

“Merthyr Express” 5 January 1952

Christmas Party On Tuesday, the scholars of the junior section of Carmel Sunday School, under the supervision of their teachers, held their Christmas party. Each child was presented with a present by Father Christmas with a present from the Christmas tree. Afterwards, games were played.

Former Postmaster Dies The death has occurred at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Lewis H. Jones, Ystrad Mynach, of a well-known inhabitant, Mr. Aneurin Jones, who had spent the greater part of his life in Fochriw. He was a well-known grocer and postmaster before he retired and left the village.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday, when Mrs. I. Jones' Sunday School class gave the programme. Miss Jill Parry read a portion of Scripture, and Ann Morris offered prayer. Miss Margaret Morris read out the first hymn. A recitation was given by Miss Mary Cumpstone and a party of girls sang. The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Evans of Dowlais. Mrs. Evans and the girls were thanked by Miss Evans and Miss Jones. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

Carmel The annual Christmas Gymanfa in connection was held on Christmas Day. The singing, which reached a high standard, was under the conductorship of Mr. Meirion Shankland, and the accompanists were Mr. Thomas Walters and Mrs. A. Davies. The morning session was devoted to the children, and was presided over by Miss B. Ballard. Taking part were: reading, Delfryn Jones; prayer, Jill Farley; solo, Margaret Shankland; recitations, Wendy Hann & Rosaline Russell. The afternoon session was presided over by Miss Eliza Evans and the reading was taken by Leonard Evans. Miss Evans took the devotional part. In the evening the president was Mr. David Lewis, who led in prayer and readings.

Cymanfa Ganu The annual Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa Ganu was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day, when, under the conductorship of Mr. D. J. Thomas, the singing reached a very high standard. Mrs. K. Walters and Mr. Tom Davies were the organists. The morning session was devoted to the children, when Brian Pearce read a portion of Scripture, and Brain Jones led in prayer. A hymn was sung by a party consisting of Katie Hughes, Jessie Ann Davies, Jene Games and Phyllis Hughes. At the afternoon service, Mrs. S. G. Parry and Mr. Tom Thomas took the devotions and a recitation was given by Mary Cumpstone. Mrs. Doris Jones took the devotional part in the evening service. A quartette was sung by Mrs. G. Pearce, Mrs. Dilys Edwards, Mr. W. A. Davies and Mr. Crad Shankland. The presidents at the Gymanfa were: morning, Miss Edna E. Jones; afternoon, Mrs. Edith P. Lewis; evening, Mr. Thomas J. Jones.

Christmas Tree On Christmas Eve, a giant tree was illuminated. It was a fine site, and a first class programme had been arranged with the Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. A. Mantle, and the choral singing under the conductorship of Mr. David Joshua Thomas. Santa Claus arrived in style on his sleigh, and was given a tremendous cheer by the large crowd of children present. He was escorted to the tree, where he was received, and welcomed, by Coun. W. J. Payne. The Vicar dedicated the tree. Others present were: Mr. Iorwerth Evans (secretary); Mr. Robert Thomas; Mr. Frank Jenkins; Mr. Tudor Evans and Mr. T. Morris. After the ceremony, Santa Claus was again escorted to his sleigh and driven to the Old Library, where he presented gifts to the children, who sang carols. Thanks are due to Mr. John Slimmons for his services in arranging the sleigh and driving the same; to the kind people who granted permission to erect the tree in the School House, and to the donor of the tree; the people who erected it, and all who helped in any way to make the function a success. The officials were: chairman, Coun. W. J. Payne; secretary, Mr. Iorwerth Evans; treasurer, Mr. Tudor Evans.

St. Mary's Christmas Day services were held, the celebrant and preacher being the Vicar.

Christmas Music Yuletide spirit radiated through the village on Christmas Day, when the Fochriw Silver Band under the conductorship of Mr. A. Mantle and Mr. A. H. Wood, toured the district and played a fine programme of Christmas music.

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Duckenfield Groom The wedding of Miss Sybil Jones, the eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. S. Jones, 2, Brynteg, Fochriw, and Mr. John Elliott, eldest son of Mrs. & the late Mr. J. Elliott of Duckenfield, Cheshire, took place at Fochriw Parish Church on December 29. The service was fully choral, and the organist was Mr. N.S. Palmer, cousin of the bride. The Vicar officiated, assisted by Mr. John Palmer, cousin of the bride. The bride wore a white gown of angel satin trimmed with lilies and piped with silver. Her veil was held in place with a coronet of orange blossom, and wore a necklace of pearls with a shower bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. The bride was given away by her father. The best man was Mr. W.H. Vyce of Pontlottyn. The bride was attended by Miss Kathleen Elliott, sister of the groom, who wore a dress of green taffeta trimmed with rosebuds, and a veil of matching colour held in place by a coronet of flowers, and with elbow gloves to tone. Miss Gillian Jones, sister of the bride, and Miss Ismaine Jones, cousin, were in blue and pink taffeta with rosebud effects and veils to tone. Miss Sylvia Evans wore mauve taffeta with veil and head-dress to match. They all carried bouquets of coloured chrysanthemums. The train bearers were Miss Ismaine Wile of West Hartlepool, cousin of the bride, who wore turquoise satin with a Dolly Varden bonnet of the same material: and Neil Jones, brother of the bride, who was in a cream satin shirt trimmed with lace. The flower girls were Miss Verny Jones and Miss June Palmer, cousins of the bride, who wore blue and peach slipper satin with poke bonnets to tone and carried baskets of coloured carnations. The groomsman was Mr. Gordon Jones, Tredegar, cousin of the bride. The reception was held at the New Hall, where a large number of guests were entertained.

“Merthyr Express” 9 February 1952

Obituary The death has occurred of Mr. William Thomas, Brynteg-terrace, after a long illness.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. An address was given by Miss H. Hancock, Pontlottyn, who was thanked by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. The meeting was closed with prayer. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the organist.

Children’s Service A special Sunday School service took place at Noddfa Chapel on Sunday. A portion of Scripture was read by Herbert Jones and Margaret Morgan led in prayer. A special feature, “The Building of a Clock,” was performed by children of the Primary Department. Children who took part individually were Phillip Jones, Willie Edwards, Ann Ballard, Rosemary and Eunice Jones, Peter Morgan, Yvonne Davies, Annette Jones, Dawn Games, Phyllis Jones, Margaret Jones, Elizabeth Evans, John Lyn Gittens, David Pearce, David Price, David Chapman. Mr. Richard Jones, superintendent of the Sunday School, presided and Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist. The children had been taught by the primary teachers: Miss Edna E. Jones and Mr. D.J. Thomas.

“The Way to Jerusalem” The Nativity play, “The Way to Jerusalem,” was performed at Carmel Chapel on Sunday by the pupils of Fochriw Primary Mixed School. Mr. S. Lewis presided. Gillian Jones read the Scripture and the devotions were led by Jill Farley. The narrator was Miss M. Owen, and the children taking part were Neville Hann, Dorian Jones, Derrick Hann, Jennifer Thomas, A. Davies, Brian Davies, Alan Powell, Glyn Jones, Gary Llewellyn, Dilwyn Evans, Phillip & Herbert Jones, Willie Edwards, Peter Morgan, Nesta Russell, Edna Hughes, Pam Hughes, Jeanette Burrows, Joyce Evans, Alun Jones, Michael & Alun Shankland. The part of Mary was ably played by Miss Rosalind Russell and Joseph by Delfryn Jones. The producer was Miss M. Jones, and the accompanist Mr. T. Walters, A.L.C.M. Assistance was rendered by Miss Mimmie Lewis, Mesdames B. Jones, M.A. Ballard, B. Rees, Messrs. Howell Jones, D. Jenkins, B. Rees.

Motor Cycling The annual meeting of the Fochriw and District Motor Cycling Club took place at the Old Library. Messrs. Jack Davies and John Evans, auditors, spoke of the club’s financial position, which is very good after buying new headquarters. It was decided to hold the annual supper at the Rising Sun Inn on February 23. Officers appointed for the coming year are: president, Mr. E. Evans; vice-presidents, P.C. B. Perryman, Messrs. G. Lawrence,

T. Lloyd Davies (South End Garage), and E. Pritchard; chairman, Mr. J. Jones; vice-chairman, Mr. J. Davies; treasurer, Mr. W. Abbey; captain, Mr. N.G. Thomas; vice-captain, Mr. B. Dummett; sports secretary, Mr. W.C. Hollister; hon. Secretary, Mr. T.I. Shankland, 11, Guest-street, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 16 February 1952

Caretaker – By Poll Mr. Con Edwards has been appointed caretaker of the Library and Institute following a ballot.

Parish Church At the Sunday service, touching references were made to the death of the King. Prayers were offered for Divine blessing on Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family. Coun. W.J. Payne officiated at the morning service, and the Rev. E. Adams Evans, vicar, in the evening.

Mission Hall At the Sunday evening service, Pastor David Thomas paid tribute to the late King George VI. Prayers were offered for the Royal Family. The congregation stood in silent tribute. The Queen Mother’s favourite hymn “The Lord’s My Shepherd,” (to the tune “Crimond”) was sung. The organist was Mr. David Saunders.

Late Mr. W. Thomas The funeral of Mr. William Thomas, Brynteg-terrace, took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard. Mr. Thomas had lived in the village for a number of years and was held in high esteem. For many years he was a member of the local Fire Brigade of Gellygaer U.D. Council, and a member of the Fochriw Silver Band. He had been an active member of the Parish Church and of the Dramatics Society. He was an ex-serviceman. He leaves a widow and grown-up family. The funeral was a representative one, the Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. L.G. Thomas (son); A.O. Palmer (son-in-law); M. Gallavan, W. Curtis, W. Hughes, T.J. Jones (brothers-in-law); V.C. Jones, J. Walters (nephews); R. Palmer, J. Elliott. At the house were: Wife; Thelma & Linda (daughters); Norma (daughter-in-law); Mr. R. Honeybun (step father); Annie, Bessie, Florrie, Ivy & Vi (sisters-in-law); Ivy Walters (niece). There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

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Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided over the meeting on Thursday. The reading was taken by Mrs. M. Sheen and the prayers were offered by Mrs. T. J. James, who also gave an address. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Miss G. Evans. The organist was Mrs. Dilys Edwards.

“Merthyr Express” 1 March 1952

Late Mrs. Margaret Davies The death has occurred of a well known inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Margaret Davies, who died at Aberdare, aged 85. Mrs. Davies had gone to live with her niece. She was a sister of the late Mr. Evan Morgan Davies of Glyn-terrace. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Saturday.

Soldier for Jamaica A concert was held at the White Horse Inn on Friday to mark the departure of Pte. Gwynfor Davies, 16, Hill-row, Pentwyn, a member of the Services, who is leaving for Jamaica. The chairman was Mr John Pullen and the presentation was made by Mr. F. Bowen, Deri. The artistes were Messrs. W. Weaver, L. Tenby, S. Edwards (Deri), W. Pope (Pentwyn), Jack Davies, D. Harding (Fochriw), Fred O’Connor and C. Llewellyn (Bargoed). The accompanist was Mr. Gilbert Harris. The secretary is Mr. Geo. Williams, Pentwyn Outing Club.

Golden Wedding Mr. & Mrs. John Davies, 4, Plantation-terrace, celebrate their golden wedding on March 1. They were married at Adulam Chapel, Merthyr, by Rev. Jas. Jones of Carmel Chapel, Fochriw. They have lived in the village the whole of their lives. Mr. Davies was a collier until his retirement, and until recently, was treasurer of the O.A.P. organisation. Both are members of Carmel Chapel, and in their younger days were singers of note and eisteddfod winners.

Labour Party Meetings Members of the Fochriw branch held their annual meeting on Friday at the New Hall, Coun. W. J. Payne presiding. Reference was made to Coun. Sam Lewis, J.P., who is making splendid progress towards recovery. The secretary dealt with

correspondence and the auditor's report was given by Messrs. D. J. Thomas and D. Kelly. Coun. Payne gave a report on Council activities. It was with regret that the resignation of the treasurer, Mr. Tudor Evans, was accepted. Officers appointed were: chairman, Coun. Payne, J.P.; secretary, Mr. Iorwerth Evans; treasurer, Mr. D. J. Thomas.

Motor Cycle Club The Fochriw & District Motor Cycle Club held their second annual supper at the Rising Sun Inn on Saturday. Mr. Jack Jones presided. In his opening address, he thanked the officials for the work completed during the chairmanship of Mr. W. G. Thomas. Mr. T. I. Shankland spoke of the Club's general position, stating that there were 40 contributing members at present. He hoped this would increase. After a year of heavy expenditure, the financial position was satisfactory. The funds were swelling weekly. On April 27, a standard machine trial open to riders of clubs affiliated to the East-South Wales Centre of the Auto-Cycle Union would be run at Fochriw, and he hoped that all members would support this first event of the club. Other speakers were: Mr. Jack Davies, vice-chairman; Mr. W. Abbey, treasurer; Mr. L. Mantle. A picture will appear next week.

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Rev. J. V. Payne Now A Vicar The Rev. J. V. Payne, son of the Rev. J. C. Payne, and the late Mrs. Payne, was instituted on Thursday week to the Vicarage of Llanharan with Peterston-super-Montem (or Brynna) by the Archbishop of Wales. Rev. Payne was formerly the curate of Aberdare with Cwmbach. The new vicar had lived at Fochriw when his father was the vicar of the parish, before going to university to pursue his studies for the church.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided on Thursday evening when the service on the Bible was conducted by Mrs. Edith P. Lewis. Mrs. S. G. Parry and Mrs. I. Jones thanked Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Regency School of Dancing at the New Hall A capacity crowd on Wednesday, welcomed the Regency School of Dancing with their principal Megan Evans. They presented a festival of dances, produced and choreographed by Megan Evans. The event was in aid of the old age pensioners of Fochriw, and had been organised by the Supporters Club. The chairman was Mrs. J. Lawrence. A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Thomas Ballard, secretary of the O.A.P. organisation, and seconded by the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans.

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No Nursery Class for Fochriw: Committee Told of Additional Expense Because of additional expense on provision for children under the statutory school age, Glamorgan Education Committee will not agree to the formation of a nursery class at Fochriw Junior Mixed and Infant School, "in the present circumstances." Coun. W.J. Payne said they must accept the decision with regret. There was a class ready to go into the school, he added. Alderman W.A. Hancock said, "The County Council would be glad to accommodate, but it was not they who have the last word."

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Late Mrs. M. Thomas The death has taken place of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. M. Thomas, Guest-street, after a long illness.

Labour Meeting At the Social Centre, Pantywaun, on Thursday evening, a ward Labour Party meeting took place, Coun. W.J. Payne presiding, supported by Coun. Poyntz, secretary. The matter of the conveyance of children from Pantywaun to Pontlloftyn was discussed. Reports were given by both Councillors.

Davies - Edwards The wedding took place at St. Mary's on Saturday of Miss Audrey Edwards, eldest daughter of Mr. C. Edwards, 12, Brynteg-terrace, and Mr. Alfred Davies, younger son of Mrs. B. Davies, 6, Guest-street. The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar with Mr. M. Palmer as organist. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gaberdine suit of dusky pink, with mushroom brown accessories, and wore a shoulder spray of white carnations. She was attended by her sister, Miss Elaine Edwards, who wore a dove green suit with brown accessories and a shoulder spray of pink carnations. Both the bride and bridesmaid carried white leather prayer books. The best man was Mr. Tom Davies, brother of the groom. On leaving the church, the bride was presented with a silver horse-

shoe by Jean Davies, niece of the groom. A reception was held at the New Inn Hotel, Merthyr, and the honeymoon was spent in Paignton.

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Civil Defence Mr. Emrys Lewis, 12, Railway-terrace, who attended the Civil Defence general instructors course at New Tredegar Rescue Station, has qualified as a general instructor (green certificate standard). Mr. Lewis is employed at Ogilvie Colliery as fire officer underground.

Palm Sunday Hundreds of people visited the old church on the hill on Sunday afternoon, where flowers were placed on the graves of loved ones.

Session Ends The Women’s Social Centre celebrated the end of another session with a tea, when a presentation was made by Mrs. Chapman on behalf of the members to Mrs. Bevan, Deri, as a token of appreciation of her efforts to make the session a successful one. Officers of the Social Centre are: chairman, Mrs. Evans, The Vicarage; secretary, Mrs. J.J. Lewis; treasurer, Mrs. E. Chapman.

Library and Institute Mr. Arthur Palmer presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday, and welcomed back to the meeting Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., after his long illness. The members stood in silence as a tribute on the death of Mrs. M. Thomas, sister of Mr. Vivian Powell, a committee-man of the Institute. It was with regret that members heard of the resignation of the vice-chairman, Mr. Robert Thomas, who stated that it would be difficult owing to his work to attend regularly. Acceptance was deferred to the annual meeting. The secretary dealt with the correspondence. A discussion took place on improvements to the lending library department. The treasurer gave the financial report, which was satisfactory.

Late Mrs. N.M. Thomas The funeral of Mrs. N.M. Thomas, Guest-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. Mrs. Thomas was 56. The Revs. E. Adams Evans, D. Thomas and T.J. Jones officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. T. Thomas (husband); N.G. Thomas (son); V.S. Powell, I. Powell (brothers); S. Russel, H. Greenall (sons-in-law); I.G. Davies, I. Davies, W.J. Gilbert, J.R. Thomas, D. Thomas, Iorwerth Thomas, J. Slimmon (cousins). At the house were: Mrs. D. Greenall, Mrs. C. Russell, Miss E. Thomas (daughters); Mrs. P. Jones (sister); Miss R. Russell, Miss N. Russell, Mr. D. Greenall (grand children); Mrs. V. Powell (sister-in-law); Mrs. D. Thomas, Mrs. I. Davies (cousins); Mrs. M. Davies, Pennant, and Miss E. Davies.

“Merthyr Express” 19 April 1952

Eisteddfod Success At the 79th annual eisteddfod at Newport, Mary Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Cumpstone, gained first prize in the under-15 test piece competition, and first prize in the open champion, 16 years and under.

Parish Church Easter Day was celebrated with celebrations of Holy Communion in the morning conducted by the Vicar. In the evening, the preacher was Mr. J.B. Palmer. The church had been nicely decorated with Easter lilies and spring flowers.

Concert On Wednesday last at the New Hall, the Macdonald Concert Party, Bargoed, gave a very fine entertainment to a large audience. The concert was in aid of the Fochriw and District Motor Cycling Club. Coun. W.J. Payne presided and introduced the conductor and party. He referred to the excellent record of the Party in supporting good causes. After the concert, the party was entertained to tea by the ladies, and was thanked by Mr. Jack Jones, chairman of the Motor club, and Mr. Idris Shankland, secretary.

56th Appearance At the New Hall on Tuesday, the drama “Change” was presented by the Pontlottyn Dramatic Society. The producer and chief character was Mr. William John, who is 84 years of age, and has taken a leading part in this drama 56 times. The first occasion was in 1916. The president for the evening was Mr. Arthur Palmer. The party was thanked by the Vicar and Mr. T. Ballard.

Easter Gymanfa The annual Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa was held at Noddfa Chapel on Easter Day. The singing reached a very high standard under the conductorship of Mr. D.J. Thomas. The organists were Mrs. K. Walters and Mr. Tom Davies. The morning service was devoted to the children, when Brian Pearce read a portion of Scripture, and Brain Jones led

in prayer. Recitations were given by Annette Jones and Edna Hughes and Irene Games gave a solo. In the afternoon service, the devotions were led by Mrs. Gwenda Pearce and Mr. Tom Thomas. Herbert Jones gave a recitation. Mrs. Doris Jones led prayers in the evening service and a solo was rendered by Phyllis Hughes. The presidents for the day were: morning, Miss Edna E. Jones; afternoon, Mrs. E. Lewis; evening, Mr. T.T. Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 26 April 1952

Home From Canada Mrs. Megan Hanson, Fredrickton, New Brunswick, Canada, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gomer Williams, Aelybryn, is home on a short visit to her parents.

Easter Vestry The annual vestry meeting of the Parish Church took place on Monday. The Vicar thanked all who had helped during the year. The Churchwarden presented the accounts. As the parish had no curate, parish work was carried out with the aid of the lay reader and college student. It was decided to mark in a tangible form the work of their former organist, Mr. W. P. Lawrence, Mus. Bac., who had left the district after his marriage. The members stood in tribute to those who had died during the year. The following officers were elected: churchwardens, Coun. W. J. Payne and Mr. John Owen; parochial secretary, Mr. J. B. Palmer; auditor, Miss R. Davies; envelope secretary, Mr. A. Palmer; parochial council, Mesdames E. A. Evans, S. A. Payne, E. J. Lawrence, R. Davies, A. Palmer, G. Llewellyn, Messrs. J. Lawrence, E. T. Pritchard, A. Palmer, B. Rees, W. James, G. Lawrence, G. Evans, G. Baldwin and D. Williams. The sidesmen were re-elected.

“Merthyr Express” 3 May 1952

Ward Meeting A Labour meeting of the Fochriw ward took place at the New Hall on Thursday week. Coun. W. J. Payne presided, supported by the ward secretary, Coun. W. Poyntz, who dealt with the correspondence. The Executive report was given in detail by Mr. Bryn Williams, Deri, and the Council report by Coun. Payne.

Death: Mr. Wally Jones, aged 33 The death occurred recently after an operation at Putney Hospital, London, of Mr. Wally Jones, the youngest son of Mr. Walter Jones, and the late Mrs. Jones, of 9, Glyn-terrace. He had served throughout the last war with the Forces. Since his demobilisation he had lived at Putney, until his marriage fourteen months ago. He had since lived at Fulham where he was employed at the Fulham Potteries. The funeral took place at the Putney Vale Crematorium on April 22. He leaves a widow.

Late Mr. Alfred Gwynne, Guest-street, aged 50 The death has occurred after a long illness of a well known inhabitant, Mr. Alfred Gwynne, who was held in high esteem in the village. He had been a faithful member of the Fochriw Silver Band. The funeral was a representative one, and took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Vicar officiating at house and graveside. The chief mourners were: Messrs. Gerald Gwynne (son); E. Moore (son-in-law); G. Mansfield, D. Walsh, H. Tunley (brothers-in-law); C. Everett, D. Gwynne, E. Sibley, O. Osborne (cousins). At the house: Margaret (wife); Gelynys & Iris (daughters); Mrs. Gwynne (mother); Mrs. Strang (mother-in-law); Mrs. Sybil Mansfield, Mrs. Myrtle Walsh (sisters); Mrs. F. Tunley (sister-in-law); Mrs. Everett (aunt); Miss Betty Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 10 May 1952

Welfare Meeting The annual meeting of the Institute and Welfare Association was held at the New Hall on Thursday, presided over by Mr. Arthur Palmer, chairman, supported by Mr. Bob Rees, secretary, and Mr. Iorwerth Evans, treasurer. It was reported that the year's accounts had been very satisfactory. The chairman gave a review of the year's working. He was disappointed at the small attendance, and he regretted the resignation of the vice-chairman. The following officers were elected: chairman, Mr. A. Palmer; vice-chairman, Coun. W.J. Payne; secretary, Mr. B. Rees; treasurer, Mr. I. Evans; committee, Messrs. R. Thomas, T. Ballard, S.V. Powell, Rev. E.A. Evans, Coun. A.S. Lewis, Messrs. C. Cumpstone, E. Lewis, A. Wood, D. Kelly, F. Jenkins, W. Pearce, D. James, J.R. Thomas.

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Late Mrs. S. J. Jones The funeral took place last Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of a well known former inhabitant, Mrs. S. J. Jones, late of Brynteg, now of Bargoed, where she

moved to the home her daughter and son-in-law. Mrs. Jones was held in high esteem in the district and will be sadly missed.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday evening last. The devotions were taken by Mrs. E. P. Lewis. The speaker was Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, who was thanked by Mrs. I. Jones and Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Mrs. S. J. Jones of Bargoed, late of Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 24 May 1952

Welfare Association Mr. Arthur Palmer presided at a meeting at the New Hall on Friday. It was reported that a concert by the school children was to take place. It was decided to seed the playing field, and the question of the children’s playing field was considered. The treasurer gave the financial report and this was satisfactory.

Old Resident’s Death The death has occurred of a well known inhabitant of the village, Mrs. Mary Evans, 2, Dynevor-street, wife of Mr. Thos. Evans

“Merthyr Express” 31 May 1952

Late Mrs. Mary Evans The funeral took place on Saturday at Pentwyn Churchyard of one of Fochriw’s oldest inhabitants, Mrs. Mary Evans, Dynevor-street, aged 75, wife of Mr. Thomas Evans. Mrs. Evans had spent her lifetime in the village. She was a member of Carmel Chapel, but owing to her failing health of late had worshipped in the Gospel Hall, which was near her home. The officiating ministers at the house and graveside were Rev. A. Williams, Pastor David Thomas and Rev. E. Adams Evans. Chief mourners were: Messrs. Thomas Evans (husband); D. L. & W. Evans (sons); W. R. Hewins (son-in-law); D. Kelly, O. Evans, D. R. Hewins (grandsons); Walter Jones (brother); Ben Evans (brother-in-law); Messrs. Jack, Rod, & W. T. Jones, Lewis Evans, W. Angell, Les Jones, Trevor, Denzil & David Davies, E. Evans, T. H. Evans, L. Evans, C. & W. H. Edwards, D. W. Thomas, Meth Evans, W. Bennett, Rod Williams, Ben Jones, Penywern, E. Jones, Coun. W. J. Payne, M. Williams, Dd. Jones, Tim Sullivan, Jack Jones, Albert, John & Tom Mantle, W. Morgan, Ned Evans. At the house were: Mesdames E. A. Hewins (daughter); Blod, Mildred and Kathleen Evans, Maggie (daughters-in-law); Joan Owen, Betty Evans (grand-daughters); Maggie Davies, Esther Sullivan, Phyllis Jones, Nellie Edwards, Myfanwy Jones, Nancy Bevan (nieces); R. M. Cumpstone, S. V. & L. Powell, Councillors D. B. Cooke & S. Lewis, and Mr. Dan Cooke. Funeral arrangements were made by Mr. S. V. Powell, carpenter & undertaker, 18, Dynevor-street.

“Merthyr Express” 14 June 1952

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the Sisterhood meeting on Thursday. The devotional part was taken by Mrs. D. Edwards. Miss G. Evans gave an address. Thanks were accorded by Mesdames E.P. Lewis and G. Pearce. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Outings On Monday, the scholars of Noddfa Sunday School, accompanied by their teachers and parents, visited Porthcawl. On Saturday, members of the Sewing Class, accompanied by their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri, visited Barmouth.

Carmel Services Special services were held at Carmel on Sunday. The Rev. B.M. Davies, Cardiff, officiated. Mr. M. Shankland conducted the singing, and Mr. T. Walters was the organist. During the evening service, a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of Mrs. S. Davies, widow of the late Mr. W.G. Davies. Members stood in silence while Mr. T. Walters played “The Dead March.”

Children’s Concert A delightful concert of fairy tales, nursery rhymes and action songs was given by the children of Fochriw Schools at the Nw Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Those taking part were Jennifer Thomas, Allison Davies, Carol Williams, Margaret Shankland, Wendy Hann, Gloria Dummett, Mary Morris, Willie Edwards, Enid Shankland, Delphine Chapman, Pat Morgan, Eunice & Annette Jones, Ann Ballard, Yvonne Davies, Pamela Hughes, Michael Shankland, Norman & Alun Jones, Peter Morgan, Phillip Jones, Neville Hann, Ann Morris, Joyce Lewis, Pam Yeoman, Pam Ross, Jeanette Burrows, Irene Games, Dd. Brain Davies, Herbert Jones, Dilwyn Evans, Alun Powell, Glyn Jones,

George Dummett, Garry Llewellyn, Islwyn Jones, Frank Tunley, Glanville Hollister, Alan Shankland, Celia Fisher, Gwyn Hughes, Nesta Russell, Edna Hughes, Joyce Evans, Edith Williams, Jill Parry, Lilian Jones, Malvina Pugh Matthews, Dawn Games, Sandra Marshallsea, Janice Powell. In charge were Miss M. Jones and Mrs. D. Jenkins, with Mr. T. Walters, pianist. Coun. W.J. Payne was the compere: chairman, Mr. A. Palmer; stage manager, Mr. E. Lewis.

“Random Harvest” The St. Tyfaelog Dramatic Society presented “Random Harvest,” (James Hilton), at the New Hall on Wednesday week. The producer was Mr. James Ings. Both he, and the cast, gave excellent performances. The chairman was Mr. T.J. Jones. Thanks were accorded by Mr. T. Evans and Miss B. Ballard. Refreshments were provided by the O.A.P. Supporters’ Committee. The performance was given in aid of the O.A.P. outing fund.

Jones – Millward The wedding took place on Monday at St. Tyfaelog Church, Pontlottyn, of Mr. Donald Jones, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Jones, Reform-street, Pontlottyn, and Miss Eileen Millward, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Tom Millward, 24, Aelybryn, Fochriw. The Rev. Hughes officiated. As the bride’s father was in hospital, she was given away by her brother, Mr. Leighton Millward. The bride wore a gown of white satin covered with white net, her head-dress being of orange blossom with bridal veil, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. She was attended by two bridesmaids – Miss Myfanwy Cole, cousin, and Miss Irene Nottingham, the groom’s cousin – who were dressed, similarly, in white taffeta covered in pink net, and carrying bouquets of pink carnations and sweet peas. The page-boy was Eric Stark, nephew, and the flower girl, Miss Susan Thomas, cousin. The best man was Mr. Aubrey Powell, Trethomas, and the groomsmen, Mr. Gerald Cole and Mr. Leonard Harding. The ushers were Mr. Clement Jones and Mr. Haydn Jones. The reception was held at the Baptist Vestry, Fochriw. There were seventy guests. After the reception, the couple visited the bride’s father at Merthyr General Hospital.

“Merthyr Express” 21 June 1952

Died at 75 The death has occurred of a well known inhabitant, Mr. Wm. Geo. Davies, 13, Dynevor-street. Mr. Davies was 75, and had lived the greater part of his life in the village. He had worked in the mines until a short time ago. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday, and was a very representative one. Rev. T.J. Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The bearers were Messrs. J. Matthews, E. Gittins, J. Sheen, C. Shankland, Tom Yeoman, Dd. Davies, W. Ross. The mourners were Messrs. H. Griffiths (brother-in-law); E. Stark, G. Cole, J. Thomas, L. Millward, B. Brown, W. Fox (nephews); W. Williams, J. Doyle, A. Owen, W. Davies, B. Angell, T. Ballard, W. Cook, J. Davies, T. Evans, S. Marshallsea, S. Lewis. At the house were Mesdames Sarah Davies (wife); M.A. Williams (sister-in-law); S.A. Cole (sister); L. Davies (daughter-in-law); S. Millward, P. Thomas, M. Stark, R. Cole, A. Evans, B. Rees, R. Griffiths, D. Griffiths, R. Fox, D. Jones, Mrs. Budd (nieces). There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 28 June 1952

Sewing Class Outing The members and friends of Carmel Sewing Class journeyed to Aberystwyth on Saturday for their annual outing.

Variety Concert At the New Hall on Wednesday a variety concert was given by the Bill Richards Party, Merthyr. The chairman was Mr. Boobyer, station-master.

Noddfa Sisterhood On Thursday, Miss E. E. Jones presided and the devotions were taken by Mrs. E. P. Lewis. The speaker was Mrs. Gittoes, Merthyr. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. Sunday will be sisterhood Sunday at Noddfa, when the speaker will be Mrs. John of Cardiff.

“Merthyr Express” 5 July 1952

Eisteddfod First Prize Miss Mary Cumpstone won first prize in the recitation competition under 18 at Pontlottyn Eisteddfod on Saturday.

Noddfa Sisterhood The annual meetings were held on Sunday, the speaker being Mr. John, Cardiff. The morning service was devoted to the children, when the following took part:

Philip Jones, Ann Ballard, Eunice Jones, Willie Edwards, Annette Jones, Jeanette Burrows, Rosemary Jones, Phyllis Jones, Herbert Jones. The devotions in the afternoon were taken by Mrs. E.P. Lewis and Miss G. Evans, and in the evening service by Mrs. M. Sheen and Mrs. I. Jones. Miss Edna E. Jones presided at each meeting, and the organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas.

Sports on Wheels The Fochriw Motor Cycle Club organised sports for motor-cycle and cycles at the Welfare Ground on Saturday in aid of the O.A.P. Outing Fund. A large crowd gathered, and the event was a financial success. Mrs. Joan Owens, secretary of the O.A.P. Outing Fund, wishes to thank everyone who helped to achieve this success. Winners in the events were: Motor Cycle Sports: Riding the pegs: Baden Dummit; egg and spoon race, Idris Shankland and Mrs. Enid Jones; sticking the potatoes, Idris Shankland and Eileen Watkins; bun race, Baden Dummit and Mrs. W. Jenkins; Relay race, Idris Shankland and Gogie Oliver; musical chairs, Oliver Morgan and Miss Pat Brown; Cycle Sports: Around Tunnel Pits road race, L. Evans, Deri; slow motion, Hadne Woods; relay race, Islwyn Shankland and Hadne Woods; late for school, Gareth Williams; egg and spoon, Horace Davies. Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, chairman of the O.A.P. Supporters' Committee, presented the prizes.

“Merthyr Express” 12 July 1952

Miners' Holiday Week Large numbers took advantage of the Miners' Holiday Week by organising various motor coach outings to the seaside.

Won First Prize At the Glynneath semi-national eisteddfod, Miss Mary Cumpstone won first prize in the recitation under 16.

Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting was held at the vestry on Thursday, when the president, Miss E. E. Jones presided and also read the Scripture. Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was Mrs. Evans, Bargoed, who was thanked by Mrs. E. P. Lewis and Miss Evans, Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 19 July 1952

Late Mr. Richard Price, 3, Dynevor-street The death has occurred of Mr. Richard Price, who was well known and highly respected in the village.

Carmel Annual Service On Sunday evening, the sisters held their annual service. Mrs. A. Evans-Davies presided. Those who took part were Mesdames May Davies, Mary Evans, A. Davies, Eliza Evans, Nurse Mimi Lewis and C. Shaw. The address was given by Mrs. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. At the close of the service, a cheque was handed to the treasurer, Mr. S. Lewis, by Mrs. Doreen Brown, for which she was thanked. The precentor and organist was Mr. Thomas Walters.

“Merthyr Express” 26 July 1952

Pensioners' Outing The Fochriw old age pensioners had their annual outing on Tuesday. They travelled by motor coaches to Porthcawl in glorious sunshine.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday when the devotions were taken by Mrs. E.P. Lewis. Miss Betty Carter, Deri, was the speaker. Thanks were accorded by Miss G. Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

P.T. Mistress Miss Enid Cumpstone, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Idris Cumpstone, Glyn-terrace, has been appointed P.T. mistress at Rhymney Grammar School. A pupil of Bargoed Grammar School, Enid entered the Chelsea College of Physical Education, Eastbourne, in 1949, for the three-year course, during which she gained the London University Diploma in Theory and Practice of Physical Education. She commences duties in September.

Late R.J. Price The funeral of Mr. Richard John Price, 8, Dynevor-street, took place on Tuesday at Pentwyn Churchyard. He had lived in the village for many years and was held in high esteem. The bearers were Messrs. G. Dummett, C. Smith, B. Edwards, W. Lewis, T. Thomas, P. Iles. The officiating ministers at the house and graveside were Pastor David Thomas Revs. E. Adams Evans and Thomas J. Jones. The mourners were Mrs. E.J. Price (wife); Mrs. K. Price (sister-in-law); Mr. W. Price (brother); J. Clearey (brother-in-law); Maud Price (sister-in-law); Richard Price, J. Clearey, R. Price, M. Francis, J. Thomas, A. Jill, Gordon Price (nephews); B.A. Price, K. Price, E. Kent, Ada, Jill & E. Clearey, Minnie

Sheen, Sarah Parry, Mair, Elaine, Nellie and Mary Clearey, Mrs. Ada Jill, Mrs. C. Williams. Others present were Councillors W.J. Payne and S. Lewis, J.P., Messrs. T. Evans, T. Ballard, M. Williams, S. Lewis, T. Price, J. Davies, James Davies, R. Evans, John Davies. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 2 August 1952

Sunday School Outing On Sunday, the scholars of St. Mary’s Sunday School journeyed to Barry Island by motor coach, and a most enjoyable day was spent.

Pit Fatality The death has occurred at Gwauncaegurwen, as a result of a colliery accident, of Mr. Glyndwr Edwards, son of Mr. Charles Edwards, and the late Mrs. Edwards. Before going to Gwauncaegurwen, he had lived the whole of his life at Fochriw.

Service of Song Noddfa Sunday School anniversary was held on Sunday evening. It took the form of a service of song. Mr. Richard Jones, superintendent of the Sunday School, presided, and Mr. D.J. Thomas was the organist. Children taking part were Jill Parry, Joyce Evans, Margaret Morris, Mary Cumpstone, Ann Morris, Annette Jones, Pat Morgan, Eunice Jones, Shirley Thomas, Margaret Jones, Rosemary Jones, Ann Ballard, Yvonne Davies, Phyllis Jones, Jeanette Burrows, Elizabeth Evans, Margaret Evans, Susan Thomas, Megan Jones, Jennifer Chapman, Gary Llewellyn, Herbert Jones, Willie Edwards, Philip Jones, Peter Morgan, David Price, Lyn Morgan, David Chapman, Michael Jenkins, John Lyn Gittens, David Pearce, Peter Price. The children were taught by the teachers of the Primary Department – Miss Edna E. Jones and Mr. D. Joshua Thomas.

“Merthyr Express” 9 August 1952

Beside the Sea On Saturday, the Sunday School scholars of Carmel journeyed to Barry Island by motor coaches.

Mission Hall Annual Convention The 21st Annual Convention was held at the Mission Hall on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, and there was a large attendance. The speaker was Mrs. Roxana Carter of Luton.

“Merthyr Express” 23 August 1952

Getting Ready Fochriw A.F.C. are preparing for a successful season. Several of the old players are again anxious to don the famous jerseys, and an array of new players will fight hard for a place in the first team. The supporters are assured of good football.

By The Sea On Saturday, the Sunday School and other members of the Mission Hall, journeyed to Porthcawl for their annual outing, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The previous Saturday, the scholars of Nazareth Sunday School and members, journeyed to Barry Island by motor coach.

Queen Chosen On Friday at the New Hall before a packed audience, the following were selected to form the Court for a carnival to be held at Fochriw on Saturday, September 6: Queen, Miss Jean Price; Court Ladies: Gilliam Jones, Margaret Edwards, Jessie Ann Davies, Margaret Morgan. Flower Girls: Margaret Shankland, Delphine Chapman, Allison Davies, Angela Owen. Herald: Herbert Jones. Page-boy: John Lyn Gittens. The judges were Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. Barry (Merthyr), and Miss Whitehead (Herts). The M.C. was Mr. Gomer Jones, Deri, and Mr. H. Woods was chairman.

“Merthyr Express” 6 September 1952

Football Fochriw entertained Newbridge at the Welfare Ground on Saturday in an Amateur League game, and won 5-0.

First Prize Again Miss Mary Cumpstone gained first prize for recitation under 16 at Llangattock on Saturday.

Welfare Association Mr. Arthur Palmer presided over a meeting at the New Hall on Thursday, supported by Coun. W. J. Payne, vice-chairman, Mr. R. Rees, secretary, and Mr. I. Evans, treasurer. It is proposed to develop a new playing field for children and preparations are well in hand. The question of the Old Reading Room was also discussed. The treasurer gave the financial report for the outdoor and indoor activities.

“Merthyr Express” 13 September 1952

Fochriw En Fete: Weekend Carnival was a Success The carnival and sports were held last weekend. The festivities began on Friday night, when a successful dance was held at the New Hall. The carnival began on Saturday with the crowning of the Queen, Miss Jean Pryce, performed by Mrs. M. Pritchard. Members of the Court were Gillian Jones, Margaret Morgan, Jessie Ann Davies and Margaret Edwards; flower girls, Margaret Shankland, Delphine Chapman, Angela Owen and Alison Davies. The page-boy was John Lyn Gittens and Hubert Jones was the herald. The addition of three Jazz Bands – the Red and Whites, the Black and Whites (Bedlinog), and the Ivy Benson Comic Band (Deri), added to the formidable turn out of children and adults, made for an excellent parade. The judges were rs. I. Stallard, Miss L. Osborne, Mr. H. Owen, Mr. J.H. Davies and Mr. D.E. Harris. Prizes were presented by Mr. Eddie Thomas, Merthyr. Winning competitors were: Comic: 1. Ivor Coggan (Father Papered the Parlour); 2. Linda Pugh (Quick Service); Nursery Rhymes: 1. Margaret Jones & Raymond Williams (Jack and Jill); 2. Megan Jones (Red Riding Hood); Original: 1. Maldwyn Gittens (Golliwog); 2. Margaret Mantle (Old Fashioned Girl); 1. Ann Ballard (Players), 2. Wayne Wright (Pirate); 1. David & Windsor Ballard (Corona Man and Bottle), 2. Ann Morris (Mazzawtee Tea); Mounted: 1. David Chapman (Indian); 2. David Pearce (Cowboy); Wheeled: 1. Graham Price (Stop Me and Buy One); Adult Comic: 1. Mrs. G. Wright & Mr. M. Chapman (Couple going to Church); 1. Mrs. R. Fox (Holidays with Pay); Comic Group: 1. Ivy Benson’s Band, 2. Footballers Mascot; Jazz Bands: 1. Black and White, 2. Red and White (both of Bedlinog); Sports: egg and spoon, under 7: 1. David Chapman, 1. Phyllis Jones; Under 10, late for school: 1. David Pearce; 3-legged race: 1. Neville Hann & Peter Morgan, 1. Annette Jones & Pat Morgan; Sack race: 1. Howard Davies, 1. Mary Price; 60 yds. Under 10: 1. Neville Hann, 2. Ann Ballard; 80 yds. under 13: 1. Alan Thomas, 2. Nesta Russell; Wheelbarrow race: 1. Alan Thomas & Alan Powell, 1. Joan Morgan & Mary Price; 3-legged race girls: 1. Yvonne Davies & Jeanette Burows; 100 yds. Under 18: 1. Delfryn Jones; Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. David Morris; 220 yds.: 1. Delfryn Jones; Slow Bicycle Race: 1. Alan Burrows; 440 yds.: 1. Bertie Cumpstone, 2. Islwyn Shankland; Relay: 1. Single Girls, 1. Single Men; Girls, 220 yds.: 1. Margaret Rees, 2. Mary Jones; Tug of War: 1. Married Women; 1. Married Men; 2 Mile Marathon: 1. Bertie Cumpstone, 2. Islwyn Shankland.

Party Meeting At the New Hall last Thursday, a ward meeting of the Labour Party was held, presided over by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P. Representatives from Pantywaun, Fochriw and Deri attended. Reports were given on Council activities by Councillors W.J. Payne and W. Poyntz, Mr. Bryn Williams and Mr. G. Jones.

“Merthyr Express” 20 September 1952

Carnival Queen Miss Jean Pryce was crowned Fochriw Carnival Queen by Mrs. M. Prichard. Her attendants are: Gillian Jones, Margaret Morgan, Jessie Ann Davies and Margaret Edwards; flower girls, Margaret Shankland, Delphine Chapman, Angela Owen and Alison Davies; herald, Hubert Jones.

Football Fochriw entertained Gilfach Goch on Saturday at the Welfare Ground in a League match, and lost 1-0.

Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided. Mrs. E. P. Lewis took the devotions and also addressed the meeting. She was thanked by the president and Miss Evans.

Wedding: Ballard - Hankey The wedding of Mr. Penry Ballard, B.Sc., elder son of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Ballard, Fochriw, and Miss Sheila Florence Hankey of Prapenhall, Cheshire, took place at St. Wilfred’s Church, Prapenhall, on Sept. 6. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a dress of white taffeta, adorned with white lace and net, with veil of lace and pearl head-dress. She carried a bouquet of bronze and yellow chrysanthemums and white carnations. Mr. Dd. W. Ballard, the groom’s brother was best man. After the reception, the couple left for Douglas, Isle of Man. The bride travelled in a nigger-brown suit. The groom is employed as a metallurgist at the Warrington factory of the British Aluminium Co. Ltd. and the bride as a dental assistant by the Air Ministry. Among the

relatives and friends who attended were Messrs. Eifionydd and John Ballard, and Nurse Ballard Davies, uncles and aunt of the bridegroom, and Dr. & Mrs. Brown of Bargoed. There were many beautiful presents.

“Merthyr Express” 27 September 1952

Mission Hall Organist Dies: Mr. David Saunders The death has occurred of Mr. David Saunders, 25, Martin's-street, aged 58. He was a faithful member of the Mission Hall, where he had been organist and treasurer for 25 years. He had also been a trustee for 26 years. He was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. Pastor D. Thomas officiated, assisted by Mr. D. Morgan, and at hre graveside by Pastor W. Griffiths, Penybank Mission. The bearers were Messrs. P. Illes, W. Hughes, C. G. Hann, T. Jenkins, E. Evans. The mourners were: Islwyn (son); Lindsay (son-in-law); Ivor (grandson); Messrs. Harry Saunders (brother); R. A. Evans, T. Thomas, D. Thomas (brothers-in-law); J. Horton, D. R. Evans, F. Richards, E. Lewis, K. James, W. Phillips, J. G. Uzzell, G. Thomas, M. Weaver, G. Lloyd, Andre Phillips (nephews); T. Walters (uncle); Dd. Isaac, W. A. Thomas, Glyn Thomas, J. H. Evans (cousins); W. O. Williams, A. Coggan, R. Coggan. At the house: Glenys (daughter); Peggy (daughter-in-law); Phllip (grandson); Lillian, Olwen (sisters); Rose, annie, Gwen, Lizzie (sisters-in-law); Mesdames Jones, James, Walters (aunts); Gretta (cousin); Elsie May and Mattie (nieces); and Mrs. Coggan. There were numerous floral tributes.

“Merthyr Express” 4 October 1952

Carmel The preacher on Sunday was the former minister, Rev. Eurof Jones. Cwmaman. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist, and Mr. Meirion Shankland conducted the singing.

Sisterhood The Sisterhood met on Thursday, Miss E. E. Jones presiding. The Scripture was read by Mrs. G. Pearce and prayer was offered by Miss G. Evans. The speaker was Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace, who was thanked by Mrs. S. G. Parry and Miss Evans. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

Harvest Festival Services These were held at St. David's on Sunday and Monday. Holy Communion was conducted by the Vicar. The Sunday preacher was Mr. Cyril Jenkins, a student at Lampeter. Mr. John Palmer, lay reader, was the preacher on Monday. The organist was Miss M. Ralph. The church had been decorated with fruit and flowers.

St. Mary's Harvest Services were held on Sunday and Monday, with the church decorated for the occasion. The celebrant in the morning was the Vicar, and on the evening, the preacher was Rev. Arthur Williams, Pontlloyn. Coun. Payne read the lessons, and the organist was Mr. N. Palmer. On Monday, Rev. J. C. Payne, Llanhilid, a former vicar, was the preacher. Mr. John Palmer read the lessons, and Mr. N. Palmer was the organist.

Club To Benefit A drama and variety concert in aid of the Fochriw A.F.C. was held at the New Hall on Thursday. Coun. W. J. Payne was the chairman. The programme was given by the Pontlloyn and Fochriw Youth Centres. Taking part in a one act play called “The Man in the Bowler Hat” were: John Ballard, Lorna Rees, David Yeoman, John Sullivan, Yvonne Davies, Idris Powell and John Williams. Other items were: Al Jolson impressions by John Griffiths; duet, Shirley Jenkins and Pamela Edwards; a Welsh scene by members of Fochriw Y.C.

“Merthyr Express” 11 October 1952

Bible Society The annual public meeting of the local branch of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held recently at Nazareth Church. Mr. T. J. Jones presided and led the devotions. The address was given by Rev. W. D. Morgan, Ton Pentre. Mr. S. Lewis gave the financial report. The speaker was thanked by Mr. T. Ballard and Mr. W. A. Davies, who was also the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 25 October 1952

Sale By Auction For Sale by Austion at the Hanbury Hotel, Bargoed: Lot 4: No.3 Aelybryn, Fochriw, a dwelling house let at £2 per lunar month. Lease 99 years from 29th September, 1901. Annual ground rent, 18/-.

Welfare Association Mr. A. Palmer presided over a meeting on Friday at the New Hall. Reports were given of the Welfare organiser's visit and of the work proposed to be carried

out. A report on the old Reading Room was also given. It was decided to organise a Christmas snooker handicap. The treasurer gave the financial report. It was reported that "pictures" would commence in the Hall on Monday, and that good progress is being made with the book lending library.

Fifty Years As Organist: Mr. Thomas Walters The Rev. R. W. Jones, Dowlais, officiated at Carmel on Sunday. Mr. S. Lewis, treasurer, congratulated Mr. Thomas Walters, A.L.C.M., who had attained 50 years as organist of the church. Reference was made to his faithful service, and on behalf of the officers and members, Mr. Lewis tendered him and Mrs. Lewis best wishes, and hoped they would have many years again to serve the church. Mr. Walters responded. The Rev. Jones also spoke in appreciation of Mr. Walters' services.

"Merthyr Express" 1 November 1952

200 Houses for Fochriw Area: Hope to Complete First by June The Coal Industry Housing Association hopes the first of 200 houses will be completed before June next. The information was contained in a letter from architects to the Association, which was read at a meeting of the Rhymney Valley Water Board in Ystrad Mynach on Monday, which agreed to urge upon manufacturers the importance of priority for the delivery of pipes for the Association's programme for Fochriw and Bedwas. The letter stated about the Fochriw scheme: "It seems desirable that priority for delivery of the pipes should be obtained, in order that a start may be made before February of next year." The Welsh Office of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government wrote stating that the department approved in principle the Board's proposals for the provision of water to the Fochriw and Bedwas areas.

Dr. Barnardo's Homes The house to house collection for Dr. Barnardo's Homes realised £5 0s 4d. The collectors were Mrs. G. Edwards and Mrs. L. Evans, £1 12s; Miss E. Evans, 15s 3d; Miss Jessie A. Davies and Miss Mary Jones, 15s; Mrs. E. Jones and Miss C. Shankland, 10s; Miss N. Jones, Pentwyn, 12s 10d; Mrs. E. Matthews, 9s 7d; Mrs. G. Jones, 5s 8d. The organiser was Mrs. Doris Davies Jones.

Eisteddfod Winner Miss Mary Cumpstone won the recitation (own selection) under 16 years of age at the Wattsville Eisteddfod.

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss M. Lewis read a portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. The speaker was Miss M. Hancock, Pontlottyn, who gave a paper on the 103rd Psalm. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. M.A. Lewis and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

"Merthyr Express" 15 November 1952

Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss E. Price read the Scripture and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. Rev. Howell Jones, Tabernacle, Deri, accompanied by his wife, was the speaker, his title of his address being "Mountains of the Bible." He was thanked by Miss Evans and Mrs. I. Jones. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with prayer.

Labour Party A meeting of the Fochriw Ward Labour Party was held at Pantywaun on Thursday, presided over by Coun. S. Lewis, J.P. A vote of condolence was passed with Coun. W. Poyntz of Deri, in the death of his father. Reports were given by Councillors S. Lewis and W.J. Payne.

"Merthyr Express" 22 November 1952

Nazareth The yearly meetings were held on Sunday when the Rev. J. I. Jones, Troedyrhiw, officiated. Mrs. T. Davies was the organist and Mr. W. A. Davies conducted.

Poppy Day Collections Poppy Day collections realised £7 2s 7d. Owing to the illness of the organiser, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. G. Edwards carried out the arrangements. The following ladies made house-to-house collections: G. Williams & Games, Aelybryn, £2 0s 5d; Mesdames Shankland, Lloyd, Smith & S. Davies, Upper Fochriw, £2 1s 9d; Mrs. G. Edwards & Mrs. Powell, Brynteg, £1 14s 9d; Mrs. G. Edwards and Miss S. Evans, Pentwyn, £1 5s 8d. Mrs. Edwards wishes to thank all who made the appeal a success.

"Merthyr Express" 29 November 1952

Late Mr. W. Edwards The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mr. Wyndham Edwards, Brook-row, after a long illness.

Noddfa Sisterhood Mrs. Evans, Bargoed, was the speaker at the meeting on Thursday evening, when Miss Edna Jones presided. Mrs. Doris Jones gave a portion of Scripture, and Miss G. Evans offered prayer. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Jones and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. The meeting closed with prayer.

“Merthyr Express” 6 December 1952

Late Mrs. Lloyd The death has occurred of a well-known inhabitant, Mrs. Lloyd of Glen View, Pentwyn, after a long illness.

The Snow Fochriw and district had a considerable fall of snow last week. Large snow-drifts curtailed traffic and buses failed to run. The officers and workmen of the Public Works Department of the Council had a busy time opening the way for traffic with snow ploughs. Railway employees also had a difficult time.

Ward Meeting A meeting of the ward Labour Party was held at the New Hall on Thursday evening. Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided. Reports were given by the Councillors and Mr. George Jones, Deri. Councillor Lewis, whose term of office as local councillor comes to an end, was re-nominated for the ward.

Jumble Sale A jumble sale was held at the New Hall on Saturday last for the benefit of the O.A.P. The sale was opened by Mrs. E. Lewis, wife of Coun. S. Lewis. The sale was organised by the O.A.P. Women's Supporters' Committee, whose chairman, Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, introduced Mrs. Lewis, and later presented her with a bouquet. The Committee wish to thank all who gave articles and helped in any way to make the sale a financial success. Stall holders were: New Stall, Mesdames J. Lawrence and M. Davies; Pound Stall, Mrs. Sheen; Jumble Stall, Mrs. C. Shankland and Mrs. Enid Jones, Mrs. M. Watkins and Mrs. M.A. Lewis; White Elephant and Bran Tub, Mrs. Joan Owen Brooks. Mrs. Gillard; Hats and Shoes, Mrs. E. Jones; Raffle, Phyllis Hughes; Refreshments, Mesdames Mildred Evans, E. Shankland, P. Thomas & A.G. Lloyd.

“Merthyr Express” 13 December 1952

Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Mrs. E. P. Lewis led the devotions and the speaker was Nurse M. Lewis, Fochriw, who gave a paper on the 137th Psalm. She was thanked Miss Evans and Mrs. A. Davies. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist. Sympathy was extended to Mrs. J. Richards on the death of her father. The meeting closed with prayer.

Late Mr. Wyndham Rees Edwards The funeral of Mr. W. R. Edwards, Brook-row, aged 67, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday last. Mr. Edwards had lived in the village all his life, and was held in great respect. The Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. John A. & Trevor Edwards (sons); Aldwyn Neale (grandson); Percy Edwards (brother); George Neale, Alan Chivers, Reginald Griffiths (sons-in-law); George, Tom & Percy Mantle, John E, Bedford & Melvyn Edwards, Harry Evans, Islwyn Jones, Edryd Jones, Bert Evans, Harry Evans, Percy G. Hann (nephews); Wyndham Jenkins, Frank Harris, Ollie Johns David Harris (cousins). At the house: Mesdames Glynwen Chivers, Edna Neale (daughters); Phyllis Owen, Iris Jones, Mair Hann (nieces); Miss Mair Harris, Gwladys Harris, Carrie Davies, M. Oakley, M. Jones (cousins).

Carmel The half yearly meetings were held on Sunday last, when the Rev. Dr. R. L. Hugh was the preacher. Mr. M. Shankland conducted and Mr. T. Walters was the organist.

“Merthyr Express” 20 December 1952

Music Success At the recent examination Grade I Primary held under the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, the following were successful: Willie Edwards, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Edwards, 21, Dynevor-street, and Neville Hann, son of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hann, 18, Brook-row.

Christmas Tree A meeting was held at the New Hall on Thursday when Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., presided, supported by Coun. W. J. Payne. It was decided that the Christmas Tree be lit on Wednesday afternoon, December 24th at 5p.m. by Coun. H. J. Williams, J.P., chairman of

the Gellygaer Council, after the arrival of Santa Claus, who will then proceed to the New Hall to give gifts to the children. The secretary is Mr. Iorwerth Evans, and the treasurer, Mr. D. J. Thomas.