

“Merthyr Express” 4 January 1947

Poppy Day The sum of £18 5s 4d was realised. Thanks are extended to the sellers and helpers. The organiser was Mrs. H. Lloyd Farley.

Happy New Year Mr. & Mrs. Farley, Supply Stores, wish all customers a very happy New Year.

New Year's Eve Dance A social and dance was held by the Fochriw Youth Centre on New Year's Eve at the New Hall. During the evening, the Club chairman, Mr. Len Davies, presented ex-Warden, Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., with a gift from the club members in appreciation of his services. Mr. Evans suitably responded. The warden of the club is Mr. Howell Owen, Pontlottyn, and the assistant warden is Miss Edna Evans-Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 11 January 1947

Died in London Mr. Wm. Cole, late of Brynteg-street, an old resident who had lived the greater part of his life in the village before moving to London with his family some years ago, has died at the age of 73 years.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday, supported by Rev. E. Adams Evans, vice-chairman, and Mr. Bryn Davies, secretary. The chairman extended a welcome to Mr. Emrys Davies, welfare officer. Mr. Davies responded, and a discussion took place on several matters, including the new building that was postponed because of the war, after the contract had been let. Mr. Davies promised his support, but said the present times were very difficult. Regret was expressed at the resignation of two trustees, Messrs. T.J. Jones and Dan Jenkins, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans and Mr. Arthur Palmer were elected to fill the vacancies. The secretary gave the financial report of the indoor and outdoor schemes.

“Merthyr Express” 18 January 1947

Presentation Meeting A presentation and concert was held at the Rising Sun Hotel last Saturday evening, when two aged miners, Messrs. Wm. Evans and Jack Cusack, were presented with silver-mounted walking sticks and some money, by the fellow workmates of Ogilvie Colliery. The chairman was Mr. D. J. Evans and the presentation to both workmen was made by Mr. Noah Jones, the oldest workman at Ogilvie Colliery. A concert followed the presentation. Mr. Harry Cullum was the organiser.

Former Resident Mr. William Cole, a former resident of Fochriw, has died suddenly in London. Born in Fochriw, he was the youngest son of the late James and Sarah Cole. He was a faithful member of Carmel Cong. Chapel, and in days gone by a keen member of the Fochriw brass and fife Bands. Mr. Cole possessed a keen sense of humour, and a cheerful outlook on life. He was buried on Tuesday, January 7, leaving a widow and three daughters.

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday, Mrs. P. Jones presiding. Scripture was read by Mrs. Dilys Edwards, which was followed by the Lord's Prayer. The meeting took the form of a Bible quiz, Miss Aranwy Jones being the question master. A very interesting evening ended with the singing of a hymn.

Late Mrs P. Williams The funeral of Mrs. Priscilla Williams, of Chapel-row, Pantywaun, wife of Mr. Seaborne Williams, took place at the Graig, Rhymney. Mrs. Williams was 47 years of age, and the funeral was a very representative one. The Revs. E. Elias, E. Adams Jones, and T.J. Jones officiated. The mourners were Messrs. Seaborne Williams (husband); John, W., and J. Richards (brothers); E. Stead, G. Williams, J. Williams (brothers-in-law); R. Stead, D.W. Rowlands, H. Richards (nephews); E. Jones, J. Morgan (uncles); T.J. Morgan, Bryn Jones, Tom Jones, A. Smith, G. Phillips, W.J. Bradley, J. Whiting, D. Evans (cousins); W. Lewis, S. Edwards, A. Marshallsea, J. Rees, T.L. Jones, E. Morris, W.G. Thomas, W.H. Sawday, R.P. Thomas, W. Griffiths, T.J. Morgan. At the house were Mesdames Katie Stead, Mary J. Rowlands (sisters); P. Williams, M. Richards, B. Richards, E. Williams, L. Richards (sisters-in-law); Mary Jones (aunt); L. Phillips, D. Jones, B. Jones, M.J. Williams, M. Morgan, A. Jones, P. Thomas, M. Evans, M. Richards, K. Thomas, A. Hughes.

“Merthyr Express” 25 January 1947

Musical Success The many friends of Miss Mary Lewis, 3. Station-terrace, will be pleased to learn that she has been awarded a certificate for excellence in pianoforte playing by the London College of Music.

Late Mr. D. Lewis The funeral took place in Pentwyn Churchyard last week of a well-known resident, Mr. David Lewis, Davies-row, Pentwyn. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated.

Palser – Thomas The wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, on Thursday last, of Miss Thelma Thomas, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Thomas, 13, Brynteg, Fochriw, and Mr. Oliver Palser, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. A.O. Palser, 71, Stacey-road, Cardiff. The officiating minister was the Rev. E. Adams Evans. The service was fully choral, and Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus Bac. was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white brocade satin gown with bridal veil and coronet of orange blossom, and carried a shower bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. She was attended by Miss Linda Thomas, sister, who wore a blue lace dress and feather head dress, and Miss Barbara Stevens, who was dressed in pale green nylon with feather head dress. Both carried posies of chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Ronald Palser, brother of the groom. A reception was held at the bride's home. Later, Mr. & Mrs. Palser left for Southall.

"Merthyr Express" 1 February 1947

Forfeits Quiz Continuing the second half of the winter session, the United Churches organised a "forfeits quiz" and "yes - no" competition on Friday last at Noddfa Vestry. The question master was Mr. Trevor Lawrence; "yes-no" inquisitor, Mr. Ray Davies; timekeeper, Mr. T.J. Jones. Votes of thanks were accorded by Rev. Eurof Jones and Miss B. Ballard.

Noddfa Vestry The fortnightly meeting of Noddfa Sisterhood was held at the Vestry on Thursday, and was presided over by Mrs. Phyllis Jones. Mrs. Bert Evans read a portion of Scriptures, which was followed by the Lords Prayer. The meeting took the form of a discussion led by Mr. Trevor Lawrence. Several sisters spoke. Miss Aranwy Jones was the organist.

Bible Society The annual public meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held last Thursday at Nazareth Chapel. The chairman was Mr. Berkley Davies. Rev. D. Herbert Davies, Aberdare, gave an inspiring address, the theme of which was "Talking Leaves." The financial report for 1946 was as follows: House-to-house collections, £9 2s 11d; 1946 meeting 4s 6d; total £9 12s 7d. Collectors for 1946 were: Cae-glas, Mrs. E.P. Lewis & Mrs. E. Lawrence; Aelybryn, Mrs. M.A. Ballard & Mrs. M. Morgan; Pentwyn & Penybank, Mrs. Cliff Golden & Mrs. T. Elfed Davies.

No Licensed Club For Fochriw: Free Churches Opposition to Registration Plea

Considerable interest was taken in an application by the Fochriw Workingmen's Club and Institute at Pontlottyn Magistrates Court on Friday, when the club applied to be registered in respect of alcoholic drink. After a retirement, Mr. W.A. Hancock, chairman, with Mr. S. Lewis, Mrs. M. Evans, and Mrs. G. Beynon Davies, announced, "We have discussed this appeal very fairly and fully. We are unanimous in dismissing it. We refuse to register a club." Mr. E. Chivers (from the office of Mr. Granville West, M.P.), Newbridge, appeared for the club, and Mr. George Owen (on behalf of Mr. Joseph Jones, chief constable of Glamorgan, who was present in court) opposed the application. Mr. Chivers said that before the war, it was not necessary to make an application of this kind, but under the Defence Regulations of 1939, they had to apply to the chief constable for permission. The regulations were gradually disappearing, but at the moment they were bound by them. The population of Fochriw was roughly 1,000, and there was only one licensed house, the Rising Sun. There were two others in the village of Pentwyn, some distance away. In his submission, there was a substantial need for a licensed club. They might have different opinions about clubs generally, but clubs had become part of their national life, for every village in the land had a club. Mr. George Owen said that the grounds for the objection were that the club, as a registered club, was not required to meet a genuine and substantial need, in that the existing

facilities for social amenities, recreation, refreshment, cultural and political activities at Fochriw were adequate. The existing facilities for refreshment were sufficient to meet the public without the provision of additional facilities by the club, and the means of social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvement, and rational recreation, could be successfully achieved by the club without the necessity of registration under the Licensing (Consolidation) Act. 1910.

Wm. Martin Davies of Plantation-terrace, Fochriw, secretary of the club, said that the club had a membership of 79. In reply to Mr. Chivers, Davies said he was definitely of the opinion that the facilities now existing were inadequate to meet the social life of the village. The Chairman: The Rising Sun public house has been re-modelled, and a considerable amount of money has been spent to make it a good public house. Davies, continuing his evidence, said there was no need for a man to go to a club simply to drink. Cross-examined by Mr. George, Davies agreed that the premises was an ordinary dwelling house, but denied that it was unsuitable for selling intoxicating liquor. Mr. Owen George said there were two public houses in Pentwyn, three-quarters of a mile from Fochriw. With regard to social activities, they had a Welfare Hall, where music and dancing and public meetings were held. These were amenities that the club could not provide. They had a flourishing youth movement with headquarters at the school, and also, the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. George (to Davies): I suggest to you that the only added facility you want is for drinking purposes. Davies: I deny that. We want to carry out various improvements to the club, so that we can use the club for social purposes. Mr. George: And you propose that the club should have drink on Sunday? Davies: I don't see anything wrong in drinking beer on Sunday and a weekend. Mr. W.G. Protheroe (magistrate's clerk): You know there is a shortage of beer. Are you in a position to get a supply? Davies: I think so.

Edward Puddle, Railway-terrace, a member of the club, said there was a real need for social amenities in the village. Sandy V. Powell, Dynevor-street, also gave evidence in support of the application. Mr. George Owen submitted that the application by the club was merely for drinking facilities on a Sunday.

Police Inspector G. Thomas, Bargoed, opposing the application, said that the premises was an ordinary dwelling house, and that there were inadequate sanitary arrangements. The village was adequately catered for in regard to social and cultural activities. The Rev. Eurof Jones, minister of Carmel Congregational Chapel, said that he opposed the application on behalf of the denomination and the Free Churches of Fochriw. He felt there were ample facilities in the village, and he did not think a licensed club to sell intoxicating liquor was needed. There was no genuine need. Mr. Chivers: You have strong convictions on the matter of licensing? Mr. Jones: Yes, especially on Sundays. Mr. Chivers: I take it that you have strong convictions against public houses in general? Mr. Jones: That is a matter for one's personal conscience. I don't agree that a public house is for social amenities, neither is a club. Trevor Lawrence, schoolmaster, of Glyn-terrace, chairman of the Free Church Council, said that the needs of the population were amply catered for. Mr. Chivers: Are you a teetotaler? Yes, I am, but I have no objection to a man having a drink. Thomas John Jones, Fochriw, a deacon at Noddfa, also gave evidence opposing the application.

“Merthyr Express” 8 February 1947

Obituary The death has taken place of an old inhabitant, Mr. Wm. Rees, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Rees Rees, late of Guest-street.

Roads Blocked The severe snow-storm which took place blocked roads and held up traffic. There were snow-drifts several feet high.

Labour Party A meeting was held at the Old Reading Room on Friday, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presiding. A discussion took place on local, county and government activities. The Pantywaun representatives asked questions related to electric light, road and sanitary conditions. Councillors Lewis and Payne gave the position up to date. A report of the Cardiff conference was given by Coun. Payne and Mr. Dan James.

“Merthyr Express” 15 February 1947

Singer's Praise Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. received a fine compliment from Nowarowski, the famous Polish bass singer, on the way he played for him at a recent concert at Bargoed, by the Bargoed National Choir. Mr. Lawrence is an accomplished player, and was recently appointed conductor of the Fochriw Male Voice Party. He is also organist at the Parish Church, Fochirw.

Village Cut Off Severe snow-storms over the weekend caused the roads to be blocked with snow drifts, cutting off traffic to the village. The railway cutting from Fochriw to Dowlais Top has been closed to traffic for some days. Council workmen, with the assistance of unemployed men, have worked hard to make the roads passable for traffic. Every effort is being made to open the railway line for passenger traffic.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. Letters received from the Welfare officer were discussed. The secretary reported on the financial position. It was reported that a break of 71 at snooker had been made by Mr. Haydn Watkins and it was decided to give him a prize. Representatives were appointed to attend the weekend camps at Ystrad Mynach under the Welfare Association.

Silver Band Coun. Payne presided over a Band meeting at the New Hall last week. The secretary dealt with the correspondence and the treasurer gave the financial position. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. John Mantle and family in their recent bereavement. The annual meeting was fixed for Feb. 21.

“Merthyr Express” 1 March 1947

Musical Success Miss Mary Lewis, 2. Station-terrace, has been awarded a book as a special prize for excellence in pianoforte playing, by the London College of Music (Cardiff Centre).

“Merthyr Express” 8 March 1947

Worst Blizzard For 30 Years: Nearly 200 Railway Passengers Stranded The blizzard on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Rhymney Valley was the worst for over 30 years. More than 150 people were stranded on Bargoed Station on Wednesday night, because the train on which they were travelling up the Rhymney Valley, was unable to proceed beyond Bargoed. They managed, however, to reach their destinations on Thursday morning. The reason for the train being held was that another train had run into a snow-drift, blocking the up-line. The Tirphil train was released on Thursday morning. During the night, the stranded passengers, through the efforts of Police Inspector Griffith Thomas and his staff, were provided with refreshments that had been obtained from a local café. Arrangements were also made for the passengers to go to commodious rooms at the Junction Hotel, situated near the station, where every comfort was afforded them. Some 30 people spent Tuesday night in a train that had become embedded in heavy drifts between Fochriw and Dowlais Top. They were provided with food during the night, and were brought to Fochriw on Wednesday night by local inhabitants, who gave them food and shelter until they were able to get lower down the valley later in the day. The train is still embedded in the snow, and the railway authorities are doing their utmost to release it. Until it is free, there will be no traffic between the Rhymney Valley and Brecon. No omnibuses were working in the valley on Wednesday and Thursday. Many vehicles caught in the drifts on Tuesday, had to be taken out on Wednesday. Some miners returning home from the afternoon shift on Tuesday, spent the night in the omnibuses in which they were being conveyed. Schools were closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Attendances at the collieries was badly affected, there being about 40% of the men at their work. Bread had to be sent from Cardiff to some of the higher townships in the Valley. Few trains ran on Thursday.

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Rhymney Valley Badly Hit By Blizzard: Coal Output Down by Over 20,000 Tons: Soldiers Help to Clear Snow More than 20,000 tons of coal were lost in the Rhymney Valley because of the severe blizzard which struck the Valley during the latter part of the week. For two days, two large collieries, Groesfaen and Ogilvie, were idle because the miners, mainly from Dowlais, Merthyr and Fochriw districts, were unable to reach the pits on account of

snow drifts, in some instances 20ft. deep, blocking roads and railways leading to the mines. Many were unable to get to work on Friday, and arrangements were made for them to be paid on Saturday and Monday. The blizzard brought road and rail transport in the upper portion of the area, practically to a standstill on Wednesday and Thursday. Cars and omnibuses were stranded on both sides of roads for several days, and over the weekend troops came in to assist railway employees to clear lines, and dig out trains, which had become embedded in deep drifts. An appeal to volunteers to clear roads in some districts met with a fine response. Members of the Glamorgan Constabulary assisted in efforts to send yeast to bakers in villages that could not be reached by road transport and many thousands of loaves were sent by train from Cardiff to a number of townships. Normal supplies of meat and other foodstuffs failed to reach some outlying places at the weekend. Groceries were delivered to homes on sleighs. Milk had to be carried by householders from depots on a number of days. On Sunday, some districts were without milk as farmers failed to get through with supplies. At Pantywaun, a water main was frozen, and the seat of the trouble could not be located as there were drifts over the pipes. Pipes in many houses have been frozen for over a week, and householders have carried water from neighbouring houses where the position is more fortunate. Farmers in the higher reaches have had a difficult time. Sheep and lambs have been lost, and some have died under drifts of deep snow. It is estimated that hundreds of sheep have died in this way. Over the weekend, a large number of sheep and light horses came down from the mountain slopes in search of food. They entered garden and outhouses, and spent nights sheltering by the sides of houses and at the foot of refuse tips. Sheep, that usually found no trouble in jumping walls, were able to get along only with difficulty because of their weakened state. Over the weekend, bread and meat was carried in sacks to Gellygear Hospital. Sunday was anything but a day of rest for many householders. They spent much time clearing snow from the front of their houses, and from attics into which it had been blown by the strong winds. Failure to clear attics in time resulted in ceilings giving way when the snow began to melt. One Bargoed householder carried more than one hundred buckets of snow from his attic. The thaw that set in on Monday, greatly improved travelling conditions. However, up to Tuesday night, rail traffic could go no further than Bargoed because of drifts at a point above Fochriw. It will be recalled that on Tuesday of last week a train proceeding to Brecon, and carrying some 30 passengers, was lodged in deep snow above Fochriw. By Friday, the train and two locomotives which endeavoured to release it, became covered over to a depth of 15 feet. A railway employee said that every effort was being made to clear the line. Over 400 men have been employed in road clearing in the Gellygear area. Of that number, 250 were unemployed men. The Gellygaer Surveyor spoke with great admiration for the way in which the men had tackled the enormous job of cutting through some of the heavy drifts. Snow-ploughs have been working 24 hours a day in the urban areas.

Noddfa Eisteddfod: St. David's Day Event at Fochriw On Thursday last. Noddfa Sunday School celebrated St. David's Day with an eisteddfod. The awards were: Juvenile Section – recitation under 7, 1. Herbert Jones, 2. Edna Hughhes; solo under 7, 1. Joyce Evans, 2. Edna Hughes; recitation under 10, 1. Windsor Ballard, 2. H. Pearce; solo under 10, 1. Phyllis Hughes, 2. H. Pearce; solo under 14, 1. Roy Shankland, K. Hughes, 2. Phyllis Hughes; recitation under 16, 1. K. Hughes, 2. J. Games; party of six, 1. Brian's Party, 2. Herbert's Party; Adult Section – soprano solo, 1. Mrs. S.G. Williams; contralto solo, 1. Dilys Edwards; tenor solo, 1. T.J. Jones; bass solo, 1. Berkley Davies; duet, 1. Mrs. M. Morgan and Mrs. N. Perkins; hymn tune over 65, 1. Miss C. Lloyd, 2. Ben Thomas; champion solo, Miss G. Jones; ladies' party, Mrs. Dilys Edwards's Party; love letter in Welsh, Miss A. Jones. Adjudicators: Music, Mr. A. Mantle; recitation, Mr. B., Davies; president, Mrs. V.L. Jones; secretary, T. Thomas; accompanist, Mr. D.J. Thomas and Miss A. Jones. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of the Welsh National Anthem.

Parish Church St. David's Day was observed with a celebration of Holy Communion.

Celebrations St. David's Day celebrations were carried out with the usual enthusiasm at the local Council School, Mr. D. Jenkins and staff arranging a fine programme.

Death at 95 The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Cook, mother of Mr. Wm. Cook, Aelybryn, at the age of 95. Mrs. Cook had been fairly active up to the last few years. She will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presiding. Miss C. Lloyd read the Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Mrs. Dilys Edwards gave a paper entitled, "Calling and Characters." Several members took part. The meeting ended with the singing of a hymn.

Blizzard Hits Fochriw Fochriw has experienced the blizzard in all its severity during the past week. Fochriw was cut off from road, rail and postal services for many days. Trains are trapped in deep drifts. Many men have been employed in clearing roads. Inhabitants have had to tramp over high drifts for their bread etc.

Silver Band The annual meeting was held on Friday. Mr. A.H. Wood presided, who gave a review of the year's progress. Officers appointed were: president, Mr. E.T. Pritchard; chairman, Mr. A.H. Wood; vice chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mr. Allen Davies; bandmaster, Mr. A. Mantle; deputy bandmaster, Mr. Emrys Lewis; vice presidents, Mr. S.C. Farley, W. Fox, R. Williams, E. Evans, Capt. Catterson; with a representative committee.

Late Mr. John Lewis The death has occurred of one of Fochriw's oldest and most respected inhabitants, Mr. John Lewis, Aelybryn. Mr. Lewis was an old winding engineman, and for many years before the closing of the collieries at Fochriw, was surface foreman for Guest Keen. He was 84. The burial took place at Pant Cemetery, Rev. Eurof Jones officiating. The bearers were Messrs. G. Sibley, G. Thomas, B. Thomas, R. Jones, A. Evans, G. Evans. Mourners were Messrs. W.T., J., and D. Lewis (sons); Wm. Humphries (son-in-law); David John, Oriel Lewis (grandsons); T.J. Morgan, Emrys Lewis, Sam Hodges, Owen Jones. At the house were Mrs. Charlotte Lewis (widow); Mrs. Marjorie Humphries (daughter); Mrs. D. Lewis (daughter-in-law); Mrs. M. Evans (sister); Mesdames B. Rees, A. Jones, O. Jones, T. Morgan, W. Morgan, S. Hodges, M. Jones, S. John, M. Rowlands.

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Mothers' Union A service of re-dedication was held at the Parish Church on Tuesday.

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday at the Vestry. Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided. Miss Edna Jones read a portion of Scripture. The meeting was then taken over by Mrs. Trevor Lawrence and Mrs. Irene Jones.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the Old Reading Room on Friday when Coun. W.J. Payne presided. A vote of condolence was passed with the families of Mr. Payne and Mr. John Lewis. Mr. Bryn Davies, secretary then gave his report, which included a statement on the reasons for the delay in the audit of the accounts. It is hoped that the playing field will be used for football next winter.

Labour Meeting Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided over a party meeting at the Old Reading Room on Friday. The chairman was congratulated on being returned unopposed as a member of the Gellygaer Council. It was agreed to write to the Council on the dangerous position of some of the shafts in the locality. Reports on Council activities were given by Councillors Lewis and Payne.

"Merthyr Express" 5 April 1947

Parish Church Palm Sunday was observed with the usual services. Hundreds visited Pentwyn churchyard to lay flowers on the graves of loved ones.

Hospital Death The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital of Mrs. S.J. Phillips, 7, Gly-terrace, late of Deri, at the age of 74. She was well known and highly respected in the district.

Annual Supper To mark the close of a successful session, the Fochriw Sewing Class, with their instructor, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, held their annual supper on Wednesday. They journeyed to Bargoed by bus, where supper was taken.

“Merthyr Express” 12 April 1947

Cymanfa Ganu A repetition of the Christmas Gymanfa Ganu of Nazareth and Noddfa was held on Easter Day. The conductor was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the presidents were Miss Edna Jones, Mrs. P. Jones and Mrs. K. Walters. The organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas.

Parish Church On Good Friday a service was conducted by the Vicar. On Sunday, the services were well attended, the Vicar officiating at the morning services. The service in the evening was taken by Mr. Ivor Jones, Deri. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. Mus, Bac.

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. M. Sheen read the Scripture and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Miss Edna Jones gave a paper on “Faith,” and she was thanked by Mesdames Irene Jones and Joshua Evans. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn.

Free Church Council Special services were held at Nazareth on Good Friday by the Free Church Council. In the morning a prayer meeting and communion service was held. Rev. Eurof Jones administered the sacrament and he was assisted by Miss Edna E. Jones, Mr. Thomas Ballard, and Mr. Trevor Lawrence, who also presided. In the evening, a service was held when the Rev. Morton Thomas of Caerphilly preached. He was assisted by Mr. T. J. Jones. The Rev. Eurof Jones presided.

Late Mrs. S.J. Phillips The funeral of Mrs. S.J. Phillips, widow of Mr. D.T. Phillips, undertaker, Deri, took place at Cefn Hengoed on Wednesday. Mrs. Phillips was a faithful member of Nazareth Congregational Chapel, Deri. During her illness, she had lived with her sister and brother-in-law, Coun. & Mrs. Sam Lewis, J.P., Glyn-terrace. The officiating minister was Rev. L. Williams, Deri, assisted by Rev. Eurof Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mourners were: Mr. Sam Lewis (brother-in-law); Messrs. F. Trotman, B. Edwards, T. Sullivan (cousins); L. Edwards, J.P., D. Lewis, H. Thomas, T. Ballard, T. Walters, D. James, D.J. Phillips, T.J. Morgan, T. Price (deacons). Bearers were: Messrs. T. Rowlands, B. Rees, J. Slimmon, Wm. Davies, J. John, E. Bowen, Islwyn Jones. Also present were: Messrs. T.L. Hughes, Bargoed; W. Hughes, Mountain Ash; Rees Jones, Emrys Jones, G.W. Thomas, W. Jones, Deri. Councillors Payne and Bate; Messrs. D. Jenkins, J. Davies, J. Lawrence. At the house were Mrs. M.A. Lewis (sister); Mesdames M. Jones, Pontlottyn; H. Thomas, D. Lewis, B. Rees, Eurof Jones, Miss C. Jones, Mrs. T. Rowlands. The undertaker was Mr. W. Thomas, New-road, Deri.

“Merthyr Express” 19 April 1947

Blind to Benefit A concert and organ recital was given at Carmel Chapel on Thursday by the Cefn Coed Male Voice Party, assisted by the following artistes: mezzo-soprano, Madame Gwen Price; baritone, Mr. Stanley Jones; organist, Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.; accompanists, Messrs. Idris Morgan, B.Sc., and G.R. Williams, B.A. The proceeds were in aid of the Merthyr and Mid-Wales Institute for the Blind. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones, who thanked all for their splendid support for such a noble cause. Other speakers were Mr. A.E. Fisher, and Mr. S. Maggs, Merthyr, who spoke of the work done, and the need for support for the blind. They thanked the people of Fochriw and the organisers for their support. Following the concert, refreshments were provided by the good people of Carmel for the choir and artistes.

“Merthyr Express” 26 April 1947

Eisteddfod Fochriw eisteddfod report will be published next week.

Sudden Death The sudden death has taken place of a well-known inhabitant of the village, Mr. Habac Morgan, Guest-street. He was playing a game of billiards at the Billiard Hall when he collapsed and died.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the Old Library on Friday. Mr. A.H. Wood presided. It was decided to accept some engagements for which applications had been received.

Late Mr. M. Ballard The death has occurred of Maynard Ballard, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Habac Ballard of Railway-terrace, at the age of 19 years. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones. Chief mourners were Messrs. Habac Ballard (father); C. Ballard, J. Davies

(grandfathers); J. Ballard (brother); T. & S. Ballard, W.J. Watkins, L. Clark, D.T. & W.J. Davies (uncles); Rod Jones, Gwilym & W. Davies, W. Williams (cousins). At the house were Mesdames C. Ballard (mother); C. Ballard, S.A. Davies (grandmothers); H. Jones, N. Williams, M. Mantle, M.A. Clark, D. Atkins, M. Davies, M. Sheen, M. Powell, M.G. Parry (aunts). Members off the Fochriw Youth Club were bearers: Messrs. G. Williams, L. & G. Davies, N. Williams, E. Watkins, E. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 3 May 1947

Noddfa Sisterhood A social was held on Thursday at the Vestry, to mark the departure of Miss Aranwy Jones from Fochriw. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presented Miss Jones with a leather writing case from members. Several members spoke, and Miss Jones responded. Games then followed.

Male Voice Party A meeting of the party was held at the New Hall, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding. The resignation of Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., as conductor was accepted with regret. The financial statement was presented by Mr. Desmond Kelly who gave a very detailed report of the year's working and this was accepted with thanks. A discussion followed regarding the welfare of the party, and it was unanimously decided to continue. Officers appointed were: chairman, Coun. Payne; conductor, Mr. D.J. Davies; secretary, Mr. B. Cumpstone; treasurer, Mr. C. Cumpstone; accompanists, Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. D.J. Thomas. The late treasurer and secretary, Messrs. Emlyn Evans and D. Kelly, who tendered their resignations, were thanked for their services.

“Merthyr Express” 10 May 1947

Annual Meeting The annual meetings of Nazareth Chapel were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. David Evans, Ystrad Rhondda, preached. The organists were Messrs. David J. and W.A. Davies, and the singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

Workless Meeting A meeting of unemployed took place at the New Hall on Wednesday. Mr. Dan James presided, supported by Mr. E. Puddle, secretary. Also present were Councillors S. Lewis, J.P., W.J. Payne and A. Bate, who gave reports on Council activities. Several questions were asked and answered. Coun. Payne thanked the unemployed members, on behalf of the Merthyr General Hospital Executive Board, for agreeing to make a weekly contribution to the Hospital. The three Councillors were thanked for their presence.

Died in Billiards Hall The death has taken place of a well known resident, Mr. Habarcuc Morgan, 18, Guest-street, at the age of 57. He died at the billiard hall. He had spent the whole of his life at the villages of Pentwyn and Fochriw. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard and was a representative one. The following officiated at home and churchyard: Rev. J.J. Lewis, Hebron, Dowlais; Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. T.J. Jones. Mourners were: Messrs. Ifor & Emlyn Morgan (sons); Ronald Llewellyn (son-in-law); T.A. Jones, Dan Evans, R. Evans (uncles); Tom, A. & E. Evans, C. Ballard, T. Davies, J. Francis, B. Evans (brothers-in-law); B., W. & G. Davies, E. Lewis, O. Jones, A. Thomas, D. & T. Jenkins, E.W. Jones, G. Harris, T. & H. Evans, E. Jones, J.I. Davies, E. Evans, G. Evans, E. Jones, D.T. Davies, H. Ballard, W. Jones, R. Gittoes, J. & G. Williams (cousins). At the house were Mesdames E.J. Morgan (widow); Tydwen, Mair (daughters); I. Morgan (daughter-in-law); Ann Williams, C. Ballard, H. Jones (sisters); S. Thomas, M. Lewis (aunts); H. Francis, M. Davies, M. & A. Evans (sisters-in-law); G. Jones, E. Rowlands, M.A. Lewis, B. Jenkins, A. & S. Davies, M. Mantle, B. Evans (cousins); Misses M.J. Evans, S. Kinsey. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

Septuagenarian's Death One of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants, Mrs. E.A. Walters, Pleasant View, widow of Mr. Albert Walters, has died aged 79. She was born and lived the whole of her life in the district. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, when the Revs. T.J. Jones, E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. Mourners were Messrs. D.W. & J.R. Walters (sons); Keith Walters (grandson); Syd Evans, O. Parry (sons-in-law); Edward Jones (brother); Llew, T.M., L. & S. Jones, T. & W.J. Evans, T. Walters, Port Talbot, R. Hall, T. Walters, R. Thomas (nephews); T.D. & J.C. Morgan (cousins); O.

Richards, T. Evans, W. Roberts (friends). At the house were Mesdames Lil Evans (daughter); A. & J. Walters (daughters-in-law); Alma Evans, Jean Walters, Jill Parry (grand daughters); M. Edwards, M. Johns (sisters); H. & E. Morgan (cousins); G. Johns, E. Thomas, M. & F. Evans, F. Adams, B. Marsh. Thanks to all friends, relatives and neighbours for their kindness and floral tributes.

“Merthyr Express” 17 May 1947

Bible Quiz The fortnightly meeting of the Noddfa Sisterhood was held on Thursday last. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. S.A. Davies read the Scripture. The meeting took the form of a Bible Quiz, directed by Mrs. Irene Jones and Mrs. Trevor Lawrence.

Race Winner A miners' road race was held during the parade and May Day celebrations at Bargoed on Saturday. The winner of the race from Pontlottyn to Bargoed was Mr. David Mantle, Fochirw, and third was Mr. Howell Lewis, Fochriw.

Silver Band The Silver Band, conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, headed the May Day procession at Bargoed on Saturday, playing a selection of suitable music.

Male Voice Party Coun. Payne presided at a meeting of the Party at the New Hall last week, when the future programme of the party was discussed. It was decided for the present to give a series of concerts for entertaining hospital patients, the first to be at Talgarth. An invitation is extended to singers to join the party.

Welfare Annual Meeting The annual meeting took place at the New Hall on Friday, Coun. Payne presiding and reviewing the past year. The balance sheet and statement of accounts were accepted. Rev. E. Adams Evans, the chairman for the coming year was then due to take the chair. In his absence, Mr. J.G. Gittins was appointed vice-chairman and took the chair. He thanked the retiring chairman for the great work he had done for the Welfare movement. Mr. Bryn Davies was re-elected secretary, and a committee appointed. The librarian, Mr. R. Gittoes, was re-appointed, with Mr. Gwyn Davies as deputy.

Octogenarian's Death The death has occurred of Mrs. Maria E. Curtis, widow of Mr. J. Curtis, aged 81 years. She had lived for many years in the village, and was held in high esteem. She had been a faithful member of St. Mary's Church. The funeral took place on Saturday from the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. Adams, 29, Birchgrove, Tirphil. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Revs. E. Adams Evans and Carr, Pontlottyn, officiated. The bearers were Messrs. T. Standfield, T. Jones, Roberts, B. Jones, F. Smith, J. Farrel, W. Jones, Jeremiah, K. Jeremiah, W. Bevan. The mourners were: Messrs. Wm. Curtis (son); Wm. Thomas, Wm. Hughes, Tom Jones (sons-in-law); John Hughes, Randal Curtis, Vernon Jones, J.D. Walters (grandsons); Reg Curtis, Tom Purnell, R. Williams, A. Matthews (nephews). At the house were: Mesdames F. Adams, M. Thomas, V. Hughes, L. Jones (daughters); M. Curtis (daughter-in-law); Ivy Walters, T. Palser, L. Thomas (grand daughters); L. Hughes, A. Williams, O. Matthews (nieces).

“Merthyr Express” 24 May 1947

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. The devotions were led by Mrs. Dilys Edwards, and a paper was read by Mrs. Edwards, Abergavenny. The speaker was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. Irene Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 31 May 1947

For Memorial Fund At the New Hall on Thursday last, a concert was given by the Bargoed Secondary Grammar School in aid of the Old Students' Memorial Fund. There were items from the choir, soloists, verse reading, and a one-act play. The headmaster, Mr. E.J. Saunders, thanked the villagers for their support. The chairman was Coun. S. Lewis, J.P.

“Merthyr Express” 7 June 1947

Sisterhood Service The evening service was conducted by members of the Sisterhood on Sunday. Mrs. M.A. Evans read a portion of Scripture and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Hymns were read out by the sisters, solos were rendered by Mrs. Dilys Edwards and M. Chapman, and a duet was sung by Mrs. D. Edwards and Phyllis Jones. A very impressive address was given by Miss Edna Jones. Mr. David Joshua Thomas was at the organ.

St. Mary's Church The members of the Mothers' Union held their monthly meeting on Tuesday at 11 a.m. with Holy Communion. Rev. E. Adams Evans celebrated, assisted by Rev. A. Richards, curate of Fochriw and Deri. In the evening, the members were addressed by Mrs. Handel Thomas, the Vicarage, Llanbradach, who was thanked by Mrs. Evans, enrolling member.

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. Olwen Thomas read the Scripture, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Irene Jones. An address was given by Mrs. S.J. Jones, Bargoed, who also rendered a solo. Mrs. S.G. Williams and Mrs. A.M. Evans thanked the speaker. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 14 June 1947

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Cumpstone, Aelybryn, celebrated their golden wedding last Thursday. A reception was held at the New Hall, where family and guests were present. They received congratulations from a large number of friends.

“Merthyr Express” 21 June 1947

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday last. Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided. Mrs. S.A. Davies read the Scripture, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer, and afterwards gave an address. She was thanked by Mrs. Sheen and Mrs. Morris. Mrs. Irene Jones also spoke. Mrs. D. Evans pronounced the Benediction.

Carmel The yearly meetings on Sunday were well attended. The Rev. Ifonwy Thomas of Solva, Pems., preached inspiring sermons. Mr. T. Walters was the organist, and Mr. Meirion Shankland conducted the singing.

How To Get Your New Ration Book Fochriw, Pentwyn and Penybank: Old Library, Fochriw; 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., Friday, June 27th Surname Initial A – Z.

“Merthyr Express” 5 July 1947

LLWYNWERN MATERNITY HOME, DOWLAIS (Tel. 163). Bookings only through Matron O.E. Goodwin. Excellent cuisine; night and day attendance. Patients engage own doctors.

Hospital Concert Last Wednesday at the New Hall, a variety concert was given by the Aberfan Concert Party, under the direction of Mr. James Williams, in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. The chairman was Councillor W.J. Payne, executive board member, who welcomed the concert party, the Mayoress of Merthyr, Mrs. M. Mayo, and fete secretary, Mr. J. Jones, and also, gave a review of the work done by the Hospital, and the number of Fochriw patients admitted. Mrs. Mayo and Mr. Jones thanked the people of Fochriw for their splendid efforts for the Hospital year after year.

Ward Party Meeting A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Coun. Payne presided. Reports on Council activities were given by Councillors Lewis and Payne; also, reports of the educational development plan. The area report was given by Mr. Bryn Jones, Pantywaun. Coun. A. Bate was unable to be present.

Exam Successes Mr. Glyn Thomas, Gwalia House, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Thomas, has obtained his B.A. degree in the recent examination at Cardiff University. Others who were successful in their examinations were Miss Lorna Jenkins, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Jenkins, Pleasant View; Mr. Hugh B. Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Thomas, Aelybryn; Mr. Penry Ballard, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Ballard, Plantation-terrace. They are all students at Cardiff University. Mr. Tudor Rowlands, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Rowlands, Glyn-terrace, has obtained his final teaching certificate at Carmarthen Training College, with distinctions.

“Merthyr Express” 12 July 1947

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held on Thursday last, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presiding. Mrs. Irene Jones led the devotions, and a paper was read by Mrs. L. Williams. Several sisters responded. The meeting was closed with the singing of a hymn. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. On Saturday, several members journeyed to Cardiff, and then to Barry for their annual outing.

Late Mr. D. Evans The death has occurred at Bedwas of Mr. Daniel Evans, in his 83rd year. He was well known and highly respected in the district.

Parish Church The day of National Prayer was observed at St. Mary's on Sunday last.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday evening presided over by Mr. J.G. Gittins. Correspondence was read from the Welfare organiser, Mr. B. Davies. It was agreed to do some repairs at the children's corner; cutting of the grass on the playing field; and to invite tenders for painting the billiard hall and playing pavillion. The financial statement was given by the secretary.

Mothers' Union Members from St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Deri, visited the Mothers' Union Festival at St. Martin's Church, Caerphilly, on Tuesday. The church was well filled, and an inspiring sermon was preached by Rev. R.M. Rosser, vicar of Dewi Sant, Cardiff.

Hospital Concert As a result of the concert in aid of Merthyr General Concert by the Aberfan Variety Concert Party, organised by the ward committee, with Mrs. S.A. Payne as secretary, the sum of £20 13s 6d has been handed to secretary of the fete, Mr. Lewis Jones. Coun. W.J. Payne, executive board member, on behalf of the hospital board, wishes to thank all for their magnificent response, and all the workers, ticket-sellers, and especially the Party.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. J. Davies, Railway-terrace, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday last, July 3. Mrs. Davies is a faithful member of Noddfa Sisterhood, and the sisters had prepared an excellent supper in her honour. Mrs. Phyllis Jones was in charge, and read eleven telegrams and four cards. Mrs. Davies suitably responded. Several sisters spoke. During the evening, a miscellaneous programme was given.

"Merthyr Express" 19 July 1947

Free Church Council Special services, arranged by the Free Church Council, were held at Noddfa on Thursday last, when the preacher was the Rev. Isiah Williams, Cardigan, who was ordained at Noddfa thirty years ago. Services were held in the afternoon when he was assisted by Mr. T.J. Jones and in the evening by the Rev. Latimer Williams, Deri. The Rev. Eurof Jones presided at both services. Mr. David J. Thomas was organist, and Mr. Thomas Evans led the singing.

"Merthyr Express" 26 July 1947

Veteran Solo Winner James J. Lewis (Ap Morlais) won the Veterans' Solo at Pontllanfraith eisteddfod on Saturday. He is also a member, and sang the same evening with the winning choir, Bargoed Philharmonic. During his singing career, Mr. Lewis has won numerous prizes as a tenor soloist, and was a member of the famous Dowlais Choir, under the conductorship of the late Mr. Harry Evans, also of Mr. Evan Thomas's well-known choir, and he has been secretary of the Fochriw Silver Band for many years.

Old Age Pensioners A general meeting was held at Noddfa Vestry on Tuesday, presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne. The speaker was Mrs. E.A. Hardy of Gilfach, Bargoed. The chairman welcomed her to Fochriw, and spoke of her excellent work for the movement. He appealed to every pensioner in Fochriw to join the movement. One of the objects of the meeting was to present to the O.A.P. the results of the Mile of Pennies which amounted to £10, which was presented by Mrs. Farley and a band of workers. Mrs. Hardy gave an address on the aims and objects of the movement. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mr. Henry Harris. Mr. J.J. Lewis & Mr. George Sibley moved votes of thanks to Mrs. Hardy, the chairman and Mrs. Farley and friends for their efforts in aid of the O.A.P.

"Merthyr Express" 2 August 1947

Hospital S.O.S. As a result of the S.O.S. for Merthyr General Hospital, the sum of £7 13s was realised. The organiser was Mrs. W.J. Payne, who thanks all collectors and public for their response.

Musical Success Miss Elsie Davies, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. W. Davies, Guest-street, has passed her musical examination of the London College of Music. She is a pupil of Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, Mus. Bac.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held in the Vestry on Thursday evening, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presiding. Miss Edna Jones read the Scripture and Mrs. Dilys Edwards led in prayer.

An address was given by Mrs. Sam Lewis on "The Power of Insignificance," for which she was thanked by Mrs. Joshua Evans and Miss Laura Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

"Merthyr Express" 16 August 1947

Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held on Thursday at Noddfa Vestry, Mrs. P. Jones presiding. Mrs. Jenkin Thomas read a portion of Scripture and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. A paper on "Never to be Forgotten Days" was read by Mrs. Dilys Edwards. Votes of thanks were given by Miss Gretta Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. Phyllis Jones rendered a solo. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with the singing of a hymn. Mrs. Jones pronounced the Benediction.

Late Mr. Dennis Sheen The funeral took place on Thursday of a well-known resident, Mr. D. Sheen, at the age of 84. Mr. Sheen died at the home of his son, Mr. J. Sheen, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. M. Sheeb, Dynevor-street. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, and was a very representative one. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated.

Mr. Thomas Walters' Death The death has occurred of a well known personality of the district, Mr. Thomas Waltere, 6, Aelybryn. He died at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. Walters had been employed by the Refuge Assurance Company as an agent for the last 22 years. He was a deacon of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. His widow and three sons survive. The funeral, which was well represented, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. The Rev. J.J. Lewis, minister of Hebron, Dowlais, officiated, assisted by Rev. T.J. Jones, Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Rev. Ernest Jones. Members of staff of the Refuge office acted as bearers. The mourners were: Mr. Leighton Walters (son); John & James Walters (brothers); Ben Thomas, Gwilym Thomas (uncles); Nehemiah Thomas (nephew). At the house were: Mrs. E. Walters (widow); Mrs. C. Jones (mother-in-law); Mrs. Vera Thomas (aunt); Mrs. Ada Jones, Mrs. Margaret Jane Williams (cousins); Mrs. E. Sullivan, Mrs. E. Shankland. Floral tributes by Mrs. Walters and Sons, and the Refuge Staff.

"Merthyr Express" 23 August 1947

Veterans' Outing The O.A.P. annual trip took place on Tuesday, when a large number journeyed by buses to Porthcawl in glorious weather.

Legion Women A presentation tea was held on Thursday at the Old Library by the British Legion (Women's Section), at which Mrs. L. Thomas, late vice-president of the section, was presented with a silver brooch by Mrs. F. Lewis, in recognition of services rendered in the past. Mrs. Farley, president, also presented Nurse M. Chapman, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. Chapman, Aelybryn, with a string of pearls. Nurse Chapman has been nursing abroad for some time. Both suitably responded.

"Merthyr Express" 30 August 1947

Sunday School Outings The annual outing of Noddfa Welsh Baptist Sunday School took place on Thursday, when a large number journeyed to Barry Island. The Parish Church Sunday School had their annual outing to Barry Island, and the Full Gospel Hall to Porthcawl.

Male Voice Party Under their conductor, Mr. D.J. Davies, the Fochriw Male Voice Party are making good progress for their competition on Saturday.

Carrying On Fochriw Silver Band is practising under the conductorship of Mr. Emrys Lewis, in the absence of Mr. Albert Mantle, who is in hospital. The Band has accepted several engagements. Wishes for a speedy recovery have been extended to Mr. Mantle.

"Merthyr Express" 6 September 1946

Pit Accident Mr. Terence Kelly, Dynevor-street, met with an accident at Ogilvie Colliery, where he is employed, and was taken to Merthyr General Hospital. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Late Mrs. E. Jones The death has taken place of a well-known resident, Mrs. Ellen Jones, Guest-street, who died at Merthyr General Hospital. She was 67, and had lived at Fochriw all her life.

Male Voice Party The Party, under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas, with Mr. W.A. Davies as accompanist, visited Llangattock on Saturday to sing in the competition. The party made a creditable show, seeing that it is made up mainly of young men. Although not in the prizes, it is clear that with a little more training, there is the making of a good Party.

“Merthyr Express” 13 September 1947

Late Mrs. Ellen Jones The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Jones, Guest-street, aged 67, took place on Tuesday. She was a member of Nazareth C. M. Chapel. The interment was at Pentwyn Churchyard, when the Rev. E. Adams Evans and Pastor Dd. Thomas officiated. The mourners were: David Cecil Jones (son); James Davies (brother); Edward Davies (brother-in-law); Willie A. Davies, Wm. J., Vernon, Eddie and Stuart Llewellyn, John A. Davies, Wyndham Davies, David Morris, Fred and Albion Way (nephews); Enoch & Tommy Rees, Stan Wilding (cousins). At the house were Mesdames Maggie Davies, Ellenor A. Llewellyn (sisters); M. Davies, E. Davies (sisters-in-law); A.J. Jones (cousin); Doris Davies, Eleanor A. Way, Olive Llewellyn, Maggie M. Davies, Mary Davies (nieces); E. Shankland.

Noddfa Sisterhood Members of the Sisterhood met at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Gwenda Thomas read a portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. A paper was read by Miss Edna Jones and thanks were accorded by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Wedding Gift At Penybank Church on Sunday, the pastor, Mr. W. Griffiths, made a presentation to Mr. & Mrs. Love on the occasion of their wedding at the church with a family Bible. The treasurer, Mr. T. E. Davies, and the secretary, Mr. C. G. Hann, wished the couple health and happiness. Mrs. Prowse, mother of the bridegroom, spoke on behalf of the members, and Ernest Gillard for the young people.

Quarterly Zenana The quarterly meetings of the Zenana of the Women’s Missionary Society were held at Noddfa Chapel on Monday last. The afternoon meeting was presided over by Mrs. Williams, Rhymney, the president. Mrs. Olwen Thomas read the Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones led in prayer. Following the roll-call, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Herriman of Rhymney. The speaker was Mr. Fellowes of India. At the evening meeting, Mrs. Williams presiding, Mrs. Edna Jones read the Scripture, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. A duet was sung by Mrs. P. Jones and Mrs. D. Edwards. An address was given by Mrs. Fellowes. Mrs. Phyllis Jones then gave a solo. Mrs. D. J. Thomas was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 20 September 1946

Schoolchildren Gone Hop Picking At the recent meeting of the Caerphilly and Gellygaer Divisional Executive, the school attendance officers reported that 743 children from schools in the Rhymney and Aber Valleys had gone to the hop-fields. One Officer said: “In my area, they are the usual ones who have gone.” Another Officer stated: “They are organised groups and go to the same farms every year.” Chairman to Attendance Officers: “We are not going to send you up there as spotters, as the N.C.B. did.” The chairman stated that the majority went to the hop-fields the previous Friday, and would not return till the end of September. The Officers were asked to make a further report to the next meeting.

“Merthyr Express” 27 September 1946

Eisteddfod Winner Mr. James John Lewis (Ap Morlais) won the champion solo, and second prize in the tenor solo, at the Aberdare O.A.P. Eisteddfod on Saturday. Another Fochriw veteran, now residing in Aberdare, won the hymn tune.

The Harvest Harvest Festival services were held at St. David’s, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with fruits and flowers and the services were taken by Rev. E. Adams Evans, Rev. H.T. Richards, and Rev. E.T. Carr, Pontlottyn. The organist was Mr. W. Williams.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday, presided over by Mrs. P. Jones, who read a portion of Scripture. Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. A paper on “The Highway of Life,” was read by Mrs. E. Thomas, Pontlottyn, who also rendered a solo. Several sisters

responded. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. J. Evans, seconded by Miss Edna Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

Hospital Concert On Sunday, the Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. D.J. Thomas with Mr. W.A. Davies as accompanist, entertained the patients at Gellygear Hospital to a sacred concert. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne, who opened by reading a portion of Scripture. Prayers followed. Among the choruses rendered by the Party were "The Crusaders," "Passing By," "The Long Day Closes." The artistes were Miss Millie Williams, Messrs. Tom Lewis, Edmund Davies and John Williams. Thanks were accorded the party, artistes and chairman by a member of the nursing staff and a patient.

The Pensioners' Charter A public meeting was held at Noddfa Vestry of Tuesday in support of the O.A.P. Charter. Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., presided, and was supported by the following speakers: Mr. David Jones, Ystrad Mynach; Mr. T.J. Rees, Porthcawl; Mr. J. Reed, Bargoed. A resolution in support of the early implementation of the Charter was passed.

Octogenarian's Death The death has occurred of an old inhabitant, Mr. Thomas Francis, Pit-row, at the age of 82. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard the Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiating. The chief mourners were Messrs. Charles Hollister (brother-in-law); Wilfred, Vincent & Leslie Hollister, John Francis, Leyshon, Tom, Danny & John Rowlands, Willie J. Evans, Herbert Watkins, David Gibbons, David Evans, Lewis & Eiros Evans, Willie A. Davies, David B. Jones, Richard Evans, Willie A. Davies (nephews); T. Griffiths, Morrision; Will Roberts, Bargoed (cousins). At the house were: Mesdames Amelia Rowlands (sister); Annie, Morfydd, Rhoda, Phyllis, Elizabeth Ann, Blod, May, Bronwen, Ethel, M.E. Rowlands, H. Francis, Annie, Bron, Audrey, Eileen and Nan Jones (nieces); Mrs. T. Griffiths, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. H. Griffiths, Morrision, C. Jones, M. Davies, E. Jenkins, Pontlottyn (cousins); Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. Green.

"Merthyr Express" 4 October 1947

Parish Church Harvest Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, which were later presented to Merthyr General Hospital. The preachers on Sunday were the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, and the Rev. J. Ivor Jones, vicar of Pontlottyn. The preacher on Monday was the Rev. J.C. Payne, vicar of Penyardren. The organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

Carmel Harvest Services were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and were well attended. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, with Mr. M. Shankland conducting the singing, and Mr. T. Walters at the organ.

Legion Outing The Women's Section held their annual outing on Saturday to Birmingham. They travelled by motor coach. The officers were: president, Mrs. Farley; secretary, Mrs. Harding; treasurer, Mrs. Edwards.

A Fine Record Div. Supt. Tom Evans was presented with the ribbon and five stars in recognition of 40 years efficient service, at the annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance at Ystrad Mynach on Saturday. The presentation was made by Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P.

"Merthyr Express" 11 October 1947

Thomas – Cole The marriage was solemnized at Noddfa Welsh Baptist Chapel on Saturday between Mr. David Joshua Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. J.W. Thomas, Brook-row, and Miss Phoebe Cole, daughter of Mrs. Cole, and the late Mr. Simon Cole, 24, Aelybryn-street. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. George Cole. She wore a powder blue two-piece with floral hat and a spray of pink carnations. She was attended by three bridesmaids, Miss Myfanwy Cole and Miss Eileen Millward, nieces, and Miss Nan Thomas, niece of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids wore blue and pink, with head-dresses to tone. Br. T. Thomas, brother of the groom, was best man. The groomsmen were Mr. B.J. Thomas and Mr. Leighton Millward. On leaving the chapel, the bride was presented with two silver horse-shoes by Willie Edwards and Non Thomas. A large number of relatives and friends attended a reception at

the Noddfa Vestry. Mr. & Mrs. D.J. Thomas left for Maidstone on Sunday, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride travelled in a burgundy frock and fur coat with brown hat to match.

Late Mr. D. Davies The funeral of Mr. David Davies, aged 80, of Aelybryn, took place on Tuesday at Pant Cemetery. Mr. Davies had carried on business as a builder and undertaker, and was one of the oldest inhabitants of the Rhymney Valley. He was the eldest of the family of the late Mr. Thomas Davies, builder and undertaker, of Pontlottyn. The funeral was strictly private. Rev. E. Ebenezer, Libanus, Dowlais, officiated, assisted by Revs. E. Adams Evans, Eurof Jones, and Griffiths, Nazareth, Pontlottyn. Mr. John Lawrence and Mr. Peter Jones represented Nazareth, C.M., of which Mr. Davies was a faithful member. Mourners were: Messrs. Tom, David, John, Dan & Ben (sons); Lizzie, Mary, Ann, Gwladys, Hilda, Aseneth, Jenny May (daughters); Messrs. R. & W.D. Davies (brothers); Wm. John, J. Boshier Jones, R. Jones, S. Beynon (brothers-in-law); Gordon, Bert, David, George, Albert, Harold, W.M. Davies, Evan, Sam (sons-in-law); Tam Davies (nephew); Tudor, Willie, Myrddin, Harry, Freddie, Vernon, Ewart, Ellis, Sylvan, Gwyn, Alun, David Thomas, David Robert, Goronwy, Reggie, Will Thomas, Jeffrey Tyler. Also present were Messrs. E.E. Cumpstone and sons, Caradoc Price, T. Evans, John Hughes.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided on Thursday when Mrs. S.G. Parry read a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. I. Jones led in prayer. Miss Edna Jones then led a Bible quiz. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

Harvest Services Services were held at Nazareth on Monday and Tuesday, when the Rev. G. Evans, Treharris, officiated. The conductor and organist was Mr. Willie Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 18 October 1947

Late Mr. David Davies The following names were omitted from the list of mourners at last week's funeral of Mr. David Davies, undertaker: Sydney Evans, son-in-law; Mr. Robert Hayden and Dan John, nephews.

Football Fochriw entertained Brithdir in a League match at the Welfare Ground on Saturday. This was the first match on the new playing field. Fochriw is fortunate to possess such a fine ground that also includes a pavilion. A fine game resulted in eight goals being shared.

Welfare Association A general meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday evening. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans presided, with Mr. G. Gittens, vice-chairman, and Mr. Bryn Davies, secretary. The following were added to the Committee: Messrs. A.H. Wood, Crad Shankland, Bob Rees, B. Brown, Vivian Powell. Other Committee members are: D. Mantle, C. Cumpstone, D. Pritchard, A. Evans, J. Lewis, Allan Davies, D. Clarke.

British Legion The annual meeting of the Fochirw Branch was held at the New Hall recently. Mr. E.I. Cumpstone, chairman, presided, assisted by Mr. T.G. Thomas, secretary. The secretary gave the financial report for the year. The following officers were elected: president, Mr. S. Phillips; vice-president, Mr. G. Blunt; chairman, Mr. E.I. Cumpstone; vice-chairman, Mr. W.H. Way; treasurer, Mr. W.T. Pegg; secretary, Mr. T.G. Thomas; standard bearer, Mr. C. Cumpstone; chaplains, Rev. E. Adams Evans, Rev. Eurof Jones; delegate to the national conference, Mr. E.I. Cumpstone; delegate to the area conference, Mr. T.G. Thomas; additional delegate to area conference, Mr. S. Phillips; committee, Messrs. W.H. Way, T.J. Morgan, Dd. Griffiths, T. Jones, G. Mantle, H. Tunley. Arrangements for the Remembrance Day service to be held on Nov. 9 were left to the secretary. It was decided to send representatives to the dedication service at Rhymney on Sunday.

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Noddfa Activities A children's service of thanksgiving was held at Noddfa on Sunday morning. Brian Jones read the scripture, and June Games offered prayer. The children sang several hymns. An address was given by Miss Edna Jones, who also presided over the meeting.

On Thursday, the Sisterhood was presided over by Mrs. P. Jones, The meeting opened with scripture read by Mrs. Maud Clarke. Mrs. I. Trollope, Pontlottyn, gave a paper on "Evangelism," and was thanked by Mrs. P. Jones and Mrs. Edwards.

Nazareth On Sunday, the annual services were held, when the special preacher was the Rev. Richard Thomas, Aberfan, who delivered powerful sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, with Mr. D.J. Davies as organist.

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Rainfall Lowest on Record Rainfall in the Rhymney Valley for the past six months was the lowest on record, it being 15.61 ins. as compared with 19.15 ins. for the corresponding period of the previous lowest rainfall. This information was given at the meetind on Monday, at Ystrad Mynach, of the Rhymney Valley Water Board, by the engineer, Mr. W.H. James, B.Sc. He stated that one reservoir at Rhymney Bridge was empty, and the other was 29ft. 6ins, below top water level, but was picking up after recent rainfall.

Silver Band Mr. A.H. Wood presided at a band meeting last week. The band is now under the conductorship of Mr. Emrys Lewis as Mr. Mantle is ill. There are vacancies in the Band, and applications should be made to the secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis.

Parish Church "Education Sunday" was observed when the Vicar was preacher and celebrant throughout the day. The theme of his address was, "He grew in stature, wisdom and grace."

The Mothers' Union has commenced their winter session. Meetings are on Tuesday. Last Tuesday, the meeting was devoted to sewing.

Unemployed Meeting At the New Hall on Wednesday, a well attended meeting was presided over by Mr. J.H. Evans, supported by the secretary, Mr. E. Puddle. Reports on Council matters were given by Coun. A. Bate and Coun. W.J. Payne, who both asserted that they had asked frequently for work to be brought up to that end of the area, but up to the present without success. However, they were still hopeful of success. Coun. S. Lewis was unable to attend.

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Aid to China Fund The result of the Flag Day was that a total of £3 4 6d was realised. The collectors were Misses Enid Cumpstone and Elsa Morgan; Miss Betty Fox; Mesdames J. Lawrence and E. Davies; Mrs. J.J. Llewellyn and Misses M. Taylor and M. Morgan; Mr. E.D. Jones. The organisers were Councillors S. Lewis and W.J. Payne, who wish to thank all for their support.

77 Year-old Solosist A meeting of the Noddfa Sisterhood was held on Thursday, Mrs. Phyllis Jones presiding. Mrs. Olwen Thomas read the Scriptures, and Miss Greta Evans led in prayer. Hymns were read by Mrs. L. Morris and Mrs. Rowlands. An address was given by Mrs. Matthews, Abertysswg. A solo was rendered by Mrs. A. Rowlands, Deri, aged 77. Thanks were accorded by Miss Evans and Mrs. Thomas. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Ward Meeting A meeting was held at the Old Library on Thursday, Mr. Rees Jenkins, Deri, presiding. A report was given by the executive member, Mr. W. Morgan, Deri, who answered several questions. Representatives from Pantywaun, Deri and Fochiw were present.

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Ambulance Presentation In the report of the St. John Ambulance meeting last week, the name of Master Ivor Bradley, Pantywaun, who was presented with a cadet certificate, was omitted.

Pensioners' Dance A successful dance in aid of the old age pensioners was held at the Mayfair Ballroom, Pontlottyn, on Thursday, by permission of Mr. & Mrs. Rees, for which the committee thank them, and also the donors of the prizes - Mr. Cyril Davies, bus proprietor; Mr. E.T. Pritchard, president, Rising Sun Inn; and Mr. P.H. Ford, Emporium, Bargoed. Spot prize-winners were: Miss Williams, Pentwyn; Mr. Harris, Bargoed; Miss Hettie Gittings, Mr. Ken Evans, Pontlottyn. The organiser was Mr. J.J. Lewis.

Welfare Association The Rev. E. Adams Evans presided at a meeting of the Association at the New Hall on Friday, supported by Mr. Bryn Davies, secretary, who gave the financial statement. The snooker handicap will be run for Christmas prizes.

Remembrance Sunday A service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, conducted by the vicar. Rev. T.H. Richards, curate, preached. The Men's and Women's Sections of the Legion were represented. Wreaths were laid at the memorial window by Mrs. T.G. Thomas for the Men's Section, and by Mrs. Lewis for the Women's Section, and also by Mrs. Evans for the Mothers' Union. The "Last Post" and "Reveille" were sounded by Bugler Glyn Burrows. Mr. W. Lawrence was the organist.

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M.P.'s Visit Mr. Ness Edwards, M.P., visited Fochriw on Sunday, and addressed a well-attended meeting in the hall. Coun. Payne was in the chair. He explained a sore point with the unemployed, and another was the lack of factories in the area. He appealed to Mr. Edwards to use his influence to rectify this matter. Mr. Edwards gave a survey of many matters, and afterwards answered many questions.

Late Mr. Job Thomas The death has occurred of Mr. Job Thomas, Martin-street, aged 81. Mr. Thomas had associated himself with several movements in the village, and during his days in the mines had been winner of many prizes in timbering competitions about the country. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Cemetery, the officiating ministers being Rev. Eurof Jones, Rev. E. Adams Evans and Pastor David Thomas. The mourners were: Messrs. Dan Jones (son-in-law); James Davies (great-grandson); David J. Jacob (brother-in-law); David J. Thomas, A. Thomas, D. Rowlands, Willie, Crad, Gwyn, John, Penry Ballard (nephews); Dd. Lewis, Dd. G. Evans, J.E. Edwards & I Jones. The bearers were: Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P.; Messrs. Dan Jenkins (schoolmaster); E. Evans (postmaster); J. Hushes, R. Evans, James Davies, W.A. Davies, S. Lewis, C. Shankland, T.J. Shankland, Dd. Saunders and John Slimmons. At the house were Martha, Esther, Eirwen (daughters); Maggie May (grand-daughter); Mesdames Sarah Thomas, Edith Rowlands, Iris Jones, A. Jones and Hilda Morgan.

Noddfa Sisterhood There was a meeting at the Vestry on Thursday, when Mrs. Dilys Edwards presided. Scripture was read by Mrs. E. Lawrence, and Miss Gretta Evans gave an address for which she was thanked by Mrs. J. Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. The evening was set apart for hymn singing.

Welfare Organiser On Monday, a visit was paid to Fochriw by Mr. Emrys Davies, Welfare organiser, and Mr. Dixon. They were met by Rev. E. Adams Evans, Coun. W.J. Payne, and Mr. Dan James. A visit was paid to all grounds in connections with the Welfare Association, and several matters were discussed.

Late Mr. David Hargest Price The death has occurred of Mr. D.H. Hughes, Martin-street, aged 24. The funeral was a representative one. Mr. Price was a member of the Fochriw Male Voice Party, and members of the party attended. The following officiated at the house and graveside: Mr. Thomas J. Jones, Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones, Pastor Dd. Thomas. The mourners were: Messrs. David J., Richard and Gordon Price (brothers); A. Kent, J. Sheen, O. Parry (brothers-in-law); R. Price, T. Thomas, J. Davies (uncles); J. Thomas, R. Thomas, G. Kent, D.T. Davies, W. Davies, R. Price, B. Rees, T.J. Jones, R. Jones, E.W. Jones, J. Morgan, Dd. Jones, T. Jones (cousins); and D. Davies. At the house: Mesdames C. Price (mother); B. Price, E. Kent, S. Parry, M. Sheen (sisters); E. Price (sister-in-law); S.A. Davies, L. Price (aunts); Mair, Millie, Elsa, Jill (cousins); L. Williams.

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Noddfa Sisterhood On Thursday, Mrs. P. Jones presided. Mrs. Irene Jones read the Scripture and took the devotions. Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, gave an address, which was followed by a discussion. Mrs. Lewis was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Miss Gretta Evans.

Nursing Success Miss Linnie Pritchard, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L. Pritchard, Aelybryn, has obtained her S.R.N. Certificate, also her Inter-County Certificate. She is at present at Redhill County Hospital, Edgware, Middlesex.

Late Mr. D.R. Lewis The funeral of Mr. D.R. Lewis, Williams-row, took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Aged 63, Mr. Lewis had lived in the village all his life. The officiating ministers were Revs. Eurof Jones, Dd. Thomas, E. Adams Evans and T.J. Jones. Mourners were: Messrs. T.J. Lewis (son); D.D. Thomas (brother-in-law); T.J. & Dan James, E. Lewis, C. Lewis, Ron Lewis, S. & J. James (nephews); J. Davies, E. & J. Jones, Cyril James (cousins). At the house were Mesdames R. Lewis (wife); N. Lewis (daughter-in-law); B. Lewis, M. Owen, M.E. Thomas (sisters-in-law); L. & J. James, E. & G. Lewis, M. Ross, M. Lewis, G. & J. James, B. Linch (nieces); M. Davies, A. Williams, E. Linch, S. Davies (cousins). There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

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Male Voice Party Under their conductor, Mr. D.J. Davies, with Mr. W.A. Davies as pianist, the Male Voice Party entertained the patients at Aberbargoed Hospital with a concert on Saturday. The following artiste-members of the party assisted: Messrs. Tom Lewis, Eddie Thomas and J.M. Williams.

Mothers' Union Members of the Parish Church Mothers' Union met on Tuesday. Later, gifts from Tasmania were distributed to the mothers.

Welfare Association On Friday, a meeting was held, the Rev. E. Adams Evans presiding. The secretary gave the financial position. The snooker Christmas Handicap has now reached its final position, and has provided many interesting games.

Laslett – Farley The marriage was solemnised at the Parish Church on Saturday, between Mr. Cyril E. Laslett, Kingston, Portsmouth, and Miss Ruth (Ray) Lloyd-Farley, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S.C. Farley, Supply Stores, Fochriw. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. E. Adams Evans with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the organ. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a sage green, heavy, crepe-de-chine two-piece, hand-embroidered shoulder length veil, secured by a coronet of green silk tulle and feathers, and carried a bouquet of bronze cherry chrysanthemums. Miss Audrey Edwards and Miss Rita Davies (Tonteg, Pontypridd) were bridesmaids, and wore two-piece, green dresses, with green tulle and feather head-clusters, and sprays of autumn chrysanthemums. Jill Lloyd-Farley, sister of the bride, the flower-girl, wore an ankle-length gown of green crepe-de-chine with wrist bag to match, a halo of silver and autumn colour leaves, and carried a posy of autumn chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Albert Kendrick, Lancs., and the groomsmen were Mr. Bob Lawton, Cardiff, and Mr. Willis C. Farley, brother of the bride. On leaving the church, the bride was presented with silver horse-shoes by her little nephew, Barrie Matthews, and two little friends, Glyn & Alun Jones. A number of relatives and friends were entertained to a reception at the New Hall. Mr. & Mrs. Laslett later left for Portsmouth, where they will live. For travelling, the bride wore an old rose dress, fur coat and accessories to tone.

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Carmel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday. Rev. W.T. Gruffydd, B.D., Llandilo, preached inspiring sermons. The singing was conducted by Mr. Meirion Shankland and the organist was Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M.

Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided at the meeting at the Vestry of Thursday. Miss E. Jones read a portion of Scripture. The meeting took the form of a Bible quiz. Miss Edna Jones was the question master.

Nazareth The preacher on Sunday was an old Fochriw boy, Mr. W. Adams-Jones, headteacher at Trelewis. The organist was Mr. D. J. Thomas and the singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

Soccer Win Fochriw Church Schoolboys entertained Deri Church Schoolboys at the Welfare Ground on Saturday, and were winners by 4 goals to 1.

