

“Merthyr Express” 5 January 1935

Our Fochriw Correspondent is Mr. W. J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace. Sales Agent: Mr. D. Lewis.
Glee Party's Dance Under the auspices of the of Fochriw Ladies' Glee Society, a dance was held at the New Hall on Thursday and was well attended. Music was supplied by radiogram. Mr. D. J. Davies was M.C.

Hospital The many friends of Mrs. E. Walters, Aelybryn, and Mr. E. H. Davies, Hill-row, Pentwyn, who are patients at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery; also Nurse Rosella Williams who is a patient at Mardy Hospital.

Peace Ballot At Nazareth chapel on Monday, Mr. Sam Lewis presided over the Fochriw Committee to supervise the ballot in February. Mrs. S. J. Jones gave an interesting talk on the "Objects of the Peace Ballot." It was decided to convene a public meeting in a fortnight's time.

Christmas Treat Ex-servicemen's children were given a Christmas treat on Saturday at the New Hall. Mrs. S. J. Jones supervised the event, and the Children's Welfare Branch Committee, together with the Branch and Women's Section Committee assisted, whilst Mr. R. G. Wood took the children in games. Messrs. Phillips and Small rendered violin solos, and at the piano was Mrs. L. Thomas.

Fire Outbreak On Friday, a fire broke out in the kitchen of No. 6, Brynteg, which is undergoing repairs. Fireman T. Jones was quickly on the scene, and with assistance, soon got the fire under control. Bargoed Section of the Fire Brigade, under Chief Officer P. J. Moody, was on the scene from Bargoed in sixteen and a half minutes from the blowing of the siren at Fochriw.

British Legion On Monday, Mr. Sydney Phillips presiding, the local branch passed a vote of condolence with Mr. R. G. Wood, the vice-chairman, whose brother passed away in London. It was decided to draft suggestions for the consideration of the Commissioner appointed by the Government to alleviate distressed areas. The provisional agenda for the Wales Area Conference was also reviewed. A contribution was made to the Harry Calderwood Testimonial Fund.

Christmas Social At the Church hall on Thursday, a tea and entertainment were enjoyed. The tables were attended by Mesdames J. L. White, W. J. Payne, C. White, T. Baldwin, W. D. Davies, T. Jones, P. Edwards, O. Richards, Daighton and B. Edwards. After tea competitions were indulged in, the following in charge: the Vicar, Mr. W. J. Payne, W. D. Davies, G. Evans, W. Morris. Mr. Willie White was the accompanist.

The Late Mr. Thomas James, Council Houses The funeral took place at Pentwyn Church on Monday of Mr. Thomas James. Deceased, who was a blacksmith, was well known in the district, where he had resided for the last 20 years. The Vicar officiated. The mourners included: Messrs. A. & W. James (sons); Mr. Parry and Mr. Jones (sons-in-law); Mr. Watkins (brother-in-law); Mr. D. J. Jones. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. James (wife); Mrs. Parry and Mrs. Jones (daughters); Mrs. Watkins (sister-in-law); Miss R. Harris, Mrs. White, Mrs. B. Jones, Miss Jenny Wright, Mrs. D. Harris, Miss Watkins, Mrs. J. Cumpstone, Mrs. C. Dummett, Mrs. N. Cumpstone, Mrs. C. Edwards.

Wedding: Mr. Harold Barlow and Mrs. Florence Benton At St. Margaret's Church, Birmingham, on December 22nd, the wedding took place of Mr. Harold Barlow, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Barlow, Guest-street, to Miss Florence Benton, Fark Way, Birmingham. The bride was tastefully attired in white crepe-de-chine, and silk lace, with veil trimmed with lovers' knots, and head-dress of orange blossoms, and white satin shoes. Attending the bride was Miss Irene Barlow, the bridegroom's sister, and Miss Rachel Annie Evans (Dowlais) the bridegroom's cousin. The bridesmaids were matched in blue satin, with silver caps, muffs and shoes. Mr. J. T. Barlow, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Rev. A. Dugmore officiated. A reception was held at the bride's home.

Wedding: Beer-Slimmon The wedding was solemnised by the Rev. Richard Evans at Pontmorlais Chapel, Merthyr, on Saturday, of Mr. William Beer, Cardiff, and Miss Adelaide Slimmon, youngest daughter of Mr. Robert Slimmons, and the late Mrs. Slimmon, Llwyn Iago Farm, Fochriw. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a dove grey georgette frock, and carried a bouquet of red carnations. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Slimmon and Miss Doris Gwendoline Llewellyn, niece and cousin of the bride, who wore long frocks of blue crepe-de-chine, with silver caps, and they carried bouquets of red tulips. The flower girl was Jean Slimmon, niece of the bride, who wore a frock of pink crepe-de-chine, with a bonnet to match, and carried mauve tulips. The reception was held at the Peter Pan, Merthyr, where there were many guests. The honeymoon is being spent in London.

Funeral: Mr. George William Wood, aged 44 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Mr. George William Wood, husband of Mrs. L. M. Wood, and son of the late Mr. John Wood and Mrs. Wood, Aelybryn, who died at Middlesex Hospital, aged 44. He had been for many years a member of the Fochriw Section of the Gellygaer Fire Brigade, and was held in much respect. Before the closure of the collieries at Fochriw, he was employed at the lamp room. The Vicar and the Rev J. C. Payne officiated. Mr. Octavius Richards played the "Dead March." The mourners were: Mrs. L. M. Wood (wife); Mrs. Jessie Llewelyn, Miss Lizzie and Miss Elsie Wood (sisters); Messrs. Rufus, Vincent and Hartwell Wood (brothers); G. Llewelyn (brother-in-law); John, Alvin and Ronald Llewelyn, John Wood (nephews); Frank Way (uncle); Arthur and Fred Holland, Will, Frank, Fred and Albert Way, Will Davies, Tudor Evans (cousins); Robert, L., Bob, Willie and Gerwyn Thomas, C. Everett, W. Moses. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. John Wood (mother); Mrs. Stevens (sister); Mrs. V. Wood, Mrs. H. Wood (sisters-in-law); Mrs. W. Way, Mrs. G. Way, Mrs. W. Davies and Mrs. E. Everett.

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Institute Dance At a dance held at the New Hall, under the auspices of the Institute Committee, the M.C. was Mr. J. Lewis and the music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band.

Good Templars At the weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge at Carmel Vestry, the chief Templar presided. The programme was carol singing conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters, Miss B. Ballard and Master Huw B. Thomas, who also gave a recitation.

Widow's Death We regret to record the death of Mrs. Sophia A. Jones, 'Pennant,' Fochriw, widow of Captain John T. Jones, Stratville, Llanon, who passed away on Sunday morning. She was well-known and highly respected in the district.

Wedding: Miss Gertrude Mary Cook and Mr. Jack Lawrence At Mary's Church on Wednesday week, Mr. Jack Lawrence, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence, Glyn-terrace, was married to Miss Gertrude May Cook, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cook, Aelybryn. Mr. Lawrence is a member of St. Mary's Parochial Council, and secretary of the Sunday school. The Mr. Berkley Angell conducted the choir, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The officiating clergymen were the Rev. J. C. Payne, uncle of the bridegroom, Rev. J. L. White and Rev. George White. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a Marina-blue georgette and lace dress, which coatee, blue satin shoes, and veil, and carried a bouquet of tulips. The flower girls were Eira Cook and Gertrude Mary Davies, nieces of the bride, who were attired in shell pink dresses, and carried white bouquets. The bride was attended by the following bridesmaids: Miss Olive May Payne and Miss Eluned Watts, who wore old rose dresses, with hats and shoes to tone, and carried bouquets of tulips. Mr. Trevor Lawrence, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The honeymoon is being spent in the Vale of Glamorgan.

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Death of Mrs. H. Payne The death took place last week of Mrs. H. Payne, wife Mr. J. Payne, Williams-row. Much sympathy is extended to the family.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The programme was "Thoughts and Resolutions for the New Year." All members responded. A recitation was given by Sister Mary Morgan.

Football For Hospital A football match between the Fochriw Schoolboys and Bedlinog Schoolboys in aid of Merthyr General Hospital was played last week. The game proved a fine one, Fochriw winning by three goals to two. Thanks are due to Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster, who organised the match.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru The local branch of the Urdd held their "Sul yr Urdd" on Sunday. The service was introduced by Miss Winnie Evans and Miss Betty Evans. Solos were rendered by Betty Jones and Ewart Davies; recitations by David Evans, Linda Thomas, Betty Evans, Marion Sullivan, Eliza Evans, Leighton Millward, David Cole, and Garnant Jones. Hymns were read by Evan Lewis, Desmond Kelly, Edna Jones-Evans, Huw B. Thomas, Ivor Davies; prayer by William Walters. An address was delivered by Mr. W. I. Jones, Cardiff. Mr. J. Merriman and Mr. J. James, Rhymney, also gave short addresses. Messrs. S. Lewis and William Lewis thanked Mr. Jones and the officers of the Church for their kindness and assistance. The conductor was Mr. T. J. Jones, and the accompanist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

Library and Institute The annual meeting was held on Monday, Mr. Ray Clark presiding. The minutes were read, and the chairman reviewed the work of the committee during the year. The auditors gave their report: Mr. D. E. Evans the general account, and Mr. I. J. Williams the book department account. The report showed that the Institute had a balance in hand. The officials and committee for 1935 are: chairman, Mr. R. Clark; secretary, Mr. D. I. Evans; bank, CWS, Manchester; vice-chairman, Mr. Sam Lewis; librarian, Mr. Rod Jones. The meeting also decided that in future, the vice-chairman should be chairman the following year. The following were appointed to the committee: Messrs. David Jones, T. Idris Evans, Iorwerth Evans, E. J. Jones, Hartwell Wood, J. J. Lewis, W. J. Payne, Jack Davies, Robert Rees, Caradoc Shankland, James Tewkesbury.

Local Operetta The operetta, "A Holiday on the Sands," was given at Noddfa vestry on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by the Noddfa Augmented Choir, conducted by Mr. D. J. Thomas, and produced by Mrs. Tom Evans. The work of the children revealed good training, and the adults portrayed their characters well. The cast was: Mr. Emlyn Evans; Mr. Willie Angell; Mr. R. J. Price; Mr. Berkley Davies; Mr. Walter Parry; Mrs. Lydia Williams; Miss Jenny Davies; Mr. Bert Edwards; Mr. Egryn Thomas; Mr. Rod Jones; supported by dancers, niggers, and lifeboat men. The accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., and Miss Elsa Matthews. The chairman on Tuesday was Mr. David Thomas, and on Wednesday, Mr. John Bevan, M.E.

Funeral: The Late Mrs. Sofia Ann Jones, aged 66 years The funeral of Mrs. Sofia Ann Jones, wife of Captain Jones, Llanon, took place at Llanon cemetery on Thursday. Deceased had resided at Fochriw for many ears, and was a faithful member of Nazareth. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. Richard Evans, Fochriw, and the Rev. D. W. Jones, Llanon. A large number of relatives and friends met at the Church where the service was conducted by Vicar Williams. He also officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Mrs. M. Davies (sister); Katie and Doris (nieces); Mrs. M. A. Jenkins (sister-in-law); Mr. G. I. Griffiths, Captain Alban Griffiths, Mrs. M. Griffiths (cousins); Rev. J. I. Jones, Neath; Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Llanon; Mr. Slimmons, Mrs. M. Lewis (cousins); Mrs. Evans (aunt).

Pontlloftyn Police Court: No Wireless Licence Timothy Lynch of Fochriw was fined ten shillings for using a radio set without a licence. William T. Pope, also of Fochriw, was similarly summoned, and said he had been ill. He was fined five shillings.

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Hospital Mrs. C. Saunders, Station-terrace, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Library Committee The following committee men were omitted in last week's report of the annual meeting of the Fochriw Library and Institute: Messrs. Albert Mantle, David J. Davies, John Lewis.

Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall under the auspices of the Library and Institute Committee. The music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

Peace Meeting An address was given by Mr. Eddie Jones, Bargoed, on Wednesday, at Noddfa vestry. He dealt with the whole aspect of the League of Nations, and explained in detail the questions asked on the ballot sheets now been distributed throughout the country. The Rev. Richard Evans, Deri, presided, and a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Ballard, and seconded by Mrs. J. Lawrence. Following the meeting, the Fochriw Declaration Committee listened to a report of the area committee given by Mrs. S. J. Jones. Mr. Sam Lewis, chairman, also made comments. It was decided to complete arrangements for the local ballots at the next meeting of the committee.

Funeral: Mrs. Hannah Payne, Williams-row, aged 71 years The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mrs. Hannah Payne, wife of Mr. Joseph Payne. Deceased, who was a native of Merthyr, had resided in Fochriw for 25 years. The Vicar officiated at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Joseph Payne (husband); Thomas Jones (Pontypridd), Thomas Dix (Pengam), brothers in-law; T. Dix (Pengam) and W. J. Payne (nephews); David Rees Jones, William H. Jones, Willie Whitby, Richard Pugh, Howel Jones, Jack Lawrence, Trevor Lawrence, Gordon Lawrence, T. Jones, W. Williams, B. Edwards. The mourners at the house were: Mrs. Beatrice Miller (Scotland), daughter; Mrs. Sarah Ella Jones (Pontypridd), Mrs. Edith Dix (Pengam) sisters; Mrs. Pugh, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. Payne.

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Hospital Mrs. Richards, Brook-row, is a patient at Hereford hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mothers' Union A meeting was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday. The vicar gave an address.

New Unemployment Act Mr. Dan James presided over the meeting at the New Hall of Wednesday, when an address was given by County Councillor W. J. Kedward on the new unemployment act.

Library Dance A dance was held on Monday evening at the New Hall. The Grosvenor Band supplied the music, and the M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. Sister E. Ballard was responsible for the programme. Readings were given by Sister Ballard and Brother Gomer Evans. A solo was given by Sister B. Ballard.

Welfare Association The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, presided over by this T. J. Jones, and supported by Mr. W. J. Payne (vice-chairman), Mr. W. J. Williams (treasurer), and Mr. W. A. Davies (secretary). The chairman reviewed the work of the past year. He said they had completed the Children's Corner, which was a great asset to the village. He was hoping during the coming year to proceed with the other part of the general scheme of £3,500, which had been accepted by headquarters. Every effort was being made to secure a further grant from the Welfare Fund. The auditors' report was given by Mr. Arthur Ballard and Mr. W. Adams Jones. The income was £574 10s 3d.; expenditure, £539 9s 9d.; balance, £35 0s 6d.. The officers elected were as follows: chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; treasurer, Mr. W. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. W. A. Davies; committee representing Ogilvie Colliery: Messrs. Albert Mantle, Edward Lewis, E. J. Jones, C. Edwards; Groesfaen Colliery: Messrs. H. Thomas, Dan Jones, D. H. Lewis, Iorworth Evans;

Dowlais Collieries: Messrs. David Griffiths, James J. Lewis, James Davies, W. H. Jones; Dowlais Colliery officials: Messrs. D. R. Jones, David Lawrence, John Lewis and W. J. Williams; Ogilvie Colliery officials: Messrs. A. T. Minhinnick and Arthur Jones; Groesfaen officials: Mr. A. Bate and Mr. W. S. Rowlands; outside members: Messrs. A. Jones, A. Ballard, W. Adams Jones and Deri Jones.

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Hospital The many friends of Mrs. Watkins, Stoney Houses, Penybank, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday evening under the auspices of the Library and Institute Committee. The music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band and Mr. John Lewis was M.C.

Good Templars A meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday evening. The programme was a Welsh one. Readings were given by Brothers Lewis and Evans, Sisters Jones and Ballard; recitations - Sister Lewis and Brother H. Thomas; solos - Brothers Walters and Huw B. Thomas. Brother James also spoke.

Silver Band Meeting Fochriw Silver Band held their annual meeting on Thursday evening last week presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman. He reviewed the work of the past year. The band had purchased a new set of uniforms that were a great asset. The committee and officers were thanked for their services. The auditor's report was given by the Mr. Tom Mantle, which revealed a satisfactory state of affairs. The following officers were elected: president, Mr. A. T. Minhinnick, M.E.; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Slimmon, W. Williams, T. J. Jones, Inspector Davies (Pontlottyn) and Mr. Clavin (Ogilvie); chairman, Mr. W. J. Payne; vice-chairman, Mr. David Griffiths; secretary, Mr. J. J. Lewis; bandmaster, Mr. Albert Mantle; deputy bandmaster, Mr. Bob Rees; joint treasurers, Messrs. William Price and W. J. Payne; Committee, Messrs. D. R. Jones, J. Tewkesbury, J. Saunders, J. Phillips, E. Lewis. Mr. Bob Rees, resigned from his position as secretary, and was thanked for his splendid services.

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Good Templars The Star of Fochriw lodge met at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The programme was arranged by Master Willie Walters. He was thanked by Brother James and Sister Jones.

The Late Mrs. Emma. Ann Tyler: Davies-row, Pentwyn, aged 60 The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Ann Tyler, wife of Mr. Bert Tyler. Deceased had resided in the village the greater part of her life. She was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church.

Band Meeting A meeting was held at the band-room on Thursday, Mr. D. Griffiths presiding. Mr. J. J. Lewis, secretary, dealt with the arrangements made for concerts at Deri and Fochriw.

Ambulance Competition At the Old Library on Saturday, it cadet competition was held by the Dowlais Corps League. Five teams competed, and the judges were Mr. Dan James (Fochriw), and Mr. Ernest Treble, (Bargoed). The winners were: 1. Fochriw A (capt. Aneurin Morgan); 2. Penydarren; 3. Fochriw B (Glanmor Williams).

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the Old Library on Friday. Mr. T. J. Jones, chairman, extended a welcome to the new committee. The financial statement was given by Mr. W. J. Williams and the correspondence was dealt with by Mr. W. A. Davies. A deputation was appointed to meet the members of the Welfare Association.

Nursing Association A public meeting in connection with the Glamorgan County Nursing Association was held at the library on Wednesday, when the formation of a District Nursing Association was discussed. Mr. T. J. Jones, headmaster, presided. Nurse S. Weiss, organiser of the G.C.N.A., outlined the work of the Queen's Nursing Association. The object of the meeting was to meet the need for skilled attention by fully-trained nurses for all sick people in their own homes.

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Hospital The friends of Mr. Gurwyn Thomas, who is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital, and Mr. Bedford Edwards, a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, wish them a speedy recovery.

Ladies' Glee Party The Party, under the conductorship of Madame H. C. Davies, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence accompanist, delighted a large audience at Abertysswg on Sunday at a concert.

Library Dance A dance was held on Monday at the New Hall. The Grosvenor Band supplied the music with Mr. John Lewis as M.C.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. The programme was a topical talk on "Wine." Brother Evans being responsible. He was thanked by Brothers Lewis and Walters.

Ambulance Dance At the New Hall on Thursday, a dance was held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Cadets. The M.Cs. were Mr. Elwyn Lewis and Mr. Stanley James. The Grosvenor Band supplied the music. The spot prizes were won by Mr. & Mrs. John Lewis.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru At the meeting on Wednesday, folk songs were sung by Mair Cumpstone, Betty Cumpstone, Margaret Jean Evans, Gladys Harris, Marion Lester and Marie Davies; solos by Huw B. Thomas; pianoforte solo by Mair Cumpstone; recitation, Desmond Kelly. Miss Beryl Ballard was thanked for such an excellent programme.

Laid To Rest: Mrs. Mary Ann Tyler, Davies-row, aged 60 years Another well known resident was laid to rest at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday in the person of Mrs. Mary Anne Tyler, wife of Mr. Bert Tyler. Deceased was a faithful member of St. Mary's Church and of the Mothers' Union. She had been caretaker of the Church. A service was held at the house conducted by the Vicar, after which the body was conveyed to St. Andrew's Church, where the service was attended by the choir and members of the Mothers' Union. Miss Mary White was at the organ. The mourners were: Messrs. A. J. Tyler (husband); Charles, David, Goronwy, William and Christopher Tyler (sons); Emlyn Evans and Bryn Jones (sons-in-law); Thomas Owen (brother); Christopher Tyler (uncle); David Williams, Leonard Tyler, Israel Owen (cousins).

Colliery Fatality David Williams, aged 39, a colliery rider, of Aelybryn, Fochriw, was killed at the Ogilvie Colliery, Deri, on Wednesday. He was run over by a journey of trams. He was a married man with two children. His injuries included a fracture of the base of the skull, and a fracture of the neck.

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Talking Pictures Fochriw Library and Institute Committee introduced talking pictures into the village at the New Hall on Tuesday.

Ward Meeting At a meeting of the ward Labour Party, it was unanimously decided to nominate the present member, Councillor John Edwards. Mr. Sam Lewis presided.

Peace Ballot The result of the peace ballot at Fochriw was:

Question 1: Yes 688; No 9; Question 2: Yes 688, No 9;

Question 3: Yes 656, No 41; Question 4: Yes 663, No 32;

Question 5a: Yes 661, No 30; Question 5b: Yes 451; No 173.

I.O.G.T. Meeting The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday, when a programme of humorous items was much enjoyed. All members contributed.

Welsh Cinema's Visit On Wednesday evening last, the Welsh Cinema visited Fochriw Hall. Mr. Ap Morris Jones manipulated Welsh scenes. Arts and crafts, mabol gampau, and the holiday cruises were shown. There were large audiences for the evening and afternoon shows, the pictures being of a high standard.

Fire Brigade Presentation At the Chief Fire Station, Bargoed, on Saturday, a concert and distribution of prizes won at the last competition took place. Fochriw won first prize and

three second prizes. The winning team was Firemen B. Evans, W. Thomas, P. Edwards, E. Jones and W. Edwards.

Ambulance Competition In a trial ambulance competition at the Old Library on Saturday, the judges were Mr. W. S kyrme and Mr. H. S kyrme, Deri. Fochriw were placed second. In the Cadets' competition, Fochriw B was second and Fochriw A third. The judges were Mr. E. Rees and Mr. P. Griffiths, Dowlais. Penydarren, with eight points, retained the Cup, and Fochriw be were runners-up with six points.

Annual Supper The supper was held on Tuesday at the Church Hall by members of the Mothers' Union. After supper, the evening was given over to games, the M.Cs. being Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Jones. The accompanist was Mr. John Lloyd Jones. The following ladies rendered splendid service: Mesdames White, W. J. Payne, G. Llewellyn, W. D. Davies, E. J. Lawrence, T. Jones, V. Wood, B. Evans, A. Wright, James, G. Williams, Mantle, C. White.

Pit Victim's Funeral: Mr. David Williams, Aelybryn, aged 38 The funeral of Mr. David Williams, who met with a fatal accident at work, took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. E. Elias, Dowlais, officiated at the house and churchyard. Sympathy is extended to the sorrowing wife and children in their sudden bereavement. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Daniel Thomas and W. H. Williams (brothers); John Clark, John Richards (brothers-in-law); Aneurin Shankland, Charles and Maurice Benbow, W.T. & Stephen Thomas, J. T., W. H., George and D. J. Williams, R. and D. Robins, W. J. Dyer, T. J., Tom, David, Thomas and Bryn Morris, Owen Eriman, W. & T. Dyer, Essex Morris, T. J. Morris, E. D., John, T. Richards, W. Mitchell, P. Edges, T. Barret, G. Dare, W. T. Morgan.

Drama: "The Beggars Petition" The Church Hall Fochriw was filled to capacity on Wednesday and Thursday evening when the St. Mary's Dramatic Society, producer of Mr. W. J. Payne, performed "The Beggars Petition" (George Dibdin Pitt). The story is woven around a father's love and a mother's care and is full of pathos and humour. It was a thoroughly enjoyable performance, and the generous applause testified to the appreciation of the audience. The cast was an exceptionally strong one, and was as follows: Mr. W. J. Payne; Mrs. M. H. Morgan; Mrs. L. Morgan; Mr. G. Lawrence; Miss O. M. Payne; Mr. W. Rees; Miss W. Edwards; Mr. T. Davies; Mr. R. Jones; Mr. C. Ballard; Mr. W. J. Llewellyn; Mrs. T. Jones; Miss B. Edwards; Mr. D. J. Williams; Mr. G. Williams; Mr. G. Baldwin; Mr. T. Johnstone. The accompanist was Mr. G. Harris, and the stage manager of Mr. C. White. The lighting effects were supervised by Mr. W. J. Davies. The Vicar was the chairman. The acting and demeanour of the characters were excellent, and for an amateur company the standard was very high. The enunciation and audibility of the players was good throughout.

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Fatal Accident: Inquest "Accidental Death" was the verdict returned at the inquest at Fochriw on Friday on David Williams, aged 38, of Aelybryn, Fochriw, who was killed at Ogilvie Colliery, Deri, on 20th February. Mr. R. J. was the coroner. David John Price, rider, said that 10 trams were attached to a rope and two of them went off the road. At the time of the accident he (witness), the fireman and deceased were trying to release an iron girder, called a ring, which was in a tram, when the journey started moving forward. In reply to the coroner, witness said no one gave the signal for the journey to start. Deceased was in a tram helping to release the ring when it caught him across the neck, killing him instantly. Further in reply to the coroner, the witness said it might have been that the ring caught the wires and gave a signal to the engineman to pull up. Thomas Harris Evans, a fireman, gave corroborative evidence. John H. Rudd, engineman, said he received five knocks, which were clear and perfect, indicating to him to move the journey forward for about a yard or four feet. After the accident, he saw the wires had been twisted and the ring was in between the wires. Coroner: That is the most extraordinary point about it. In returning it verdict as stated, the Coroner said it was a curious case.

Transferred to Whitchurch Mr. Walter Davies, who has been stationmaster at Fochriw for over eight years, has been appointed station master at Whitchurch.

Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday. The programme for the evening was 'Ode Practice,' Brother Walters being responsible.

St. David's Day St. David's Day was observed at St. Mary's with a service of Holy Communion on Friday morning, the vicar officiating.

Library Dance Held at the New Hall on Tuesday evening. Mr. John Lewis was M.C., and the music was supplied by the Grosvenor Band.

Appointment Mr. T. Walters has been appointed head teacher of Sandfields School, Aberavon. Mr. Walters is the elder son of Mrs. Walters and the late Mr. Walters, Moore's-row. He is a product of the village school, and before going to Aberavon 15 years ago, he was on the teaching staff of Deri Council School.

Pity Fatality Stanley Lewis James, aged 23, 11, Dynevor-street, died at Merthyr General Hospital on Wednesday as a result of injuries received in an accident which occurred at the Brithdir level, Fochriw, on 28th February, when a large store fell from the roof pinning him to the ground. John Jones and Berkley Anfiel, firemen, went to his assistance, and he was removed to hospital suffering from spinal injuries, from which he died.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru A very enjoyable evening was spent on Wednesday. Songs were rendered by Gwladys Harris, Muriel Davies, Marion Lester; recitations by Marie Davies, Gwynfil Harris, Eliza Evans, Willie Walters; story-telling, Huw B. Thomas, Desmond Kelly, David Evans; act, Desmond Kelly and Linda Thomas. A play was performed by the younger members for which Miss Maria Jones was responsible. The members are busy preparing for the eisteddfod and drama competitions.

Tea and Social On Wednesday last at the Church Hall, the St. Mary's Dramatic Society held a tea and social. The tables were attended to by the lady members of the Church. After tea, a programme of music and games was held, the following artistes taking part: Messrs. Gordon Lawrence, Windsor Rees, W. J. Payne, Tudor Davies, D. J. Williams and George Williams. The M.Cs. were the vicar and Mr. W. Rees. The accompanist was Mr. Gilbert Harris.

British Legion Members of the Fochriw branch have been informed that their resolution asking that disability pensions be entirely disregarded under the means test found favour at the recent Wales Area conference held at Tenby. The branch was represented by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. A satisfactory report was given of the conference of the Benevolent Sub-Committees, held at Treharris on the 25th February, and tribute was paid to the zeal of the area organising secretary, Mr. A. Kennedy Hunt, M. M. It was proposed to organise a whist drive and dance during the jubilee week celebrations. The branch benevolent committee has recently distributed clothing to the needy, and a further award under the Relief Fund has been distributed to the unemployed and sick. Mr. E. Puddle, who acts as delegate to the District Committee, gave an excellent report of its last meeting. A vote of sympathy with the family of Mr. D. Williams was recorded.

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Noddfa Chapel The half-yearly meetings were held on Sunday, when the Rev Ifor Jones, Ystylafera, was the minister. Mr. T. Evans was precentor, and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas was the organist.

Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis. The Grosvenor Band provided the music.

Welsh Night The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The programme was a Welsh night, and consisted of folk songs, penillion singing, recitations and readings from Welsh authors.

Library Committee A meeting of the Library and Institute Committee was held at the New Hall on Tuesday, Mr. R. Clark presiding, and supported by Mr. Sam Lewis, vice-chairman, and Mr. D. I. Evans, secretary. The financial position was reported on. Reports were also

given by the Entertainments, Books and Improvement Committees, and also the caretaker. All the reports were satisfactory and were accepted.

Baptist Rally A rally of young Welsh Baptists was held at Noddfa on Thursday. Over 200 young people, representing 10 societies, responded to call. The chairman was the Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, a former pastor of Noddfa. Devotions were taken by Miss C. Lewis, Mr. Evan Owen and the Rev. Emlyn Richards. Miss Mafanwy Walters was the soloist. The special preacher was the Rev. Gwilym Owen, Gorseinon, who gave an address on "Jesus, the leader." the accompanist for the evening was Mr. David Joshua Thomas.

Welfare News On Monday, Captain Mason, chief organiser of the Miners' Welfare Fund, visited Fochriw, and was met on the Welfare ground by members of the local welfare committee. Captain Mason expressed delight with the Children's Corner, and complimented the committee on the way they had carried out their work, saying it was quite a transformation since his last visit. The completion of the cricket and football ground was discussed when the committee met Councillor Ness Edwards, the area representative of the Welfare Committee.

Bachelors Tea A bachelors' tea was held at Carmel vestry on Monday. The tables were decorated, and the following were the trayholders: Messrs. T. Idris Lewis, Ieuan Griffiths, Gwilym and Gomer Davies, Gomer Evans, Bryn Cumpstone, Bryn Davies and T. Walters, assisted by Messrs. Bob Rees, A. Ballard, T. Ballard, S. Lewis and others. A concert followed the tea presided over by Mr. Daniel Rowlands, with Miss Beryl Ballard as accompanist. The following contributed to the programme: organ solo, Mr. T. Walters; ladies' choir, conductor Mr. T. Walters; sketch by Miss Mary Morgan and party; male voice choir, conducted by Mr. T. Walters; solos, Messrs. John Morgan, T. I. Lewis, Bob Rees and M. Shankland; recitations, Master W. Walters, Messrs. Dan James, Sam Lewis and Gomer Evans.

Pit Victim's Funeral: Mr. Stanley Lewis James, 11, Dynevor-street, aged 23 The funeral of Mr. Stanley Lewis James, who met with a fatal accident at the Brithdir Levels last weekend, took place on Monday. Deceased was an active member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and had been a member of the local Male Voice Party. Ambulance men acted as bearers. A short service was held at the house conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, who also officiated at the graveside, assisted by Mr. David Thomas. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David J. James (father); T. J. and D. R. James (brothers); J. B. Jones (brother-in-law); Oriel Jones and S. M. Jones (nephews); D. R. and E. H. Lewis, Joseph Shankland, H. Adams (Ystradowen), W. Davies, John Williams (Dowlais), W. Edwards (Aberbargoed), uncles; W. J., Elwyn, Clifford, R. and T. J. Lewis, T. J. and C. Shankland, Tom and Rees Jenkins, Tudor and Alwyn Adams, R. Thomas, Edgar and J. Davies, J. O. Jones, T. I. Evans, D. Davies, D. W. Hughes (Clydach Vale), R. Pritchard and R. Jones (cousins). Mourners at the house were: Mrs. James (mother); Mesdames Jones (sister); L. and J. James (sisters-in-law); E. H. and D. R. Lewis, Shankland, Jenkins, Williams, Davies, and Owen (aunts); Miss C. Evans (friend).

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Fochriw Inquest: "Accidental Death" Verdict On Young Collier A verdict of "Accidental Death" was recorded by the North Glamorgan Coroner and a jury at the inquest at the Belle Vue Hotel, Merthyr, on Thursday week, on Stanley Lewis James, aged 23, collier, Dynevor-street, Fochriw, who was buried under a fall at the Brithdir Levels on Thursday, 28th February. The identifying witness, Thomas John James, brother, Pantywaun, said deceased had been a collier since he was 14 years of age. He had been taken to Merthyr General Hospital after the accident and died there on Wednesday 6th March. A collier's helper, Melvin Rogers, aged 16, who was working near James when the fall occurred, said James was "holing" at the time. Two new posts had been put in position by James that morning. Rogers said that he heard no sound. The day fireman, John Jones, said that the night firemen had inspected the place. Witness said he heard the fall as he was only about 10 yards away at

the time. The stone which fell, together with some coal, was 5 ft long by 2 ft wide, and seven inches at the thickest part. Berkley Angell, the night firemen, who had examined the spot early in the morning, said he had marked the place safe to work in. Mr. Trevor P. Griffiths represented the owner's insurance company.

Hospital Miss Laurie Hiscox, Dynevor-street, is a patient at Gellygaer Hospital.

Institute Dance The Grosvenor Band played, and Mr. John Lewis was M.C. at the dance held at the New Hall on Monday.

Mothers' Union A meeting took place at the Church Hall on Tuesday.

Death The death has occurred of Mrs. Mary Davies, late of Guest-street, widow of Mr. William Davies.

Band Meeting Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday. Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, dealt with the arrangements for the coming dance and concert. The band master gave a report of the band's activities.

Hospital S.O.S. The collectors at the recent appeal of the Merthyr Hospital were: Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Elsie Rees, Mrs. M. Shankland, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. G. Llewellyn, Miss Wynda Edwards, Miss Annie Mills, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. G. Edwards, Miss Gladys Mills, Miss Alice Mills, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. Lewis. A total of £7 18s 8d. was collected.

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Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday with a programme of poem reading and reciting.

Entrance Exam The entrance examination to the secondary schools was held at the Fochriw Mixed School and Penybank School on Tuesday.

Nursing Success Nurse Phoebe Cole, daughter of Mrs. Cole and the late Mr. Simon Cole, Aelybryn, has passed the C.M.B. examination. She was at Westcote Drive Hospital, Leicester.

Patronal Festival The patronal festival services of St. Mary's Church were held on Sunday and Monday. The preachers were the Rev. J. L. White, Canon J. Richards Pugh, Merthyr, and the Rev. E. B. Fry, Bedwellty. Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist.

Cymanfa Ganu The united singing festival of Noddfa and Nazareth churches was held at Noddfa on Sunday. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D. Joshua Thomas. The organists were Mr. Wyndham Lawrence and Miss Eira Matthews. The presidents were: morning, Mr. Trevor Lawrence; afternoon, Mr. Thomas Evans; evening, Mr. William Lewis.

Eisteddfod Winners A large number of members of the Fochriw branch of Urdd Gobaith Cymru attended the Eisteddfod at Aberbargoed on Saturday. The following were winners: first for party of six, under 10 (conducted by Miss Beryl Ballard); first for party of eight under 14 (conducted by Miss Maria Jones); first for party of 12, aged 14 to 18 (conducted by Mr. T. J. Jones). In the simultaneous reciting competition, Brynteg were second and Carmel third. Megan Davies won the singing competition for children under 8. In the reciting competition under eight, Huw Ballard Thomas was second, and Mary Davies was third.

Band Dance The Fochriw Silver Band held a long dance at the New Hall on Monday. Music was supplied by the Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. The M.Cs. were Mr. David J. Davies and Mr. Elwyn Lewis. The winners of the spot dance were Miss Lavinia Owen, Deri, and Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone. The cake, given by Messrs. Childs and Price, Pontlottyn, was won by Mr. Stanley Davies. Refreshments were served by Mesdames W. Price, J. J. Lewis, S. Davies, A. Mantle, D. Griffiths, D. T. Davies, R. Rees, C. Shankland, V. Jones and J. Williams. Mr. J. J. Lewis proposed and Mr. William Price seconded a vote of thanks to all.

Octogenarian's Funeral: Mrs. Mary Davies, late of Guest-street The funeral of Mrs. Mary Davies took place last week at Pentwyn Churchyard. The deceased, aged 80, had resided in

Fochriw the greater part of her life. She lived with her son at Cwmbargoed Cottages. She was the widow of Mr. William Davis, who was an official at Messrs. G.K.N. collieries for many others. The Rev. J. S. Roberts, Caersalem, Dowlais, officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William H., Edwin, John, David and Price Davies (sons); R. P. Jones, Edward Gittens (sons-in-law); D. W. Morris, A. Morris, Eddie Gittens, Elwyn Gittens, Thomas Jones, Brinley Jones, John R. Jones, Myrthyn Jones, Iorwerth Jones, Brinley Davies, Vernon Davies, Willie Davies, Glyndwr Evans, Gwilym Evans (grandsons).

Fochriw Man & Wife: Husband Objects To Her Going To Dances At Pontlottyn Police Court on Friday, Samuel John Jones, aged 36, an unemployed boot-repairer, of Brook-row, Fochriw, was summoned for being guilty of persistent cruelty to his wife, Ivy Maud Jones, and for desertion. Mr. Jesse Roberts, Dowlais, appeared for the wife, and Mr. Charles Jones, Bedwas, for the husband. Mrs. Jones said they were married in September 1930, and there was one child. She left her husband on 12th February because of his conduct. She alleged that on that day he knocked her about and threatened to kill her. During the whole of her married life he had knocked her about. On one occasion, he picked up a poker and was going to strike her on the head with it, but she warded off the blow. He accused her of being an immoral woman, and said he would "have the rope" for her, and told her to go and never come back. She was laid up for a fortnight. On one occasion he struck her from one side of the street to the other. Just before Christmas, he won a sweepstake, and drank heavily. Cross-examined, the wife said she forgave her husband once, thinking he would turn over a new leaf. They first lived with her parents, and after at a house in Fochriw. She denied that the unpleasantness was owing to her going to dances. Violet Palmer, sister, said that she had seen the defendant strike his wife "heaps of times." Arthur James Palmer, brother, said he had seen the wife's face bleeding, and Lily May Palmer, said she had seen many bruises on the complainants leg. Samuel Jones admitted striking his wife on February 16th but not on other occasions. He said they quarrelled because he did not think it right for her to go to dances and spend money that ought to be devoted to the needs of the house. He accused his wife of threatening him with a carving knife. The Stipendiary: We are satisfied with the evidence of persistent cruelty in this case, which is corroborated. The man is evidently an intemperate brute, and he is incapable of telling the whole truth to the court. If he had been working, we should have made a substantial order. You must pay your wife 12 shillings a week and costs, the wife to have the custody of the child.

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I.O.G.T. At Carmel Vestry on Tuesday, the following performed the drama "Dal y Lleidr": W. Walters, E. Lewis, D. Cole, S. Davies, G. Harris, M. Rowlands.

Library Dance The weekly dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. Music was provided by the Grosvenor Band, and Mr. John Lewis was the M.C..

Postmaster's Retirement Two highly respected personalities left the district this week in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Jones. Mr. Jones has been postmaster at Fochriw for the last 30 years, and was held in high esteem, and Mrs. Jones was a deacon at Carmel Congregational Church, and associated with many good causes in the village. They will make their future home at Roath, Cardiff, and their many friends join in wishing them every happiness in their new sphere.

Urdd Concert On Wednesday and Thursday, the Fochriw branch gave a miscellaneous concert and drama. The items consisted of the test pieces for the National Eisteddfod. The following pupils of the infants department contributed to the programme: recitations, Winnie Evans, Betty Simpson, Betty Jones, Linda Thomas, Marie Davies, Betty Evans, Desmond Kelly, Huw Thomas; songs, Megan Davies, Gladys Harries. The parties sang the test pieces, conducted by Mrs. B. Ballard, Miss M. Jones, and Mr. T. J. Jones. The Glyn party, conducted by Mr. T. Walters, also recited "Elusengarwch." The drama "Dal y Lleidr" was

produced by Miss E. Ballard. Miss E. Lewis and Mr. W. Lewis presided, with Mr. T. Walters and Miss A. Jones as accompanists.

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Pontllynn Police Court: Without a Light Thomas Shankland, Fochriw, was summoned for riding a pedal cycle after dark at Deri without a lighted lamp. P.C. Taylor proved the case and the defendant was dismissed on payment of costs.

Siloh Chapel Special services were held at Penybank on Sunday when the Rev. D. M. Jones, Senghenydd, was the preacher.

Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. John Lewis was M.C., and the Grosvenor Band supplied the music.

Dramatic Party The new hall was filled to capacity on Thursday when the Fochriw Dramatic Party, Mr. T. J. Jones producer, performed the comedy "Possessions" (Neil F. Grant). It was an enjoyable performance, and the generous applause testified to the appreciation of the audience. The stage manager was Mr. D. H. Lewis. The proceeds were in aid of Nazareth Church.

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Boys' Football Fochriw and Deri Schoolboys played a game of rugby at Fochriw on Saturday, when Fochriw won by six pts to five pts.

Ladies' Glee Party The Party, conductor Madam H. C. Davies, accompanist Mr. Wyndham Lawrence, journeyed to Liverpool on Saturday and competed at the Eisteddfod in the glee competition.

Library Dance Mr. John Lewis was M.C. and the Grosvenor Band supplied the music at the dance at the New Hall on Monday.

Palm Sunday Hundreds of people visited the Old Church of St. Andrews on Palm Sunday and placed flowers on the graves. In the afternoon, a service was conducted in the Church by the Vicar.

"Peach Blossom" Carmel Sunday School Choir maintained their high reputation in their performance of the operetta "Peach Blossom," which they staged at the New Hall on Wednesday and Thursday. The conductor was Mr. Tom Walters; accompanist, Mrs. Beryl Ballard; assistants - Mrs. S. Lewis and Miss Maria Jones; chairmen - Messrs. Sam Lewis and E. M. Davies. The leading parts were played by: James Lester, Renee Angell, Leighton Millward, Willie Walters, Douglas Clark, Miss A. Jones, Muriel Davies, Marion Lester, Betty Jones, Betty Simpson, Ernie Simpson, Jennie Davies. The following sketches were played: "The Railway Train" (produced by Windsor Chapman and friends), and "Coffee Stall" (Evan Lewis and friends).

“Merthyr Express” 27 April 1935

Welfare Meeting At a meeting of the Association at the Old Library, the secretary and treasurer gave reports, and arrangements were made for the official opening of the Children's Corner about Whitsuntide.

St. Mary's The Easter services at the Parish Church were well-attended. The altar was decorated with a profusion of spring flowers and Easter lilies. The celebrant and preacher was the vicar, and Mr. Octavius Richards was at the organ.

Good Templars The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Brother James was responsible for the programme which took the form of an ambulance display by a few members of the St. John Ambulance Cadets. The Cadets and Bro. James were thanked by Bros. Walters and Lewis.

Death: Mr. John Evans, Martins-street, aged 81 Another link with the past was broken with the death of Mr. John Evans. Deceased was a native of Carmarthen, but came to Fochriw 54 years ago, and was for many years an official at Messrs. G.K.N. South Tunnel Pits. He was held in high esteem both by workman and employers. He had been a deacon at Carmel chapel many years, but for the last few years he became totally blind. His wife died 19 years

ago. He leaves a grown up family to mourn. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and after a short service at the house, conducted by the Rev. J. R. Salmon, the solemn cortege proceeded to Pentwyn Churchyard for interment. The principal mourners were: Messrs. David I. Evans & Tom Idris Evans (sons); Mr. David Lewis and Mr. Evan Jones (sons-in-law); Messrs. Enoch Lewis, John G. Lewis, Elwyn Edwards, Gethin Jones, Edred Jones, G. Jones, D. Alban Evans, John Evans (grandsons); Thomas Davies (brother-in-law); J. Thomas, David J. Jacob, David I. Davies, David J. Morgan, Aneurin M. Davies, Willie Ballard, Crad Ballard, E. Ballard, and S. Ballard (nephews).

Sale of Property Mr. Evan Phillips, F.A.I., will submit to public auction at the Lord Nelson Hotel, Pontlottyn, on Wednesday May 1st at 6.30p.m. the following property: Leasehold Corner Shop Premises and Dwelling House (with vacant possession) adjoining situate and known as Nos. 16 and 17, Brook-row, Fochriw, held for a term of 99 years from 1st November, 1865, at the yearly ground rent of £2 8s 10d.

“Merthyr Express” 4 May 1935

Sudden Death The death took place on the Thursday, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. David Thomas, Aelybryn. Mr. Thomas had reached the station when he collapsed. He was attended to and carried home, but died soon afterwards.

Church Presentation Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Jones, postmaster, retired a few weeks ago, after 38 years service. Mrs. Jones, who was a deacon at Carmel Church, has been presented with a photograph of herself and her co-deacons.

Legion Concert Under the auspices of the local British Legion Children's Fund, a variety programme was given at the New Hall on Thursday by the All Blacks' Minstrel Troupe, who function under the auspices of Christ Church, Pant, with the Mr. W. Mason Jones as interlocutor, assisted by a Mr. Fred Richards, comedian, Merthyr. The chairman was Mr. W. J. Payne. Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, secretary, thanked all were taken part.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday. The programme was a devotional one and Bro. Gomer Evans was responsible. After a portion of Scripture and prayer, a reading entitled "Character, Life and Conduct" was given by Bro. Evans. The singing was conducted by Bro. Walters

Late Mr. John Jones, Brynteg, aged 58 years The death has taken place of Mr. John Jones. He was a native of Cardigan, but had resided at Penybanc for 21 years before moving to Brynteg a few months ago. He was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral took place on Monday and was well attended. A short service was held at the house, conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans, who also officiated at the graveside. Much sympathy is extended to the wife and family. The chief mourners were: Mrs. J. Jones (widow); Messrs. Willie, T., & David Jones (sons); Mrs. D. Jones and Miss Annie Jones (daughters); Mrs. M. Baughan, Mrs. S. Taylor, Miss M Jones (London), sisters; Mrs. J. W. Davies, London, Mrs. A. Jones (sisters-in-law); Mr. T. J. Davies, London, (brother-in-law); Mr. D. Davies (uncle); Mr. Evan L. Davies, Cyfarthfa.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter vestry for the parish of St. Mary's was held at the Church Hall on Monday. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. L. D. Jones, curate, Mr. W. J. Payne, churchwarden, and Mr. Tom Jones, parochial secretary. The Vicar opened at the meeting with prayer, and in his address said they had a credit balance again this year. He paid compliments to the churchwarden for his untiring efforts on behalf of the Church. A vote of sympathy was passed with Councillor John Edwards, Deri, who is seriously ill. The churchwarden gave a review of the past years work. The accounts, as audited by Miss R. Davies, were accepted. The following officers were elected: Mr. W. J. Payne as people's warden; Councillor John Edwards as vicar's warden. Parochial Council: Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Llewellyn, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. Henry Thomas, Messrs. Jack Lawrence, Ernest Jones, Charles White, W. D. Davies, T. Baldwin, T. Jones, O. Richards. Sidesman: Messrs. W. D. Davies, D. Jones, Arthur Palmer, T. Jones (Pentwyn), Gordon Lawrence,

Windsor Rees, C. White, E. I. Griffiths, J. Lloyd Jones, Frank Way, T. E. Davies, P. Keane. Parochial Secretary, Mr. Tom Jones. Thanks were accorded the sexton, Mr. Baldwin.

New Postmaster Mr. and Mrs. Emlyn Evans have been appointed postmaster and postmistress at Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 11 May 1935

Good Templars The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, when short addresses were given.

Ambulance Inspection The members of the Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade visited Cardiff on Saturday and took part in the inspection at Cardiff Castle.

Ambulance Parade Members of the Fochriw Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Cadets, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band paraded through the village on Friday.

Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Monday. Mr. John Lewis was the M.C. The music was supplied by Mr. Ray Parry and his band, Abertyswg.

Legion Supper To mark the Jubilee, the members of the Women's Section held a supper at the Old Library. Members of the section attended the tables. The secretarial duties were carried out by Mrs. Stanley Jones, with Mrs. Tom Jones as treasurer.

Silver Band Concert At the New Hall on the Thursday, a concert was held under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. W. J. Payne was chairman. The programme was as follows: pianoforte overture, Mr. Wyndham Lawrence; solos, Mr. T. Cymro Thomas, Rhymney, Madame Olwen Jones-Price, Merthyr; elocutionist, Miss Flossie Jones, New Tredegar; selections by the band.

Funeral: Mr. David Thomas, Aelybryn, aged 72 The funeral of Mr. David Thomas took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. He had resided in the village for over 68 years. He was a member of Noddfa Baptist Chapel. Rev. Ieuan Evans, Jerusalem, Rhymney, officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Rees Thomas (brother); D. D. Thomas, T. J. Lewis (nephews); Mr. H. Simpson. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Rees Thomas (sister-in-law); Mrs. D. Rees Lewis, Miss Mary K. Thomas, Mrs. Esther M. Jones (Treharris), Miss Margaret Edwards (Treharris), nieces.

Jubilee Celebrations Fochriw celebrated the Silver Jubilee in right to royal style, the streets and houses being gaily decorated with flags and bunting. The children of the Fochriw Mixed and Infants and Penybank Council Schools were entertained to tea under the supervision of the head teachers (Mr. T. J. Jones, Miss Lewis and Mr. Arthur Ballard), assisted by the staff and helpers. Mr. Sam Lewis, school manager, also attended. The Silver Band, conductor Mr. A. Mantle, played a programme of music during the evening.

“Merthyr Express” 18 May 1935

Hospital Mr. Edwin Davies, Cwmbargoed, is a patient at Merthyr Hospital, as a result of an accident whilst following his employment.

Thanksgiving Service A Jubilee Service was held at the Parish Church conducted by the Vicar.

Jubilee Events The final events in connection with the Fochriw Jubilee Committee took place at the Welfare ground on Monday. Thanks are due to the inhabitants for the generous response to the appeal.

I.O.G.T. At the weekly meeting of the Lodge, the programme consisted of solos, recitations and readings. Brother Lewis thanked all who took part.

Nazareth Chapel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday. The Rev. Robert Ellis, Ammanford, preached edifying sermons. The organist was Mr. W. Lawrence.

R.A.O.B. On Tuesday, at the Rising Sun Inn, a new Lodge was opened, known as the "Brynderwyn" Lodge. The Provincial Grand Officers performed the ceremony.

“Merthyr Express” 25 May 1935

Hospital The following our patients at Merthyr General Hospital: Mrs. Roberts, Glyn-terrace, Mrs. Williams, Hill-terrace, Pentwyn. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Band Meeting A meeting was held on Thursday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The Band has been engaged for the Merthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala. A report on the concert was given by the Secretary and it proved a financial success.

I.O.G.T. Concert The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. Brother Thomas Walters and family were responsible for the programme, which was chiefly musical, and was as follows: pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; trio (cello, violin and piano) W. Walters and friends; solos, Sisters M. Thomas and C. Walters and Brother Emrys Thomas; recitation, W. Walters. Brother Davies and Sister Ballard thanked all who took part.

Labour Candidate Interest is growing daily in the forthcoming election for the seat rendered vacant by the death of Councillor John Edwards on the Gellygaer District Council. The nominee of the Fochriw Labour Party is Mr. Samuel Lewis. The joint meeting of the Fochriw and Deri Labour Parties was held at Penybank School on Monday evening, presided over by Mr. Tom Jones, the Labour Party organiser for the Caerphilly area. Mr. Iorwerth Hopkins, the Deri Labour Party nominee, was also present. After much discussion, Mr. Sam Lewis was declared the official Labour Party candidate.

R.A.O.B. Ceremony A very striking ceremony was performed at the Rising Sun Inn on Tuesday evening, when the Grand Lodge officers assembled, with many brothers from various lodges of the Order, to open the new Lodge, known as the Brynderwen Lodge 7284. Before the consecration of the room, the dispensation was read by Brother J. N. Zetterstrom, and the consecration ceremony was conducted by Brother J. Whelan, assisted by the Brothers J. N. Zetterstrom, J. Jervis, A. S. Morgan, J. A. Jones, & E. Price. Following the ceremony, the following were initiated into the order: Messrs. J. J. Lewis & W. A. Thomas. After the election of officers, Mr. Eddie Price took over office and gave some excellent advice to all the brothers assembled. Musical items were given by Brothers J. A. Jones, J. Whelan, A. S. Morgan, George Davies, J. J. Lewis and Eddie Thomas, with Brother J. Slimmonds at the piano. The founders of the lodge are Messrs. S. Williams, T. Jones, V. Wood, A. H. Wood and T. J. Jones (host).

Pontlottyn Police Court: Street Betting Edward Thomas, of Fochriw, pleaded guilty to street betting and was fined 20 shillings

Affiliation Case Thomas Lewis, Fochriw, was summoned by Gladys Irene Gwynn in respect of the £25 14s 6d due under an affiliation order made in March 1929 for 6 shillings a week. Lewis said he was willing to pay. He was committed for a month, but the order was suspended so long as he paid 7s. a week.

“Merthyr Express” 1 June 1935

British Legion Dance The dance at the New Hall on Monday evening. Music was supplied by the Virginia Band and Mr. James Lewis was M.C. The winners of the spot prizes were Mr. Jack Davies and Mrs. Jones.

Election The Labour Party launched their campaign by holding a meeting at Penybank on Monday, when the chairman was Mr. John Evans, Deri. The speakers included the candidate, Mr. Sam Lewis, Councillor W. R. John, Deri, Mr. R. Stokes and Mr. Iorwerth Hopkins.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru An enjoyable evening was spent by the members on Thursday last. Welsh papers were read by Betty Evans entitled "Dwy Gan," "Codiad y Hedydd" and "Tros y Garreg." Mrs. C. Walters recited, and Muriel Davies, Marie Davis and Marion Lester sang. The singing was conducted by Mr. T. Walters and Miss B. Ballard was the accompanist.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday evening. The programme was an impromptu speech competition. The subjects given were "The Telephone" and "Stars." Sister Lewis adjudicated, and awarded prizes to Master W. Walters and Sister Ballard. Sisters C. Oliver and C. Jones were thanked for the prizes.

For The Hospital The annual meeting in connection with the Merthyr General Hospital took place at the Old Library on Thursday evening last, and was presided over by Mr. Howell

Thomas. A report of the working of the Hospital for the past year was given by Mr. W. J. Payne. It was decided to organise a concert in aid of the hospital, for which purpose the Fochriw Ladies Glee Party had offered their services. A committee will carry out the arrangements.

“Merthyr Express” 8 June 1935

By-Election Result The by-election in the Fochriw and Deri Ward of the Gellygaer Urban District Council, caused by the death of Mr. John Edwards, resulted as follows: Samuel Lewis (Labour) 905; W. H. Knibbs (Independent) 673; majority, 232. Mr. Lewis is a Fochriw boy and is a member of the Gellygaer Group of School Managers, and is the treasurer of Carmel Congregational Chapel.

I.O.G.T. Concert The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Tuesday. Brothers Davies and Evans were responsible for the programme. Two competitions took place, the first being a Biblical question competition, with Sister E. Ballard as the winner, and the other a sol-fa test, with Sister Lydia Thomas the winner. Brother and Sister Walters proposed and seconded a vote of thanks.

Institute Meeting Mr. Roy Clarke presided at a meeting of the Fochriw Library and Institute on Tuesday. Mr. D. I. Evans, secretary, read the correspondence and the caretaker's report, which was accepted. It was decided to hold future meetings on Mondays at 5:30pm. Congratulations were extended to Councillor Sam Lewis, who is vice-chairman of the library, on his recent election victory.

Welfare Meeting Mr. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting of the Welfare Association on Tuesday at the Old Library, when arrangements were made for the opening ceremony on Saturday next at 4pm, which will be performed by the Rev J. C. Payne. The procession will be marshalled from near the station, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, and various organisations, and will march to the ground. The financial statement was given by Mr. W. J. Williams, treasurer, and the correspondence was dealt with by the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Davies. A number of boys have been sent to St. Athans Camp.

Obituary: Miss Nan Evans, Pit-row, Cwmbargoed, aged 16 The funeral of Miss Nan Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs W. Evans, took place on Saturday. Deceased died at Merthyr General Hospital after a short illness She was a member of the Railway Mission, Cwmbargoed. Mr. H. Jones, superintendent of the Mission, officiated at the house and Pentwyn Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W. Evans (father); D. Evans (brother); J. Evans, Ted Barnett, Bert Barnett, Ted Lloyd (uncles). Mourners at the house were: Mrs. W. Evans (mother); Mona, Phyllis and Sylvia (sisters); Teddy (brother); Auntie Violet (Newport), Auntie Annie (Glyn Neath), Mrs. Barnett, Mountain Hare (grandmother). Much sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement.

Pontlottyn Police Court: Affiliation Case David Thomas, a painter of Fochriw, was summoned by Maggie Davies, a single woman of Fochriw. The complainant, who could not read, said the child was born on 5th February. They courted for nine years. An order was made for 6 shillings a week.

“Merthyr Express” 15 June 1935

Please Note Abertysswg Hospital Eisteddfod: Saturday, September 28th.

Sunday School Outings The Sunday Schools made their annual trip on Tuesday to Barry . The arrangements were made by Mr. Lugg, stationmaster.

Silver Band The Silver Band headed the procession Pontlottyn Church tea on Monday. On Tuesday, they were engaged in connection with the Merthyr Hospital Fete.

I.O.G.T. The lodge meeting was held on Tuesday. Brother Islwyn Davies was responsible for the programme. Congratulations were extended to Brother Sam Lewis on being elected a district councillor.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru The Fochriw branch met on Thursday. Readings were given by Marion Sullivan and Jimmy Davies; a quartette by Muriel Davies, Maggie Lester, Mary

Davies and Gladys Harris. Mr. T. Jones conducted the singing, and Mr. T. Walters was the accompanist.

Funeral: Mr. Walter Thomas, 6, Dynevor-street, aged 71 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week of Mr. Walter Thomas. A service at the house was conducted by the Rev. Richard Evans who also officiated at the Churchyard. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Crad, Robert, John and Egryn Thomas (sons); David Thomas (brother); Ted Powles, T. J. Horton, Eddie Williams (sons-in-law); Daniel Evans, Richard Evans (brothers in-law); Tom Evans, Aneuriin Evans, Emlyn Evans, Emrys Evans, Thomas J. Evans, Sydney Evans, Uriah Evans, Richard Evans, T. J. Jones, E. W. Jones, H. Morgan (nephews); Evan Evans, Johnny Evans, Johnny Thomas, Octavius Thomas, Walter Thomas (cousins). Mourners at the house: Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Powles, Mrs. Horton, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Williams, Misses Gwenda, Lily and Kate (daughters); Gwenfil Harris (grandchild); Mrs. Evans, Bedwas (sister); Mrs. Robert Thomas (daughter-in-law).

Wedding: Palmer-Jones The wedding took place on Monday at Fochriw Parish Church of Miss Violet Palmer, daughter of Mrs. A. Palmer, 5, Council Houses, and Mr. Emlyn Jones, West Villa, Abertysswg. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Arthur Palmer, was attired in white georgette and lace, and wore a veil trimmed with a halo of orange blossoms. The train-bearers were Nancy Palmer and Jean Pegg, nieces of the bride. They wore white organdie dresses and hats to match. The flower girl was Sybil Jones, niece of the bride, who wore a dress of white organdie, the early Victorian style, and a Dolly Varden bonnet to match. The train-bearers and flower-girl carried posies of white and blue carnations. The bride was attended by Miss Iris Palmer (sister), who wore a pink and lace georgette dress and pink crinoline hat; Miss Bernice Handley who was similarly attired; and Miss D. Hughes and Miss Traylor, who were attired in blue floral georgette with blue crinoline hats, and Miss Tema Lewis and Miss Meidwen Rees, who wore green floral georgette and green crinoline hats. The bride carried a bouquet of white lilies, and the bridesmaids' bouquets were white and purple. The complete wedding outfits were supplied and designed by Messrs. G. W. Davies, The Emporium, Bargoed. The service was fully choral, conducted by the Vicar, with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ, and the choirmaster was Mr. Berkley Angel. After the reception, the bride and bridegroom left for the Wye Valley.

Wedding: Wright-Tyler A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday. The contracting parties were Miss Doris Wright, eldest daughter Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, Aelybryn, and Mr. Goronwy Tyler, youngest son of Mr. Bert Tyler, and the late Mrs. Tyler, Davies-row, Pentwyn. The bride, who was charmingly attired in a lemon georgette dress with hat and shoes to match. She carried a bouquet of lilies, and was given away by her father. She was attended by Miss Annie Wright (sister) and Miss Doris Tyler (sister of the bridegroom). They were attired in pink dresses, and carried bouquets of pinks. The best man was Mr. David Tyler. The Vicar officiated. Mr. Bert Tyler (father) and Mr. Charlie Tyler (brother) were also present at the ceremony.

Wedding: Edwards-Neal A pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's on Whit Monday. The contracting parties were Mr. George Neal, London, and Miss Edna Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Edwards, Brook-row. The Vicar officiated. The service was fully choral, the choirmaster being Mr. Berkley Angell, and the organist Mr. Octavius Richards. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a white satin dress, with Juliet cap and veil trimmed with orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of lilies. The train-bearers were Queenie Griffiths, Teddington (niece of the bride), Beryl Chart, London (niece of the bridegroom), Margaret Mantle, Aberbargoed (cousin). They wore long lavender dresses. The flower-girls were Misses Mair Evans and Betty Edwards, cousins of the bride, who wore pink silk dresses, and carried muffs trimmed with blue and pink forget-me-nots. The bridesmaids were Misses Wyndham Edwards and Rita Cole, who were attired in blue silk

ankle-length dresses, crinoline hats, and shoes to match. Their bouquets were of mauve irises. The best man was Mr. John Mantle, and the groomsman Mr. Bedford Edwards. The reception was held in the Church Hall. Later in day, the happy couple left for London. The bride travelled in a brown and fawn ensemble with hat to match. They were the recipients of the numerous presents.

Fochriw Welfare: Opening of the Children's Playground An interesting event took place on Saturday, when the children's playground was officially opened. Other parts of the scheme are to follow as soon as funds permit. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. C. Payne, formerly vicar of Fochriw and Deri. He said the village was one of the dearest spots in the world, and where he had spent the greater part of his life. He appealed to the young, whose playground he was opening, to use it well, but not to abuse it. He was delighted to see the Fochriw Silver Band looking so smart. He spent eight years with them as a cornet player when he was at Fochriw. Mr. T. J. Jones, chairman of the Welfare Association, presented the Reverend Payne with a silver-mounted perpetual calendar bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. J. C. Payne to mark the occasion of opening the Fochriw Welfare Association children's playground, June 8th, 1930, also a fountain." Mr. Jones spoke of Mr. Payne's work in connection with the village and the Welfare during the time he was amongst them. Before the opening ceremony, a procession was formed, and, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle, officers and committee of the Welfare Association, school children, members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Cadets, members of the R.A.O.B., and the general public, marshalled by P.S. Jones and P.C. Wadley, marched to the ground. The children had a happy time on the ground. The officers of the Association are: chairman, Mr. T. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. W.J. Payne; secretary, Mr. W. J. Davies, treasurer, Mr. W. J. Williams; with an energetic committee.

"Merthyr Express" 22 June 1935

Personal Mr. David Jones, Brynteg, and Mr. William Griffiths, Glyn-terrace, are returning from Talygarn and Porthcawl respectively, much improved in health, after their long illness.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru A large number of the members of the Fochriw branch journeyed to Carmarthen, to take part in the various competitions on Saturday. The choir competed under the conductorship of Mr. Thomas Walters and gave a good account of themselves.

Band Meeting A meeting was held at the band-room last week, presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne, supported by the secretary, Mr. J. J. Lewis, and the treasurer, Mr. William Price. Applications for future engagements were dealt with. Regret was expressed with the Merthyr General Hospital Fete and Gala Committee with their ill-luck owing to weather conditions on Whit Tuesday.

"Merthyr Express" 29 June 1935

Scholastic Success The following pupils of Fochriw School passed the recent entrance examination: Tudor Chapman, Evan M. Lewis, Betty Edwards, Alice Kinsey, and Mair Morgan.

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Outing The committee and friends journeyed to Aberystwyth on Saturday last by charabanc, and spent a most enjoyable day. Mrs. M. Jenkins is the secretary of the local branch.

Carmel Chapel The yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. T. Glyn Thomas, Llanelly, preached. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters who was also at the organ.

Good Templars The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Tuesday. The programme was arranged by Sister B. Ballard. Sisters C. and B. Ballard and Sister Oliver took part. An interesting item was a folk dance by Huw B. Thomas.

Wedding: Jones-Parry A pretty wedding was solemnised at Hermon Congregational Church, Treorchy, on Saturday, the contracting parties being Mr. David George Parry, Dynevor-street, Fochriw, and Miss Gwyneth Jones, Treorchy. The bride, who was given away by her

father, was attired in a powder-blue, ankle-length crepe-de-chine dress, with hat to tone. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The bridesmaids were Miss Gwyneth Parry (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss Maggie M. Jones, Porthcawl. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. Willie Parry, and the officiating minister was the Rev. A. W. Anthony, pastor of Hermon. The organist was Mr. David J. Thomas, Fochriw. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Old Inhabitants Death: Mr. John Harvard Thomas, aged 86 The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday of Fochriw's oldest inhabitant, Mr. John Harvard Thomas. A native of Penboyr, Llangeler, Carmarthen, he came to reside at Rhymney, where he commenced work at the age of seven years, later moving to Fochriw, where he lived for 70 years. He was an official with Messrs. G.K.N. at their of Fochriw Collieries for 50 years. For the last few years, he had resided with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Rhymney, where he died. The funeral was a very representative one. The officiating ministers were Rev. David Jones, Deri, and Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn. The bearers were old officials of Messrs. G.K.N., namely, Messrs. J. Jones, D. Lawrence, D. Owen and D. J. Davies. The chief mourners were: Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jenkins (daughter and son-in-law); Mr. and Mrs. David Davies (daughter and son-in-law); David H. Thomas, E. L. Thomas (Trelewis), Gerald McArthur (sons); Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones, Treorchy (sister and brother-in-law); per Messrs. J. R. Thomas, D. Thomas, C. Thomas, B. Thomas, Jack Davies, Iorwerth, Claerwyn, Islwyn, Garfield and Stuart Davies, Trevor and Naunton Thomas, Elwyn, Eddie and Naunton Jenkins, W. Evans and J. Slimmon (grandchildren).

“Merthyr Express” 6 July 1935

Nursing Success Nurse Megan Morris, daughter of Mrs. Millward, and the late Mr. Edgar Morris, has passed the preliminary state nursing examination. She is at present at Hastings Municipal Hospital.

Concert Arrangements At a meeting at the Old Library last week, presided over by the Mr. W. J. Payne, arrangements were made for the forthcoming concert in aid of them Merthyr General Hospital on July 18th, when the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, assisted by eminent artistes, will provide a programme of music.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the local branch meeting on Tuesday and made reference to the loss sustained by the branch president (Mr. T. J. Jones) whose mother has died. It was announced that the standard had arrived, and that a dedication service would soon be arranged. The women's section had also received their standard. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, gave a report of the annual conference held at London, and was thanked on the proposition of Mr. E. Puddle. Matters concerning the children's outing were discussed. The branch expressed sympathy with Mr. W. Sullivan, whose wife is seriously ill.

“Merthyr Express” 13 July 1935

School Camp A number of schoolboys journeyed to Pembrey and Pendine during the weekend for a fortnight's holiday.

Death of Mrs. S. Roberts We regret to record the death of Mrs. S. Roberts, 4, Glyn-terrace, who passed away at Merthyr General Hospital.

Band Meeting A meeting was held at the band room on Thursday week, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. Discussion took place concerning the band contest at Rhymney. Mr. Albert Mantle, band-master, gave his report. A deputation was received from Pontlottyn representatives of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, asking for the services of the band at the Church Parade at St. Tyfaelog's Church, Pontlottyn, on 14th July in the aid of a comforts depot. The request was granted.

Welfare Committee Mr. T. J. Jones presided over the meeting at the Old Library on Friday. It was decided to open the children's playground at 10:00am in future. Complaints were received of the conduct of some of the older boys and girls frequenting the playground. It was decided to take strong action if this conduct persists. A deputation was appointed

consisting of Messrs. T. J. Jones, W. J. Payne and W. A. Davies to press forward the claim for a grant from the Welfare Fund to carry out further parts of the scheme.

Golden Wedding: Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankland, Aelybryn Mr. and Mrs. J. Shankland celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday amongst their family and friends. They were married at Merthyr 50 years ago. Mr. Shankland was born at Bygyn, Llanelly, 74 years ago, and Mrs. Shankland at Dowlais 69 years ago, both coming to Fochriw at an early age. Mr. Shankland is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shankland, and Mrs. Shankland, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones. Mr. Shankland has worked in the mines of Messrs. G.K.N. for the greater part of his life as a collier and firemen, and is held in high esteem. They have had six children - two girls (both of whom passed away) and four boys. The four boys all served with H.M. Forces during the Great War, all seeing active service. Ben served with the Cardiff City Battalion, Tom with the Mons, David with the Royal Navy and Caradoc with the Welsh Regiment, all the boys bearing a splendid record. Mr. and Mrs. Shankland are both hale and hearty, and associate themselves with many movements in the village. They have been the recipients of many good wishes on this happy occasion.

“Merthyr Express” 20 July 1935

Educational Success Master W. A. Hiscox, a pupil at Fochriw Mixed School, was successful in passing the entrance examination to the Bargoed Technical School.

Mothers' Union A number of members of the local branch journeyed to Porthcawl and took part in the missionary Festival.

Town Band The Fochriw Silver played a pleasing programme of music on the Green on Monday. On Sunday, they headed the Church Parade at Pontlottyn.

Nursing Success Nurse Olwen Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Chapman, Williams-row, has passed the preliminary state nursing examination. She received her training at Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, where she is at present.

Cycling Accident Mr. W. J. Davies, sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Davies, Martin-street, was cycling on a push-bike towards Deri on Monday, when he was thrown off by the Cwm Bridge. After receiving attention, he was conveyed in an unconscious condition in Mr. Emrys Evans' motor-car to Merthyr General Hospital where an operation was performed.

Sunday Morning Fire On Sunday morning, the alarm of fire was given. Members of the Fochriw Fire Brigade responded, and with the aid of several willing villagers pushed the hose cart up the hill to the scene of a fire, which was an electric standard between Fochriw and Pentwyn. The Bargoed Brigade, in the charge of Chief Officer P. J. Moody, and Second Officer Owen, arrived quickly on the scene, and the fire was soon extinguished.

Funeral: Mrs. Sarah A. Roberts, Glyn-terrace, aged 67 years The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Roberts, wife of Mr. William Roberts, took place on Wednesday. Mrs. Roberts was a communicant at St. Mary's Church, and a member of the Mothers' Union. The interment took place at Pentwyn Churchyard. The officiating clergy were the Rev. J. L. White, and the Rev. J. C. Payne. The chief mourners were: Messrs. William S. Roberts (husband); Thomas, Alban, John and Bill Roberts (sons); J. S. Edwards (son-in-law); William J. Edwards, William J. Jones, David Edwards, David Rees Jones, Haydn Edwards (grandsons); J. Garrett, D. Garrett (brothers); G. Carter (brother-in-law); David Carter, J. A. Garrett, M. Garrett, John Jones, H. Humphries, Richard Williams, Rowland Williams, William Williams (nephews). The mourners at the house: Mrs. L. Edwards (daughter); Mrs. Harold Evans (grand-daughter); Mrs. D. G. Carter and Mrs. Lawrence Davies (sisters); Mrs. T. Jones (daughter-in-law); Mrs. W. Evans, Miss Annie M. Garrett, Miss Winda C.. Edwards (nieces); Mrs. J. A. Garrett, Bedlinog; Mrs. Williams, Glyn Neath (sister-in-law); Mrs. E. J. Weston, Bedwas; Mrs. S. A. Phillips, Port Talbot; Mrs. Humphries, Bedlinog (nieces).

“Merthyr Express” 27 July 1935

Personal Mrs. Rees Thomas (Plantation-terrace), Mr. Robert Slimmons (Fochriw Farm), and Mr. Willie Davies (Martin-street) are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. We wish them a speedy recovery.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday when the programme was "Charades." Sister E. Ballard was responsible. Sisters B. Ballard, G. Oliver and Nurse Mona Ballard took part.

Noddfa Activities A baptismal service was held on Sunday, when the officiating minister was the Rev. J. Gomer James, Tafarnaubach. The candidates for baptism were Miss Winnie Evans and Miss Eda Evans-Jones. The annual tea party was held at the vestry on Tuesday when the tray holders were Mesdames Clarke, A. Mantle, R. Thomas, L. Harris, Sheen, Ray Parry, D. J. Williams, T. Thomas, D. G. Parry and Miss Gwyneth Parry. The secretary was Mr. Burt Edwards with a Mr. D.G. Parry as treasurer.

Hospital Concert At the New Hall on Thursday, the concert organised by the local committee in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital was given. The chairman was Councillor Sam Lewis, who emphasised the splendid service the hospital was giving. Others present included Mr. Canton (chairman of the finance committee), the Mayoress of Merthyr (Miss M. E. Edwards), the matron of the hospital, Mr. Lewis Jones (secretary) and Mrs. Canton. Those who took part were: Mr. Wyndham Lawrence; the Fochriw Ladies' Choir (conductor Madam H. C. Davies); Madam Zoe Cresswell-Minnet (soprano, Bargoed), Miss Morfydd Meyrick, Brithdir, violin selections; Mr. T. R. Jones, Pant, baritone; Mr. J. J. Lewis, tenor; Mr. Lewis, Pant. Mr. Lewis Jones, Penydarren, was the elocutionist. Mr. W. J. Payne moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, artistes, ladies' choir, accompanist, and the ticket sellers. The Mayoress of Merthyr, in a very neat speech, seconded. Mr. Canton gave an address reviewing the work of the hospital, and thanked the people of Fochriw for their splendid efforts from time to time. The secretary was Mrs. W. J. Payne with Mrs. Howell Thomas as treasurer.

"Merthyr Express" 3 August 1935

Hospital Mr. Garfield Davies, Nant Cottage, has undergone an operation at Cardiff Royal Infirmary. Mrs. Sullivan, The Bungalow, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday. Bro. W. Davies and Sister M. Ballard, old lodge members, attended. Bro. Lewis gave a solo and Sister Lewis a paper entitled "The Weather in Life."

Hospital Concert Result The concert in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital raised the sum of £14 3s 9d, which was handed to the secretary. Thanks are due to the committee, the artistes and ladies' choir, who gave their services free, also the ticket sellers and members of the St. John Ambulance, and the general public. The annual community singing in aid of the hospital is to be held on Sunday evening, 25th August.

Band Meeting Mr. W J. Payne presided over the meeting on Friday. The Secretary dealt with the correspondence, and the band-master gave his report. Arrangements were made for the Bank Holiday engagements, and the competition at Rhymney. The auditor's report was given by Mr. J. H. Evans and Mr. Emrys Evans. They said there had been a substantial reduction in the debt on the uniforms, and with the splendid co-operation prevailing, the band could look forward to a very successful time. The auditors were thanked.

Baby Show The annual tea and baby show of St. Mary Church took place on Thursday. The judges for the baby shown were Miss M. Richards, matron Merthyr General Hospital, and Dr. Esther Jones, Merthyr. There were a large number of entries. The judges said that all the babies deserved a prize for they were healthy and well-cared for and were a credit to their mothers. The winners were: babies up to nine months - 1. Maldwyn Hughes, 2. Hazel May Evans; babies 9-18 months - 1. Beryl Carpenter, 2. Lorna Rees. The judges presented the prizes to the winners. Tea followed, the tray holders being Mesdames White, W. J. Payne, C.

White, W. D. Davies, H. Thomas, Bert Evans, A. Wright, E. J. Lawrence, Llewellyn, T. E. Davies, Miss R. Davies, Misses Gladys Mills, Annie Mills, Nellie White, N. Ballard, T. Jones, C. J. Williams, J. Mills. The winner of the cake presented by Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths, Royal Stores, was Maldwyn Hughes.

“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1935

Scholastic Success In June, Miss Phyllis Evans, Bryn Corwen, passed the University of Wales teachers' diploma and a special needlework course.

Gospel Hall Convention During the weekend, the annual convention has been held at the Gospel Hall, during which Pastor W. Hill, Aberkenfig, conducted the services. On Tuesday, a baptismal service took place, when Pastor David Thomas baptised several members.

Urdd Gobaith Cymru During the next fortnight, three young Urdd members will spend a holiday at the camps at Llangranog and Porthdinllaen. They are Willie Walters at the former, and Winnie Evans and Edna Evans-Jones at the latter.

Band Success The Fochriw Silver Band, under their conductor Mr. Albert Mantle, gave a good account of themselves at the Band competition at Rhymney on Saturday, in aid of the Rhymney Hospital, being placed second in the march. On Monday, they played a fine programme of music at Pant in connection with the Olde Village Fayre.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday evening last. Brothers Thomas and Oliver were responsible for the programme. Those who took part were Brother W. A. Davies and Brother D. James. Drawing and sentence competitions created much amusement, Sister Mona Ballard and Brother Davies being the winners. Mrs. S. Lewis, who has been Chief Templar for the last six months, vacated the chair, and Sister Oliver was elected Chief Templar.

“Merthyr Express” 17 August 1935

Wedding: Jones-Jenner The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Monday, August 5th, of Mr. Frank Jenner, Gilfach, and Miss Olwen Jones, elder daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. T. Jones, Horeb-street, Penydarren. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of blue floral georgette, with hat and shoes to tone, and carried a bouquet of carnations. The bridesmaids, Miss N. Jenner (sister of the bridegroom), and Miss M. Woodyatt, wore pink floral georgette and carried bouquets of sweet peas. Pat Jenner (cousin of the bridegroom) and June Richards (cousin of the bride) were the flower girls, and were dressed in pink satin and pink silk respectively, with caps to match, and carried posies of carnations. Mr. Glyn Jones, brother of the bride, was best man, and Messrs. D. Owen and W. Watkins (cousins of the bride) were groomsmen. The reception was held at the School House, Penybank, and a large number of guests were present. The Rev. Ll. T. Jones officiated. The happy couple's new home will be in Bargoed.

Wedding: Parry-Jones At St. Mary's Fochriw on Bank Holiday, Miss Doris M. Parry, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Parry, Cwmbargoed, was married to Mr. David Vivian Jones, Twynrodyn. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle-length suite of powder blue crepe suede with hat and shoes to tone. The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Parry, the bride's sister, Miss Megan Pope, the bride's cousin, who wore blue silk, Miss Gwennie Pugh and Miss Eunice Heggie, who wore lemon georgette and pink georgette. The flower girls were Phyllis Evans, Cwmbargoed, and Gwennie Davies, Fochriw, and the page-boy was Cyril Pugh, brother of the bridegroom. They all carried bouquets of pink carnations, and the flower girls wore dresses in ankle-length gowns of lemon silk. The best man was Mr. Richard T. Pritchard, Pentrebach. The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where many guests were present.

“Merthyr Express” 24 August 1935

Police Court Gwilym Llewellyn of Fochriw was summoned for use of a motor vehicle for a purpose other than that for which it was licensed. Mobile Officer Evans said the defendant's vehicle was loaded with gravel. The case was dismissed on payment of 10 shillings costs.

Community Hymn Singing On Sunday at 7:45pm, a community hymn-singing meeting will take place on Mr. Slimmons field in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. This singing will be led by the Fochriw Silver Band.

I.O.G.T. The following contributed to the programme: Miss M. Llewellyn, Bristol; Brother W. Angell Davies, Reading; Brother Thomas Walters and Mr. W. Morgan.

British Legion Members of the local branch anticipate a big gathering on the occasion of the dedication of their standard at the parish Church on Thursday next. The Women's Section is also having their standard dedicated at the same time. The official standard bearers appointed are Mr. J. Prowse and Mrs. R. G. Wood. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting held on Tuesday. A report on the district committee meeting was given by Comrade E. Puddle. The Childrens' Welfare Committee is endeavouring to provide the children with a day at the seaside and await the usual generous subscriptions. A vote of condolence was passed with Mr. Evan Davies in his recent bereavement. It was reported that Mr. R. G. Wood, vice-chairman, had now recovered after a long illness.

Personal Mr. W. H. Williams of the Welsh Guards was home on short leave this weekend. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Williams, The Villas.

“Merthyr Express” 31 August 1935

I.O.G.T. The Star of Fochriw Lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday, when the programme was a short industrial history of Merthyr Tydfil read by Brother James. He was thanked by Sister Lewis and Brother W. Davies.

Health And Beauty Winner Miss Thelma Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, Brynteg-street, won the first prize out of 468 competitors in the health and beauty competition at Barry.

Fire Brigade's Readiness A fire broke out in a shed at the rear of 27, Guest-street, on Friday. Members of the Fochriw section of the fire brigade were quickly on the scene and soon had the water playing on the fire. The Bargoed Fire Brigade, under Officer Owen, were on the scene in 17 minutes.

The Late Mr. Gareth Jones Much sympathy is felt in the village with the family of the late Mr. Gareth Jones, the Welsh journalist, who met his death by Chinese bandits. Mr. Jones, mother was well-known in the village by many of the older folks, where she resided with her parents for many years before her marriage.

Hospital Community Singing A community hymn singing service was held on Sunday in a field kindly lent by Mr. Robert Slimmons in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Four nurses in uniform from the hospital were busy with collecting boxes, assisted by Miss Kathleen Williams, Miss Minnie Lewis, Mr. W. D. Davies and Mr. J. J. Lewis. The meeting was opened by Mr. W. J. Payne. The chairman, Councillor Sam Lewis, made an earnest appeal on behalf of the hospital, and emphasised the great work it was doing. The conductor was Mr. David John Davies, and the singing was led by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by bandmaster Albert Mantle, who gave their services free. The collection realised £3 13s 8d. Thanks a due to Mr. Slimmons for the field; Mr. Glilym Llewellyn for the lorry for the stage; St. Mary Church for chairs; the 'Western Mail' and 'South Wales Echo' for hymn sheets. Splendid services were rendered by Messrs. W. J. Payne, Howell Thomas, W. D. Davies, J. J. Lewis, William Price, Percy Edwards, E. Davies and M. Evans (Merthyr), E. Jones, Sergeant Jones and P.C. Wadley.

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Choir Outing On Saturday last, a very happy time was spent by members of the Fochriw Ladies' Choir, on the occasion of their annual outing. They journeyed to Weston-super-Mare by train and boat.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the programme being an impromptu speech competition. The winners were Brother Sam Lewis and Sister E. Ballard. Sister Oliver and Sisters C. Jones organised the programme, and were thanked by Bro. Thomas and Bro. B. Davies

Ambulance Competition At an ambulance competition held under the auspices of the Dowlais Flower Shows Committee at Dowlais on Thursday week, a Fochriw adult team tied with Treharris for first prize. As a deciding factor, an individual test was arranged for the captains of the respective teams, and this was won by one point by the Treharris captain. The Fochriw Cadets' team came third. The teams were as follows: adults: Ivor Morgan (captain), Reg. Gittoes, Sergeant D. James, Geo. Grimmett, T. Powell; Cadets: T. Rowlands (captain), A. Morgan, T. J. Lewis, J. Evans, and W. Walters.

Library and Institute A meeting was held at the New Hall on Monday, Mr. R. Clarke presiding. The caretaker's report and financial report were considered. A new heating apparatus has been installed, together with other improvements, which should be an advantage during the coming winter. A discussion also took place with the object of centralising the activities in one building. A committee was appointed to carry out the annual eisteddfod, the following officers being selected: Mr. W. J. Payne, chairman; Mr. J. J. Lewis, vice-chairman; Councillor Sam Lewis, treasurer; Messrs. D. J. Davies and D. I. Evans, secretaries.

Fochriw Legion: Dedication of Standards: Eighteen Branches Parade A service was conducted at the Parish Church on Thursday last, when the standards of the Fochriw branch of the British Legion were dedicated by the branch chaplain, Rev. J. L. White, was assisted by the Rev. George White, owing to the indisposition of the Rev. Richard Evans, Deri. The organist was Mr. Octavius Richards, and Mr. R. Reece sounded the "Last Post." The sacred edifice was well-filled with Legionaries from Fochriw and the surrounding valleys. To many of them, it was a unique event, and left them with the impression that the dedication of the Legion standard is the most solemn and significant event in the life of a British Legion branch. The Legionaries were appealed to to carry out the principles of their great organisation. Standards from 26 branches escorted the Fochriw standards to the Church. The Fochriw standard-bearers were Mr. J. Prowse and Mrs. G. Wood, having in support, Mr. James Symons and Mr. William Sullivan, and Mrs. M. H. Jones and Mrs. A. Jones. Prior to the service, a paraded, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, marched through the village streets. Mr. F. C. Miller (Dowlais), with Mr. J. H. Jones, D.C.M., secretary of the Dowlais branch, were the marshals. Contingents from the following branches are assembled: Deri, Dowlais, Nelson, Trethomas, Bedwas, Merthyr Vale, Penybryn, Gellygaer, Troedyrhiw, Abercynon, Ystrad Mynach, Bargoed, Rhymney, Pontlottyn, Abertysswg, Treharris, Brithdir, Senghenydd and Bedlinog. Apologies for absence were received from Aberaman and Mountain Ash. The Brynderwen and Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodges of the R.A.O.B. were also present. The Band Committee were represented by Messrs. W. J. Payne, W. Price, J. J. Lewis and D. Griffiths. Councillor Sam Lewis also attended. At a conclusion of the service, refreshments were served in the Church Hall (kindly loaned). The secretarial duties were carried out by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones. Mrs. S. J. Jones thanked the visitors for attending.

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Mothers' Union The Mothers' Union met at the Church Hall on Tuesday, Mrs. White presiding.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday, when the programme was "Ode Practice," with Brother Thomas Walters responsible.

Noddfa Yearly Meetings The yearly meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. John Thomas, Aberdulais, was the preacher. The singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Evans, with Mr. David J. Thomas as the organist

Eisteddfod Meeting A meeting in connection with the forthcoming eisteddfod in aid of the Library and Institute was held at the New Hall on Thursday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. It was decided to hold the eisteddfod on December 14th.

Road Accident On Monday, Olive Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jones (greengrocers), was leaving school in the morning when she was knocked down by a motor-car. She was conveyed to Merthyr General Hospital suffering from injuries to her legs.

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Tuesday. Mr. E. Puddle gave a report committee.

Scholastic Appointment Mr. John G. Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, Preswyl, has been appointed to the teaching staff of Earl's Colne School, Essex. He received his training at Trinity College, Carmarthen. He is a splendid athlete, having played for his college both in football and cricket. Mr. Lewis is an old pupil of Bargoed Secondary School, and a product of Fochriw Council School.

Legion Benevolent Committee The local B. L. and U. S. F. Committee met on Monday under the chairmanship of Mrs. G. Wood. The secretary announced that the R.N.B. Trust were defraying the cost of a fortnight's stay at the Lord Kitchener Memorial Holiday Home, Lowestoft, for Mr. D. Davies, Penydarren Pits, who has been indisposed for a long period. Several applications arising from distress due to unemployment and sickness were dealt with.

Band Meeting Mr. W. J. Payne presided over a meeting on Wednesday. The Secretary here dealt with the correspondence, and a committee was received from the Library Committee concerning the services of the band. The financial statement was given by the treasurer and the bandmaster's report was received. Several new members were accepted into the band. It was decided to hold the annual social and dance at the end of November.

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Gale Havoc Monday night's gale caused some of the roofs to be badly damaged.

Hospital Mr. David Owen, School House, is a patient at Aberbargoed Hospital.

Minister's Illness Friends of the Rev. Richard Evans, C. M. minister at Fochriw and Deri, who is a patient at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Eisteddfod Success The Fochriw Ladies' Glee Party were successful in winning the first prize at the Aberdare Hospital Eisteddfod on Thursday last, under the conductorship of Madam Hannah Cole-Davies, with Mr. Wyndham Lawrence as accompanist.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the Star of Fochriw Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. The following contributed to the programme: Sisters Thomas, Jones, Ballard, Oliver, and Lewis. They were thanked by Brothers Lewis and Walters.

Personal Service Flags A flag day was held on Friday last for the funds of the Personal Service League. It was organised by Mrs. J. L. White, Mrs. S. J. Jones, and Mrs. Sam Lewis (secretary). The sellers were Misses Winnie Evans, Jessie Jones, Dilys Evans, Eirlys Jenkins, Joan Mills, Catherine Jane Williams; Pantywaun: Miss Crump and Miss Morgan. The total receipts were £1 11s..

R.A.O. B. Outing The annual outing of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge took place on Saturday to Abergavenny. The party numbered 93 in all, and each child was given 9p. At Abergavenny, the children were entertained in the grounds of Neville Hall. Mr. Stephens catered, assisted by Messrs. C. R. Mills (secretary), William Lewis, Ben Evans, and E. Puddle. The party arrived home at 10pm. Credit is due to the following: Messrs. C. R. Mills, L. D. Jones, S. Phillips, P. Mantle, E. Puddle, and Ben Evans.

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Sudden Death The sudden death of Mr. Benjamin Jones took place on Tuesday. Deceased lived with his sister, Mrs. Davies, at Dynevor-street, and was 72 years of age.

Sheep Sale The annual Welsh mountain sheep sale was held at Pentwyn on Wednesday, when a large number of ewes, lambs and rams were for sale. The auctioneer was Mr. John Herbert.

MPs Visit Mr. Morgan Jones, MP, addressed a meeting at the Old Library on Wednesday, Councillor Sam Lewis presiding. Mr. Jones dealt with some important points, including the Abyssinian crisis, and the miners' campaign for an increase in wages.

Library Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band. The M.Cs. were Mr. John Lewis and Mr. D. J. Davies.

Variety Concert At the New Hall on Thursday, a variety entertainment was given by the Dan Bells' Concert Party, Ebbw Vale, in aid of the Fochriw Institute. Councillor Sam Lewis presided.

Motorcycle Accident As a result of a motorcycle accident on Monday on the Pontygwindy-road. Caerphilly, Mr. David Giddens (driver), and Mr. Ernest Sibley (pillion rider), both of Guest-street, are in Caerphilly Miners' Hospital, suffering from serious injuries. It appears the motorcycle collided with a telegraph pole on the roads side.

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N.S.P.C.C. Collection A house-to-house collection realised £2 7s 8d. The collectors were Misses E. Jones, B. Morris, J. Jones, W. Evans, M. Lewis, K. Williams and E. Thomas. The local secretary is Mrs. M. Jenkins.

Vicar's Son The Rev. George L. White, eldest son of the Rev. and Mrs. J. L. White, The Vicarage, was admitted to priests' orders in the Cathedral, Derby, on Sunday.

Eisteddfod Preparations A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday presided over by Mr. W. J. Payne. A fine programme of events was drawn up and names of adjudicators, etc. was approved.

Harvest Festival Harvest festival services were held at the Parish Church last weekend. The special preachers were the Rev. Canon R. W. Jones, the Archdeacon of Llandaff, the Rev. H. Withers, Rector of Llanfabon, and the Vicar. There were large congregations. The singing was conducted by Mr. Berkley Angell with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ.

The Late Mrs. D. Holmes The death has taken place of Mrs. Doris Holmes, wife of Dr. A. H. Holmes, Accrington, Lancs. Mrs. Holmes was the daughter of Mr. Lodwick Davies, formerly under-manager of the Fochriw Collieries, and of the late Mrs. Davies. She had lived at Fochriw for many years with her parents prior to taking up the nursing profession. She served for a time as a sister at Merthyr General Hospital, and was held in high esteem.

The Late Mr. Benjamin Jones, Dynevor-street, aged 72 The funeral of Mr. Benjamin Jones took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday, the vicar officiating. The chief mourners were: Messrs. George Jones and David Jones (brothers); T. G. Davies, D. Jones, H. Jones, T. J. Jones, T. Walters, J. Walters, G. Walters, T. H. Jones, E. Davies, M. Davies, V. Davies, I. Evans, R. Thomas (nephews). Mourners at the house: Mrs. J. Davies, Mrs. M. Walters (sisters); Mrs. H. Jones, Mrs. S. J. Jones (sisters-in-law); Mrs. T. G. Davies, Miss M. Jones, Mrs. M. Evans, Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. D. Jones, Miss F. M. Jones, Miss A. Jones and Mrs. Walters.

Funeral: Mr. David Gittens, Guest-street, aged 20 The funeral at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. David Gittens, son of Mr. and Edward Gittens, who died at Caerphilly Miners' Hospital as a result of a motorcycle accident, was well attended. The Rev. David Thomas officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Edward Gittens (father); Eddie, George, Edwin, John Gwyn, Elwyn, Stanley and Myrddin Gittens (brothers); W. H. Davies, E. Davies, J. J. Davies, D. Davies, P. Davies, R. Jones (uncles); D. W. Morris, W. Davies, D. Davies, T. Jones, B. Jones, J. Jones, I. Jones, M. Jones, J. Evans, B. Davies, V. Davies, D. Williams (cousins); T.

Oates, W. J. Mantle and T. Mantle. Mourners at the house: Mrs. Gittens (mother); Beryl, Mair and Hetty (sisters); Nesta, Edith, Jenny, Lizzie (aunts); Harriett, Mary Ellen, Jenny, Muriel, Megan, Phyllis, Doris, Mattie, Gladys and Mrs. A. Mantle (cousins).

British Legion The local branch of the British Legion has decided to celebrate Remembrance Day by a parade and service on Sunday, 10th November, at St. Mary's Church. At the meeting on Tuesday, Mr. S. Phillips (chairman) made reference to the demise of Mr. Benjamin Jones, Dynevor-street, and also to the tragic fate of David Gittens, Guest-street. Sympathetic messages were sent to the bereaved families. A report of the Children's Welfare Fund was given by the Secretary, who stated that he had received the following donations: Mr. G. Davies, 5/-; Mr. A. Sherman, 5/-; Mr. H. Smith, 10/6; Prudential Assurance Co., 21/-; Powell Duffryn Steam Coal Co. Ltd., 42/-; Dowlais Collieries Lts., 100/-; Fochriw Women's Section, 68/-; Fochriw Branch, 21/-. After paying the expenses of the children to Porthcawl, there was still a small sum in hand. Ninetyfour children travelled, and each was given 1/3 pocket money. The secretary was thanked for his report. Mrs. S. J. Jones was elected Poppy Day organiser.

Carmel Jubilee On Sunday, Carmel Independent Chapel celebrated its jubilee. A debt of over £1,150, incurred when a new pipe organ was installed and for re-painting and repairs to the building, has been wiped off. The Rev. Bowen Harris, Merthyr, conducted the services. In the afternoon, Mr. Evan Morgan Davies gave an account of the successful effort to wipe off the chapel debt. Madame H. Cole Davies was the soloist, Nurse B. Ballard-Davies recited, and Mr. Tom Walters was organist. The day proved a memorable thanksgiving. On Monday, a tea and entertainment was provided free to the children, Mrs. E. Cumpstone presiding. The tray-holders were: Mrs. M. A. Ballard, Mrs. T. Walters, Mrs. I. Evans, Mrs. E. Evans, Misses I. Jenkins, J. Thomas, E. Evans, R. Harris, E. Thomas, assisted by Mesdames M. Walters, Griffiths, Jenkins, J. Davies, Hughes and S. Lewis, and Messrs. T. Ballard, J. Davies, M. Shankland, O. Davies, H. Thomas, S. Lewis and Mrs. J. Williams. The following contributed to the programme: Party (conductor Mr. M. Shankland); solos, Megan Davies, Gladys Harris, Jenny Davies, Betty Jones, Betty Simpson; recitations, Violet Abbey, Len Davies, Malcolm Cook, Marie Davies, Elaine Edwards, Marion Lester, Penry Ballard, Thelma Way, Huw B. Thomas, Stuart Davies, Eleanor Davies, Irfon Davies and Len Davies.

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New Hall Dance A dance was held at New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Regal Band. The M.C. was Mr. John Lewis.

Scholastic Success Mr. John G. Lewis, second son of Mr. and Mrs. David Lewis, Preswyl, has passed his finals at Trinity College, Carmarthen.

Miners' Meeting In connection with the miners' wages campaign, a meeting took place at the New Hall on Wednesday presided over by Mr. D. J. Davies, when Messrs. W. Betty (Rhondda), W. J. Sadler (Newbridge), and Obadiah Evans (Blaenavon), delivered addresses.

Funeral: Mr. Benjamin Jones Others present at the funeral were Mr. Thomas Miles (Penywern), Mr. Benjamin Thomas (Treharris), Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lewis (Penywern), Mr. W. S. Davies (Rhymney Bridge).

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, when Sister Ballard was responsible for the programme. The theme of the programme was as "Bread-readings." She was thanked by Brothers W. Davies and Lewis.

Personal Mr. Howell Jones, M.A., second son of Mr. George Jones and the late Mrs. Jones, Picton House, who is practising as a barrister of civil law in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia, paid a visit to his old home last week. Mr. Jones has had a brilliant career. During the Great War, he saw active service with the Yorks & Lancs Regiment, holding the rank of lieutenant.

Institute and Library Mr. Ray Clarke presided over a meeting on Monday at the New Hall. The financial statement was given by the Secretary, and this revealed that splendid progress was being made. The entertainment committee's activities had resulted in a credit balance. A

long discussion followed on the centralising of activities in one building. The matter was postponed until the next meeting.

Band Meeting A meeting was held on Monday, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding, supported by Mr. David Griffiths (vice-chairman), Mr. J. J. Lewis (secretary), and Mr. William Price (treasurer). The Band will lead the Armistice Parade on Nov. 10th. A letter was received from the Darran Choral Society offering their services to give a performance at Fochriw in aid of Band funds. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mr. David Gittens.

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Nazareth Chapel The pulpit was occupied on Sunday by Mr. Fred Farr, Dowlais.

St. David's, Pantywaun Harvest Festival Services were held on Sunday and Monday. The preacher on Sunday was that the Rev. L. D. Jones, Deri, and on Monday, the vicar and the Rev. H. Lewis, Rhymney.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting was held on Wednesday, Bro. Thomas presiding. Readings were given by Bro. Thomas, recitations by Master Huw Thomas, and solos by Sis. Beryl Ballard and Master Huw Thomas.

For The Blind A house-to-house collection organised by Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, assisted by the women's section of the British Legion, resulted in £2 4s 7d being collected. The collection was supervised by: Mesdames A. Jones, A. Morgan, M. E. Thomas, L. Thomas, N. Evans, M. J. Davies, C. Way, B. Evans and R. Lewis.

Confirmation Service Held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, when the Bishop of Llandaff confirmed a number of candidates from St. Mary's, St. Peter's and St. David's Churches. Others who took part in the service were the Rev. J. L. White, the Rev. L. D. Jones and Churchwardens W. J. Payne and T. Gambling. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Angell, with Mr. O. Richards at the organ.

British Legion The annual meeting took place on Tuesday, when the following were appointed officers: President, Mr. J. Jones, Pontlottyn; chairman, Mr. S. Phillips; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Williams; secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; assistant secretary, Mr. E. Puddle; chaplains, Rev. J. L. White, and Rev. R. Evans; standard-bearer, Mr. J. W. Prowse; delegates to the District Committee, Messrs. Puddle and Phillips; delegate to area and national conferences, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones; auditors, Messrs. J. H. and D. I. Evans.

Death of Mr. Henry Jones, 4, Brynteg-terrace, aged 64 years The death has taken place of Mr. Henry Jones. He was a faithful member of Carmel Chapel. Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiated at the house and at the graveside. The following officers of Carmel acted as bearers: Messrs. Evan M. Davies, D. Davies, T. Ballard, Thomas Walters, John Davies, A. Ballard, and Sam Lewis. The chief mourners were: Mr. William Jones (brother); Miss Ruth Jones, Mrs. Margaret Cole, Miss Catherine Jones (sisters); Mr. Frank Jones-Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jenkins (nephews and niece); Mrs. Rice Jones, Miss P. Evans, Dowlais (cousins); Messrs. J. C. Jenkins, Frank Jenkins, W. H. Jenkins (nephews); D. Jones, Merthyr; David Jones, Willie Williams, Machen; Willie Evans, Dowlais; Thomas Francis, Daniel Rowlands, Leyshon Rowlands, Charles Hollister, Idris Roberts, D. C. Davies, Fred White, David Moses, Arthur Williams, Morgan Parry (cousins).

Laid To Rest: Mr. Arthur Adams, Guest-street Mr. Arthur Adams has died after a long illness. Deceased was an ex-servicemen. He served in the Boer War, and also the Great War. The funeral took place on Tuesday and was a military one. After a service at the house conducted by the Vicar, the cortege proceeded to St. Andrew's Church, Pentwyn, headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. The coffin was covered with the Union Jack and wreaths. The Vicar officiated and Mr. Octavius Richards was the organist. Bugler Bob Rees sounded the "Last Post" at the graveside. The bearers were members of the British Legion - Messrs. W. D. Davies, John Lewis, Sydney Phillips, W. J. Pegg, with Mr. J. Prowse as standard-bearer. A large number of members of the local branch attended. The

mourners were: Mr. Archie Adams (son); Mr. J. R. Walters (son-in-law); Messrs. Willie Curtis, Tom Jones, William Thomas, F. Webb (brothers-in-law); Gurwyn Thomas, E. Powell, R. Curtis (cousins); J. Curtis (uncle). Sympathy is extended to the family.

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Hospital Mr. John Rees, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Dance On Tuesday at the New Hall a dance was held, when the music was supplied by the Regal Band with Mr. John Lewis as M.C.

Policeman's Illness P.C. Islwyn Davies of the Metropolitan Police, who is a patient at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, is making satisfactory progress after an operation. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Davies, Y Nant.

Moral Welfare A meeting under the auspices of the Mothers' Union branch was held at the Church Hall on Tuesday, when the organising secretary, Miss Pryce, Whitchurch, Cardiff, gave an address.

Gospel Hall Campaign A revival campaign has just concluded at the Gospel Hall, conducted by Mr. Griff George, the renowned Welsh evangelist, and the Rev. Tal Evans, who is on furlough from India. The campaign lasted 10 days.

Home From Hospital Mr. Ernest Sibley, Guest-street, who has been a patient at Caerphilly Hospital following a motorcycle accident some weeks ago, has returned home.

I.O.G.T. The Lodge met at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. A vote of condolence was passed with Sister Jones in her bereavement. Brother Walters was responsible for the programme, which consisted of solos by Bro. W. A. Davies; pianoforte solo, Brother Walters; address, Brother Willie Walters. Brother James and Sister Lewis thanked Brother Walters.

Welfare Association Mr. T. J. Jones presided over a meeting on Friday. The secretary dealt with the correspondence, and the forman gave a satisfactory report of work done. A report was given by Mr. Edward Lewis, Mr. Howell Thomas and Mr. T. Jones on their efforts to obtain a further grant from the Welfare Association to continue the work scheme.

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Nazareth Rev. Nantlais Williams, Ammanford, was the special preacher on Sunday to large congregations. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence was the organist and Mr. W. A. Davies the conductor.

The Late Mr. Daniel Evans, Stoney Houses, aged 26 years The funeral of Mr. Daniel Evans took place on Wednesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Ieuan Evans, Rhymney, officiated. Deceased leaves a widow and child. The mourners were: Messrs. Joe, Tom and A. J. Evans (brothers); E. Thomas, S. Lewis, S. Uzzell, G. Greening, A. Martin, T. Morgan, R. Clark, J. Gregory, M. Davies (brothers-in-law); T. J. Jenkins and Evan Morgan (uncles); H. & T.. Jenkins, W. & I. Morgan, T. & E. Uzzell (cousins). The bearers were Messrs. I & D. Thomas, T & R. Watkins. Mourners at the house were: Mrs. May Evans (widow); Mrs. Evans (mother); Mesdames E. Thomas, S. Lewis, G. Greening, Martin, Williams (sisters); A. J. Jones, Gregory, R. Clark, M. Davies, T. Morgan (sisters-in-law); H. Jenkins (cousin); Mrs. M. Garmon (aunt).

British Legion Mr. Sydney Phillips presided at the branch meeting on Tuesday. A report of the district committee was given by Mr. E. Puddle. Messrs. L. D. and L. Jones, Mount Pleasant, were elected vice-presidents. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Arthur Adams, and also sympathy was extended to Comrades J. Sullivan and Eddie Thomas, who had suffered family bereavements. The annual meeting of the Women's Section took place on Wednesday, Mrs. S. J. Jones presiding. A review of the year's work was given by the chairman and by the secretary. The financial report showed a balance on the right side. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. M. L. Jones, vice-presidents, Mesdames J. Bevan, W. J. Payne, Monnelly, S. J. Jones and E. H. Lewis; chairman, Mrs. H. Thomas; vice-chairman, Mrs. L. Thomas; treasurer, Mrs. T. Jones; secretary, Mrs. Stanley Jones.

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Musical Success Miss Mary Lewis, Pentwyn, scored another success by winning of the novice contralto solo at the Dowlais Eisteddfod on Saturday.

Institute Dance The entertainment committee of the library held a dance at the New Hall on Tuesday. The Regal Band supplied the music, and Mr. John Lewis was M.C.

I.O.G.T. At a weekly meeting of the lodge on Wednesday, Mr. Arthur Ballard read a paper on "Sir Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador." He was thanked by a Sister Lewis and Brother Walters.

Marina Ball A meeting of ladies was held at the Old Library on Monday to make the final arrangements for the Princess Marina Ball, to be held on 23rd November, in aid of the local Silver Band funds. Mr. J. J. Jones, secretary, Mr. William Price, treasurer, and Mr. Albert Mantle, bandmaster, was also present.

R.A.O.B Visitation At the lodge-room of the Cwlwm-y-Brodoriaeth Lodge on Saturday evening, a visit was paid by the St. John Evans Lodge, Onllwyn, who entertained the local members to a musical programme. It is planned to re-pay the visit in the near future.

British Legion Women A supper was held on Wednesday at the Old Library to welcome the two new officers and committee. Mrs. T. I. Evans and Mrs. L. Thomas were responsible for the programme. Mrs. W. Davies and Mrs. S. Jones were the winners of the sealed packets. The name of Mrs. W. Lewis, Penybank, who was elected standard-bearer, was inadvertently omitted from our report last week.

Library Meeting Mr. Ray Clark presided over a meeting of the Library and Institute on Monday at the New Hall. The Secretary dealt with the correspondence and gave the financial report. The caretaker's report was also accepted. The auditor's report was submitted by Mr. J. H. Evans and Mr. J. I. Williams, and proved satisfactory. The matter of centralising activities in one building was again discussed and deferred.

Drama Performance The Fochriw Amateur Dramatic Society scored another success on Wednesday and Thursday last at the New Hall, when they performed "The Cheerful Knave," a comedy in three acts, in aid of the local ambulance division funds. The characters were well portrayed by the following: Mr. Vernon Davies; Mr. W. Angell; Mr. D. J. Thomas; Mr. E. Thomas; Mr. T. J. Jones, Miss S. Jones; Miss E. Lawrence; Miss Mary Morgan; Miss Rita Cole; Miss Elsa Matthews. The producer was Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and the chairman was Councillor Sam Lewis. This is the third drama performed by this party in aid of the local ambulance division. They were thanked by Div. Supt. John Morgan, seconded by Supt. Howell Thomas

Wedding: Wilton-Scriven The wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church on Saturday of Mr. Robert C. Scriven, of Stoke, near Torquay, and Miss Ethel May Wilton, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wilton, Guests-street. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore an ankle length dress of pale peach, white shoes and a head dress trimmed with orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by her sister, Miss Florence Wilton, who wore a pale blue dress with shoes and hat to tone, and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums. The best man was Mr. Llewellyn, Aberdare, cousin of the bridegroom. The Rev. J. L. White officiated. The reception was held at the bride's home. The couple will make their future home at South Devon.

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Silver Band The Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, attended the Remembrance Sunday parade at Rhymney and Pontlottyn.

Poppy Day The following sold poppies on Saturday: Mesdames T. & S. Jones, H. Thomas, W. Davies, Pullen, Way, Lewis, Morgan, Misses W. Edwards & N. Davies, Messrs. Pegg and Puddle. Mrs. S. J. Jones was the organiser.

R.A.O.B. Supper The Lodge held their annual supper on Saturday. Mr. W. H. Knibbs presided. Brother D. J. Davies and Mr. Llew Jones were the pianists, and Bros. E. Thomas, A. Selwood and F. Dummett gave solos.

Institute Concert A concert was given at the New Hall on Wednesday in connection with the Institute by the Celeste Four, Cardiff. The chairman was Mr. D. J. Davies.

Legion Parade The parade, organised by the Fochriw Branch on Sunday, was headed by the Fochriw Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. The parade was marshalled by Mr. James Symons. At the Church, a service was conducted by the Rev W. S. Pontin (Cardiff) and the Rev J. L. White (vicar). Wreaths were placed on the memorial window by representatives of the British Legion, Mothers' Union and relatives of the fallen. The parade of was organised by the secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones.

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I.O.G.T. The programme for the evening was topical talks entitled "The Art of Noble Living."

Institute Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. The Regal Band supplied the music and Mr. John Lewis was M.C..

Hospital Mr. Jack Davies and Master Evan Morgan Lewis have undergone operations at Merthyr General Hospital. Both are making steady progress.

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Obituary The death has taken place of Mr. Mordecai Williams, School House, after a painful illness.

I.O.G.T. The weekly meeting of the lodge was held at Carmel vestry on Wednesday. Mr. Harding, Merthyr, gave an address on "My visit to Canada."

School Trip On Thursday, a number of children from the Fochriw Council School, in the charge of the head teacher and staff, journeyed by train to Newport, and visited the "Doric" at Newport Docks.

Nursing Success Nurse Rosella Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Dynevor-street, has passed her state examination in nursing. She was trained at Merthyr General Hospital and is still on the nursing staff.

British Legion A bachelors' tea under the auspices of the Mens's Section was held at the Old Library on Wednesday, when the tray holders were Messrs. T. I. Evans, T. Jones, J. Lloyd Jones, Stanley Jones, Sydney Phillips, Janes Prowse, W. D. Davies, Jenkin Williams, A. Puddle and Pegg. A miscellaneous entertainment was given by Messrs. E. Thomas and J. Prowse, J. Lloyd Jones and Sydney Phillips. Mr. James Harding was the accompanist.

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Hospital Miss Doris Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lewis, Railway-terrace, has undergone an operation at Merthyr General Hospital, and is making steady progress.

Wedding: Weeks-Pollock The wedding was solemnised on Saturday at the Catholic Church, Rhymney, Father Wolfe officiating, of Miss Annie Doreen Weeks, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. S. Weeks, and Mr. Bernard Pollock, Pontlottyn. The bride, who wore crushed mulberry, with hat and shoes to tone, was given away by her grandfather, Mr. David Griffiths. She was attended by Mrs. Ruth Fox as bridesmaid, who was dressed in blue with hat and shoes to tone. The best man was Mr. Will Fox. A reception was held at the bride's home. The happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents.

The Late Mr. Mordecai Williams, School House The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Mordecai Williams. The Revs. Ieuan Evans and J. L. White officiated. Mr. Williams had served as an official for 39 years at the Fochriw Colliery, and was a faithful and the oldest member of the Noddfa Baptist Chapel. The chief mourners were: Evan, Mordy and John Williams (sons); Mr. Ernest Chaffey (son-in-law); Messrs. Tom Morris, Clifford Davies, Windsor Williams, Leighton Chaffey, Wyndham Morgan (grandsons); George Sibley, Southampton; Jack Watkins, Trelewis (brothers-in-law); Wm. Davies, Aberdare; Ben Taylor, Tredegar; Bob Fitton, Pant (nephews); Elved Davies and David Davies, Aberdare.

Hospital Meeting At the Old Reading Room on Friday, a meeting was held to consider raising money in aid of Merthyr General Hospital. Councillor Sam Lewis presided. Messrs. W. J. Payne and Howell Thomas gave a report of the work done during the past year and emphasised the great need still existing to do all in support of the institution. They explained that thanks-offering envelopes would be handed in at each house during Christmas in place of the annual Christmas prize drawing. Several schemes were discussed for raising funds, and it was decided to appeal to Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., to produce a book of some sacred works for Good Friday. A football match and a dance will take place, also, Windy Rees, Bedlinog, the clever motor cyclist, has offered his services free for an exhibition, and these have been accepted.

Welfare Association A meeting took place at the Old Reading Room on Thursday, Mr. T. J. Jones presiding. Mr. Job Thomas, ground foreman, gave his report on the state of the ground, and it was decided to level out the netball ground and tarmac the same. The committee is endeavouring to obtain a further grant to proceed with the other part of the scheme - the football ground - and reports of interviews were given by Messrs. W. J. Payne and T. J. Jones. Mr. A. T. Minhinnick, M.E., tendered his resignation as a representative of the Powell Duffryn Company, owing to his departure from the district. His resignation was accepted with regret and appreciation of his work was expressed by Mr. Jones and Mr. Payne. The auditors appointed were Mr. D. Jones and Mr. D. Jenkins.

Marina Dance At the New Hall on Thursday last, the annual Princess Marina Dance took place, under the auspices of the Fochriw Silver Band. Before the dance, a tea was held, the tray holders being Mrs. Rees, Mrs. S. Lee, Mrs. L. Evans, Mrs. Burrows, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Shankland, Mrs. T. Thomas, assisted by Mrs. T. Edwards, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Payne, Mrs. S. Jones, Mrs. Bob Rees, Mrs. J. J. Lewis, Mrs. K. Owen. The music for dancing was supplied by the Silver Band, conducted by Mr. Albert Mantle. The M.C.S. were Messrs. D. J. Davies, Elwyn Lewis, and the winners of the spot dance prizes were Mrs. Tugby (Rhymney) and Mr. Ieuan Griffiths. During the interval, the chairman and secretary of the band thanked all for their support. The winner of the cake presented by Mr. Morley Davies, Dowlais, was Mrs. Payne. The arrangements were carried out by Mr. J. J. Lewis and Mr. William Price. Others who rendered assistance were Messrs. Job Saunders, John Phillips, R. Morgan, A. Burrows, Elwyn Lewis, Mervyn Evans, David Griffiths, A. Gwynne and Bob Rees.

Drama The Provincial Players were visitors during the past week to the New Hall where they performed the drama "The Empty Cradle and Aladdin."

I.O.G.T. Sister B. Ballard was responsible for a devotional programme.

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Personal Fireman A. E. Jones of Fochriw Fire Brigade has passed the recent examination for a post on the permanent staff of the brigade.

Carmel Chapel The annual meetings were held on Sunday and Monday. The Rev. D. R. Williams officiated and the singing was conducted by Mr. Thomas Walters.

Hospital Miss Winnie Evans, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Evans, Brynteg-terrace, has undergone an operation at Merthyr General Hospital, and is making satisfactory progress.

British Legion £7 14s. 1d. was realised on Poppy Day. The appeals department at London complemented the local organiser, Mrs. S. J. Jones, on this result. The branch has tabled a resolution for discussion at the forthcoming area conference on the question of pension matters being handled at the Area Office, Cardiff, and not at Legion Headquarters, London. The Fochriw branch has nominated Mr. F. C. Miller, Dowlais, for the position of treasurer to the Wales Area Council, and also as a representative on the National Executive Council. The secretary, Mr. J. Lloyd Jones, reported on the activities of the various committees.

R.A.O.B. At the Rising Sun Inn on Thursday, the home of the Brynderwen Lodge, the following brothers were raised to the second degree: Messrs. James J. Lewis, A. E. Jones, E. E. Cumpstone, D. D. Thomas, W. Pegg and W. A. Thomas. This ceremony was conducted by Brother H. Edwards, K.O.M., assisted by the G.I. officers. A musical programme followed the ceremony.

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Fochriw Juvenile Eisteddfod: Over Two Hundred Entrants A Juvenile Eisteddfod was held at the New Hall on Saturday, under the auspices of the Fochriw Library and Institute. There were over 200 entries, and the adjudicators remarked that of the Eisteddfod had set the highest standard of juvenile performances they ever heard. The president was the Rev. J. L. White, and the conductor was Mr. W. R. John, Deri. The adjudicators were: Music, Mr. Abel E. Jones, Rhymney, and Mr. David Lodwick, Dowlais; Elocution, Mr. Harry Williams, Brithdir; ambulance competition, Messrs. Daniel James and Howell Thomas. The accompanists were Mrs. Uzzell, Deri, and Mr. Wyndham Lawrence. The officers of the organising committee were: Messrs. W. J. Payne (chairman); J. J. Lewis (vice-chairman); Samuel Lewis (treasurer); D. J. Davies and D. I. Evans (joint-secretaries). The list of awards was as follows: solo under 8: Marie Davies, Fochriw; juvenile champion solo under 12: John Nantlais Jones, Clydach; juvenile champion recitation under 12: Nan Lewis, Godregraig; juvenile champion solo under 16: J. N. Jones; girls' solo under 16: Dilys Haines, Deri; boys' solo under 16: divided between Cliff Bumford, Aberfan, and Cliff Edwards, Cardiff; juvenile champion recitation under 16: Nan Tawe Lewis; novice champion solo (male): Mr. Percy Casewell, Dowlais; novice champion solo (female): Mrs. Morris (Deri). Instrumental competition (any instrument): divided between Mr. John Mantle and Mr. Glyn Burrows. Individual cadet competition (practical and theory): Mr. W. Young, Deri. Short addresses were given by the president, the conductor, County Councillor W. J. Kedward (Bargoed) and Mr. W. J. Payne.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the Old Library on Friday last, Mr. T. J. Jones presiding. A report on the progress of the work on the netball court was given by Mr. J. Thomas the groundsman. Messrs. W. A. Davies and J. Thomas reported on a Welfare conference which they attended at Blackwood.

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Hospital Governor Mr. Willie Adams Jones has been appointed a governor of Merthyr General Hospital as a representative of the Gellygaer National Union of Teachers. Mr. Jones is on the staff of Fochriw Mixed School.

Library Concert At the Old Library last week, a musical evening was given in aid of the British Legion Children's Welfare Fund. Mr. Sydney Phillips presided, and the following artistes took part: comedians - Paddy and Rickie; tenor - Mr. E. Thomas; boy soprano - Tommy Hennessy; Mr. Danny Donovan - character study by "Character Jim," and the Sweeney Brothers.

Silver Band A meeting in connection with the band was held at the band-room on Thursday evening, Mr. W. J. Payne presiding. The Secretary dealt with the correspondence and gave a statement of accounts of the Marina Dance. Arrangements were made for the band to play their usual Christmas programme on Christmas Day. Mr. William Price gave the financial report, and it was decided to pay a further instalment off the uniform debt. The bandmaster gave his report which was quite satisfactory.

Tea and Concert At Church Hall on Friday evening last, the members of the Sunday school were entertained to a Christmas tea. The following ladies were the tray-holders: Mrs. White, Mrs. W. J. Payne, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Rosie Davies, Mrs. P. Edwards, Mrs. O. Richards, Mrs. S. Davies, Misses Annie Mills, Joan Mills, C. J. Williams and Nana Ballard. After tea, the children received toys, oranges and three-penny pieces each. The Vicar presided over the entertainment, and Mr. Richards was the pianist. The following took part in a miscellaneous

programme: sketch - "The Black Barber" - W. J. Payne, Gordon Lawrence, Windsor Rees, Pat Keane, David John Williams; competition winners: D. R. Jones, D. Pritchard, Lilian Mantle, Teggie Jones, Melville Edwards, D. C. Jones, Trevor Edwards, H. Evans; chorus by Miss Ethel Lewis's party, Cecil Llewellyn, Thelam Williams and C. Pullen.

The Late Mrs. Elizabeth Evans, 18, Aelybryn-street, aged 72 years The death has taken place of Mrs. Elizabeth Evans. She was a member of Carmel Congregational Chapel. Her husband, Mr. David Evans, died a few years ago. The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. J. R. Salmon, Pontlottyn, officiating. The mourners were: Messrs. David and Gomer Evans (sons); Stephen Ballard, William H. Davies (sons-in-law); Edmund Davies (grandson); Evan Jones, Thomas Ballard (brothers-in-law); Rowland Hill, Thomas Smith, Tom Small, William Small, Mark Small, Lemuel Small, Henry Small, Lewis Small, Celwyn Pugh, William Savage, George Evans, William Oliver and Griffith Thomas (nephews). Mourners at the house where: Mrs. Emma Jane Davies (daughter); Elizabeth A. Evans (daughter-in-law; Lavinia Way, Emma J. Hill (sisters); Elizabeth Small, Mary A. Jones (sisters-in-law); Myra Savage, Nesta Slimmons, Tegwedd Evans, Amelia Evans, Eirwen Davies, Gwynfor Davies (grandchildren); Gertrude Smith, Vera Hill, Margaret Prosser, Lydia Thomas, Ceinwen Oliver, Celia Ballard (nieces); Mrs. Nellie Yeo, Mrs. Lena Davies, Mrs. Gertrude Wood, Celia Richards, Mrs. Margaret Thomas and Mrs. S. A. Simpson.

Fochriw Ambulance: Presentation of Awards Fochriw Division of the St. John Ambulance held its annual concert and presentation of awards at the New Hall on Thursday. Councillor Sam Lewis presided, and praised the work that ambulance men did throughout the country. He was pleased to see so many young men taking up ambulance work. Mr. T. Thomas (brigade secretary), in giving a brief resume of the year's work, said the members of the Fochriw division had attended 30 minor accidents, 20 stretcher cases, 80 minor colliery accidents, 45 stretcher cases, total number of cases - 175; mileage covered - 75. At the cadets examination conducted by Dr. W Monnelly, 16 obtained certificates.

Presentations: Mr. W. J. Payne presented Mr. George Greening with a medallion, and certificates to Messrs. W. & T. Jones. Mr. Wyndham Lawrence presented the winners of the cadet competitions with a fountain pen each. They were: A team: Glanmor Williams, T. J. Lewis, F. Williams and C. Smith; B team: V. Llewellyn, N. Thomas, W. Walters and J. Evans. Mr. D. J. Davies presented the cadet certificates to T. J. Lewis, M. Davies, Jack Evans, S. James, C. Smith, N. Thomas, E. Gittens, F. Williams, W. Walters, V. Llewellyn, B. Hiscox, G. Williams, T. Towlands, A. Morgan, I. Saunders and G. Thomas.

Choruses were rendered by Miss K. Beddoe's Choir, Pontlottyn, and solos by Miss Betty Rees, Rhymney. Supt. H. Thomas thanked the artistes, and Sergt. Daniel Jones said they were looking forward to a medical comforts depot in the village. A vote of sympathy was extended to Corps Treasurer John Morgan in his illness, as was a wish for his speedy recovery.