

“Merthyr Express” 2 January 1954

Parish Church Christmas Day was observed with celebrations of Holy Communion, the preacher and celebrant being the Vicar.

Band On Christmas Eve, the Band played selections of Christmas hymns and carols around the Christmas tree that had been lit.

Debating Society At the recent meeting, the speaker was the Rev. W.J. Davies, Tredegar, who spoke on “The Development of Welsh Folk Singing and Hymns Tunes.” A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., seconded by Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone. Mr. Desmond Kelly presided.

Carmel The annual Christmas Gymanfa Ganu was held on Christmas Day. The singing was of a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. Meirion Shankland. Mr. Thomas Walters was the organist. The morning service was presided over by Mr. W.A. Davies. In the afternoon, Nurse Mimi Lewis presided, and in the evening, Mr. D. James.

Singing Festival The annual Noddfa and Nazareth Gymanfa was held at Noddfa on Christmas Day. The singing reached a very high standard under the conductorship of Mr. W.A. Davies. The organists were Mr. D.J. Thomas, Mr. Tom Davies and Willie Edwards. A children’s service was held in the morning when Mr. Richard Jones presided. Rosemary Jones read a portion of Scripture, and Margaret Jones led in prayer. A solo was sung by Jean Owen and Linda Pugh gave a recitation. Mr. T.J. Jones was president in the afternoon. The devotions were taken by Herbert Jones and Mr. Tom Thomas. A solo was sung by Miss Phyllis Hughes. The president in the evening was Miss Edna E. Jones. Miss Muriel Lewis and Mr. T.J. Jones took the devotional part. Miss Phyllis Jones gave a solo. A quartette was sung by Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. G. Pearce, Misses E.A. Evans and E.E. Jones.

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Noddfa Sisterhood A meeting was held on Thursday last, when Miss Edna E. Jones presided, and also gave an address. The devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Pearce and Nurse M. Lewis. Thanks were accorded the president by Mrs. S.G. Parry and Nurse Lewis. The organist was Mrs. D. Edwards.

“Merthyr Express” 16 January 1954

Literary and Debating Society Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., addressed the meeting his subject being “The Rhymney Valley.” The talk was illustrated with film. Mr. Phil Mantle, chairman, thanked Mr. Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 23 January 1954

Noddfa Sisterhood The meeting on Thursday last was presided over by Miss Edna E. Jones. Devotions were taken by Nurse M. Lewis and Miss G. Evans. The meeting took the form of a Bible Class led by Mrs. M. A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. The fourth chapter of Luke was taken. Thanks were accorded by the president and Nurse Lewis. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Literary and Debating Society At the recent meeting, the speaker was the Rev. E. L. Mendus of Cardiff, whose subject was “Adventures in Friendship, East and West.” Mr. Mendus, a missionary in the East for many years, selected some of his experiences and spoke of the friendships he had formed. Mr. P. Mantle presided. Mr. S. Davies proposed a vote of thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 30 January 1954

Literary and Debating Society The meeting on Thursday took the form of a film show. The films were provided by the Glamorgan Further Education Committee, along with their projectionist, Mr. Simlett. Mr. P. Mantle proposed a vote of thanks.

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Sisterhood Miss E. E. Jones presided on Thursday. The devotions were taken by Mrs. G. Edwards & Nurse M. Lewis. An address was given by Miss G. Evans, who was thanked by the president. Mrs. D. Edwards accompanied.

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Fochriw-Tredegar Gas Main: Further Discussion To Take Place Representatives of the Tredegar Council and the South Wales Gas Grid are to discuss the laying of a gas main from Fochriw to Tredegar. The Grid Manager has expressed his regret that the Council does not approve of the laying of the main through the southern part of Bedwellty Park, for, if this was done, disturbance of the highway could be avoided. The Surveyor, Mr. F. R. Wharton, has agreed that a route along the line of the highway would seem to be the only alternative to the park route. The matter will now be discussed by the representatives and their recommendations submitted to the next meeting of the Public Works Committee.

Deaths: Two Well Known Personalities The deaths have occurred of Mr. Tom Davies, Brynteg Street, and Mrs. E. Davies, Guest Street. Both were old residents and held in high esteem.

Literary and Debating Society Mr. D. Robinson Evans, M.P.S., of Cardiff, was the speaker at the recent meeting. His subject was "Problems of World Population." The members joined enthusiastically in the ensuing discussion. Mr. D. A. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker. The chairman was Mr. D. Kelly.

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Literary and Debating Society "Child Welfare" was the subject of an address by Nurse Mimi Lewis at the last meeting of the Society. An interesting discussion followed. Mr. Cadfan Cumpstone proposed a vote of thanks to Nurse Lewis. Mr. D. Kelly was the chairman.

Obituary the death occurred on Thursday last at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, of Philip Colin Jrozka, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alfonso Jrozka, Glanynant, Fochriw. The funeral took place at Gwaelodybrithdir Cemetery on Monday, the Rev. Father C. Darnall, Bargoed, officiating. Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw, was the undertaker.

Late Mrs. Emmeline Davies, Guest-street The funeral of Mrs. E. Davies, wife of Mr. James Davies, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Saturday. The Revs. T. J. Jones, David Thomas and E. Adams Evans officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. James Davies (husband); W. A. Davies & Burkley Davies (sons); David Morris, Harry Price (sons-in-law); Claude Smith, Ronald Morris, James Davies, James Price, Dd. Morris, Brian & Melville Davies (grandsons); John & Edward Davies (brothers-in-law); Howell, W. A., & Glyn Thomas, W. A. Davies, Burkley Davies, W. J. Angell, Vernon, W. J., & Eddie Llewellyn, Howell Lewis, Haydn Davies (nephews); Bryn Roberts, W. Evans (Cardiff), Dan Jones (Brithdir), Jack Harris (Tirphil). The bearers were Messrs. C. Shankland, Wm. Lewis, Ed. Chapman, E. W. Jones, H. Watkins, Francis Thomas. At the house were: Laurie Flewitt (daughter); Mary Davies, Maud Davies (sisters); E. M., M. M., & Florrie Davies (daughters-in-law); Margaret Morris, Lil Smith, Mesdames Blodwen Davies, M. J. Davies, E. Maud Davies, Lil Lewis, May James, Ceridwen Oliver, Jessie Hann, Greta Thomas, Margaret Price, Doris Jones, and Misses E. M. Thomas & Mimi Lewis (nieces); Mrs. E. A. Llewellyn (sister-in-law); Mrs. Annie Davies, Messrs. J. J. Lewis, John Davies, Stuart Llewellyn. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw.

Late Mr. Thomas Joshua Davies, Brynteg Terrace, aged 62 The funeral of Mr. T. J. Davies took place at Glyntaff Crematorium on Wednesday. He was the eldest son of Mr. David Davies, builder, and Mrs. Davies. The Rev. A. Williams, Pontlottyn, officiated, assisted by the Revs. E. A. Evans & K. Davies, Caerphilly. Mourners were: Vernon Davies (son); W. E. Thomas, E. L. P. Davies (sons-in-law); D. J. Davies, Dan Davies, Ben Davies (brothers); Gordon Davies, B. Evans, W. M. Davies, Evan Parry, Sam Thomas, David Cole, John Rees, C. T. Cook (brothers-in-law); Alun Davies, B. Wright (nephews); Thomas Walters, Rees Jones, Evan Williams, Wm. John, Dd. Thomas. At the house: Mesdames Hannah C. Davies (wife); Phoebe M. Thomas & Marie Davies (daughters); C. Davies (daughter-in-law); Lizzie Davies, Hilda Evans, Gwladys Wright. Zenith Parry, Jennie M. Thomas (sisters); Mesdames S. Cook, D. Davies, E. M. Davies (sisters-in-law); M. A. Ballard (cousin); Sally & Paul (grand children); W. Jenkins. The funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, Fochriw, undertaker.

Penybank Farm, Pentwyn: To Close The Estate Sale of the Conveniently Situated Freehold Stock Farm Comprising 80 Acres Sound Pasture and Arable Land, together with excellent mountain grazing to the renowned Gellygaer Mountain. Very substantial large Dwelling House, good range of Farm Buildings, all stone built and in good repair. New Galvanised Hay Shed 15yds x 5 yds. Adjacent main road - Bus Service. The land is in good heart and well watered and sheltered. Free in-going vacant possession (on Completion). Farming Stock and Modern and Antique Furniture. John Herbert & Sons have received instruction by the executors of Mr. J. J. Evans, deceased, to sell on Monday, 15th March, 1954 at 1 o'clock - 127 young and healthy Welsh Mountain sheep; 7 good sorted cattle; 3 cart mares; good collection of implements; furniture etc. About 30 tons of prime hay. Quantities of oats, barley and straw.

“Merthyr Express” 6 March 1954

St. David's Day at Fochriw Schools The day was celebrated in Fochriw Primary and Infants' School with an excellent programme prepared by Mr. Dan Jenkins, headteacher, and staff, which was well portrayed by the scholars. At Penybank Primary and Infants, a fine programme was carried out by the scholars under their headteacher Mr. B. M. Griffiths and his staff. In the Junior Department there were competitions in recitation, solos, duets, and pianoforte solo. In the Infants Department, the competitions were in action songs, verse speaking, solos and duets, and dialogues.

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Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna Jones presided and gave an address on “Home.” She was thanked by Mrs. J. M. Lawrence & Miss Evans. Mrs. I. Jones & Miss G. Evans took part. Mrs. D. Edwards was the organist.

Literary and Debating Society “Welsh Culture” was the subject of an address by the Rev. R. Jones, Dowlais, to the society recently. Mr. Jones spoke mainly of the literary aspects of Welsh Culture and read portions of the Mabinogion and some well-known poems. Mr. D. Kelly proposed a vote of thanks, and Mr. Stuart Davies presided.

Late Mr. John Davies, Aelybryn, aged 63 The death occurred recently of Mr. John Davies. He was the eldest son of the family of the late Mr. & Mrs. Elias Davies, who were well known locally. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Thursday. The Rev. T. J. Jones, Noddfa, and the Vicar officiated. The mourners were: Messrs. B. Davies (son); Willie A. Davies, Burkley Davies (brothers); D. J. Davies (brother-in-law); John Davies, R. Davies (uncles); R. Davies, Bryn Roberts, Ewart Davies, E. Davies, Elias Davies (nephews). At the house were: Mesdames Mary J. Jones, E. M. Davies (sisters); Iris Davies (daughter-in-law); Annie Davies, Dilys Davies (sisters-in-law); Laurie Ann (cousin); Jessie Davies, Phoebe Roberts, Jessie Ann Davies, Norma Davies, Megan Davies (nieces). Mr. D. J. Davies carried out the funeral arrangements.

Institute and Welfare Association The annual meeting of the Institute and Welfare Association was held on Friday, Coun. W. J. Payne presiding. The balance sheet was a very satisfactory one, both indoor and outdoor accounts showing a credit balance. Coun. Payne referred to the reconstruction of the hall, and said that the work would be completed by the end of April. During the year, the snooker teams had been very successful, and the table bowls competition had been very keen. He complimented Mr. D. J. Thomas on bringing the book department up to date. Mr. Frank Jenkins, the new chairman, was invested with the office, and he thanked Coun. Payne for the great work he done with the Association. The meeting then decided to place on record the great work that Coun. Payne and Coun. S. Lewis had done by making them life members. The following officers were elected: chairmans, Mr. Frank Jenkins; vice-chairman, Coun. W. J. Payne; secretary, Mr. R. Rees; treasurer, Mr. Iorwerth Evans; librarian, Mr. D. J. Thomas; trustees, Mr. Dan James, Coun. Payne, Rev. E. Adams Evans. Most of the committee members were re-elected.

Late Mrs. Margaret Davies, Pennant, Fochriw, aged 82 The funeral of Mrs. M. Davies took place recently at Ystrad Mynach Cemetery. Mrs. Davies was a member of Nazareth Chapel. The officiating ministers were Revs. D. W. Jones (Llanover), J. Yeoman and E. Adams

Evans. The mourners were: G. Walters & T. J. Jones (sons-in-law); J. & E. Davies (brothers-in-law); H. Bates, John Slimman, D. McCarthy, W. A. Davies, D. Cecil Jones, Harry Price, David Morgan, D. M. Thomas, Clifford Davies, Tom Morris, Dan Jones, W. Evans, W. Beer, W. Edwards, Glyn Edwards, W. Cheeke. At the house were: Katie, Doris, Ann (daughters); M. Evans (Barry), M. & S. Griffiths, M. Davies (cousins); Maggie, Gracey, Addie, Pam, Laurie, Sarah, May, Beatrice, Mary (nieces); Mrs. Jones (Llanover), O. Walters (Port Talbot), Edie, Annie, Gwennie, Mattie, Sal, Olwen, Cassie. The bearers and others present were: W. A. Davies, W. J. Angell, David Lewis, J. Watkins, M. Matthews, T. Davies, Griffith Pugh, Crad Shankland, L. Lawrence, T. Walters, W. A. Jones, E. Evans, T. Thomas, W. Davies, W. Lewis. The funeral arrangements were by Mr. David John Davies, Aelybryn.

“Merthyr Express” 20 March 1954

Sudden Death The death has occurred of Mr. Edward Thomas Chapman, Aelybryn.

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Welfare Association A meeting was held at the Reading Room on Friday, Mr. Frank Jones presiding. Mr. Tom Jones, Welfare Organiser, was present, and he explained certain matters relating to the new building now being constructed. Further points were explained by Mr. S. V. Powell, contractor. The librarian, Mr. D. J. Thomas, reported that a request for Polish books had been made by people living in the new housing site. It was decided to agree to their request. The treasurer gave the financial report and this was satisfactory, and Mr. Dan James gave the snooker report. Preliminary arrangements were discussed for the opening of the Hall.

Snooker The Institute Senior team won the semi-final of the Rumney Valley knock-out competition by defeating Nelson 7-5. They will meet in the final, the winners of the Tredegar Cental v Deri match. Mel Edwards of Fochriw also reached the semi-final of the individual knock-out competition by defeating R. Hunt (Cefn Forest) in the fourth round by two frames to nil. The Seniors drew six frames each at Tredegar North End on March 18, losing the aggregate by 24.

Debate On Wednesday, The Literary and Debating Society visited Bedlinog to take part in an inter-society debate on the topic “That Civilization is not worth the price paid for it.” Fochriw, proposing the motion, were represented by Messrs. Frank Jenkins and Cecil Richards, and the Bedlinog speakers were Messrs. D. A. Gittens & J. B. Thomas. Following a lively debate, the proposition was carried 13-10. Mr. Tom Cook proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of Bedlinog, and Mr. D. Kelly replied on behalf of Fochriw.

Late Mr. Thomas Edward Chapman, Aelybryn, aged 61 The death occurred suddenly of Mr. T. E. Chapman. He was interred at Pentwyn Cemetery on Thursday last, the Vicar officiating. The bearers were Messrs. D. Jones, S. & W. Lewis, F./Wilton, T. & B. Jones, T. Rees, R. Evans, J. Davies & A. Meade. The mourners were: Windsor (son); John & David (grandsons); Jack & Sam (sons-in-law); W. J. Chapman, V. Davies, J. Price, Gwyn Morgan, James Davies, M. Saunders (nephews); D. Griffiths, J. Baker, J. H. Saunders (brothers-in-law); Morlais & Tom Griffiths, Fred Thomas. Others present were Messrs. W. Fox, J. R. Thomas, O. Thomas, S. Farley, S. Harris & T. Edwards. At the house were: Mrs. M. Chapman (wife); Olwen, Olga, Mildred (daughters); Morfa (daughter-in-law); Ann Riley, Delphine, Jennifer, Glenys & Glenda Chapman, Susan Hill (grand children); Blodwen Griffiths, S. Baker (sisters); Mary Chapman (sister-in-law); Ethel & Mabel (nieces); Mary Thomas, Gretta G. Griffiths (cousins); Mrs. J. R. Thomas, Mrs. Davies, Mrs. Farley & Jill, Mrs. E. A. Evans, Mrs. S. Davies, Mrs. Fisher & Shirley. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D. J. Davies, undertaker, Aelybryn, Fochriw.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. M. Davies The following were inadvertently omitted from the funeral report: Messrs. Robert Thomas, Harry Jones, Evan Wm. Jones, Bertie Edwards, Derlwyn Lewis, & Fred Williams, Barry.

“Merthyr Express” 3 April 1954

Siloh The twelfth anniversary services were held recently at Siloh Assembly of God Church, Penybank. The speaker was Pastor Albert Cunter of Nottingham and the convenor was Mr. Wm. Griffiths, pastor.

Albrow – Sullivan The wedding took place at Rhymney Roman Catholic Church on Saturday week of Mr. Bert Albrow of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Miss Jennie Sullivan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, Aelybryn, Fochriw. Father Lawlor officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a gown of figured cloque with veil held in place by a head dress of orange blossom. She carried a shower bouquet of pink carnations with trailing fern. The bridesmaids were Miss Patricia Sullivan, sister of the bride, Miss Bernadette Albrow, niece of the groom, Mrs. Rees Price, Miss Betty Fox, Miss Jean Woods, and Miss Eileen Watkins. Three wore lavender taffeta, and three wore lemon tulle over taffeta, with Juliet caps, veils and mittens to tone. They carried posies of lavender and lemon tulips. Rosemary Jones of Fochriw was the flower girl, in white net over taffeta, and Philip Jones, her brother, was the page-boy. The best man was Mr. Fred Albrow, and the groomsmen were Mr. John Sullivan and Mr. John Edwards. A reception was held at Noddfa Vestry. The bride’s travelling outfit was a green gaberdine costume with black and lavender accessories.

“Merthyr Express” 10 April 1954

Snooker Nelson were the visitors to Fochriw in a Rhymney Valley League game on Thursday and won by 9 frames to three.

“Merthyr Express” 17 April 1954

Funeral of the Late Mr. T. E. Chapman The name of Mr. W. Waltham was inadvertently omitted from the list of mourners in the recent funeral report.

“Merthyr Express” 24 April 1954

Nazareth On Good Friday, united services were held at Nazareth, and were well attended. The preacher was the Rev. A.E. Grant, Rhymney, and the organist was Mr. W.A. Davies.

Prize Winner On Good Friday, Miss Mary Cumpstone won the championship prize for the juvenile recitation at the 80th annual eisteddfod in Newport.

St. David’s Church On Easter Day, the preacher in the afternoon was the Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans. The preacher in the evening was Mr. John Palmer. The organist was Miss M. Ralph.

Prayer Meeting A united prayer meeting was held on Good Friday morning at Nazareth Chapel. Nurse Ballard Davies presided. Others who took part were Misses Edna E. Jones, Mattie Lewis and G. Evans. The organist was Mr. D.J. Thomas.

Parish Church On Good Friday, a three-hour service was conducted by the Vicar. Coun. Payne preached at the evening service. The organist was Mr. Norman Palmer.

Presentation To mark the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of service as a county midwife, Nurse Ballard Davies received a presentation from her colleagues in the Gelligaer and Caerphilly Midwifery Service at a recent meeting in Bargoed. The gifts consisted of a television table and two books, and were presented by the supervisor, Mrs. Evans.

Gymanfa A repeat of the Noddfa and Nazareth Christmas Gymanfa was held at Noddfa on Easter Day. The singing reached a high standard under the conductorship of Mr. W.A. Davies. The organists were Mr. D.J. Thomas, Mr. Tom Davies and Master Willie Edwards. The morning service was devoted to the children. Mr. Richard Jones presided. Rosemary Jones read the Scripture, and Margaret Jones led in prayer. A solo was sung by Jean Owen and Linda Pugh gave a recitation. Mrs. E.P. Lewis presided at the afternoon service, when Mrs. G. Pearce led the devotions. A solo was sung by Miss Phyllis Hughes. Miss Edna E. Jones was the president at the evening service. The devotions were taken by Miss Muriel Lewis and Mr. Tom Thomas. A solo was given by Mr. Griff Morris of Colwyn Bay (late of Fochriw). A quartette was sung by Mrs. E. Thomas, Mrs. G. Pearce, Miss E.A. Evans and Miss E.E. Evans.

“Merthyr Express” 1 May 1954

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the weekly meeting on Thursday. The devotions were led by Mrs. J.M. Lawrence and Miss G. Evans. An address was given by Miss Jean Walters of Deri on “Hymns.” A solo was given by Mrs. D. Edwards. Thanks were accorded the speaker by Mrs. Lawrence and Miss Evans. The pianists were Mrs. D. Edwards and Mrs. A. Davies.

Festival The annual children’s singing festival of Dowlais and Fochriw Methodist Churches, was held at Noddfa, Fochriw, recently. The conductor was Mr. W. Lewis, Hermon. Mr. E. Jones of Hermon presided and the lesson was read by Miss Ann Roach, Libanus. Prayers were led by Miss Aeronwy Jones of Libanus. Miss E. Havard, B.A., questioned the children on the “Holwyddoreg.” The organist was Mr. W.A. Davies, Nazareth. Tea was provided by the ladies of Nazareth Chapel. The officers of the gymanfa were: chairman, Mr. W. Lewis, Hermon; treasurer, Mr. T. Harris, Calfaria; secretary, Mr. E. Davies, Libanus.

“Merthyr Express” 8 May 1954

Fochriw Area Afforestation The Forestry Commission has told Gellygaer Council that they are negotiating for the whole of the Tyle Du Plantation near Fochriw that covers 185 acres, with the hope of bringing a total of 300 acres under afforestation. It was stated the department named the unit “Coed-y-Brithdir.”

Late Mr. J.J. Lewis The death has occurred of Mr. James John Lewis, Guest-street. He was well known in the musical world, and had an excellent tenor voice.

Welfare Association Mr. Frank Jenkins presided over a meeting on Friday evening, and extended a welcome to Coun. S. Lewis, J.P., after his long illness. The secretary, Mr. R. Rees, reported on the satisfactory progress on the Hall. Complaints were received on damage to the playing field. The treasurer and librarian gave reports. Mr. D. James reported on the snooker league. Mr. Melville Edwards is in the final of the individual championship.

Easter Vestry The Vicar presided over the Parish Church Vestry on Wednesday. The Vicar thanked all who worked so hard for the Church in the parish. Officers and parochial council were re-elected.

“Merthyr Express” 15 May 1954

Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. Miss G. Evans led the devotions and an address was given by Miss B. Ballard whose subject was “Francis of Assisi.” Thanks were expressed by Miss Jones and Mrs. E.P. Lewis. A vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Mr. J.J. Lewis.

Late Mr. J.J. Lewis The death has occurred of Mr. J.J. Lewis (ap Morlais). A native of Dowlais, he had resided at Fochriw for the last 36 years. For many years he served as secretary of the Fochriw Silver Band and chairman of the Old Age Pensioners’ Association. He had also been a member of the Social Welfare Committee. Mr. Lewis had also been precentor at Bryn Seion Welsh Congregational Chapel, Dowlais, and at Carmel, Fochriw, where he had also held the office of secretary. He had often competed at eisteddfodau, and had conducted choirs at Dowlais and Fochriw. Mr. Lewis was one of the few remaining members of the late Mr. Harry Evans’s Male Voice Choir, and had been a member of the Penywern Male Voice Choir, conducted by the late Mr. Evan Thomas. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Cemetery, when Mr. T.J. Jones officiated, assisted by Rev. E. Adams Evans. The mourners were: Messrs. Stanley & Howell Lewis (sons); Haydn & David J. Davies (step sons); H.W.A. & Glyn Thomas, R.W. Parry, D.O. Davies, S.C. Price, C.G. Hann (brothers-in-law); Emrys & William Williams, Ronald Lewis, Lyn Price (nephews); John Davies, James Davies, T. Walters (uncles); James T. John, Wm. Davies, W.J. & Burkley Angell, W.A. Davies, Francis Thomas, Tom Davies, Eddie Thomas, W. Evans (cousins). The bearers were Messrs. D. Martin Thomas, Crad Shankland, Wm. Lewis, Ronald Llewellyn, Lindsay Coggan, Derlwyn Lewis. At the house were: Mrs. L.M. Lewis (wife); Mimi Lewis (daughter); Margaret Davies (sister); Mavis Lewis (daughter-in-law); Laurie Parry, Ceridwen Oliver, May Davies, Margaret Price, Jessie G. Hann, Anne Thomas

(sisters-in-law); Sarah Thomas (aunt); Annie Davies, Sarah Powell, Iris Parry, Laurie Hewitt (cousins).

“Merthyr Express” 22 May 1954

Late Marilyn Davies, Glan-y-nant The death has taken place of Marilyn Davies, the young daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Trevor Davies, 14, Glan-y-nant, Fochriw. The funeral took place at Pant Cemetery on Friday.

Late Mr. Horace Tunley The death occurred at Tredegar Hospital of Mr. H. Tunley, Brook House, aged 36. He met with an accident during his work at Groesfaen Colliery. The funeral took place at Pentwyn Churchyard, the Revs. E. Adams Evans & T. Jones officiating at the house and graveside. The chief mourners were Frank Tunley (son); Messrs. William and Fred Tunley (brothers); David Strang, Evan Strang, John Westwacoll (brothers-in-law); D.J. Evans, J. Osborne, E. Moore, E. & W. Sibley. At the house were Mesdames Frances Tunley (widow); Mary Strang (mother-in-law); M. Gwynne, Kitty Westwacoll, M. Smith (sisters-in-law); Annie Evans, C. Drummond (aunts); E. Sibley (cousin). Mr. D.J. Davies, undertaker, Fochriw, carried out the funeral arrangements.

“Merthyr Express” 29 May 1954

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. Jones presided on Thursday, and also read the lesson. Miss G. Evans led in prayer. A paper was given by Mr. W. A. Davies, Railway Terrace. The president and Miss Evans accorded thanks.

“Merthyr Express” 5 June 1954

Late Mr. Douglas Clark, Plantation Terrace, aged 31 The death has occurred of Mr. Douglas Clark, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Clark.

Annual Outing The annual outing of the Settlement Centre took place on Tuesday. Members journeyed to Lynmouth where they were met by coaches and conveyed to several places of geographical and historical interest. The secretary is Mr. T. Evans, Glyn Terrace, and the treasurer, Mrs. G. Williams, Aelybryn.

“Merthyr Express” 12 June 1954

Outing to Barry The Sunday Schools of the village, numbering about 500 children and adults, had their annual outing to Barry on Saturday. They travelled by train.

Sisterhood Miss Edna E. Jones presided at the meeting on Thursday. The devotions were taken by Miss G. Evans and Mrs. D. Edwards. The speaker was Mrs. M. Marshallsea of Abertysswg. Thanks were accorded by Miss Jones and Miss Evans. Mrs. D. Edwards was the pianist.

Late Mr. Douglas Clark The funeral took place on Thursday at Pentwyn Churchyard of Mr. Douglas Clark, Plantation-street. Mr. Clark was 33 and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Clark. He had been ill for some time, and had lived the whole of his life in the village. The Rev. T.J. Jones officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were: Mr. Ray Clark (father); Messrs. T.H. Morgan, M. Davies, V. Davies (uncles); Harry Jenkins, Bob Morris, T. Grant, Idris Morgan, Gwyn Morgan, Richard Evans, Willie Davies, Robert Thomas, Crad Thomas, W. Pearce, Tom Morris, Ricahrd Evans, Bedwas, W. Angell, B. Angell, K. Evans, J. Gittins, Charlie Budd, Emrys, Douglas and Derlwyn Evans, J. Smith. At the house were Mrs. Clark (mother); Mary, Mesdames Maggie Gregory, Maggie Jones, Bessie (aunts); Bethune, Ada, Phyllis, Gwyneth, M.H. Morgan, Elsa Morgan, Gwenda Pearce (cousins); Mesdames M. Budd, M.A. Lewis. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 19 June 1954

Sewing Class Outing The Sewing Class held their annual outing on Saturday, visiting Gloucester and Cheltenham. Mrs. E. Shankland, Guest Street, secretary, and Mrs. Rowlands, Glyn Terrace, treasurer, were the organisers. They were accompanied by their instructress, Mrs. F. Evans, Deri.

“Merthyr Express” 26 June 1954

First Prize Miss Mary Cumpstone, Aelybryn, won first prize in the open recitation under 21 years at Resolven Eisteddfod last Saturday.

Late Mrs. S.A. Payne The sudden death has occurred of Mrs. Sarah Ann Payne, wife of Councillor W.J. Payne, 1, Glyn-terrace.

“Merthyr Express” 3 July 1954

Large Attendance At Funeral: Late Mrs. S.A. Payne Local authorities in the Rhymney Valley were represented at the funeral of Mrs. S.A. Payne, wife of Councillor W.J. Payne, Glyn-terrace, Fochriw, a former chairman of Gelligaer Urban Council, and the Rhymney Valley Water Board. Mrs. Payne died at Aberbargoed Hospital after being taken ill while attending a civic service at Hanbury-road, Baptist Chapel, Bargoed. The Rev. E. Adams-Evans, B.A., (vicar of Fochriw), officiated, assisted by Canon J.O. Williams, B.A., R.D., Caerphilly, and the Revs. Vernon Payne, B.A., (vicar of Llanharan), and Emlyn Stephens, B.A., minister of Hanbury-road Baptist Chapel, Bargoed. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, Fochriw, where Mrs. Payne was an active member. She had been a member of the Parochial Council for many years. The chief mourners at the graveside were Councillor Payne (husband); Rev. J.C. Payne, Llanharan, and Messrs. Tom Evans, D.H. Jones and Percy Edwards (brothers-in-law); Messrs. Tom and Benjamin Evans (uncles); Messrs. Trevor and Gordon Lawrence; Windsor Williams, Gwyn Morgan; Melville Edwards; Bert Pittaway; James Pask Lewis and Alfred Palfrey (nephews); Messrs. T.B. Edwards, David Evans, Charles Edwards, Albert Mantle, Oliver Evans, Tom Sullivan, John Matthews, Llewellyn Hopkins, Desmond Kelly, William Evans, W.T. Morgan, William Hewnes, W. Davey, David Lewis Evans, Trevor Boynes and Jack Boynes (cousins). At the house were: Miss Olive Payne (daughter); Mesdames H. Jones and Myfanwy Jones (sisters); Mrs. E.J. Lawrence (sister-in-law); Mesdames Gordon, Jack and Trevor Lawrence; Wyndham Harries; M.H. Morgan; R. Pittaway; Betty Palfrey and Megan Tomms and Misses Elsa Morgan and Glenys Edwards (nieces); Mesdames Esther Matthews; Esther Sullivan; M. Hopkins; E.A. Evans and Lilian Edwards (cousins); Mesdames Gareth Williams, E. Rowlanda and M.A. Lewis. The bearers were: Councillors Samuel Lewis, J.P., and William Joyntz, Messrs. E.T. Pritchard, Arthur Palmer, W. Lewis, J. Palmer, J. Owen and T. Rowlands. Numerous members and officials of Gelligaer Urban Council and the Rhymney Valley Water Board were present, and the Rhymney Valley and Aber Undertaking was also well represented. A considerable number of Fochriw residents were also present. There were numerous floral tributes. (listed) The organist at the Church was Mr. Norman Palmer. Funeral arrangements were by Mr. D.J. Davies, Aelybryn, Fochriw.

“Merthyr Express” 10 July 1954

O.A.P. Annual Outing On Tuesday, the Fochriw Pensioners had their outing to Porthcawl, by road. Mrs. O. Shankland, secretary, and Mrs. J. Owen, treasurer, organised the trip assisted by a hard working committee.

“Merthyr Express” 24 July 1954

New Appointment For Fochriw Man A former pupil of Lewis' School, Mr. Huw Ballard Thomas, only son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Griffith Thomas, Aelybryn, has been appointed assistant director of a leading firm of London publishers. The duties of the post will include selecting and editing works for publication, and supervising the exchange of ideas and material with publishing house on the Continent. Mr. Thomas is a graduate in Celtic Philosophy and Psychology. Earlier this year, for health reasons, he was granted a dispensation from membership of the Benedictine Order at Ampleforth Abbey by the Pope. Last year he gained a research degree with distinction at the University of Louvain, Belgium. To celebrate his new appointment, a luncheon party was given at the Garrick Club, London, by the directors of the firm. The guests included Lord Robert Stuart, Sir John Gielgud, and Mr. Vernon Bartlett. Mr. Thomas will take up his new post early in the autumn.

“Merthyr Express” 7 August 1954

Welfare Association Mr. Frank Jenkins presided at a meeting on Friday at the Library. Reference was made to the sudden death of Coun. W. J. Payne's wife. All stood in silence. A discussion took place on the opening of the hall that is now almost complete. It was reported that the prospects for a good football team are encouraging. Increased contributions

were discussed, and it was decided to call a public meeting on the matter. It was reported that billiards receipts are on the upgrade. Mr. I. Evans gave the financial reports of the outdoor and indoor sections, which were very satisfactory.

“Merthyr Express” 21 August 1954

Welfare Association Mr. A. Palmer presided at a meeting on Monday. Mr. Tom Jones, Welfare Organiser, was present. The Hall is now complete and will be opening shortly. Two new members were welcomed to the committee, Messrs. Lance Rogers and David Jenkins.

State Scholarship Miss Morfydd E. Owen, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. E. Owen, Brook Row, a pupil of Lewis Grammar School for Girls, Hengoed, has been awarded a state scholarship. She will be going to Aberystwyth University.

Educational Successes Leonard Evans, son of Mr. & Mrs. R. Evans, Martins Street, and Mr. John Sullivan, son of Mr. & Mrs. T. Sullivan, Aelybryn, pupils at the Bargoed County Grammar School have passed Part II of the City and Guilds first handicraft examination.

“Merthyr Express” 28 August 1954

For Sale With immediate vacant possession, the excellent 7 roomed house, No. 5, Aelybryn: front room, middle room, kitchen, four separate bedrooms. Particulars: W. Melville Berryman, High St., Merthyr.

“Merthyr Express” 11 September 1954

Welfare The association met at the Old Library on Friday when Mr. Frank Jenkins presided. It was reported that the village hall was now completed with the exception of the stage scenery. Mr. Dan James gave his report, and it was agreed that local teams would enter for the championships again this year. Mr. James has been appointed vice chairman of the Rhymney Valley Snooker League for the coming season.

“Merthyr Express” 18 September 1954

Noddfa Sisterhood Miss E. Jones presided and led the devotions. The speaker was Nurse Mimi Lewis who gave a paper on “Trust and Obey.” All officers were re-elected: president, Miss E. Jones; secretary, Mrs. G. Pearce; treasurer, Mrs. E. P. Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 25 September 1954

Harvest Festival Services took place at St. Peter’s, Pantywaun, on Sunday and Monday, and were well attended. The preacher and celebrant on Sunday afternoon was Rev. E. Adams Evans, and in the evening, the preacher was Mr. John Palmer, lay reader. The organist was Mr. A.E. Kings. On Monday, the church was again full. The preacher was Coun. W.J. Payne, and the organist was Mr. E. Cumpstone.

Soccer Fochriw were at home on the Welfare Ground on Saturday, in a Rhymney Valley League fixture against Tiryberth. Fochriw were again in excellent form winning by 8 goals to 2. Out of 7 games played, they have lost only 1. This Saturday, they play a cup round at home to Caerphilly Y.M.C.A. The secretary is Mr. A. Stevenson, 27, Glanynant, Fochriw.

Late Mr. Angell The death has occurred at Rhymney Hospital of Mr. W.J. Angell, Aelybryn. He was 65. He was a member a member of Nazareth Chapel. The funeral took place on Monday at Pentwyn Churchyard, Rev. J. Yeoman and Rev. E. Adams Evans officiating. The mourners were Messrs. Hayden and John Angell (sons); David and Granville Lewis, Billy Gardener (grandsons); George Kijajic (son-in-law); W. Angell, W.A. Davies, W. Davies, T. Davies, D. Davies, J. Davies, A. Davies, H. Angell, H. Shankland, J.L. Jones, K. Goolden, T.E. Davies, T. Jenkins. At the house were Mesdames Angell (wife); Renee Kijajic, May Lewis (daughters); M. James, B. Davies (sisters); Miss M. Davies, Mrs. A. Davies (sister-in-law); Mrs. E. Angell (step mother); M. Davies, S. Davies, A. Davies, B. Davies, B. Lockhead, M. Davies, E. Games, L. Goolden, E. Davies, G. Powell, N. Hiscox, M.J. Jones, E. Davies, M. Angell. There were a number of floral tributes. (listed)

“Merthyr Express” 2 October 1954

Late Mr. Richard Evans The death has occurred of an old and highly respected inhabitant, Mr. Richard Evans, 20, Martin-street.

Harvest Festival Services were held at St. Mary’s on Sunday and Tuesday. The church was decorated with fruit, vegetables and flowers. The Vicar conducted the morning service. Mr.

J. Palmer, lay reader, took the children's service in the afternoon. The preacher in the evening was the Rev. S. J. Beynon, Vicar of Bedlinog. Coun. W. J. Payne read the lessons. The Rev. J. D. Dennis, Vicar of New Tredegar, conducted the service on Tuesday.

"Merthyr Express" 9 October 1954

Welfare Hall A meeting of the Association was held at the New Hall on Friday. Mr. Frank Jenkins presided. It was decided to open the Hall even though the stage is not yet complete. An application for a dance for O.A.P. Funds was approved and it was decided to repair three billiard tables. Mr. Dan James gave a detailed report on the activities of the Rhymney Valley Snooker League. It was decided to enter a junior team for individual competition. Prices for use of the hall and committee rooms were arranged. The O.A.P. will be allowed to use a room free for their meetings. The treasurer gave a detailed financial report.

Late Mr. R. Evans The funeral of Mr. Richard Evans, 10, Martin-street, took place at Pentwyn Churchyard on Tuesday, and was well attended. He was 76 years of age, and had resided in the village for many years and was highly respected. The Vicar officiated at the house and at Pentwyn Churchyard. The mourners were: Mr. Fred Dummett (son-in-law); Glanmor & Baden Dummett (grandsons); Roy Tucker (grandson-in-law); Mr. & Mrs. H. Burge, Frome (brother-in-law & sister); Mr. F. Wilton (brother-in-law); John & Nora Walker, Evesham (nephew & niece); Billie Harris, Evesham, Dennis Burge, Frome, Billie Wilton, Bedlinog, Ken Wilton, Deri, Howard Beddoe, Deri, Tom Jones, Trelewis (nephews); Charlie, Albert & Royston Dummett. At the house were: Mrs. Evans (wife); Edie Dummett, Cissie Evans (daughters); Audrey, Gloria, Sonia (grand daughters); Vera Green, Winnie Beddoe, Dolly Bates, Florrie Greenaway (nieces); Betty Jones, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Thomas. There were many floral tributes. (listed)

"Merthyr Express" 16 October 1954

Deaths The death has occurred at Dowlais of Mr. Latimer Evans, son of the late Mr. & Mrs. John Evans. Mr. Evans was a native of Fochriw. After his marriage he moved to Dowlais. He was a local preacher, and had occupied many pulpits in the district.

Late Mr. Edward Jones The funeral of Mr. Edward Jones, 8, Martin's-street, took place on Monday at Pant Cemetery. He was 76, and had lived in the village all his life. The Vicar, Rev. E. Adams Evans, officiated at the house and graveside. The mourners were : Messrs. Howell Jones (brother-in-law); D. Lloyd Jones (nephew); Lewis Hopkins, John Matthews, Maldwyn Jones, Coun. W.J. Payne, Mr. Mordecai Williams. At the house were Mrs. Sarah Pugh, Jennet Jones, Sarah Mutlow (sisters); Ann Jones (sister-in-law); Magdaline Hopkins, Esther Matthews (nieces). Others present were Messrs. T. Ballard, D. Lewis, S. Farley, E. Pritchard, J. Slimmond, G. Williams, Islwyn Jones, J.M. Davies, A. Marshallsea.

O.A.P. Dance The O.A.P. Supporters' Committee held a dance at the New Hall on Friday in aid of the Fund. Music was provided by Mr. John Pullen on his radiogram. The M.C. was Mr. C. Cumpstone. Thanks were accorded the tradesmen of Fochriw who supplied the refreshments, and also to Mr. Emlyn Evans, Mrs. J.M. Lawrence, and Mrs. H.L. Farley for the prizes which were won by Mr. Emrys Shankland, and Miss Elsa Morgan and partner. A donation of 12 shillings was given by Mr. Francis Williams, Pentwyn. Thanks to all who made the evening a success. The secretary is Mrs. Joan Owen, and the treasurer, Miss C. Shankland. The sum of £18 was realised.

"Merthyr Express" 30 October 1954

Welfare Association Mr. Frank Jenkins presided at the meeting on Friday at the New Hall. The secretary and treasurer gave their reports. A grant was made for the purchase of new books. Reports were given by Coun. Payne and Mr. Dan James, the latter submitting a detailed report of the activities of the snooker league.

Noddfa Sisterhood A special harvest thanksgiving service was held on Thursday, Miss Edna E. Jones presiding. Nurse M. Lewis read the Scripture, and Miss Greta Evans led in prayer. Readings were given by Mrs. E. P. Lewis, Mrs. M. Sheen, Mrs. A. Davies, Mrs. T. Thomas and Mrs. G. Edwards. Mrs. Dilys Edwards sang a solo, and gave a duet with Nurse Lewis. Duets were also sung by Mrs. S. G. Parry, Mrs. L. Jones, Mrs. G. Pearce and Miss E.

K. Jones. The meeting closed with prayer. The accompanists were Mrs. D. Edwards and Mrs. A. Davies.

Football Fochriw were at home at the Welfare Ground in a League match on Saturday. The visitors were Abertyswg. Fochriw were winners 6-3.

Eisteddfod Success Mary Cumpstone, Aelybryn, won first prize in the open recitation competition, and shared first prize in the 12-16 years open recitation at Pontlloyn Eisteddfod.

“Merthyr Express” 6 November 1954

Sheep Farmers Dinner At Fochriw More than 50 farmers and their friends attended the annual dinner on Wednesday of the Fochriw and District Sheep Breeders' Association. The dinner, one of the most successful in the Association's history, was held at the White Horse Inn, Pentwyn. Mr. Lewis Edwards, J.P., a former member of the Gellygaer Urban Council, and one of the best known farmers in the Gellygaer and Merthyr areas, presided, and welcomed the guests, who included Mr. John H. Davies, prospective Conservative candidate for the Caerphilly Parliamentary Division; Police Supt. William Folland, Ystrad Mynach; Police Inspector Stanley Farr, Ystrad Mynach; Mr. A. S. Williams, J.P., Bargoed. The majority of the artistes in a programme of entertainment were drawn from members of the farming community, who were congratulated by several speakers on their initiative and enterprise. Votes of thanks were given by Mr. Geraint Ingram and Mr. T. Lewis.

“Music of Wales” Fochriw Literary and Debating Society held their first meeting of the new session on Tuesday at the New Hall. The chairman was Mr. C. Cumpstone. The speaker was Mr. D.W. Davies, B.A., Ystrad Mynach, whose subject was “Music of Wales.” He was thanked by Mr. W.A. Davies, seconded by Mr. Dan James. The secretary is Miss E. Evans, Martin-street.

Baptismal Service Members of the Siloh Assembly of God Church, Penybank, travelled by coach to Bedlinog to hold a baptismal service when eight people were baptised. The officiating minister was Mr. W. Griffiths, Penybank.

“Merthyr Express” 13 November 1954

Burials Two well-known former inhabitants of the village were buried last week. Mrs. Charlotte Lewis, Pontlloyn, was buried at Pant, and Mrs. Maggie Davies, Gilfach, was buried at Pentwyn Churchyard.

Debating Society An interesting meeting was held at the New Hall on Wednesday, when the subject was “The Re-armament of Germany.” Mr. C. Cumpstone was the chairman. The visitors were Bargoed. The speakers for Fochriw were Mr. Emlyn Evans and Mr. Frank Jenkins. All speakers dealt aptly with the subject.

Late Mr. Thomas John Owen Mr. T. J. Owen died recently at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. B. Rees, 8, Council Houses. He was 83. The burial took place at Rhymney Cemetery.

“Merthyr Express” 20 November 1954

Literary and Debating Society Mr. D. Emlyn Evans, B.A., member of the School Service staff of the National Museum of Wales, gave an illustrated talk on “The Scenery of Wales,” at the recent meeting. Mrs. D. Jenkins, vice-chairman, presided. Miss Olive Payne and Mr. D. James thanked Mr. Evans.

Noddfa Sisterhood At the meeting on Thursday, Miss Edna E. Jones presided. Devotions were led by Nurse M. Lewis and Miss G. Evans. The speaker was Mrs. M.A. Lewis, Glyn-terrace. Thanks were accorded by Mrs. Farley, Miss Lewis and Miss Evans. Mrs. Dilys Edwards was the pianist.

“Merthyr Express” 27 November 1954

Dangerous Dog Zygmunt Frost, a 24 year old machine operator of Coronation Terrace, Fochriw, was ordered by the magistrates to have his dog destroyed, and ordered to pay 5/- costs for failing to keep a dangerous dog under proper control. Glanmor Williams of Glanynant, Fochriw, said he was riding a motor-cycle very slowly when a dog bit him on the leg. The dog had continually worried him.

“Merthyr Express” 4 December 1954

Dance Fochriw A.F.C. held a dance at the New Hall on Friday evening. Mr. John Ballard was M.C.

Debating Society On Tuesday last at the New Hall, the guest speaker at the Fochriw Literary and Debating Society was Mr. D. Robinson Evans of Cardiff, whose subject was “Medicine and Society.” He was thanked by Mr. Phil Mantle. The chairman was Mr. C. Cumpstone.

Eisteddfod Winner At an eisteddfod held at Deri last Saturday, Miss Mary Cumpstone, aged 14, became the juvenile champion and won first prize. She also won the first prize for a test piece, under 26 years, for which she received a medal.

Thomas – Evans The wedding took place on Saturday at the Parish Church of Mr. Cyril Thomas, son of Mrs. & the late Mr. J. Thomas, Board-street, Pontlottyn, and Miss Elizabeth Evans, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. A. Evans, 12. Council Houses, Fochriw. The service was choral. The vicar officiated with Mr. Octavius Richards at the organ. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length gown of white net and Italian lace, and her veil was secured by a head-dress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of red roses. Matron of Honour, Mrs. Nan Exton, wore a blue dress of net and taffeta. The bridesmaid, Miss Nancy Thomas, also wore a blue dress of net and taffeta. Both wore head-dresses to match, and carried bouquets gold chrysanthemums and irises. The flower girl was Joy Evans, who wore white organdie with head-dress to march and carried a posy of violets. The page-boy was Howard Thomas, who wore a white suit with blue waistcoat. The best man was Mr. Don Plant, and the groomsmen were Mr. Jack Evans and Mr. Robert Price. The reception was held at Noddfa Vestry, after which the couple departed for Burnley. The bride travelled in grey with cherry red accessories.

“Merthyr Express” 11 December 1954

New Council Houses For Fochriw: Ministry Approves Cost Of £159,000 Gellygaer Urban Council was told on Tuesday that Ministry approval had been received for the erection of 110 traditional houses at Fochriw, costing £159,000. In a letter of reply to the Council requesting a contribution towards the cost of reinforced foundations for the houses, due to mining subsidence, the Coal Board stated that it was unable to comply with the request. The Surveyor stated in reply to a question from Coun. W. J. Payne, that all plans and specifications were ready for an early start to be made on the scheme.

Literary and Debating Society Mr. Frank Jenkins presided over the meeting on Thursday. Mr. D. T. Williams, B.Sc., Bargoed, spoke on “Science - its benefits and challenge to Man.” He was thanked by Mrs. H. L. Farley and Mr. E. Lewis.

“Merthyr Express” 18 December 1954

Late Mrs. Sarah Gwendoline Wootton, formerly of Fochriw Mrs. S. G. Wootton, formerly of Fochriw, and since 1922 of Glynneath, died at Neath General Hospital on Friday Dec. 3, at the age of 65. She was born at Deri (nee Thomas) and her husband taught at Pontlottyn and Glynneath Boys’ School. Mrs. Wootton was a well-known and much loved figure in the village, where she lived for 31 years. Both her husband, who died in 1933, and son (now a lecturer and tutor for the Delegacy for Extra-Mural Studies, University of Oxford) were one-time correspondents of the Express.

N.S.P.C.C. Collection The house-to-house collection made on behalf of the N.S.P.C.C. realised £11 12s 10d. The collectors were: Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. G. James - “New Estate;” Mrs. G. Wright - Aelybryn; Mrs. J. Lawrence - Pleasant View; Mrs. M. Evans - Station Terrace; Mrs. G. Edwards - Brynteg; Mrs. L. Evans - Glyn Terrace; Mrs. A. Davies - Railway Terrace; Mrs. T. Llewellyn - Guest Street; Mrs. M. Lewis - Dynevor Street; Miss E. Evans - Martin Street. The hon. Secretary of the local branch is Mrs. M. Jenkins. Thanks to all collectors and those who contributed so generously.