

“Merthyr Express” 7 January 1950

Poppy Day As a result of Poppy Day efforts for Fochriw and district the sum of £10 11s. 6d. was realised. The organiser was Mrs. H. L. Farley, who wishes to thank all for their kind support.

Death of Former Resident The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday of a well-known former resident of Fochriw now living in Ogmere Vale, Mr. Walter Jones, husband of Mrs. Annie Jane Jones. He moved to Ogmere Vale some years ago to take up the post of school attendance officer. He retired some years ago.

Nooddfa Scholars' Party The scholars of Noddfa Baptist Church Sunday School were entertained on Thursday last to a party. After tea, games formed part of the programme organised by Miss Pat Sullavan. Each child was presented with a gift of money. Tea was provided by Mesdames Dilys Edwards, Phyllis Jones, Irene Jones, Olwen Thomas, M.A. Evans, A. Jones and Misses Shirley Jones, June Games, Linda Prosser, Ann Burrows, Pat Sullavan and E.E. Jones.

Wedding: Bebb-Palmer The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church between Mr. Tal Bedd, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. G. Bedd, Tirphil, and Miss Nancy Palmer, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmer, 10, Council Houses, Fochriw, on Dec. 28. The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Revs. E.A. Evans, Vicar, and H.J. Richards. The organist was Mr. N. Palmer, cousin of the bride. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white figured satin gown with a head-dress of orange blossoms and veil. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Lorna Rees, M. Thomas, who were in turquoise crepe de chine; G. Jones and I. Jones in pink net dresses, and carrying muffs to tone. Miss I. Wile, flower girl, was dressed in blue taffeta and carried a basket of chrysanthemums. Michael Jones, page-boy, wore mauve velvet and white satin. The best man was Mr. J.B. Palmer, brother of the bride, and the groomsman was Mr. Bryn Rees. The reception was held at the New Hall, Fochriw, and was attended by 70 guests. It was the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. A. Palmer, the bride's parents.

Late Mrs. M. Williams, Mount Pleasant Row, Pentwyn, aged 66 The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Williams, wife of Mr. David Williams, took place on Tuesday. Mrs. Williams had been hospital for a long time. The funeral was a very representative one. Mrs. Williams was a member of St. Mary's Church. The Vicar officiated, the burial being at Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David Williams (husband); Dd. John, Maldwyn and Francis (sons); Malcolm & Terry (grandsons); Evan & Ellis Edwards (nephews); W. Jones, O. Saunders, R. Lloyd, S. Baines. At the house: Miss Catherine J. Williams (daughter); Mesdames O.J. Edwards (sister); Polly and Annie Williams (daughters-in-law); Mrs. Owen (cousin); Mesdames Harris, Jones, Strang, Saunders, Baines, Martin, Lewis, B. Harding, P. Williams.

Fochriw's Two Wins Fochriw were at home in a South Wales Amateur League game on Saturday at the Welfare Ground. Nelson were the visitors. Fochriw served up some excellent football, and were winners 9-1. Scorers: Ivor Davies 6, D. Evans, J. Evans, W. Owen. The Fochriw Rhymney Valley team were away at Pengam, and were winners 2-1, D. Hollyfield scoring both Fochriw goals.

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Surveyor's Prize Mr. Idris Shankland, son of Mr. & Mrs. Crad Shankland, Guest-street, received second prize after attending a course of surveying at Swansea University under the N.C.B.. He is employed at Groesfaen Colliery.

Soccer: Winners and Losers The Fochriw Juniors were at home on Saturday to Caerphilly in a R.V. League game, and were winners 8-1. The Seniors played Ynyshir away in a cup round and were beaten 5-2.

Selected For Team Mr. Burkley Griffiths, son of the late Mr. John Griffiths and Mrs. M.J. Griffiths, Aelybryn, has been selected for the international Welsh Amateur team to meet

England at Bangor on Saturday, Jan. 21. Burkley was one of the star players in the local team before joining Lovell's.

Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday was presided over by Mrs. Phyllis Jones, who also read the lesson. Prayers were taken by Mr. G. Evans. A paper on "William Williams, Pantycelyn," was given by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis of Nazareth. Thanks were accorded by Miss Edna Jones and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. E.A. Jones on the death of her father. The meeting closed with prayer.

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Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided last Thursday, when a paper was given by Mrs. M. Davies of Bethel, Pontlottyn, who also rendered a solo. Mrs. Olwen Thomas read the Scriptures and prayer was offered by Mrs. S. G. Parry. Thanks to the speaker were given by Mrs. M. Lewis & Miss G. Evans. Mrs. Edwards was organist.

Late Mrs. M. A. Baldwin, Glenview, Pentwyn, aged 69 The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. M.A. Baldwin. She was a communicant of St. Mary's Church and a member of the Mothers' Union. Her husband, Mr. Thomas Baldwin, died a few years ago. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, and the Rev. Isaac Evans, Deri, officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. George Baldwin (son); Jack Lewis, Caerphilly, David Lewis, Pontypridd (brothers); W. Price, Aberdare, Bryn Lewis, Caerphilly, S. Kenny, Pontlottyn, R. Coggan, Penybank (nephews); G. Ball, Cardiff (cousin); At the house: Mesdames A. Gardener (daughter); A. Price (sister); Morris, Cardiff (sister-in-law); Ethel, Cardiff (niece); Mrs. Evans, Vicarage, Mesdames Small, Mills & Llewellyn. The undertaker was Mr. Vivian Powell.

Late Mrs. Margaret Cole, Brynteg, aged 84 The funeral of Mrs. M. Cole, widow of the late Mr. John Cole, took place last Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, assisted by Mr. J.C. Evans, Calfaria, Bargoed, and the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Frank Jones Jenkins and T. Jenkins (nephews); J.C. & F.J. Jenkins (grand nephews); G. Cole, T. & M. Millward, C. Cook & W. Williams, Machen. The bearers were Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., Messrs. J. Evans, R. Rees, T. Lawrence, D. James, W.A. Davies. Also present was Mr. E. Williams, secretary Calfaria, Bargoed. At the house: Miss Catherine Jones (sister); Mrs. T. Jenkins (adopted daughter); Mesdames C. & F.J. Jenkins, Miss P. Evans (cousins); Mrs. S.A. Cole (sister-in-law); Mesdames J. Thomas, I. Evans, S. Lewis, A. Ballard, R. Rees, D. Evans. Funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. David J. Davies, undertaker.

"Merthyr Express" 4 February 1950

Nazareth Sisterhood Members of the Sisterhood met on Thursday last, Mrs. M. Lewis presiding. The organist was Mrs. E.M. Lewis. Nurse Williams of Cefn Coed gave an address. The devotional part was taken by M. Broom. The speaker was thanked by Mrs. D. Jones & Mrs. E. Lawrence for such an able address.

Football The Seniors were at home to Ferndale in a S.W. League match on Saturday. The visitors won 2-1. The Juniors were away to Cascade in a Rhymney Valley League match, the game ending in a 1-1 draw.

Variety at the New Hall Fochriw inhabitants are enjoying a fine variety of plays at the New Hall nightly by the Allen Production Company, whose fine acting and staging ranks them as a first class company.

"Merthyr Express" 18 February 1950

Nazareth Sisterhood The members of the Sisterhood held a prayer meeting at the chapel. Those taking part were: Devotions - Mrs. E. Lawrence; readings & prayers - Mrs. Irene Jones & Miss G. Evans; organist - Mrs. D. Edwards.

New Hall A first class drama "Hatter's Castle," was performed at the New Hall in aid of the old age pensioners by the Allen Production Company, on Monday. The Hall was filled to capacity and the acting and stage effects were excellent. Thanks were expressed to the management committee by Mr. J.J. Lewis and the Vicar.

Public Meeting A public meeting was held at the New Hall by Mr. Ness Edwards on Sunday. The chairman was Coun. W.J. Payne, and Councillors D.J. Old, R. Yates, Mervyn Thomas and S. Lewis were present. Mrs. Edwards accompanied her husband. Mrs. H.L. Farley, ward secretary, and Mr. Iorweth Evans, local secretary, were also present. Coun. Bate was unable to attend as he is in hospital.

Youth Club At the New Hall on Tuesday, the Youth Club presented three successful one act plays. The chairman was the Vicar, who complimented the performers and their producer, Mr. H. Owen. The following took part: "Sixth Hour" - Marie Roberts, Sybil Jones, Raymond Davies, Tudor Powell, Wm. Cumpstone; "Lights Out" - John Ballard, Margaret Jones, Patricia Sullivan; "The Bathroom Door" - David J. Evans, Lorna Rees, Tudor Powell, Margaret Jones, Sybil Jones, John Ballard.

"Merthyr Express" 25 February 1950

Soccer The Senior team were away at St.. Athans on Saturday and were winners 3-0. The scorers were: Gwyn Davies, Ivor Davies and George Matthews.

Burials Two well-known personalities who had lived in the village for many years and were highly respected were buried at Pentwyn Churchyard last Friday and Saturday. Mr. Abram Jones, aged 80, who lived at Dynevor-street, before moving to Bedlinog, where he died, and Mrs. M.A. Lawrence, wife of Mr. David Lawrence, who lived at Martin-street, before moving to Dowlais where she died, aged 68.

"Merthyr Express" 4 March 1950

Two Games Fochriw were at home to Aberdare in a S.W. League game on Saturday and won 4-2. Scorers: G. Matthew 2; J. Davies and I. Davies. The Juniors were away to Jubilee in a league game and lost 4-2.

"Merthyr Express" 11 March 1950

Soccer Fochriw entertained Abercwnboi in a League game on the Welfare Ground on Saturday before a good crowd. The game ended in a draw, 3-3.

Nazareth Church On St. David's Night, a social for the children was held. Tray holders were Mesdames T. Pugh, G. Edwards, E.P. Lewis, E. Matthews, T.J. Jones and T. Lawrence.

St. David's Day Penybank Junior Mixed and Infants School celebrated St. David's Day with Welsh folk songs and ballads, also performing short plays and dialogues. The prizes in the competitive part of the programme were won by a section of the Infants' dept. They were in the hands of Mr. T. Lawrence, head teacher and staff. Fochriw Mixed and Infants' School pupils contributed to an excellent programme arranged by Mr. D. Jenkins and staff.

Company Entertained The Allen Production Company was entertained on Thursday to a supper at the Old Library. The company has entertained the inhabitants of the village for several weeks. The following were responsible for the refreshments: Mesdames G. Williams, T. Morris, T. Thomas, M. Davies, J.M. & H. Lawrence, M. Ross, L. Thomas, E. Lawrence. Mrs. J.M. Lawrence proposed a vote of thanks to the company for their kindness, which was seconded by Mrs. G. Williams. Mr. Peter Allen responded. The company has received a very warm welcome in the village.

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Lenten Services The week-night service was conducted by the Vicar at the Parish Church on Wednesday.

Final Performance The Allen Production Company gave their final performance on Saturday with a Variety Show at the New Hall. They have spent several weeks in Fochriw with a change of drama every night.

Nazareth Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last. Miss Edith P. Lewis presided. An address was given by Miss Edna Jones who was thanked by Mrs. E. Lawrence and Miss Gretta Evans. The devotional part was taken by Mrs. Marshallsea.

"Merthyr Express" 1 April 1950

Football Fochriw were at home to Gilfach in a R.V. League game on Saturday, and won 3-1. Allen Davies, Jackie Davies and George Matthews were the goal scorers.

Nazareth Sisterhood Mrs. Mattie Lewis presided on Thursday and the address was given by Mrs. S.J. Jones of Bargoed, formerly of Fochriw. Mrs. Jones was thanked by Mrs. T. Lawrence and Mrs. Mantle.

Special Services Special services were held at Siloah Pentecostal Church last week to mark the eighth year of the ministry of the resident pastor, Mr. W. Griffiths. The speakers were the Rev. F. Evans, Belfast, and Mr. E.H. George, Cwmtwrch, the Welsh singing evangelist.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Marshallsea, 1, Williams-row, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday, March 22. Mr. Marshallsea is 78, and his wife is 69. They had twelve children, eight of whom are still alive. There are 22 grand children, and one great-grand-child. Mr. Marshallsea spent the biggest part of his life as a colliery worker. He worked at South Tunnel Colliery (G.K.N.) up to its closing, and afterwards, up to his retirement, at Ogilvie Colliery, Deri. Mrs. Marshallsea is an active member of the Full Gospel Hall, Fochriw. They received many messages of congratulation.

“Merthyr Express” 8 April 1950

Football Fochriw were at home to Gwynfi in the S.W. Amateur League on Saturday, and were winners by 5 goals to 1. Allen Davies, Ivor Davies, Gwyn Davies, G. Matthews and D. Hollifield were the scorers.

Palm Sunday On Sunday, hundreds visited the Old Churchyard. At the Parish Church, the Vicar conducted the service, with Mr. W. Lawrence at the organ.

Welfare Association: Annual Meeting The annual meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, presided over by Mr. A.H. Wood, who gave a review of the year's activities, and thanked the officers and committee for their assistance. The books were audited by Mr. T.D. Evans, J.P., chartered accountant, and the report was given by the Treasurer, Mr. Iorwerth Evans. Mr. Bob Rees, secretary, answered several questions. Coun. W.J. Payne was elected chairman, and a tribute was paid to his services. Coun. Payne thanked the secretary and treasurer for their splendid work. Mr. Arthur Palmer was elected vice-chairman. Committee: Messrs. A.H. Wood, C. Cumpstone, T. Ballard, G. Lawrence, J. Morgan, E. Lewis, J. Lewis, J.J. Lewis, V. Powell, C. Shankland, R. Thomas, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., Rev. E. Adams Evans; librarian, Mr. Reg Gittoes; secretary, Mr. Bob Rees; treasurer, Mr. Iorwerth Evans. It was decided to carry out improvements to the children's corner.

“Merthyr Express” 15 April 1950

WHERE TO GET YOUR NEW RATION BOOK - Fochriw, Pentwyn, Penybank - The Old Library, Fochriw; Monday, May 1st - Surname Initial A - Z; Hours - 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.; 2p.m. to 5p.m.

Siloh, Penybank At Siloh on Saturday, the members held a tea provided by the female section of the church. The reason for this celebration was as a token of appreciation to the pastor, Mr. W. Griffiths, for eight years of unfailing service. The members expressed their gratitude by presenting the pastor with a gold wrist-watch.

United Services The united services were held at Nazareth on Good Friday. The morning service was a prayer meeting. The devotions were taken by Mrs. M. Lewis. Nurse Ballard Davies and Mrs. Dilys Edwards also took part. The organist was Mrs. W.A. Davies. Mr. Tom Thomas presided. The evening service was taken by the Rev. Thomas, Aberfan. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist, and Mr. T.J. Jones presided.

Cymanfa Ganu A repetition of the Noddfa and Nazareth Christmas Gymanfa was held at Noddfa Church on Easter Sunday. Under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas, the singing reached a high standard. Mrs. Katie Walters and Mr. Tom Davies were the organists. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided over the children's service in the morning, when Muriel Lewis read a portion of scripture, and Margaret Morris led in prayer. Herbert Jones recited and a hymn was sung by a party which consisted of Karie & Phyllis Hughes, Muriel Lewis, Margaret Edwards and Jessie

Ann Davies. Mr. T.J. Jones was the president at the afternoon service, when Mrs. S.G. Parry took the devotional part. Mrs. Irene Jones gave a recitation and Mrs. Phyllis Jones and Mrs. Dilys Edwards sang a duet. Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the evening service and Mrs. Mattie Lewis took the devotions. A quartette - Mrs. M. Lewis, Mrs. D. Edwards, Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Crad Shankland - sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

Easter Awards An eisteddfod was held at Noddfa Vestry on Wednesday, when Mr. Bryn Davies and Mr. W.A. Davies were the adjudicators. Miss Edna E. Jones presided; accompanist Mr. D.J. Thomas. The following were the winners: Recitation, 7 and under: 1. Rosemary Jones, 2. Phyllis Jones. Solo, 7 and under: 1&2 shared between Phyllis Jones, Ann Ballard and Willie Edwards. Solo 8 - 10: 1. Irene Games, 2. Edna Hughes, 3. Margaret Morris. Sol 8 - 10 boys: 1. Herbert Jones, 2. Keith Walters. Recitation 8 - 10: 1. Herbert Jones. Solo 10 -14: 1. Phyllis Hughes, 2. Brian Pearce. Recitation 10 - 14: 1. K. Hughes, 2. Dd. Ballard. Whistling: 1. Howard Pearce, 2. Brian Pearce. Whistling Party: 1. Rosemary's Party. Party of six under 11: Phyllis Jones' party. Party of four under 11: Nazareth party. Impromptu speech: Brian Jones and Morfydd Owen (divided). Essay under 11: Margaret Harris. Essay over 11: Margaret Morgan. Soprano solo: Mrs. S.G. Parry. Contralto solo: Mrs. Dilys Edwards. Duet: Mrs. Gwenda Pearce and Miss Edna E. Jones. Ladies Choir: Noddfa Party.

"Merthyr Express" 22 April 1950

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided and also gave an address on Thursday. Mrs. G. Edwards read the Scripture, and Mrs. P. Jones offered prayer. Thanks were given by Mrs. Edna Jones and Miss G. Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Eisteddfod Winner At Bedlinog on Saturday, Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Cumpstone, Aelybryn, won the recitation competition, under 12 years.

Welfare Meeting Mr. A. Palmer presided over a meeting on Friday, supported by Mr. Iorwerth Evans, treasurer. Mr. T. Jones, welfare organiser, attended, and a discussion took place on the showing of films.

"Merthyr Express" 29 April 1950

Labour Party Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided at the annual meeting at the New Hall on Friday, when all the officers were re-elected. A report of Council activities was given by Coun. W.J. Payne. Mr. Iorwerth Evans, treasurer, dealt with other matters. It is gratifying to know that Coun. S. Lewis has been elected unopposed on the Gellygaer Urban District Council.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry of the Parish Church took place on Wednesday. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. John Palmer, parochial secretary. The Vicar thanked all who had worked to carry on the work of the church in the parish. Mr. Payne presented the accounts, stating that this was the 34th year for him to do so. All liabilities had been met, with a balance on the right side. The accounts were accepted. Elections: Mr. Payne was re-elected people's warden; Mr. John Owen was re-elected Vicar's warden; Mr. John. Palmer was re-elected parochial secretary; Mr. A. Palmer, envelope secretary; Miss R. Davies, auditor; Mr. W. Lawrence, organist. The Parochial Council and sidesmen were re-elected.

"Merthyr Express" 6 May 1950

Deacon's Death The death has taken place of one of Fochriw's oldest residents, Mr. John Lawrence, 2, Glyn Terrace, at the age of 71. He was senior deacon and secretary of Nazareth C.M. Church.

Ward Meeting A meeting of the Ward Labour Party was held at the New Hall on Thursday, presided over by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P. Supporting him were Coun. W.J. Payne, and Mr. T.G. Uzzell, the newly-appointed ward secretary, and Mr. Rees Jenkins, treasurer. Representatives were present from Pantywaun, Deri and Fochriw. A welcome was extended to the new secretary. Detailed reports were given by Coun. Payne, and Mr. Rees Jenkins.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. P. Jones presided on Thursday. Mrs. M. Sheen read the Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones offered prayer. An address was given by Mrs. Aneurin Jones of Zoar,

Pontlottyn, on "The Lord's Prayer." She was thanked by Mrs. D. Jones and Mrs. I. Jones. Nurse Ballard-Davies also spoke. Mrs. D. Edwards was organist.

"Merthyr Express" 13 May 1950

Pensioners Addressed Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., addressed the Fochriw Branch, O.A.P., at the Old Library on Tuesday, when he dealt with several matters of interest to the movement. Mr. J.J. Lewis presided.

Royal and Ancient Order of Buffaloes Celebrating the 37th anniversary of the Cwlwm y Brodoriaith Lodge of the R.A.O.B., 42 brethren sat down to supper prepared by Mrs. M.A. Davies. Conduct of the Lodge was handed over to Bro. Collins, who was assisted by Bro. J. Graham. An open evening followed, presided over by Bro. G. Williams. Several Brothers contributed to the harmony. Bro. J. Harding was the pianist.

Old Inhabitants Death Fochriw has sustained a great loss by the passing of one of the oldest inhabitants, Mr. John Lawrence, 2, Glyn-terrace. Born in Breconshire 71 years ago, he came to Fochriw with his parents when he was eleven months old, where he has lived the whole of his life. For many years, he was an official at the Fochriw Collieries of Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds. Later he became a road foreman under Gellygaer Council, until he retired in 1945. He was a very active member of the Methodist cause, having been an elder of Nazareth C.M. Church for many years, and the Church secretary for over 46 years. He was a well known figure at the monthly and district meetings of the Presbytery, and his advice will be greatly missed. In his young days he was a fine footballer, as a forward with Fochriw Stars' rugby team. A keen cyclist, he held many road-racing trophies. The funeral took place at Pentwyn

"Merthyr Express" 20 May 1950

Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held on Thursday presided over by Mrs. Phyllis Jones. The devotions were taken by Mrs. Irene Jones. An address was given by Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, on "Samson." Mrs. Lewis was thanked for her excellent address by Miss Edna Jones and Miss G. Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday presided over by Mr. A. Palmer (vice-chairman). Also present were Mr. Bob Rees, secretary, Mr. Iorwerth Evans, treasurer, and Mr. Tom Jones, welfare officer. The chief business was centred on film shows, the welfare officer and the other representative with him being very helpful in the discussion.

Band Revival There is feeling among bandsmen in the village to revive once more the Silver Band. It is hoped that all bandsmen in the village will rally at the meeting that is being called by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary. Now bandsmen, what about the "National" – right in our midst this year?

"Merthyr Express" 27 May 1950

Nazareth Sisterhood On Thursday, Miss Ann Davies gave an address, and also, sang a solo. Mrs. Mattie Lewis presided and the devotional part was taken by Mesdames G. Edwards and I. Jones. Thanks were given to Miss Davies by Mrs. Eluned Lawrence and Miss Gretta Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Ward Meeting On Thursday, a Labour ward meeting was held at Pantywaun, Coun. S. Lewis presiding. Symapthy was extended to Coun. Bate in his illness. Representatives from Deri and Fochriw were also present. A report was given by Mr. T. G. Uzzell and questions were answered by councilors.

Silver Band Coun. W. J. Payne presided at the Old Reading Room on Thursday over a meeting called to consider the revival of the Silver Band. The chairman called on the old members to come together again and revive the glories of the past, when Fochriw Band was a power in the band world. A number of young players were "ready for the ring," thanks to the fine coaching they had received before disbanding. Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, also made an earnest appeal, as did Mr. A.H. Wood and others. It was decided to call a practice on Thursday. A welcome is extended to all bandsmen.

Bible Society The British and Foreign Bible Society Fochriw Auxiliary's annual meeting was held at Nazareth on Wednesday, when the Rev. D.H. Morgan, Ton Pentre, spoke on "The World's New Bible's Answer." The meeting was convened by Mr. T.J. Jones. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Mattie Lewis, and prayer was offered by Miss Gretta Evans. The financial report given by Mr. Samuel Lewis, treasurer, was: Penybank £2 2s 4d; Aelybryn £2 12s 4d; Cae Glas £2 10s 9d; Brynteg £8 2s; Nazareth S.S. £1 7s 1d; Noddfa Church £3 5s; Mission Hall £1; Noddfa Sisterhood 10/6; total £17 8s 5d. Thanks were accorded by Mr. D. Thomas and Mr. T. Ballard. Mr. W.A. Davies was the organist.

"Merthyr Express" 3 June 1950

Late Mrs. A. Davies The funeral of the late Mrs. A. Davies took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. She was the daughter of the late Mr. W.C. Morgan, who was headmaster of Fochriw schools for many years

Son Succeeds Father Mr. Trevor Lawrence has been appointed secretary of Nazareth C.M. Church, in succession to his father, the late Mr. John Lawrence, who held the post for 46 years. On Sunday, the preacher was Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. The organist was Mr. T. Davies, and the conductor was Mr. W.A. Davies.

Parish Church Whit Sunday was observed at the Parish Church with celebrations of Holy Communion in the morning. The celebrant and preacher was the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar. The children's service in the afternoon was taken by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and in the evening, the service was conducted by the Vicar. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

Guest Organist At the North Riding Festival of Music at Thirsk, Yorkshire, last Sunday, the guest organist was Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas of Ampleforth College, Yorks, only son of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Thomas, "Bryn Gwyn," Fochriw. The main works were sung by massed choirs from all over the North Riding, and included works by Bach, Holst and Vaughan Williams. Mr. Ballard Thomas was accompanied to the festival by the Earl of Dumfries.

"Merthyr Express" 10 June 1950

S.S.A.F.A. Flag Day The annual flag day in aid of the Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen Families Association was held on Friday. The organiser, Mrs. W.J. Payne, wishes to thank the sellers and the public for their support. The following sums were realised: Shirley Lawrence and Pat Brown, £1 0s 3d; Lorna Rees and Pat Sullivan, 19s; Jean Price and Audrey Dummett, 11s 4 1/2d; Maureen Ralph and Mary Jones, 10s 3 1/2d; Ray Hurley and Jean Paul, 7s 3 1/2d; Sheila Lewis and Evelyn Jones, 5s 4 1/2d; total, £3 13s 7d.

Supper and Presentation Fochriw A.F.C. held their annual supper on Saturday. Mr. W. A. Davies, chairman of the club, presented Mr. B.J. Griffiths, a former player (now with Lovell's Athletic), with a chiming clock, on his gaining his Welsh Amateur cap last season. The supper was provided by the Ladies' Supporters' Club, and Mr. A.H. Wood presided. On behalf of the Ladies' Supporters' Club, Miss E. Evans, secretary, presented a cheque to the club.

Musical Honours Several honours in the world of music have recently been conferred on Mr. Huw Ballard-Thomas, son of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Thomas, of "Bryn Gwyn," Fochriw, who is tutor in literary studies at Ampleforth College, York. He was guest organist at the North Riding Choirs' Festival of Music held at Thirsk, and again at the Whitsuntide celebrations in honour of the Catholic martyrs at York, when he was responsible for the music and choral arrangements of the Pontifical Ceremonies, presided over by the Bishop of Brunner. He has now been specially invited to attend the North of England Festival of country dancing which is held annually at Malton, in June. He has recently assisted in reviving the famous Ampleforth sword dance, which had its first public performance for years at Ampleforth College Exhibition, held last week. Also invited to the Festival is the Earl of Dumfries, heir to the Marquis of Bute, who is to lead a team of dancers in some Highland reels. During the past few weeks, Mr. Ballard Thomas has been acting as organist of the Abbey Church during the absence in Rome of the senior organist Dom Laurence Bevenot, who is a well known authority on church music.

"Merthyr Express" 17 June 1950

Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held on Thursday last. Miss Edna E. Jones, the newly-elected president, presided. An address was given by Miss G. Evans, who was thanked by Mrs. D. Lewis. Mrs. M. Mantle read a portion of Scripture, and Miss Evans offered prayer. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Welfare Association Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. It was decided to accept a tender for painting the reading room. The financial statement was given by the treasurer.

Old Age Pensioners Association The Fochriw secretary of the Association thanks all inhabitants who helped make the recent house-to-house collection a success, and also, the following persons who took the boxes round the village and outskirts, namely: Mrs. Eva Rees & Mrs. A. Cumpstone; Brook-row district - £1 14s 3d; Mrs. M. Davies & Mrs. J. Lawrence, Aelybryn - £1 19s 10½d; Mrs. Des harding & Mrs. Tom Davies, Brynteg - £1 14s 8d; Mrs. Lucy Jenkins, Martin-street & part Railway-terrace - 12s 2d; Mrs. Ceinwen Williams, Dynevor-street an Pit-row, 15s 3½d; Miss Cassie Shankland, Guest-street and Williams-road - £1 0s 3d; Mrs. Hannah Pope and friend, Pentwyn and Penybank - £1 15s 10d; Mrs. Farley 4s; total £9 10s.

“Merthyr Express” 24 June 1950

Death of Mr. Arthur Ballard The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant in the person of Mr. Arthur Ballard, former headmaster of Penybank Primary School.

Sisterhood Outings The combined Sisterhoods of Noddfa and Nazareth held their annual outings on Saturday, when they visited the Vale of Glamorgan. The arrangements were carried out by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis and Mrs. Gwenda Pearce, The members of the Carmel Sewing Class also held their outing to the Vale of Glamorgan on Saturday. Mrs. A. Davies and Mrs. D. Brown were responsible for the trip.

Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when Rev. D.J. Davies, Brecon College, preached. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist, and the choirmaster was Mr. M. Shankland. The afternoon service was introduced by Mr. Gwyn Evans of Trefecca. The services were well attended.

Bufs Honoured A presentation and concert took place at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn, on Saturday, when tow brothers of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge were presented with a smokers' outfit - a token of appreciation for their long and meritorious service. Brother Ben Evans, R.O.H., who has been an active brother for 37 years was presented with his gift by Bro. A. Coggan, C.P. Bro W. Lewis, R.O.H., who has served the Order for 34 years, and is at present lodge secretary, also received his gift from Bro. Coggan. Congratulatory speeches were made by Bro. J.J. Lewis, and a visiting brother, Bro. O. G. Williams.

“Merthyr Express” 1 July 1950

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over the Sisterhood meeting on Thursday last. The Scripture was read by Mrs. E. Lawrence and the prayer was offered by Mrs. S.G. Parry. The speaker was Mrs. I. Trollope of Pontlloftyn who gave a paper on the 103rd Psalm. She was thanked by Mrs. Mantle and Mrs. Lawrence. A vote of sympathy was extended to Mrs. A. Ballard on the death of Mr. A. Ballard. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Noddfa Sunday School Anniversary A children's Sunday School anniversary service was held at Noddfa on Sunday evening. Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist. The following children took part: Howard Pearce, Margaret Morris, Irene Games, Herbert Jones, Rosemary Jones, Willie Edwards, Phyllis Jones, Delphine Chapman, Ann Morris, Peter Morgan, Lyn Williams, Philip Jones, Jennette Burrows, Margaret Morgan, Lorna Williams, Jill Parry, Joyce Evans, Ann Ballard, Keith Walters, Windsor Ballard, Shirley Thomas, Dawn Games, Eunice Jones and Margaret Jones.

Late Mr. Arthur Ballard, Brynteg-street, aged 62 The funeral took place on Friday at Glyntaff Crematorium of Mr. Arthur Ballard. He was head teacher of Penybank Primary School until his retirement last year. He was a faithful member of Carmel Congregational Church where he had been secretary for many years. The Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, formerly of Carmel, and the

Rev, E. Adams Evans officiated. The bearers were Messrs. Dan Jones, Dan Jenkins, Bob Rees, Sam Lewis and Iorwerth Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Thomas & Stephen Ballard (brothers); Ernest Cumpstone, Thomas Walters, Evan Williams (brothers-in-law); Idris, Bertie, Nicholas, Arthur and Cadvan Cumpstone, Willie Ballard, Haydn Jones, Griff Thomas, John Rees Jones (nephews); David Jones, Cyril Cook and Tom Davies (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. M.A. Ballard (wife); Miss Margaret Ballard (daughter); Mrs. E. Cumpstone, Mrs. B. Davies (sisters); Mrs. C. Walters, Mrs. M. Walters, Mrs. C. Ballard (sisters-in-law); I. & B. Cumpstone (nieces); R. Thomas (cousin).

“Merthyr Express” 8 July 1950

University Success In a recent examination at the University of South Wales and Monmouthshire, Miss Lorna Jenkins, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Jenkins, head teacher of Fochriw Primary School obtained an honours degree in French.

Sunday Schools’ Trip On Saturday last, the Sunday Schools of Carmel, Nazareth, Noddfa and St. Mary’s journeyed to Barry Island for their annual outing. The arrangements were made by Mr. Boobyer, stationmaster.

Colliery Death William Shankland, aged 35, single, of Guest-street, was killed by a fall of roof at Ogilvie Colliery, Deri, where he was employed as a conveyor turner. He was the son of Mrs. Kate Shankland, and the late Mr. Crad Shankland, Guest-street.

“Merthyr Express” 15 July 1950

“Jacob’s Well” Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the Sisterhood on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. Dilys Edwards, and prayer was offered by Miss G. Evans. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. M. Hancock of Pontlottyn, who gave a paper on “Jacob’s Well.” Thanks were accorded by Mrs. M. Lewis and Miss Evans. Mrs. I. Jones closed the meeting in prayer. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. K. Shankland in her bereavement.

Late Mr. Wm. Shankland, Guest-street, aged 35 years The funeral of Mr. Wm. Shankland took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Mr. Shankland lived with his widowed mother, Mrs. Kate Shankland. He met with a fatal accident while following his employment at Ogilvie Colliery on Sunday last. The Revs. E. Adams Evans and T.J. Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. E. Gittens, R. Gittoes, E.W. Jones, T. Kelly, G. Pugh and H. Jones. The chief mourners were: Meirion & Bob (brothers); Myrddin (brother-in-law); Islwyn (nephew); Tom, Crad, Idris & Emrys Shankland; J. E. Davies, H. Simpson, K. Owen, Willie & Clifford Lewis, D. Davies, D. Edwards, G. Williams, W. Ross (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. K. Shankland (motehr); Nellie, Jenny, Cassie, Bessie (sisters); Mesdames Lily M. Shankland, Ceridwen Chankland (sisters-in-law); May Hughes (niece); M. J. Owen, M. J. Edwards, S. A. Simpson, E. Shankland, G. Williams, M. Shankland, G. Lewis, Betty Simpson, M. Ross, J. Morris (cousins); Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Watkins, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Gittens, Mrs. Cumpstone.

“Merthyr Express” 22 July 1950

Football the prospects of football are again very rosy in the village for next season. Preparations are well in hand, and a good selection of players is available.

Sewing Class Outlook The Fochriw Sewing Class with their teacher Mrs. F. Evans of Deri, held their annual outing on Saturday, visiting Stratford-on-Avon.

Schools Outing On Friday, the Primary Schools of Fochriw and Penybank journeyed to Bristol, and visited the Zoo and Gardens. The pupils were in the charge of their headteachers, Messrs. D. Jenkins and T. Lawrence and staff.

Welfare Association Coun. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting at the New Hall. It was agreed to allow the football team the use of the field next season. It was agreed to fix a date with Mr. Horace Lindrum to give a billiards exhibition in September. An appeal was made to the older boys to refrain from playing in the children’s corner, which is for children under 14. The Treasurer gave the financial report.

“Merthyr Express” 29 July 1950

Music Success At the recent examinations in pianoforte playing held at Merthyr Tydfil, Miss Joyce Evans, Moore's-row, was successful in gaining high marks in Grade 1 section.

Noddfa Activities Mrs. Tyrrel, Rhymney, was the speaker at the Sisterhood last Thursday, when Miss E. E. Jones presided and read a portion of Scripture. Mrs. I. Jones led in prayer. A duet was rendered by Mrs. M. Lewis and Mrs. T. Lawrence. The speaker was thanked by Miss Gretta Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. Sisterhood Sunday was held at Noddfa on Sunday. Miss A. Meredith, Treorchy, was the visiting preacher. A children's service was held in the morning when Margaret Morgan read a portion of Scripture, and Irene Games led in prayer. Ann Morris gave a recitation and hymns were read by Jeanette Burrows, Herbert Jones, Willie Edwards and Philip Jones. An English service was held in the afternoon, when Miss Gwenda Pearce and Miss Gretta Evans took the devotions. A duet was sung by Mrs. H. Lewis and Mrs. T. Lawrence. In the evening a Welsh service was held and Mrs. Dilys Edwards and Mrs. Irene Jones led the devotions. The president at each service was Miss Edna E. Jones and the organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

"Merthyr Express" 19 August 1950

O.A.P. Outing On Tuesday, the Fochriw old age pensioners had their annual outing. This year, a tour around the Vale of Glamorgan by motor coaches was the choice. The secretary is Mr. T. Ballard, treasurer, Mr. John Davies, and the chairman, Mr. J.J. Lewis.

Dedication of Book In memory of the late Mr. Hugh Mantle, the Rev. E. Adams Evans, dedicated a beautiful book for the Communion table, at the Parish Church, on Sunday. Mr. Hugh Mantle, son of Mr. George and Mrs. Mantle, Aelybryn, was killed in action on H.M.S. Hardy during the last war. The book was the gift of his parents in memory of a brave son.

Silver Communion Service On Sunday evening, at Nazareth Church, a further tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. John Lawrence. Before the celebration of Holy Communion, a silver Communion service (inscribed) was dedicated to his memory for faithful service as deacon and secretary for over 45 years. The Communion service was presented by members of the church, and dedicated by the Rev. G. Davies, Ynysybwl, who said that the gift showed how great was the respect in which Mr. Lawrence was held by the church that its members should wish to perpetuate his memory in such a lovely way.

Davies - Davies The wedding took place at Carmel Church on August 12, of Gwyn T. Davies, youngest son of Mr. W.M. Davies and the late Mrs. M. Davies, The Villas, Aelybryn, and Miss Eleanor Davies, second daughter of Mr. & Mrs. D. Davies, Deynevor-street, Fochriw. Rev. E. Jones, Cilfynydd, late of Fochriw, officiated. Mr. T. Walters was at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a beige dress with brown accessories, and a spray of deep carnations. The bride was attended by the Misses Margaret Davies (sister), and Eliza Evans (cousin), who wore floral dresses with white accessories and sprays of pale pink carnations. The best man was Mr. Ellis Davies, cousin of the bridegroom. The groomsmen were Messrs. John Evans and Len Davies. The bride was presented with silver horseshoes by Miss Pat Brown and Kenneth Cook. Following a reception at the bride's home, where a large number of guests were present, the couple left for Blackpool where the honeymoon is being spent.

"Merthyr Express" 9 September 1950

Football Fochriw were away on Saturday to Ferndale in an Amateur League game. A very good game ended in a draw, two goals each.

Died in Hospital The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital on Saturday of a well-known resident, Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis, wife of Mr. David Lewis, newsagent, Fochriw. She had been ill for some time.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided over a meeting on Thursday last. A portion of Scripture was read by Mrs. M. Mantle and prayer was offered by Miss G. Evans. An address was given by Mrs. Whiteford of Dowlais. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Mrs. D. Jones. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

Noddfa The annual church services were held on Sunday, when the special preacher was Principal Edward Roberts, M.A., of Cardiff Baptist College. Mr. D.J. Thomas was the precentor and organist.

Musician's Death: Mr. W.J. Angell The funeral of Mr. W. John Angell of Aberdare (late of Fochriw), took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Meeting the cortege at Pentwyn was a large gathering of old friends. Mr. Angell had lived in the village for many years before going to Aberdare with his son, Mr. W. Angell. Another son, Mr. Lewis Angell, lives at Cardiff. Mr. Angell's wife, Gwen, died some years ago. During the time he was at Fochriw, Mr. Angell was well known as a musician and conductor of many prize-winning choirs. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel.

"Merthyr Express" 16 September 1950

Football Fochriw were at home to Abercynon in a cup round on Saturday, and lost 4-0.

Library and Institute Mr. Horace Lindrum, the Australian snooker and billiards champion, has accepted an invitation to give an exhibition on Monday, Sept. 18 at 6.30p.m.

"The Sacred Flame" On Wednesday week, the Pontllynn Amateur Dramatic Society performed "The Sacred Flame," in aid of the Fochriw O.A.P. organisation. Mrs. H. L. Farley presided. Mr. J. J. Lewis thanked the producer and company.

Late Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis The funeral of Mrs. E. Lewis aged 71, wife of Mr. David Lewis, newsagent, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Mrs. Lewis had lived almost all her life in the village. In her earlier days she was a teacher at Fochriw Infants' School and was a member of Carmel Church. The Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, officiated, assisted by Rev. B. Davies, Cardiff, and Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mourners were: Messrs. David Lewis (husband); Enoch & John Gwyn Lewis (sons); David I. Evans (brother); S. Lewis, J.P. (brother-in-law); John E. Edwards, Edryd & Garnant Jones, D. A. & John Evans, Graham & Islwyn Jones, W. McArthur, W. Hughes, Rev. B. Davies (nephews); Daniel James, David J. Jacob, W., C., & J. Ballard, J. C. Evans, Bargoed, D. Evans, R. Roberts, Bedlinog, James & Emrys Davies, Rees Evans, Carmarthen, D. Davies, Swansea (cousins). At the house: Mesdames E. & B. Lewis (daughters-in-law); E. Jones (sister); N. Evans (sister-in-law); B. Jones, Iris Jones, G. Jones, Misses E. Evans, M. McArthur (nieces); Mesdames E. McArthur, C. Thomas, M. A. Lewis (sisters-in-law); Eliz. Evans, Nellie Davies, Misses Elspeth Lewis, Alice Davies, Carmarthen, Mrs. M. James (cousins).

"Merthyr Express" 23 September 1950

Late Mrs. E. Sibley The death has occurred of Mrs. E. Sibley, wife of Mr. George Sibley, Aelybryn.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. E. Uzzle, Deri read the Scripture, and Miss G. Evans led in prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Carter, Deri, who gave a paper on "Witnesses and Spectators." She was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. Uzzle gave a solo. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. David Lewis in his recent bereavement.

Champion's Visit The billiards and snooker champion, and five times runner-up for the world championship, Mr. Horace Lindrum, paid a visit to the billiard hall at the invitation of the officers and committee of the Library and Institute. The chairman, Coun. W. J. Payne welcomed the champion. Mr. Owen Jones was selected as Mr. Lindrum's opponent at billiards, and at snooker, the opponent was Mr. Arthur Palmer, vice-chairman of the Institute. Both players put up an excellent show. Mr. Lindrum gave a display of trick shots at the close. He was thanked by the Vicar and Mr. Lindrum thanked all for the great welcome.

"Merthyr Express" 30 September 1950

Football Fochriw were away at St. Athan on Saturday in a League game. The game ended in a draw, 2-2.

Welfare Meeting Coun. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting on Friday at the New Hall, supported by Mr. A. Palmer, vice chairman, and Mr. R. Rees, secretary. Several matters were discussed including the visit of Mr. Horace Lindrum.

Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were: Sunday morning - the Vicar; afternoon - Coun. W. J. Payne; evening - Rev. T. J. Goodwin, Rector of Dowlais; Monday - Rev. Clements of Eglwysilan.

Late Mrs. Emily Sibley, Aelybryn, aged 76 The funeral of Mrs. Emily Sibley, wife of Mr. George Sibley, took place at Pant Cemetery, and was strictly private. Mrs. Sibley had lived almost all of her life in the village, and was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Evan Williams. Mr. Williams was an official at the old Fochriw Colliery. Mrs. Sibley had been confined to her bed for many years. Rev. Eurof Jones, Cilfynydd, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans, and Rev. T. J. Jones. The bearers were Messrs. James Davies, Harry Jones, Gomer Davies, Wm. Cook, Herbert Barlow and E. E. Cumpstone. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George Sibley (husband); Vincent & Brinley (sons); Dan Jones, Wm. Evans, Lewis H. Angell (sons-in-law); Tom Smith, Mordecai Williams, Clifford Davies, Ernie Sibley, Frank Wilton (nephews). At the house: Mrs. S. A. Jones, Mrs. E. Evans, Mrs. Crisley Angell (daughters); Mrs. J. Smith (grand daughter); Master Malcolm Angell (grandson); Mrs. S. Townsend, Somerset (sister-in-law); Mrs. M. Davies, Mrs. S. Chaffeu (nieces); Mrs. S. Cole and Mrs. Barlow (friends). The undertaker was Mr. David J. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 7 October 1950

Football Fochriw were at home to Garw in a South Wales Amateur League game on Saturday, winning 3-2.

Late Mrs. E. Sibley The names of Mrs. G. Jones, Mrs. M. Davies and Mrs. D. Jones were omitted from the list of mourners at the house.

Octogenarian's Funeral Mr. David Walters, Penybank, who was 80 years of age, and a well-known inhabitant of the village, was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Revs. W. Griffiths & T. J. Jones officiated.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at a meeting on Thursday last. The Scripture was taken by Mrs. M. Sheen who also gave a paper on “The Sabbath Day.” Thanks were accorded by Mrs. T. Lawrence and Mrs. M. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was at the organ.

Motor-Cycle Club A meeting was held at the Hall at which it was decided to form a Motor-Cycle Club in the village. Officers were appointed: Chairman, Mr. N. G. Thomas; treasurer, Mr. W. Abbey; secretary, Mr. T. I. Shankland, 11, Guest-street.

Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The celebrant was the Vicar, and the preachers on Sunday and Monday were Coun. W. J. Payne and Mr. C. M. Ralph. The organist was Miss M. Ralph.

“Merthyr Express” 14 October 1950

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Coun. Payne presiding. It was decided to hold a Christmas snooker handicap. Arrangements were made for a variety concert by a Tredegar party.

Hospital Service In connection with the National Hospital Service Reserve, a meeting was held at the Old Library on Tuesday, when representatives from various organisations were present. The speakers were Miss E. A. Gravenor, matron of Gellygaer Hospital, and Mr. Thomas, finance officer of the Rhymney and Sirhowy Hospital Management Committee. The speakers were introduced by Coun. W. J. Payne. A further meeting was arranged for October 26th.

Late Mr. Ronald Beale, Aelybryn, aged 17 The funeral of Mr. Ronald Beale, son of Mr. Mrs. T. Beale, Aelybryn, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday. Mr. Beale died at Mardy Hospital, where he had been seriously ill. The funeral was a very representative one, the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Mr. T. Beale (father); D. & W. T. Beale (brothers); D., E. & C. H. Beale, C. Williams, E. F. & I. Prosser, J. Thomas, J. Bailey, G. Carter, J. Clevey (uncles); I. Bowen, T. J. Meredith, T. J. Prosser

(cousins). At the house: Mrs. M. Beale (mother); Mesdames H. Williams, E. Rogers, V. Williams, B. Puddle, A. Prosser, J. Bowen, E. Clevey, E. Prosser, O. Bailey, A. Prosser (aunts); G. O'Sullivan (cousin); M. Carter, E. Shankland, M. Woods.

“Merthyr Express” 21 October 1950

Nazareth Annual Meetings The annual meetings of Nazareth were held on Sunday, when the Rev. H.G. Davies, Ynysybwl, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. Willie A. Davies, with Mr. David J. Davies at the organ.

“Grand Harbour” Next Stop Mrs. Davies, wife of A.C.1 J.J. Davies, F.M.E., stationed at Malta, the second son of Mr. & Mrs. D. Evans, Guest-street, left by air on Saturday to join her husband, who is at present stationed with the Royal Air Force in Malta. During the war, Mrs. Davies was a telephonist, stationed in London and Cornwall.

“Sheaf of Corn” A harvest thanksgiving service was held at Noddfa Sisterhood on Thursday. Miss Edna E. Jones presided, and took the reading. Mrs. Irene Jones offered prayer. A solo was rendered by Miss G. Evans and a recitation was given by Mrs. I. Jones. A paper was given by Mrs. Dilys Edwards entitled “A Sheaf of Corn.” Mrs. Edwards also gave a solo after her paper. Thanks were accorded by Miss M. Sheen and Miss Evans. Mrs. A. Davies was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 28 October 1950

Nazareth On Sunday the pulpit was occupied by Mr. W. Adams Jones, headteacher of Trelewis School, and an old Fochriw boy.

Bible Society Thanks The secretary, Mr. T.J. James, and treasurer, Mr. S. Lewis, wish to thank the contributors and collectors for their help to the British and Foreign Bible Society, in the recent house-to-house collection, which were as follows: Penybank and Pentwyn: Mr. Dd. Love, £1 11s 8d; Cae Glas: Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Morris, £2 13s 8d; Aelybryn: Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. E. Thomas, £2 1s 7d; Brynteg: Mrs. E. Rees and Mrs. Walters, £3 10s 4d; total £9 17s 3d.

“To Kill A Cat” At the New Hall on Thursday evening, the St. Margaret's Amateur Players staged the three-act play “To Kill a Cat” (Ronald Pertwee and Harold Dearden. The play was produced by Mr. W. Madley. Coun. W.J. Payne presided and complimented the producer and company, and also said that the company had given their services free. The Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, also thanked the company. The ladies of the church entertained the company to refreshments after the performance.

“Merthyr Express” 4 November 1950

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at a meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Gwenda Pearce took the reading And Miss G. Evans offered prayer. A paper was given by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis of Nazareth on “Sacrifices.” She was thanked by Mrs. K. Walters and Miss Evans. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

“Merthyr Express” 11 November 1950

Football Fochriw played Ystrad Mynach Old Boys in a League match at home on Saturday. Fochriw were in great form, winning 11-1.

Late Mr. Joseph Wellings Mr. Joseph Wellings, aged 81, formerly of Plantation-street, was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. The body was conveyed from London, where Mr. Wellings had lived with his niece for the last few years. He had been an official at the local collieries for many years.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at a meeting on Friday. Good wishes for a speedy recovery were passed with Mr. Iorwerth Evans, treasurer, who is still in hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 18 November 1950

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Gwenda Pearce, vice-president, presided over the meeting on Thursday, when the devotional part was taken by Mesdames M. Sheen and S.G. Parry. A paper was given on “Power of Prayer” by Mrs. D. Edwards. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. I. Jones, who also closed the meeting in prayer.

Variety Concert At the New Hall on Thursday evening, a variety concert was given by the Tredegar Amateur Variety Party (Merrymakers) in aid of the Fochriw Institute. Coun. W.J. Payne presided.

Remembrance Service A remembrance service was held at the Parish Church on Sunday, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the organ. Wreaths were laid at the Memorial Window on behalf of the men's and women's sections of the British Legion, and the Mothers' Union. Flowers and poppies were also placed on the altar in memory of the fallen.

Football Fochriw were at home on Saturday to Wattstown, and won by 2 goals to 1.

Late Mr. W.H. Way The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. W.H. Way, Aelybryn, aged 59. He had attended the Parish Church, and was a sidesman, for many years. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated and the Vicar was also present. Mr. Way was an ex-serviceman, and took an active interest in the British Legion. The mourners were: Messrs. Tommy Cochram (son-in-law); David & Frank Way (brothers); W.R. Lewis, Tom Lewis, Stewart Jones, David Lewis, Tom Shankland, C. Quick, W. Angell (brothers-in-law); Wm. Lewis (uncle); Wm. Way, Frank Way, Bert Yeo, Rufus Wood, Vin Wood, Attwell Wood, Gordon Way, David Harris, Evan Harris, Will Harris, James Jones, John Jones, David Jones, Arthur Rowbottom Tudor Evans, Elfed Lewis, Thos. R. Lewis, Evan Morris, Evan Lewis, Will James (cousins); Graham & Bryn Cumpstone, Gwyn Angell (nephews); Ken Brook, Harry Evans, Ted Clark. At the house were: Mrs. C. Way (widow); Thelma Way, Joan Cochram (daughters); Mesdames Eliza Jones (sister); Annie Way, R.M. Cumpstone, Olive Lewis, Ellen Angell, Eliz. Shankland, Rona Quick, Edith Lewis (sisters-in-law); Margt. Davies, Bella Harris, Mary A. Lewis (aunts); Grace Wood, Elsie Skym, Lena Davies, Gwladys Edwards, Ruth Edwards, Eirlys Deacon, Sarah Jones, Mary Jones, Maggie Rowbottom (cousins); Mrs. Eurof Jones, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Peggy Low, Mrs. Ann Coleman, Mrs. Ivy Adams, Mrs. P. Rees. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 25 November 1950

Still Winning Fochriw entertained Treharris on Saturday and maintained their winning form, winning by 5 goals to nil. The football on both sides was of a high standard, and matters were even until the home side settled down. At half time, Fochriw led 2 – 0. On resuming, Fochriw quickly added to their score. Unfortunately, injuries depleted both sides, but the enthusiasm and spirit still prevailed. It was again proved that Fochriw are a side to be reckoned with. Scorers: Glyn Jones 2, Doug Jones, D. Hollifield, J. Evans (penalty).

Late Mr. W.H. Way In last week's funeral report, the names of Graham and Winnie were omitted from the list of wreaths.

“Merthyr Express” 2 December 1950

Sisterhood Mrs. G. Pearce, vice president, presided at the Sisterhood on Thursday last. The reading was taken by Mrs. I. Jones and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Sam Lewis, Glyn Terrace, who gave a paper on “Blessings.” Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. T. Evans, Deri, gave solos. Thanks to the speaker were given by Mrs. T. Lawrence and Mrs. S. G. Parry, and Mrs. Lewis responded. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 9 December 1950

Old Inhabitants Die The deaths have occurred of two very old inhabitants of the village: Mr. D. J. Griffiths of 4, Dynevor-street, and Mrs. Mary Thomas of 18, Martin-street. Both were highly respected.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. Williams George Davies of 13, Dynevor-street, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday. Mrs. Davies is the possessor of a beautiful contralto voice, and has sung in many well-known choirs. Mr. Davies has worked in the coal-mines for 61 years, and only recently retired. They are members of Carmel Church.

Late Mr. Melvyn Lloyd, 18, Martin-street, aged 21 The death has occurred of Mr. Melvyn Lloyd, the son of Mrs. A. G. Lloyd, and the late Mr. Lloyd. He had served in the R.A.F.. The

funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The bearers were Messrs. D. J. Evans, D. Mantle, E. Shankland and L. Hollister of the Youth Club. Revs. T. J. Jones, E. Adams Evans, Latimer Williams and Dewi Morgan officiated at the house and graveside. Mourners were: Messrs. Gwynlais Lloyd (brother); E. Lloyd, David & Howell Thomas, D. Uzzell, David Saunders, Rev. Harding, Thomas Walters (uncles); Lewis & J. H. Evans, Howell & Glyn Thomas, J. Uzzell, Glanmor Thomas, M. Weaver, L. Evans, G. Jenkins (cousins). At the house: Mrs. A. G. Lloyd (mother); Myra Lloyd (sister); Mesdames M. Thomas (grand mother); - Walters, H. Thomas, Sarah Thomas (aunts); Lucy, Gretta, Glenys (cousins).

“Merthyr Express” 16 December 1950

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. G. Pearce, vice-president, presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. D. Jones read a portion of Scripture, and Mrs. Irene Jones prayed. An address was given by Mrs. M. Lewis of Tredegar, who also rendered a solo. Thanks were accorded Mrs. Lewis by Mrs. S.G. Parry and Mrs. Jones. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Late Mr. D.J. Griffiths The death has occurred of a respected inhabitant, Mr. David J. Griffiths, 4. Dynevor-street, at the age of 77. He had given his services to many movements in the village. The funeral took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. T.J. Jones officiating. The mourners were: Mr. Bernard Brown (son-in-law); Mr. Henry Griffiths (brother); Mr. Wm. G. Davies (brother-in-law); Messrs. Wm. Fox, John Walters and Alan Burows. At the house were: Mrs. Doreen Brown (daughter); Pat Brown (grand-daughter); Mesdames Mary Ann Williams and Sarah Davies (sisters); Mary Ann Walters, Gladys Jones, Ruth Fox, Annie Davies (nieces). Representing the old age pensioners were Messrs. Thomas Evans, J.L. Lewis, Richard Evans, Mordecai Williams, James Davies and Albert Marshelsea.

Late Mrs. M. Thomas The funeral of Mrs. Mary Thomas, widow of the late Mr. Jenkin Thomas, 18, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn churchyard on Thursday. Aged 79, Mrs. Thomas had lived in the village all her life, and was held in high esteem. The bearers were Messrs. A. Marshallsea, D.M. James, P. Illes, W. Hughes, D.C. Jones, C. Shankland, T. Thomas. The Revs. T.J. Jones and E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. David and Howell Thomas (sons); D. Uzzell, D. Saunders (sons-in-law); T. Walters (brother-in-law); J. Uzzell, Glanmor Thomas, Islwyn Saunders, Gwynlais John, Morgan Weaver, Lindsey Coggan (grandsons); Lewis Evans, J.H. Evans, P.G. Hann (nephews). At the house were: Margaret and Annie Gwen (daughters); Rose (daughter-in-law); Mesdames C. Walters, C. Thomas, S. Thomas (sisters-in-law)); Myrn, Maggie May, Glenys, Evelyn, Mattie and Peggy (grand-daughters); Lucy & Gretta (nieces). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

Former Inhabitant's Funeral The funeral of Mr. Elwyn Lewis of Rhymney took place at Rhymney Cemetery on Saturday. Mr. Lewis was the son of Mrs. M.J. Owen, Dynevor-street, Fochriw. He sustained a serious accident at Taff-Merthyr Colliery two years ago. He was a member of the Fochriw Silver Band, and the bearers were formed from members of the band. Rev. W. Cooper Lewis, vicar of Rhymney, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar of Fochriw, officiated. The mourners were: Mr. A.K. Owen (step-father); Messrs. W.J. & A.C. Lewis (brothers); W. Ross, A. Fear, R. Fear, B. Lyons, T. Weech, A. Thomas (brothers-in-law); T.J. James, J. James, C. Shankland, R. Lewis, S.V. James (cousins); Ray Davies, Delwyn Richards. At the house were: Mrs. E. Lewis (wife); Mrs. M.J. Owen (mother); Mr. E.J. Fear (father-in-law); Mrs. M. Ross (sister); Mesdames G. Lewis, G.M. Lewis, M. Weech, F.M. Dodd, M. Fear, Mary Fear, D. Fear (sisters-in-law); Mr. E. Fear (brother-in-law); Mrs. R. & B. Lewis (aunts); Mrs. T.J. James, Mrs. C. & N. & T. Shankland, Mrs. G. James (cousins); Nurse Greenaway. The bearers were Messrs. B. Lewis, D.J. Davies, W. Edwards. G. Burrows, J. Mantle, C. Shankland. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. S.V. Powell, undertaker and builder, Fochriw.

Golden Wedding Mr. and Mrs. William George Davies, 13, Dynevor-street, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday week. Mr. Davies worked in the mines for 61 years until his retirement, while Mrs. Davies is well known as a contralto singer. She has been a member of

many well known choirs. Both Mr. & Mrs. Davies are members of Carmel Chapel. [with photograph]

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Music Success At the recent Royal Schools of Music examination in pianoforte playing held at Merthyr Tydfil, Miss Joyce Evans, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Evans, Brook-row, was successful in Elementary Grade II.

Sewing Class Supper The annual supper took place last week at Farley’s Restaurant. Mrs. F. Evans is the teacher and a vote of thanks was moved by Nurse Ballard Davies and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence. The secretary is Mrs. Ethel Rowlands and the treasurer Mrs. C. Shankland.

Motor-Cycle Club Dance The first annual dance was held at the Mayfair Ballroom, Pontlottyn. The M.C.s were Mr. Cadvan Cumpstone and Mr. John Lewis. Music was supplied by the St. Louis Dance Orchestra. The refreshments were served by Mrs. M. H. Morgan, Mrs. M. Burrows, Mrs. Lucy Jenkins and Mrs. M. Sheen. Electricity interference was suffered so another dance will be held on Jan. 19. The secretary is Mr. T. I. Shankland.