

### **“Merthyr Express” 12 January 1946**

Late Mrs. M. Morris The funeral of Mrs. M. Morris, wife of Mr. John Morris, Ystrad Mynach, late of Ty Mawr, Fochriw, took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mrs. Morris was 72 years old.

Welfare Association Councillor Payne presided at the meeting on Friday. A reports was given by the treasurer and caretaker. Revised charges for the use of the hall were agreed.

Boy's Funeral The funeral of Percival G. Iles, the 15 year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Percy Iles, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Pastor David Thomas officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. Chief mourners were: Percy Iles (father); Geo. Morgan, Geo. Jones, Howell Davies (uncles); Bryn Davies, A. Powell, A. Alcott (cousins). Mourners at the house were: Mrs. B. Iles (mother); Pamela, Phyllis Ann (sisters); Mesdames James, Freeday, Powell, Davies, J. Morgan (aunts); Misses Phyllis & Dilys James, A. & Vera Freeday (cousins).

New Ambulance Cadets An examination in preliminary first aid for boy cadets from 10 to 14 was recently held. Thirteen cadets sat the examination that was conducted by Divisional Surgeon Dr. W. Monnelly. All candidates satisfied the examiner and gained their preliminary certificate in first aid, and become members of the Fochirw Ambulance Division. The successful candidates were: John Morgan, Brian Pearce, Islwyn Shankland, Leonard Evans, James Davies (Fochriw); G. Powell, Edwin Ivor Davies, D.R. Jones, Horace Davies (Pentwyn); Ivor & Idwal Bradley, Haydn Dyer, Kenneth Sawday (Pantywaun). The boys had been instructed by Cadet Supt. Ivor Morgan, and Div. Supt. Tom Evans, assisted by Ambulance Officer D. James and Hon Supt. & Div. Sec. T. Thomas. The boys will be presented with their certificates at a public function in the near future.

### **“Merthyr Express” 19 January 1946**

Mr. C. Evans' Death The death has occurred after a long illness of Mr. C. Evans, Council Houses, at the early age of 17, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Evans.

Personal The following are patients at the Merthyr General Hospital, and are making satisfactory progress: Mrs. J. Davies, The Villas; Mr. Cyril Davies, Guest-street; Mr. Bert Lloyd, Guest-street; Mr. D. Evans, Plantation-street; Mrs. Williams, Station-row. All join in wishing them a speedy recovery.

Silver Band A meeting was held at the Old Reading Room on Thursday, presided over by Coun. W.J. Payne. Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, dealt with the correspondence, and reported on the last financial effort to obtain instruments, and said it was a successful venture. The Chairman pointed out the amount of work this had entailed, and it was decided to place on record their appreciation of the Secretary's work. The financial statement was provided by the treasurer, Mr. Emrys Lewis, and the bandmaster, Mr. Albert Mantle, reported on the progress of the band. Mr. Edgar Mantle was accepted as a member of the band. It was decided to organise a series of dances and a concert.

### **“Merthyr Express” 26 January 1946**

Late Mrs. Watkins The death is announced of one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of the village, Mrs. Watkins, Guest-street, at the age of 83 years.

In Hospital Messrs. Thomas Francis, Pit-row, and Douglas Clark, Plantation-street, are now patients at the Merthyr General Hospital.

Mentioned in Despatches Sergt. C.H. Perkins, 1, Plantation-terrace, has received an official notification from the Colonel in charge of R.A.S.C. records, which stated that he was mentioned in despatches in supplement to the “London Gazette” dated November 29, 1945. Certificates and emblems awarded in respect of the above publication will be forwarded in due course. The award was won while Sergt. Perkins was with G.H.Q. 2<sup>nd</sup> Echelon, North Africa.

Youth's Death The death occurred recently of Carwyn Evans, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Evans, Council Houses, at the age of 16½ years. He was an old pupil of Bargoed Secondary School, and for six months, previous to his long illness, was a clerk with Mr. F.A. Phillips, accountant, Dowlais. The funeral was a representative one, and took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans, Mr. T.J. Jones, and Mr. H.B. Thomas. The bearers were members of the

Fochriw Youth Club of which Carwyn was a member. They were Spencer Jenkins (school friend), Billy Cumpstone, Derlwyn Kent, Noel Williams, Ellis & Len Davies. Mourners were Messrs. Lewis Evans (father); Eiros Evans, Leyshon Thomas, Daniel & John Rowlands, Owen John Henry, Latimer & David Evans, Willie A. Davies, Thomas Evans, Walter Jones (uncles); Jack L. & Rod Jones, Trevor Davies, Jack & Danzel Jones, Jack Francis, David Jones, Dd. L. Evans, Willie Evans, W.A. Davies, Leslie Jones, David Thomas, Terence & Desmond Kelly, Wm. Hewins, Dd. Saunders, Bryn Cumpstone, W. Rowlands, L. Hollister, David Griffiths, W. Angell. At the house were Mesdames Blod Evans (mother); A. Rowlands (grandmother); Ethel Rowlands, E.M. Davies (aunts); Teg Cumpstone, A. Morgan, Maggie Davies, A. Evans, M. Watkins, Eunice Rowlands, Rose Thomas, E.A. Watkins (cousins); L. Cook.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 2 February 1946**

Nursing Success Nurse Lynn Pritchard, the youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Levi Pritchard, has gained her T.A. Certificate. She is at present at the Training Harefield Sanatorium and General Hospital, near Uxbridge.

ENSA Concert A sparkling entertainment given by the Ensa Entertainments for the Ministry of Fuel and Power, was given at the New Hall on Tuesday. The programme consisted of “A Bit of Shamrock,” with the Irish Follies. The following were the artistes: Joe & Dave Fowler, Joyce Goulding, Ron Hollie, Joan Mann, Ron Adair, Rose Hollie, Tery Stewart, Ginger & Jean, Doreen Clarke.

Silver Band Meeting Coun. W.J. Payne presided at the meeting at the Old Reading Room on Thursday. The secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis, reported on forthcoming engagements. The Bandmaster reported on the efficiency of the Band, and commented on the coming concert at Bedlinog. A concert was also arranged for Fochriw, and it was decided to invite Mr. David Hughes, M.E., Cardiff. Capt. Catterson was appointed a vice-president. Messrs. Tom & B. Lewis and D. Kelly were appointed members of the committee. The treasurer, Mr. Emrys Lewis, gave the financial report.

Late Mrs. R. Watkins The death has occurred of one of the oldest inhabitants of the village in the person of Mrs. Rosana Watkins at the age of 83. She was the widow of the late Mr. T. Watkins, 8, Guest-street, and came to the village many years ago from Dowlais. The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. The Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated, assisted by Rev. Eurof Jones. Mourners were Messrs. Will Evan, Alfred John and Herbert Watkins (sons); Tommy, Willie Jones, Tommy and H. Watkins, Randal Curtis, Ronnie, Ray & George Smith, Leslie Watkins, Hughie Lawrence (grandsons); Nelson Curtis & S. Watkins (grandsons), were unable to come owing to serving abroad with the Forces; Will Curtis (son-in-law); W.J, W.H. & A. Bradley, Fred Smith, Tom Jones (nephews). At the houses were Emily, Mary, Gladys (daughters); Mesdames Mary Ann, Lily and Morfydd Watkins (daughters-in-law); Bertha Jones, Rosie Lawrence, Eileen Watkins, Muriel Curtis, Bertha Smith (grand-daughters); Mrs. Margaret Bradley (sister-in-law); Mesdames A. Evans & M. Price.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 9 February 1946**

Welfare Association A meeting was held on Friday evening at the New Hall, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding, supported by Mr. Emlyn Evans, B.A., vice-chairman, Mr. J.H. Evans, treasurer, and Br. Bryn Davies, secretary. The audit and annual meeting were discussed. Regret was expressed at the impending resignation of the secretary, and a special meeting was called to discuss the position. The financial report, the librarian's report, and the caretaker's report were given and accepted. Work is now proceeding on the clearing of the culvert at the back of the Hall.

Died in Hospital The death has occurred at Merthyr General Hospital, after a long illness, of Mr. Herbert John Lloyd, 17, Guest-street, at the age of 55. Deceased was a member of the Mission Hall. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday. The following officiated: Mr. Dewi Morgan (Mission Hall), T.J. Jones (Noddfa), and Rev. Eurof Jones (Carmel). The mourners were: Messrs. Melvyn & Gwynlais Lloyd (sons); Ernie Lloyd (brother); David Thomas, David Uzzell, David Saunders (brothers-in-law); Howard Thomas, Thomas Walters (uncles); Cedric & Tom Harding, Jenkin G. Uzzell, Islwyn Saunders,

Glanmor Thomas, Emrys Thomas, Morgan Weaver (nephews); J.H. Evans, Eiros Evans, J.J. Lewis, Glyn Thomas, R.W. Parry, P.G. Hann (cousins). At the house were Mrs. Annie G. Lloyd, Myra (daughter); Mrs. F. Harding (sister); Mrs. M. Thomas (mother-in-law); Mesdames F. Lloyd, M. Uzzell, C. Saunders, R. Thomas, E. Thomas (sisters-in-law); C. Walters, C. Thomas (aunts); L. Lewis (cousin).

“The Rotters” at Fochriw Before a crowded audience at the New Hall on Thursday last, the Glyn Dramatic Society, Deri, scored one of their best successes, when they produced “The Rotters” (W.F. Maltby) in aid of the Merthyr General Hospital. This is a company which has been instrumental in raising large sums of money for charity in South Wales, and whose services are in great demand.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 February 1946**

In Hospital Mr. James Lawrence, Pleasant View, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

In Aid Of Hospital As a result of the drama “The Rotters,” played by the Deri Glyn Dramatic Society, £21 5s. has been handed to the Secretary of the Hospital. The local officers and committee thank all.

Nazareth C.M. Chapel The annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held at Nazareth on Thursday, when Mr. B. Davers presided. A portion of Scripture was read, and prayers taken by Rev. E. Jones. Rev. D.R. Thomas, M.A., Merthyr Tydfil, gave an address. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., gave the financial report for the Fochriw Auxiliary. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. T.J. James.

Killed in Crash The cremation took place at Golder’s Green on Wednesday of Mr. Windsor Vaughan Rees, of 61, Woodcock Dell-avenue, Kenton, who died after his car and a lorry were involved in a collision at Birmingham while on a business journey recently. The inquest verdict was death by misadventure. Aged 35, Mr. Rees was well known at Fochriw, where he had lived for many years with his parents, Mrs. Rees, and the late Mr. John Rees, Aelybryn. During the war, Mr. Rees held a commission in the 12<sup>th</sup> Batt. Middlesex Home Guard, and later took an active interest in the 9<sup>th</sup> Batt. Middlesex Army Cadet Corp. He was also a prominent member of the Silver Jubilee Lodge of Freemasons.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 23 February 1946**

In Hospital Mr. A.J. Evans, Stoney Houses, Penybank, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Cup Competition At the Brigade Headquarters, Noddfa Vestry, on Tuesday, an individual cup competition was held. The competition reached a high standard, considering the competitors have only been together for four to six months. There were twelve competitors. Result: 1. Cadet Ivor Bradley, Pantywaun, theory, 23, practical, 35; total 58; 2. Cadet J. Morgan, 22 – 27 – 49; Cadets Gwyn Morgan and Islwyn Shankland tied on 40 marks for third place. Adjudicators: practical – Ambulance Officer D. James; theory, Divisional Supt. T. Evans. The donor of the cup for the cadets is Corporal T.J. Powell, now serving with the R.A.M.C. overseas.

Late Mr. J. Phillips The death has occurred of Mr. John Phillips, Dynevor-street, at the age of 81. He was a member of Carmel. His wife pre-deceased him many years ago. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, and was of a private nature. The Rev. Eurof Jones officiated at the house, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, chaplain of the R.A.O.B., at the graveside. There were many brothers of the Order present. The mourners were Messrs. John Martin (nephew); K. Owen, Elwyn & Clifford Lewis, Stan & David Davies, W.G. Davies, D. Price, T. Evans. At the house were Mesdames Elizabeth Martin, Margery Roberts (nieces); K. Owen, Lil & R. Lewis, M.A. James, Evelyn, Gladys & Eira.

Youth Centre A miscellaneous concert, including a one-act play, was given by members of the Fochriw County Youth Centre at the New Hall on Thursday, when the programme was directed by Mr. T. Griffith Thomas, acting warden, in the absence of Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A. The chairman was Lieut. Phillip Mantle, a club member serving with the Forces. Solos were given by Miss Millie Williams and Mr. Des Kelly; a duet by Denis Harding & H.T. Lewis; comedy acts by Derlwyn Kent and Billy Cumpstone; country dances by M. Williams, E. Kent, E. Cumpstone, E. Morgan, J. Sullivan and Lilian Mantle, accompanied by Miss Marie Davies. Items were given by the Youth Centre Choir conducted by Mr. H. Ballard.

The one-act play was "Mr. Sampson," with Mr. Des Kelly as Mr. Sampson, Miss Mary Cumpstone as Miss Caraline and Miss Enid Davies as Miss Catherine. The play was produced by Mr. T.G. Thomas. The stage manager was Mr. Jackie Davies, assisted by Miss Eva Davies. The concert concluded with a minstrel troupe including Mr. S.H. Davies, master; Messrs. D. Kent & B. Cumpstone, corner men; Miss M. Davies, Messrs. D. Kelly, H. Lewis, D. Harding & Len Davies. The accompanist throughout was Mr. H.B. Thomas.

A lecture was recently given at the Youth Centre by the Rev. Rhys Bowen, Rhymney, on "Humour." Thanks were extended by Mr. D. Kelly, chairman of the Youth Centre, Mr. Joshua Evans, secretary of the discussion group, Mr. David Lewis on behalf of the villagers present and the Rev. Eurof Jones, leader of the group.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 2 March 1946**

One of the Winners At the brigade headquarters, one of the winners in last week's competition was Cadet Gwyn Powell.

Snooker Match Fochriw played Pontlottyn in a League game at the Billiard Room on Thursday, and the result was a draw, 6 frames each. Fochriw team: Messrs. Gomer Davies, Reg Gittoes, R. Dummett, B. Rees, B. Davies, A.H. Dummett.

Street Collection The sum of £3 12s 6d. was realised in aid of the National Children's Homes and Orphanage as a result of the recent street collection. The local secretary wishes to thank the villagers and collectors for their help. The collectors were Man Jones, Millie Williams, Violet Abbey and Amy Thomas.

Band Concert At the New Hall on Wednesday, the Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, provided a programme that delighted a large audience. The artistes were Mr. Haydn Thomas and Mr. Wilfred Jones, Bedlinog, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. as pianist. Councillor W.J. Payne presided. He said that he was pleased to see such a large gathering. The band had made good progress under Mr. Mantle, and they were pleased to see he had made good progress after his accident. During Mr. Mantle's stay in hospital, Mr. Emrys Lewis had proved a very capable deputy. The band possessed a fine set of instruments, and had reached a standard equal to anything that had been seen in Fochriw previously. During the interval, the chairman presented Mr. David Hughes, M.E., Cardiff, with a walking stick on behalf of the bands-men, officers and committee, as a token of appreciation of the kindness he has shown in bringing about the purchase of the new instruments. Mr. Hughes responded, and said he was delighted with the playing of the band. Mr. A.H. Wood moved a vote of thanks to all who had assisted, seconded by Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 9 March 1946**

St. David's Day at Fochriw St. David's Day was celebrated by the people - and more particularly the children of Fochriw - on Friday, when concerts were performed at schools and churches. Penybank School celebrated on similar lines to previous years. The first part of the morning was devoted to lessons on Wales and a few of her famous sons. After the interval, a concert was held in which the children took part with songs, recitations and playlets, while the children of Standards 1, 2 & 3 gave individual items in Welsh, of songs and verse. A number of the children in Standards 4, 5 & 6 took part in singing Welsh songs and hymns. Quite a number of the parents attended. Mrs. M.M. Jones and Miss R.J. Davies were responsible for the tuition of the children. The accompanist was Mrs. Evans, Pentwyn. The arrangements were under the supervision of the headteacher, Mr. Arthur Ballard. Noddfa Baptist Chapel held their celebrations in the form of an eisteddfod. The adjudicators were Mr. D.J. Davies, Mr. Burkley Davies and Mr. D.J. Thomas. Mr. T.J. Jones was the conductor, and Miss Aranwy Jones and Mr. D.J. Thomas acted as accompanists. Prize winners were: Solo (under 7) Lorna Williams; recitation (under 7) Mary Cumpstone; sol (under 10) Brian Pearce; recitation (under 10) Brain Pearce; solo (under 12) Katie Hughes; recitation (under 12) Margaret Morris; solo (under 14) Brian Pearce; recitation (under 14) Pat Sullivan; party of six, Shirley Jones' party.

The celebration at the Primary School was arranged under the supervision of the headmaster, Mr. Dan Jenkins and staff, and both Senior and Infants' Departments took part. The Seniors performed two Welsh plays "Pwca Bach," and "Llew," and sang Welsh songs and actions

songs. The Infants also performed action songs in Welsh, and also danced and recited to the native tongue.

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Coming Event A Victory Dance will be held at the New Hall on June 7 in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band.

The Band Coun. Payne presided at a band meeting at the Old Library. Mr. J.J. Lewis, secretary, gave a report on the Band Association meeting he attended at Cardiff with the treasurer. It was agreed that the band enter the Association contest in June, and a joint meeting was arranged with the ladies' committee. Mr. Crad Shankland was appointed on the committee.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 23 March 1946**

Billiards Fochriw entertained Deri in a friendly match at the Institute on Monday, Deri winning by 7.

Snooker Match Fochriw played New Tredegar in a League match on Thursday at the Institute, the visitors winning by 10 frames to 2. Fochriw team: G. Davies, B. Rees, R. Dummett, R. Gittoes and A.H. Dummett.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 30 March 1946**

Ambulance Promotion Hon.Sergt. and Divisional Secretary T. Thomas has been appointed Cadet Officer by the Priory of Wales Order of St. John of Jerusalem. Mr. Thomas had been Divisional Secretary for the past 22 years.

In Hospital Mrs. Eynon Williams, Guest-street; Mr. David Saunders, Martins-street, and Mr. Cyril Davies, Guest-street, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital. Mr. James Lawrence, Pleasant View, is in St. Winefride's Nursing Home, Cardiff.

Silver Band The Band played a programme of music on the field at Pontlottyn on Monday, during a football match between Pontlottyn and Merthyr.

Professional's Visit On Thursday at the Billiard Hall of the Welfare Association, a visit was paid by Mr. Sydney Smith, a professional billiard and snooker player. The M.C. was the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. Mr. Smith's opponent in billiards was Mr. Arthur Palmer, who played a very fine game. Final scores: Smith 654; Palmer 111. Smith made breaks of over 150. In snooker, his opponents were Messrs. G. Jones, R. Dummett and G. Davies. Smith conceded four blacks start to each, and R. Dummett won his game. A vote of thanks to Mr. Smith was proposed by Coun. W.J. Payne, chairman of the Institute, and seconded by Mr. Cliff Edwards, Bargoed. The scorer was Mr. J.H. Evans.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 6 April 1946**

St. Mary's On Wednesday, the Lenten services were conducted by the Vicar.

Personal Mr. Gordon Llewellyn is a patient at Talgarth Hospital and Mr. Maynard Ballard of Cwmbargoed Cottages at Pontsarn.

ENSA Entertainment A first class Ensa entertainment for the Ministry of Fuel and Power was given at the Welfare Hall on Monday, when the following contributed to the programme: Jess Jacobson (raconteur); Ivy Reid (pianist); Elsa Winfield (soprano); Gordon Glenn (champion boy accordionist); Barbara Lewis (Kay Scarf); Gerald & Doreen Desmond (the two-handed brains trust); Pamela Stewart, Irene Walker, Alan Gale (the new star comedian); Sonny Jarman (versatile entertainer).

Successful Year The annual meeting of the Welfare Association was held on Friday, when Coun. W.J. Payne presided. The chairman gave a review of the past year and stated the balance sheet had been a most successful one. Improvements had been carried out to the playing field, so that now, he hoped football would be played there next season. Entertainment had been provided in the Hall, and the billiards room had had a successful year. He regretted the decision of the secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies, and the treasurer, Mr. J.H. Evans, to resign, because they had proved efficient officers. Mr. Davies spoke and gave his reasons for resigning. Officers and committee appointed were: chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; vice chairman, Rev. E. Adams Evans; committee, Messrs. H. Wood, W. Evans, J.E. Edwards, A. Palmer, C. Shankland, H.T. Lewis, D. Mantle, J. Lewis, B. Rees, J.J. Lewis, R. Evans, A. Evans, B. Davies, J.G. Gittens, R. Rees, D. Kelly, Crad Thomas, Dd. Jones, F. Thomas; trustees, Messrs. D. Jenkins, T.J. Jones; librarian, R. Gittoes; assistant, I. Morgan.

### **“Merthyr Express” 13 April 1946**

Picture Show Another first class show was given at the New Hall on Tuesday, when a large audience saw a fine programme of pictures.

For Band Fund In aid of the Band Instruments Fund, a dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday. Music was provided by the Silver Band under Mr. A. Mantle. On Saturday, the Band played a programme of music at Rhymney Football Field.

Welfare Association A meeting was held at the New Hall on Friday, Coun. Payne presiding. Various sub-committees were appointed including billiards, entertainment and books. It was decided to proceed with the cleaning and seeding of the playing field. The secretary read correspondence from the Playing Fields Association. Mr. J.H. Evans was appointed to the committee of the Welfare and Institute. Mr. Bryn Davies was appointed secretary.

### **“Merthyr Express” 20 April 1946**

Late Mr. W. Way The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mr. Walter Way, 8, Glyn-terrace.

Picture Show On Thursday last, a first class picture show was given at the New Hall, and was well attended.

Palm Sunday Large crowds visited the old churchyard at Pentwyn, to lay flowers on the graves of relatives and friends. At the Parish Church the services were conducted by the Vicar.

### **“Merthyr Express” 4 May 1946**

Secretary Elected As a result of a ballot by members of the Welfare and Institute, Mr. B. Davies was elected secretary.

United Services The Free Church Council held united services at Nazareth Chapel on Good Friday, when the ministers taking part were the Revs. E. Jones, T.J. Jones, and E. Ebenezer, Dowlais.

Old Resident's Death The funeral took place at Cefn Cemetery on Good Friday of one of Fochriw's oldest inhabitants in the person of Mr. Walter Way, 8, Glyn-terrace. He had lived in the village for many years, and had taken an active part in allotments' development, and had been secretary to the committee for many years. He was 75. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones.

Silver Band Under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle, the Band competed in the Band Festival at the Cory Hall, Cardiff, on Saturday. Although not successful, they gave a good account of themselves. Arrangements were made by the secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis.

Parish Church On Good Friday, a three-hour service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. On Easter Day, the services were well attended, and the celebrant and preacher was the Vicar. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

G.I. Bride Mrs. Marion Clayton and her baby son left last week to join her husband at Kentucky, U.S.A. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sullivan, Aelybryn, and had served in the war with the A.T.S., during which time she met her husband who was serving with the American Army.

Hospital S.O.S. The annual appeal of Merthyr General Hospital took place last week. The collectors were Miss Millie Williams £1 9s 10½d; Mrs. M.A. Ballard £1 6s; Mrs. Esther Matthews £1 4s 3½d; Mr. Willie Ballard £1 1s 6d; Mrs. Lewis 16s 2d; Miss M. Ralph 13s 9d; Miss Nancy Palmer 12s 4d; Mr. Evans 12s 2½d; Mr. John Evans 9s 11d. The organiser was Mr. W.J. Payne, and £9 10s 5d has been handed to the secretary of the hospital.

British Legion A presentation was made by the Women's Section on Wednesday to Mrs. M. Clayton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, Aelybryn, who is shortly sailing for America to join her husband. Mrs. Farley, president, made the presentation of a set of fruit spoons.

Eisteddfod Results A grand eisteddfod was held at the New Hall on Thursday last. The Rev. Eurof Jones was the conductor, and the adjudicators were: music, Mr. T. Idris Morris; literature, Rev. Bowen, Moriah, Rhymney. Winning competitors were: solo under 7, Mary Cumpstone; recitation under 7, Mary Cumpstone & Tessie Williams (equal); solo 7-10, Billy

Thomas and Phyllis Hughes (equal); recitation 7-10, 1. Shirley Davies, 2. Phyllis Hughes; solo 10-14, 1. Margaret Jones & Lorna Hughes, 2. B. Cumpstone & James Davies; recitation 10-14, 1. Morfydd Owen, 2. Pat Sullivan & Jean Prcie; duet under 16, Eileen & Lorna; party of six, Milly Williams' party; children's choir, Bert Cumpstone's; veterans' solo, Mrs. M. Ballard; open recitation, Milly Williams; soprano solo, Milly Williams; essay, Huw Ballard Thomas; contralto solo, M. Davies; chair poem, Huw Ballard Thomas (the charring ceremony was conducted by Rev. Bowen); tenor solo, Mr. Emlyn Evans; humorous story, Mrs. Eurof Jones; bass solo, divided between D. Kelly and M. Shankland; composition on "Air," divided between Mr. A. Mantle and Mrs. H. Meneer; composing a hymn, Mr. Eurof Jones; open duet, divided between H. Davies & Marie Davies, and Mair Cumpstone & Milly Williams; unpunctuated reading, Mrs. H. Meneer; penillion under 14, Bettie Cumpstone; quartette, Mr. Emlyn Evans' party; penillion over 14, Milly Williams party; chief choral, Emlyn Evans' choir. The accompanists were Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M., and Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas. The officials were: chairman, Rev. Eurof Jones; treasurer, Mr. Sam Lewis, J.P.; secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis.

Easter Vestry The annual Easter Vestry meeting of the parish of Fochriw and Deri was held at the church vestry on Thursday. The vicar presided, supported by the churchwardens and parochial secretary. The Vicar reviewed the work of the last year, and paid tribute to churchwardens, parochial councillors, auditors, sidesmen, organist, readers and sexton, and all who had helped in any way to further the work of the church. The audited statement of accounts was given by Mr. W.J. Payne. He said it was his 30<sup>th</sup> year in office, he being the first churchwarden of the parish. He also said that there was need for some repair in the church in the coming year. The auditor was Miss R. Davies. The members stood in silence in memory of the church people who had died in the past year. Officers appointed were: churchwardens, Mr. W.J. Payne and Mr. John Owen (Deri); auditor, Miss R. Davies; parochial secretary, Mr. A. Palmer; parochial council, Mesdames E.A. Evans, W.J. Payne, R. Davies, E.J. Lawrence, G. Llewellyn, T. Evans, Messrs. J. Lawrence, A. Palmer, T.M. Evans, E.T. Pritchard, T. Baldwin, T. Jones, Bryn Rees, W.H. Way, G. Baldwin; sidesmen, Messrs. A. Palmer, G. Lawrence, Windsor Rees, Bert Edwards, G. Tyler, D.C. Jones, T.E. Davies, D.R. Tyler, W. James, D. Jones, V. Powell, G. Evans, W. Wyce.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 11 May 1946**

Local Boy's Appointment Mr. Lewis H. Angell, M.A., has been appointed schools inspector for Glamorgan. He is 38. He is the son of Mr. and the late Mrs. W.J. Angell. He married Miss Christley Sibley, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sibley, Fochriw. A product of the village school, he later went to Lewis' School, Pengam, where he became head prefect. He was awarded first class honours in Welsh at University College, Cardiff, and double first in the diploma in education. Later, he gained the degree of M.A. for research work in medieval Welsh. Mr. Angell won his colours for football at Cardiff University. For over 14 years he had been senior Welsh master at Rhyl Grammar School. He has been short listed for the posts of Director of Education at Aberdare and at Merthyr, and for the post of head teacher at Aberdare and Merthyr County Schools.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 18 May 1946**

In Hospital Mr. Ellis Davies, Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Vicar's Father Dead The death has occurred of Mr. John Evans, father of Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar of Fochriw and Deri.

Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Tuesday. Music was supplied by the Silver Band. The M.C. was Mr. T.B. Edwards.

Special Services Half yearly meetings were held at Nazareth on Sunday. Rev. W. Lloyd Jones, Skewen, was the preacher. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies, with Mr. D.J. Davies at the organ.

Vicar Bereaved The funeral took place at Treorchy Cemetery last week of Mr. John Evan, a highly respected citizen of Rhondda and Llanon. He was the father of Rev. E. Adams Evans, Vicar.

E.N.S.A. Entertainment On Tuesday, "The Wind and the Rain," the famous comedy by Morton Hodge, was presented at the New Hall, under the auspices of the Ensa entertainments of the Ministry of Fuel and Power.

Welfare Association At a meeting held at the New Hall on Friday, it was decided to ask the Welfare organiser, Mr. Daniel, to visit Fochriw.

Victory Celebrations Meetings have been held, and a fine programme including sports, fireworks, street teas, carnival, cymanfa ganu for children and adults, has been arranged for June 8. Also, a dance will be held on Friday evening, June 7.

Silver Band On Friday, a meeting was held in the Band-room, Mr. J.J. Lewis presiding. The correspondence contained a number of requests for the services of the Band. The Bandmaster reported on the individual competition at Tonypany, at which two of their young members competed. Idris and George Shankland gave an excellent performance. The Bandmaster also reported on the sale of some of the old instruments.

Eisteddfod Success At the recent Glamorgan County Youth Eisteddfod, Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas, only son of Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Thomas, Aelybryn, member of the local County Youth Centre, gained first prize for a short story, "Caravan;" second prize English reading and was the conductor of the Centre Choir, which came second in the mixed choral competition.

Prize Award At the annual speech day held at Lewis' School, Pengam, last week, it was announced that Huw Ballard Thomas of Fochriw had been awarded the R.W. Jones Memorial Prize for distinguished work during the year. Mr. Thomas, who won a Glamorgan County Welsh Scholarship, is at present studying Arts at Cardiff University prior to training for Holy Orders.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 25 May 1946**

Late Mrs. M.E. Thomas The death has occurred of a well known inhabitant, Mrs. M.E. Thomas, Rees-row, Pentwyn, at the age of 59 years.

Flag Day The sum of £4 4s 6d. was raised by the sale of flags in aid of the Pontlloftyn and District Nursing Association. The sellers were Mrs. M. Watkins, Mrs. E. Matthews, Miss L. Mantle, Miss C. Woods, Miss J. Sullivan. The Association thanks helpers and others who supported the effort. The organiser was Mrs. J.M. Lawrence.

To Help Pensioners A concert, organised by the Fochriw Youth Centre, was held at the New Hall on Monday, when Mr. B. Cumpstone's Children's Choir, the Troedyrhiw Girls' Choir (conductor Mr. Elwyn Morgan), and the Fochriw County Youth Centre Choir (conductor Mr. H. Ballard Thomas) took part. Items were given by Marie Davies, Milly Williams, Emrys Shankland, Hywel Lewis, Dennis Harding, Huw B. Thomas. The accompanists were Miss Phillips and Mr. H.B. Thomas. The chairman was Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., warden of the Centre, who stated that the entire proceeds would be devoted to the Fochriw Old Age Pensioners' Fund.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 1 June 1946**

Life Resident's Death The funeral of Mrs M.E. Thomas took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Wednesday. Mrs. Thomas, who was 59 years of age, was born and lived all her life in the village. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones. Mourners were Messrs. C. & D. Rowlands (sons); Phillips & Saunders (sons-in-law); John Thomas (brother-in-law); T. Rowlands, J. Rowlands, David & Lewis Evans, Willie A. Davies, E. Evans, W. Mills. Mourners at the house were Katie, Jennie and Margaret (daughters); A. & N. Rowland (sisters-in-law); B. Evans, M. Griffiths.

Victory Queen On Wednesday at the New Hall, the selection of a Victory Queen and her Court took place. The compere was Mr. D.J. Davies, and the judges were Miss Giles (Deri), and Miss Pugh (Rhydney). Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. The entry was a large one, and the following were selected: Victory Queen, Miss Violet Abbey; Court Ladies, Elsa Morgan, Enid Cumpstone, Elaenor Davies, Sybil Jones; flower girls, Jessie A. Davies, Rosalind Russell; train bearers, Ann Morris, Delphine Chapman; herald, Islwyn Shankland; page boy, Neville Hann. The parade and carnival will be held on June 8, and will be headed by the Fochriw Silver Band. The marshals will be Messrs. J.J. Lewis, Crad Shankland, Arthur Palmer. The Queen will be crowned by Mrs.



Edwards, The Anchorage. The judges for the carnival are Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. E.T. Pritchard, Mesdames Olwen Evans & Jack Lawrence. The officials are: chairman, Coun. S. Lewis, J.P.; vice-chairman, Mr. D.J. Davies; secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies; assistant secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Jones. On Sunday, a singing festival will be held at Noddfa, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence and Mr. D.J. Davies as conductors.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 8 June 1946**

Nazareth The united service of the different churches was held at Nazareth on Monday evening and was well attended. Mr. Trevor Lawrence presided, and the following took part: Rev. Eurof Jones, Miss Edna Jones, Messrs. Thomas Walters and Burkley Davies. The singing was conducted by Mr. B. Davies and Mr. David J. Davies was the organist.

Flag Day On Friday, a flag day was organised in aid of the Soldiers', Sailors and Airmen's Families Association. The following were the sellers: Mrs. M.H. Morgan and Miss M. Rowlands; Mrs. G. Williams and Mrs. C. Shankland; Mrs. E. Matthews; Miss N. Palmer & Miss V. Pegg; Mrs. Lewis; Misses E. Morgan & E. Davies; Misses Mary & Maureen Ralph. The sum of £4 5s 1d was realised.

V-Day Carnival A carnival will be held at Pentwyn on Saturday and the Queen will be Miss Nan Jones, Glen View. A fine programme of events has been arranged. The Fochriw Carnival Committee met on Monday, Mr. D.J. Davies presiding. Mr. G. Jones has been preparing the Queen and Court for the crowning ceremony. The Fochriw carnival will be joined by the Pentwyn carnival for the parade, both Queens and Courts taking part.

Ambulance Award Amb. Officer Daniel James, Martin-street, has been awarded a third bar on his service medal. The Hon. John H. Bruce, Commissioner for Wales, in a letter to Mr. James writes, “I have the privilege of offering you my sincere congratulations on being awarded a third bar to your service medal: an achievement to be proud of, and I also congratulate you on your continued loyal and efficient service in the brigade.” Mr. James has been a member of the brigade for 30 years. He is also a deacon of Carmel, and a trustee of the Institute.

Hospital Vice-President Councillor W.J. Payne was unanimously elected vice-president of the Merthyr General Hospital at the annual Court of Governors held recently. Mr. Payne has given a life of voluntary service to the public. For 30 years he has been connected with the hospital as governor, executive board member, and for the last ten years as chairman of the house committee. Among a few of his activities, he is a licensed lay reader, churchwarden of the parish of Fochriw and Deri, chairman of the Welfare Association and Institute, chairman of the Fochriw Silver Band, and a member of Gellygaer Urban Council.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 15 June 1946**

United Services The name of Mr. Thomas Ballard was omitted from the names of those taking part in the services at Nazareth last week.

V-Eve Dance On Friday, a dance marked the eve of Victory celebrations at the New Hall. Music was played by the Fochriw Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. Albert Mantle. The M.C. was Mr. T.B. Edwards.

Parish Church On Whit Sunday the services were conducted by the Vicar. The lessons were read by Mr. W.J. Payne and the organist was Mr. W.P. Lawrence.

Puppet Show At the New Hall on Wednesday, the audience was entertained to a very fine show. Under the auspices of the People's Mobile Theatre Productions, Mr. Francis Redvers presented his Puppet Theatre. On Thursday evening, another ENSA programme was given, with a first class array of artistes.

Victory Gymanfa On Sunday at Noddfa Chapel, singing festivals were held as part of the peace celebrations. The afternoon was given over to the children, whose singing under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Davies, reached a high standard. Miss Edna Jones presided. Portions of Scripture were read by Hugh Jones and prayers offered by Katie Hughes. At the evening session for adults, A large congregations was present, when the conductor was Mr. W.P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac. The chairman was the Rev. Eurof Jones, and the organist Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas. The Scriptures were read by Mr. John Palmer and a prayer was offered by Miss Marie Davies. The Vicar gave the blessing at the close. The closing hymn, in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice, was “Abide with Me.”

Victory Celebrations In right excellent style did Fochriw and Pentwyn Carnival Committee carry out their programme on Saturday, but the rain curtailed part of the programme in the afternoon. At 12.30 p.m., the parade was marshalled in front of the New Hall. Music was played by the Silver Band, under the conductorship of Mr. A. Mantle and Mr. Emrys Lewis. The parade included the Victory Queen, Miss Violet Abbey, and her Court in a decorated lorry driven by Mr. Jack Lawrence. The retiring Queen, Miss Thomas, was in the decorated lorry driven by Mr. Emlyn Jones. The Pentwyn Queen, Miss Nan Jones, and her Court were another striking feature in a decorated lorry driven by Mr. Cuthbert Llewellyn. A large number of entries had joined the parade and the judges had a difficult task. After the parade, the Pentwyn section went back to Pentwyn where the children were entertained to tea in the Old Church, and later ice-cream. The Pentwyn Queen was crowned by Sister Phoebe Cole who is home after much nursing abroad. In the night, a bonfire was lit at Pentwyn. After the parade, the Fochriw section returned to the New Hall, which had been decorated by the ladies of the committee. The Fochriw Queen was crowned by Mrs. Edwards, The Anchorage, the M.C. being Mr. Gomer Jones, Deri. The Queen and her Court were heralded by a fanfare of trumpets from the Silver Band. Speeches were given by Councillors Payne and Lewis. Thanks to all was given by Mr. D.J. Davies and Mr. Danie James. In the afternoon, the children were entertained to tea and ice-cream, and a children's eisteddfod was held. In the evening in the New Hall, dancing took place to the Fochriw Silver Band, with Mr. Crad Shankland as M.C. At night, in the open air underneath the flood-lighting, community singing ended a happy day. Great praise is due to the officers of the committee: chairman, Mr. S. Lewis, J.P.; vice-chairman, Mr. D.J. Davies; secretary, Mr. Bryn Davies; assistant secretary, Mr. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. Phyllis Jones – and all who worked so hard to ensure success. The winners at the carnival were as follows: Nursery rhymes, 1. Joyce Lewis, 2. Mary Cumpstone; Comical, 1. Billy Thomas, 2. Jean Price; Advertisement, 1. Margaret Pittaway; National, 1. Mrs. M.H. Morgan, 2. Jean Burrows & Ben Davies; Decorated Vehicle, 1. Raymond Davies; Mounted character, 1. David Williams; "Newly-Weds," 1. Mrs. B. Evans & Mrs. A. Wright; Jazz Band, 1. Mr. Goronwy Tyler and his "Desert Rats." Complimentary prizes: Eunice Harris, Shirley Lawrence, Michael Evans, Eira Roberts, Lorna Rees, M. Edwards, Annette Jones, Willie Edwards, Rosemary Jones, Pat Sullivan, Katie Hughes, Jill Parry, Joyce Evans.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 22 June 1946**

Gymanfa Ganu The name of Mr. Thomas Walters, the organist, was inadvertently omitted from the report of the Children's Gymanfa Ganu at Noddfa in connection with the Victory celebration.

Eisteddfod Win The Fochriw Glee Party under the conductorship of Mr. J.J. Lewis, with Mr. W.P. Lawrence at the piano, won first prize at Deri Eisteddfod on Friday, in their first competition.

New Deacons At Nazareth C.M. Chapel on Sunday, two new deacons were elected. They were Mr. W.A. Davies and Mr. Trevor Lawrence. The Rev. E. Ebenezer of Hermon and Libanus, Dowlais, officiated, and Mr. T. Roderick, Dowlais, was also present.

Legion Presentation On Wednesday, a presentation was made by the Fochriw Branch of the Women's Section of the British Legion. Miss P. Cole, Aelybryn, was presented with a double cake-stand by Mrs. Farley, president of the section. Miss Cole, who recently returned home after four years nursing abroad, thanked all members for their kindness. The secretary is Mrs. J. Harding.

Ex-Fireman's Death The funeral of Mr. Job Saunders, aged 74 years, of 18, Brook-row, formerly of Tynwydd-street, Pontllytyn, took place at Pentwyn Cemetery on Thursday. Mr. W.G. Hancock and Mr. T.J. Jones officiated. Mr. Saunders had been a member of the Gellygear U.D.C. Fire Brigade for 23 years, and held the position of District Officer for the last nine years. He was also a keen bandsman, and had been a member of the Pontllytyn Town Band. The chief mourners were: Messrs. David & H.H. Saunders (sons); T. Thomas, R. Horton, R.A. Evans (sons-in-law); Islwyn Saunders, John Horton, Trevor Spicer, Havard Spicer, D.R. Evans (grandsons); Cecil Shaw, Edwin Lewis, W. Phillips, Ken James, T. Istyn Havard, Bryn James, Glyn Thomas, David Isaac (nephews); T. Richards, D.J. Havard

(brothers-in-law); J. Bevan, E. James (cousins); Thos. Evans, A. Evans, J. Edwards. At the house were: Mesdames T. Thomas, R. Horton, C.H. Spicer, R.A. Evans (daughters); David Saunders, H.H. Saunders (daughters-in-law); E. Lewis, C. Shaw (grand daughters); M. Jones, P. James (sisters); T. Richards (sister-in-law); D. Thomas, Gilfach, G. Williams, New Tredegar, G. James, Abertridwr (nieces). There were many floral tributes. (listed) Funeral arrangements were by Mr. Thomas J. Davies, undertaker, 9, Brynteg-street, Fochriw.

**“Merthyr Express” 29 June 1946**

In Hospital Mr. Rod Jones, Glenview, Pentwyn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital.

Nazareth The preacher on Sunday was Mr. George Sibley and the organist was Mr. D.J. Davies. The singing was conducted by Mr. W.A. Davies.

Guild Outing On Saturday, the members of Carmel Sewing Guild held their outing, travelling to Worcester. The secretary is Mrs. M.A. Ballard, and the treasurer Mrs. M. Jenkins.

Silver Band Mr. Dan James presided at a Band Meeting. The treasurer gave the financial report.

**“Merthyr Express” 6 July 1946**

Pulpit The annual meetings of Carmel Cong. Chapel were held on Sunday, when Mr. J.J. James, B.A., Gorseinon, was the preacher. Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

District Convention The third annual district convention was held at the Fochriw Mission Hall on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, when the speakers were Mr. M.J. Sherman, Brentwood, and Mr. J. Evans, Treorky.

**“Merthyr Express” 13 July 1946**

In Hospital Mr. Owen Jones, Railway-terrace, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital. A speedy recovery is hoped for.

Sewers' Outing On Saturday, the members of the Fochriw Sewing Class, teacher Mrs. F. Evans, journeyed to Gloucester by motor coach. The weather was fine. The secretary is Mrs. M. Evans, and the treasurer Mrs. James.

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. It was agreed to carry out some work on the playing field, and also repairs to the children's corner. Regret was expressed at the conduct of some of the members frequenting the billiard hall, and measures have been taken for punishing the offenders. The financial position was very satisfactory.

**“Merthyr Express” 20 July 1946**

In Hospital Mr. D.J. Rees. Aelybryn, is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, and his friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Widow's Death The death has taken place of Mrs. Sarah Williams, formerly of Fochriw, at the home of her daughter at Wolverhampton. She was the widow of Mr. James Williams, who was clerk at the Fochriw Collieries for many years, and lived at Bryn Awel, Fochriw.

Promoted Lieutenant Mr. Phillip Mantle, youngest son of Mr. Albert Mantle, and the late Mrs. M.S. Mantle, Hill-row, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He is serving in Palestine, and is attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Herefordshire Regt. He is 20 years old and an old pupil of Bargoed Secondary School.

Octogenarian's Funeral Another old inhabitant was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday, Mr. Habacuc Morgan, 8, Railway-terrace, at the age of 82 years. He was of a genial disposition and held in high esteem. Rev. Eurof Jones officiated. The bearers were Messrs. Tommy Evans, Richard Price, Davie Price, David Harris, O. Richards and T. Evans. Mourners were Messrs. D. Griffiths, brother-in-law; Bernard Brown, Emrys Lewis, John, Idwal & Idris Walters, Charlie Pugh, Glyn Burrows, Willie G. Davies, W. Fox, Owen Jones. Mourners at the house were: Mesdames S.A. Griffiths (sister); D. Brown, M.A. Walters, Doris Pugh, Gwladys Jones, Margaret Burrowes, Ruth Fox, Annie Davies.

Late Mrs. C. Dummett The death has taken place of an old and esteemed inhabitant of the district in Mrs. Choyce Dummett, aged 72, of 1, Martin-street. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Revs. E. Adams Evans and Eurof Jones officiated. Mourners were Messrs. Edwin, Fred, Charlie, George, Alfred, Percy, Albert, Rufus Dummett (sons); E.G. & D. Pryce, H. Watkins, B.A. & D. Dummett (grand children); D. & W. Cheeke

(brothers); E. Pryce, E. Watkins, P. Fisher (sons-in-law); D. Parry, E. Morgan, D. Davies (brothers-in-law); S. Jones, S. Newman, G. Cheeke, T. & M. Harris, W. Parry, M. Evans, C. Williams, J.H. Davies, W. Cheeke, T.W. Yeoman, D. Brown (cousins & nephews); T. Evans, J.D. Thomas, R. Lewis, Slimmons. At the house were Sarah Mary Ann, Nellie May (daughters); M. Williams, E. Harris, S. Davies, H. Morgan (sisters); A.E., M.N., M. & G. Dummett (daughters-in-law); M. Newman. R.M. Evans, B., L., and S. Dummett, J. Pryce, A.J., G., C. & J. Pryce (grand children); C. Morgan, J. Jones (cousins); G. Peamon, A.M. Jones, M. Lewis, L. Davies, M. Parry, P. Brown (nieces).

#### **“Merthyr Express” 3 August 1946**

In Hospital Mr. C. Edwards, Brynteg-street, and Mr. Tom Jones, Pentwyn, are both patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Male Voice Party Good progress is being made by the Male Voice Party under the conductorship of Mr. J.J. Lewis. They will enter a number of competitions in the near future.

Sunday School Outings The various Sunday Schools held their annual outings on Saturday. The Full Gospel Hal went to Swansea, Carmel to Porthcawl, the Church, Noddfa and Nazareth to Barry Island. The journeys were made by charabanc.

Band News Coun. Payne presided at a meeting at the band-room on Friday. The treasurer reported that they were now in a position to pay back the loan and wipe off the debt on the new instruments. It was decided to pay off the loan at a celebration function.

Visit to Council Members of the Fochriw Youth Centre were the first party to be invited to the full Council meeting of the Gelligear Urban District Council under the new arrangements this week. Six members attended and heard the deliberations of a Council meeting from 5 to 8 p.m. They were Misses Edna Jones, Mair Cumpstone, Lilian Mantle, Mr. Stuart Davies and Mr. Hugh Ballard Thomas.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 10 August 1946**

Outing Members of the Fochriw Outing Club journeyed to Blackpool on Friday for a week's holiday.

Youth Club Members of the Fochriw Youth Centre journeyed to Scotland for their annual outing. Some went on Friday, and the others on Tuesday. This is their second tour of Scotland.

Dance A dance was held at the New Hall in aid of the O.A.P. outing fund. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band conducted by Mr. Arthur Mantle. Messrs. Idris Cumpstone and Browning were the M.Cs.

Hospital Service Several members of Carmel Cong. Chapel journeyed to Gellygaer Isolation Hospital on Tuesday evening with Rev. Eurof Jones, and conducted a service that was greatly appreciated by the patients and staff.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 24 August 1946**

Cancer Campaign As a result of the envelope collection, £8 was collected. The following ladies were responsible for the effort: Brynteg district, Mesdames A. Ballard and T. Rowlands, £1 15s 9d; Aelybryn district, Mrs. Fox & Miss Betty Fox, £1 3s 10d; Pentwyn, Mesdames S. Jones & S. Pullen, £1 1s 6d; Martin-street district, Miss Rosie Davies, 15s 10d; Pantywaun, Misses Mary & Noreen Ralph, 14s 6d; Guest-street district, Mrs. J. Matthews, 13s 2d; Cwmbargoed, Mrs. Evans, 11s 8d; Dynevor-street district, Misses Elsa Morgan & E. Davies, 9s 5d; Brook-row & Council Houses, Mrs. M.H. Morgan. 8s 4d; Penybank, Mr. J. Evans, 6s. The organiser, Mr. W.J. Payne, thanks all for their co-operation.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 31 August 1946**

Nazareth News On Sunday, the preacher was Miss Megan Brown, Deri, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

Dog Trials Mr. John Lloyd, Glenview, Pentwyn, with his dog, won first prize at Llanfabon on Saturday. This is his second recent win. Mr. Lloyd, a keen sheep dog fancier, has trained many winning dogs.

Aid to China The result of the Aid to China Flag Day, organised by Councillors S. Lewis and W.J. Payne, resulted in a collection of £3 1s 5d. The collectors were: Mesdames M. Lawrence, L. Evans, D. Brown, A. Davies, Rowlands, Llewellyn, Misses Betty Fox, Pullen and Mr. E.D. Jones.

Male Voice Success The Male Voice Party, conducted by Mr. J.J. Lewis with Mr. W.P. Lawrence as accompanist, came second at the eisteddfod at Pontllanfraith on Friday. The choir has been formed just six months, and is made up chiefly of young singers. In two competitions they have been placed first and second. The secretary is Mr. D.J. Davies, and the chairman, Mr. D. James.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 7 September 1946**

Personal The following are patients in hospital: Mr. Emrys Evans, Guest-street; Mr. John Williams, Martin-street; Mr. C. Edwards, Brynteg; Miss Jenny Sullivan, Aelybryn.

Annual Outing The Fochriw Branch of the British Lewion, Women’s Section, visited the Vale of Glamorgan by motor coach last week.

Gifts from Australia O.A.Ps. in the Fochriw valley received gifts of food during the week from the people of Queensland, Australia. The distribution was made by members of the O.A.P. organisation, in association with local ward members of the Council.

Legion Presentation A presentation tea was given by members of the women’s section of the British Legion at the Old Reading Room on Monday, when Mrs. D. Lasalle, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Williams, Aelybryn, was presented with a silver-rimmed salad bowl by Mrs. S. Phillips, chairman. Mrs. Lasalle, a former member of the A.T.S., has now left this country to join her husband in Canada. He served in the Canadian Army in this country during the war. All members wished Mrs. Lasalle every good wish in her new home. The secretary is Mrs. I.J. Harding.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 September 1946**

Deacon’s Death An old and respected inhabitant, Mr. Daniel Davies, aged 81, of Martin-street, died on Sunday. He was the senior deacon of Carmel Chapel.

Pensioners’ Outing On Monday, the O.A.P. held their annual outing to Barry Island. All sat down to lunch, after which they enjoyed themselves in various ways. They were accompanied by Messrs. T. Ballard and J.J. Lewis, secretaries, and J. Davies, treasurer.

No Debts Now Coun. W.J. Payne presided at a meeting on Thursday. The chairman complimented all concerned on disposing of the debt incurred in the purchase of new instruments, and paid tribute to the bandmaster for the part he had played in the sale of the old instruments. It was decided to compete in the forthcoming contest at Blaina. The secretary dealt with the correspondence and the treasurer gave the financial report.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 September 1946**

Welfare Association Meeting Coun. W. J. Payne presided at a meeting at the Hall on Friday, supported by the vicar (vice-chairman), and Mr. Bryn Davies (secretary). It was decided to send a representative to a Welfare meeting at Pontypridd. The Secretary stated that it was hoped to resume films at the Hall at the near future. A report was given on the book department, and the outdoor and indoor financial statements were also read.

Funeral: Mr. Daniel Davies The funeral of Mr. Daniel Davies, aged 81, of Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard last week. He had lived for the greater part of his life at Fochriw, and was held in high esteem. He was a faithful member and senior deacon of Carmel Congregational Church. Rev. E. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: W.J. Davies, David Davies (sons); W.J. Angell (son-in-law); T.E. Davies, Teddy Davies, Oliver Davies, Evan Davies, Bert Walters, Leighton Davies, Sam Price, G. Hann. At the house: M. Davies, E. Angell, Renie Gardner (daughters); Miriam Price (sister); Mesdames Davies, Walters, G. Hann, E. Davies.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 28 September 1946**

Hospital Kenneth Rees, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bryn Rees, has met with an accident to his hand, and is making good progress at Merthyr General Hospital.

Silver Band The Band competed at the contest at Blaina on Saturday and gave a good performance both in the march and selection competition.

Harvest Services Services were held at St. David’s, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday. Rev. S.J. Beynon preached on Sunday, and Rev. J.R. Davies, Dowlais, on Monday. The organist on Monday was Mr. John Owen, Deri.

Choral Concert The Male Voice Party gave a concert at the New Hall on Tuesday. The Party was assisted by the following artistes: Mr. Harry Griffiths and Mr. Hughes, Dowlais.

Both artistes and choir were in excellent form. Mr. Dan James presided. An address was given by Mr. Powell, Bargoed, a well-known figure in the musical world. The conductor is Mr. J.J. Lewis, and the pianist, Mr. W.P. Lawrence. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. E. Evans, and seconded by Mr. D.J. Davies.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 5 October 1946**

Local Deaths Two well-known inhabitants of the village have died, namely, Mr. Thomas Edwards of Aelybryn, aged 84, and Mr. J. Fisher of Martin-street, aged 42.

Getting Ready A meeting was held at the Hall on Tuesday in support of the Labour candidate for the forthcoming County election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Iorwerth Hopkins in the Fochriw Ward of the Gellygaer Council. The speakers were Mr. Fred Evans and Mr. M. Walters, Bargoed, with the candidate. Mr. Dan James presided.

Harvest Festival Services were held at the Parish Church on Sunday and Monday. The Church had been decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables. The celebrant and preacher on Sunday morning was the Vicar. On Sunday afternoon the service was conducted by Mr. W.J. Payne, and in the evening by the Rev. Meredith Rees, Gilfach. On Monday evening, the preacher was the Rector of Gellygaer. Mr. W.P. Lawrence and Mr. H.B. Davies were the organists. The fruit was sent to Merthyr General Hospital.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 12 October 1946**

Silver Band Mr. H. Wood presided at a Band meeting on Monday. Mr. J.J. Lewis reported on several applications for engagements. Mr. Emrys Lewis gave a financial statement.

Octogenarian's Death The funeral of Mr. Thomas Edwards, Aelybryn, at the age of 84, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Edwards was born in the village, and lived the whole of his life in Fochriw. A brother, Mr. Wm. S. Edwards, aged 91, still lives in the village, and a sister, Mrs. Edwards, The Anchorage, and another brother, also survive. In his younger days, Mr. Edwards was an official in the Fochriw Collieries. The Rev. T.J. Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiated. The chief mourners were: Messrs. W.H. Edwards, T.B. Edwards, C. Edwards (sons); T. Sullivan, A. Mantle (sons-in-law); W.S. Edwards, C. Edwards (brothers); T. Evans, B. Evans (brothers-in-law); J. Mantle, T. Mantle, J. Jones (grandsons); J. Sullivan, J. Edwards, M. Mantle (great grandsons); B. Edwards, G. Edwards, D. Williams, W.J. Rees, W. Forward, C. Edwards, J. Edwards, G. Thomas, W.J. Payne, M. Williams, S. Lewis, R. Williams, W. Bennett, D. Kelly, W. Evans, D. Jones, T. Kelly. At the house were Mrs. E. Sullivan (daughter); Mrs. Captain Edwards (sister); Phyllis, Enid, Margaret, Pat, Jennie (grand children); Mesdames W.H. Edwards, T.B. Edwards, C. Edwards (daughters-in-law); H. Evans (sister-in-law).

Late Mr. W.J. Fisher The funeral of Mr. Wm. John Fisher, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. Dan Fisher of Pontllytyn, and later of Henry-street, Bargoed, and husband of Eirlys Fisher, 46, Martin-street, took place at Cefn Hengoed Cemetery on Saturday. The officiating ministers were Revs. E. Jones, E. Adams Evans and R. Vaughan Jones, Aberbargoed. The chief mourners were Messrs. Gwyn Fisher (brother); Luter Eynon, Thos. Jenkins, Rees Jenkins, Sylvanus Jenkins, Ray Cook (brothers-in-law); T.J. Prangley, H. Beddoe, Wm. Thomas, T.J. Jenkins (uncles); Samuel, David, John, T. Haydn, Ernest & Jack Fisher, Deslwyn, Evan John & Arwyn Beddoe, Eddie, Wm. & David Thomas, John Davies, John, Wm., Owen, Edward Roberts, Samuel Cox, T.J. Morgan, Bert Wilding, Thomas & Caradog Shankland, T.J. James, E.J. Thomas, Dan Jenkins (cousins); J.C. Jenkins, W.H. Jenkins, David Jenkins, Cyril Jenkins, John Evans, Sylvanus & Malcolm Cook, Sylvanus James, Glyn Cotterell & Richard (nephews). The bearers were Messrs. H. Carter, D.G. Jones, J. Morris, A. Martin, J. Davies, Wm. Davies. At the house were Mesdames Eirlys Fisher (widow); Annie Llewellyn, Ethel Eynon (sisters); Marian Fisher, A.M. Jenkins, N. Evans, S.J. Jenkins, Elvis Jenkins, A. Davies, D. Cook (sisters-in-law); H. Beddoe, T.J. Prangley, Wm. Thomas, I. Williams, R. Fisher (aunts); Mesdames Cox, Caple, Morgan, B. Dudley, M. Jones (cousins); Misses E. Evans, E. Davies (nieces). Funeral arrangements were by Messrs. D. J. Thomas, Bargoed.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 19 October 1946**

Late Mr. W.J. Fisher Among the large number of floral tributes at the funeral of Mr. W.J. Fisher which was reported last week, were wreaths from: Wife, relatives and friends, and staff of the Rhymney Cottage Hospital.

Nazareth The annual services were held on Sunday, the preacher being Rev. H.H. Williams, Cross Hands. On Monday and Tuesday, harvest festival services were conducted with the Rev. W.J. Hughes as preacher. The organist was Mr. D.J. Davies, and Mr. W.A. Davies conducted the singing.

Future Programme Coun. Payne presided at a meeting of the Welfare Committee at the hall on Friday. The chairman reported on the meeting with Mr. W. Daniel, Welfare organiser, on the question of the building of a new hall. It was decided to organise a Christmas handicap. The caretaker and treasurer gave their reports.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 26 October 1946**

Youth Centre Dance A dance was held at the New Hall on Wednesday in aid of the Merthyr Blind Institute. Music was played by the Silver Band, conducted by Mr. A. Mantle. The M.Cs. were Messrs. C. Cumpstone, H. Owen and S. Davies.

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. Mrs. S.A. Davies read a portion of Scripture, and the Lord's Prayer followed. A paper was read by Mrs. Trollope, Pontlottyn, and Mrs. P. Jones sang a solo. Miss Aranwy Jones was the pianist. The meeting closed with a hymn and the Benediction.

In Sound Position The annual meeting of the Fochriw Branch of the British Legion was held at the New Hall on Monday, under the chairmanship of Mr. T. Jones, Pentwyn. Also present were Messrs. S. Phillips, president; W.T. Pegg, treasurer; W.I. Cumpstone, secretary; W.H. Way, vice-chairman. The secretary gave the financial report and it showed the branch to be in a good position. Mr. Cumpstone then announced his resignation owing to pressure of business. This was accepted with regret, and appreciation of his services was expressed by the president, the chairman and Mr. Puddle. Officers for 1946-47 are: Messrs. S. Phillips, president; P. Plunt, vice-president; E.I. Cumpstone, chairman; W.H. Way, vice-chairman; W.T. Pegg, treasurer; T.G. Thomas, secretary; C. Cumpstone, standard bearer; delegate to National Conference, E.I. Cumpstone; to Area Conference, T.G. Thomas; to County Committee, E. Puddle; branch committee, Messrs. E. Puddle, H. Evans, C. Cumpstone, D. Griffiths, W.H. Way, P. Mills, T.J. Morgan; Service Committee, Messrs. S. Phillips, C. Cumpstone, T.G. Thomas, H. Tunley, Gwilym Davies, E. Puddle, T.J. Morgan. The Poppy Day organiser, Mrs. S. Phillips, tendered her resignation after ten years service. It was accepted with regret and appreciation was expressed by the chairman and other members. Mrs. Farley, Supply Stores, was nominated to fill the position.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 2 November 1946**

Funeral The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday of Mr. W.H. Davies, Bargoed, late of Fochriw, aged 60. He was for many years Superintendent for the Gellygaer Urban District Council.

Fochriw Male Voice Choir Under the conductorship of Mr. J.J. Lewis, with Mr. W. Lawrence as accompanist, the Choir competed at an eisteddfod at Gandiffaith on Sunday. Although not successful in gaining an award, they gave a good account of themselves.

Mayoress of Merthyr's Appeal for the Blind Institute In aid of the appeal, the Fochriw Youth Centre held a dance, music being provided by the Fochriw Silver Band. The event raised £11 4s 9d, and in addition, there was a donation of £1 1s. from the band, whose conductor is Mr. A. Mantle. The M.C's were H. Owen and C. Cumpstone, assisted by Mrs. Stuart Davies. The prize winner was Mr. Howell Lewis. The officials were the warden and vice-warden of the centre, Mr. H. Owen and Miss Enid Davies. Refreshments were served by Miss Enid Davies. The band secretary is Mr. J. J. Lewis.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 9 November 1946**

Welfare Association Coun. Payne presided at a meeting at the hall on Friday. Repairs to the billiard tables will be carried out, also painting and repairs to the billiard hall. Reports on the playing field and children's corner were given, also the reports of the caretaker and treasurer.

Septuagenarian's Death The death has occurred at 3. Glyn-terrace of Mrs. Jane Davies, the widow of Mr. Evan Morgan Davies. Mrs. Davies was 73 years of age, and had lived in the village for many years.

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting took place on Thursday, Mrs. Dilys Edwards taking the chair. A portion of Scripture was read by Mrs. Olwen Thomas and Mrs. Trollope

took the devotions. A paper was read by Mrs. Beddoe Thomas, Pontlottyn, who also rendered a solo. The speaker was thanked by Mrs. Captain Edwards and Mrs. Irene Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the accompanist.

Male Voice Party On Sunday, the Party, their conductor and accompanist, will journey to Lampeter to give a concert.

Late Mr. W. Slimmon The funeral took place last week of Mr. W. Slimmon, late of Fochriw. He was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Slimmon, Fochirw Farm.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 16 November 1946**

In Hospital Mrs. James, Dynevor-street, and Mr. D.J. Jacob, are patients at Merthyr General Hospital.

Band to Benefit The Mount Carmel Dramatic Society (Rhymney) performed the play “Ladies Fingers,” at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. H. Wood presided and thanks were accorded by Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. Shankland.

Remembrance Day This was observed at the Parish Church on Sunday, when a service was attended by the various organisations in the village. Revs. E. Adams Evans and S.J. Beynon (Deri) conducted the service, with Mr. H.B. Thomas at the organ. Wreaths and flowers were placed on the memorial window in memory of the fallen by Mr. T.G. Thomas (Men’s Section British Legion), Mrs. Farley (Women’s Section), and Mrs. E.A. Evans (Mothers’ Union).

Benefit Dance A dance was held at the New Hall in aid of the Fochriw & District Nursing Association. Music was supplied by the Fochriw Silver Band. Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone was M.C. The stewards were Mr. Goronwy Taylor and Mr. J. Morgan. Miss Jean Woods and Miss Iris Gwyn did good work in connection with the competition, which was won by Mrs. E. Walters. Mrs. Jones, secretary, spoke highly of the work done by the Fochriw Branch for 11 years, and Nurse Morris also spoke. The sum of £11 6s was realised. The organiser was Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, vice-chairman.

For the Blind The Fochriw Male Voice Choir, conducted by Mr. J.J. Lewis (Ap Morlais), gave a concert at the Victoria Hall, Lampeter, on Sunday last in aid of the appeal for a new blind institute made by the former Mayoress of Merthyr (Mrs. S.G. Davies). The party received a civic reception and were entertained to luncheon by Mr. Davies. Coun. W.J. Payne responded on behalf of the party. Mr. W.P. Lawrence was the accompanist, and the artistes were Miss Nancy Morris, Miss Rita Evans, Mr. Idris Morris (all of Rhymney), and Mr. J.J. Lewis (Fochriw). Mr. D.T. Evans, Rhymney, was the organiser.

Late Mrs. Janet Evans The funeral took place on Thursday last at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mrs. Janet Davies, aged 73, of 3, Glyn-terrace, widow of Mr. Evan Morgan Davies. The Revs. E. Adams Evans & Eurof Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. Bryn Morgan, George, William, M., and Gomer Davies (sons); Wm. Lewis, Gilbert Harris (sons-in-law); Tudor Davies, Evan M. Lewis, Jack, Alun. Ivor, Len & Gwyn Davies, Willie Williams (grandsons); Wm. Davies, Glyn Meredith, M. Williams, W. Williams, R. Evans, H. Morgan, T. Mantle, W. Pope, D. Pope, H. Jones. At the house were Mesdames M.A. Lewis, C. Harris (daughters); M. Davies, J. Davies (daughters-in-law); Maggie Davies (sister-in-law); H. Jones, H. Meredith, M.G. Parry, R. Williams, M.A. Williams (cousins); Jennie Williams, Megan Davies, Enid Davies, Eunice Harris, J. Davies, Iris Lewis (grand children); W. Davies, S.J. Jones, M.H. Mantle, L. Jones, Megan Meredith (nieces).

#### **“Merthyr Express” 23 November 1946**

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Irene Jones, who also prayed. A paper was read by Mrs. Carey Thomas, Pontlottyn, who also rendered a solo. A duet was sung by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. Gwenda Pearce. Thanks were accorded Mrs. Thomas by Mrs. Joshua Evans and Mrs. Minnie Sheen. Miss Aranwy Jones was the accompanist.

Drama Performance The Mount Carmel (Rhymney) Dramatic Society gave a grand performance at the New Hall on Thursday in aid of the Fochriw Silver Band, and were fully deserving of the wonderful reception they received. Mr. J.J. Lewis, band secretary, thanked the company for their fine performance, and all others who had helped to make the evening a success. Mr. A.H. Wood presided.



Social at New Hall: Employee Honoured A social was held at the New Hall on Wednesday by local branch members of the Co-operative. The guests of the evening were Mr. Purcell (late manager of the C.W.S. Stores), Mrs. Purcell and family, Mrs. Shankland (secretary of the Dowlais Women's Guild), and Mr. Williams (new manager). The guests were welcomed by Mr. B. Rees, chairman. Mr. Purcell was presented with a canteen of cutlery by Mr. John Evans, Aelybryn, one of the oldest members of the movement, for 10 years of faithful service. Mr. & Mrs. Purcell responded suitably. Mrs. Shankland spoke and said that they were sorry to part with Mr. Williams, the new Fochriw manager, from Caeharris, and asked the people to give the same loyalty and support to the new manager as they had given the old, and he would do his best among them. At the concert which followed, solos were given by Mesdames Mattie Lewis, and H.C. Davies; recitations by Mrs. Shankland (Dowlais), Messrs. T. Walters and B. Rees; a reading by Mr. J.H. Evans; followed by a "Yes" and "No" quiz conducted by Mr. Rees, with Mr. G.H. Evans as timekeeper. The organisers were Mrs. Rowlands, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Walters, Mr. David Harris, Mrs. Millward (secretary), and also an energetic committee. The evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau" by Madam H.C. Davies.

#### **"Merthyr Express" 30 November 1946**

Obituary The deaths have taken place of Mr. Wm. S. Edwards, Brynteg-terrace, and Mr. Tom Morris, eldest son of Mr. David Morris, and the late Mrs. Morris, Guest-street.

In Hospital Mr. Bert Wellings, Railway-terrace, who is a patient at Merthyr General Hospital, as a result of an accident received at work at Ogilvie Colliery, is progressing favourably.

Pensioners Addressed A public meeting of the Fochirw O.A.P. was held at Noddfa Vestry, when Mrs. Hardy of the Gilfach branch was the speaker, and dealt with the Old Age Pensioners' Bill. Mrs. Farley presided, and thanked the speaker. On the motion of the Rev. E. Adams Evans, seconded by the branch secretary, a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. David Parry, who was a member of the association.

Late Mr. David Parry The funeral of Mr. David Parry, 10, Dynevor-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. He was 75 years of age and had lived at Fochriw for many years. Those who officiated were the Revs. Eurof Jones, J. Yeoman, E. Adams Evans, and T.J. Jones. Chief mourners were: Messrs. Evan John, David George and W.H. Parry (sons); T.W. Yeoman (son-in-law); G. & D.T. Parry, John, David and Haydn Yeoman (grandsons); W. Cheeke, E. Morgan, D.J. Harris (brothers-in-law); F.C.G., A.H., & R. Dummett, E. Watkins, C. Williams, D. Brown, L. Evans, G. & S. Davies (nephews). At the house were Mesdames C.M. Yeoman (daughter); A. Parry, G. Parry, M. Parry (daughters-in-law); E. Harris, S. Davies, M. Cheeke (sisters-in-law); S. Price, M.A. Watkins, A.M. Jones, M. Lewis, P.H. Brown, H. Morgan, M. Dummett (nieces); M.A. Davies (cousin).

Late Mrs. M.A. James The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Monday of Mrs. Mary Ann James, 11, Dynefor-street. She was 71 years of age, and an old inhabitant of the village. She was a faithful member of Carmel, and was associated with choral singing in the village. The following officiated: Revs. Eurof Jones, Dd. Thomas, E. Adams Evans. Mourners were Messrs. T.J. & Daniel Rees Lewis (sons); John B. Jones (son-in-law); Oriel Jones, Syl & John James (grandsons); Daniel Rees Lewis (brother); Davie Elwyn & Clifford Lewis, W. Ross, W. Jenkins, Tom & Idris Shankland (nephews); John J. Davies, Sirhowy, T. Jones, Rhymney, Geo. Price, E. Weale, Jim Morris (cousins). At the house were Mesdames Nellie May Jones (daughter); Lily & Jinny James (daughters-in-law); Nina Jones, Gwenfil James, Jean Paul (grand children); Rachel & B. Lewis, Margaret J. Owen (sisters-in-law); Elizabeth Williams (aunt); Maud Davies (cousin); Maureen Ross, Mary Lewis, Evelyn Lewis, Gladys & Nancy Lewis, Nellie Evans, Annie Davies, L. Cook, A.M. Jenkins, Emily Shankland (nieces). There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

#### **"Merthyr Express" 7 December 1946**

Bandmen Meet Coun. Payne presided at a Band meeting at the band room last week. The Secretary's report was followed by a report of the Association meeting at Cardiff, given by Mr. Emrys Lewis. The Bandmaster also gave a report on progress.

Pensioners Entertained An O.A.P. concert in aid of the Christmas Cheer Fund was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, when a variety concert was given by a group of artistes from Merthyr. Mr. Thomas Ballard, secretary of the O.A.P. Association said that he appreciated the grand spirit of goodwill towards the aged. He thanked Coun. Payne and Mr. Wm. Griffiths, Merthyr, who had arranged the Concert. Coun. Payne said that the O.A.P. lot had been a very hard one. They were very glad that an increase had been given from 10s. to 26s., and he hoped it would be increased still further. The artistes were: Mr. Percy Caswell (baritone); Mr. Billy Lewis (tenor); Mr. Owen Powney (comedian); Mr. Billy Williams (ventriloquist); Mr. Ron Hughes (accordion); Mr. Fred Watkins (piano). Choruses, duets and trio were given by the party. The Vicar moved a vote of thanks to all concerned, seconded by Mr. George Sibley.

Noddfa Sisterhood The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday. Mrs. P. Jones presided and a portion of Scripture was read by Miss Edna Jones. The address was given by Miss Jenkins, Pontlottyn, and a quartette was sung by Mesdames M. Sheen, M. Morgan, N. Perkins & D. Edwards. The speaker was thanked by Miss Edna Jones and Mrs. M.A. Lewis. The meeting closed with a hymn. Miss A. Jones was the accompanist. The secretary is Mrs. M. Clark.

Funeral of Mr. W. Edwards The funeral took place on Saturday of Fochriw's oldest inhabitant, Mr. William Samuel Edwards, 12, Brynteg-street, who died last week at the age of 91 years. The funeral was at Pentwyn Churchyard, the officiating ministers being Rev. E. Adams Evans and Rev. Eurof Jones. The chief mourners were Messrs. C. & J. Edwards (sons); Charles Edwards (brother); W.J. Edwards. Allen Edwards, Haydn Edwards (grandsons); C. Edwards. A. Mantle, T. Mantle, B. Edwards, Jack Jones, Tom Sullivan, Elwyn Wilde (nephews). At the house were Mrs. Edwards (sister); Audrey Edwards, Elaine Edwards, Mrs. Wilde (grand daughters); Mrs. J. Edwards (daughter-in-law); Phyllis Jones, E. Sullivan, Dilys Edwards (nieces).

Burial of Mr. T.J. Morris The funeral took place on Thursday of Mr. Thomas James Morris, Guest-street, who died last week at the age of 21. Burial took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Rev. Eurof Jones and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating at house and graveside. The chief mourners were Messrs. David Morris (father); Ronald Morris (brother); Thomas Morris, James Davies (grandfathers); E.E. Morris, George Dare, W.A. Davies (uncles); John Davies, James Lewis, W.J. Angell, W.A. Davies, Burkley Davies, O. Davies, Willie A. Thomas, Alfred Davies, Howell Lewis, David Jones, D.J. Davies, M. Jones. The mourners at the house were: Margaret & David (sister & brother); Mesdames Davies & Morris (grandmothers); etc.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 14 December 1946**

Debating Society The fourth of the winter series of literary classes organised by the united churches, was held on Friday last. This is the first experiment of its kind in the village, and its success is due chiefly to the efforts of Rev. Eurof Jones, the secretary. The subject for debate was the very old topic, “Should capital punishment be abolished?” A strong case for its abolition was made by Mr. Huw B. Thomas, supported by Mrs. A. Jones. Equally convincing arguments were put forward for its retention by Miss Edna Jones, supported by Rev. Eurof Jones. Several others took part in the debate under the chairmanship of Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 21 December 1946**

Varied Evening The fortnightly meeting was held at the Vestry on Thursday evening, when the devotions ere read by Mrs. Gwenda Pearce. The meeting took the form of a discussion led by Miss Aranwy Jones. Several spoke. A quartette was rendered by Mesdames P. Jones, S.G. Williams, B. Evans and D. Edwards, accompanied by Miss A. Jones. A most interesting evening was terminated with the singing of a hymn.

Carmel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when Rev. T. Alban Davies, B.A., B.D., Ton Pentre, preached inspiring sermons to large congregations. The organist and choir-master was Mr. Meirion Shankland.

#### **“Merthyr Express” 28 December 1946**

Parish Church Christmas Day was celebrated with a service of Holy Communion. The Vicar was the celebrant. On Sunday evening, carols were sung.

Silver Band On Christmas morning, the Band played a programme of Christmas music around the village. Mr. Emrys Lewis conducted. Mr. Mantle, bandmaster, was unable to be present.

Gymanfa Ganu: Carmel Carmel held their singing festival on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. R.L. Roberts, Seion, Rhymney, with Mr. H.B. Thomas at the organ. The morning service was presided over by Mr. Emlyn Evans. Those taking part were Billy Thomas, Pat Brown, Allen Jones, James Davies, Margaret Davies, Sylvia Evans and party. Mrs. M.A. Ballard presided in the afternoon session, and the evening service by Rev. Eurof Jones. Miss Marie Davies read a portion of Scripture. Nurse Ballard Davies gave recitations.

Gymanfa Ganu: Nazareth and Noddfa The annual united singing festival was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The conductor was Mr. David J. Davies, with Mr. D.J. Thomas at the organ. The morning service was presided over by Mr. Trevor Lawrence, and was devoted to the children. Those taking part were: Hugh Jones, Jessie Ann Davies, Phyllis Hughes, Roy Shankland, Brain Pearce. Mrs. Phyllis Jones presided at the afternoon session, which was opened by Mr. Richard Jones. At the evening service, Mrs. Katie Walters presided, and the opening was by Mr. B. Davies.