

### **“Merthyr Express” 2 January 1960**

Carol Service A carol service was held at Noddfa on Christmas morning, when Miss Margaret Morris presided. Miss Ann Morris was the conductor. Lynn James read a portion of Scripture, and Michael Jenkins led in prayer. A solo was given by Susan Thomas and Rita Jones recited. Clive Gittoes ended the service with a prayer. The organist was Mr. Willie Edwards.

Carmel Sunday School On Sunday, December 20, the Carmel Sunday School pupils were responsible for the evening service. In the first part, the children recited and the Choir sang carols. The children who took part were: Ian Robertson, Lily Lewis, Alison Evans, Lynn Gadsby, Aloine Rolasinski, Carol Powell, Teresa Rolasinski, Mary Walding, Jennifer Thomas, Malcolm Lewis, Sonia Dummett, Diane Robertson, Susan Kent, Briam Cockram, Christopher Powell, David Watkins, Barbara Robertson, Jeannette Kolasinski, Philip Jones, Lynne Hann, Janette Hann, Glorenda Jones & Sandra Kent. A Nativity play was then performed. Those taking part were: Alison Davies, Carl Blunt, Robert Thomas, Barbara Robertson, Jennifer Thomas, Jeannette Kolasinski, Mr. Neville Hann, Derek Hann, Ralph Cockram, Maldwyn Gittens, Emrys Parry, Malcolm Lewis, Martin Lewis, Lawrence Blunt, Ian Lewis, Miss Joyce Lewis, Miss Margaret Shankland, Miss Wendy Hann. Nurse B. Davies presided, and the accompanist was Miss Jean Davies.

### **“Merthyr Express” 9 January 1960**

Watchnight Service A Watchnight service was held at the Parish Church on New Year's Eve. It was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a short address. The lessons were read by Coun. W. J. Payne.

Music Examinations In the December examinations of the London College of Music held in Cardiff, the following pupils of Mr. Thomas Walters were successful: Advanced (Grade VIII) Senior Final - Mr. W. T. Edwards, 8, Pleasant View; Senior - Miss Jean E. Davies, 2, Plantation Terrace; Intermediate - Miss Janet Brown, Pontlottyn; Higher Junior - Miss Susan Thomas, 20, Brook Row; Junior - Miss Barbara Robinson, 27, Heol y Bryn, Council Houses; Preparatory - Miss Olive Mat Titcomb, 19, Aelybryn.

### **“Merthyr Express” 16 January 1960**

Death the death has occurred of Mrs. F. M. Adams of Guest Street, widow of Mr. Arthur Adams. She was highly respected in the village.

Music Success Mr. Willie Edwards, son of Mrs. Dilys Edwards, and the late Mr. B. Edwards, The Anchorage, Pleasant View, has passed the advanced senior (Grade VIII) final examination in piano playing at the December examinations.

Sisterhood A meeting of the Noddfa Sisterhood was held last Thursday, Miss Edna E. Jones presiding. The reading was taken by Mrs. May Davies and Nurse Lewis led in prayer. The address was given by Mrs. W. A. Davies, Aelybryn, who was thanked by the president and Nurse Lewis. The organist was Mrs. Elsie Rees.

### **“Merthyr Express” 23 January 1959**

Sunday Schools' Association On Monday evening at the Parish Church, the Sunday Schools' Association met. There were representatives from several parishes. The address was given by the Vicar. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones. Refreshments were provided by the ladies of the church.

Party The Sunday School children of St. Mary's Church were entertained to a New Year's Tea at the New Hall last week. Competitions and games followed the tea. Every child was given a present. The Sunday School teachers - the Vicar, Miss Lorna Rees, Miss Betty Fox, Miss Janice Lawrence and Mr. John Palmer, attended the tables and supervised the games.

Late Mrs. Adams The funeral of Mrs. Florence Maud Adams, 21, Guest Street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. Her husband, Mr. Arthur Adams, died some years ago. She was a faithful member of the Parish Church. All members of the family were present. The vicar officiated. The organist was Mr. Archie W. Adams. The mourners were: Messrs. Archie W. Adams (son); Wm. Curtis (brother); Keith Walters (grandson); John Walters, George Todd, Albert Rogers, Chris Deverill, Wm. McGregor, Albert Everitt (sons-in-law);

Thomas Jones, Wm. Hughes (brothers-in-law); James Jones, Norman Hughes, Gordon Smith (nephews); Coun. Richard Williams (cousin); Thomas Stanfield, Frank Wilton, Eber Watkins, James Lawrence, Dan Jenkins, W. J. Payne. At the house were Mesdames Ivy Walters, Caranda Everitt, Sylvia Rogers, Frances Todd, Joan McGregor, Gertrude Deverill (daughters); Miss Susan Rogers, Miss Alison Deverill (grand daughters); Mesdames Mabel Thomas, Ivy Jones (sisters); Mary Curtis (sister-in-law); Miss Linda Thomas, Mrs. Doris Smith (nieces); Mrs. Anne Williams (cousin); Mrs. Annie Walters, Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Burroughs (friends). The bearers were Messrs. Reginald Gittoes, Glyn Burroughs, Glyn Jenkins, Ernest Sibley.

**“Merthyr Express” 30 January 1960**

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday. The president also gave the address and Mrs. Blod Evans read a portion of Scripture. Mrs. D. Edwards led in prayer.

**“Merthyr Express” 6 February 1960**

Welfare Association A meeting took place at the New Hall on Thursday, Coun. Payne presiding. Also present were Mr. W. Powell, vice chairman, Mr. Frank Jenkins, treasurer, and Mr. Cyril Davies, secretary. Reports on the lending library, the billiards hall, the old reading room, and correspondence from the welfare organiser came up for discussion. The treasurer gave the financial report. Arrangements were made to hold the annual meeting this month.

**“Merthyr Express” 13 February 1960**

Ward Meeting The ward Labour Party held a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday evening last, Coun. Payne presiding, and giving a detailed report on Council activities, and answering questions.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E.E. Jones presided on Thursday last. Mrs. D. Edwards read the Scriptures, and Mrs. Mitchell led in prayer. The Rev. T.J. Jones gave an inspiring address. He was thanked by Miss Jones, Nurse Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

Treasurer, Mr. Sam Lewis, J.P., Honoured On a recent Sunday evening, a presentation service was held at Carmel Congregational Chapel, in honour of the church secretary, Mr. Samuel Lewis, J.P., and Mrs. Lewis. Mr. Lewis has given 25 years service as treasurer, and is hoping to carry on for many more. A large congregation afterwards showered their best wishes on him and Mrs. Lewis for their valuable services to Carmel. The following members spoke very highly of them: Mrs. Elsie Rees, Mrs. Annie Davies, Mrs. Blod Evans, Mrs. Mary Evans, Mr. Meirion Shankland. Nurse Ballard Davies, deaconess, presented Mr. Lewis with a fire-side chair, also a cheque. Mr. W.A. Davies presented Mrs. M.A. Lewis with a bouquet of tulips. Mr. & Mrs. Lewis thanked the members of Carmel for their kind thoughts and praises. Mr. W.A. Davies, a fellow deacon and Finance Secretary, read two letters, one from the Rev. Eurof Jones and family, Bethania, Cwmavon, Port Talbot, and the other from the Rev. Brython and Mrs. Ceridwen Davies, Buckley, Flintshire, niece and nephew of Mr. Lewis. Messages of congratulation also came from Nurse Mimi Lewis; Miss Maria Jones, Superintendent of Carmel Sunday School, and Rev. Hugh Parry, Blackwood. Joyful singing, and a prayer by Rev. Hugh Parry, ended the proceedings. Organist: Mr. M. Shankland. Chairman, Mr. T. Walters.

**“Merthyr Express” 20 February 1960**

Death The death has taken place very suddenly of Mrs. M. A. Price, wife of Mr. T. Price, Pontlottyn Road. She was well known and highly respected in the village.

**“Merthyr Express” 27 February 1960**

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday. Miss E. Jones presided. Scripture was read by Mrs. Doris Jones and Mrs. M. Mitchell led in prayer. An address was given by Mrs. May Davies, Aelybryn, who was thanked by the president, Mrs. E. Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell.

Thanksgiving Service A thanksgiving service was held at the Parish Church on Friday evening by the Vicar to mark the birth of a son to the Queen.

### **“Merthyr Express” 5 March 1960**

Late Mr. E. Evans The death has occurred of Mr. Emllyn Evans, the Post Office, Fochriw. He was well known in the locality and was held in high esteem.

New Minister At Nazareth Chapel on Monday evening, a welcome was extended to Rev. Ieuan Tegfryn Jones, Rhymney. Mr. W. A. Davies presided. Devotions were led by Mrs. Doris Jones and Mrs. Mattie Lewis. Mrs. Pugh and Mrs. Mitchell spoke on behalf of Nazareth; Rev. Evan Sedgemore on behalf of the Church; T. J. Jones on behalf of Noddfa; David Thomas, The Mission; Mrs. Uzzell for the chapel at Deri; Nurse Ballard Davies for Carmel Chapel; and Alderman Joseph Williams, Rhymney. The organist was Mr. W. A. Davies.

Religious Play After evensong at the Parish Church, the Vicar presided over a performance of “The Bright Star,” by the Sunday School pupils. The proceeds were in aid of the World Refugee year Fund. The children performed their parts with credit. Praise is due to their teachers.

Late Mrs. Price Mrs. M. A. Price, wife of Mr. Tom Price, 22. Pontlottyn Road, has died at the age of 64. She spent her whole life in the village. The funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard was conducted by the Rev. Ieuan Tegfryn Jones, Rhymney. The mourners were: Messrs. Tom Price (husband); Tommy & Emrys (sons); Emrys Jones (brother); John Cole, Idris Williams (sons-in-law); Charlie & Willie Price (brothers-in-law); Frank James, Islwyn Cooksey, John Chandler, Pat MacDonald, Melvyn Edwards. At the house were: Annie, Betty, Margaret. Mary (daughters); Florrie & Jane (sisters); Violet (sister-in-law); Mary, Caerphilly; Ann, Brithdir; Violet, Deri; Martha, Rhymney; Tyd, Phillipstown; Louise, Caerphilly; Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Cross, Violet, Deri.

Boys Club Project A committee has been set up in Fochriw, under the chairmanship of Mr. Tudor Moon, to form a club to provide recreational facilities for boys of 12 years and upwards from the Fochriw District. Other officers appointed are Messrs. Billy Davies (vice-chairman); Glyndwr Jenkins (secretary); Gerald Gwynne (treasurer). The Welfare Committee has lent them two rooms that they are improving and decorating. They also hope to make a lot of their own equipment, and have already commenced work on a table tennis table. Three football teams are at present in existence with a fairly complete fixture list. Also, they have provided entries for the N.C.B. boxing championships. It is hoped to include art and drama as well as training in craft. Their present needs are for gymnastic and craft equipment. Also, voluntary, trained leaders would be welcomed.

### **“Merthyr Express” 12 March 1960**

Three Plays On Thursday at the New Hall, three plays were produced by the Brithdir and Pontlottyn Youth Centres. The plays were in connection with the East Glamorgan Youth Association Drama Festival.

Nazareth Chapel A welcome tea for the Rev. and Mrs. I. T. Jones was served by Mesdames Grace Edwards, A. Hollifield, Marion Gittoes, Muriel Jarman, Joan Owen, Olwen Lewis, and Miss Beatrice Jones. Taking part in the concert presided over by Mrs. Edith Parry Lewis were Misses Ann Hughes, Angela Owen, Calre Mitchell, Betty Pugh, Doris Hollifield, Gwyneira Gittoes, Marilyn Hollifield.

Tae And Presentation On Shrove Tuesday at the New Hall, the members of the Parish Church Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild held a Pancake Tea. The enrolling member, Mrs. Sedgemore, presented Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Davies with a set of glass fruit dishes as a wedding present. Other speakers were the Vicar, Coun. W. J. Payne, Mesdames Davey, Palmer, Lawrence, S. Davies, J. Lawrence, Llewellyn, Jones & Davies, Mr. Gillard, and Miss O. M. Payne. Mr. & Mrs. Davies responded.

Late Mr. E. Evans The funeral of the late Mr. Emllyn Evans, the Post Office, took place at Glyntaff Crematorium on Wednesday last. The officiating ministers were Rev. A. Grant (Seion, Rhymney) and Rev. E. Sedgemore, Fochriw. Mourners at the Crematorium were: Michael (son); Melville (brother); David & Mervyn (nephews); Dave & Gomer (brothers-in-law); John Owen, Ben Richards, James Lawrence (uncles); John & Bryn Richards, John

Owen, Havard Walters, Idris Williams (cousins). At the house were: Olwen (wife); Mary (sister); Nellie Jessie, Edna (sisters-in-law); Jessie Maud Lawrence (aunt); Sarah, Moira, Betty, Minnie, Mary (friends).

Boys' Club Following the report of the formation of a Boys' Club, the local response has been very satisfactory. Gym equipment has been loaned by Bargoed Y.M.C.A., and as a result of a meeting at the weekend, more new leaders have come forward. Two football matches have been played. The under 18's drew, 1-1, with an all-age Tredegar 'Red and White' team. The under 15's played Bargoed Y.M.C.A. and lost 1-0. Plans for an official opening of the club are in hand, but the committee is anxious that the newly renovated premises should be in tip-top condition before being seen by the public.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 19 March 1960**

Late Mrs. R. A. Powell Mrs. Rachel Ann Powell, 12, Hillside, has died at the age of 73. Before coming to Fochrw, Mrs. Powell had lived at Pontlottyn for many years. She was a member of St. Tyfaelog's Church where a funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. R. Hughes and Rev. George Pritchard (cousin of Mrs. Powell). The interment took place at Rhymney.

Welfare Association The annual meeting took place on Thursday at the New Hall. Coun. W. J. Payne presided. The chairman reviewed the last year's work. One of the rooms had been painted and decorated voluntarily by the committee members. The Boys' Club had been granted the use of two rooms at the Old Reading Room and had redecorated them. Both the indoor and outdoor schemes showed a financial balance. The lending library is very successful. The new caretaker, Mr. W. Ballard, has been appointed to the Billiard Hall, owing to the retirement of Mr. C. Edwards. The following officers were appointed: president, Coun. W. J. Payne; chairman, Mr. T. Powell; vice-chairman, Mr. Jack Jones; secretary, Cyril Davies; treasurer, Frank Jenkins; librarian, Mrs. T. Lewis; Committee members: Messrs. Bob Rees, Des Evans, D. Ballard, L. Everett, J. Bishop, O. Perry, Del Jones, S. Powell, Gwynfor Davies, Glyn Jenkins, Gerald Gwynne, Phillip Jones, P.C. Southworth.

Lenten Services On Tuesday evening, the preacher at the Parish Church was the Rev. Edward Lewis, Vicar of Bargoed, with the Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore, conducting the service. Mr. Frank Jones was the organist. The preacher on Sunday was the Vicar of Tongwynlais, with Mr. John Palmer conducting the service.

Concert At the New Hall on Thursday last, a variety concert was given by the Dixielanders' Concert Party, Aberdare. The event had been organised by the Ladies' Supporters' Committee of the O.A.P. The chairman was Coun. W. J. Payne. Officers of the Committee are: secretary, Mrs. Joan Owen; treasurer, Miss Shankland; chairman, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence; vice-chairman, Mrs. Lewis.

Late Mr. Richard Jones: Former Fochriw Resident The funeral of Mr. Richard Jones of Caldicot took place last Tuesday. Mr. Jones was a native of Fochriw, and lived in the village until his family moved to Caldicot six years ago. He had worked at the Royal Naval Propellant Factory at Caerwent for 17 years, where he was chief examiner (iron ore). A faithful member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Magor, he was also an accredited lay preacher, and served many churches in the district. He is survived by a wife and three children. The mourners were: Mrs. Irene Jones (wife); Herbert, Phyllis, Megan (children); Mr. & Mrs. Thomas John Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Evan Wm. Jones (brothers & sisters-in-law); Mrs. Ada Jones (mother); Mr. & Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. & Mrs. D. Williams (sister & brother-in-law); Mrs. E. John (sister).

#### **"Merthyr Express" 26 March 1960**

Late Mrs. Annie J. Jones Mrs. Annie J. Jones, a native of Fochriw, has died at the age of 84. Mrs. Jones, who was the widow of Mr. Walter Jones, School Attendance Officer, had lived at Ogmere Vale for 30 years. The Rev. Harris officiated at the private funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard.

World Refugee Fund On Sunday, a meeting was held after the evening service at the Parish Church, in connection with World Refugee Fund. Each church in the village was represented. It was decided that a house to house collection be made in the village, split into districts, each place of worship to be responsible for a district.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday. The devotions were taken by Nurse M. Lewis. Mrs. Mitchel and Mrs. M. Hopkins sang. The address was given by Miss M. Hopkins of New Tredegar. The organists were Mrs. D. Edwards and Miss M. Hopkins.

**“Merthyr Express” 2 April 1960**

Lenten Service The Sunday morning service was conducted by the Vicar. In the evening, the preacher was Coun. Payne and the lessons were read by Mr. John Palmer. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones. On Tuesday evening, the preacher was the Rev. W. R. Hughes, Vicar of Pontlottyn.

**“Merthyr Express” 9 April 1960**

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last. Miss Edna Jones was president, and the devotions were taken by Mrs. Edith M. Lewis, who also gave an address. Thanks were accorded by the president and Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

**“Merthyr Express” 23 April 1960**

Ambulance Worker Honoured Mr. Thomas Thomas, Dynevor Street, was made a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John, at a recent ceremony in Cardiff.

Palm Sunday Many people visited the old church at the top of the hill at Pentwyn on Sunday, and during the week, to place flowers on the graves. On Sunday afternoon, a service was held at the old church of St. Andrew, attended by a large congregation. The Vicar preached, and Coun. Payne read the lessons.

United Free Churches Religious meetings under the auspices of the United Free Churches were held on Good Friday at Nazareth. At a prayer meeting in the morning, Mrs. Bronwen Ballard Davies presided. In the evening, the guest preacher was Rev. Teifionydd Hughes, Troedryhiw. The president was Rev. T. J. Jones, and the organist, Mr. W. A. Davies. There was a very good attendance at both meetings.

Late Mrs. P. M. Powell The funeral of Mrs. Phyllis Mary Powell, 12, Hillside, Fochriw, took place last week at Rhymney Cemetery. She was 49. The Vicar of Pontlottyn conducted the service at the house and Cemetery. Mourners were: Messrs. Thomas J. & George Powell (brothers); Catherine West, Beatrice Brinklow (sisters); Mrs. Trigg, Mrs. Lynch (aunts); Mrs. Powell, Mr. Brinklow, Mr. West (sister & brothers-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. H. Trigg, J. Trigg, L. Trigg (cousins); Emily, Lizzie, John, Mr. & Mrs. Meirion Shankland & Margaret, Mrs. R. Chapman, Mr. J. H. Saunders, Ted Chapman, Ronald (cousins). The bearers were Messrs. Arthur Palmer, T. Bedford, w. Jenkins, W. Waters, A. Kent, P. Harding, J. J. John, J. Brown.

Parish Church The services on Good Friday and the morning of Easter Day were conducted by the Vicar. In the evening the preacher was Coun. Payne. There were large attendances at the communion services.

**“Merthyr Express” 7 May 1960**

Returned Unopposed Councillor W. J. Payne has again been returned unopposed as a member of the Gelligaer Urban District Council.

Welfare Association Mr. Jack Jones, vice-chairman, presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday. Sympathy was expressed with Mr. T. Powell, chairman, who is a patient at Caerphilly Hospital as a result of a colliery accident. Also present were the president, Coun. W. J. Payne, Mr. Cyril Davies, secretary, and Mr. Frank Jenkins, treasurer. The secretary dealt with the correspondence, and the treasurer gave the financial report. It was decided to repair one of the billiard tables.

Easter Vestry The Vicar presided at the Vestry meeting. The parochial secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and the churchwarden gave the financial statement. All accounts showed a balance on the right side. Election of officers: churchwardens, Coun. W. J. Payne, Mr. John Owen; parochial secretary, Mr. J. B. Palmer; auditor, Miss Rosie Davies; parochial

council: Messrs. Arthur Palmer, Jack Lawrence, David Jenkins, Bryn Rees, John Palmer, M. Hughes, W. Gamblin, H. Skyrme, Tudor Evans, Mrs. Pullen, Mrs. Gillard. Mrs. S. Davies, Miss Rosie Davies, Miss Olive Payne, Miss Betty Fox; sidesmen: Messrs. Tudor Evans, George Baldwin, Gordon Lawrence, P.C. Southworth, Hayden Jones, W. James, Bryn Rees, Frank Jenkins, J. Lawrence, D. Jenkins, D. R. Tyler, Wyn Davies, David Jones, N. Withers, V. Powell, M. Evans, John Llewellyn, D. L. Jones, D. Williams. The Vicar thanked all who had worked so hard during the past year. He himself, had spent a very happy time amongst the people of Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 May 1960**

Labour Party A meeting was held in the New Hall on Thursday evening. Coun. Payne presided. A detailed report of Council activities was given by Coun. Payne.

Mothers' Union The festival of the Deanery Mothers' Unions held at Llanbradach last Thursday was attended by members of the Fochriw and Deri churches. The preacher was the Lord Bishop of Llandaff. The Vicar was one of the chaplains. After tea, the local members went to Penarth. On Tuesday, a large number of members went to Cardiff, and heard an able address from Mrs. Geoffrey Fisher, wife of the Archbishop of Canterbury, at the Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre.

Late Mrs. Williams The death has occurred at Horfield, Bristol, of Mrs. Ann Williams, formerly of Rees Row, Pentwyn. Mrs. Williams left Fochriw over three years ago to live with her daughter. Up to then, she had lived the whole of her life in Fochriw. She was 77 years of age, and had been ill for a long time. She leaves six daughters and two sons.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 May 1960**

Envelope Collection An envelope collection was made last weekend in aid of the World Refugee Fund. It is proposed to end the year's effort with a community hymn singing on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 p.m.

Carmel The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. W. Rowland Jones, Cardiff. The organist was Mr. T. Walters, and Mr. Shankland was the conductor.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 28 May 1960**

Late Mrs. A. Williams The funeral of Mrs. Ann Williams, formerly of Pentwyn, has taken place. A service was held at the home of her daughter in Bristol conducted by Canon Williams of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Bristol. At Fochriw, a service at the home of her daughter Mrs. D.T. Davies was conducted by Rev. E. Sedgemore, vicar, who also officiated at the graveside at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mourners were: Iorwerth and Glanmor (sons); Howard, Dennis, Robert, Raymond, Brynley, Robert (grandsons); Dai, Buffy, George, Don, Harold, Will (sons-in-law); Ned, Will, Derrick, Ivor, Gomer, Bryn, George Mantle, Will Lewis, W. Pullen, G. Pullen, G. Williams (nephews). At the house were: Sal, May, Blod, Morfydd, Eirwen, Thelma (daughters); Gwladys, Phyllis (daughters-in-law); Margaret, Carol, Yvonne (grand-daughters); Maggie, Mary Alice, Sarah Jane, Mary Jane (nieces); Mrs. Sedgemore. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

Fochriw Has Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club Fochriw Y.M.C.A. – an auxiliary of Bargoed Y.M.C.A. – on Sunday elected an executive committee, which will eventually form the nucleus of a full management committee. Elected to the council were Messrs. Tudor Moon, Chairman; Glyn Jenkins, leader; Ronald Bradley, secretary; Gerald Gwynne, treasurer, and G. Grose. Boys' representatives are Messrs. John Thomas (over 16s), and R. Morgan (under 16s). It was agreed that subscriptions would be 2/- for working men on joining, plus 1/- per week thereafter, and 1/- for schoolboys on joining, and 6d per week thereafter. It was decided for the present to start no new members over the age of 16. The position will be reviewed once a month. It was decided to hold a camping weekend at Whitsuntide, with Mr. G. Gwynne as leader. Any kit required will be borrowed from the Bargoed “Y.M.” It was also agreed that club members would attend on Tuesday evenings to work on the club premises, that a model aircraft club be run, possibly on Thursday evenings, that the cycling enthusiasts should link up with the Bargoed Y.M.C.A. Cycling Club on their weekly runs, that friendly matches of table tennis be arranged with other clubs, that an under 16 football team be entered in the

Rhymney Valley League next season, and that other programme items for next winter be considered at an early date. Mr. C.L. Meakin, secretary of the Bargoed Y.M.C.A., told members that he looked forward to members of the Fochriw Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club taking part in various Y.M.C.A. activities, and he was sure it would not be long before its members made their mark as a successful club.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 4 June 1960**

Mile of Pennies On Friday last, the O.A.P. Supporters' Committee held a mile of pennies to swell the funds so that the Pensioners can enjoy a day at the seaside. Great credit is due to the ladies' committee who work throughout the year organising events. The total amount raised was £20 7s 3½d.

Festival On Sunday evening at Nazareth C. M. Chapel, Deri, a community hymn singing in aid of the World Refugee Fund was held. The Vicar, Rev. Evan Sedgemore presided. He was supported by the ministers of all the churches in Fochriw, and Penybank - Rev. T. J. Jones, Rev. Wm. Griffiths, Rev. David Thomas. The singing reached a very high standard with Mr. Thomas Walters as conductor, and Mr. W. A. Davies as organist. At the close, Coun. W. J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to all who had taken part, also to all the street collectors, and all who had helped in any way and this was seconded by Rev. T. Jones. The following are the amounts: house to house collections - £27 2s. 11d; by sale of 'Onslaught' - £6 5s; community hymn singing - £4 12s 1d. The total of £38 has been sent to the clerk of the Gellygaer U.D.C.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 11 June 1960**

Parish Church Whitsuntide services were held on Sunday morning, and were well attended. The Vicar officiated. At the evening service, two infants were christened. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones.

Tea Party The annual Sunday School tea party of the Parish Church Sunday School took place on Whit-Tuesday. The children assembled at the Church for a short service, after which they paraded the streets singing hymns led by the Vicar, churchwardens, lay-reader, envelope secretary and ladies of the church. They returned to the New Hall where an excellent tea was provided. After tea, games were indulged in.

Noddfa Sunday School anniversary services were held at Noddfa on Whit-Sunday. Mr. Tom Thomas, superintendent, presided at both services. The conductor was Miss Edna E. Jones, and the organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. Those taking part in the afternoon service were David Jones, Ian Watkins, Keri Williams, Susan Pearson, Alison Moon, Jacqueline Millward, Lynette Kidley, Carol Jones, Julie Moon, Susan Hughes, Anette Kidley, Philip Hughes Richard Wallace, Susan Thomas, Rita Jones, Paul Millward, David Evans, Robert Gittoes, Kenneth Jones, Megan Jones, Michael Jenkins, David Pearce, Lynn James. Taking part in the evening service were Misses Rosemary Jones, Margaret Morris, Margaret Jones, Ann Morris, Eunice Jones, Mrs Dilys Edwards, Phyllis Jones, Mr. T. J. Jones.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 18 June 1960**

Carmel Chapel The Yearly Services were held on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. R.O. Thomas, Treharris. The organist was Mr. T. Walters.

Appointed Headmaster Mr. Tudor Rowlands, B.Sc., son of Mrs. Ethel Rowlands, and the late Mr. Tom Rowlands, Glyn Terrace, has been appointed headmaster of Llwynderw Boys' Secondary School. He is at present head of the mathematics department at Cheltenham Technical High School.

Death of Mr. D.E. Evans The death has occurred of Mr. David Emlyn Evans, 27, Guest Street, at the age of 61. He lived in the village all his life and was a member of Noddfa Chapel. The funeral was at Glyntaff Crematorium, Rev. T.J. Jones and Rev. E. Sedgemore officiating. Mourners were Aneurin (brother); Tom (brother-in-law); Emlyn, John, Ivor, Ivor, Jack, Harry, Emlyn, Ron, Cyril, Elvet, Bill, Gary, Peter, Michael, Gwyn, Bernard (nephews); Rev. T.J. Jones, Rev. G. James, Crad, Robert, Tom Evans, Will Pearce, Danny, Aneurin Thomas, Aneurin Jenkins, Aneurin Davies (cousins). Bearers were Messrs. G. Davies, D.G. Davies, G. Gose, G. Davies, G. Lawrence, G. Pugh. Friends present were Will Lewis, F.

Thomas, G. Burrows, D. Evans, D. Jones, Derek, Coun. W.J. Payne, A. Cumpstone, R. Shankland, B. Davies, G. Jenkins, Harry Jones, S. Russel, P. Jarman, Ivor Donovan. At the house were: Peg. Liz, Hannah (sisters); Annie, May, Hettie (sisters-in-law); Sara James (aunt); Tyd, Mair, Betty, Nan, Hilda, Jean, Thelma, Bertha (nieces); Annie, Edith, Miriam, Lizzie (cousins). There were many floral tributes. (listed)

**“Merthyr Express” 25 June 1960**

O.A.P. Outing On Tuesday, the Fochriw Old Age Pensioners held their annual outing through the Vale of Glamorgan, visiting Barry, Ogmore and Porthcawl. The trip was organised by the Ladies’ Supporters’ Committee.

Drowned Pamela Murphy, 11 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Murphy, 71, Glanynant, was drowned while bathing in Rhos Las Pond.

**“Merthyr Express” 2 July 1960**

Noddfa Sisterhood At the meeting last week, the devotions were taken by Mrs. D. Edwards and Nurse Lewis. Mrs. E. Hiscocks of Abertyswg gave an excellent address. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The Sisterhood has ended a very successful year. The next meeting will be on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>. The Sisterhood held their annual on Saturday, and journeyed to Newquay where a most enjoyable day was spent.

Service at Pentwyn On Sunday morning, the Rev. Evan Sedgemore conducted morning service at the Old Church, Pentwyn. Holy Communion was celebrated, and at the close of the service, twelve were baptized.

**“Merthyr Express” 9 July 1960**

Death Florence Cole, widow of William Cole, now of London but formerly of Fochriw, has died. She was cremated at Morristown last week. Mourners were: Florence and Stella (daughters); Gwladys (sister); Lynn Pillidge (grandson); Mr. & Mrs. Idris Cumpstone, Mr. & Mrs. Pillidge, Mr. & Mrs. Latham.

Degree Successes Miss Eunice Harris, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Harris, Brynteg Street, has obtained her B.A. honours degree at Aberystwyth University College. Mr. Brian Pearce, son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Pearce, Brook Row, has obtained a B.Sc. degree at University College Swansea.

Miners’ Holiday Many miners have taken advantage of the holidays to go away for a few weeks.

**“Merthyr Express” 16 July 1960**

Fochriw Y.M.C.A. Boys’ Club Plans The first meeting of the full committee of the Club will be held on Wednesday July 20<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that the secretary of the Welsh Y.M.C.A. will attend. At the meeting, a report of the club’s progress will be given, and plans for the coming year discussed. It is hoped to build a small canteen, and to install facilities to make the building waterproof. After the holiday season, a start will be made on arrangements for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. The scheme is for boys 14 to 18.

**“Merthyr Express” 23 July 1960**

Mothers’ Union On Monday evening, members of the Mothers’ Union of St. Mary’s and of St. Peter’s visited Gellygaer accompanied by their enrolling member, Mrs. Sedgemore. At the Church, they were addressed by the Rector, Rev. J. I. Jones, and afterwards, were shown around the Rectory. They were then entertained to tea.

**“Merthyr Express” 30 July 1960**

Chairman The new chairman of the Welsh Amateur Boxing Association is a Fochriw man, Mr. John Llewellyn of Glen View, Pentwyn.

Baptisms After the morning service on Sunday, a baptism service took place.

Carmel The preacher on Sunday was the Rev. Rowland Jones of Cardiff. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

Musical Successes At the recent examinations of the London College of Music in pianoforte playing, the following were successful in obtaining first class passes: Miss Susan Thomas, Jennifer Jones and Ann Vewilcinski, Masters Carey Kent and Carl Blunt.



Boys' Club Coun. Payne presided at the meeting of the Y.M.C.A. Boys' Club on Thursday, and paid tribute to all the work that had been done to improve the building. The Vicar opened the meeting with prayer. Speakers were Mr. Meaken, Bargoed Y.M.C.A., who reported on the club's progress, and Mr. Roberts, General Secretary, Cardiff. Mr. Roberts congratulated the leaders on the progress to date, and promised support from the National Council wherever possible. He said that whilst it was natural and desirable for boys and young men to take part in a physical programme, the central purpose of the Y.M.C.A. should not be overlooked. The financial report was given by the treasurer, Mr. Gerald Gwynne, who said that some £70 had been spent on renovations and equipment, and that there was a cash balance of £24 10s. It was agreed that a canteen be provided; that skilled labour be used where necessary; and that Calor Gas heating be installed for an experimental period. Meetings of the Management Committee would be held on the third Wednesday of every month. Officers and committee are: Coun. W. J. Payne (president); Messrs. T. Moon (chairman); Glyn Jenkins (club leader); Ronald Bradley (secretary); G. Gwynne (treasurer); G. Grose, N. Withers, M. Evans, J. Thomas, W. Morgan, P. Jarman, D. Ballard, Rev. E. Sedgemore, and representatives of Bargoed Y.M.C.A..

**“Merthyr Express” 6 August 1960**

Fochriw School Fochriw Junior Mixed and Infants School is to become two schools – one for Juniors under Mr. Bryn Davies, and one for Infants under a head to be appointed.

City and Guilds Mr. Dilwyn Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. Tudor Evans, 8, Glyn Terrace, has passed his City and Guilds examination in gas-fitting, intermediate grade. He is employed by the Wales Gas Board at Pontlottyn.

**“Merthyr Express” 13 August 1960**

Cathedral Service Coun. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, represented the Parish of Fochriw and Deri at Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday, when a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the cathedral after war damage was held in the presence of The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Wedding: Fox - Hitt The wedding took place at Wesley Methodist Church, Saltash, between Wesley Fox, the only son of Mr. & Mrs. W. Fox, 9, Aelybryn, and Mavis Hitt, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. R. Hitt of Saltash. The bride wore a ballerina dress in white brocade, patterned with lily-of-the-valley. Her nylon veil was held in place with a pearl coronet. She carried a bouquet of pink roses and lily-of-the-valley. She was attended by Delphine Chapman and Margaret Perry, who wore turquoise, embossed nylon, ballerina length dresses, and carried bouquets of sweet peas, carnations and rosebuds. The honeymoon is being spent in London.

**“Merthyr Express” 10 September 1960**

Church Outing Last Thursday, 40 members of St. Marys, Fochriw and St. Perer's, Deri, with Rev. & Mrs. Sedgemore, travelled to London by coach. They visited the Mary Sumner House where the Vicar conducted a short service. Afterwards, they visited places of interest in the City.

Return to Wales From Brooklyn, New York, Mrs. Jane Williams, daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Walter Thomas, Dynevor Street, has returned on a visit to Wales after 38 years. After 16 years' absence, Mrs. Mgan Hanson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gomer Williams, Heol Iago, is at home with her family from St. John's, Newfoundland.

**“Merthyr Express” 17 September 1960**

Church News On Sunday morning, the Vicar conducted a communion service at St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn. The preacher at the Parish Church on Sunday evening was Coun. W.J. Payne. The Mothers' Union members of Fochriw and Deri visited London for the day, with the Vicar and Mrs. Sedgemore.

Noddfa Sisterhood The first meeting of the Sisterhood this session was presided over by Miss Edna E. Jones. Mrs. E.P. Lewis read the lesson, and Nurse M. Lewis led the devotions. An address was given by Rev. Evan Sedgemore. Thanks were accorded by the president, Nurse Lewis and Mrs. W. Davies. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards. The officers of the

Sisterhood were re-elected. They are: president, Miss Edna E. Jones; vice president, Nurse Lewis; secretary, Mrs. Gwenda Pearce; treasurer, Mrs Edith P. Lewis.

Late Mr. M. Williams The death has occurred of Mr. Mordecai Williams, 7, Dynevor Street. He was 78. He was born and lived the whole of his life in the village. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The Rev. E. Sedgemore and Rev. T.J. Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. K. Owen, T. Yeoman, D. Davies, G. Grose. Mourners were: Mrs. Elizabeth J. Williams (wife); Windsor (son); Margaret Morgan, Rosella Pittaway, Kathleen Lewis (daughters); Elsa Morgan, Gwyn Morgan, June Morgan, Margaret Pittaway, Carol Lewis (grand children); Margaret Davies, Sarah E. Chaffey (sisters); Councillor W.J. Payne, David H. Jones (brothers-in-law); Bert Pittaway, Jim Lewis (sons-in-law); Vida Williams (daughter-in-law); Morfydd Watkins, Esther Sullivan, Magdalen Hopkins, Malvina Pugh Matthews, John Matthews, Evan Davies, William H. Edwards, Harriet Edwards, D. Hewins, W. Evans (cousins); Ben Evans (uncle); Melvyn Edwards, Malcolm Edwards, Clifford Davies (nephews); olive May Payne, Megan Toms (nieces); Beatrice Mucklow, H. Watkins (cousins); Doris Davies, M. Lewis, Edith Evans, Ruth Rouse, C. Williams, V. Powell, M. Sheen, W. Lewis, C. Lewis, S. Sedgemore, R. Jones, Wm. Lewis, Harry Jones, W.J. Roberts, Bargoed. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed)

#### **“Merthyr Express” 24 September 1960**

Welfare Association Mr. T. Powell presided over a meeting on Thursday at the New Hall. The interior of the Billiard Hall has been painted. It was agreed to repair fencing to the playing field. The treasurer gave the financial report of the outdoor and indoor schemes.

Harvest Festival Services were held at St. David's, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. The preacher on Sunday afternoon was the Rev. Terence Davies, Caerphilly. In the evening, the Vicar preached. The organist was Mrs. Maureen Jones.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 1 October 1960**

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting took place on Thursday, when a party from Ivor Chapel, Dowlais, took part. Mrs. Tasker presided and also gave an address. Scripture was read by Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Mitchell led in prayer. Solos were given by Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Evans. Thanks were accorded by the president Miss Edna E. Jones, Nurse Lewis and Mrs. Mitchell. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

Ward Meeting This was held at the Reading Room on Thursday evening. Coun. Payne presided, supported by Councillors Poyntz and Ewart Davies. There were representatives from Fochriw, Deri and Pantywaun, and also, Mr. Frank Jenkins, treasurer. Coun. Payne gave a detailed report on Council activities and answered questions.

Harvest Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The celebrant and preacher in the morning was the Vicar. In the afternoon the children brought gifts of flowers and fruit, and a children's service was held. The gifts will be distributed to the sick and to the hospitals. The preacher in the evening was the Vicar of Llanharan, Rev. J. Vernon Payne. The preacher on Monday was the Rev. J. Ivor Jones, Rector of Gellygaer. The lessons at the services were read by Coun. W.J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. J. Palmer, lay reader. The organist was Mr. Frank Jones.

Tew – Llewellyn The wedding has taken place at Gellygear Church of Mr. Brian Tew, B.A., son of Mr. & Mrs. B.G. Tew, 27, Florence Place, Griffithstown, Pontypool, and Miss Jessie Maud Llewellyn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Pellard Llewellyn, Pentwyn. The Rev. I. Jones, Rector of Gellygaer, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Sedgemore. The bride, given away by her father, wore a short white tunic dress of slipper satin with a lily of the valley head-dress. The bride's attendants were Miss Jane Marie Llewellyn and Mster John Llewellyn (cousins). The best man was Mr. Peter Tew and the groomsmen were Messrs. Vic Gilbert, B.A., and Geraint Howells, B.A. After a reception at the Hanbury Hotel, Bargoed, the couple left for a honeymoon in Torquay. The bride travelled in a violet suit with lilac and cream accessories.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 15 October 1960**

United Free Church Council Harvest Festival services were held at Nazareth on Monday and Tuesday evenings. A prayer meeting on Monday evening was presided over by Rev. T. J. Jones. On Tuesday, the preacher was Rev. Gwilym Hughes, Rhymney. The president was Rev. I. T. Jones. The organist was Mr. W. A. Davies.

Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday was a harvest festival. Miss Edna Jones presided. Nurse Lewis read the lesson, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. An address was given by Mrs. Eunice Thomas, Pontlottyn, and she was thanked by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. P. Jones. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held at Carmel on Sunday. Rev. A. E. Grant, Rhymney, preached at the morning and evening services. In the morning, Emrys Parry read the lesson, and Lawrence Blunt led the devotions. In the evening, Wendy Hann read the Story of Ruth, and Joyce Lewis led in prayer. Carl Blunt read the Scriptures. The Sunday School scholars sang harvest hymns. The organists were Mr. T. Walters and Jean Davies.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 22 October 1960**

Jumble Sale At the New Hall on Saturday, a jumble sale was held by the Ladies’ Supporters’ Committee in aid of the Old Age Pensioners’ Fund.

Birthday Supper The Mothers’ Union and Sewing Guild of the Parish Church, provided a supper to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Councillor W. J. Payne, churchwarden. His daughter, Miss Olive May Payne, and his sister, Mrs. Emma Jane Lawrence, aged 86, were also invited. Mr. Payne is treasurer of the Church, churchwarden and also a licensed lay reader. For the past 50 years, he has been a member of various management boards - the hospital, St. John Ambulance, and was a founder member of the Welfare Association. He has been a member of the Gelligaer Council of 22 years. The Vicar, Mrs. Sedgemore, Mr. John Owen (Deri), Mr. John Palmer (licensed lay-reader), Miss O. M. Payne, Mrs. E. J. Lawrence, and Councillor Payne all spoke. Presentations of a Bible and Prayer Book were made.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 29 October 1960**

Noddfa Sisterhood At the meeting last Thursday, Mrs. M. Sheen read the lesson, and Miss Gretta Evans led in prayer. Mrs. Walker, Deri, gave the address. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 5 November 1960**

Nursing Reserve A meeting has been called for the evening of Thursday, November 10, at the Welfare Hall, under the auspices of the National Hospital Service Reserve. It is hoped to see a large number present, to hear the speakers, and to form a class in first aid and nursing. All are welcome.

Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday evening, when Mr. Carey Thomas gave an illustrated talk on the Oberammergau passion play. He was assisted by his son, Lyn. Miss Edna Jones was assisted by Miss Eunice Jones, Miss E.E. Jones, Nurse M. Lewis and Miss G. Evans. Mr. Carey Thomas was the organist.

Jumble Sale At the Old Age Pensioners’ jumble sale, £48 11s 6d. was raised towards the Christmas gift to 142 old age pensioners in the district. Mrs. Chetnik, Glanynant, won the box of chocolates. The committee is grateful to all who helped on the stalls, especially as owing to illness, they were down to six, and it would have been impossible to hold the sale.

Parish Church A number of members of the Mothers’ Union journeyed to Llandaff Cathedral on Tuesday, and joined in the service of prayer and thanksgiving, accompanied by Mrs. Sedgemore, enrolling member.

Harris – James The wedding took place at Elim Church, Caerphilly, of John Lewis, son of Mr. & Mrs. P.J. Harris of Bargoed, and Jean Frances, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T.J. James of Fochriw. Rev. L.W. Green officiated and the pianist was Mrs. Williams. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a ballerina-length gown of ice-blue brocade, with head-dress to match. She carried a Bible with a spray of pink roses and lily of the valley. The matron of honour was the bride’s sister-in-law, Mrs. Gwenfil James, who wore a peach nylon gown with white accessories. She carried a Bible with a spray of carnations. The best man was Mr.

David Muscott. After the reception at the Clive Arms Hotel, Caerphilly, the couple left to spend a honeymoon in London.

**“Merthyr Express” 12 November 1960**

Lovell – Morgan The marriage of Mr. Kenneth Lovell, only son of Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Lovell, Bargoed, to Miss Margaret Morgan, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ivor Morgan, Rhodfa Ganol, Fochriw, took place recently at the Methodist Church, Bargoed. Rev. W. Horner officiated. The bride was given away by her father, and wore a dress of white brocade. Her bouffant veil was held in place by a coronet of tulle and seed pearls. She carried a bouquet of red rosebuds and lily of the valley. The bridesmaids, Miss Hazel Burrows, cousin of the bride, and Miss June Everett, friend of the bride, wore dresses of lemon embossed nylon with white accessories, and carried bouquets of lemon rosebuds and anemones. The best man was Mr. John Davies, Bargoed, and the groomsmen were Mr. Peter Morgan, Mr. Gary Llewellyn, Mr. Trevor Light and Mr. Jeffrey Vaine. After a reception at the Royal Hotel, Bargoed, the couple left for a honeymoon in London. To travel, the bride wore African violet with white accessories.

**“Merthyr Express” 19 November 1960**

National Hospital Service Reserve A meeting called with the object of forming a National Hospital Reserve was held at the New Hall last Thursday. Mrs. Elizabeth Puckey, Bargoed, spoke of the value of such a reserve. Another meeting will be held at the New Hall on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. For information, apply to Supt. Ivor Morgan, or any member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, P.C. Soutworth of Mr. Cyril Davies.

Sisterhood A meeting was held last Thursday, when Mrs. M. Davies read the lesson, and Nurse Lewis led in prayer. Rev. Jones, Rhymney, gave the address. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Remembrance Day A service of remembrance was held at the Parish Church on Sunday morning, conducted by the Vicar. The Vicar, who played the cornet with the Hirwaun Band, sounded the last post.

Carmel Annual preaching services were held at Carmel on Sunday. The preacher was the Rev. Hugh Parry, Blackwood. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist.

**“Merthyr Express” 26 November 1960**

Band of Hope The children were shown a film on Thursday by their leader, Mrs. G. Walker. Julie Edwards read the lesson. Another film was shown on Thursday in the Tabernacle Vestry.

New Deacons On Sunday at Carmel Congregational Chapel, three new deacons were admitted. Miss Mimi Lewis, Mr. David Jones and Mr. Cyril Cook were received by the Rev. Latimer Williams who was minister for the day. The organist was Mr. T. Walters.

Ward Meeting A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Coun. Poyntz preside and gave a report on Council activities, and replied to questions put by Fochriw and Deri members. He was assisted by Ward secretary and treasurer, Messrs. Frank Jenkins and Tom Morgan, by local secretaries, Mrs. E.J. Rowlands and Mr. Elwyn Morgan, and by Divisional Health representative, Mrs. G. Yeoman.

**“Merthyr Express” 3 December 1960**

National Hospital Reserve A meeting at the New Hall on Thursday decided to start a National Hospital Reserve class. The meeting was addressed by County Officer Elizabeth Puckey, Coun. W. J. Payne, and Supt. Ivor Morgan. Other members of the St. John Ambulance attended. Fifteen members enrolled, and it was agreed to start classes on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the New Hall.

**“Merthyr Express” 10 December 1960**

Late Mr. D. M. Hughes Mr. D. Mervyn Hughes, 2. Aelybryn, has died. He was a native of Dowlais Top, but had lived at Fochriw for 37 years. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, Revs. D. T. Jones, Rhymney, T. J. Jones, Fochriw, and Evan Sedgemore, Vicar, officiating. Mourners were Gwyn, Moelwyn (sons); Billy (son-in-law); Harry (brother); Ben, Meirion, Bob (brothers-in-law); Ceirfryn, Alan, Michael (nephews). At the house:

Bessie (wife); May, Katie, Phyllis, Edna, Ann (daughters); Michael (grandson); Maggie, Anne, May (sisters); Jessie, Bertha, Nellie, Cassie, Jennie, May (sisters-in-law).

**“Merthyr Express” 17 December 1960**

Sale of Work A sale of work was held by the Parish Church on Saturday at the New Hall. The Mothers' Union and Sewing Guild had worked hard to provide the variety of things on the stalls. Mrs. P. H. Ford of Bargoed opened the sale, and was presented with a bouquet by Miss Mary Sedgemore, youngest daughter of the Vicar.

Late Mr. D.M. Hughes Mr. D. Mervyn Hughes, 2, Aelybryn, has died. He was a native of Dowlais Top, but had lived in Fochriw for the past 27 years. The funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard was conducted by the Rev. D.T. Jones, Rhymney, Rev. T.J. Jones, Fochriw, and Rev. Evan Sedgemore, vicar. Mourners were: Gwyn & Moelwyn (sons); Billy (son-in-law); Harry (brother); Ben, Meirion, Bob (brothers-in-law); Ceirfryn, Alan, Michael (nephews); Edgar Jones, Harry & Gwyn Griffiths, Frank Hughes, Eddie & Roy Parr, Maldwyn Hughes, Emrys, Roy, Glamnor Noel, Bill Ross (cousins); W.A. Davies, Bill Hopkins, T.J. Williams (friends). At the house were: Bessie (wife); May, Katie, Phyllis, Edna, Anne (daughters); Michael (grandson); Maggie, Anne, May (sisters); Jessie, Bertha, Nellie, Cassie, Jennie L., May (sisters-in-law); Pat & Steven, Emily, S.A. Simpson, M.J. Edwards, M.J. Robbins, M. Griffiths, Nina, Jenny & Jeanette Davies, H. Griffiths, Gwladys, Mavis, Enid (cousins); Mrs. P.H. Jones, Mrs. M. Chapman, Mrs. J. Morgan (friends). Bearers were Messrs. J. Jones, J.B. Thomas, F. Jenkins, C. Williams, D. Evans, J. Davies. There were numerous floral tributes (listed), including ones from 'The Night Shift, U8, Groesfaen Colliery,' Fochriw Labour Club; Rising Sun Friends; Friends B.S.A. Dowlais; Girls of B1 & B2 Rhymney Factory.

**“Merthyr Express” 24 December 1960**

Licensee Dies The death has taken place of Mr. Vincent Wood who had lived at Fochriw for many years before moving to Llanbradach, where he kept the Wingfield Hotel. His brother, Mr. Hartwell Wood, still resides in the village.

Carol Service At the Parish Church on Sunday evening, after Evensong, the children of the Sunday School sang carols, gave solos and read portions of Scripture. The service was conducted by the Vicar who also gave a short address. The teachers, Miss Lorna Rees, Miss Betty Fox, and Mr. John Palmer, were in charge of the children. Those taking part were: June Palmer, Allison Watkins, Jane Sedgemore, Ann, Sedgemore, Mary Sedgemore, Linda Southworth, Vern Jones, Sonia Moore, Nanette Tyler, Paul Jenkins, Howard Jenkins, Paul Hopkins, John Moore, Geraint Watkins. The decorated Christmas tree was lit up.

Late Mr. Walter Jones The death has occurred at the Royal Hamadryad Hospital of Mr. Walter Jones, formerly of 9, Glyn Terrace. He was 73. The funeral took place on Saturday from the house of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Jones, Moore's Row. The officiating minister was Pastor David Thomas. Mourners were: Ronald (son); Kenneth, Graham, Alan, Desmond (grandsons); Idwal (son-in-law); Jack Jones, Rod Jones, Edred Jones, Wm. Evans, D.L. Evans, Des Kelly, Arthur Sharp, T. Owen, D. John Williams, W.E. Williams, Selwyn Jones, Denis Jones, Fred Adams, Tom Jones (nephews); Coun. W.J. Payne, T. Walters, D. Williams, W. Lewis, T. Jenkins, K. Evans, Bob Carter, Tom Jones, C. Tyler. At the house were: Rhoda, Sybil (daughters); Annette (granddaughter); Ceridwen (daughter-in-law); Mrs. J. Davies (cousin); Nancy, Joan, Mildred, Jane (nieces). Mr. Leslie Jones, son, is a patient at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital, and was unable to attend. Bearers were Messrs. J. Lawrence, T. Evans, C. Thomas, T. Lewis. There were many floral tributes. (Isited)

**“Merthyr Express” 31 December 1960**

Parish Church On Christmas Eve, a midnight communion service was held. The preacher and celebrant was the Vicar, Rev. E. Sedgemore.

Christmas Service A carol service was held at Carmel on Christmas morning. Miss Mimi Lewis presided. Miss M. Jones, Jean Davies and Lawrence Blunt read the lessons. Taking part were Sonia Dummett, David Watkins, Lorna Davies, Ann Davies, Janet Hann, Lynne Hann and Carol Powell. Miss Jean Davies was the accompanist, and Miss M. Jones the

conductress. In the evening, a carol service was presided over by Nurse Ballard Davies. Miss Mimi Lewis read the lesson. Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist.

Carol Service A carol service was held at Noddfa on Christmas afternoon. It was conducted by Miss Edna E. Jones. Mr. Tom Thomas presided. Lynn James led the prayers. Lessons were read by Susan Thomas, Rita Jones, Paul Millward, David Evans, Carol Jones, Lynn James, Robert Gittoes and David Price. The blessing was given by Peter Price. Others taking part were: Annette Kidley, Gail Davies, Lynette Kidley, Jackie Milward, Mary Price, Susan Pearson, Richard Wallace, Phillip Hughes, Kerry Williams, David Jones, Ian Watkins, Alison Moon, Susan Hughes, John Kidley, Brian Evans, also Misses Margaret Jones, Eunice Jones, Rosemary Jones, Ann Morris, Margaret Morris and Mrs. D. Edwards. The organist was Mr. Willie Edwards. Thanks were accorded by Mr. T.J. Jones.