Len Gwyn, Thomas Williams, Ned Davies, Glyn Meredith, T. Mantle and Bob Rees (cousins); Coun. W.H. Burgess and E. Burgess (friends). At the house were: Mesdames C. Harris (mother); Eunice (sister); J. Davies (grandmother); Cassie, Laura, Betty, Tina, May, Mary, Alice, Maggie, Rachel, Maggie, Hannah (aunts); Jenny, Enid, Megan, Glenys, Gwen, Jessie, Iris, Mary, Harriet, Winnie, Blod, Elsie, and Maggie Davies (cousins); Mrs. Jukeiman, Mrs. Bandier and Mrs. Lawrence

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Late Mrs. P. Edwards The death has occurred of Mrs. Peggy Edwards, wife of Mr. Bedford Edwards, Brook-row. Sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Soccer News Fochriw met Deri on Saturday last, Deri winning 2-1. In last week's result of the Blackwood v Fochriw game, the result should have read: Blackwood 6, Fochriw 2.

Wounded in Action News has been received that N. Thomas, South Wales Borderers, husband of Mrs. N. Thomas, and son of Mr. G. Thomas and the late Mrs. Thomas, Aelybryn, has been wounded in Holland and is now in hospital in Newport. Before joining up, he was employed by the Gellygaer U.D. Council as meter record clerk.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding, supported by Mr. H. Wood, vice chairman, Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, and Mr. Emrys Lewis, treasurer. The chairman referred to Mr. A. Mantle, bandmaster, who is in hospital, but is improving. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Stan Williams, vice president, in his recent bereavement. The question of new members joining the band was discussed. The request of the Women's Section of the British Legion for the services of the band for a dance was granted.

Nursing Sister Weds The wedding took place on Saturday at the Parish Church, of Sister M. Morris, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R), daughter of Mrs. Millward, Aelybryn, and the late Mr. Edgar Morris, and Staff-Sergt. A. Stark, R.A.M.C. Sister Morris was one of the first nurses to land in Normandy after D-Day, after much service in West Africa. The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Vicar with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her uncle, Mr. G. Cole, wore white satin with veil, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by Mrs. C. Gibson, her aunt, as matron of honour, who wore a floral dress with blue accessories. The bridesmaids were Miss M. Stark, sister of the bridegroom, who wore a blue dress with burgundy velvet; Miss E. Millward, sister of the bride, attired in an ankle-length apple green dress, and Miss M. Cole, niece of the bride, who wore an ankle-length, pink satin dress. The bridesmaids all carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The page-boys were Master C. Cole and I. Gibson, cousins of the bride, who wore white satin suits. The best man was Mr. Leighton Millward, brother of the bride. A reception was held at the bride's home, where she was received by Mrs. S. Millward (mother), Mrs. S. Cole (grandmother), and numerous friends. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Stark of Renfrew, Scotland, father and mother of the bridegroom; Miss Harkness, also of Renfrew, aunt of the bridegroom; Mr. E. Gibson, Manchester, uncle of the bride; Mrs. E.M. Morgan, Deri, aunt of the bride; Mr. S. Morris, Deri, uncle of the bride; Mrs. R. Cole, Deri, aunt of the bride; Miss N. Bevan, school nurse, Ebbw Vale, friend. The bride and bridegroom received a large number of presents. The couple left Fochriw on Wednesday to return to their units. They wish to tender thanks to their friends for their congratulations and kind wishes, and also to those friends who gave valuable help for the occasion.

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Hard Labour For Fochriw Couple: Condition of House Beyond Description Albert Jas. Prosser, aged 33, collier, and his wife, Margaret Prosser, aged 30, of Brook-row, Fochriw, were each sent to prison for four months with hard labour by the Pontllorryn magistrates for having neglected their six children. The husband pleaded guilty and the wife not guilty. Mr. John Evans, Bargoed, prosecuted for the N.S.P.C.C., and alleged that the husband and wife were absolutely indifferent to their children. Dr. S.W. McCarthy, Deri, gave evidence of visiting Prosser's house on October 9 last and examining the children. He said the condition of the house was beyond description and the worst he had ever seen. The children were poorly clad, in a filthy condition and under-nourished. The beds upstairs were as black as dirt. Prosser (interposing): I am very sorry; I have played my part. Inspector D.J. Jones said that the husband had been in the Army for years and was discharged about 12 months ago. He worked in a local colliery. His average earnings were over £5 a week. He described the condition of the house as shocking. The children were poorly clad, and the only food in the house was three lumps of bread, about two ounces of margarine and a rind of a piece of cheese. The mother was not at home, and the father, who took a piece of bread, said it was the first he had had for a week. The living room was in a shocking condition, and there was very little furniture. The children were removed to an institution. He later spoke to the mother, who

alleged that she did not want to see the children any more. Margaret Prosser (intervening): I have never told you that. The children have not been neglected and were not filthy. I have looked after my children since I have had them. P.C. Walter Cox said he saw the wife, who said, "You can do what you like. I don't care if I have to go to gaol." Albert Prosser said: "It is not my fault: my wife is starving us." The husband (on oath) said that when he came home on leave one time, there were four men in the house. Mr. W.G. Protheroe: "Why don't you see the children are looked after?" Prosser: "It is not my place to look after them when I am in work. It's a woman's work." Cross examined by Mr. John Evans, the husband denied he had been drinking badly, but admitted he liked a glass of beer. Margaret Prosser did not give evidence. The chairman (Mrs. M. Evans) said that they found them both guilty and sent them to prison. After the decision of the Bench had been given, Albert Prosser asked, "Is it possible for me to have eight months so that my wife can have her life and freedom?" The other magistrates were Mesdames G. Beynon Davies, M.B.E., and M. Judd, and Messrs. S. Lewis and Tom Jones.

Drama: For Comforts Fund At the New Hall on Thursday, the Brithdir Dramatic Society performed the drama, "Cold Coal," in aid of the Comforts Fund. Rev. Eurof Jones presided and thanks were accorded by Mr. R. Rees and the Vicar to the company and all who had helped.

Remembrance Service A service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist. Members of the Forces with their officers were present, as were the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by officers, N.C.Os. and men of the R.A.S.C. and the Pioneer Corps, and the Men's and Women's Sections of the British Legion, Fochriw Branch. "Last Post" was sounded by Bugler Glyn Burrows.

Late Mrs. M.J. Edwards The funeral of Mrs. Margaret J. Edwards, aged 36, wife of Mr. Bedford Edwards, Brook-street, took place on Saturday last at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Edwards was a native of Rhymney, living at Fochriw since her marriage. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs Bedford Edwards (husband); Malcolm Edwards (son); D.J. Davies (father); Victor and David Davies (brothers); Percy Edwards (father-in-law); Jack Williams and Albert Jones (brothers-in-law); G. Williams, D. Thackman, Melville and Aldwyn Evans (nephews); H. Richards (cousin); T. Evans, W.J. Payne, W. Edwards (uncles); Windsor Williams, Islwyn Jones, T. Davies, D.L. & W. Evans, Terence Kelly (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. Ada Davies (mother); Pamela (daughter); Mabel, Dolly, Blod, Audrey (sisters); Glenys, Doris, Betty, Mesdames V. & B. Davies (sisters-in-law); Phyllis Watkins, Dorothy Jones, Olwen and Megan Davies, Jean Thackman (nieces); Iris Jones, Kathleen Williams, S. Pugh (cousins); Mrs. Murphy. There were numerous floral tributes (listed).

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E.N.S.A. Entertainment Under the auspices of the Ministry of Fuel and Power, a first class entertainment was given at the New Hall on Monday, entitled "Harps and Harmony," by a company of popular artistes.

Children's Service On Sunday morning, Carmel Chapel held its monthly children's service. Doreen Clarke was in charge. Prayer was offered by Violet Abbey and hymns were read by Doreen Clarke, Margaret Jones, Sylvia Evans and Morfydd Thomas. Ian Oliver sang and John H. Davies recited. The Rev. Eurof Jones gave an address.

Ambulance Competition At the Brigade Headquarters in Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday last, an individual first aid competition was held for Brigade members. Five competed. The result was: 1. Cadet Sgt. Ivor Morgan; 2. Amb. Officer D. James; 3. Div. Insp. of Stores T.J. Lewis. The first prize was a Dutchess set, presented and made by Sgt. Walter Parry, a member of the Brigade, who is now a patient at Talgarth Sanatorium. The adjudicators were Div. Secretary Ed. Jones and friend from Bedlinog.

Parish Church On Sunday evening, the preacher was Canon Lawrence Thomas, M.A., of Bargoed. The Vicar conducted the service, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ. The lessons were read by Coun. W.J. Payne. During the service, Canon Thomas officiated at the christening of the infant son of Sergt. Denis Rouse (R.A.F.) and Mrs. Rouse, who is the daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage, Fochriw.

Silver Band A meeting of the Band was held on Thursday last at the New Hall, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding, Mr. J.J. Lewis dealt with the correspondence, and a letter was read from Mr. Albert Mantle, bandmaster, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, expressing thanks for the kindness shown by the bandsmen.

Late Mrs. M. Baldwin The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Baldwin, widow of Mr. John Baldwin, Dynevor-street, at the age of 69. She was a faithful member of the Parish Church. Mrs. Baldwin died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Chas. White, Bargoed. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Vicar officiated at the house. The cortege then proceeded to St Mary's Church where the service was conducted by Canon L. Thomas and the Rev. D.H. Evans, Bargoed. Mr. Huw B. Thomas was the organist. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The mourners were: Messrs. A. Coggan, White & Brangwynne (sons-in-law); R. Coggan, V. Coggan (grandsons); G. Baldwin (nephew); E. Phillips, T. Rowlands, L. Rowlands, L. Evans, W. Davies, D. Jones. Mourners at the house: Sarah Ann, Elsie, Muriel, Ethel, Violet, Winnie (daughters). There were numerous floral tributes. The daughters of Mrs. Baldwin wish to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness and floral tributes, also the doctor and nurses for their kind attention during their mother's illness.

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Fochriw v Rhymney Fochriw played at Rhymney in a cup round on Saturday and won 8 – 0. Scorers were G. Jones (5), G. Dummett (2), V. Hollister.

Flag Day Result Pontlottyn and District Nursing Associations' flag day was organized in Friday in Fochriw by Mrs. J.M. Lawrence. Sellers were Mesdames J.M. Lawrence, T. Pugh, Gower, Williams and Miss Nan Evans. The amount realized was £3 13s 3d.

Late Mrs. Evans The death occurred recently of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. Evans, 14. Martin-street. She was a member of Carmel Chapel. The funeral was private and took place at Pant Cemetery on Friday. Revs. Eurof Jones and E. Adams Evans officiated.

Late Mrs. E. Watkins The funeral of Mrs. E. Watkins, Pit-row, took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Watkins was the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. James Jenkins, who had resided at Pit-row for many years. She had lived in London for a while, but recently returned to the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. C. Hollister, at Pit-row, where she died aged 69 years. The chief mourners were: Messrs. D.J. & M. Watkins (sons); C. Hollister (brother-in-law); T. Francis (cousin); F. & D. Thomas, R. Garbutt, D. Harding, G. Panell, D. Cheese, D. Gibbons. W. Hollister and H. Watkins (nephews); T. Rowlands, G. Watkins, V. & C. Hollister, D. Evans (cousins). Mourners at the house were: Miss Betty Watkins (daughter); Mesdames L. Hollister, S. Thomas, M.J. Garbett and E. Martin (sisters).

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In Hospital Mr. Emlyn Evans, Guest-street, and Mr. W. Jones, Penybank, are now patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Carmel Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when Rev. Godfrey Davies, Trelech, preached. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist and the singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Mr. D. Jenkins presiding. The financial reports of the indoor and outdoor schemes were given and also the book report. It was stated that the Christmas snooker handicap was completed, and it was decided to hold a Christmas billiards handicap.

Bus Service Protest A public meeting was held recently at the Hall, to protest against the attitude of the railway company in objecting to the bus service operating between Bargoed and Fochriw. County Coun. W.J. Kedward presided, and the speakers were Councillors S. Lewis, J.P., and W.J. Payne. The service was started in August by the Gelligaer Urban District Council, with the sanction of the Traffic Commissioner. The Council has now received from the Commissioner notification of the railway company's objection and an inquiry is to be held in January. A resolution was passed asking the Gellygaer Council to make the service an hourly one instead of a two hourly one. A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman and speakers for the stand they were making to retain the bus service.

"Merthyr Express" 16 December 1944

Snooker Match Fochriw played Alex Hall, Aberbargoed, in a League match at the Institute on Thursday, and won by 8 frames to 4. Fochriw were represented by O. Jones, G. Davies, B. Rees, T. Watkins, G. Dummett and D. Way.

Children's Service The monthly children's service was held on Sunday. Mr. D.J. Evans was the chairman. Scripture was read by Sylvia Evans and Gwen Williams offered prayer. Hymns were given out by D.J. Evans, Margaret Davies, Iris Gwynne and Doreen Clarke. Ian Oliver also sang. The offerings were taken by Gerald Gwynne and George Perrin. The Rev. Eurof Jones gave an address.

"Mr. Pym Passes By" On Tuesday at the New Hall, the Rhymney Dramatic Company gave a performance of "Mr. Pym Passes By" in aid of the local Comforts Fund. Mrs. M. Jenkins presided, and thanks were accorded by the Rev. Eurof Jones and Mrs. A. Evans. Gunner J.P. Lewis, R.A., also spoke. Mr. Harry Hughes, an old Fochriw boy, who played Mr. Pym, responded for the company.

Home On Leave The following Fochriw boys returned home this week after active service abroad and were given a splendid reception, flags being displayed from the windows: Gunner J.P. Lewis, R.A., after four and a half years in Norway, Egypt, Palestine and Italy; Wireless Operator John G. Lewis, R.A.F., with three and a half years service in the Middle East; Oriel Jones and Gethin Jones, Royal Navy.

"Merthyr Express" 23 December 1944

In Hospital Mr. T. Baldwin, Glen-view, Pentwyn, and Mr. C. Edwards, Brynteg, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Christmas Social The Sewing Class, with their teacher, Mrs. Evans, held their social at the school on Monday. The helpers were: Mesdames Walters, Harris, Phillips, Evans and James. Mrs. Evans thanked all for their splendid help and co-operation.

Silver Band The Band, conducted by Mr. Emrys Lewis, deputy conductor, played a programme of Christmas music in the village on Sunday. The bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle, is still a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Late Mrs. Ruth Watts The death occurred recently at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Lawrence, 2, Brynteg-street, of Mrs. Ruth Watts, aged 69, wife of Mr. D.J. Watts. She was well known in Dowlais where she had carried on a business as a butcher for many years. She was a member of Calfaria Chapel. The funeral, which was strictly private, was held at Pant Cemetery, the Rev. Wm. Thomas officiating, assisted by Rev. J.J. Lewis (Hebron, Dowlais); Rev. E. Adams Evans (vicar of Fochriw); Rev. Jones (Dowlais); Rev. J.C. Payne (vicar of Penydarren).

"Merthyr Express" 30 December 1944

Mr. J.A. Davies' Death The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mr. James A. Davies, Guest-street.

Silver Band A programme of Christmas music was played by the Band throughout the village on Christmas Day under the conductorship of Mr. Emrys Lewis.

Full Gospel Hall Special services were held on Sunday and Christmas Day, when the Rev. A. Shave, Chesterfield, preached to large congregations. The organist was Mr. D. Saunders.

Parish Church Services were held on Christmas Day. The celebrant and preacher was the Vicar. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the organist.

Late Mr. W. Parry The funeral took place on Thursday at Pewntwyn Churchyard of Mr. Walter Parry, who was well known in the St John Ambulance Brigade at Fochriw. He died at Rhymney, where he lately resided.

Children Entertained At Nazareth C.M. Sunday School on Friday all the scholars were entertained to a social. Later in the evening, they were presented with gifts from the Xmas tree. Musical items were given by the scholars.

Poppy Dance A successful poppy dance was held at the New Hall by the local British Legion. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Emrys Lewis, and the M.C.s. were Messrs. Idris Cumpstone and Crad Shankland. The winners of the spot prizes were Messrs. Willie Walters, H. Evans, Mrs. T. Mantle and Miss Margaret Rowlands. Refreshments were provided by the women's section. The chairman is Mrs. Phillips; secretary, Mrs. Harding; treasurer, Mrs. Edwards.

Carmel Chapel The annual gymanfa ganu was held on Christmas Day and was largely attended. The morning session was for children, who read portions of Scripture and prayed and sang hymns. The president was Mr. W.A. Davies. In the afternoon, Nurse Ballard Davies presided, and in the evening, the chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones. Hymns and anthems were sung by the choir under the conductorship of Rev. Ioan Jenkins, Maesycwmmmer. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.

Christmas Day: United Festival On Christmas Day, the annual singing festival of Nazareth C.M. and Noddfa Baptist Chapels was held at Noddfa. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies organist of Nazareth. The singing was of a high standard. The morning service was presided over by Miss Edna Jones, Noddfa, and a feature of the service was a nativity play given by scholars of both the churches, produced by Miss E. Jones. Solos and recitations were also given. The afternoon service was presided over by Mr. Richard Jones, and Mr. T.J. Jones presided in the evening. The organists were Messrs. D.J. Thomas, Noddfa, and Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth.